

MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER SPRING/SUMMER 2013



FROM THE DESK OF MT. JOY'S CHAIRMAN, JOHN GORMONT

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Wed., & Fri.:
9:00am - 12:00pm

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Going from Spring to Summer

With winter over and spring flying by so quickly, I think it is time to look forward to summer. The weather recently has been more like early spring when we look at the temperature. As we all know, the heat will be upon us before we know it. Then we will be complaining about being too hot.

By now I hope all of you have seen your 2013 tax statements and have seen the 50% reduction in the Township tax millage this year. This is the third year in a row that the township has been able to reduce your taxes, while most other taxes are continuing to go up. We are continuing to find additional ways to reduce the expenditures to keep lowering taxes.

You may have noticed the Township installed a security fence for the storage area in back of the building. We installed the fence to ensure the materials being stored were secure and would be available when needed. The fence also provides addition security to the Township property.

This year we determined there was a need to perform shoulder cutting on many of the township's roads. The shoulder cutting is necessary to ensure the water drains off the roadway to keep the surface from deteriorating and causing very expensive road repairs. The cost and the process of shoulder cutting are far less expensive than replacing a roadway.

Over the next few months we will be performing a lot of additional road work, such as base repair and pipe replacement. Once those repairs are completed we will then have the tar & chipping and line painting completed.

When you have a moment, stop by at Mud College School and see the repairs that were accomplished early this year. The porch roof was replaced; the soffit and windows were painted; and new window sills were installed and painted. The building really looks nice.

As we head into summer, there will be many of you traveling, so as always, enjoy your travels and be sure to return home safely.

John Gormont, Chairman, Mt. Joy Township Board of Supervisors

NOTICE OF 2012 AUDIT

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Township of Mount Joy, Adams County, PA
From January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Pursuant to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Township Code, notice is hereby given that the Auditor's Report of the Township of Mount Joy, Adams County, Pennsylvania for the year ended December 31, 2012 been filed as required. The audit was performed by Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, Hanover, PA. The following are concise financial statements of the Township:

	<u>Government Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Pension Fund</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2012	\$ 880,290	\$ 5,084	\$ 50,171	\$ 935,545
RECEIPTS				
Taxes Collected	695,312			695,312
Licenses & Permits	19,696			19,696
Fines and Forfeitures	7,492			7,492
Interest & Rents	2,276	244	2,748	5,268
Intergovernmental Revenues	36,516	154,398		190,914
Charges for Service	35,555			35,555
Unclassified Operating Revenues	175			175
Pension fund contributions			3,576	3,576
Other Financing Sources	13,989	83,668		97,657
Total Receipts	811,011	238,310	6,324	1,055,645
Total Available	\$ 1,991,301	\$ 243,394	\$ 56,495	\$ 1,991,190
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	\$ 256,265			\$ 256,265
Public Safety	126,203			126,203
Public Works				
- Highways & Roads	96,702	119,782		216,484
- Other Services	5,454			5,454
Culture and Recreation	8,319			8,319
Debt Service	384,035	25,903		409,938
Employer Paid Benefits & Withholding Items	25,164			25,164
Insurance	19,948			19,948
Fiduciary fund expenses			16,535	16,535
Other Financing Uses	22,552			22,552
Total Expenditures	944,642	145,685	16,535	1,106,862
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2012	746,659	97,709	39,960	884,328
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,691,301	\$ 243,394	\$ 56,495	\$ 1,991,190



ROAD REPORT



Winter has finally let go of its grip and warmer weather is on its way. As always during nasty winter weather, the road crew was out and about cleaning the roadways of snow and ice to the best of their ability. Routes were mapped out so that every road was cleared as quickly as possible. Due to the weather some deterioration of our roadways occurred and we were busy repairing potholes, fixing/replacing signage and repairing the pipe on Low Dutch Road. We also completed repairs from Tropical Storm Lee damage and processed the necessary paperwork for FEMA/PEMA reimbursement. During the winter we purchased a melting pot for crack sealing materials. A new trailer was also purchased and we set it up for the melting pot and other uses such as base repairs.

This summer we will be out mowing and trimming trees/brush along the roads right-of-way. You will see the crew cutting shoulders along the roadways and several roads are scheduled to be tarred and chipped over the summer months. We will be installing guard rail along Barlow Two Taverns Road and White Church Road. Please be aware while driving of our work signs, equipment and personnel. The road crew's goal is to provide a safe and attractive roadway system throughout Mount Joy Township.

Be safe and enjoy your summer!

