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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, Member Travis Stacey, Vice-Chair Tracy Olsen, Chair

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 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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Honey Brook, PA 19344

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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 2017-2018 tax rate is 29.4248 mills for Chester County. The 2018-19 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 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 collects the Township’s real estate tax as of 2018. The 2018 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 2018-19 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 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 Committee meets at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of month during January through October. Members are:

Lee Heller, *Co-Chair*

Therese Mauchline, *Secretary*

Christine Luke, *Member*

Sheri Zynn, *Co-Chair*

Kevin Wynant, *Member*

Scott Holt, *Member*

R. Allen Hartz, *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.

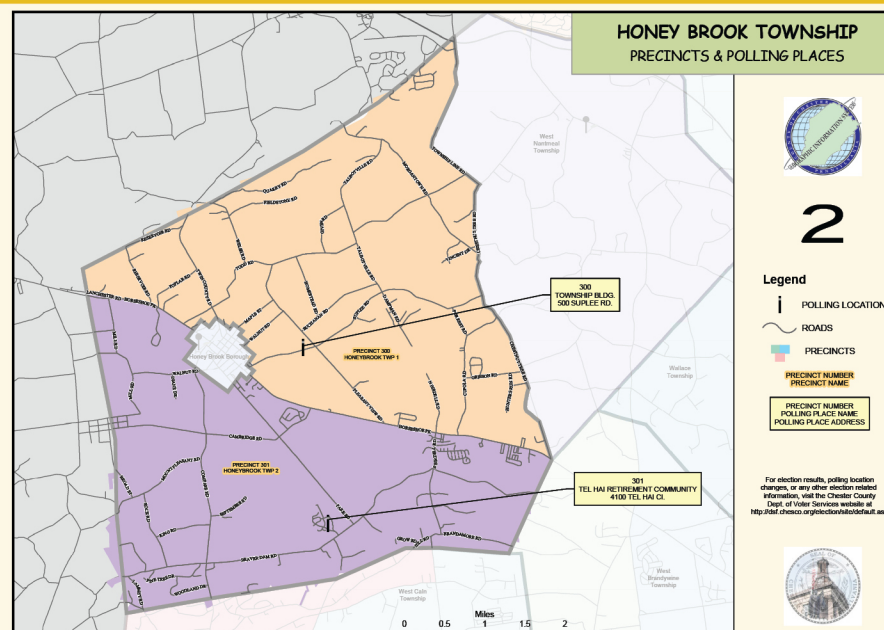
Honey Brook Township Voting Precincts

Honey Brook Township #301 - Precinct 2

(those living south of Route 322):

Polling place:

Tel Hai
Retirement Community
4100 Tel Hai Circle
Honey Brook.



Honey Brook Township #300 - Precinct 1

(those living north of Route 322):

Polling place :

Township Administration
Building
500 Suplee Road
Honey Brook

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 15

To register to vote or for voting questions, please contact Chester County Voter Services at 610-344-6410.



General Information (cont.)

2018 General Primary & Election Information

The following are the offices for which voters will cast their ballots in 2018, at the national, state, and local level:

UNITED STATES SENATOR -- Vote for One

REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. CONGRESS, 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT -- Vote for One

GOVERNOR -- Vote for One

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR -- Vote for One

PA 44TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT -- Vote for One

PA 26TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT -- Vote for One

STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM CHESTER COUNTY FOR EACH PARTY:

- DEMOCRATS -- Vote for 8 (Chester County District 15)

- REPUBLICANS -- Vote for 14 (2 from each of 7 Chester County Districts)

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 15. General Election Day is Tuesday, November 6.

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) oversees an important program used to maintain the Township's agricultural heritage and rural landscape. The Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors, originally scheduled for March 20, 2018, was postponed to May 22, 2018. Please check the Township website for updates from this meeting and all LPC meetings.

At present, Honey Brook Township has 95 parcels of land preserved, representing more than 3,980 acres. Of this, 93.6%—just over 3,728 acres—is farmland. 34.03% of the farmland in the Township, or 24.89% of the Township's total land area, has now been preserved. The Township is comprised of nearly 69% farmland; 11,109 acres in all.

