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Lost an Item?

The Township Administration Building has a "Lost and Found" collection of items, mostly left behind at the James A. Umble Memorial Park. If you have lost an item, check with the office during normal business hours.

Dear Residents and Friends,

The Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to present this latest issue of our Township News. Thanks to the sponsorship of the advertisers in this publication, this newsletter has been produced at no cost to our residents. The Board sincerely thanks these members of the business community for their generosity and support and encourages you to support these businesses with your patronage.

We suggest you keep this newsletter for future reference, as it contains important information about activities in the upcoming months. Up-to-date information is always available on the Township's website at www.honeybrooktwp.com.

Please contact our Township staff at 610-273-3970 if you have any questions regarding the information contained in this directory or about the services the Township provides.

Sincerely,

The Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors



John McHugh, Vice Chairman Travis Stacey, Chairman Tracy Olsen, Member

The Board of Supervisors consists of three members elected at-large for staggered six-year terms. The Board is the Executive and Legislative branch of the Township's government that is responsible for establishing policy, adopting ordinances, regulating land use and overseeing the Township's finances. The Board holds a workshop meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The regular meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

The Board also appoints residents to a variety of other boards, committees and commissions. Listed on page 4 are the most active groups and their meeting schedules. Please contact the Township Administration Office if you are interested in serving on one of these bodies.

Mission & Vision

Honey Brook Township was incorporated on February 24, 1789, from the western part of West Nantmeal Township. It is classified as a township of the second class, with a Board of three Supervisors elected at-large for six-year terms.

The following mission and vision statements were adopted in 2004:

The mission of the Board of Supervisors of Honey Brook Township shall be to provide municipal services related to land use, police protection and public works in order to maintain a community that supports a tranquil and rural way of life. The vision of the Board of Supervisors for the future of Honey Brook Township is that the Township shall remain a predominantly agricultural community that surrounds a population hub offering various commercial and social activities. The vision includes the establishment of a land preservation program, concentration of non-agricultural uses along specific portions of major arterials, betterment of current low-income housing areas, upgrading of all governmental and quasi-governmental facilities, reduction of non-local traffic in congested areas, and exploration of Township and Borough integration.

Attention:

We strive to deliver this newsletter to the mailboxes of all Honey Brook Township residents.

If you feel you are missing from our list, please contact the Township Administration Office.

Honey Brook Township Administration Office

500 Suplee Road • P.O. Box 1281

Honey Brook, PA 19344

Phone 610-273-3970

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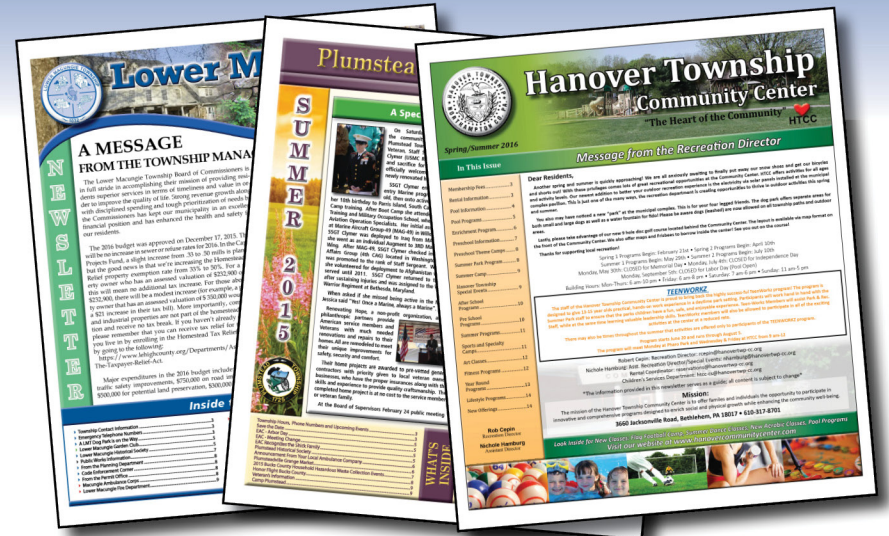


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General Information

Township Population (2010 census): 7,647

State Roads: 24 miles

Land Area: 25.4 square miles

Township Roads: 52.64 miles

Township Taxes - The Township collects two types of taxes each year. Earned Income Tax, based upon wages, and a real estate tax based upon a property's assessed valuation.

Earned Income Tax - Keystone Collections Group collects 1% on behalf of the Township and 0.5% on behalf of the Twin Valley School District. The Township portion is used for general operation costs and for land preservation. Like your state and federal income taxes, you must file with Keystone by April 15th each year. Forms are available by contacting Keystone Collections Group 610-269-4402. Call 1-866-539-1100 or visit Keystone's website at <https://www.keystonecollects.com/> to file electronically.

Real Estate Tax* - Residents in Honey Brook Township pay three types of real estate taxes to two agencies.

1. **Twin Valley School District** - The School District collects its own real estate tax. The 2018-2019 tax rate is 29.4248 mills for Chester County. The 2019-20 rate is yet to be announced** Contact the district's tax office at 610-286-8632 for more information.
2. **Chester County** - Chester County collects its own real estate tax (Chester County Treasurer: 610-344-6370). The 2019 tax rate is 4.369 mills. Contact the County Assessment office at 610-344-6105 for more information.
3. **Honey Brook Township** - The Chester County Treasurer collects the Township's real estate tax. The 2019 tax rate is 0.98 mills. Visit the Treasurer's website at <http://www.chesco.org/161/Treasurer> or call 610-344-6105 for information regarding tax bills and tax certifications.

**County and Township tax rates take effect January 1; School District tax rates take effect July 1.*

*** School tax rate for 2019-20 is not final until the budget is submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education in June.*



Twin Valley School District (TVSD)

Serving Elverson and Honey Brook Boroughs and Honey Brook and West Nantmeal Townships in Chester County; and New Morgan Borough and Caernarvon and Robeson Townships in Berks County

Address: 100 North Twin Valley Road, Elverson, PA 19520-9310
 Phone: 610-286-8600
 Fax: 610-286-8608
 School tax information: 610-286-8652
 Website: www.tvsd.org
 Superintendent: Dr. Robert Pleis

Schools

Twin Valley High School 610-286-8600
 100 North Twin Valley Road, Elverson, PA 19520
Twin Valley Middle School 610-286-8660
 970 Clymer Hill Road, Elverson, PA 19520
Twin Valley Elementary Center 610-286-8670
 50 Mast Drive, Elverson, PA 19520

Honey Brook Elementary Center 610-273-3615
 1530 West Walnut Street, Honey Brook, PA 19344
Robeson Elementary 610-582-9580
 801 White Bear Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508



General Information (cont.)

Appointed Officials and Staff

Township Manager/Secretary, Steve Landes: Responsible for the day-to-day administration of Township business including finances, budgeting, staff, and provision of Township services.

Public Works Director, Don Johnson: As the head of the Roads Department he is responsible for the maintenance of the Township roads, storm sewers, street signs, and Township buildings and grounds including James A. Umble Memorial Park.

Treasurer, Peter Barsz: Provides detailed accounting of all receipts and expenses, develops and oversees all cash handling and disbursement procedures, and prepares payroll.

