



# MONROE NEWS

October 2018



## Joseph T. Simpson Library



### Friends of the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library Book Sale

Saturday, October 27 from 9 am to 2 pm and  
Sunday, October 28 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the  
Book Sale Center, 114 N York St, Mechanicsburg

Preview night for Friends members only  
on Friday, October 26 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

### Bowling for Books Fundraiser

Saturday, November 3  
at Trindle Bowl in Mechanicsburg

Advance registration required by October 26. Visit  
[https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/  
SIM\\_BowlingForBooks\\_2018](https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/SIM_BowlingForBooks_2018)  
for more information.

For more information, contact the  
Simpson Public Library at  
simpson@cumberlandcountylibraries.org

### Township Office Closings

November 6 - Election Day  
November 12 - Veterans' Day  
November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving  
December 24 & 25 - Christmas  
December 31- close at noon  
January 1 - New Year's

### **2018 MEETING DATES**

#### **Board of Supervisors - 7:00 PM**

Nov 8    Dec 13

#### **Planning Commission - 6:30 PM**

Nov 7    Dec 5

#### **Recreation Board - 7:00 PM**

Nov 12    Dec 10(5:30PM)

#### **Municipal Authority - 7:00 PM**

Oct 17    Nov 14    Dec 19



### *Children's Christmas Party*

*The Monroe Township Recreation Board  
will host this annual visit with Santa on  
December 10, 2018  
at the Township Building*

*Festivities will begin at 6:30 PM  
and include cookies, punch  
and a visit with Santa*



**\*\*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 in any neighborhood or onto any neighbor's properties; or otherwise be allowed to disturb neighbors.*
- ◆ *Please report any downed roadway signs to the Township office.*
- ◆ *Dirt bikes & ATV's are not permitted on public roadways, including cul-de-sacs, in the township.*
- ◆ *Speed limits are established for the safety of all, please obey the posted speeds and stop signs in all areas of the township.*
- ◆ *The PA State Police provide police coverage to the township. The non-emergency number is 717-249-2121.*

***Burning Permits are available online.***

***Visit the Township website's How Do I, Apply For page and follow the directions***

**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 at 717-226-2628, if you have any questions as to allowable materials under the open burn permit.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING  
CENTER**

**IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS  
ACCEPTING TV'S!**

Cumberland County's electronics recycling center is located at 1001 Claremont Road in Carlisle.

PLEASE DO NOT DISASSEMBLE TVS  
WE CANNOT ACCEPT THEM FOR PACKAGING  
AND TRANSPORTATION REASONS! WE ONLY  
ACCEPT WHOLE, INTACT TVS (MUST BE IN  
ORIGINAL CASING).

There is a charge of \$0.50 per pound.  
Average customer weight/cost  
is 93 pounds/\$46.50.

**Phone:** 717-240-6489

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Tuesdays - 12 PM to 4 PM

Wednesdays - 12 PM to 4 PM

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month  
8 AM to 12 PM

Closed on County Holidays  
and during severe weather.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Julia G. Weller, Tax Collector

Phone: 717-550-2923

Fax: 717-458-5775

Email:  
monroetwptax@gmail.com

### Office Hours:

Office located at the  
Twp. Bldg.

Jan, Feb & Dec  
By appointment only

Sep - Nov  
Tues & Wed 9 -11 AM  
or by appointment

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](http://www.cumberlandtax.org)

Phone: 717-590-7997

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

*Call the Township office to order.*



**Clean Water**

Everybody's Business

**10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution**

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider starting a rain garden
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

**EPA** United States Environmental Protection Agency  
For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps) or [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)



## **MONROE FIRE COMPANY**

### Upcoming Events

October 14—Cash Bingo  
November 11—Cash Bingo  
December 10 & 11—Santa  
January 27—Cash Bingo  
February 24—Cash Bingo  
March 24—Cash Bingo

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MonroeFire/](http://www.facebook.com/MonroeFire/)  
or check out [Monroefire.net](http://Monroefire.net) for more information

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

## **Boy Scout Troop 333**

Monroe Troop 333 has had another great fall, full of Scouting Adventure.

Highlights include 2 nights of Camping at Ohiopyle State Park and Spelunking at Laurel Caverns. We also camped 2 nights at Camp Tuckahoe and hiked at Pole Steeple.

In the spring, the troop backpacked 11 miles of the Appalachian Trail with one night of camping. We camped 2 nights at Camp Tuckahoe and invited our Cub Scout Pack 333 Webelo's to teach them Scouting Skills. The Troop finished the spring with another 2 nights camping at Ohiopyle State Park and white water rafting the Youghiogheny River. The Troop also participated in the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Any boy that is 11 years of age or older or that has completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is interested in joining our active Troop should contact Scout Master John Mangold at 717-448-0217 or email him at [mangoldjo@comcast.net](mailto:mangoldjo@comcast.net) or visit us on the web at [www.scoutlodge.com/monroetownship333](http://www.scoutlodge.com/monroetownship333)

Come be part of the fun things we do.

