



TOWNSHIP

Township News
CUMRU

Building a better community for you!

Township of Cumru
1775 Welsh Road
Mohnton, PA 19540

Township Offices
Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Except Holidays
Phone: 610-777-1343
Fax: 610-796-0850
CumruTownship.org

Board of Commissioners
Meetings
Third & Fifth Tuesday of
each month at 7 p.m.

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DR. DIANE BONACCORSI CUMRU BOC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Cumru Township Board of Commissioners presented Green Hills Family Medicine Associates with a plaque, in recognition of many years of service to Township residents. Green Hills Family Medical Associates is represented by Dr. Diane Bonaccorsi, M.D.

Dr. Bonaccorsi attended Villanova University and then received her medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago in 1980. She then completed her Family Practice residency in 1983 at Lutheran General Hospital/University of Illinois where she was Chief resident. Dr. Bonaccorsi founded Green Hills Family Medicine Associates in 1984. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Family Practice and is board certified and recertified three times. Dr. Bonaccorsi received a prestigious award from the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians in 2005 naming her “Family Physician of the Year” in Pennsylvania.



The Green Hills Family Medicine Associates is made up of Dr. Bonaccorsi, M.D. along with Dr. Charles Muvdi, M.D., Dr. Kimberly Rauenzahn, D.O., and Mr. Brent Calhoon, PA-C. Green Hills Family Medicine Associates is located at 1903 Morgantown Rd. Reading, PA 19607.

FALL 2014

INTERESTED IN SERVING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

We currently have vacancies on our Park and Recreation Board and planning commission. More details on our boards and panels can be found below. Call (610)777-1343 for more details.

MEETING SCHEDULES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month and the 5th Tuesday, when applicable, at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Township Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Except: September (2nd Monday). The Township Secretary is available to answer questions about the application for plan review and plan review fees; call (610)777-1343.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

The Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The Park and Recreation Board is always looking for volunteers to help with our events and programs. Contact the Rec. Director for details.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. A staff assistant is available to answer any questions regarding a Zoning Variance Application during normal business hours. Call (610)777-1343.

PENSION BOARD

The Pension Board meets whenever the committee deems necessary to perform its functions and responsibilities. A staff assistant is available to answer any questions regarding this Board during normal business hours; call (610)777-1343.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The Municipal Authority of Cumru Township is scheduled to meet on 4/10/14, 7/10/14, and 10/9/14 at 8:00am to discuss the sanitary sewer system.

*A full listing of boards & commissions, along with a meeting schedule can be found at www.cumrutownship.org.

**If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of our Boards with a vacancy, please contact the township at (610) 777-1343 for details on how to declare your interest.

TOWNSHIP CLOSINGS

The Township Administrative Offices will be closed for the following Holidays (If they fall on a week day, closed on a Friday if they fall on a Saturday, and closed on a Monday if they fall on a Sunday):

New Year's Day, President's Day, the Friday before Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Day after Thanksgiving, half the day before Christmas, Christmas Day, half of New Year's Eve

FLUSHABLE? CAN THE WIPES

Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as “disposable” but should not be flushed down the toilet. Items include: **disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, mop refills, paper towels, towelettes, etc.**

These products don't dissolve. They clog pipes, causing expensive and time consuming repairs for homeowners. These products also clog public sewer pipes and pump station equipment, contributing to higher sewer rates. Save yourself and your sewer system from a pain in the drain, put wipes, rags and towels in the trash, not the toilet!

HELP US MANAGE STORM WATER

WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

WHY IS STORM WATER “GOOD RAIN GONE WRONG?”

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Over the past few years, the Township of Cumru has made it a priority to find better ways of reaching our residents with the information they need. This process started with a face lift of our website (cumrutownship.org) and a redesign on our biannual newsletter back in 2010. In 2011 we created a facebook page and have been encouraged by the reach of our posts. Since 2012 we have been packaging our Recreation Schedule with the Refuse and Recycling Calendars to maximize our mailings.

This year we are excited to announce two new additions to our stable of resources. The first grew from a cooperative effort between the five municipalities in the Governor Mifflin School District (Cumru, Brecknock, Shillington, Kenhorst, Mohnton) and the Governor Mifflin School District, it was launched this past fall as the Governor Mifflin Park and Fun Finder (parknfunfinder.org). The Park N Fun Finder is a comprehensive source of all of the area Park and Recreation facilities, providers, programs, and events. We look forward to this being a great resource moving forward. In addition to the Park N Fund Finder, we have also added the capability of generating mass email notifications to inform our residents about Park and Rec. Events, Administrative Advisories, Public Safety Advisories, and Public Works Advisories. You can sign up for these notifications from either of our websites. Sign up soon to make sure you don't miss the next road closures update or winter weather advisory.



