

CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP



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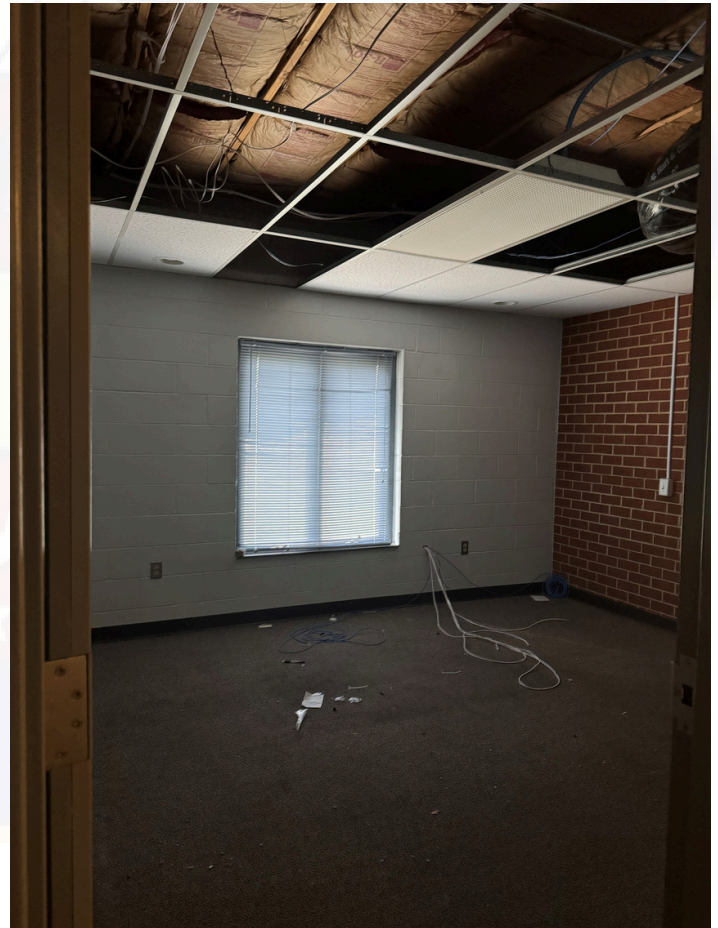
Building Renovation Progress

15%

Cumberland Township is pleased to update our residents on our Police Department/Municipal Office renovation! We have recently finished asbestos remediation, a vitally important step to ensuring our project remains safe for our contractors and residents alike! Keep on reading to find out more from our Township Manager, Dave Blocher, about where we are in the process. Please enjoy these progress photos!!



Front of building pre groundbreaking, post-asbestos remediation.
Before picture of the garage.



Before picture of the police department.

Your Board of Supervisors
meets the 4th Tuesday of every month
at 7:00pm 730 Chambersburg Road

Building Renovation Progress

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Front entrance, post-asbestos remediation.

Conference room, post-asbestos remediation.



Keep an eye on Savvy Citizen for the date of our groundbreaking ceremony!



Hallway to PD, post-asbestos remediation.

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From the Manager's Desk...

Springing the Township Forward

As Spring and warm weather comes to Cumberland Township we continue to Spring forward with projects in our Township.

Bids for the Building Renovation Project were received and evaluated. The Board of Supervisors took action to approve and move forward with this valuable Community project. Notice of Intent to award notifications have been distributed to:

- ECI Construction LLC - General Construction Contract
- Mann Plumbing and Heating, LLC - HVAC Construction Contract
- Stouffer Mechanical Contractor LLC - Plumbing Construction Contract
- Hull's Electrical Service Inc. - Electrical Construction Contract

As the Building Renovation project moves forward the Township will move forward to assemble a Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan for consideration. Funding for this project was made possible and awarded from two grants the Township received.

- \$40,000 awarded from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2)
- \$40,000 awarded from the PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP).

The Township has completed its Annual Financial Audit for 2024 and received its Financial Report (DCED-CLGS-30) from SEK. The entire Township team once again had no issues or concerns. The Township also completed its Pennsylvania Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Audit with the same results.

