

# Honey Brook Township

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### Board of Supervisors

#### 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](http://www.honeybrooktwp.com).

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

Sincerely,

The Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors



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

*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 the Thursday prior to their regular business meeting. The regular meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. The sole exception to this is the January meeting, which will take place on January 7, 2019 at 7:00 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

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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 to pay 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 real estate taxes to three 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. 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 2018 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 also collects the Township’s Real Estate Tax. The Township’s 2018 tax rate is 0.98 mills; the 2019 rate will be discussed along with other budget items in late fall by the Board of Supervisors.

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



## 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](http://www.tvsd.org)  
Superintendent: Dr. Robert Pleis

## Schools

<b>Twin Valley High School</b>	610-286-8600	<b>Honey Brook Elementary Center</b>	610-273-3615
100 North Twin Valley Road, Elverson, PA 19520		1530 West Walnut Street, Honey Brook, PA 19344	
<b>Twin Valley Middle School</b>	610-286-8660	<b>Robeson Elementary</b>	610-582-9580
970 Clymer Hill Road, Elverson, PA 19520		801 White Bear Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508	
<b>Twin Valley Elementary Center</b>	610-286-8670		
50 Mast Drive, Elverson, PA 19520			



## 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 and Don Mertz.

### 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 Board meets at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month during January through June and August through October.

Lee Heller, *Co-Chair*

Therese Mauchline, *Secretary*

Christine Luke, *Member*

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, *Chair*

Levi Kauffman, *Member*

Terry Schmidt, *Member*

Gary McEwen, *Vice-Chair*

Melissa Needles, *Member*

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, *Chair & Secretary*

Susan Lacy, *Member*

Chip Jones, *Assistant 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

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(those living south of Route 322):

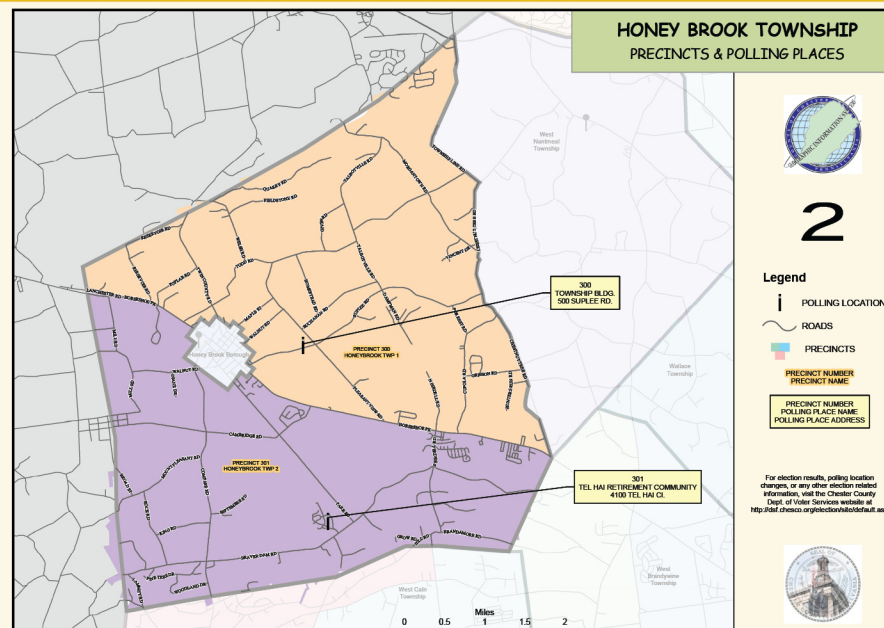
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### Precinct 300

Honey Brook Township 1

(those living north of Route 322):

Polling place :

Township Administration  
Building

500 Suplee Road

Honey Brook

The 2018 General Election is November 6, 2018.

To register to vote or for voting questions, please contact Chester County Voter Services at 610-344-6410 or visit [www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services](http://www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services).



## General Information (cont.)

### Land Preservation Update

The Land Preservation Program is an important program used to maintain the Township's agricultural heritage and rural landscape. To date, over 3,900 acres of land has been preserved.

The Land Preservation Committee (LPC) has recommended an update to the Land Preservation Plan, adopted in 2007 and updated in 2012. The Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of this update at a future date. Visit the Land Preservation page of the Township website for more information.