PROJECT CHILDSAFE

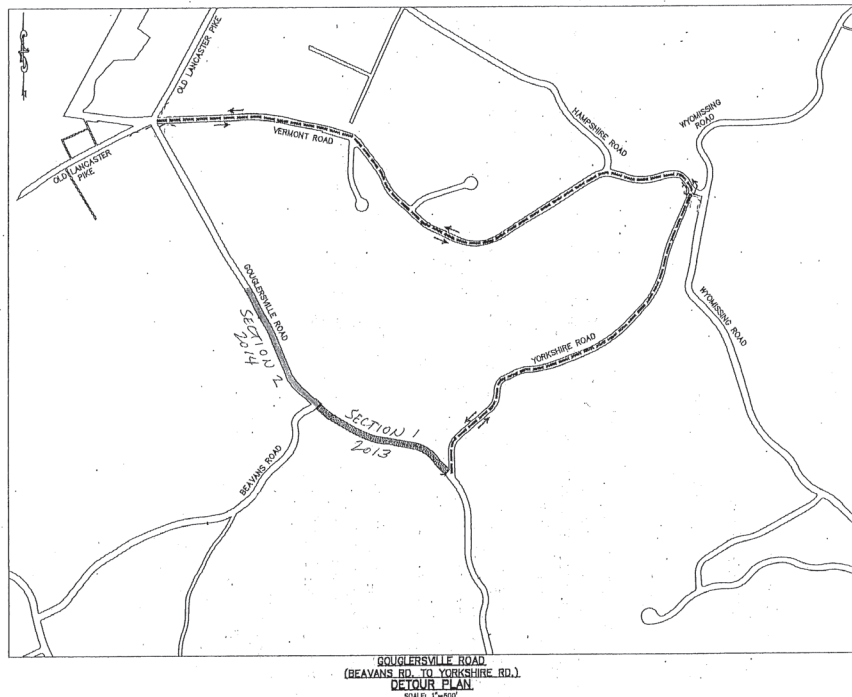
The Cumru Township Police Department has partnered with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program, to distribute firearms safety kits, which include a free gun lock, to our residents. Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting sports Foundation (NSSF), has distributed more than 36 million firearms safety kits throughout the nation since 2003. To receive a free kit or for more information, stop in at the Police Department's office, 1775 Welsh Rd., during regular business hours, or call Sgt. Thomas Pinkasavage at (610)777-9595.

GOUGLERSVILLE ROAD PHASE 2

Cumru Township is embarking on phase 2 of a five year project to reconstruct and improve Gouglersville Rd. Phase 2 will take place from Beavens Rd. to a point approximately 1,500 feet to the north. A detour will be set up during construction, as depicted in the drawing to the right. Construction began in late August. Although the project may involve temporary inconvenience, it will provide a long-term improvement to a major Township road.

Updates on the progress of phase 2 will be available online at CumruTownship.org and will be posted to our township facebook account.

Residents may contact us with comments, questions, and concerns at (610)777-1343.



SR 0724 BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

The public is invited to the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners meeting to inform the community of engineering work to replace the superstructure of the bridge carrying SR 0724 over the Angelica Creek along with minor pavement reconstruction. The project is located in Kenhorst Borough and Cumru Township, Berks County. Traffic headed east on SR 0724 will be detoured during construction. Traffic traveling west will be maintained through staged construction. Pedestrians traveling along SR 0724 over Angelica Creek will be accommodated with the use of a temporary pedestrian bridge. Preliminary plans for the project will be available for viewing at the Kenhorst Borough and Cumru Township Buildings during business hours beginning 9/30/2014 through 10/07/2014. If you have any questions about this project, please contact: Mital Sardesai Project Manager PennDOT District 5-0 by phone: (610)871-4563 or email: msardesai@pa.gov. BOC Meeting: September 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level board meeting room at 1775 Welsh Rd. Mohnton, PA, 19540.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

No matter what season it is, we always seem to have a few projects to check off our list or a few improvements we would like to make to our homes, with that in mind, the Township of Cumru would like to remind residents that “accessory structures”, including but not limited to sheds, decks, fences, and pools, require permits. Projects involving digging require a PA One Call by state law. Additional information about our permitting process and PA One Call can be found at the following links.

<http://www.pa1call.org/PA811/Public/>

<http://www.cumrutownship.org/departments/codeenforcement.html>

TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION

This information is also printed on the tax bills.