The LPC meets on odd-numbered months, general on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please note that the LPC has changed its May meeting to May 22nd so as not to conflict with the Primary Election. The public is invited and welcome to attend LPC meetings.

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 (see information on page 15).

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.



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Zoning Update

The Zoning Update Task Force has been working for two full years to prepare an update to the Township's Zoning Ordinances in keeping with the recommendations contained in the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Township and Borough in 2015. The committee held its last meeting on March 15, 2018. The updated Zoning Ordinance draft should be ready for consideration by the Board of Supervisors in the coming months. Look for details on the Township website and in the Fall/Winter 2018 issue of the newsletter.



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.



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 (a change in day from previous years) at Heatherwood Retirement Community, 3180 Horseshoe Pike. All are welcome to attend. We welcome new people and ideas!

The HBCP has a number of ongoing projects it supports:

- Welcome signs
- Harmony Day, a community event held on the third Saturday in September
- Deck the Brook, a holiday decoration contest in December)
- The Buzz, a monthly page of happenings published in the Tri-County
- Welcome bags for new residents
- Make a Difference Day project, October
- Oral history project, recording the stories of Honey Brook history
- Grants to local non-profits*
- Scholarships to graduating Twin Valley High School seniors*



Pictured are (left-right): Frank Fredella, steering committee member; Kim Harris, Vice-Chair; and Donna Horvath, Chair. Not pictured: Michele Dombach, Treasurer; and Dawn Schaffer, Secretary.

Visit the HBCP Facebook page or its website at <http://www.hbpartnership.org/>. For more information about the Partnership, e-mail donna@honeybrookgolf.com.

*Details about these winners will be in the Fall/Winter 2018 newsletter.

Save the Date!

The HBCP will host Honey Brook Community Harmony Day on Saturday, September 15, 2018, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, at the Honey Brook Fire Company grounds. Follow plans for the day on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HoneyBrookHarmonyDay or on the HBCP website, www.hbpartnership.org.

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

2018 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**

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 OWEN J. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
881 Ridge Road, Pottstown PA 19465

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018 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 8, 2018 OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BLDG.
(Proof of Residency May Be Required) 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018 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, cucumbers, 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 2018

_____ Yes, I and/or my family would like to help in the garden in 2018! Name: _____
_____ One Time _____ As needed Best Phone Number to contact: _____
E-mail Address: _____

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

_____ May 13-19	_____ May 20-26	_____ May 27-Jun 2	_____ Jun 3-9	_____ Jun 10-16
_____ 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.

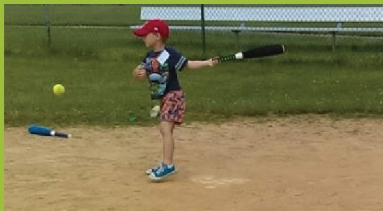
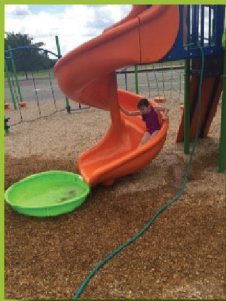
DATES: Tuesday through Thursday beginning June 19th through and including July 28th

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 19th-21st = Pirate Week!
 June 26th-28th = Stars & Stripes Week!
 July 10th - 12th = Beach Week!
 July 17th - 19th = Carnival Week!
 July 24th - 27th = Wacky Week + Talent Show

TO REGISTER

Complete the registration form on page 12 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! Courts are taped off to use on-half of a tennis court for Pickleball play. Nets are stored behind the shed in front of the courts. Need racquets and balls? A limited number are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Township Administration Building, 500 Suplee Road.

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.



Bus Trip Survey

BUS TRIPS... Are you interested?

The Honey Brook Township Park and Recreation Board would like to offer bus trips to various destinations in 2018. Before doing so, we need to gauge the level of interest from you – the Township residents.



If bus trips interest you, please complete the survey at right and return to:

Honey Brook Township Park and Rec
P.O. Box 1281, 500 Suplee Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344

OR

Send an e-mail recreation@honeybrooktwp.com with YES in the subject line and your top three destinations in the body of the e-mail.