The LPC meets on odd-numbered months, generally on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The January Meeting is at 8:00 am on January 15, followed by a Farmer's Breakfast at 9:00 am. The public is welcome to attend this free event; however, reservations are required by January 8 at 610-273-3970.

### 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

This community environmental volunteer group aims to advocate for the beauty and sustainability of our local environment through community involvement, cooperation, and action. Every other Thursday from 4:30-5:30 pm, the group meets at the Honey Brook Borough Building, 73 Pequea Avenue. The group gathers its gloves, bags, etc. and heads out to designated areas around town to pick up trash and recyclables. In addition to regular clean-up days, the Honey Brook Environmental Group has collaborated with the Township Park & Recreation Board on various projects, including planting trees at James A. Umble Park in 2017 and the Great American Cleanup for the past 2 years. The group also presents environmentally-themed children's presentations at the Honey Brook Community Library.

This is an innovative and fun opportunity for residents of all ages anyone and everyone 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) 798-5582 or [tierragraham1998@gmail.com](mailto:tierragraham1998@gmail.com).



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## Outdoor Burning

Outdoor burning of municipal waste, leaf waste, yard waste, or recyclable materials that are required to be separated and collected (newspaper, cardboard, clear glass, and plastics) is PROHIBITED. Small controlled fires, such as campfires, are not prohibited, but toxic materials of any kind cannot be burned at any time. Any and all fires shall be monitored at all times and one should keep a source of water nearby in case of emergency.

The Right-to-Farm Act does not prohibit farmers on farms of over 5 acres from carrying out normal and customary activities of farming operations, which occasionally includes open burning. However, a farmer may NOT burn municipal waste, leaves, plastic, or recyclables generated from a residential unit on the farm or from any other residential property. The Right-to-Farm Act also permits the use of newspaper for bedding for farm animals, and the composting and spreading of manure or other farm-produced agricultural wastes, provided that such activities are conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.





## 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](http://www.511PA.com).



## Honey Brook Community Partnership

### Honey Brook Community Harmony Day 2018: Country Fair Carnival at the Fire Company Fairgrounds Featuring Tons of Fun Shows

The Honey Brook Community Partnership (HBCP) had planned a four-day carnival culminating in Harmony Day on September 15, 2018. Although inclement weather sought to cancel the festivities entirely, the Saturday carnival hours were extended and location of the rides was changed to prevent the equipment from sinking into the ground.

The Health and Wellness Fair was held once again, this time in the Honey Brook Borough Park. Community members had the opportunity to fill up their "Wellness Passport" for a chance at prizes. Congratulations to the winners:

1st Place, Hallie Hagenbuch - 2nd Place, Alice Winston - 3rd Place, Katelyn Haiti 4th Place, Haiden Ward

Community groups also had the opportunity to show off their talents at the concert shell: Russell's Dance and Baton Studio, Fox Music Den Student Bank, Brandywine Martial Arts, and Monumental City Dog Training and Embark Dog Walking.

Various other locations held activities as well: Gateway Baptist Church, Heatherwood Retirement Community, Honey Brook American Legion Post 422, Honey Brook Community Library, Honey Brook Presbyterian Church, Howell Masonic Lodge, Honey Brook Hardware, The Long Way Home, and State Farm Agent Ryan Tyler.

Lastly, the Honey Brook Township Park & Recreation Board screened the movie "Coco" for free in James A. Umble Park.

#### Other Honey Brook Community Partnership Events

"Make a Difference Day" is one of the largest annual single days of service projects nationwide, held on the fourth Saturday in October each year. The goal is to improve the lives of others through a wide range of community-driven service projects. This year, the Partnership collected diapers and wipes for the Honey Brook Food Pantry and socks and underwear for the Coatesville VA Hospital.

The "Deck the Brook" decorating contest is held in early December each year. Honey Brook residents and businesses are invited to decorate their front doors and yards for the holidays and enter a competition to win prizes. Registration ends November 30, 2018

The HBCP and the Harmony Day Committee wishes to thank our 2018 sponsors! Your support allows us to continue the tradition of Harmony Day, which is our annual opportunity showcase our community and to draw residents and visitors to Honey Brook to enjoy family-friendly activities.

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for early December voting. This year will feature public voting on the Partnership's website, [www.hbpartnership.org](http://www.hbpartnership.org).