Building Code Official/Zoning Officer, Technicon Enterprises Inc.: Responsible for the enforcement of zoning, building and property maintenance codes. The Zoning Officer has office hours on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Administration Office for residents' convenience.

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), Robert D. Esposito, Jr.: Prepares plans to protect the community in the event of a natural or manmade disaster.

Engineer, Michael Reinert, Technicon Enterprises Inc.: Prepares designs for roads, bridges, and storm water systems. Reviews land development and subdivision plans and works closely with the Township Planning Commission and other government and regulatory agencies.

Solicitor, Christopher Hartman, Esq.: Provides the Board of Supervisors and Manager with legal opinions and guidance. Represents the Township in court proceedings.

Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board, Kenneth Werner, Esq.: Provides the Zoning Hearing Board with legal opinions and guidance.

Office Staff: Kristy Deischer-Eddy and Kris Bry.

Public Works Staff: Carl Brown, Jeffrey Paulson, and Travis Roy.

Township Boards, Committees and Commissions

The **Park and Recreation Board** is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding Township park areas and facilities. It also organizes and conducts a variety of recreation programs and other activities. The Committee meets at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of month during January through October. Members are:

Lee Heller, *Co-Chair*

Therese Mauchline, *Member*

Christine Luke, *Secretary*

Sheri Zynn, *Co-Chair*

Kevin Wynant, *Member*

Scott Holt, *Member*

Ray Shafer, *Member*

The **Planning Commission** is an advisory body that reviews all proposed land development plans and subdivision applications and recommends action to the Board of Supervisors. It also reviews proposed amendments to the Township's zoning and the subdivision & land development regulations. This commission meets at 7 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month from January through October and as announced in November and December. Members are:

Susan Lacy, *Member*

Levi Kauffman, *Member*

Terry Schmidt, *Member*

Gary McEwen, *Chair*

Melissa Needles, *Vice-Chair*

Troy Stacey, *Member*

Bob Witters, *Member*

The **Land Preservation Committee** is an advisory body that reviews applications for agricultural conservation easements and recommends farms for preservation to the Board of Supervisors. This committee meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of odd-numbered months except for the January when the meeting is held at 8:00 am. Members are:

Shane Hadden, *Assistant Secretary*

Susan Lacy, *Member*

Chip Jones, *Chair & Secretary*

John R. Stoltzfus, *Member*

Mike Zook, *Member*

The **Zoning Hearing Board** is a judicial body that hears appeals from landowners seeking relief from zoning regulations and then renders a decision. The Board meets at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month **or** as announced on an as-needed basis. Members are:

Frank Fredella, *Chair*

David Rodgers, *Member*

Jeff Emberger, *Member*

Darlene Olear, *Alternate*

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building. Meeting days and times are subject to change. Check the website for the latest information.

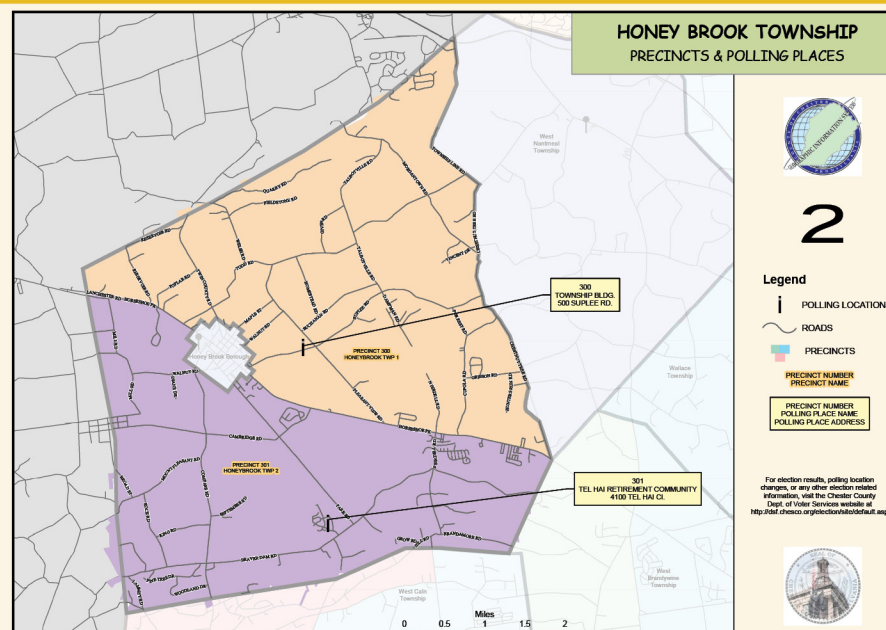
Honey Brook Township Voting Precincts

Precinct 301 Honey Brook Township 2

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Polling place:

Tel Hai
Retirement Community
4100 Tel Hai Circle
Honey Brook.



Precinct 300 Honey Brook Township 1

(those living north of Route 322):

Polling place :

Township Administration
Building
500 Suplee Road
Honey Brook

Primary Election Day is the third Tuesday in May in non-presidential election years and the fourth Tuesday in April in presidential election years. General Election Day is always the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. To register to vote or for voting questions, please contact Chester County Voter Services at 610-344-6410.



General Information (cont.)

2019 Election Information

The following are the offices for which voters will cast their ballots in 2019, at the national, state, and local level:

County Judge of the Superior Court
 County Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
 County Commissioner
 Chester County District Attorney
 Chester County Sheriff
 Chester County Prothonotary
 Chester County Register of Wills
 Chester County Recorder of Deeds
 Twin Valley School District School Director
 Honey Brook Township Tax Collector
 Honey Brook Township Auditor
 Honey Brook Township Auditor Unexpired Term
 Honey Brook Township Supervisor

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 21, 2019. General Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Please note that on these days, the Township Administration Office is closed to walk-up traffic. It is not an office holiday, so staff are available by phone during normal business hours.

Land Preservation Update

The Land Preservation Committee (LPC) completed its Land Preservation Update and presented it to the Board of Supervisors at the LPC's March 19, 2019 meeting. It is available for review in the Township Administrative Office during normal business hours and also on the Township website at <http://honeybrooktp.com/administration-2/land-preservation/>. Click on the January 2019 link to view the entire document.

An Open Space Summit was held at the Lenfest Center at ChesLen Preserve in Newlin Township on May 2, 2019. The results of a study, Return on Environment: The Economic Value of Protected Open Space in Chester County, were announced. It highlights the proven and substantial economic, environmental, and public health benefits that open space preservation has provided to Chester County for the past three decades. For more information about the study, visit the Chester County Open Space website by visiting <http://che-scoplanning.org/openspace/roe.cfm>.

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Free Car Seat Safety Checks

The State Police at the Embreeville Barracks, 997 Lieds Road, Coatesville, hold free safety checks for car seats on the second Friday of each month. For more information, call 484-340-3248.

Honey Brook Environmental Group

Chester and Berks County residents have come together under the leadership of Tierra Graham since 2016 to establish a community environmental group. This volunteer group aims to advocate for the beauty and sustainability of our local environment through community involvement, cooperation, and action. The group organizes litter collection outings, craft activities at school events, and an environmental club for kids at the Honey Brook Community Library during the school year.

Monthly meetings are held every first Tuesday of the month at the Greenside Grille, 1420 Cambridge Road, Honey Brook, from 5:00-6:00 pm. This is an innovative and fun opportunity for residents of all ages to get involved with a wonderful cause and also enjoy time with friends, neighbors, and family.

