



MONROE NEWS

January 2018

Monroe Township approves waterline and sewer agreements and addendums for Breeches at Allenberry

The 18 month process of bringing public water and sewer to the proposed Breeches of Allenberry housing development has been brought to a close with the joint approval of the developer and connection agreements by the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors and the Monroe Township Municipal Authority on November 30, 2017. The approval of these agreements paves the way for Trinity MSB's anticipated groundbreaking on the 128-home development in the Spring of 2018.

With Allenberry's historical ties and close proximity to the village of Boiling Springs, Monroe Township worked closely with the South Middleton Board of Supervisors to create an agreement that would allow the extension of public water and sewer to the proposed development. These agreements and the subsequent development will create positive impacts for both townships and alleviates concerns on negative impacts to existing private water wells in the area of the new development.

The proposed plan for the Breeches of Allenberry is a 128 single family home development to be built adjacent to the newly renovated Allenberry Resort. The revitalized resort will bring visitors and tourism dollars to the area, and the planned development provides modest growth for Monroe Township, creating a winning combination for both Monroe and South Middleton Townships.

Stay tuned for more information.

2018 MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors - 7:00 PM

*Jan 2 Feb 8 Mar 8 Apr 12
May 10 Jun 14 Jul 12 Aug 9
Sep 13 Oct 11 Nov 8 Dec 13*

Planning Commission - 6:30 PM

*Jan 10 Feb 7 Mar 7 Apr 4
May 2 Jun 6 Jul 11 Aug 1
Sep 5 Oct 3 Nov 7 Dec 5*

Recreation Board - 7:00 PM

*Jan 8 Feb 12 Mar 12 Apr 4
May 14 Jun 11 Aug 13 Sep 10
Oct 8 Nov 12 Dec 10(5:30PM)*

Municipal Authority - 7:00 PM

*Jan 17 Feb 21 Mar 21 Apr 18
May 16 Jun 20 Jul 18 Aug 15
Sep 19 Oct 17 Nov 14 Dec 19*



MEET THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS & STAFF

Paul Rast—Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Rast has been a Monroe Township resident for 10 years with his wife Robyne, and has served on the Zoning Hearing Board for 3 years. Paul is a retired navy flight surgeon and emergency room doctor. He enjoys hunting, fishing and hiking and is a member of the St. Patrick Church Ministries and Pastoral Council.

Burning Permit Note: Monroe Township may issue a Permit which gives a Monroe Property Owner the authorization to conduct an open burn on cut trees, stumps and brush. This permit does not allow the burning of such items as demolition waste, insulation, shingles, treated wood, paint, painted or stained objects or furniture, tires, mattresses, box springs, metal, insulating coating on wire, television sets and appliances, automobiles, automotive parts, batteries, PVC products, waste oil and other petroleum products. The Monroe Fire Marshall should be contacted if you have any questions as to allowable materials under the open burn permit.

****REMINDERS****

- ◆ *Open burning/ fires are prohibited in the Conservation Zone (the mountain area near and including White Rock Acres).*
- ◆ *Cleaning and maintenance of driveway pipes is the responsibility of the homeowner.*
- ◆ *Please refrain from placing or planting items within the road right-of-way area. Items in the right-of-way area can affect sight distances, snow removal and other road work. The public works department reserves the right to trim or remove any items within the right-of-way.*
- ◆ *Pets should **not** be allowed to roam freely throughout neighborhoods or onto neighbor's properties.*

*For the benefit of our whole community,
please keep these reminders in mind.*

Township Office Closings

February 19 - Presidents Day

March 30 - Good Friday

Winter Weather Reminders

As winter weather impacts get rolling at full steam, please remember to:

- ◆ Clear mailboxes of snow & ice for uninterrupted mail service
- ◆ Clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of the weather event (Ord. 2014-01)
- ◆ Do not throw snow into any street
- ◆ Be patient and courteous when encountering snow-plows and other snow moving equipment
- ◆ Check on neighbors that may need assistance with snow removal



***Burning Permits are available online
Visit the Township website's Forms page
and follow the directions***

Mt. Zion Cemetery

This historic cemetery, located at the intersection of Boiling Springs Road and York Road, contains the graves of many Monroe families that date back to the late 1700's. Many of the township's Civil War veterans are buried here.

The cemetery is supported and maintained by volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jim Clay at 717-571-6643. We can provide community service hours, if you need them or Boy Scout Eagle Project opportunities.

Please consider Mt. Zion as a final resting place for your loved ones. This is a scenic, peaceful setting right in our community. We are planning to add a columbarium for the respectful storage of urns containing cremains.