Every Boy deserves to be a Scout.



**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.**



**WATCH FOR CHILDREN  
&  
SCHOOL BUSES**

### **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.*

### **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](mailto:SLSUNDAY@embarqmail.com)*



## MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE SWALES

In order to prevent damage and flooding, almost every property in the Township has some type of drainage system to direct storm water away from our homes, farms, driveways, streets and other improvements. Each system contains individual elements to carry the storm water, which can consist of items such as sloping ground away from improvements, ditches or swales, drains, inlets or pipes. It is essential for these elements to be properly maintained in order for the system to function.

Questions frequently arise regarding whose responsibility it is to maintain these drainage facilities, particularly after large rainfall events. Generally, the Township is responsible for maintaining facilities located within the road right of way, and property owners are responsible for maintenance of facilities on private property. Often the actual boundaries of maintenance responsibility are not defined at a single point, as all facilities within a system need to be maintained in order to prevent damage. For example, a pipe under the road (Township's responsibility to maintain) may carry water and discharge it onto private property (Owner's responsibility to maintain), and both must be functioning. Any drainage facility can be overwhelmed during abnormal rainfall events.

Property owners should take steps to insure grass clippings, leaf litter and sticks and branches do not accumulate in the swales, ditches and on top of drainage inlets or catch basins. Over time, sediment will accumulate in swales and can reduce the amount of water they can carry. This sediment should be removed and any bare ground stabilized with grass or other vegetation or erosion control measures.

Property owners also must ensure they are not intentionally diverting water out of the roadside swales and into the road as it leads to the premature erosion of the roadway and the running water over the road can create a dangerous hydroplane situation or worse, ice. Owners should evaluate the ground level around their homes to insure there is adequate slope away from their foundation wall. These items are particularly important in steeper areas of the Township, such as White Rock Acres and other areas of South Mountain.

If anyone ever has a question regarding the rights-of-way or the maintenance of drainage swales, please contact your township office and someone will be happy to assist.

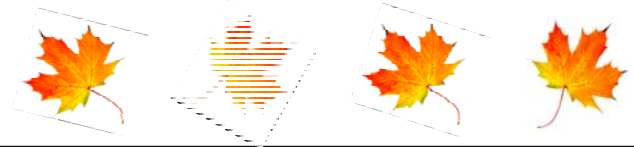
## MEET THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS & STAFF

### David DeNicholas Planning Commission Member

Mr. DeNicholas is a current member of the Planning Commission and has served on this recommending board for 9 years. He also served as the Chairman of the Citizens Comprehensive Plan Committee in 2007 when action was taken to update the Township's Comprehensive Plan.

Dave and his wife, Denise have lived in Monroe Township for 34 years and have raised 2 daughters, Tara and Lauren, here.

Mr. DeNicholas is recently retired and enjoys the peace and tranquility of living in Monroe Township.



The HMMS Outreach Program for Soccer (TOPS) is a soccer program for children with special needs. A TOPS player is defined as any child (age 6-21) with a physical or mental disability, who would like to play on a team based on ability rather than age. Children with autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, wheel chairs, and other challenges have thrived in the program.

Our goal is to enable players to develop their physical fitness, technical skills, courage, and self-esteem through the game of soccer.

TOPS sessions are held on Sunday afternoons at Creekview Park, Mechanicsburg, PA in the spring and fall. The TOPS program is open to any child, including children who live outside of the Cumberland Valley School District.

Every player receives a complete soccer uniform, and HMMS waives the late fee and the out-of-area fee for the TOPS program.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Bowman at [123ericbowman@gmail.com](mailto:123ericbowman@gmail.com) or 802-6602.

## 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>

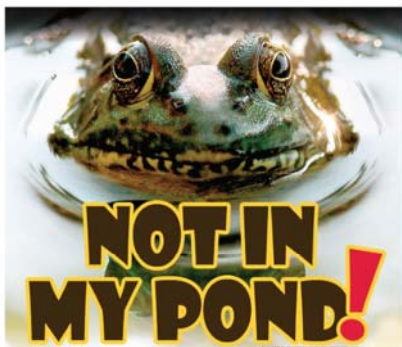
Please join us by emailing us at [cvatclub@gmail.com](mailto:cvatclub@gmail.com) for additional information.



## Medication Drop Boxes

### Disposal Guidelines:

- All pharmaceutical drugs that are being disposed of need to be in a sealed container such as the original bottle or a zip-lock bag. They may NOT be disposed of loosely
- Liquid Pharmaceuticals should remain in the original container
- Personal information should be removed or blotted out with a permanent marker
- Intravenous solutions, injectables, & needles are NOT accepted



**Don't flush your unused medication.**

Use one of 21 Drug Drop Boxes around Cumberland County.