For more information, contact Tierra Graham, group manager, at (484) 795-4267 or tierragraham1998@gmail.com.



Zoning Update

The Updated Honey Brook Township Zoning Ordinance of 2018, also known as Chapter 27 in the Honey Brook Township Code of Ordinances, has been codified and is available online at <https://ecode360.com/30832599>.

A public hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisors Regular meeting on July 10, 2019, to consider enacting two ordinances:

- Ordinance 197-2019, adding & creating regulations of brew pubs, microbreweries, microdistilleries, and wineries; revising parking regulations regarding commercial vehicles; revising height regulations for non-commercial antennas & towers; revising regulations for commercial establishments in MUR; amending definition of kennels; revising language regarding permit issuance; adding wetland margin regulations; and minor revisions to inconsistencies
- Ordinance #199-2019: Zoning Map Amendments, changing classification of 24 parcels from Mixed Use Residential (MUR) to Mixed Use Commercial (MUC)

Drafts of these ordinances will not be available for public review until late June.



General Information (cont.)

State Roads

The following roads in Honey Brook Township are maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT): Route 10 (Compass Road south of the Borough/Twin County Road north of the Borough), Route 322 (Horseshoe Pike), Cambridge Road, Chestnut Tree Road, Isabella Road, Maple Street (from Borough line to intersection with White School and Pleasant View Roads), Morgantown Road (between Chestnut Tree and White School Roads), South Birdell Road, and White School Road.

To report concerns on state roads, contact PennDOT at 1-800-FIX-ROAD (349-7623) or 610-340-3200. To check conditions on state roads, visit www.511PA.com. For weekly announcements about PennDOT construction and maintenance operations in the five-county Philadelphia region, visit the District 6 Traffic Bulletin at www.penndot.gov/District6. **NEW!** Report state road concerns online at <https://customercare.penndot.gov/>.



Honey Brook Community Partnership

The Honey Brook Community Partnership (HBCP)'s purpose is to "bring together Honey Brook area businesses, non-profits, interested citizens, and local government officials who want to facilitate communication, share resources, and work together to enhance our community." The group, comprised of a Steering Committee and an Executive Committee, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 am at various locations. Please visit the HBCP Facebook page or its website at <http://hbpartnership.org> for more details. For more information, e-mail president Verna Emery at emeryspring@verizon.net.

At their April 23 spring social, the HBCP presented grants to the following:

TWIN VALLEY COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION - to support afterschool one-hour tutoring sessions for students at Honey Brook Elementary Center.

HEARTS IN HANDS – to support stipends for counselors at their annual summer camp.

HONEY BROOK YOUTH CENTER – for summer camps and summer outdoor activities.

GRIFFIN GOETZ, BSA TROOP 9 - for materials to build 18 mason bee houses to be placed along the walking trail at Living God Lutheran Church and the HB Community Library as part of his Eagle Scout project. They will provide a habitat to the mason bee, native-to-PA, non-stinging pollinators which are facing population problems.

HONEY BROOK FOOD PANTRY (HBFP)'s UNDER FOUR NOURISHMENT PROGRAM - to purchase nutritious, age-appropriate foods for children under 4 years of age served by the HBFP.

GIRL SCOUT CADETTE, JAMIE FOX - Jamie is working on her Girl Scout silver award and will work with the HB Community Library to refresh the back entryway's trash collection area and handicapped parking space, as well as installing a wall space for community handouts, freeing up space which is at a premium.

Look for information in the Fall/Winter 2020 newsletter for information about the Twin Valley High School graduating seniors being awarded scholarships in late May.

Once again, the Honey Brook Community Harmony Day Health Fair will be on September 21, 2019 at the Honey Brook fire Company Fairgrounds from 10 am to 1 pm. The Country Fair will be held at the same location September 11-14.

Township Police Coverage

Honey Brook Township is covered by the Pennsylvania State Police.
Residents should call 9-1-1 for emergencies or the Embreeville Barracks at 610-486-6280 for non-emergencies.





Trash, Recycling and Hazardous Waste

2019 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

RESIDENTIAL ONLY; BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY

NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

ALL EVENTS START AT **9:00 AM** AND CLOSE AT **3:00 PM SHARP**

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019 COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER

1425 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320

(Stone wall entrance-Veteran's Drive-Same entrance as CAT Brandywine – Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BLDG.

(Proof of Residency May Be Required) 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380



For a list of items Accepted and Not Accepted go to: www.chestercswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475

Maximum Amount Accepted – 25 Gallons or 220 Lbs. / No Metal Drums / No Freon Appliances

PLEASE TAKE YOUR CARDBOARD BOXES HOME TO RECYCLE AT THE CURB OR LOCAL DROP OFF

Trash Collection

Residents are required to contract with their own trash hauler who will also provide recycling services. Residential developments managed by a Home Owners' Associations (HOA) may contract with a hauler for the entire HOA so please check with your HOA manager for this information. Burning of household trash, recyclables, and toxic materials of any kind is prohibited.

Yard Waste Recycling

All haulers collecting trash in Honey Brook Township must offer yard waste collection at least three times per year; once in the spring and twice in the fall. Please check with your hauler for their scheduled pickup date(s).



For more information, visit the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) website at www.chestercountyswa.org.

Recycling is Mandatory

Pennsylvania and Honey Brook Township regulations require all residential, commercial, institutional, and municipal properties to separate recyclable materials from their waste and have it properly collected and processed.

Residential collection of recyclable materials shall be provided at least once each week by your contracted trash collector. Items to be recycled by all residential units including mobile home parks and apartments include Glass containers, Cans, Plastics No. 1 to No. 5 and No. 7, Paper (newspaper, books, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, paper, and envelopes), and Cardboard boxes and containers. Check with your collector to learn whether additional items may be recycled.

Residents shall also separate leaf waste from other recyclable materials and trash. Your trash collector is required to collect leaf waste at least once in the Spring and twice



during the months of September through December. Check with your hauler for their schedule. You also have the option of disposing leaf waste by taking it to the Chester County Lanchester Landfill Composting Site.

Commercial, industrial, institutional, and municipal property owners / operators plus the sponsor of any community special event or other activity shall at a minimum separate all of the items required of residents listed above plus High-grade office paper and Corrugated cardboard.

These materials may be stored until collected. The property owner / operator shall annually provide written documentation to the Township of the types of materials and the total tons of materials that were recycled. This documentation is due no later than the end of January for the prior calendar year.



How Does Our Garden Grow? With Help From You

Honey Brook Township and the Honey Brook Community Library are once again growing food in raised garden beds to benefit the community for distribution, through such organizations as the Honey Brook Food Pantry, Steeple to People, Shepherd's Kitchen, and the Salvation Army in Glenmoore.

The gardens grow food for three seasons of the year. This requires the seeds or plants to be planted, watered, weeded, and harvested. Currently, only a few people do this job at the Township building, and they need help. Please consider helping by giving one day a week of your time that works with your schedule! No need to come alone; bring the family!



The crops are usually simple--lettuce, spinach, beans, tomatoes, beets, carrots. The area isn't very large (80 square feet), and tending it takes anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour for weeding, watering, and sometimes debugging. No gardening knowledge is needed. It is an organic garden bed so no pesticide or insecticide is spread.