New in 2018 were the awarding of grants to non-profit organizations and two scholarships to graduating seniors from Twin Valley High School. Those receiving grants were the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Hearts and Hands Community Center, Honey Brook Community Library, Honey Brook Environmental Group, Honey Brook Food Pantry, Honey Brook Women's Club, Shepherd's Kitchen, and Steeple to People Youth Center. The Twin Valley High School seniors who received scholarship awards were Andrew Stoltzfus and David Gao. Andrew is attending Villanova and David is attending Shippensburg University. Visit the Partnership's website for information on the 2019 grants and scholarship opportunities.

Honey Brook Community Partnership meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 am at Heatherwood Retirement Community. For more information about the Partnership and the events and projects they organize, please contact Donna Horvath at [donna@honeybrookgolf.com](mailto:donna@honeybrookgolf.com).

## 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.





## General Information (cont.)

### MS4 and You

#### The Ins and Outs of Septic Systems in Pennsylvania

By Janice Vollero, Water Program Specialist, Bureau of Clean Water  
(see <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/Pages/default.aspx>)

About 26 percent of Pennsylvania households rely on a septic system located on their property to treat their sewage. Most of these homes also have a private well for their drinking water.

If you use a septic system, be septic smart! If you understand how your system works and how to maintain it, you will:

- protect your drinking water supply and your health;
- ensure your system's longevity—and avoid paying thousands for a new system;
- protect your property value; and
- help protect Pennsylvania's groundwater, streams, rivers, and lakes.

Because of Pennsylvania's geology, soils, land development patterns, and aging septic systems, there's a risk of substandard septic systems contaminating our groundwater and surface waters—our streams, rivers, and lakes.

When surface waters are contaminated with viruses and bacteria from sewage, swimmers are at increased risk of contracting eye and ear infections, acute gastrointestinal illness, hepatitis, or other infectious diseases. When groundwater is contaminated, it may pollute your own and others' drinking water supply and spread disease in people and animals. Did you know viruses can survive in groundwater for more than a year?

In 2016, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reported that septic system failure was implicated in 202 impaired stream miles and 3,304 impacted lake acres in Pennsylvania.

Here are the ins and outs of septic system maintenance to protect your health, your budget, and Pennsylvania's waters.

#### Who Has Oversight of Your Septic System?

In Pennsylvania, local municipalities (boroughs, townships, cities) are responsible for making sure that private septic systems of 10,000 gallons or less meet DEP requirements. Any time you have questions about an existing septic system or installation of a new system on your property, you should first call the Sewage Enforcement Officer for Honey Brook Township, Eric Leskowich, who properly sites, permits, and inspects the installation of all septic systems to ensure they meet requirements. Phone 610-344-5270.

#### Soil Is Your Best Friend: How Your Septic System Operates

Your household sends into your septic system not only human waste, but also all other liquid wastes—bath water, kitchen and bathroom sink water, laundry water, and water softener backwash. So here's what happens underground when you flush, do laundry, or use the sink or tub:

The heavier solid matter settles to the bottom of the septic tank, where microorganisms feed on the waste and break it down. Lighter fats, oils, and greases float to the top of the tank, forming a scum that may eventually break down or be skimmed during system maintenance.

The liquid that remains is still sewage. As it exits the tank, it contains disease-causing bacteria and viruses, as well as other contaminants. Another treatment step is needed before the sewage reaches the groundwater or surface water.

The sewage flows through a pipe to a bed of gravel or other aggregate, called a drainfield. Here, it's dispersed to percolate through the soil for further treatment by microbes.

Because of its filtering ability and the microbes it contains, soil is the most important part of a septic system! It is the critical barrier between partially treated sewage and groundwater and surface waters.

The type of septic system you can have depends on many factors—soil depth to bedrock or groundwater, how quickly or slowly the water moves through the soil, and the soil type and texture, just to name a few. A general rule of thumb is that the site needs at least 20 inches of good soil.

#### Keep Things Moving Underground

The average lifespan of a septic system is estimated at 15 to 40 years, but it may last longer if properly maintained. Just like changing the oil in your car, maintaining your septic system extends its life for a small cost compared to the expense of installing a new system, which typically runs \$15,000 or more.

Think at the sink, and don't overload the commode. Consider what you put down your sink and toilet. Limit the use of your garbage disposal. Avoid using common household items that can clog your system or kill the microbes underground that you need to treat the wastewater.

- "System Cloggers" -- diapers, baby wipes (even ones marketed as "flushable"), cat litter, cigarettes, coffee grounds, fats, grease, solids, feminine hygiene products and prophylactic devices.
- "Treatment Killers" -- household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint, and high amounts of anti-bacterial soaps and detergents.