BUS TRIP SURVEY

_____ Yes, I would love to join others on a bus trip.
Please circle your top three destinations.

New York City, 9/11 Memorial

Gettysburg National Park, Museum, & Visitors Center

Reading "Fightin' Phils" baseball game

Philadelphia Flower Show (2019)

PA Farm Show, Harrisburg (2019)

New York City, Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty

Knoebels Amusement Park

Hershey Park

Hawk Mountain/Cabelas

Ski Liberty or Blue Mountain

Washington, D.C.

OTHER: _____



Great American Cleanup

2017 Wrap-up

In 2017, citizens in Honey Brook Township took part in two cleanup days as part of the Great American Cleanup of PA. Each year the Great American Cleanup takes place from March 1 to May 31. Statistics were released by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful listing the enormous success of all the events in the Commonwealth. Honey Brook Township accounted for:



- Two of the 7,280 events held statewide,
- 25 of the 132,695 volunteers who took part, and
- 54 bags' worth of the 5,326,943 pounds of trash collected from 11,168 miles of roadsides (10.36 miles of roadside and Struble lakeshore in Honey Brook Township alone).
- 18 of the 20,858 tires collected. That's one whole tractor trailer's worth! To put the total number of tires collected statewide in perspective, picture more than 1,158 tractor trailers lined up end-to-end. Having trouble envisioning that? Picture this: that many tractor trailers would take up both lanes of Horseshoe Pike from Township line to Township line (including the Borough) and one half of Compass Road/Pequea Avenue/Conestoga Avenue/Twin County Road from Township line to Township line. That's a vast number of tires that were prevented from contaminating the Commonwealth's soil and water with toxic chemicals and were prevented from becoming breeding grounds for mosquitoes, capable of carrying the West Nile or Zika Viruses.

Visit <http://www.gacofpa.org> for more information about the Great American Cleanup.

2018 Cleanup Date

The Park & Recreation Board is planning a cleanup day for May 5, 2018. Check the website for details.

Task Force Thanks

Supervisor John McHugh announced the creation of a Dog Kennel Task Force last fall to examine the issues concerning the operation of dog kennels. Meetings were held on September 7 and 20, October 9 and 18, November 6, and December 6, 2017. Topics that were discussed included kennel definitions, acreage, zoning districts, and setbacks. After the first two meetings, a task force was formed with the following members: Benue M. Kauffman, Levi Kauffman, Melissa Needles, Liz Purring, Becky Ricci, Janne Ruffini, Kirk Ruffini, Terry Schmidt, Leslie Siebert, Abner Stoltzfus, and Benue S. Stoltzfus. Amos Kauffman served as the facilitator for the remaining four meetings. The Board of Supervisors thanks these community members for their time and efforts to this task force. Recommendations were submitted to the Board of Supervisors at their December 13, 2017 Board Meeting. Those recommendations were taken into account as the Zoning Ordinance has been redrafted in the ensuing months.

The Zoning Update Task Force met regularly for a year and a half and have been reviewing the draft update to the Zoning Ordinance since March of this year. The Board of Supervisors thanks these members of the Planning Commission who added extra meetings to their schedule to discuss how the recommendations in the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Update adopted in 2015 translated to changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Task Force members were: Susan Lacy, Gary McEwen, Melissa Needles, Terry Schmidt, Leslie Siebert, Troy Stacey, and Bob Witters.

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 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 has announced that it will be conducting a license canvass in Chester County on May 9, 2018. Multiple wardens will be going 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. This ordinance will be changing as a result of the two years' worth of work by the Zoning Update Task Force. Watch for details on the website and in the Fall/Winter edition of the newsletter.

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>



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Email _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell Number _____

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

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Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Or, drop off at the Township Administration Building, 500 Suplee Road, during normal business hours **no later than June 15th.**



Public Works

Park Road Improvement

The Public Works staff has resumed its improvements to a section of Park Road located between Cambridge and Beaver Dam Roads. The improvements include road 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 entire expense for these improvements will be paid with monies in our Liquid Fuels fund that are received each year from the Commonwealth. Liquid Fuels monies may only be used for maintenance and improvement of our local roads, bridges and storm sewers. Stay tuned for 'before and after' pictures in our next newsletter issue.

