



The Town Crier

The Annual Newsletter of Annville Township

NEW ANNVILLE TOWNSHIP DROP -OFF CENTER

Annville Township is pleased to announce the opening of the new Township Drop-Off Center, where residents may dispose of Green Waste, Cardboard, Bulk Trash, and Metal. The first day of operation for the new Drop-Off Center is scheduled to be Monday, March 11, 2024. The Drop-Off Center project was built in conjunction with funds from a DEP Act 101, Section 902 Grant, and has been in development since the Fall of 2022.

The new Drop-Off Center will be more accessible to residents as we are able to provide extended hours since the facility will be monitored via Access Cards and Video Surveillance. The center will be accessible from April-October from 7am-7pm and November-March 7am-5pm, seven days per week (with exceptions for inclement weather and emergency situations).

To obtain access to the Drop-Off Center, please visit Annville Town Hall, located at 36 N. Lancaster Street, or call the office at 717-867-4476. Access cards may be purchased beginning on March 1, 2024 for use from March 11, 2024 through the remainder of the calendar year.

Access will be active from January 1-December 31 of the issue year with the exception of 2024, when the facility will open on March 11th.

We hope that everyone enjoys the increased flexibility that the new facility provides!



Annville Township Drop-Off Center Fee Schedule

Annville Twp Resident	\$50.00
S. Annville Twp Resident	\$200.00
N. Annville Twp Resident	\$200.00
Cleona Borough Resident	\$200.00

WESTERN LEBANON COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The concept of regional policing has gained favor among progressive municipal leaders who are facing reduced availability of resources and increasing costs. Regional police departments exist to strengthen police services in the areas of administration, supervision, training, investigation, patrol and specialty services. The regional department concept also helps with recruitment and retention of officers. Annville's former Police Chief Bernard Dugan and Palmyra's Police Chief Andrew Winters initiated the planning and steps required to create the first accredited regional police department in Lebanon County.

After extensive study, review, and collaboration, Palmyra Borough and Annville Township decided to collaborate and create the Western Lebanon County Regional Police Department. The new regional force will commence effective April 1, 2024 and will provide full-time police services to Annville Township and Palmyra Borough, as well as contracted police services to South Annville Township. Western Lebanon County Regional Police Department will be comprised of 15 employees and will be a progressive and structured department led by Chief Andrew Winters.

Western Lebanon County Regional Police Department will be headquartered at the Palmyra Municipal Building located at 325 S. Railroad St, Palmyra, and will maintain a substation at the Annville Township Municipal Building. The members of the Western Lebanon County Regional Police Department are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to provide the residents of Annville, Palmyra, and South Annville Township with their police services.

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Street Sweeping

Weather permitting, the Public Works Department will begin the weekly street sweeping schedule in April. Residents should note the posted parking restrictions on Route 422 pertaining to the street sweeping schedule. Route 422 and Route 934 are swept weekly, while the remaining Township streets are swept monthly on a rotating basis as follows:

1st Friday	Southwest
2nd Friday	Southeast
3rd Friday	Northeast
4th Friday	Northwest

Street sweeping typically runs between April and November. Please call the Township Office with any questions.

Leaf Collection

Leaves are collected between October and December, weather permitting, throughout the Township as follows:

Monday	Southwest
Tuesday	Southeast
Wednesday	Northeast
Thursday	Northwest

Leaves only—no plastic bags, branches, or twigs



Swimming Pools

A permit is required for any private, noncommercial swimming pool that contains a water depth of 18" or more. Please direct all questions on permits for a pool to the Anville Township office.

Before draining a pool for repairs or filling a new pool, please contact the Township office at (717) 867-4476 so we can discuss your situation to determine the effect this might have on your quarterly sewer bill.

PLEASE NOTE: The Township Office will be closed on the following days:

February 19	July 4
March 29	September 2
April 23	October 14
May 27	November 5, 11, 28
June 19	December 25

Residential Trash & Recycling Collection

Residents are reminded to place trash and recyclables curbside on Monday evening for pick-up the following day. Please note collection will be delayed by one day and picked up on Wednesday for the following holidays in 2024:

Memorial Day	May 27
Labor Day	September 2

Please call (717) 867-4476 to report any missed trash or recycling pickups. Recycling bins are available at Town Hall.

Zoning

As of January 1, 2024, Candie Johnson, Anville Township Manager, assumed the role of Zoning Officer for Anville Township. As an Anville native with years of experience, Candie is motivated to keep our Township up to code. For all residential zoning permits visit our website at Anvilletwp.com or call the township office.

Township Sewer Rental Rate Increase

Effective with use as of January 2024 the sewer rental rate will be applied as follows:
Quarterly water consumption of 10,000 gal per quarter or less= \$180.00 per quarter
Quarterly water consumption over 10,000 gal = \$15.00 per additional 1,000 gallons

Nutrient Pollution:

WHY IS IT A CONCERN?

Phosphorus and nitrogen provide the nutrients plants and animals need to survive, but too much nitrogen and phosphorus in streams can harm aquatic life, local ecosystems, and even humans. These nutrients are commonly found in fertilizers, sewage, and waste materials, and stormwater runoff can carry them to surface waters.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Start shoveling early; the more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need
- Don't pile snow on top of storm drains
- Fertilize your lawn only when necessary
- Consider using a mulching lawn mower
- Pick up pet waste and dispose it in a trash can
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash so sudsy water does not drain into the storm sewer
- Do not dump grass clippings in a storm drain

If you see anyone discharging into the storm drains, report this violation to the Township immediately at (717) 867-4476 or, if after regular business hours, contact County Dispatch by phone at (717) 272-2054.