**Don't strain your drain.** The less water you use, the less your septic system has to work. Stagger the use of water-based appliances, use high-efficiency plumbing fixtures, and repair any leaks in your home.

**Shield your field.** Keep anything heavier than your lawnmower off your drainfield. Divert rain and surface water away from it. Plant trees and bushes away from the drainfield, since roots can clog the field and cause the system to fail. Your local garden center will be able to tell you the likely length of tree and shrub roots.

**Protect it and inspect it.** According to Pennsylvania regulations, solids should be pumped out of the septic tank every three years, or when an inspection shows the tank is more than one-third filled with solids or scum. An inspector will also check that electrical float switches, pumps, and mechanical components are all operating correctly. Call the Sewage Enforcement Officer for more information.

Be aware of the following warning signs of a malfunctioning septic system:

1. Wastewater backing up or gurgling into household drains.
2. A strong odor or black ooze around the septic tank or drainfield.
3. Bright green grass or spongy conditions appearing on or near your drainfield.

If your system is malfunctioning, call your local Sewage Enforcement Officer immediately. The sooner you act, the less pollution will occur and the lower the cost of repair work.

With proper operation and maintenance, your septic system will serve your home and help protect the waters of Pennsylvania for years to come. Do your part and be septic smart!

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## Trash and Recycling

### 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](http://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. Fees may apply; check with the CCSWA.

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.

### WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Please, please throw it out! That may not be the message you want to hear near EarthDay, but the truth is "too zealous recyclers have contaminated the recyclables with trash ." They are ruining the ability to market the material nationwide. Chester County residents are great recyclers, but shouldn't be tempted to be too passionate putting items in the bin that do not belong and "trashing" the recyclables . Properly prepared and collected recyclables are valued commodities sold on a global market. When too many non-recyclables (trash) are mixed in with the recyclables it all becomes trash, because it is too costly to separate and requires disposal at a landfill. Meanwhile, too much money has been spent on collection, transportation and processing material that wasn't worth collecting in the first place .

Scrap metal, hangers, pieces of rope or hose, pieces of wood, yard waste and children's toys are just a few of the items that "contaminate" the recyclables. Scrap metal may be taken to a scrap dealer, yard waste should be composted, and reusable children's toys may be donated or thrown away if broken. Do not put them in the recycling bins.

Plastic bags present another problem. Recyclables should never be put in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not recyclable in curbside programs. They jam the source separating equipment at recycling facilities. Plastic shopping bags can be returned to your local grocery store and plastic trash bags should be used for trash only not recyclables.

Most curbside programs in Chester County collect mixed paper, flattened corrugated cardboard cut down to 18" x 24", glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans, plastic bottles and containers #1-5 plus 7. Our programs also collect clean aluminum foil and pie tins and empty steel aerosol cans. No Styrofoam, polystyrene foam. Everything else should be thrown away and that's okay. Only plastic containers and bottles with recycling symbols can be recycled. If there is no recycling symbol, throw it out. Most recyclables will come from the kitchen or the mail as paper or corrugated cardboard. If you really want to do something positive for the planet, do it right. If in doubt, throw it out!

Still unsure or want to know more? Contact your hauler, Township recycling coordinator, or visit [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org) for more information.



## Parks & Recreation Information

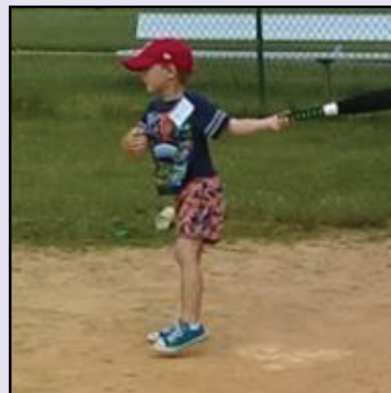
### Summer 2018 Youth Programs Recap



The half-day summer camp, in its fourth year, was run by Michelle Zeitz, Theresa Androwick, and Lauren Swan, with two high school age helpers, at the Honey Brook Elementary Center three mornings a week for five weeks. Attendance averaged 34 per week with more than 59 different children in grades K-6; our most successful summer camp to date! Each week had a different theme with games to coincide with the theme, plus weekly visits to the Honey Brook Community Library and a water games day (most welcome on the hot summer days!).