Camp Hill PD  
Carlisle PD  
Cumberland County Courthouse  
Cumberland County Human Services  
Cumberland County Old Prison  
Dickinson College  
East Pennsboro PD  
Hampden Township PD  
Lower Allen PD  
Mechanicsburg PD  
Messiah College  
Middlesex PD  
Mt. Holly PD  
New Cumberland PD  
Newville PD  
North Middleton PD  
Shippensburg PD  
Shippensburg University  
Silver Spring Township PD  
Upper Allen PD  
West Shore Regional PD

Find out more about Medication Disposal in Cumberland County.  
[www.ccpa.net/medicationdropbox](http://www.ccpa.net/medicationdropbox)



## 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](http://www.CarlisleCARES.org)

## GFWC

General Federation of Women's Club  
(GFWC) Mechanicsburg  
is holding its next meeting  
Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00pm  
at the Trinity Spring Luthern Church,  
14 State Road, Mechanicsburg.

Retired LT Colonel US Army Chris Lejedal will be giving a talk regarding the US Army Heritage and Education Center. All women are welcome.

For additional information visit our website

<http://gfwcmec.tripod.com>

or contact Joellen @717-829-1772.

## 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.

Thanksgiving Eve, Nov 21 at 7 pm at Otterbein United Methodist Church, Carlisle (a community service).  
Offering is nonperishable food for the local food bank (Project Share).

Christmas Eve, Dec 24 at 7 pm - Mt. Zion's annual Candlelight Service with Holy Communion.

**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 good food, fellowship, and fun—and everyone is welcome!

**Oct 6** - Lasagna and salad

**Oct 20** - Grilled hamburgers & hotdogs, fruit, salty snacks

**Nov 3** - Barbequed chicken and roasted vegetables

**Dec 1** - Ham and sweet potatoes

**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. The community is welcome to come and enjoy it!

## HERE'S WHAT'S NEW!

### OCT 20<sup>th</sup> THIRD ANNUAL 3-MILE FUN WALK/RUN

Where: Begins and ends in the Mt. Zion parking lot.

Registration: 2 - 3 pm Fun Walk/Run: 3 - 4 pm

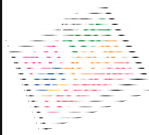
Dinner: 4 - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per person; youth 10 years and younger are free.

Benefits: 100% of the proceeds is given to CPARC's 4 Churchtown residents. Rain or Shine! Live Music!

Stay for a FREE community dinner afterwards!

*Come out to support "neighbors helping neighbors"!*



### DEC 8<sup>th</sup> FAM FEST:

#### **Christmas (drop in anytime between 1 and 4 pm)**

What is a Fam? Any 2 or more people! And a Fest is a celebration! Our Fam Fest is a free event for everyone in Jesus's family—that means you! Drop in for a fun filled encounter to learn about Jesus thru crafts, music, magic, scavenger hunt, and food! It's designed just for busy/active families of all ages!

**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.

## 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 Sunday Evening Bible Study Svc.

6:00 PM The First Sunday of Every Month  
Join us in viewing a Family Christian Movie

Wednesday:

7:00 PM

Word of Life Lions (Teens)  
Olympian Club – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Gopher Bible Club - Preschool Ages 4 to Kindergarten  
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study for the Adults

### Upcoming Community Events:

SENIOR'S THANKSGIVING DINNER  
AGE 50 TO 100

AT

CROSSROADS BIBLE CHURCH  
(ADULTS ONLY PLEASE)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH  
5:30 PM

CALL DEBI SHEFFER FOR RESERVATIONS.

*"A Family Christmas Experience"*  
*Christmas Dinner Concert with Jeremy Goodling*  
*December 2 - 6:00 PM for the Dinner*  
*7:15 PM for the Concert*  
*"Families are Welcome to come and experience*  
*The Log Cabin decorated for Christmas"*  
*12.50 for ages 10 and older*  
*6.00 for Children 4 to 10*  
*Under 4 is free*

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

PRSR STD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT NO. 3  
CARLISLE, PA  
17013

**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

**YOGA**



Held from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Tuesday

October 16, 23, 30,  
November 13, 20, 27  
December 4, 11



at the Monroe Township Hall, 1220 Boiling Springs Rd, Mechanicsburg

Instructor: Alison Martinek from the West Shore YMCA

Yoga is a practice based on a harmonizing system of development of the body, mind and spirit. It blends balance, strength, flexibility and breathing techniques to improve health and performance. Connect with your body, mind and spirit; as well as build stamina, flexibility and concentration.

No yoga experience is needed.

Modifications will be given for the more difficult poses.

Participants should bring their own yoga mat.  
\$7.00 per class drop-in rate

**Contact Us**

The Township Office Is Open  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Phone: 717-258-6642  
717-697-4613

Fax: 717-258-9311

Email us at:  
[monroetwp@monroetwp.net](mailto:monroetwp@monroetwp.net)

Visit us on the web at  
[www.monroetwp.net](http://www.monroetwp.net)

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or would prefer an electronic copy, please contact the township office.**