Roadmaster Reminders

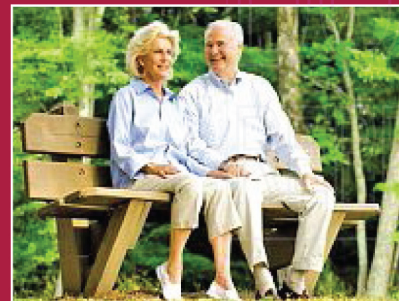
The Roadmaster has some reminders for Township residents for Spring and Summer travel:

- **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.
- 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 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.

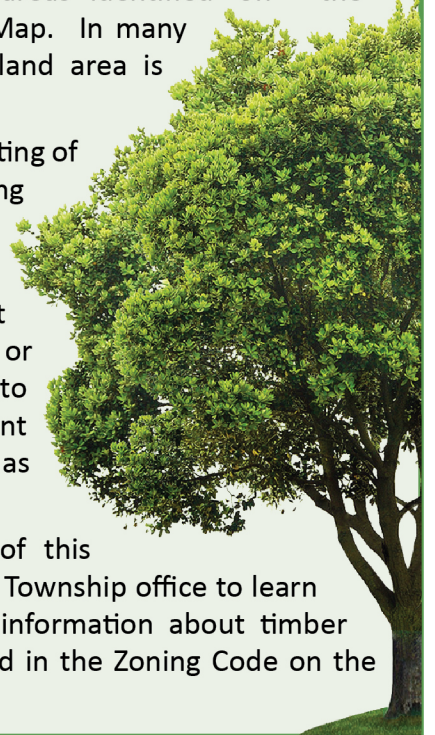
Removing Trees in the Township

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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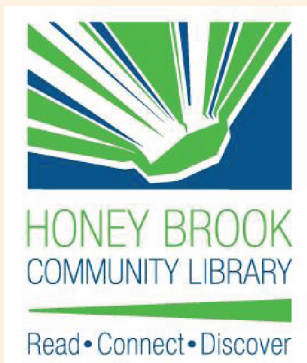
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Around the Community

Honey Brook Community Library Programs:



Bedtime Math Crazy 8s Club

Held the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 pm, this is an opportunity to build stuff, run & jump, make a mess...it's a totally new kind of math! Registration required.

Chess Club

Join in the fun every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 pm for a 30-minute lesson followed by a 30-minute game. All levels of players are welcome.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Join us on select Saturdays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm for our Dungeons and Dragons Club, for ages 12 through young adult. Registration required.

Environmental Kids Club

Meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 pm, this club for kids in K-5th grade will learn about a variety of topics (see website calendar for specifics). Sponsored by the Honey Brook Environmental Group (see article on page 5).

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 Around

Every Thursday from 7 – 9 pm, join us for “Knitting Around”, our knitting, crocheting, and needlework group for young adults and adults. Bring your own supplies.

Play “K”

Join us for our “Play K” program at the Honey Brook Community Library. We will be “playing” Kindergarten on Mondays at 10:00 am in the spring and summer. This program is for 4 or 5 year olds to help them get ready to start Kindergarten in the fall. Each week of “Play K” will have a different theme. Join Miss Jennifer for circle time, where we will discuss the days, months, seasons, and the weather. After circle time and a story, there will be time for the parent to work on skills one on one with your child using our “Play K” interactive toys. Limited to 10 children; registration is required. The parent/child will commit to the full 6-week session.

Raise-A-Reader

This program for children age 0-36 months includes rhymes, finger plays, music, and lots of books. Limited to 15 children and their caregiver; three sessions held per year. Spring dates are Fridays at 10:00 am; fall session dates are TBA. Registration 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.

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Fridays: 11 am - 5 pm
Saturdays: 10 am - 5 pm
Sundays: closed

Register for programs to jspade@ccls.org

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. Best suited for preschool ages 2 -5, but all ages are welcome.

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.

Specific dates/times are yet to be announced. 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.

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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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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. It is also important to note that nearly half the households served by the pantry are families with children.