#### 2019 Youth Activities

Look for registration forms and details about the activities for Summer 2019 activities in the Spring/Summer 2019 edition of the Township Newsletter or watch the Township website at [www.honeybrook-twp.com](http://www.honeybrook-twp.com) for announcements.



### 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.

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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.

Please note: Permits are not required for re-shingling of roofs; painting, flooring, or siding; exact replacement of windows or doors; sealcoating a driveway; or other cosmetic repairs, unless any structural changes or changes in footprint occur.

- 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: any new business including home occupations; Accessory dwellings; 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 at 610-273-3970.

### Dog Laws

#### *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 or online at [www.padoglicense.com](http://www.padoglicense.com). An annual license is \$8.50 and a life time 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.
- 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, to police at 610-486-6280, or the PA Animal Cruelty Hotline, 866-601-7722.
- 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.
- 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.

*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.*



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# Public Works

## Park Road Improvement Complete

The Public Works staff completed its work on Park Road, located between Cambridge and Beaver Dam Roads. This nearly 1.5-year process included widening of about two (2) feet on one side of the road, installation of stormwater catch basins and pipe, resurfacing the entire roadway, and line painting. The work was done with in-house manpower, a rare occurrence for most municipalities of the size of Honey Brook Township, which saved Township taxpayers from paying more for hiring outside laborers to perform the work. Don Johnson and his staff are to be commended for their hard work on this project. See the before and after (prior to line painting) pictures below.

The entire expense for these improvements was paid for with monies in the Township's Liquid Fuels fund that are received each year from the Commonwealth. These monies are raised from the taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel and are distributed to municipalities according to the mileage of roads each one maintains. Liquid Fuels monies may only be used for maintenance and improvement of our local roads, bridges, and storm sewers.



Looking North on Park Road by the bridge, before.



Looking North on Park Road, after.



Looking South on Park Road by the bridge, before.



Looking South on Park Road, after.



Stormwater outfall by the bridge on Park Road.



Catch basin example.

## From the Public Works Director

Fall is here and winter is rapidly approaching. Here are some tips to keep you and your neighbors safe:

### Fall Weather Responsibilities

- 1. Mailboxes:** Please check the position of your mailbox to insure that it doesn't extend over the edge of the street making it susceptible to plow damage. The Road Crew makes every effort to avoid causing damage to mailboxes; however, plowed snow may be pushed against mailbox posts, especially during large storms.
- 2. Remove all items from the Township's right-of-way before winter arrives.** Items like decorations, basketball hoops, Ag bags, real estate or political signs, or other portable objects are not permitted in the right-of-way at any time. A good rule of thumb is to keep such items at least 10 feet back from the roadway to reduce the chance of plow damage.
- 3. Trim trees and shrubs** so that branches do not extend within three feet of the roadway edge.
- 4. Grass clippings and leaves** must never be blown into the street or storm drains.

### Winter Weather Responsibilities

- 1. Vehicle Parking:** Whenever there is a winter weather event, all vehicles must be removed from the streets including cul-de-sacs in the Township until the storm has ended and the Public Works staff has completed the final storm clean-up. **The Township is not required to declare a weather emergency for this requirement.** If vehicles are parked on streets and cul-de-sacs during a winter weather event, they are subject to towing at the owner's expense.
- 2. Sidewalks:** Snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm ends. If you can't completely clear your sidewalk because of ice conditions, treat it with sand or other abrasive material.
- 3. DO NOT throw or blow snow into the streets.** Pile the snow behind the curb line or street edge where it won't obstruct traffic movement or the Township's plowing operations.
- 4. Fire Hydrants and Storm Drains:** You are required to clear snow around fire hydrants on your property. You can also help minimize flooding by clearing snow from storm sewer catch basins located along your property.
- 5. Tips about clearing your driveway:** The Township receives complaints every year about the staff plowing driveways closed or covering sidewalks after a resident has spent hours shoveling them open. Unfortunately, during plowing operations, snow is pushed to the right side of the road, regularly blocking driveways and occasionally covering sidewalks.

*The best way to avoid having to clear snow from your driveway multiple times is to wait until plowing operations are completed before you clean up.* If you'd like to get a head start but don't need to get out of your driveway, consider not shoveling the last six feet toward the street until the plowing operation is complete. If you need to clear your driveway before plowing is complete, you can minimize the amount of snow plowed into the driveway in the following manner: clear not only your driveway out into the street, but also all of the snow at least 10 feet along the street. This will allow plows to unload most of the snow before crossing in front of your driveway.