Sitting Dates and Times

March, April, July, and August hours (with the exception of CLOSURES noted below):

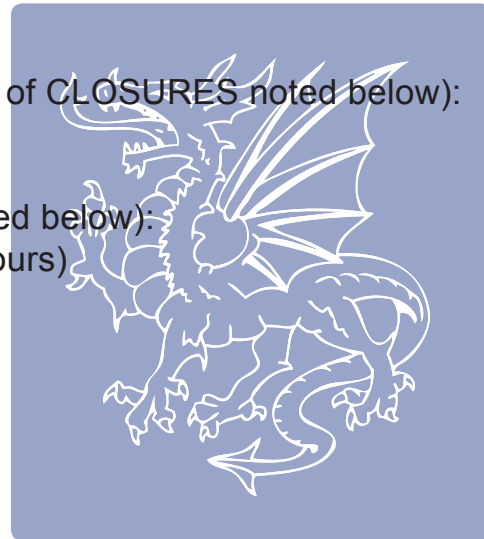
- Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All other months (with the exception of CLOSURES noted below):

- Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (no Thursday hours)
- Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

- 9/18/2014 through 9/29/2014
- 11/7/2014 through 12/8/2014
- 12/22/2014 through 1/5/2015



Important Notes

- ONLY FULL PAYMENT ACCEPTED. ONLY EXACT PAYMENT ACCEPTED.
- All payments payable to Kathleen Sonnen, Tax Collector.
- If remitting payment without bill, please note type of tax, current year & tax bill number.
- Refuse fee: After 12/31/2014, unpaid refuse charges are sent to collection agency for payment.
- Real estate taxes: After 12/31/2014, unpaid real estate tax bills are collected by Berks County Tax Claim, (610)478-6625. A fee of \$15.00 per bill is added, when filed with Berks County Tax Claim. As of 2/1/2014, ¾% interest is added per month.
- Per capita taxes: Per capita tax is assessed for any person 18 years of age or older, working or not working. Bills dated July, if not paid by 12/31/2013, will be submitted to GH Harris collection agency, (570)639-5005. Bills dated November, if not paid by April 30, 2015, will be submitted to GH Harris collection agency.
- A drop box is available inside the Cumru Township Office Building at 1775 Welsh Rd., Mohnton, PA. DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE DROP BOX. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Township holidays are as follows: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Friday before Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Columbus Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, after 12:00 p.m. day before Christmas, Christmas Day, after 12:00 p.m. day before New Year. The office closes for 2012 on December 31, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.

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ATTENTION LANDLORDS

Property owners are responsible for contacting the Township to ensure that an apartment or other tenancy is not a violation of Township ordinances.

REPORT BY LANDLORD

As required by Ordinance No. 573 adopted 4/20/99.

Part 1 – Unit Information

ADDRESS OF LEASED UNIT: _____

Is this unit a Business Unit? Yes _____ No _____
a Dwelling Unit? Yes _____ No _____

Is this unit occupied? Yes _____ No _____
Not occupied? Yes _____ No _____

Brief description of unit (for example, 3 bedrooms, 2 story, etc.):

Part 2 – Landlord Information

LANDLORD(S) NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE, INCLUDING AREA CODE: _____

Part 3 – Tenant Information

NAME(S) OF TENANT(S): _____ Please list ages of any children.

Reports by Persons Upon Becoming Landlords – report the data set forth above within 30 days.
Reports of Changes in Use or Occupancy – report the data set forth above within 10 days after having knowledge of vacancy or a change in occupancy. A landlord of a hotel, inn, or boarding house shall not be required to report a person as a “tenant” until that person has resided in such landlord’s establishment for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

Both residential and commercial property owners are responsible to report their Landlord Information (Ordinance No. 573) and any changes during the year. The form is provided for your convenience. Rental money does not have to be exchanged in order to require a response to the Landlord report.

CTFD - HOW TO GET INVOLVED

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Becoming a volunteer firefighter gives you a unique opportunity to serve your community while joining a select group of people few ever get to be a part of. Whether you choose to help out in a support role, become a fully qualified firefighter, rescue technician or apparatus operator, or pursue a path to becoming a fire officer, it requires hard work and commitment, but it can also be one of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have. If you want to be part of a close-knit team, have a desire to learn and keep on learning, and want to help people when they need it the most, then the volunteer fire service just might be for you.

HOW TO JOIN

First, you must complete one combined application to the Cumru Township Fire Department, Cumru Township Volunteer Firefighters' Association, and Cumru Township Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association. You must then pass a criminal background check, complete an interview with the Membership Committee, and be accepted into probationary membership by a vote of the Firefighters' Association. Successful completion of the six month probationary period completes the full membership process. We take applications year-round at the Fire Chief's office in the Cumru Township Municipal Building at 1775 Welsh Road, or you can speak directly with a department officer. There is no cost to apply or to be a member of the department.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCT. 5-11, 2014

WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES, TEST YOURS EVERY MONTH.

SMOKE ALARM BASICS:

- Make sure your smoke alarms have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- An ionization smoke alarm is usually more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is usually more responsive to smoldering fires. Both Types of alarms or combination alarms should be installed in the home.
- Smoke alarms and alert devices, called accessories, are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Go to nfpa.org/safetytips to find out more.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including basements.
- For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. when one sounds, they all sound.
- Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance Use a photoelectric alarm or an alarm with a "hush" button if the alarm is between 10 and 20 feet of a cooking appliance.
- If cooking fumes set off alarms, either replace the alarm with one that has a "hush" button, which will silence the alarm for a short period of time, or install a photoelectric type of alarm.
- When installing follow the instructions that come with the alarm.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE ALRM SOUNDS:

- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound and understands what to do when they hear the smoke alarm.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stat outside. Have an outdoor meeting place for your family to go.
- Call the fire department from outside the home.