Date Form Sent: _____ Week(s) volunteered for: _____

----- Fill out and return to: Honey Brook Township, P.O. Box 1281, Honey Brook, PA 19344 -----

Honey Brook Township Garden Volunteer Information 2019

_____ Yes, I and/or my family would like to help in the garden in 2019! Name: _____
_____ One Time _____ As needed Best Phone Number to contact: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Please indicate your available week(s) (check any that apply):

_____ Jun 17-23	_____ Jun 24-30	_____ Jul 1-7	_____ Jul 8-14	_____ Jul 15-21
_____ Jul 22-28	_____ Jul 29-Aug 4	_____ Aug 5-11	_____ Aug 12-18	_____ Aug 19-25
_____ Aug 26-Sep 1	_____ Sept 2-8	_____ Sep 9-15	_____ Sep 16-22	_____ Sep 22-29
_____ Sep 30-Oct 6	_____ Oct 7-13	_____ Oct 14-20	_____ Oct 21-27	_____ Oct 28-Nov 3

Questions? Please contact the Honey Brook Township Administrative Office at 610-273-3970, or e-mail the Park & Rec Committee Raised Garden coordinator at tmauchline@honeybrooktwp.com. If you would like to help at the HBCL, please contact Jennifer Spade at 610-273-3303 or jspade@ccls.org.



Parks & Recreation Information

Honey Brook Township Half Day Summer Camp



Have you planned your child's summer yet? Wondering how you can keep them busy this summer? Join us for half day summer camp at Honey Brook Elementary Center (HBEC), 1530 Walnut Road! Your child will have FUN every morning playing games and participating in team building activities. There will be organized group activities along with free play. Each week we will make a craft, visit the Honey Brook Community Library (HBCL), and enjoy water games.

DATES: Tuesday through Thursday beginning June 18th through and including July 26th

TIME: 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

LOCATION: Honey Brook Elementary Center, 1530 Walnut Road, Honey Brook

AGES: Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade

FEE: \$30 per week



Themes:

June 18th-20th = Team Challenge Week!
 June 25th-27th = STEM/Construction Week!
 July 9th - 11th = Fun & Fitness Week!
 July 16th-18th = Unicorns & Dragons Week!
 July 23rd-25th = Zoo Week + Talent Show!

TO REGISTER

Complete the registration form on page 11 and return to Honey Brook Township.

MUST register by June 15th- **no late registrations accepted.**
 Michelle Zeitz (Camp Director) has a Master's in Education, teaches at Twin Valley Middle School, and is certified in CPR and First Aid.

Pickleball Particulars

We invite you to try pickleball at the James A. Umble Park tennis courts! Come by on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm all summer long through September 19 (weather permitting) to learn more about the game and give it a try. No experience necessary! Nets and balls are provided along with a limited number of racquets available to borrow.

What is Pickleball? Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. It is played with a perforated plastic ball (similar to a wiffle ball) and large paddles (similar to table tennis paddles) on a smaller, lined court that is one-half the size of a tennis court.

Why is it called Pickleball? The founders of the game had a dog, named Pickles, who loved to chase the balls that went out of bounds. On occasion, he would not surrender the out-of-bounds ball, because it was "Pickles' Ball." The name stuck!



Who Plays Pickleball? The game was originally designed for seniors who could no longer play tennis, but it is an enjoyable challenge for all age groups.

James A. Umble Memorial Park

Located at 173 Suplee Road, the park is open from dawn to dusk each day. A walking trail encircles the park and features a Born Learning Trail. Park amenities include three ballfields, two tot lots, picnic pavilion, tennis courts, and a sand volleyball court. A list of the park rules is posted near the entrance to the park.

Picnic Pavilion Reservations – Residents can reserve the pavilion for group outings free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. The pavilion includes outdoor grills and picnic table seating as well as a hitching post and handicapped parking. Reserve the pavilion by submitting a Facilities Use Application together with a \$100.00 security deposit to the Township Administration Office. The security deposit will be returned provided that no damage occurs or clean-up is needed because of the group's use.



Park Equipment Available - Residents are allowed to borrow baseball/softball bases and pickleball equipment for use at the park. The equipment, which is located in the box located next to the front door of the Township Administration Building, is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please return the equipment promptly after your use.



Great American Cleanup



Honey Brook Community Cleanup Day 2019

The Park & Recreation Board held its third annual Honey Brook Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 9:00 am to noon. Look for photos and a recap on the Park and Rec page of the website.

Honey Brook Community Cleanup Day 2018

The Park & Recreation Board held its Honey Brook Cleanup Day as part of 2018's Great American Cleanup of PA on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Thanks to all who came out and helped! Statistics were released by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, listing the enormous success of all the events across the Commonwealth and Chester County:

- 5,362 events were held statewide (184 in Chester County)
- 108,638 volunteers were involved (7,435 in Chester County) in community greening, beautification, and cleanups.
- 6,632,920 million pounds of trash were picked up from along 8,915 miles of roadways (232,500 pounds from 507 miles alone in Chester County)
- 19,753 tires were properly disposed of (199 in Chester County), and 1,107,164 pounds of recyclables were collected.

Visit <http://www.gacofpa.org> for more information about the Great American Cleanup. Stay tuned for an announcement for the 2020 Community Cleanup Day!

Dog Laws and Canvass Information

Pennsylvania's Dog Laws:

- If your dog (3 months of age or older) is not licensed, you may be fined up to \$300 per dog. Get a license at the Chester County Treasurer's office; at Bark Avenue, 3845 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook; or online at padoglicense.com. An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If your dog is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities. Remember, if your dog gets lost, a current license is the fastest way to get your dog back home. Licensing fees help protect the millions of dogs in Pennsylvania by funding the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.
- Dogs and cats three months or older must have a current rabies vaccination. Owners of non-vaccinated pets may be fined up to \$300, plus court costs. Have your dog or cat vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian, who can provide a vaccination certificate.
- Your dog must be under control and supervised at all times. You are responsible for any damages caused by your dog on someone else's property.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse animals. Report suspected abuse to the Brandywine SPCA at 610-692-6113 or to police.
- Purposely poisoning a dog, whether it is yours or someone else's, is illegal.
- You may not abandon or attempt to abandon any dog. You could be fined \$1,000, plus court costs.
- You may not keep a dog outside for more than 20 minutes in temperatures 32 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.
- Puppies under eight weeks old cannot be bartered, traded, sold or transferred.
- You must have a state kennel license if you keep, sell, transfer, adopt or foster 26 or more dogs in a calendar year.*
- If your dog attacks or kills a human or domestic animal without provocation, it may be considered dangerous. You may face extensive fines and restrictions.

The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement conducts a license canvass each year. Multiple wardens go door to door educating dog owners as well as checking the status of their dog licenses and rabies vaccinations. Violators may be fined.

*Township zoning must be adhered to as well. See Section 27-1035 for more information on Kennel Use & Occupancy requirements.