Contact Lynn Ronan for information about lot purchase at 717-258-9863.

From the Fire Company

As winter descends across the hollows and hills of Monroe Township, we wanted to look at some of the statistics involving residential fires that occur in the winter months.

Surprisingly, according to the United State Fire Administration (USFA), while residential fires that occurred in the winter months only account for 8% of the total fires in the US; those fires account for 30% of all fire deaths – or nearly 900 people – nationwide.

According to a USFA report of fire fatalities reported in the media, nearly 32% of the fire fatalities which occurred Pennsylvania happened in the winter months. This includes two Cumberland County fires as indicated below:

January 2017 – 14 fire fatalities (Two in Cumberland Co., East Pennsboro Twp. and Lower Allen Twp.)

February 2017 – 8 fire fatalities

December 2017 – 10 fire fatalities as of December 18th

Total winter fire fatalities in Pennsylvania in 2017 = 32 out of 101 year to date (as of December 18, 2017).

But what causes winter fires?

According to the USFA, cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires. Additionally, a heat source (such as a candle, space heater, cooking device) placed too close to combustible materials was the leading *contributory* factor to the start of all winter residential fires.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports in 2014 the three leading dates for cooking fire were Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

Heating is the 2nd leading cause of winter residential fire in the US, with this type of fire peaking over a period from December to February. Nearly 40% of these fires were started by space heaters.

Candles are another leading cause of residential fires during the winter months, especially around the holidays. However, just because the holidays are now behind us, doesn't mean we should let our guard down when using candles. The NFPA reports that more than 1/3 of fires caused by candles started in the bedroom. Nearly 2/3 of fire started by candles were caused when a flammable object, such as curtains, mattresses and bedding, and furniture were too close to candles.

While not specifically fire-related, it's important to note the deaths due to Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning also increase during the winter months. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that can enter the home from several sources including heating and cooking equipment, vehicles left running in an attached garage and improperly-positioned generators. It is recommended that all homes be equipped with CO detectors placed on each level of the home, like smoke detectors.

How do you prevent winter fires?

- Keep combustible materials at least three feet from any heat source, including space heaters, stoves, and open flames.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home or buildings. DO NOT dump the ashes as they start a wildfire.
- Only plug one heating device into an outlet at a time
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents annually
- Never leave candles unattended and keep combustible materials away from the flame.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you are baking, roasting or simmering food, check it regularly to prevent fires.

And always:

- Make a fire escape plan and know two ways out of every room
- Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Smoke alarms should also be placed in each sleeping room and outside sleeping areas of the home.
- Sleep with the bedroom door closed, this can slow the spread of fire.
- Test your smoke and CO alarms regularly. Make sure everyone in the home can hear them and knows what to do when one sounds.

For more information on winter fires and how to prevent them, visit our website at www.monroefire.net and check out our fire prevention section.

The member of Monroe Fire Company want to wish each of your families a very happy, safe, and prosperous New Year!

TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Julia G. Weller, Tax Collector

Phone: 717-550-2923

Fax: 717-458-5775

Email:

monroetwptax@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Jan, Feb, & Dec 14-31
By appointment

Mar – Dec 13
Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 - Noon

See Tax Bill for special hours
and closings

Requests for
Tax Certifications
per year/per parcel:

Mail request with fee of \$10 with
US Mail self-addressed,
stamped envelope OR a fax
number to:

Julia G. Weller, Tax Collector
1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Cumberland County Tax Bureau (CCTB)

21 Waterford Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Collects

- Earned Income Tax (EIT)
- Local Services Tax (LST)

CCTB Information

Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Web: www.cumberlandtax.org

Phone: 717-590-7997

HAPPY RETIREMENT

The Monroe Township Supervisors and staff would like to congratulate Ms. Mary Murray on her recent retirement from Township service. Ms. Murray serviced the Township and its residents for nearly 50 years; first as any office employee (1969-1982) and then as the dedicated, elected Tax Collector (1982-2017).

We extend to her our sincerest thank yous and warmest wishes, and hope she enjoys the many advantages this new phase of life brings with it.

TIPS FOR FILING LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX

The Earned Income Tax is collected by the Cumberland County Tax Bureau located at 21 Waterford Drive, just west of the high school. Here are some tips for filing your return and some additional information about the Bureau.

File as soon as you can AND file online at www.cumberlandtax.org. Staff members at the Bureau can assist you in this process. If you file online, have a balance due, and pay by check, use the coupon that is produced and mail it with your check. Your check will be processed immediately.

If you file a paper return, also file as soon as you can (January or February). This is important if you have a balance due and pay by check, because your check will be processed quickly. If you wait until mid-March or later, when the bulk of returns are filed, the processing time for your check will be longer.