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RESIDENT INFORMATION

GRASS CLIPPINGS:

What many people don't realize is how storm water collects debris, like yard waste and litter. Solid materials bundle together at storm drains and block the flow of rain into storm water pipes. This can result in localized flooding that could have been prevented. Solid materials that get through the storm water system flow directly into local creeks and rivers, often containing pollutants that are harmful to aquatic ecosystems. Like many other municipalities, Cumru Township is responsible for enforcing regulations to minimize yard waste, litter, and other debris in storm water. Accordingly, by Ordinance No. 658, as amended, Cumru Township prohibits the disposal of grass clippings and other material in streets, unless clippings are removed from streets by one hour after sunset on the day on which such clippings are deposited in the street. **When it rains, everyone is downstream of someone.**

STREET LIGHTS:

If you experience a streetlight outage, call Met-Ed or PPL directly by using contact information on your electric bill. When trees block streetlights, the lights cannot be serviced. Property owners are responsible for having their trees trimmed so as not to interfere with streetlight maintenance.

TREE TRIMMING:

Trees and vegetation must be trimmed to provide at least seven and one half feet (7'-6") of clearance above sidewalks and at least fourteen (14') of clearance above streets (Ordinance No. 137). Low branches can damage vehicles, impede sidewalk travel, and block signs. Property owners are responsible for having their trees trimmed. New trees shall be planted a minimum of 10 feet outside of the legal right of way of streets (Ordinance No. 690).

LEAF COLLECTION:

Leaf collection season has arrived! The Township will begin picking leaves on all dedicated roads on the second Tuesday of October (October 14th) and will continue for nine weeks (December 12th) or until the first significant snowfall. Leaves should be placed in the gutter for collection. Leaves should not be placed in bags or containers. Leaves that are mixed with sticks, branches and other yard debris will not be collected. Leaves in bags or containers will not be picked up during this time of year. Leaf collection crews will work through the Township on a continuing basis without a published day or area schedule. Due to the nature of leaf collection work it is not possible to have a set schedule. Special arrangements will not be made to pick up leaves. The Township has six trucks and five leaf vacuum machines dedicated to leaf collection. With the exception of emergencies, the Highway Department's entire staff (eight men) is assigned to leaf collection duty on a daily basis. During the heaviest times of the leaf collection season the Township will also assign the Sewer Department and Mechanics to assist with the work. Leaf mulch is available to residents on a first come, first served basis. The Township will deliver leaf mulch, when possible, to addresses in the Township. The Township reserves the right to decline delivery based on accessibility problems or concerns such as potentially washing into streams or storm water facilities. Please call the Township to discuss delivery.



WINTER WEATHER MAINTENANCE:

Less than three (3") inches of snow, the roads will be treated as conditions warrant. Depending on the storm, plowing may not begin until there is at least three (3") of accumulation. Over three (3") inches of accumulation, the road will be plowed if parked cars permit. The number and frequency of passes that the plow will make depends on the intensity, duration and type of frozen precipitation. HOWEVER, no two storm events are the same and temperature, duration, intensity, type of precipitation, time of day, time of year, manpower levels, equipment availability and many other factors will vary from storm to storm. The number and position of vehicles parked along the road will seriously impact the Township's ability to push snow off of the road.



*It is unlawful to cast or deposit snow and/or ice in streets of the Township (Ordinance No. 332). Cumru Township maintains the traveled cartway of dedicated roads, defined as traveled lanes, as its first priority, so as to minimize snow accumulation becoming a hazard on the roadway. After cartways are plowed (traveled width), a cleanup and widening operation follows. Roads are plowed in a priority order, beginning with the highest traffic volume routes and working toward the lower traffic routes.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:

Parking is prohibited along Snow Emergency Routes during a declared Snow Emergency. Check the Township website, www.cumrutownship.org, or the Township's Facebook page for Snow Emergency updates.

POTHOLES:

The Highway Department fills potholes all year round. Please call (610) 777-1343 to report potholes and a crew will be dispatched.

NO SEWER DEDUCTIONS:

For those sanitary sewer customers on public water, Cumru Township discontinued the practice of deductions for pool fill-ups or other water that does not go through the sanitary sewer system. Sewer consumption is based solely on water consumption, as required by ordinance.

SEWER VENTS:

Sewer vents and clean-outs are a critical part of every building's sanitary sewer lateral. They provide access for repair, maintenance and inspection of the sewer pipes that convey sewage from a building to the Township's sewer collection system. The sewer vents and clean-outs are owned by and the responsibility of the property owner. The area around the sewer vents and clean-outs must be kept clear of vegetation, landscaping, and other permanent structures.