*Excerpts of this article are borrowed from fact sheet at www.rettew.com

TOWNSHIP EVENTS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

Celebrate! Annville Aims to Increase Community Spirit

Celebrate! Annville, a new committee of Friends of Old Annville, Inc. (FOOA), aims to increase holiday—and overall—spirit in Annville. The committee’s first priority is to return holiday decorations to the historic district of Annville. Eight wreaths were installed at the corner of Routes 422 and 934 in 2023 as a result of generous gifts from residents and fundraisers, including appeals to local businesses, poinsettia sales, photos with Santa, and more. *Celebrate! Annville* continues traditions previously established by the Annville Activities Committee, including Santa’s Arrival at the Allen Theatre and the Tree Lighting. “We live in a great area, and we want to celebrate that,” states committee leader Melanie Chapter.

To learn more, visit the *Celebrate! Annville* Facebook page.

To get involved, send a message to Melanie Chapter at happyeverythingannville@gmail.com.



Historic Old Annville Day

The Board of the Friends of Old Annville (FOOA) invites you to attend Historic Old Annville Day (HOAD) on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 9 AM to 2 PM. This year will be the 35th annual celebration to take place in historic downtown Annville! The history of this event goes back nearly a century to Annville Days at Hersheypark when members of the community would travel by train and trolley to the park for a day of picnicking, rides, swimming, and other sports. In the 21st century, Main Street, (Route 422) in Annville, is closed



for the day to create a massive street fair with 150 vendors, a great variety of food, and two stages of music performances. This year, historic reenactors will demonstrate 18th and 19th century building techniques near historic homes on Main Street. Please plan on participating and making this our most successful year yet. If you have a business or are involved with a non-profit, consider renting a stall at HOAD and sharing products or information from your organization. Applications are available on the FOOA website at www.fooa.org and also on the Annville Township website. To reserve a space, for any vendor information, or any other questions about the event please contact Doug Nyce at (717) 480-1584 or email him at douglas.nyce@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Union Hose Fire Company

As a volunteer fire department, the Union Hose Company is always looking to welcome new members to join its team. The Union Hose needs active firefighters and fire police, and training will be provided. It is also looking for administrative help with fundraising, accounting, and file organization. In addition, the Union Hose is accepting members ages 16 and 17 for its junior program. If you are interested, please stop by the Fire Hall at 215 East Main Street, contact them at (717) 867-4971, or email Fire Chief Philip Snavely at philip.k.snavely@gmail.com for info on joining this team, which continues to help protect Annville Township and the surrounding community.



A-C Pool

For information about memberships, swimming lessons, and more, please visit the A-C Pool website at www.annvillecleonapool.com.

Annville Free Library Events & Programs

- The Friends of the Annville Free Library (FOAFL) annual BIG BOOK SALE will take place on Wednesday, April 17 through Saturday, April 20 at the Annville United Methodist Church. Follow FOAFL on Facebook or at FriendsOfAFL.com for more information.
- Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank BLOOD DRIVES continue bimonthly at the library. Check their website at www.cpbb.org to find more upcoming dates, make an appointment, and save a life!
- Ongoing library programs include: Smart Start Storytimes (birth through age 2), Preschool Storytimes (ages 3-6), After-school Reading Clubs (grades 1-6), After-school Youth Room (M-F 3-5 PM, Grades 5-12), Monday Yoga Classes @ 5pm, Tuesday Knitters Group @ 6pm, Wednesday Club Crochet @ 6 pm, Thursday Chess Club @ 3pm, Adult Computer Classes, and monthly Book Group, Women’s Circle, Take-A-Break Tuesday programs, and more! The library is gearing up for some fun Summer Learning programs for all ages too! For more info, check out the website at <https://annville.lclibs.org>, receive the monthly newsletter by email, follow on Facebook or Instagram, or call (717) 867-1802.

Online Payment and Automatic Payment Options Available For Township Sewer, Trash, And MS4 Fees

Annville Township is accepting online and ACH payments for sewer, trash, and MS4 fees. Annville is partnered with Certified Payments, an online payment processing company, to provide this convenient payment option to customers. If interested, click on the pertinent link on the homepage of the Annville Township website (www.annvilletwp.com), which will take you to the Certified Payments website, and then follow the directions provided there. Please note there is a processing fee of the greater of \$2.00 or 2.35% of the total amount being paid (which goes to Certified Payments) that you will be charged for using this service.

If you wish to have your quarterly payment debited directly from a checking/savings account, please complete the Direct Payment Authorization Form and return it to the Township Office to enroll in this zero fee payment program.

As before, payments for sewer, trash, and MS4 fees may continue to be paid in the following ways:

- Cash, check, or money order in person at the Township Office, by mail, or via the drop slot in the front door. Please call the Township Office at (717) 867-4476 if you have any questions.

The Town Crier is a publication by and for Annville Township. News articles for The Town Crier are open to organizations that plan or promote events of community-wide interest. Persons wishing to contribute news or learn of the publication schedule are encouraged to contact the office at (717) 867-4476.

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