We have included in our 2018 objectives an effort to better understand why and when the clients we serve are no longer seeking help for long periods of time. The 20+% “churn” we experience is due to a number of reasons, many of them consistent with our mission to achieve food independence. Our independent research project (at no cost) will better quantify those reasons this year.

May	June	July	August	September	October
May 19 10:00 am-1:30 pm May 23 4:00-6:30 pm	June 13 10:00 am-1:30 pm June 27 4:00-6:30 pm	July 11 10:00 am-1:30 pm July 18 4:00-6:30 pm	August 8 10:00 am-1:30 pm August 22 4:00-6:30 pm	September 12 10:00 am-1:30 pm September 26 4:00-6:30 pm	October 10 10:00 am-1:30 pm October 24 4:00-6:30 pm

In addition to the regular food provided monthly, supplemental food boxes will be distributed to over 350 children in need during the summer months. The Children’s Back Pack Program continues with over 80 kids regularly receiving 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 will be known soon. A recent survey of over 100 families validated that fresh produce was the most desired menu item and this plan targets an increased focus on that commodity and increased participation by our clients. In addition to the Healthy Cooking Demonstrations, every distribution is also staffed by a Registered Nurse from Chester County Hospital doing BP checks and health education. In March, the Chester County Health Department began providing more comprehensive testing on-site.

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

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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.



Honoring Old Glory

U.S. Flag Code Provides Guidelines for Displaying, Respecting the Flag

Adapted from a 2013 Pennsylvania Township News magazine article

As we approach Flag Day on June 14, it may be helpful to be reminded of the provisions in the U.S. Flag Code—Title 4 of the United States Code, which provides uniform guidelines for the display of and respect to be shown to the American flag. The Code became official on June 22, 1942, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a joint House resolution that codified existing customs and rules governing civilians' display and use of the U.S. flag. While the U.S. president may alter, modify, repeal, or prescribe additional rules for the flag, no federal agency has the authority to issue "official" rulings legally binding on civilians or civilian groups, the report says. Consequently, various interpretations of the code continue to be made.

As the Congressional Research Service (CRS) pointed out in a 2008 report for Congress, the Flag Code does not prescribe any penalties or enforcement provisions for not complying with the guidelines. "Rather," the report states, "the Code functions simply as a guide to be *voluntarily* followed by civilians and civilian groups" (*italics added*).

The federal Flag Code cannot and does not claim to address every situation that arises involving the use of the flag. Instead, it provides general guidelines on when and how to display the flag, including at half-staff, and how to show proper respect for the flag through appropriate use and conduct.

Time and occasions for displaying the flag — This section explains when and where the flag should be displayed, including such directives as:

- The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flag-staffs in the open. However, it may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated at night.
- The flag should be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be displayed in inclement weather unless it is an all-weather flag.
- The flag should be displayed on all days and especially on national holidays and other observances.
- The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution, in or near every polling place on election days, and in or near every schoolhouse on school days.

Position and manner of displaying the flag — This section describes where and how to position the U.S. flag when it is carried or displayed with other flags. The guidelines include:

- No other flag or pennant should be placed above, or (if on the same level) to the right of the U.S. flag.
- When displayed with another flag against a wall on crossed staffs, the U.S. flag should be on the right, i.e., the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the other flag's staff.
- The U.S. flag should be at the center and at the highest point of a group of flags that are displayed from staffs.
- When flags of states, cities, or localities are flown on the same staff with the U.S. flag, the American flag should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the U.S. flag should be hoisted first and lowered last. No other flag or pennant may be placed above the U.S. flag or to its right.
- When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag should hold the position of prominence, in front of the audience, and on the speaker's or clergy's right as he faces the audience.

Flying the flag at half-staff — This section of the code also includes guidelines for displaying the flag at half-staff. The general rules are:

- When the flag is flown at half-staff, it should first be hoisted to the peak and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered at the end of the day.
- On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon and then raised to the peak.

Next comes the part of the code that explains under what circumstances the flag should be flown at half-staff. The U.S. president may order the flag to be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the U.S. government or the governor of a state, territory, or possession as a mark of respect to their memory.