Lobby counter hours at the Bureau are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. There are additional hours during tax week and those hours are available on the web site. Bureau staff will help prepare your return without an appointment and at no cost during these hours.



Yellow Breeches Anglers

The Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association, Inc. is one of the state's largest facilities enrolled in the Pa Fish and Boat Commission's "Cooperative Nursery" program. The Association raises in excess of 35,000 trout each year to be stocked in 14 miles of the Yellow Breeches Creek open to public fishing. The nursery is located at 395 Martin Rd. in the township. Signs at the end of Stought Rd and Lutztown Rd direct you to the location. Membership is open to all and the yearly cost is \$20 for adults and \$3 for under 16 years. The members' newsletters provide information concerning club activities including stocking information. Like us on Facebook at The Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association, Inc. and visit our website at www.ybacnursery.org for more information and a printable application form.

Upcoming activities include our annual Spring Sports Show on Mar. 24, 2018 held at the Monroe Twp. Firehall and weekly free fly tying classes at the clubhouse beginning Jan. 10 and continuing each Wednesday through March 14. The classes run from 7-9:30 with equipment available for beginners to use and some materials may be provided.

Friends of Churchtown

The Friends of Rural and Historic Churchtown Area does not currently have any activities planned. We do continue to have materials available for purchase:

- Churchtown and Monroe Twp. color maps from 1872 (\$10) contact Teresa Phillips at 717-254-3865
- Churchtown books (\$20) - contact Sue Sunday at 717-249-6060

"Stories of Old Churchtown" is a 45 minute program offered by Sue Sunday. The presentation includes tales of mischief, murder, Civil War connections, and other fascinating facts from the heyday of Churchtown.

*Contact Sue Sunday at 717-249-6060 or
SLSUNDAY@embarqmail.com*



SAVE THE DATE!



The 19th Annual Community Day will be held on June 16, 2018, with a rain date of June 17th. This year's event will be a little different with a start time of 6 PM, but still ending the night with our amazing fireworks display at 9:30 PM

Dime Pitch donations of glassware and dishes are still needed. Donations can be dropped off at the Township office prior to June 6th.



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS



The Community Garden Area for residents will be available beginning April 15.

*Applications and Rules are available by contacting Karen at
klowery@monroetwp.net
or at 258-6642 or 697-4613 ext. 223*

The Township has reflective house number signs available at a cost of \$12.

Call the Township office to order.

WINTER YOGA CLASSES

There is still time to join the Winter Yoga classes on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Township Rental Hall.

The remaining classes will be held on 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3

\$ 7.00 per class



No experience necessary, but participants should bring their own mat

Appalachian Trail Volunteer Opportunities

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a continuous footpath extending more than 2100 miles between Springer Mountain in Georgia and Mount Katahdin in Maine. The Trail is maintained largely by volunteer labor organized in more than 30 maintaining clubs working with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the National Park Service. The Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club (CVATC) is one of those clubs, responsible for maintaining 17 miles of the Trail across the Cumberland Valley. There are some beautiful, pastoral scenes from the Trail in Monroe Township.

CVATC is looking for active volunteers to help with trail maintenance and the organizational work of the club. Come out and help us in our mission to keep this world-class recreational resource open and available to both local residents and long-distance hikers who come from all parts of the United States and beyond.

We have a regular work day on the 3rd Saturday of each month and an extensive hiking schedule available on our website: <http://www.cvatclub.org>

Please join us by emailing us at cvatclub@gmail.com for additional information.



Carlisle CARES

Are you familiar with Carlisle CARES?

This non-profit organization serves the emergency needs of the homeless in Cumberland County and surrounding areas when no other shelter can be found. CARES partners with area churches who open their doors to provide overnight lodging for individuals and families. The Resource Center serves as "home base" for guests to have an address & phone number for job applications, as well as a location to safely store personal belongings, shower, prepare meals, and most importantly, meet with their assigned Social Service Coordinator. The goal of Carlisle CARES is to provide the support needed to help enrich lives and provide a path to self-sufficiency.

Call 717-249-1009 or visit their website for more details! www.CarlisleCARES.org

MONROE FIRE COMPANY



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 28 - Cash Bingo

Sunday, February 25 - Cash Bingo

Saturday, March 17 - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 25 - Cash Bingo

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/MonroeFire/>

or check out Monroefire.net for more information

**Helping Your Neighbors When
They Need it Most!**



Need someone to talk to? Need resources?

CONTACT Helpline can help.

Get connected.

Call our 24/7 listening and information and referral service today!

Dial: 1 (800) 932- 4616 or 211.