SEWER BACK-UPS:

Residents are encouraged to call the Township before they contact a plumber in the event of a clogged sewer. At no charge, the Township will investigate the problem and advise the property owner on the results.

"If you experience a sewer backup, do not flush your toilet or use water until the cause of the problem has been determined. The Township recommends contacting the Sewer Department at (610) 777-1343 Monday through Friday 8a.m.-4:30p.m. or after hours at (610) 607-1815. The Township will check the sewer main and sewer lateral. If the clog is in the main or in the Township's Section of the lateral the Sewer Department will clear the blockage. If the clog is on the property owner's section of the lateral or the building trap, the Township will advise the property owner to contact a plumber. There is no charge for this service.

RESIDENT SERVICES

INTERESTED IN RENTING OUR FACILITIES?

CALL (610) 777-1343 FOR DETAILS

Looking to host a birthday or graduation party? How about a bridal or baby shower? Don't have enough room at home for that family get together? Our Warren Recreation Center is the perfect solution! With ample space, affordable rates, and all the necessary facilities, make sure you give us a call before you make arrangements anywhere else. We may have exactly what you are looking for. We book quick, so do not hesitate to call!



CURBSIDE BRUSH/YARDWASTE COLLECTION

There will be one more curbside "brush/yard waste" pickup during 2014. The schedule is as follows:
If your trash day is Mon: pickup will be Sat., October 4, 2014
If your trash day is Tues: pickup will be Sat., October 11, 2014
If your trash day is Wed: pickup will be Sat., October 18, 2014
If your trash day is Thurs or Fri: pickup will be Sat., October 25, 2014

Please Note:

1. All brush/yard waste must be set out the night prior to collection. There will be no re-run routes.
2. All brush/yard waste is to be in kraft bags (biodegradable bags) or tied securely with rope or twine not to exceed two (2) feet in diameter, and three (3) feet in length. No wood over four (4) inches in diameter will be taken because of possible damage to trucks. No bundles or bags weighing over forty (40) pounds.

TIPS FOR MAKING SEWER AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Cumru Township accepts cash, personal checks, and physical checks generated by on-line bill pay services.

Cumru does not accept electronic funds transfers via ACH, debit cards, or credit cards.

- The consumer is responsible for monitoring the disbursement of funds from her/his account.
- The consumer is responsible for being aware of her/his bank's internal policies.
- The Township is not responsible for errors by on-line bill pay services.
- The Township assesses a fee of \$32.00 for deposited checks that are returned for insufficient funds.

The consumer is then required to pay the fee and original bill in cash.

RESIDENT SERVICES

YARD WASTE FACILITY

Normal Hours of Operation:
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Open ONLY on the Second Saturday of the Month
Yard waste will not be accepted on any other day
Winter Hours (Jan-March): 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Facility Location: Poplar Neck Rd.



The following items will be accepted:

- Leaves
- Garden Debris
- Brush and Bushes
- Tree Trimmings
- Weeds
- Flowers and Garden Plants
- Kraft Paper Bags

The following items will NOT be accepted:

- Stumps and/or stump grindings
- Grass
- Plastic Bags
- Root Balls
- Treated or Painted Wood
- Railroad Ties
- Tree Branches (larger than 5ft long & 6in wide)
- Glass
- Trash
- Dirt or Sod
- Concrete or Brick
- Rocks**

Fines up to \$300 will be issued for illegal dumping (Ordinance No. 676). Open ONLY to residents of Cumru. Identification will be required! No commercial vehicles are allowed. The site will be patrolled by police and is under video surveillance.

*In order to comply with PaDEP regulations, items proposed to be dropped off at the yard waste facility may be declined at the Township's discretion.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OPEN TO CUMRU RESIDENTS

The annual Temple Halloween Parade will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4th starting at 6 p.m. (or on the rain date of Sunday, Oct. 5th at 4 p.m.) along Kutztown Rd. in Temple PA . Over 70 groups will participate by showing their Halloween spirit. Come join in the fun. Call (610)929-4727 for more information.

Haunted Hollow Hay Ride and Barn at Jim Dietrich Park (4899 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Rd.) on Oct. 10, 11, 12, 17 & 18 from 7p.m. to 11p.m. Pumpkin and face painting, story time, carnival games, launchers, inflatables, food vendors and more. Prices vary according to activity. Call (610)929-4727 for more information.

The Sinking Spring YMCA Presents..

Where: Sinking Spring YMCA Turf Courts

What to Bring: Blanket or lawn chairs

Family Movie Night

Cost: FREE! Concessions available for sale

When: Saturday, September 27th

YMCA of Reading & Berks County

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.-

Sinking Spring Branch

Activities and Inflatables!

