

# DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

*Home of the One Room School Museum*

## 2022 Newsletter

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### **SPRING BULK CLEAN-UP WEEK OF MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup>**

Spring bulk clean-up for Township Residents will be the week of May 22, 2022 on your regular collection day. Please place debris within five feet of the road the night before. If you utilize garbage bag tags this will be the **only** time you are permitted to participate in bulk collection without having to pay an additional fee. Please call Tri-County at 724-748-4705 ext. 5219 should you have any questions regarding what will/will not be accepted.

### ***BUILDING PERMITS***

Remember to obtain a permit before you start your construction! For any construction 1,000 square feet or less and not attached to a residential dwelling, please obtain a permit from the Township Office. Anything over 1,000 square feet (non-agricultural) or anything attached to your residential dwelling you will need to obtain a permit from one of the code officials listed below. At the January, 2020 organizational meeting the Board of Supervisors appointed three options for code officials for Residents to choose from.

Richardson Inspection Services, LLC, 2879 Mercer Butler Pike, Grove City, PA 16127 – Office Phone 724-406-0031 - Website [www.richardsoninspectionsservices.com](http://www.richardsoninspectionsservices.com).

T W McCosby, 1750 Harbor Edinburg Road, Edinburg, PA 16116 – Tom McCosby at 724-944-7071 - Website [www.twmccosby.com](http://www.twmccosby.com).

MDIA (Middle Department Inspection Agency) – Patrick Duffy at 724-814-6502 – Website [www.mdia.us](http://www.mdia.us).

For sewage permits/questions please contact the Mercer County Joint Sewage Agency Secretary Melissa Oakes at 724-372-3625 mailing address P.O. Box 36, Sandy Lake, PA 16145.

## Roads of Delaware Township

### Taken from “A Land Use Plan for Delaware Township - 1967”

Earliest routes of travel in Delaware Township were Indian trails and the larger streams.

In 1803 the Shenango River was declared a public highway. (The Erie Extension Canal – in operation between 1840-1871 – provided slow unsanitary and unhealthful transportation) nevertheless we would not minimize its impact on industry in the county.

The state, as early as 1807, appropriated funds for building improved roads, turnpikes or toll-roads in Mercer County – shortened to “pike” – indicating that a pike or pole formed a barrier across the road at the toll-collecting point.

The Mercer-Greenville Turnpike Road Company was chartered in 1830; ninety-two years later the dirt road was paved and travelers and people who lived along the way shook off the dust which in dry weather was so annoying and pulled out of the mud of wet weather.

One by one, side roads of the township were improved with gravel and during the administration of Governor Gifford Pinchot, some were black-topped with a hard surface until today most of the township roads are passable winter or summer.

Tax payers who formerly worked out their road tax now pay the tax and men with machines take care of the roads.

### “Firsts of the Township”

First sawmill (upright) was built (1823) by Samuel Williamson upon a little stream which the Indians called Lowango (now in the present village of New Hamburg).

In 1838 another was constructed on a stream, today known as Kremm Run, about 1 mile south of Ontiontown. This second with upright

saw was yet in operation in 1890 – making shingles, etc.

The first elections in the township were held in the home of Samuel Caldwell, Sr. – where a hat served as a ballot box.

The first grist mill was erected by John Donaldson in 1832. (The last feed and flour mill was operated by Daniel Frantz from 1905-1940).

The first post office in Delaware Township was established at Delaware Grove in 1835 (Disconnected 1886) where the first store was also built (1834). A post office was established at New Hamburg (1853), at Kremis (1880).

Samuel Caldwell, Jr. purchased the first threshing machine in the township – where previously every one threshed his grain with a flail.

Eli George bought the first lot in the Village of New Hamburg where (1838) he built the first shop (tin shop).

John Stamm built the first tannery in the village – laid out by Peter Beil who wove cloth and bed coverlets (treasured now by descendants).

Daniel Hecker was the first Justice of the Peace in New Hamburg.

## TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Township meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office.

## NOTICE

**Please do not place empty bottles, cans, etc. on any plow markers along roadways. During the wintery months it is very difficult to determine where the ditch begins when the reflective top of the markers are covered with miscellaneous items.**



## **IMPORTANT 2022 ELECTION DATES**

**Primary Election May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**General Election – November 8<sup>th</sup>**

## **TREE TRIMMING**

Planning to have trees trimmed on your property? If you live along a Township roadway and your tree trimming contractor requires assistance from the Township to place signage along the roadway and/or possibly close the roadway for the trimming to take place, please give the Township Office a call at 724-588-2040 a week prior to the scheduled trimming.



## **PA 2-1-1 Southwest**

“PA 2-1-1 Southwest is part of the national 2-1-1 Call Centers initiative that seeks to provide an easy-to-remember telephone number, chat, text, and a web resource for finding health and human services – for everyday needs and in crisis situations. PA 2-1-1 Southwest is brought to you by the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania in collaboration with Peoples Gas, Duquesne Light Company, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Philanthropy at PNC. Together with local government and provider agencies we work to ensure important local program information is accessible through our helpline when it is most needed. Everyday, highly trained 2-1-1 call specialists provide referrals to: Basic Human Needs Resources, Physical and Mental Health Resources, Employment Support, Support for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities, Youth and Child Care Programs and Regional Disaster Preparation. Help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 2-1-1 (or 1-888-553-5778)”.

## **ANTICIPATED ROADS FOR 2022 SEAL COAT, TREE TRIMMING AND CULVERT REPLACEMENT**

Patricia, W. Patricia, E. Patricia, Lucille, Jean, Willadell, Eastlake, McDowell, Hopper, Haas, Quarry and Line.

## **Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department ATV Rally**

FVFD's upcoming ATV rides will be May 14<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Fredonia Borough Park Square. Fredonia Borough 'Pass It On Day' will be May 7<sup>th</sup>.



## DIRT

As a result of ditching in various areas of the Township dirt may possibly be available to Township Residents. Please call the Township Office at 724-588-2040 to have your name, address and phone number added to the list.

## CULVERT PIPES

Please keep in mind that each homeowner is responsible for the maintenance/repair of their own culvert pipe. Ensure the culvert is free of all debris in order for the water to pass through properly and prevent damage to the roadways.

## Delaware Township Park Building Rental

Do not forget to consider the park building for your next celebration or meeting. Please call the Township Office for availability. Rental fees are as follows:

Resident rates:

Summer Rate: \$85.00

Winter Rate: \$100.00

Non-Resident Rates:

Summer Rate: \$125.00

Winter Rate: \$150.00

If you wish to have the building an additional day the fee is \$50.00. Every renter will be required to make a \$100.00 cash deposit (no exceptions) in addition to the rental fee. Upon confirmation that the building has been adequately cleaned the \$100.00 deposit will be returned.

Greenville, PA 16125

53 Ontiontown Road

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