Bear in mind that any damage caused from the Public Works staff's plowing operations or moving items out of the right-of-way prior to such operations is the property owner's responsibility.

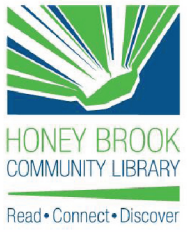
### Planning Ahead for Spring

If you are planning on installing a driveway or changing a current one this spring, remember that you will need a Road or Highway Occupancy Permit by either the Township (if it connects to a Township road) or the State (if it connects to a state road). Even if your driveway connects to a private road in the Township, you will need a permit for any impervious coverage you install on your property.



## Around the Community

### Honey Brook Community Library Programs:



#### 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.

#### Knitting & Crocheting Club

Every Thursday from 7 – 9 pm, join in the fun for this knitting, crocheting, and needlework group for young adults and adults. Bring your own supplies.

#### Building Club for Little Ones

Bring your preschooler to play with LEGOs, wooden blocks, Lincoln logs, & magnatiles on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. Registration required.

#### Building Club for grades K-5th

Held on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Registration required.

#### Dungeons and Dragons Club

Held on select Saturdays from 3:00-5:00 pm.

#### Environmental Kids Club

Held at 6:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month for grades K-5. Topics include Water, Endangered Animals, and Protecting Our Planet. Registration required.

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#### Raise-A-Reader

This program for children age 0-36 months includes rhymes, finger plays, music, and lots of books with Miss Melissa. Limited to 15 children and their caregiver on Fridays at 10:00 am. Registration required; three sessions per year.

#### Sewing with Ms. Nancy

Wednesdays 6:30-8 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.

#### Story Time with Miss Jennifer

Enjoy songs, stories, and crafts at the Honey Brook Library on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10:00-11:00 am through December 6. Best suited for preschool ages 2 -5, but all ages are welcome.

#### 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.

Honey Brook Community Library  
687 Compass Road  
Honey Brook, PA 19344  
610-273-3303

Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays: 11 am - 6 pm  
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](mailto:jspade@ccls.org)

### 50th anniversary of National 9-1-1 Service

Did you know that the very first 9-1-1 call was made in Haleyville, Alabama on February 16, 1968? This means that this valuable service to connect the public to emergency help is celebrating 50 years this year.

The digits 9-1-1 were selected 50 years ago because they were easily remembered, could be dialed quickly, and were never authorized as an office code, area code, or service code. In the days of analog phone systems with rotary dialing systems, area codes had either 0 or 1 as the second digit. Larger metro areas had smaller numbers in their area codes, requiring less time to dial them (think 312 in Chicago, 215 in Philadelphia, and 212 in New York City). As the number of available numbers within each area code began to max out, and more dial-tone phones were in use than rotary-dialed phones, area codes with numbers other than 0 or 1 were introduced starting in 1995.

#### Since the advent of 9-1-1, other "1-1" services have been introduced:

2-1-1: information and referrals to health,  
human and social service organizations

3-1-1: information services specific to cities,  
such as New York or Philadelphia

4-1-1: information, for phone numbers

5-1-1: transportation and traffic information hotline

7-1-1: used for the Telecommunications Relay Service to translate from a telecommunications device for the deaf (or TDD) to speech, and vice versa. The relay service allows deaf people to converse with the hearing over the phone through an operator.

8-1-1: PA One Call (also known as "Call Before You Dig")

Ryan Tyler 610-273-6161 Route 10, Honey Brook Township



## Honey Brook Food Pantry

The Honey Brook Food Pantry is located at Door #8 of the Good Food Distribution Center, 5064 Horseshoe Pike (across from Wimpy & Dee's Diner). Distributions are the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month except where noted due to holidays. One visit per month per household, please.

HBFP is well on the way to completing its fifth year in the local community, serving close to 700 people per month. At our current pace, we will add nearly 120 families seeking help this year alone, continuing to demonstrate the need that exists. Many of our clients have serious disabilities and many are elderly, driving a dramatic increase in the need for home deliveries.....averaging 33 per month so far in 2018....an increase of 62% over last year.14 emergency needs were also met. It is important to note that nearly half the households served by the pantry are families with children.

In an attempt to follow up with individuals who have been away from the pantry for over one year (a 2018 Goal), of those reached for post-service interviews, 25% reported having secured employment or reached food independence without the benefit of the pantry....a result highly consistent with our mission. Two local employers have also recruited on site during our distributions.

