

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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PO Box 244, 156B West Main Street, Reinholds, PA 17569

Fall/Winter 2017

Welcome! New Township Supervisor, Jeff Sauder



Newly appointed Township Supervisor, Jeff Sauder was appointed on Tuesday, July 18 at the regular monthly Board of Supervisors meeting. Jeff is stepping into the vacancy seat left by Supervisor Ray Burns, taking his position along side J.J. Stoner and Leon Eby.

A longtime resident of West Cocalico Township, Jeff's father John was heavily involved with the Reinholds Fire Company and the Reinholds Ambulance in the 70s and

80s. He credits his father for instilling in him the value of giving back to the community.

Jeff is in the telecommunications field and works as the Director of Operations for Windstream. He has been with the company for more than 29 years. In his spare time, Jeff enjoys hunting and golfing. He resides in the township with his wife Laurie and his son Nate.

Jeff is looking forward to serving the residents of West Cocalico and giving back to the community as a Supervisor.

Where have the Honey Bees gone?

Honeybees are extremely important to our society. They are major pollinators, helping to pollinate about a third of the food we eat and 80 percent of the fruits and vegetables we grow.

However, about 10 years or so ago, honeybee colonies began to collapse at an alarming rate. Beekeepers began to report unusually high losses of their hives. Losses ranged anywhere from 30-90 percent. This phenomenon became known as Colony Collapse Disorder. These days Colony Collapse Disorder is no longer a threat, however honeybees continue to die at an alarmingly high rate. About 40 percent are lost every year.

In PA, the percent is much greater at 55-60 percent. Researchers have been investigating the cause of the decline and have identified the following problems: Changes in landscape, such as fewer farms, the overuse and improper use of herbicides and insecticides, bacterial diseases and viruses, and other insects that infect their colonies.

How Can We Help:

- Buy local honey and support a local beekeeper.
- Plant a pollinator-friendly garden.
- Use pesticides sparingly.
- Learn more about where your food comes from and the important role pollinators play.
- Consider becoming a beekeeper yourself.

To learn more about the plight of the honeybees and how to help visit:

Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association,
www.pastatebeekeepers.org.
Penn State's Center for Pollinator Research,
<http://ento.psu.edu/pollinators>
Penn State Extension, <http://extension.psu.edu>



**We can make a difference in
our townships and in our
backyards.**

TRICK OR TREAT

**Trick or Treat will be held on Tuesday,
October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Municipal Snow Removal Policy

As we approach winter, we are taking this opportunity to provide a summary of the Municipal Snow Removal Policy and share some helpful guidelines:

At the start of the storm, all trucks are sent out to their assigned areas with the instructions to salt hills, intersections and curve areas first, then all other areas. When there is sufficient depth to the storm to warrant plowing, the drivers are instructed to make one pass in each direction on the street and to make one pass in and one pass out in the cul-de-sacs. Heavily traveled roads will be plowed first and then less traveled areas, as well as developments and cul-de-sacs. After each one is passable, the procedure of pushing back the snow to the road edge and cleaning out the cul-de-sacs will begin. This operation may not begin until the following day or days depending upon the severity of the storm. The road crew does their best to keep the roads passable and to not push snow into driveways, around mailbox areas or damage grass in the right-of-way.

Thank you for your patience during the winter season.

Helpful guidelines to follow:

- * Park off the road and in your driveway or in one of our township owned parks. If your driveway is steep or you have multiple vehicles, please park at the mouth of your driveway and off the road. In cul-de-sacs, please park all vehicles off the roadway.
- * Wait to shovel snow from the last five feet of your driveway until the roadway is plowed to full width.
- * Do not put snow on streets or on neighboring properties. It is illegal to shovel or blow snow onto township or state roads.
- * For your safety, if there is a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow from the hydrant.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE

A snow emergency route has been created for: **Chapel View Drive, Redstone Circle, Highland Court, Parkview Drive, Steeple Court, Village Spring Lane, Farrow Lane, Pheasant Lane, Krueger Drive, Hollow Road, Pelham Rd, Cedar Court, Circle Drive, Bridle Path Way, Hill Drive, Walnut Lane, Green Court, Pine Crest Drive, Martin Circle, Boulder Drive, Pebble Lane, Sandra Circle, Clearview Drive, Joshua Circle, Sunrise Lane, and Linda Lane.**

Road Crews will clear the roads completely allowing emergency vehicles easy access in these restricted areas. From the time there is an accumulation of any measurable snow or sleet until it has been substantially removed from the streets, a snow emergency will exist and there will be no parking permitted on the designated streets.

During that time, parking will be permitted on grass and sidewalks without ticketing. Additional parking will also be available in Chapel Gate Park. Cars parked on those streets during a snow emergency route will be issued tickets by the police.



LOW HANGING TREES & SHRUBS

All residents are reminded to take care of any low hanging trees and/or shrubs on their property. If the trees or shrubbery on your property are growing onto or over the roadway, please trim the branches. Tree limbs hinder larger trucks, school buses and snow plows from moving freely on the roadway. Failure to remove any low hanging trees and shrubs may result in that area not being plowed.