NEW TO MOUNT JOY



Over the winter the Township installed a new phone system. Please note that when you call the Township you will now be prompted to enter an individuals extension. The extensions are as follows:

John Gormont, Chairman Ext. 308
Sue Harbin, Secretary/Treasurer, Ext. 303
Sheri Moyer, Notary/Office Assistant, Ext. 301

Cindy Smith, Zoning Officer, Ext. 304
Scott Hughes, Road Master, Ext. 305

Notary Services Available



I am happy to announce that we now offer Notary service **FREE** to all Township residents. In January I took an on-line course to become a Notary Public. Following appointment by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State and being officially sworn in on February 19, 2013, I received my commission. If you have a need to get something notarized, please give me a call at the Township.

Sheri Moyer, Notary/Office Assistant



We are very please to announce that The Pleasant Grove School (a/k/a Mud College Schoolhouse) has been named to the National Register of Historic Buildings. The committee is very grateful to Elsie Morey who worked tirelessly on the application process. Over 200 similar schoolhouses were active in Adams County from around 1839 to 1950. After this period, they were all closed as students went to consolidated schools in each District. In 1951 the Mud College Schoolhouse was purchased from Littlestown School District by the Walter Crouse family, many of whom attended this one room schoolhouse. They made sure that the building and its contents remained in tact at a time when others were sold for unrelated uses or demolished. The School is now owned by the Township. Every spring classes from many of the county schools spend a day learning lessons as they were taught in 1896. This program is enjoyed by approximately 500 students each year and is valued as a unique way to experience a piece of history which may otherwise be lost. Mud College Schoolhouse is a treasure in our community and the recognition by the Pennsylvania Historic & Museum Commission is a worthy acknowledgement of the importance of preserving a tangible reminder of the beginnings of our educational system.

Ellie Bennett, Mud College Committee Chair

COMMENTS FROM MT. JOY'S ZONING OFFICER

Spring/Summer renovation projects are in full swing. For your convenience, the following are brief permitting guidelines:

- Projects with no structural changes, such as windows, doors, and roofing materials replacement do not require a Township Zoning Permit.
- Any structural addition requires permitting.
- Prior to the installation of any pool please contact me.
- Fencing over six foot in height requires an inspection.

Septic inspections and reporting forms are currently in process for District 3. Please be aware, if your property is located in District 3 you will be required to have your system inspected within the calendar year.

FIREWORK DISPLAYS

Please note Mt. Joy Twp. does not have any Ordinance in place for Firework displays and there is no "State Permit" for firework displays. The Fireworks Act (ACT 204) enacted in 2004 establishes the rules and regulations for a fireworks display. Any law enforcement officer has the right to enforce the Fireworks Act, including an unlawful display.

~West Nile Virus~

It's that time again when you should be aware of, and conscientious of reducing the risk of WNV exposure. Stagnant ponds, roadside ditches, ruts, drying streambeds, catch basins, retention/detention ponds, pool covers, and artificial containers such as barrels, buckets, troughs, and tires offer optimal mosquito breeding habitat. If you have any questions or need information on WNV, please contact the Adams County Conservation District @ 334-0636.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gettysburg Outlets: July 9, 23, Aug. 27, & Sep. 17th American Red Cross Blood Drive. July 14th Lanco Car Show & Toys for Tots "Christmas in July." Aug. 10th Back to school event. Sept. 6-8th Girls weekend out. Oct. 19th Something to cheer about. Oct. 31st Trick or Treat. Nov. 2nd Cash 4 clothes. Nov. 9th VIP event. Nov. 16th Santa arrives. Nov. 22nd Midnight madness, Dec. 1-24th Lights festival, visit with Santa, carriage rides, live music.



Alpha Fire Company/Littlestown: June 23rd drive thru pit beef, July 28th drive thru pit beef, Aug. 5th-10th Carnival, Aug. 17th Good Ole Days food at carnival building, Sept. 7th Outdoorsmen Extravaganza (sportsmen drawing) with Bendersville Fire Co. held at New Oxford Social Club, Sept. 22nd "2000 Club" tickets available, Sept. 29th Drive thru pit beef, Nov. 22nd Turkey Bingo.

Barlow Fire Company: June 15th Fried Chicken Feed, July 10th "10 Week Club" - Tickets start 10 weeks before this date. August 24th Car show. There will be other pit beef dinners worked in throughout the summer. Watch the Board and call the Fire House for information on tickets. Phone No. 334-1717

Bonneauville Fire Company: have bingo every Monday night, doors open at 5, early birds at 6:30, with dinner available. Late night bingo the 3rd Friday night of each month, doors open at 6, early birds at 7:30, with dinner available. Guaranteed payouts for every game. Every third Friday night of each month. 41 games total, all paper games, including early birds. Guaranteed payouts and special games and prizes. Doors open at 5:30 with early birds at 7:30. Kitchen open with dinner special and soups, sandwiches and pizza.