December	January	February	March	April	May
December 12 10:00 am-1:30 pm December 26 4:00-6:30 pm Holiday Pickup Only: December 8, 10 am - 1:00 pm	January 9 10:00 am-1:30 pm January 23 4:00-6:30 pm	February 13 10:00 am-1:30 pm February 27 4:00-6:30 pm	March 13 10:00 am-1:30 pm March 27 4:00-6:30 pm	April 10 10:00 am-1:30 pm April 24 4:00-6:30 pm	May 8 10:00 am-1:30 pm May 22 4:00-6:30 pm

In addition to the regular food provided monthly, supplemental food boxes will again be distributed to over 350 children in need during the summer months while the Children's Back Pack Program will resume in September, providing weekend food assistance.

The "Garden for Life" growing program will be expanding this year to both additional families and locations. Our efforts to obtain grant funding to expand the program and tie it to our on-site cooking demonstrations for healthy meals has been successful and 47 families will now be participating. A recent survey of over 100 families validated that fresh produce was the most desired menu item.

In addition to the Healthy Cooking Demonstrations, every distribution is also staffed by a Registered Dietician and Health Educator from Chester County Hospital doing BP checks and health education. There have been several notable successes in the areas of diabetes control and preemptive interventions. Summer focus will be on Smoking Cessation and free Dental services.

The resources of the pantry are quite stretched because we operate in a community without a large business presence to assist with in-kind and financial donations. Your assistance will help us further increase the quality of the experience for those we serve. Our staff is 100% volunteer and all of the funds contributed go directly into the community.

Please contact me with any questions or further needs and many thanks for your support!!

Kenneth R. Ross

Board Chairman, Honey Brook Food Pantry

610-291-0067

[www.honeybrookfoodpantry.org](http://www.honeybrookfoodpantry.org)

visit us on Facebook @ Honey Brook Food Pantry

## 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.



## General Information for Winter Storms

- Municipalities and the County of Chester will be communicating with the public through Ready Chesco. Sign-up today at [readychesco.org](http://readychesco.org).
- The Chester County Department of Emergency Services (DES) will regularly be providing updates on social media sites:  
Chester County DES Facebook: [facebook.com/CCDES/](https://facebook.com/CCDES/)  
Chester County DES Twitter: [twitter.com/ccdes](https://twitter.com/ccdes)
- Keep listening to the radio or watching the television for news about what to do, where to go, or places to avoid.
- If there are downed lines on your property, do not touch them! Report them to PP&L at (800) 342-5755.
- If you come across a roadway that is barricaded – do not drive around the barricade or move the barricade. The road has been barricaded for your safety.

### How to Report Power Outages

The Chester County Department of Emergency Services politely reminds individuals not call 9-1-1 to report your power is out. Be sure to call your electric utility provider to report your power is out. Please report your power outage to PP&L at (800) 342-5755 every 8 hours even if you have already reported it. This helps electric utility providers to understand where the outages remain.

## Ready ChesCo



ReadyChesCo is used to notify you during a major crisis or emergency, and delivers important emergency alerts; such as weather, road closures, health, or community alerts. You can choose to sign up by county, municipality, or by topic.

You may receive notifications and updates on all your devices:

- email account
- cell phone (via SMS)
- pager

Registration takes only a few minutes! You can register by visiting [www.readychesco.org](http://www.readychesco.org)

It is free to sign up for ReadyChesCo, and you can choose the type of alerts that you get. Your wireless carrier may charge you to get messages on your device, so check your plan to see what is covered. You can choose to stop getting these messages at any time.

## ADVERTISE IN THE HONEY BROOK NEWSLETTER!

### NEWSLETTERS SENT OUT TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

<b>EIGHTH PAGE</b>	<b>\$195</b>
<b>QUARTER PAGE</b>	<b>\$340</b>
<b>HALF PAGE</b>	<b>\$540</b>
<b>FULL PAGE</b>	<b>\$1000</b>

**CALL NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE!**  
**215-538-0350**

## Honey Brook Borough Events

### HONEY BROOK BOROUGH TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 2: Christmas Tree Lighting, 7:00 pm. Caroling, refreshments, and a visit from Santa, arriving via fire truck!

**For information, call 610-273-2020**

## 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:

• Dec. 6 • Jan. 10\*

\*(note date change due to New Year's Holiday)

• Feb. 7 • Mar. 7 • Apr. 4

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.