When the president orders flags to be flown at half-staff, state governments generally fol-

low his lead. Local governments also tend to lower their flags, although there is no requirement to do so.

State governors may order the U.S. flag to be flown at half-staff upon the death of a current or former state government official or a member of the Armed Forces from the state.

The code also sets the following time limits for displaying the flag at half-staff:

- Thirty days from the death of the president or a former president;
- Ten days from the death of the vice president, the chief justice or a retired chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, or the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;
- From the day of death until interment of an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, a secretary of an executive or military department, a former vice president, or the governor of a state, territory, or possession; and
- On the day of death and the following day for a member of Congress.

Notice that while the Code does not authorize a state governor to order flags to be flown at half-staff for celebrities or other prominent citizens, it does not forbid the practice. In fact, presidents and governors have stepped outside the Code's boundaries to order the flag to be flown at half-staff on the death of leading citizens not covered by law, as a mark of tribute to their service to the country. Judgment of whether a person so honored can be considered a "leading citizen" is subjective at best, however, so anytime an elected official makes that call, there will likely be some who disagree with the action. Nonetheless, it would be overreaching to call such a decision a "violation" of the code.

Township officials have sometimes asked whether the flag can be flown at half-staff at the municipal building to recognize a township official who has died. Like many situations, this is not addressed in the Flag Code, but the CRS provides guidance in its report. "The provisions of the Flag Code on flying the flag at half-staff are, like all the code's provisions, a guide only," the report says.

Respecting the flag — The remaining sections of the code address proper respect for the flag and conduct during the raising, lowering, or passing of the flag. The admonitions are to never:

- fly the flag upside down, except as a signal of extreme danger to life or property;
- allow the flag to touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, or water;
- carry the flag flat or horizontally, but always aloft and flying;
- use the flag as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery;
- swag or draw back the flag in folds; it must always be allowed to hang freely; or
- place pictures or words on the flag, using it for advertising purposes, or wearing it as a costume or athletic uniform. However, the Code does allow for flag patches on uniforms of military personnel, firefighters, police officers, and members of patriotic organizations.

The Code also addresses flag lapel pins, stating, "The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin, being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart."

When the flag is passing by or the national anthem is being played, members of the Armed Forces and veterans may render the military salute. All others should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Men wearing hats and other head coverings should remove them and hold them with the right hand at the left shoulder, so that the hand is over the heart.

Finally, the code states that when a flag reaches the condition that it is "no longer a fitting emblem for display," it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning. Many Girl and Boy Scout troops, American Legions, and other organizations hold retirement ceremonies for such flags.

The CRS provided a litmus test of sorts: "The Flag Code, itself, suggests a general rule by which practices involving the flag may be fairly tested: 'No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America,'" the report states. "Therefore, actions not specifically included in the Code may be deemed acceptable as long as proper respect is shown."

For more information or to read the report, which includes the text of the Flag Code, go to www.senate.gov and type "flag code" in the search field, then choose "CRS Report for Congress" in the list that appears.



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A new broadcast system is available on your AM radio dial, HBR Radio 1610. For now, the station is still under development and can be heard most clearly on the 300 & 400 blocks of Icedale Road. The range hopes to expand once new equipment is installed later this Spring. Internet streaming will follow shortly thereafter.

The same announcements that are posted on the Honey Brook Township website and Facebook page will now also be announced on HBR Radio.

Reception reports, questions, and comments may be sent to HBR@airpower.com



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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 their upcoming fundraisers:

Mud Sale: May 12

Boot Day: June 8-9

Chicken BBQ: June 16

Hoagie Sale: July 12

Soup Sale: October 6

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.

21st Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Outing



WHERE: Honey Brook Golf Club

WHEN: Sun., June 03, 2018; Range opens at 7 am;
Shotgun Start at 8 am

WHAT: Scramble Format, raffles, and games

MEALS: Mid-Morning Snack; Steak Dinner after completion of round

CONTACT: Tom Tracy at 610-273-2245 or Email: tomtracykofc@comcast.net
All proceeds benefit the Charitable works performed in our local community.