Thank you for your cooperation!

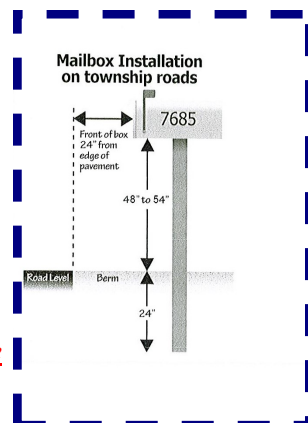


IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON MAILBOXES & SNOW

Please keep the face of the mailbox a minimum of 2 to 3 feet off the edge of the road. It would be good to have a pull off area at the mailbox. Please keep in mind that the cutting edge on the plow is 18" from the edge of the plow.

(Please see diagram for installation)

The mailbox owner is responsible for repair or replacement of the mailbox. If the mailbox was damaged by the pressure of the plowed snow and there was no physical contact with the snow plow equipment.



Please maintain your mailbox throughout the year by checking for deteriorating wood, rusty nails and screws. Also, if your mailbox is made of hard plastic, it could become brittle in cold weather and be damaged by heavy snow.

WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL

For a small fee, Martin's Mulch will help dispose of your woody waste such as tree branches, shrubs, etc.

For more information, call Martin's Mulch at (717) 733-1602

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you notice a street light outage, please obtain the two pole numbers located at the bottom of the pole, the one begins with a "4" and the other with an "S" and call the township office (336-8720) with this information. We need this info to report the light outage to PPL. Thanks for your help!

BURN PERMITS

If you are planning to do open burning of woody yard waste/brush, you will need to pick up a burn permit.

Burn Permits are available in the township office Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS**

Permits ARE required for all construction projects as well as a fence, shed, or a change in use of a property.

Permits ARE NOT required for sealing driveways, painting, wall-papering, new flooring, sidewalks, replacement windows, swings, and replacement of siding or roofs (unless there is a structural change)

Drop Box available after hours

You may drop off:

- Water/Sewer Payments
- Street Light Tax Payments
- Building Permit Applications, etc.



The Drop Box is located to the right of the front door.

TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held monthly in the township meeting room on the following days:

Board of Supervisors:

1st Thursday at 7 p.m.
3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission:

2nd Monday at 7 p.m.

Authority

2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Zoning Hearing:

3rd Thursday at 7 p.m.

Park Board:

4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Please visit the township website for meeting dates and times, as well as, park information, community events, meeting minutes and zoning hearing ads:

www.westcocalicotownship.com

AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

The following items are available at the township office for use in recycling:

* Household Battery Collection Bags

* Recycling Bins

* Cell Phone drop off box

BEFORE YOU DIG

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to Know What's Below.



Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776
before you dig.

TREE DONATION

If you would like to donate a tree to one of the Township parks in memory of a loved one, please contact the Township Office during regular hours or attend a Park Board Meeting held the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room.

Four Ways to Reduce Winter Stormwater Pollution

Avoid using sodium chloride as a deicer. Commonly used road salts like sodium chloride (also known as halite) can kill plants, break down concrete, and stain carpets. More environmentally friendly alternatives to sodium chloride are acetates such as potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.

Open your rain barrel spigot. Though this doesn't help with stormwater in the winter, it does help prevent your barrel from filling with ice and potentially cracking. A cracked barrel definitely can't reduce stormwater pollution!

Do not pile snow on your rain garden. Though your plants are dormant, heavy snow loads, upon melting, could saturate your garden for long enough to potentially hurt your plants. Normal snow accumulation does not pose a problem, so there is no need to shovel the garden! Pile your snow from elsewhere on the uphill side of the rain garden instead, so that when it melts your rain garden can do its thing.

Go pervious! Replacing your walkway or driveway with river stone, pervious pavers, or other porous materials will allow water to soak into the ground instead of becoming runoff. These surfaces not only help reduce polluted stormwater runoff and erosion, they also "breathe" more than impervious surfaces like asphalt and concrete, so they take longer to ice over.



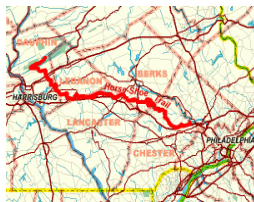
The Horse-Shoe Trail

Did you know that a 140 mile long hiking trail runs through a part of West Cocalico Township? The Horse-Shoe Trail starts at Valley Forge National Historical Park near Philadelphia and connects to the 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail north of Manada Gap in Dauphin County. Twenty-five miles of it goes through Lancaster County.

The trail has been around since 1935, when founder Henry Woolman decided the mountainous section of southeastern Pennsylvania was scenic enough to have its own trail. While some short sections go along back paved roads, most of the trail is through woods and fields. It also connects historical furnaces and forges dating from the 18th and 19th century iron industry.

In Lancaster County, the trail starts at the Lebanon County line and passes through game lands in the Furnace Hills area, the J. Edward Mack Boy Scout Reservation, and the Middle Creek Wildlife Refuge, then heads north of Denver and Adamstown and into Berks County.