4920 Penn Ave., Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Showtime starts at 7:00 p.m.

(610)678-0484

Pumpkin and Pizza Party

Join us at the beautiful Angora Fruit Farm as we enjoy each other's company while carving pumpkins in preparation for our family Halloween Hike and Hayride. The pumpkins will be used to line the trail for the upcoming hike! Bring your pumpkin, carving tools, a drink or dessert to share, and your Happy Halloween spirit! We will provide the pizza!!

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Time: 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Fee: A pumpkin to carve and donate for the trail

*Pre-registration required! Spaces are limited!

Contact Jennifer Brooks, Environmental Educator to register:

jbrooks@countyofberks.com

Halloween Hike & Hayride

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014

Time: 6:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Fee: \$5 per person

*Costumes encouraged!

*Pre-registration required! Spaces are limited!

(Hikes leave every 15 minutes.)

Experience the wonder of the night while hiking through the beautiful Angora Fruit Farm, while meeting nocturnal animals along the way. Guides lead families along a pumpkin-lit path where children will meet and talk with local "animals" of the night. Families can enjoy a hayride or enjoy each other's company while having a treat sitting by a crackling campfire.

Program fills quickly!

Contact Jennifer Brooks, Environmental Educator to register:

jbrooks@countyofberks.com (610)374-8839

BERKS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

VACCINE CLINIC-OCTOBER

The ARL offers low-cost vaccinations on the 4th Saturday of the month from April through October.

Rabies – \$9

Distemper – \$9

Bordetella (kennel cough) – \$11

Lyme – \$24 vaccine & \$17 booster

Venue:	Animal Rescue League
Start:	October 25, 2014 1:00 p.m.
End:	October 25, 2014 2:30 p.m.
Address:	58 Kennel Rd, Birdsboro PA, 19508
Cost:	See description

Please use the lower level side entrance.

ANNUAL GALA-"CARNIVAL"

Step right up for pets! This year's annual gala is themed Carnival and the ARL invites you to step back in time for a night filled with vintage sideshow fun.

Venue:	Crowne Plaza
Start:	November 1, 2014 6:00 p.m.
End:	November 1, 2014 11:00 p.m.
Address:	1741 Papermill Rd. Wyomissing, PA, 19610
Cost:	\$60/each or \$110/couple

The night begins at 6 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza when guests will be treated to live sideshow acts. The silent and Chinese auction tables will be open and cocktails will be flowing. At 7:30 p.m., dinner will be served and guests will enjoy a high-energy live auction hosted by the one and only Dick Henry. The winners of the Cat Colony Mural Contest will be announced, as will the winner of the 5-day trip for two to Mexico!

After dinner, live music will fill the room and guests can crowd the dance floor. Our auction tables will close at 10pm and winners will be announced shortly thereafter. Be sure to pick up a ticket for the most popular raffle – the Basket of Cheer!

Tickets are \$60/each or \$110/couple and include all this fun and more.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

It's become an annual tradition! We want our adoptables to find a home for the holidays, and so we'll be open extra hours so that you can come in and find your perfect pal!

Venue:	Animal Rescue League
Start:	December 14, 2014 12:00 p.m.
End:	December 15, 2014 4:00 p.m.
Address:	58 Kennel Rd. Birdsboro PA, 19508

Saturday & Sunday: 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Bake Sale

Raffles

Giving Tree

Pictures with Santa

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

NOLDE FOREST EEC



First Sunday: Sept thru May (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Now serving as the administrative center for an extensive environmental education program, the Nolde property was once the home of a wealthy Reading manufacturer. See our story in video, tour the mansion, and enjoy a special event. No registration required. Hosted by the Friends of Nolde Forest.

October 5 Pond & Stream
Stream Exploration for ages 10+
Pond Exploration for ages under 9
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Make a Fish Print T-Shirt
* Bring a cotton blend shirt

November 2 Forestry Hike
December 7 Critter Creations
*bring a glue gun for natural craft

MIFFLIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Hours:
Monday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Mifflin community library is hosting numerous programs and activities throughout the week, including a stitching circle, storytime programs, a lego club, and more. Of course they also have a fantastic selection of books, magazines, music, and more available every day. Stop in or check out their website for more information (<http://www.berks.lib.pa.us>).

6 Philadelphia Avenue Shillington, PA 19607

MIFFLIN AREA YMCA

The Mifflin Area YMCA offers a state-of-the-art fitness center, interactive youth center, gymnasium, and child-watch area. Youth and adult programs are running year round and the gymnasium is available for rentals. Financial aid is available, call for more information.

Contact:

Rick Wagner, Executive Director
140 Chestnut Street
Mohnton, PA 19540
(610)750-5036

Hours

Mon-Thurs 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



<http://www.ymca-berkscounty.org>

NFL PPK - SEPT. 26, 2014

The NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK (PPK) program is a national skills competition for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15 to compete separately against their peers. Established in 1961, the PPK program is the oldest NFL Youth Football program.

Girls and boys in five separate age divisions (6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15) compete against each other in punting, passing and place kicking in a fun and engaging forum. The PPK program is free – both to organizers who host a local competition and to every youngster who wants to participate! Register at <http://www.nflppk.com>

Snacks and refreshments provided, trophies for our winners in each division.