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

on the Square of Churchtown

Pastor Debbie Brumbaugh

Email: mtzionluth@verizon.net

Website: www.mtzionluth.org Office: (717) 258-3039

WORSHIP SERVICES: Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday Services at 10:15 AM

Mt. Zion's weekly worship service with Holy Communion.

Easter Services & Events - Sunday, April 1

Outside Service at the Cross - 8:00 AM

Easter Community Breakfast—8:15 - 9:15 AM

Easter Festival Service of Holy Communion - 9:30 AM

COMMUNITY PEACE GARDEN! The Peace Garden is a place where everyone in the community can sit quietly to praise God, meditate, or just take a break. We will dedicate the Peace Garden in the Spring of 2018!

NEED A ROOM FOR A MEETING OR PARTY OR DINNER?

Rent our Fellowship Hall (\$50) for meetings, birthday parties, baby showers, etc. Contact the church office to reserve your date and time.

THE FREE STORE! We help families in need with food, personal care items, clothing, etc. on the first Saturday of the month from 5 to 6:30 PM or by appointment (call the church office).

COMMUNITY AID BIN! Recycle your clothing, shoes, & light household items in the parking lot bin.

HERE'S WHAT'S NEW!

ARE YOU STRESSED OUT ABOUT YOUR FINANCES? Continuing our commitment to help and serve this community, two members of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church who are financial professionals will provide a free **Financial Wellness Workshop on January 11, 2018 from 7 to 8:30 pm** that will cover fundamental concepts of how money works including:

*The Rule of 72 (everyone should know this rule!)

*Ways to pay off your debt in the best possible manner.

*Protecting your family from loss.

*The high cost of waiting to save ... and more!

Every individual or family that attends can receive a Financial Needs Analysis at no cost. If you would like to attend, please call/email the church office with your name and the number of people attending. There will be refreshments and time to answer your questions.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS TO BENEFIT MONROE SCHOOL FAMILIES IN NEED:

All orders must be preordered by calling/emailing the church office with your name, phone number and order.

Soup Sale: Homemade Ham & Bean or Beef Vegetable Soup (\$7.00/quart)

February 25: Last day to order soup

March 3: Pick up orders from 1 to 3 pm.

Easter Egg Sale: Homemade Peanut Butter and Coconut Eggs (\$10/dozen)

March 18: Last day to order eggs.

You will receive a day/time to pick up your order when you contact the church to place your order.

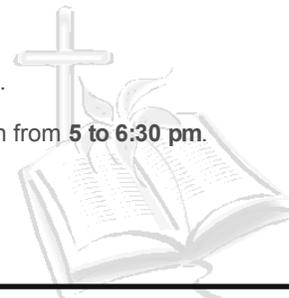
COMMUNITY DINNERS: These free home-cooked meals are served on the first Saturday of the month from **5 to 6:30 pm**.

This is an opportunity for food, fellowship, and fun! Everyone is welcome!

Jan 6: Spaghetti and Meatballs

Feb 3: Hog Maw! (a delicious Pennsylvania Dutch dish)

Mar 3: Chili (several varieties)



Crossroads Bible Church

1022 York Road

Dillsburg, PA 17019

Greg Sheffer, Pastor, 717-432-4099

Join us each Sunday for our Family Services - Sunday:

10 :30 AM Family Worship Service

6:30 PM Bible Study

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Word of Life Lions (Teens)

Olympians - Elementary age

Gophers - Preschool Ages 4 to Kindergarten

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study for the Adults

The First Thursday of Each month is Crossroads'

Diggin' Deeper Bible Study -

Beginning a new Bible Study This Fall!

Come and Join in! Everyone is Welcome!



**Cumberland Valley
High School**

**proudly presents its
2018 spring musical,
Nice Work If You Can Get It
on April 11-14 at 7:00 PM
and on April 15 at 2:00 PM.**

Tickets can be purchased online at
www.cvmusical.com, beginning 1/29/18
Adults \$15; Students/Seniors \$12.

For questions, call: 717-506-3936 or email:
cvhsmbxoffice@gmail.com.

**Monroe Township
1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9794**

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

2018 REORGANIZATION

The Board of Supervisors held their annual reorganization meeting on January 2, 2018. A.W. Castle, III was elected Chairman, with Philp Kehoe as Vice-Chairman and Carl Kuhl as Supervisor.

William Rudy of Pennoni Associates was appointed as Sewer Engineer for 2018 and all other professional appointments remain the same as 2017.

Reappointments to recommending boards are as follows:
Sharon Nelson—Planning Commission
William Beck—Municipal Authority Board
Donna Ricketts—Recreation Board

Contact Us

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Monday-Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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www.monroetwp.net

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