



Ross Township News

THE NEWSLETTER OF ROSS TOWNSHIP

FALL 2019

SUPERVISORS

Howard Beers, Jr.
Chairman

Tina Drake
Vice Chairman

David Shay
Supervisor

SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Ross Township
Municipal Building
PO Box 276
250 Anchorage Road
Saylorsburg, PA 18353
570-992-4990
Fax: 570-992-4440
www.rosstwp.com
rosstwp@ptd.net

Doris Price
Secretary/Treasurer

Office hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tracy Herman
Codes Enforcement/
Zoning Officer
Tuesday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Check or M.O. for payment of permits

David Manter
Sewage Enforcement
Call 570-350-9171

Ethan Brewer
Road Foreman

Visit our website:
www.rosstwp.com

FALL CLEAN UP

Date: September 20, Friday
6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
September 21, Saturday
6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: The rear of the Municipal Building
258 Anchorage Rd,
Saylorsburg, PA 18353

Trash Accepted: Metal, Tires, Automobile Batteries, Mattresses and Appliances (freezers and refrigerators empty please) carpet, furniture, bikes -- general trash.

There will be a charge for refrigerators, freezers & air conditioners of \$20.00

Car & Light Truck tires \$4.00 each

Truck Tires \$12.00 each

Tractor Tires \$15.00 each

All tires on rims add \$2.00 more

DO NOT BRING: recyclables, construction materials, household garbage, paint cans, hazardous chemicals, sealed or open containers of solvents, paint thinners. no newspaper or yard clippings or residue from burning barrels.

Pickup trucks are permitted but there will be a minimum charge of \$30.00 after (1) load. Pickups with trailer and other large loads are charged at the discretion of the Road Foreman.

This is a list of Covered Electronic Equipment for Recycling:

Computer Devices, Monitors, Televisions, Networking Devices, Printing Devices, Power Supplies, Peripherals (keyboards, mice, speakers, etc.), cable, wires and cords, & hardware.

There is a list of **unacceptable** items for electronic recycling which can be found on our website or by calling the Township office.

The Waste Authority can also be called for dead deer pick ups at their toll free number 1-888-502-6055.

COMMUNITY DAY



Our Community Day celebration is fast approaching and is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 11a.m. to 4 p.m.. **THIS IS A FREE EVENT TO ATTEND AND VISIT PARTICIPANTS** such as Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Fire Co., West End Ambulance, PVEN, Ross Township Historical Society, WEPOSC, AWSOM, Pocono Heritage Land Trust, Pocono Animal Rescue, Friends of Cherry Valley, and many local Service groups and county services.

NEW THIS YEAR CRAFTERS AND DIRECT SELLERS WILL PARTICIPATE.

There will be games, demonstrations, entertainment, historical artifacts, cakewalk, plenty of food and drinks together with live music!!!! **And our tricky tray (basket raffle) extravaganza.**

Come out and bring your friends for a really great day at our VanBuskirk/Haney Park at Ross!!

6TH ANNUAL DAVE FLEETWOOD MEMORIAL TRAIL RUN & LEISURE WALK

The 6th annual Dave Fleetwood Memorial Trail Run and Leisure Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 9:00a.m. at the West End Regional Park which benefits the Dave Fleetwood Memorial Scholarship Fund—Free T-Shirt if you register by September 14th. Forms are available at the Township office, WEPOSC website or by calling Bernie Kozen, 570-992-9733.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

A free concert in the park is slated for Sunday, August 25th from 2pm. to 6pm come listen and enjoy the sounds of "Now serving" . . . **rock, country, & rockin oldies!**

Bring blankets and lawn chairs — refreshments will be available too!!!!

TREE LIGHTING

Tree lighting ceremony will be held December 7, 2019 at 4 p.m. with Christmas Carols to sing, Santa arriving on a fire truck then come inside for hot chocolate and cookies, visit Santa and let him know what you would like for Christmas.



WHAT'S COMING UP

- Supervisors Meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm unless it is a Holiday, then it is the following Monday. (9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2)
- Planning Commission Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. (8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17)
- Park Committee Meetings and Historical Society Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month. 6:00pm for Park meeting / 7:00 for Historical meeting, at 258 Anchorage Road.