SUPER SITTER WORKSHOP - SEPT. 27, 2014

The Super Sitter Workshop is a nation-wide program for girls ages 11 and up to learn the skills to take care of younger children and infants.

Girls will learn CPR and First Aid, what to do in cases of choking, how to manage minor and major emergencies, special care of infants, ideas to entertain children of different ages, and making good decisions.

To register, complete the form below and send it with a check payable to "Girl Scouts" to:
Denys Allen
11 Fawn Drive, Shillington PA 19607

Registrations accepted until September 12th or until program full.
Any questions? Contact Denys: (484)345-7453 or momdenys@gmail.com

Super Sitter Workshop
Girls ages 11 and up are invited!
Saturday, September 27, 2014
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (bring a bagged lunch)
Warren Recreation Center @
Cumru Township
\$50 per girl

AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL - OCT. 11, 2014

Event is held at the Warren Recreation Center from 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Join us for pumpkin painting, a coloring contest, and plenty of crafts for the children.
Moon Bounces, hayrides, a maze for the little ones, and plenty of games and prizes.

We will be hosting a costume contest for children and adults at 1:00p.m., categories for Cutest, Scariest, Most Original & Staff Favorite!

As always, we will have plenty of food, including hotdogs, fresh popcorn, caramel apples, cotton candy, apple cider, sno-kones, and much more. We'll make sure you leave full!

We'll also have live music playing throughout the event and a Punkin Chunkin video demonstration. Sure to be fun for the whole family, FREE TO PARTICIPATE!!!

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY FOR YOU!

A TOUCH OF CLASS - ADULT DANCE CLASSES

2nd YEAR TAP CLASS (6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.)

Students must have at least 1 year prior experience.

BEGINNING BALLET (6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

Students must have at least 1 year prior experience.

DANCE AEROBICS (7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.) Work out to the 50's

Wear your sneakers, comfortable clothes, and bring a water bottle!

Wednesdays Beginning Sept. 24, 2014 thru Nov. 12, 2014(8 Weeks).

Each class is \$40/per person. *Fall SPECIAL!!!! SIGN UP FOR 2 CLASSES FOR \$75/per person.

ALL REGISTRATIONS AND FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY Sept 22, 2014.

Instructor Kate (Epler) Maue has been dancing since the age of 3. Her dance experience includes: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Baton, and Middle Eastern Dance. 2014 brings Kate's 9th year with Cumru Township!



ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES



Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m. at the Warren Recreation Center
The cost is \$5.00/class at the door. Please contact the instructor, Chantel Palermo, at (610)621-3035 for details.

PAINT SOME POTTERY - NOVEMBER 23, 2014

\$17.00 (includes mug or bowl, all glazing supplies, and firing) * Please specify if you would like a mug or bowl, if not you will receive a mug. Program begins at 1:00 p.m.

To register, Mail a check (payable to "Township of Cumru") or stop by our offices at 1775 Welsh Road Mohnton PA 19540.

Contact us at (610)777-1343 x.121 for details.

ORNAMENT DECORATING - DECEMBER 13, 2014

Join us for a FREE ornament decorating program. We will provide all of the supplies, as well as, snacks and refreshments. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Program begins at 1:00 p.m.

To register, call (610)777-1343 x.121 or stop by our offices at 1775 Welsh Road Mohnton PA 19540.

Registration is limited.

SANTA'S MAILBOX - WINTER 2014

A special mailbox delivering mail directly to Santa at the North Pole will be setup in the township building lobby (1775 Welsh Rd. Mohnton PA 19540) beginning in November (Nov. 3) until the 2nd week of December (Dec. 12). Please make sure you include your full name and address so that Santa can write back. We will have form letters available, but feel free to bring a personalized letter from home.

BREAKFAST (OR LUNCH) WITH SANTA

Bring the family out for breakfast or lunch with Santa on Saturday December 6, 2014.

Breakfast will begin at 9:00AM, Lunch at 12:15PM. Both will be served buffet style. Full menus will be available when registration opens.

Along with a great meal, we will have plenty of crafts for the children, a coloring contest, door prizes, horse drawn carriage rides (tentative), and of course jolly ole Santa Claus himself, with a special little treat for every child!

Registration limited to 85 (each seating) and opens Monday, October 27, 2014. All registrations must be made in person.

The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children (all children three years of age or younger are free). Please contact the Park and Recreation Dept. at (610)777-1343 with any questions.

HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES - TENT. DEC 6, 2014

Join us for some hot chocolate (or coffee if you prefer) and a horse drawn carriage ride. We will be running carriage rides every few minutes from 10:00am-2:00pm. Country Carriage Rides out of Womelsdorf provides a wonderful carriage for us, and a wonderful experience. Bring the family out to create a few great new memories. Carriage rides will be departing and returning from the Warren Rec. Center (1775 Welsh Road Mohnton PA 19540).