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.downingtownseniors.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 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

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

\$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, 2018



TOWNSHIPS TODAY

A NEWSLETTER BROUGHT
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State Warns Public to to Be on Look Out for Spotted Lanternfly

Here we go again. First, it was the emerald ash borer that marched relentlessly from west to east across the commonwealth, leaving a trail of decimated ash trees in its wake. Now, the spotted lanternfly is threatening to spread from southeastern Pennsylvania and could wreak even more havoc than the ash borer.

According to the state Department of Agriculture, the pest poses a significant threat to the grape, apple, and stone fruit industries, worth nearly \$175 million, as well as the state's \$12 billion hardwood industry.

Consequently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded the state nearly \$3 million last summer to fund control efforts and public outreach. With 13 southeastern counties under quarantine, state legislators have requested an additional \$20 to \$40 million in federal funding to combat the insect.

Municipalities in the quarantined counties (*see the map*) have been asked to alert residents and post signs and information about how to recognize the spotted lanternfly. The goal is to minimize the risk of the insect leaving the quarantined area.

Given that insects don't recognize quarantines, it is a good idea to get educated about this invasive species and watch for its arrival in your community.



Despite its colorful appearance, the spotted lanternfly poses a significant threat to Pennsylvania's grape and stone fruit crops, as well as its multibillion-dollar hardwoods industry.

How to identify the pest

The spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive plant hopper native to China, India, and Vietnam.

The insect was first detected in Pennsylvania in Berks County in the fall of 2014 and spread to Bucks, Chester, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton counties. To try to control its spread,



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the state extended the quarantine area to include Carbon, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Monroe, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill counties. The bug has also been seen in Delaware, New York, and Virginia.

The state Department of Agriculture says that adult lanternflies are about an inch long and a half-inch wide at rest. The lanternfly's forewing is gray with black spots, and the wingtips have a net-like appearance in black and gray. The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band between them. The legs and head are black, and the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. Immature stages, called nymphs, are first black with white spots and then develop red patches as they grow.

Lanternflies prefer the plant called Tree of Heaven, *Ailanthus altissima* — another invasive species in Pennsylvania — as their primary food source and mating and egg-laying location. (To learn how to identify Tree of Heaven, go to www.agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly, click on the "Program Information" box, and choose "Ailanthus Identification" in the list of publications on the right.)

However, any smooth surface, from trees to vehicles, campers, yard furniture, farm equipment, and other items stored outside can act as sites for egg laying. Adult lanternflies begin laying eggs in late September and continue through late November or early December.

The warning signs

Beginning in late April to mid-May, nymphs may be found on smaller plants and vines and any new growth on trees and shrubs. As the year progresses, older nymphs and adults will migrate to the Tree of Heaven, if available, and may be observed feeding on the trunk and branches.