There are several spaces along the way where you can park a car to get on or off the trail, making your hike as long or short as you like. The trail is marked by yellow rectangular blazes. It wanders through parks, state game lands and private property whose owners have graciously allowed access, so be sure to respect their boundaries as you pass through.



A guidebook plus a complete set of 10 maps covering the Horse-Shoe Trail is available for purchase. For more information, visit our website at www.hstrail.org, find us on Facebook/ Horse-Shoe Trail Conservancy or connect with us on Twitter/hstrailpa.



Put out the fire
IGNITE
the passion
to protect
Lancaster County

LOOKING TO MAKE A REAL
DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Volunteer with a Lancaster County Fire Company!

YOU can save lives and property, bring calm to chaotic fire and accident scenes, or lend your talents back at the fire station.

You bring the desire to help others. We provide the free training and the apparatus and equipment you'll need.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or to fill out a volunteer application:

Visit www.BecomeaFirefighter.org
Call 888-914-JOIN

**The West Cocalico Water Authority reads your water meters four times a year.
Sump Pumps may not be connected to the public sewer system as this overloads the sewer treatment plant.**



Water and Sewer bills are mailed on a quarterly basis.

You should receive your bill, per the following schedule:

- 1st Qtr. (Jan/Feb/Mar) by April 15th**
- 2nd Qtr. (Apr/May/June) by July 15th**
- 3rd Qtr. (July/Aug/Sept) by October 15th**
- 4th Qtr. (Oct/Nov/Dec) by January 15th**

If you don't receive a bill or have any questions, please call the Authority at (717) 336-6265.



Going away?
Don't worry about a thing!

The Ephrata Police Department will come and check up on your home while you're away as a courtesy to you.

Call Ephrata Police Department
(717) 738-9265



REINHOLDS FIRE COMPANY
138 W. Main Street, Reinholds, PA 17569
(717) 336-7753
www.reinholdsfirecompany.com

****October thru April - First Saturday of the month
Blue Grass Festivals in the Reinholds Banquet Hall.**

Sunday, October 8, 2017 - Gift Card Bingo

**November 1, 2017 - Clam Mix Sale
To order, contact any active fireman or call (717)
336-7403. Deadline for orders is 10/23//2017**

November 7, 2017 - Election Day Sub Sale

Sunday, February 11, 2018 - Filled Basket Bingo

**Saturday, February 24, 2018 - Chicken & Waffle Dinner
4pm-sold out (Dine In or Take Out)**

March 2018 - Fund Drive Begins

**Banquet Hall Rentals: (717) 336-6266 - leave a message
or email hallrent18@yahoo.com**

**All fundraisers are held at the
Reinholds Fire Company Banquet Hall**

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Township website: westcocalicotownship.com

Visit the township website for meeting dates/times, as well as park information, meeting minutes, community events and zoning hearing ads.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

For up-to-date news and information happening in the township such as road closings, emergencies, etc.



ANNOUNCING IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

The **County and Township Tax Bill (Spring Taxes)** is sent to you by the County of Lancaster. Payments are to be made to the Treasurer of Lancaster. If you have questions about your Spring Taxes, please call (717) 299-8222.

Your **School Tax or (Fall Taxes)** is mailed to you by the Cocalico School District. If you have questions, please call the tax office (717) 336-1406.

The West Cocalico Township Office mails the **Street Light Tax** to residents that have a street light on their street. If you have questions, please call (717) 336-8720.

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2017 TAX RATES

REAL ESTATE TAX	2.175 Mills
REALTY TRANSFER TAX	0.005%
EARNED INCOME TAX	0.005%
STREET LIGHTS \$1.56 per street front foot with a 100 foot maximum	

SCHOENECK FIRE COMPANY

125 N. King Street, Denver, PA 17517
(717) 336-6767 www.schoeneckfire.com



**Saturday, October 14, 2017 - Big John Nolt
Chicken BBQ Dinner
10am -?**

**Saturday, October 28, 2017 - Soup & Sub Sale
8am until sold out**

**Saturday, November 18, 2017 - Craft Show/Bake Sale
8am - 1pm**

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 - Breakfast
6am - 10am**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018 - Soup & Sub Sale
8am - sold out**

**Saturday, February 17, 2018 - Breakfast
6am - 10am**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018 - Breakfast
6am - 10am**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 - Mud Sale
(NEW DATE, NEW NAME)
9am-? Quilts @ 12pm**

Banquet Hall Rentals: Contact David High (717) 271-6727

**All fundraisers are held at the
Schoeneck Fire Company Banquet Hall**

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Reinholds, PA 17569
(717) 336-8720

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Reinholds, PA 17569
(717) 336-8720

Authority

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Reinholds, PA 17569
(717) 336-6265

Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Except Holidays

Township Website:

westcocalicotownship.com

Email:

wcocalico@gmail.com

Water/Sewer

Emergency call

Authority's Cell Phone:

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