Remember that the state issues kennel licenses, the Township's role is verifying the appropriate land use according to the Zoning Ordinance. For more information on kennels, visit <http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Animals/DogLaw/Pages/Default.aspx>



Comprehensive Park & Rec Plan

The Park & Rec Board of Honey Brook Township, along with residents from a cross-section of the community, will be working with Pashek & MTR, Ltd. on the Township's first-ever Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenway Plan. The Board of Supervisors approved Pashek & MTR, Ltd. as consultants to the Committee for the drafting of this Plan. So far, five meetings have been held on Thursday evenings as announced. Be on the lookout for more information on the Township's website on the Park & Rec main page, <http://honeybrooktwp.com/administration-2/parks-and-recreation/>.

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Honey Brook Township 2019 Half Day Summer Camp for Students Grades K-5

June 18 through July 25 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), 9 am – noon

Please wear sneakers and bring a water bottle & snack! Sunscreen should be applied before arrival! Camp drop off/pick up will be at **Honey Brook Elementary School, 1530 Walnut Road, Honey Brook.**

REGISTRATION FORM – MUST register by June 14th

Name _____ Age _____ Grade Entering _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell Number _____

Emergency Contact Name (other than above) _____ Phone Number _____

Authorized person for pick-up other than Parent/Guardian _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

Allergies, medications or any health problems that staff should know about _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy/Group Number _____

Photo Release: I/We hereby give permission to have the Honey Brook Township (HBT) and its representatives take and use photos/images of my son/daughter in any printed materials and promotions affiliated with HBT, including use on the website, social media sites, brochures, flyers, press releases, etc. I/We understand and agree that there will be no compensation for use of these materials. I/We also agree to release and discharge the Honey Brook Township from all claims and demands of any nature whatsoever arising from or with respect to the use of these photos. (_____) Parent/guardian initials

Participation in the camp is voluntary. I/We hereby give our permission for our child to participate in the camp. I/We am/are aware that playing or participating in any activity can involve risk of injury. I/We recognize the importance of following the instructor's directions regarding camp rules, etc., and agree to follow such instructions.

In consideration of the permission granted, I/we, the undersigned, hereby **RELEASE, DISCHARGE** and **HOLD HARMLESS** the **Honey Brook Township and/or Michelle Zeitz** from all liability arising out of or in connection with this camp. The release and discharge of the **Honey Brook Township and/or Michelle Zeitz** from all liability includes any defect or alleged negligence attributed to the **Honey Brook Township and/or Michelle Zeitz** or any of its assistants supervising or instructing in the camp.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please check the session(s) your child will be attending:

June 18, 19, 20 _____ July 9, 10, 11 _____

June 25, 26, 27 _____ July 16, 17, 18 _____

NO camp 7/2 – 7/4 _____ July 23, 24, 25 _____

Number of Weeks _____ **x \$30 per week=** _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ Make check payable to: Honey Brook Township Park & Rec

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Date Received _____

Mail to: Honey Brook Township Park & Rec * P.O. Box 1281 * Honey Brook, PA 19344
Or, drop off at the Township Administration Building, 500 Suplee Road, during normal business hours.



Seven Ways to Be #StormwaterSmartPA

Adapted from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA-DEP) website, <https://www.dep.pa.gov/>

Here are actions you can take to reduce stormwater runoff pollution at your residence and in your community. You'll find more specific guidance on residential property stormwater best management practices in A Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Best Management Practices, at http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/BNPNSM/StormwaterManagement/ConstructionStormwater/SW_Booklet_2017.pdf.

1. Know the impaired streams near you

Visit the DEP's Pennsylvania stormwater GIS map site, <http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/MS4/index.html>. Select Chester County, then select Honey Brook Township, and then hit "click to view features." All the red lines are impaired streams. Click on the streams themselves to see their names and causes of impairment. Then take steps to start making a difference (see below).

2. Plant a rain garden

Rain gardens are native plants set in a hole or trench in the ground to help rain water infiltrate into the ground. The Penn State Extension Office provides a great how-to on the basics of planting a rain garden, <https://extension.psu.edu/rain-gardens-the-basics>. The Honey Brook Township Park and Recreation Board organized the planting of a garden to help keep the stream next to the James A. Umble Park clean; check it out next time you're there!

3. Set up a rain barrel at your residence

You can capture rainwater off your roof with a rain barrel, and then use the water in your garden or let it infiltrate slowly into the ground. There are various options, from very simple to more involved.

4. Think about lawn care a little differently

Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible. Compost or mulch yard waste; do not leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains.

The Penn State Ag and Environment Center shares 10 tips to maintain your lawn and protect water quality from the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association:

5. Contact your local government

Honey Brook Township is one of about 950 municipalities in Pennsylvania that are required to have stormwater management plans known as the Municipal Separate Storm Water System (also known as MS4), and is also required to have a Pollutant Reduction Plan. These plans are available for review at the Township Administration Office for review during normal business hours. Since MS4 municipalities are required to do public communications outreach to inform community residents about stormwater (through articles such as this one and other activities), the Township is always appreciative of anyone's help in organizing or publicizing a stormwater-related educational activity.

6. Calculate the stormwater runoff on your property to make informed building decisions

The national Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers a stormwater calculator software tool at <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/national-stormwater-calculator> that will estimate runoff at a location based on information such as soil type, landscape and land-use information, and weather.

7. Join forces!

Volunteer and professional organizations and businesses throughout Pennsylvania are taking action to reduce stormwater pollution. They offer classes on how to set up rain gardens and rain barrels at home. They hold events to plant rain gardens in city neighborhoods or vegetation on streambanks or to pick up trash. They work to find funding solutions for municipalities' stormwater efforts. And the list goes on.

Below are just a few examples of organizations in Chester County:

- Brandywine Conservancy.
- Chester County Conservation District:
- Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (formerly the Brandywine Valley Association—BVA and the Red Clay Valley Association).
- Penn State Extension
- Watershed associations such as Green Valleys Watershed Association at Welkenweir

Have you come up with ways to be stormwater smart in Pennsylvania? The PA-DEP would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions and see your stormwater management photos on social media. Share using the hashtag #StormwaterSmartPA, and help spread the word to reduce stormwater pollution in Pennsylvania.



Public Works

Roadmaster Reminders

The Roadmaster has some reminders for Township residents for Spring and Summer travel:

- **Please heed** any barriers closing a road. Possible reasons for a barricaded road could include (but are not limited to) maintenance on the road rendering it impassable, flooding, downed live wires, or an accident scene.
- The Roads Department will be carving (or recarving) ditches along certain roadways to aid in drainage during rain events this year and during snowmelt next spring.
- Mowers will be out once grasses grow tall along the roadsides. These vehicles are slow-moving; please give them room to work. If you must pass, pass with caution; however....
- If road lines look especially bright or new, they are likely to be freshly-applied! Please keep in mind that the Township or Commonwealth is **not responsible** for any paint splatter on your vehicle that might arise from freshly-painted lines or vehicles applying paint to Township or State roads. Keep clear of paint spraying equipment and do not cross center lines or move between lanes if you suspect fresh, wet paint.
- Oiling and chipping of various roads will occur in the summer. This practice, while temporarily inconvenient, helps extend the life of road surfaces by diminishing the likelihood of potholes next spring. If signs have been placed that indicate fresh oil and chips, **please slow down!**
- Remember the Right-of-Way (ROW) Ordinance, as outlined in Chapter 21, Section 3 of the Township Code of Ordinances: anyone who installs shrubbery or other similar plantings and landscaping, fences, or similar improvements within the public ROW shall do so with the understanding that such items shall be removed from the public ROW when requested to do so by the Township.