## Senior News



**SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM:** In partnership with the Chester County Food Bank, qualifying seniors age 60 and older may register to receive a Senior Food Box at Honey Brook Community Library.

To qualify, you must:

- Be a Chester County resident age 60 or older
- Have total household income at or less than the following:

### INCOME LEVEL

Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,800	\$1,485	\$343
2	\$24,030	\$2,003	\$462

### Fresh Produce Available

On (most) Thursdays, the Chester County Food Bank delivers fresh produce to the Center. Produce is FREE and available for the public (but we encourage you to call to be sure a delivery was made)!

## MEDICARE ANNUAL ELECTION PERIOD OR MEDICARE ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD October 15, 2018 - December 7, 2018

Are you unhappy with your current Medicare coverage? Have you reviewed your Medicare coverage every year? Medicare drug and health plans change annually. Premiums change, fees, copays, coinsurance and deductibles change, drug formularies change. You should review your coverage every year to determine if there is better coverage and cost savings! Any changes you make to your coverage will become effective January 1, 2019.

The Medicare Annual Election Period is the time each year where you can do the following:

- Switch or join Medicare Part D prescription drug plan
- Switch to another Medicare Advantage HMO or PPO
- Switch from a Medicare Advantage plan back to Original Medicare with or without a Medicare Supplemental/Medigap plan and prescription drug plan
- Review and compare your current coverage

Call and make an appointment with an APPRISE Medicare Counselor who can assist you in making changes and guide you in evaluating your options. These counselors are trained and certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide FREE assistance, with confidential and independent assessments of healthcare options under Medicare.

Counselors will be available at the Coatesville Area Center, 250 Harmony St., by appointment only. Call 610-383-6900 to schedule.

## Radon Information

Did you know that an estimated 40% of Pennsylvania homes have higher levels of radon than national safety standards? This is due in large part to the state's geology. Radon is an odorless, colorless radioactive gas that occurs naturally from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rocks and enters homes through cracks in the foundation or other openings. Though typically found in basements, radon can be found anywhere in the home.

Winter is a perfect time to test for radon, because doors and windows are closed, allowing for more accurate results. Simple radon test kits are inexpensive and available at home improvement and hardware stores. For more information about radon, visit <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/RadiationProtection/RadonDivision/Pages/default.aspx>.

## Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning After an Emergency

### Highlights

- Generators, grills, camp stoves, or other gasoline, propane, natural gas, or charcoal-burning devices should never be used inside a home, basement, garage, or camper – or even outside near an open window.
- Every home should have at least one working carbon monoxide detector. The detector's batteries should be checked at least twice annually, at the same time smoke detector batteries are checked.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death if inhaled. When power outages occur during emergencies such as hurricanes or winter storms, the use of alternative sources of fuel or electricity for heating, cooling, or cooking can cause CO to build up in a home, garage, or camper and to poison the people and animals inside.

Every year, more than 400 people die in the U. S. from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning. CO is found in combustion fumes, such as those produced by small gasoline engines, stoves, generators, lanterns, and gas ranges, or by burning charcoal and wood. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. People and animals in these spaces can be poisoned and can die from breathing CO.

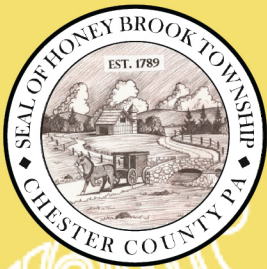
### How to Recognize CO Poisoning

Exposure to CO can cause loss of consciousness and death. The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. People who are sleeping or who have been drinking alcohol can die from CO poisoning before ever having symptoms.

### Important CO Poisoning Prevention Tips

- Never use a gas range or oven to heat a home.
- Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or partially enclosed space, such as a garage.
- Never use a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine inside your home, basement, or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent.
- When using a generator, use a battery-powered or battery backup CO detector in your home.
- Never run a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine inside a basement, garage, or other enclosed structure, even if the doors or windows are open, unless the equipment is professionally installed and vented. Keep vents and flues free of debris, especially if winds are high. Flying debris can block ventilation lines.
- Never use a charcoal grill, hibachi, lantern, or portable camping stove inside a home, tent, or camper.
- If conditions are too extreme, seek shelter with friends or at a community shelter.

**If CO poisoning is suspected, call 911 or your local Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or consult a health care professional right away.**



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