

# DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

*Home of the One Room School Museum*

## *2023 Newsletter*

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

Spring bulk clean-up for Township Residents will be the week of May 22, 2023 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. 5216 should you have any questions regarding what will/will not be accepted. **QUESTION?!?** There have been many complaints regarding the recycling toter. Can you please report to the Township Office with your opinion on the matter to try and gage a majority opinion.

### ***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:

Richardson Inspection Services, LLC, 2879 Mercer Butler Pike, Grove City, PA 16127 – Office Phone 724-406-0031.

TW McCosby LLC, 1750 Harbor Edinburg Road, Edinburg, PA 16116 – Tom McCosby at 724-944-7071.

MDIA (Middle Department Inspection Agency) – Patrick Duffy at 724-814-6502.

The Township renewed the membership with the Mercer Area Library and as such the cost is covered for residents to obtain a free library card. The Library is located at 110 East Venango Street, Mercer, PA – 724-662-4233.

## Homes in Delaware Township

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

The first substantial homes of the early settler were erected of round logs; the timbers – in the later versions of the little log-cabins were hewn, the spaces were chinked with mud or chopped straw and clay. (Adam Kamerer built one of the first hewed log dwellings in the township.)

Greased paper windows gave way to tiny glass panes, floors were of puncheon rather than earth; older boys climbed a ladder to a loft where, despite snow and rain, they slept under the clapboard roof.

The room was heated by and cooking was done in an iron kettle which hung on a crane or in a spider on the hearth.

The log and plank salt-box style house on the Slater Farm, Reznor District has such a fireplace that has been used for more than a century.

The Laudermilch house on the Fetterhoff Farm, Rock District had a similar fireplace in the cellar.

The Conrad Reigleman house and the Rutter house near Kremis; the Stamm house, New Hamburg District, the Isaac Bower house, Bower District, the old part of the Ira Wasser house, Reichard District are constructed of heavy plank logs.

The story and a half house with “lie on your stomach” (one had to do that to see out under the eaves) windows was a popular version of the farm house in Delaware Township (1850-90).

A number of story and a half houses, most of which have such “lie on your stomach” windows, are George Slaughenhaupt house, New Hamburg District; the former homes of Lon Homer, Homer District; and George

McGrath; Deep Hollow District; Paul Willaman, Reznor District and the Vencil Friede, Stony Point District.

In 1870 the Balls built a fine brick house (to replace the log dwelling) on their farm (a Revolutionary land grant) -- the Friedes and Balls have preserved the sheep-skin and land-grant-deeds that were issued to the first owners -- (most of the township and the county was included in the original “Donation Lands”). (The Balls fired the bricks for their house and 3 neighborhood schools) – (Their barn (in continuous use) was built in 1868).

Since the reader of this brief history will do well to remember that Delaware included part of Jefferson (1850) and Hempfield (1856) Townships we mention here that as of this date (July 1966), one may be quite certain that the oldest building in the entire original township of Delaware is the log house known as the Wagner house on the former Blumenshine Farm, Sharpsville Road, about 1 mile east of the old Kile Post Office.

The two-room dwelling with loft, set on a foundation of large cut stones is plastered with caland clay, (clay and chopped straw) which history records was used about 1825-18--.

## TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Township meetings are the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Township Office. The July meeting will be held July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

## NOTICE

**Tri-County has notified the Township that Tri-County Industries, Inc. does not wish to extend the contract for the next contract year beginning September 1, 2023. Reason being the steadily increasing costs, including fuel, parts, labor, etc.**



## IMPORTANT 2023 ELECTION DATES

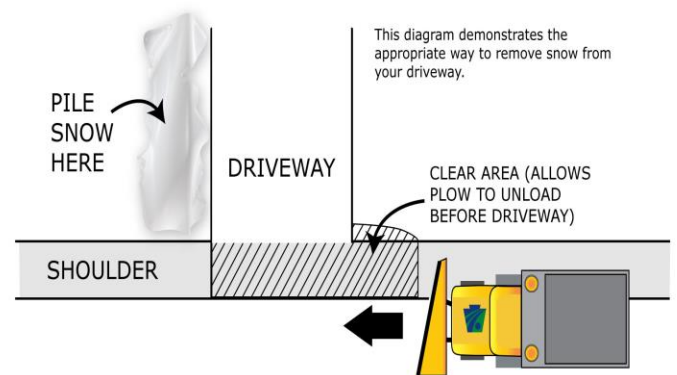
**Municipal Primary Election - May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Municipal Election - November 7<sup>th</sup>**

### PennDOT Winter Tips

“PennDOT allows property owners to place mailboxes within the limits of the legal right-of-way along state owned roadways to accommodate the U.S. Postal Service’s need to deliver and receive the mail as well as for the convenience to their customers. Residents should remember that mailboxes located in the legal right-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and repair. Here are some tips for securing mailboxes during the winter: Ensure the mailbox has a strong support. Construct a cantilever mailbox support that will swing a mailbox out of harm’s way. Clean snow from in front and on the sides of the mailbox, disposing of it properly, not on the roadway. Use reflective tape or other material to make the mailbox easier to see during storms or dark hours. PennDOT also urges residents to not shovel snow onto state roads as this can increase the potential for crashes, and property owners can be held liable and/or face fines. State law requires citizens to use and maintain their property in ways that avoid creating hazardous road conditions for others, including not obstructing highway lanes and drainage

facilities with snow and ice. Whenever clearing driveway entry points, PennDOT recommends moving snow to the right side of the driveway and clear a section prior to the driveway to lessen the amount of snow a plow might push onto the driveway.” Refer to the below diagram. “Property owners should also avoid creating large piles at entrances as high accumulations of snow can obstruct the vision of motorists, posing a safety hazard.” Visit [www.penndot.pa.gov/winter](http://www.penndot.pa.gov/winter) for more information.



## ANTICIPATED ROADS FOR 2023 SEAL COAT, TREE TRIMMING AND CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Homer, Bend Hill, River, Hamburg, Quarry, Shearer, Frye and Keystone.

## Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department ATV Rally

FVFD’s upcoming ATV rides will be May 13<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Fredonia Borough Park Square. Fredonia Borough ‘Pass It On Day’ is May 6<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

Don't forget to consider the park building for your next celebration. Please call the Township Office for availability. There will be a rate change in 2024 to rent the building from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Every renter is required to make a \$100.00 **CASH** deposit (no exceptions) in addition to the rental fee. If you wish to have the building an additional day the fee is \$50.00. Upon confirmation that the building has been adequately cleaned the \$100.00 deposit will be returned.

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