August 25 Free Concert in the Park 2:00-6:00 pm
September 2 Labor Day (Holiday)
September 7 Community Day 11:00-4:00*
October 14 Columbus Day (Holiday)
October 19 Pet Parade 12:00-1:00 *
October 31 Trick or Treat 5:00-7:00
November 5 Municipal Election Day 7am-8pm
November 11 Veterans Day
December 7 Tree Lighting 4 pm-6:00*

*Park outdoor events, more information will be posted on website.

PARK AND WALKING TRAIL

The Township has received a partial grant to refurbish the walking trail to make the walking more pleasurable for all users to enjoy. As such, the trail may be inaccessible for a few days during this maintenance process. Please be patient while the improvements are being done.

PET PARADE

Our annual pet parade will be held October 19, 2019. Get those costumes ready for a fun event!!!!



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ross Township Historical Society has been up and running full speed for almost 3 years now. Our meetings are fun, informative, and full of ideas to implement in our township. We invite you to come to our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. We meet at the former township building on Anchorage Road. The building is handi-capped accessible.

We have numerous purposes of why the society exists. Just to name a few are: to promote historical research about Ross Township, to identify historic buildings and sites, to collect artifacts of local interest and maintain them in a museum setting, and to preserve our historic buildings. If any of these things are important to you please come and join us!!

We have started many projects this year. We are interviewing many "seniors" of the community to learn of some township history, we are completing the work for our upcoming calendar, we are compiling a list of historic buildings/farms, and we are getting ready for our 2nd Annual Historic Sites Tour!! Our great Tour Event will be held on Sat, Oct. 12th. Be watching for updates!!

If you have questions or want more information please call Kathryn at 570-992-6151 or visit our website at www.rosstwpahs.wordpress.com or email us at rosstwpahs@gmail.com.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The road paving has now been accomplished for this year as well as line striping. These continued improvements keep Ross Township roads a pleasure to travel on and live on!

As Winter is approaching please note that many residents plow, shovel and blow snow from their properties into travel ways and roadways. Please note the Crimes Code 5507(a) and the second class Township code 2326 (PS 67326) make it a violation for individuals to place materials or items of personalty in the right of way and thereby obstruct the snow removal and plowing operations of the Township.

The Township has adopted in Ordinance that regulates parking of vehicles on Ross Township roads and authorizes removal of the unattended or an illegally parked vehicle and provides for the issuance of citations and violations.

Please be advised that when constructing or paving a driveway that enters a Township road a **PERMIT IS REQUIRED** to assure the property owner and contractor know the requirements of the installation which will prevent damage to both the property owner's property as well as the Townships equipment and roadway. The Township will not be responsible for any damage that may occur to the portion of your driveway within the road right of way from snow removal or any other road maintenance. In addition, if the driveway creates a hazard, drainage issue, or damages equipment such as snowplows, the property owner will be responsible for the same, as well as for the removal of the incorrectly installed portion of the driveway within the right of way. Please contact the Township office for the proper application or visit it on the Township website.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Township applied for and received a grant from the LSA fund (Local Share Account of the Gaming Act) that enabled us to proceed with the installation of a generator at the new Township building to help during power outages and emergency situations so that the Township offices can keep running and to offer services to the residents of our community by providing a "go to" place for water, a charging place for devices, to get some heat or cool off.

The generator is scheduled to be installed sometime during the month of August! Please call the office for an update on this great addition and for information when a power outage or an emergency happens on how to proceed with this assistance.

The Township is in the process of updating the Stormwater Management Ordinance, which is required by State law, to minimize the impacts of Stormwater Runoff by providing requirements for planning, installation and Maintenance of stormwater best management practices and establishing fees for administration of the Ordinance and specifying penalties and violations. Once again, the Township applied for and received a grant through a William Penn mini grant to cover approximately \$5,000 dollars of the cost with the Township's part being \$2,385.00. This project is moving forward with a consultant advising the Supervisor's together with the Township's engineer.