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Township Regulations

Permits Required

The Township requires that property owners obtain permits before starting most construction projects, opening a business, demolishing a structure or removing a trailer just to name a few. Listed below are common permits that are required:

- Building permits are required to erect, construct, reconstruct, enlarge, alter, move, change the use of, or demolish any structure which involves adding or removing structural square footage on the property. Permits are also required for sheds; decks, patios, and porches; signs; swimming pools and hot tubs; electrical/mechanical/plumbing; retaining walls; and new driveways and expansions.
- Zoning permits are generally reserved for smaller projects that are not subject to the Uniform Construction Code; projects that are subject to the UCC require building permits.
- Other permits are also required including those for any new business including home occupations and businesses; change in use of any building; timber harvesting; trailer removal, and yard sales to name a few.

Permit applications can be found on the Township website under the Documents/Forms tab, they can be picked up from the Township Office or the staff will be glad to mail them upon request. When in doubt, contact the Township staff with any questions.

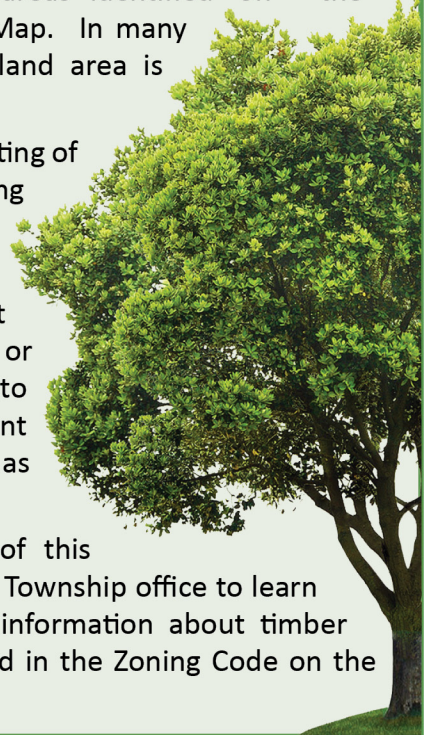
Removing Trees in the Township

If you want to remove trees on your property, you may need a permit issued by both the Township and the Chester County Conservation District. There are limits to the number of trees that can be removed or cleared from areas identified on the Township's Woodland Classification Map. In many cases the clearcutting of any woodland area is prohibited.

The removal of dead trees or the cutting of trees as part of a Christmas tree farming operation shall not be considered timber harvesting operations.

If you remove trees without a permit in an area governed by Township or County regulations you will likely have to hire a forester to prepare a replacement plan and then replace the trees as required by the Township.

Because of the technical nature of this regulation it is best if you contact the Township office to learn whether you need a permit. More information about timber harvesting requirements can be found in the Zoning Code on the Township's website.



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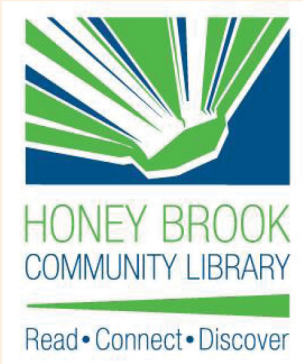
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Around the Community

Honey Brook Community Library Programs:



Adult Craft Class

Adult "make and take" craft on Thursdays, June 27, July 11 & 25, & August 8 at 6:00 pm.

Chatty Crafters

Join us every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Bring your craft, knitting, or crochet supplies and enjoy crafting and conversing!

Build & Play

For all ages on Tuesdays, June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, & August 6 at 10:00 am. Build with wooden blocks, Legos, Magnatiles, Lincoln Logs, Brainflakes, and more. Registration is required.

Family fun Nights – Board Games & Escape Room

On Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. July 2 & 30 is Board Games Night. July 9 will be an Escape Room game. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

Gaming Night – Electronic Games

For ages 8-18 on Tuesdays, June 25, July 16, & August 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Bring your DS, iPads, or other handheld game system, or take a turn on the Library's Xbox Kinect and WiiU. Registration is required.

Messy Science

Held Thursdays, June 27 through August 8 (except for July 4 & July 25) at 3:00 pm, for kids entering grades 2-5. Short stories are intertwined with fun math & science skills. Please dress to make a mess!

Mystery Book Club

Join us at the Honey Brook Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm for our Mystery Book Club. Stop in at the library to pick up a reading list.

Nature Thursdays

Join us at 10 am on the following dates for a look at nature this summer:

June 27, July 18 and Aug 1: Phil Witman and his bugs, reptiles and animals.

July 11 Lilly the therapy dog and her friend Pansy.

July 25: Matthew Johnson from the PA Game Commission.

Held outside for school-age children. Please bring a blanket or chairs. Siblings less than 1st grade must be well-supervised by a parent or guardian. Registration is required.

Sewing with Ms. Nancy

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm at the Honey Brook Library for all ages 12 and older. Ms. Nancy will help you with basic sewing skills or chose a pattern or project from the Library's many sewing books. We have five sewing machines at the library or bring your own.

Stories in the Shade with Miss Jennifer

Wednesdays at 10:00 am starting June 26 and running through August 7, the Story Time Universe of Stories Summer Party. In addition to stories, the songs and crafts will be outside when weather permits. Designed for preschoolers, but all are welcome! Please bring a blanket for sitting in the grass.

Honey Brook Community Library

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Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11 am - 8 pm

Fridays: 11 am - 5 pm

Saturdays: 10 am - 5 pm

Sundays: closed

Register for programs to jspade@ccls.org

Young Adult Book Club

This new book club is for ages 18 and up and meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Stop in for a flyer, find us on Facebook, call 610-273-3303, or e-mail jspade@ccls.org for more information on any of the above programs or to register.

Internet Hotspots Available!

Take the Internet with you. Hotspots from T-Mobile are available to rent from the Library. Going on a trip? Need Internet at home? Just always on the go? Rent one of our Hotspots. They will be \$6 for a 3-day rental and \$14 for a 7-day rental. They are 4 G and up to 10 devices can connect to them at the same time. Your library card must be free of fines and you will be required to show ID when checking them out.

Fundraising Opportunity: Amazon

If you are using Amazon, sign in first through Amazon Smile. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and select "Honey Brook Community Library Chester County Library" using the link. It's that easy! 5% of your purchases will be donated to the HBCL from Amazon. Please tell your friends and family and remember to sign in through Amazon Smile each time you use Amazon.

Board Members needed!

Board of Trustees members for the Library are currently needed. If you are looking to give back to your community, please inquire at the library. We need you to make our library great for the community. Board members serve a 3 year term and Board meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Contact Director Jennifer Spade or stop by if interested.

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Mid-Year 2019 Pantry News from the Board Chairman

Approaching the middle of our 6th year of serving local residents of the Honey Brook community, the HBFP has now registered nearly 1,300 families, serving over 10,000 pounds of food to 700-800 people per month. About one third of the families who no longer attend have been verified as “food independent”, clearly validating our mission and providing tangible evidence of meeting the needs of hungry families while they exist. The number of “emergency” situations continues to increase and we have developed several solutions including off- hours service, increasing home deliveries and the utilization of retail grocers.

It is important to note that recent communication from regional distributors of public food have warned of decreased menu selection, especially regarding produce.....the number one item in popularity from our recent participant survey. Equally concerning has been the drop in retail donations as local grocers focus more attention on reducing excess product.