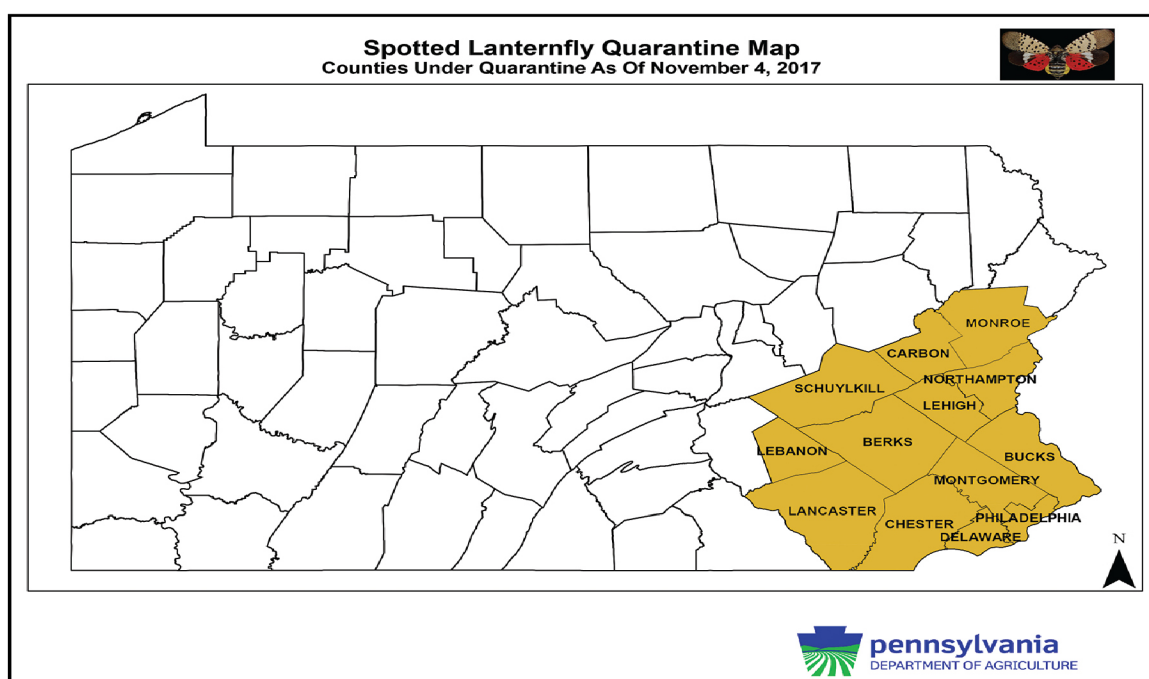
Trees may have weeping wounds of sap on the trunks, and heavy lanternfly populations will cause honey-like secretions to build up at the base of the tree, blackening it and the surrounding soil with sooty mold. Wasps, hornets, bees, and ants may be attracted to the secretions and tree wounds.

In areas with large populations of lanternflies, adults may also feed on other trees, including willows, maples, poplars, tulip poplars, birch, and ash.

The Department of Agriculture says that egg masses can be scraped off the trees, double bagged, and disposed of. You can also drop the egg masses into alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them.

The department is asking anyone who sees spotted lanternflies, especially outside the quarantined counties, to do the following:

- Collect a specimen and submit it to the department's entomology lab for verification, using the entomology program sample submission form at www.agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly.
- Take a picture of any life stage of the spotted lanternfly, including egg masses, and email it to



Thirteen southeastern Pennsylvania counties are under quarantine for the spotted lanternfly. The public in affected areas is asked to dispose of egg masses; check vehicles for insects and egg masses before leaving a quarantined area; buy firewood locally and not move it out of the area; and not transport brush, yard waste, or construction waste outside quarantined areas.

badbug@pa.gov.

- If you can't collect a specimen or take a photo, report a sighting by calling the automated invasive species report line toll-free at (866) 253-7189. Leave a message, making sure to include details about where you saw it and your contact information.

What to do

Anyone who observes spotted lanternflies beyond the quarantined counties should try to destroy them.

Because insecticides may kill beneficial insects, including pollinators, on infected trees, property owners should consider using the integrated pest management strategy that the state is using. It involves locating Tree of Heaven plants, killing all but a few to act as "trap trees" to attract the lanternflies, and then treating those with a systemic insecticide to eradicate the pests.

As an added step, Gov. Tom Wolf has created the Pennsylvania Invasive Species Council. This advisory panel of 17 state and non-governmental agencies will identify invasive species that currently or could threaten the state's natural and agricultural resources and the industries they support.

To learn more about these pests, go to the Department of Agriculture's website, www.agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly, and check out information available from the Penn State Extension at <https://extension.psu.edu/shopby/spotted-lanternfly>.



FREE FOOD



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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.)



Veterans Celebration

The Honey Brook Township Veterans Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018. Time and location are TBA. Check the website for details.



Honey Brook Borough Events

May 19: Bocce Tournament, 9:00 am
July 14: Bocce Tournament, 5:00 pm
September 22: Bocce Tournament, 9:00 am
November 3: Bocce Turkey Tournament 9:00 am
(with courtside potluck Thanksgiving dinner)

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

June 3: The Porkroll Project
July 8: Across the Pond
August 12: The Wild Hymns
Sept. 15, 5:00 pm Pete Kilpatrick Band

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 28: Memorial Day Parade, 10:00 am
October 22: Halloween Parade, 7:00 pm
(rain date 10/29)

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 7 • July 12

August 2 • September 6 • October 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.



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