2014 - HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST



Decorating your home for the holiday season? Then we are looking for you.

Submit a before and after photo of your home by email to sgausch@cumrutownship.org or by mail to 1775 Welsh Road Mohnton Pa 19540 to enter. Our top three homes will be featured in our next newsletter and the home owners will receive a gift certificate to one of the excellent family dining establishments in Cumru Township.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Governor Mifflin Region Public Park Areas & Recreation Facilities/School Properties	Acres	Baseball/Softball Field	Community/Rec Center	Park Building/Kitchen	Basketball Court	Walking Trail	Parking Lot	Picnic Pavilion	Picnic Area	Restroom (perm. or port.)	Weight Training Room	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Multi-Purpose Field	Bandshell/Amphitheater	Camping Areas	Frisbee Golf Course	Fishing Pond/Area	Football Field/Stadium	Playground/Tot Lot	Open Space	Gymnasium	Swimming Pool/Complex	Auditorium	Artificial Turf Field	Concession Stand	Boat Ramp/Dock	Nature Area/Trail	Hunting Areas	Gazebo	Running Track	Sliding Hill	Skate Park	Dog Park	Equestrian Trail	Hockey/Roller Blade Rink	Outdoor Ice Rink			
		Brecknock Township																																						
Horse-Shoe Trail	10 mi					1																X					X													
State Game Lands No. 52	1,170																					X					X													
Brecknock Elementary School	6	1			2	X								1							2		1																	
Open Space (former Boy Scout Camp)	48																					X																		
Cumru Township																																								
Ashley Run Development Land	10																					X																		
Cumru Open Space	29.5																					X																		
Montrose Manor Playground	3	1			1	2			X	X			1								1																			
Nokle Forest Environmental Ed. Ctr.	628.7																																							
Pennwynn Playground	1.3	1			1	1	X	1													1						X													
Warren Recreation Center/Park	13.8	1			1	1	X	1				1									2								1											
State Game Lands No. 324	7.4																					X																		
Cumru Elementary School	35	1			1	1	X					8		1							3		1								X									
Mifflin Park Elementary School	*	1				1	X														1		1																	
Governor Mifflin Intermediate School	*	1				1	X							1	1						1		1																	
*on same land as Cumru Elementary																																								
Kenhorst Borough																																								
Kenhorst Community Park	9.5		1		1	1	X	1		X											1																		X	
Mohnton Borough																																								
Mohnton Borough Hall	6	1			1		X				1																												X	
Mohnton Playground	14	2	1	1	1	1	X	3	X	X				1							3					1													X	
Shillington Borough																																								
Shillington Memorial Park	62.7	1			1	1	X	4	X	X	3	1	1	1				1	1	1	2	X	X	X	1	1	X	1											X	
Governor Mifflin High School	20	3			1	1	X				1			3					1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1														
Governor Mifflin Middle School	10						X																1																	



Township of Cumru Program Registration Form

Program Registration Form

Program Name: _____

Number of Participants: _____ Cost/Participant: _____ Total Cost: _____

Payment Received: _____ ***Make Checks payable to the "Township of Cumru"***

Name of Participant (and parent if under 18): _____

Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent if Participant is a Minor: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

****Registration in a program constitutes an agreement between the participants and the Department to allow photographs or video of the Participant(s) to be published for promotional use. The undersigned, understand that the listed activity (ies) may involve certain risks, and in consideration of admittance to this activity, does hereby for myself, my minor child, successors, and assigns agree to release, waive, and forever discharge from all liabilities and further agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Township of Cumru, its Commissioners, servants, agents, and employees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs which may be incurred due to participation of this activity.**

Two ways to register:

1. Come visit us at the Township offices
2. Download a registration form online & mail it in



Township of Cumru

Berks County, Pennsylvania
1775 Welsh Road
Mohnton, Pa 19540
www.cumrutownship.org

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Trash/Refuse Collection

Collection shall be once a week for everyday household refuse.

Fall Cleanup

If your trash pickup is Mon Fall Cleanup is Mon, Oct. 6, 2014
If your trash pickup is Tues Fall Cleanup is Tues Oct 14, 2014
If your trash pickup is Wed Fall Cleanup is Wed, Oct 22, 2014
If your trash pickup is Thurs Fall Cleanup is Thurs, Oct 30, 2014
If your trash pickup is Fri Fall Cleanup is Fri, Oct 31, 2014

Recycling Collection

Recycling collection shall be every other week.

*Our recycling program is a single-stream program. This means all recycling materials can be mixed in the recycling container.

**Please see the Refuse/Recycling Calendars for exact dates of collection. (available online at CumruTownship.org)

If you experience any problems with your trash or recycling collection, call the Township Office during the next business day at (610) 777-1343.

VISIT US AT
CUMRUTOWNSHIP.ORG