June	July	August	September	October
June 12 10:00 am-1:30 pm	July 10 10:00 am-1:30 pm	August 14 10:00 am-1:30 pm	September 11 10:00 am-1:30 pm	October 9 10:00 am-1:30 pm
June 26 4:00-6:30 pm	July 24 4:00-6:30 pm	August 28 4:00-6:30 pm	September 25 4:00-6:30 pm	October 23 4:00-6:30 pm

In our quest to drive independence, many exciting things are happening every week:

- The weekend **Kids’ Back Pack Program (80)** through the two Elementary Schools is wrapping up with the highest ratings ever. **Summer food boxes will also be provided to all participating children**
- In conjunction with United Way of Chester County and Legal Aid, we have doubled our goal to **400 family real estate tax appeals** through July, projecting \$725 in savings/family/year or over **\$250,000**
- Healthy cooking demonstrations and ingredients are part of every distribution and our “Taste It” team has been invited to serve at this year’s **Brandywine Hospital Strawberry Festival (2-4pm on June 2nd)**
- A **Registered Dietician and Health Educator** provides comprehensive testing, smoking cessation, referrals for low cost medical/dental services and wellness counseling at every distribution
- The “Garden for Life” program is expanding to over 50 families including 25 children and a **Community Garden in the Borough Park is being added this year.**
- Employment support services are now regularly available (25+ participating), including Career Link Services, job postings and on-site recruiting and **EIGHT PLACEMENTS** have already been made!
- The **Nutritional Supplement Program for Infant-Age 3**, when proper development is most critical for future health, has been a great success. Specialized foods, instructions, educational materials and counseling are offered to over 40 families and parental feedback is overwhelming

Despite tremendous support from the community, the resources of the pantry are challenged by great need. Because we operate in an area without a large business presence, your assistance helps improve the quality of the experience of those we serve.

Please contact Ken (610-291-0067) or any Board Director with comments and many thanks for your support!!

Honey Brook Food Pantry where donated food and financial support are always needed.A non-profit 501(c) (3) organization I.D. 47-178665

Alternate Honey Brook Food Pantry Donation Drop-off Point

The Honey Brook Township Administration Office at 500 Suplee Road is a drop-off point for non-perishable donations to the Honey Brook Food Pantry during the Township’s normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm. Consult the Pantry’s website for the most up-to-date list of accepted (and needed) donation items. Look for the bin in the lobby of the Administration Building at 500 Suplee Rd.



Pennsylvania Businesses Encouraged to Obtain a Spotted Lanternfly Permit

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is encouraging businesses to obtain the required Spotted Lanternfly permit to ensure they are complying with the Spotted Lanternfly quarantine orders. Gearing up for the next phase of the Spotted Lanternfly life cycle, now is the best time for businesses to learn how they can jump-start this spring's fight.



There is no cost to businesses to obtain a permit. Under the law, businesses in the commonwealth need to take the online permit training and exam and receive a permit for their vehicles. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture continues its work to contain and minimize the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly while also keeping commerce flowing in Pennsylvania.

Why is a permit needed? In November 2017, Thirteen Pennsylvania counties – Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill – were placed under quarantine to help stop the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly. States such as New York and New Jersey with Spotted Lanternfly populations are also required to follow the permit requirements for Pennsylvania. This will help prevent the movement of the pest from other states into Pennsylvania.

The Spotted Lanternfly permit training teaches business owners, managers, or designated employees how to comply with the quarantine – an important legal designation to help stop the spread of Spotted Lanternfly – to ensure each of their employees are complying with the law. The quarantine order directs businesses, residents and county authorities to follow guidelines to prevent the movement of the certain articles that contain any living stages of the Spotted Lanternfly, including egg masses, nymphs and adults

Starting May 1 of this year, the Department of Ag's Bureau of Plant Industry began performing inspections and verification checks to confirm that businesses are properly permitted. Failure to take the permit exam and educate employees could result in possible penalties and fines.

The permit training and testing can be accessed online through the Penn State Extension website at <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>. For any questions regarding permitting, please contact the Department's Spotted Lanternfly permit coordinator at slfpermit@pa.gov.



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Honey Brook Fire Company News

The Honey Brook Fire Company is a 100% volunteer fire company that relies on volunteer staff to provide 24/7 coverage to the community. Fundraisers and donations help fund the HBFC in its service to Honey Brook and surrounding areas. Please support the HBFC in it's upcoming fundraisers:

Friday, July 26 1st Annual Golf Tournament, 8 am - 2 pm
Honey Brook Golf Club

Register at <http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/hbfirecompany>

Saturday, Nov. 23 Turkey Raffle

Visit the HBFC website for more details at <http://www.honeybrookfire.org/>.

The Chester County Fire Chiefs Association is launching a volunteer recruitment campaign focusing on the importance of volunteerism and encouraging residents of Chester County to become a firefighter, fire police, EMT, junior firefighter or administrative volunteer. Visit HelpFightFire.com for a description of each position and information about becoming a volunteer.

CCFCA Association Launches Volunteer Recruitment Campaign

The Chester County Fire Chiefs Association (CCFCA) is excited to announce it has launched a new volunteer recruitment and awareness campaign.

The focus of this new campaign will be to promote the importance of volunteerism and encourage residents to become a firefighter, fire police, EMT, junior firefighter or administrative volunteer by visiting HelpFightFire.com.

The CCFCA is the advisory body to 55 separate volunteer fire departments and companies located in Chester County, all of which have volunteer opportunities within their respective locations.

As part of the kick-off to the recruitment campaign, the CCFCA unveiled its newest slogan "Volunteer Today. Chester County Lives Depend on It," which will be included in all print and electronic materials sent to the community. In addition, the CCFCA has rebooted its website, to help prospective volunteers understand the vital role they can play in protecting their community. The website also includes a volunteer inquiry form they can fill out.

There are a variety of opportunities available for prospective volunteers:

- **Firefighters:** Help save lives and protect property in your community. In the exciting world of firefighting volunteers learn to do things like advance a hose line, perform search-and-rescue operations, and position ladders strategically. Training and equipment needed to stay safe is provided free of charge.
- **EMTs:** Help save lives by transporting the sick and injured to the hospital. Volunteers are there to respond to specialized calls like auto accidents, carbon monoxide alarms and other rescue calls. Again, training and equipment is provided.
- **Fire Police:** Help keep an emergency situation safe by directing traffic and crowds and providing general assistance to other first responders.
- **Junior Firefighters:** Gain experience around a fire house as a teen, lend a hand and begin fire training that will prepare you to become a full member at 18 years old. Volunteering as a junior firefighter is also a great way to secure community service hours.
- **Administrative volunteers:** Non-emergency volunteers play a huge role. They help teach fire safety, assist in fundraising event, help with bookkeeping, human resources, website maintenance and other duties. Whatever the skill set, we can use it.

The new campaign will also develop content to post on the official Help Fight Fire social media accounts as well as billboard and movie theater advertisements and production, press releases and other print and electronic materials. For more information on volunteer opportunities available near you, visit HelpFightFire.com.

Downingtown Area Senior Center Serves Honey Brook Township Seniors!

DASC Membership is available for seniors, ages 60+, who live in the central Chester County region and beyond. Membership is not required for participation at the Center, including lunch, or information/ assistance, but is highly encouraged. Visit the DASC website for more information: <https://www.downingtownsensiors.org/>.

Ongoing Assistance

Sarah, the DASC's I & A Coordinator, is available by appointment to discuss your needs and direct you to appropriate resources. Stop in and meet her when you are at DASC, or call her at 610 -269 -3939. She is available to help with any questions you may have regarding:

- Apprise (Medicare) Counseling
- Reading or filling out forms
- SEPTA options
- Affordable Housing
- Social Security
- VA Benefits
- Welfare Benefits/Medicaid
- PACE/PaceNet
- PECO
- CAP
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate (see below)
- ROVER



Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Homeowners income rebate

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\$8,001 -\$15,000 = \$500

Standard \$15,001 -\$18,000 = \$300 Standard

\$18,001 -\$35,000 = \$250 Standard

Renters income rebate:

\$0 -\$8,000 = \$650 Maximum

\$8,001 -\$15,000 = \$500 Maximum

Note: *Applicants can exclude one half of all Social Security Income

* Deadline is June 30, 2019.



MS4 MATTERS

What is an “MS4” and where do MS4 regulations come from?

The federal Clean Water Act (CWA) prohibits the discharge of pollutants into United States’ waterways without an associated permit. Pennsylvania and its Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) regulate the discharge of pollutants through multiple programs in order to meet the runoff related requirements set forth by the federal CWA. The MS4 program in particular regulates and permits discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4). An MS4 is a system of stormwater conveyances (i.e. storm drains, pipes, ditches, and outfalls) that drain directly to waterways and are owned by a state, city, town, village, or other public entity.

Honey Brook Township has a regulated MS4; therefore, the township is required to develop and implement a stormwater management program which incorporates six minimum control measures to reduce contaminated stormwater runoff:

- Public education and outreach
- Public involvement and participation
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations and maintenance

Untreated or uncontrolled stormwater runoff is the leading cause of impairment to our local waterways and the number one cause of water pollution throughout the United States. Stormwater runoff can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt (yes, excess dirt in our waterways is a pollutant) and other pollutants which then flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water, completely untreated. Pennsylvania’s MS4 program is ultimately aimed at protecting water quality through pollution reduction at a municipal level.



Be the solution to stormwater pollution!

Dirt, debris, garbage, and chemicals that run into our storm drains will flow (untreated) to our rivers.

If you suspect an illicit discharge, contact Honey Brook Township at (610)-273-3970



Food Safety During and After a Power Outage

Did you know the loss of power from high winds, snow, or ice could jeopardize the safety of your food? Knowing how to determine if food is safe and how to keep food safe will help minimize the potential loss of food and reduce the risk of foodborne illness. The following tips will help you make the right decisions for keeping your family safe during and after a power outage:

When the Power Goes Out . . .

Here are basic tips for keeping food safe:

1. Keep the **refrigerator and freezer doors closed** as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature.
 - The refrigerator will keep food **cold for about 4 hours** if it is unopened.
 - A **full freezer** will keep the temperature for approximately **48 hours** (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.
2. Buy **dry or block ice** to keep the refrigerator as cold as possible if the power is going to be out for a prolonged period of time. Fifty pounds of dry ice should keep an 18 cubic foot, fully stocked freezer cold for two days.
3. If you plan to eat refrigerated or frozen meat, poultry, fish, or eggs while they are still at safe temperatures, it is important that each item is **thoroughly cooked to a safe minimum internal temperature** to ensure that any foodborne bacteria that may be present are destroyed. However, if at any point the food was above 40° F for 2 hours or more (or 1 hour if temperatures are above 90 ° F) — **discard it**.

Once Power is Restored . . .

Determine the safety of your food:

1. If an appliance thermometer was kept in the freezer, **check the temperature** when the power comes back on. If the freezer thermometer reads 40° F or below, the food is safe and may be refrozen.
2. If a thermometer has not been kept in the freezer, **check each package** of food to determine its safety. You can't rely on appearance or odor. If the food **still contains ice crystals** or is 40° F or below, it is safe to re-freeze or cook.
3. Refrigerated food should be safe as long as the power was out for **no more than 4 hours** and the refrigerator door was kept shut. Discard any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, or leftovers) that has been at temperatures above 40° F for 2 hours or more (or 1 hour if temperatures are above 90° F).

Perishable food such as meat, poultry, seafood, milk, and eggs that are not kept adequately refrigerated or frozen may cause illness if consumed, even when they are thoroughly cooked.

For more information about what to save and what to throw out, visit: https://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/charts/refridg_food.html



FREE FOOD



FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS

Requirements:

1. 60 or older
2. Living in Chester County
3. Monthly household income cannot exceed:
\$1287 for a household of one person
\$1736 for a household of two people

Must have ID and proof of income to apply

Monthly Box of Food Includes:

- 4 cans of vegetables
- 2 cans of fruit
- 2 shelf-stable milk
- 2 bottles of juice
- 2 cereal
- 1 meat
- 1 peanut butter or beans
- 2 lbs of pasta or rice
- 1 block of cheese



For More Info:

Contact
Honey Brook
Community Library at
610-273-3303

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

CSFP is a monthly food program through the USDA that provides free food to senior citizens age 60 and above with income at or below 130% of the federal poverty level. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Around the Community (cont.)

ADVERTISE IN THE HONEY BROOK NEWSLETTER!

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EIGHTH PAGE	\$195
QUARTER PAGE	\$340
HALF PAGE	\$540
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Veterans Celebration

The Honey Brook Township Veterans Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at Tel Hai. Time is TBA. Check the website for details.



Honey Brook Borough Events

July 13:	Bocce Tournament, 5:00 pm
September 21:	Bocce Tournament, 9:00 am
November 2:	Bocce Turkey Tournament 9:00 am (with court-side potluck Thanksgiving dinner)

Borough Park Free Concerts: Sundays, 5:30-8:00 pm

June 9:	Cabin Dogs
July 7:	Knotwork Band
August 4:	The Bovine Social Club
Sept. 15, 5:00 pm	Serene Green

Details and links to band websites can be found on the Borough's website, honeybrookborough.net. In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by 1:00 pm on concert day; call 610-273-2020 for updates

May 27:	Memorial Day Parade, 10:00 am
October 21:	Halloween Parade, 7:00 pm (rain date 10/28)

For information, call 610-273-2020

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Shepherd's Kitchen

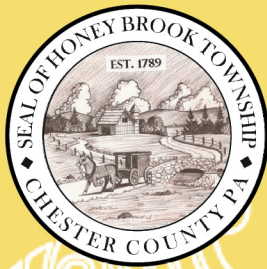
Shepherd's Kitchen Offers Monthly Free Meal to the Community

The Honey Brook Presbyterian Church, 4331 Horseshoe Pike, has been serving meals and sharing companionship with the community since 2012. The free meals are usually served on the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:30, and they are nutritiously and lovingly prepared. All are welcome to come and break bread! Upcoming dates are:

June 6 • July 11 • August 1

September 5 • October 3 • November 7

Visit the Shepherd's Kitchen on Facebook (the menu or cancellation notice can be found there):
<https://www.facebook.com/Honey-Brook-Presbyterian-Church-331648382176/>
or call 610-273-2848 with questions.



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