We encourage you to sign up for Savvy Citizen to receive updates and information about items that are going on in Cumberland Township. These updates could be road work, police closures and updates, administrative information, upcoming meetings, and emergencies. Simply scan the barcode below or visit www.cumberlandtwppa.gov, scroll down on our home page to the Township Online Services, and click "Sign Up Today" under the Savvy Citizen Icon.

David Blocher
Township Manager



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From the Manager's Desk...Continued

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Michele!!!

What is your job title and how long have you worked for the township?

★ Township Secretary, 14 years

What initially attracted you to the township and working in local government?

★ I worked for Frederick County Planning but was interested in how a smaller government operated as compared to County government. Living in Fairfield at the time the job became available was the selling point as it was closer than Frederick.

Describe your role and tell us what you enjoy most about it!

★ I started as a part-time Planning Secretary in Feb. 2011 then in November they hired me full time as Planning Secretary. I worked closely with past employee Bill Naugle with subdivision and land development plans, permitting, stormwater management applications, along with helping the Township Secretary and the Sewer Authority with tasks that needed to be completed. When Bill retired in January 2019, I moved into the role of Building Code Official/Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer. With this position I processed and signed all permits and stormwater plans. Along with handling the hearings for all of the Boards and processing all land development and subdivision plans. I also received all zoning complaints and code enforcement items. With this position I was very, very busy trying to keep up but it was a great learning experience for me as I was always used to just the initial planning process for subdivision and land development plans. At the beginning of 2023 our Township Secretary Carol Merryman retired, and I moved into her position as my current position. I continue to handle all of the subdivision and land development plans along with all Board hearings in addition to all human resource items for employees, keeper of all records for the Township and serve as the Board Secretary for meetings. I enjoy working with all of the employees with this position and that every day there is something new, you never know what the day may bring.

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Sign up for Savvy Citizen to stay on top of spring events!



From the Manager's Desk...Again...

What is one project or accomplishment you're particularly proud of?

I am proud that I accomplished getting my Building Code Official license after only just one week of schooling and passing the test all in the same week.

- ★ When I served at the BCO/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer I processed over 200 permits in the year of 2021 along with processing all of plans and acting as the Zoning Officer. This was a very busy time.

How do you like to spend your free time?

- ★ I spend my free time with my family. I also like spending time at our cabin in Potter County. Along with shopping, kayaking, hunting and fishing. I'm busy all the time!!

What's something unique or interesting about you that most people don't know?

- ★ I love to listen to old country music!

If you could have dinner with any historical figure or celebrity, who would it be and why?

- ★ Johnny Cash, I would love to know his life story.

What's one piece of advice you'd give someone starting out in local government?

- ★ Remember you are working for the residents of the community and you want to do the best you can for them!

What are you looking forward to most in the upcoming year?

- ★ Seeing my son graduate high school which is going to be bitter sweet for me also travelling to Black Hills, South Dakota for the first time on a summer vacation.

**THANK YOU MICHELE, FOR GOING
ABOVE AND BEYOND AND ALWAYS
PUTTING OUR RESIDENTS FIRST!!**



Spring trying to spring at the temp Municipal office!

From your Maintenance Department...



Happy Spring!

The spring and summer seasons in the Cumberland Township Maintenance Department are a busy time of year for planned maintenance routines and projects.

Street sweeping and anti-skid clean-up will be taking place in late March. This process helps reduce the road sediment from the winter snow removal process that can get into storm sewer facilities. We work in cooperation with Gettysburg Borough and their street sweeper, along with equipment from our own department to haul materials to the designated stockpiles.

Also, an important task during the spring will be to clear any trees, limbs or other vegetation from obstructing visibility of signs and sight distances in or around intersections.

Starting this season, we will be cutting shoulders in preparation for various road projects throughout the Township. This is the first step in the seal coating process, which will follow later this summer. This process allows for the soil and sediment that has built up along the shoulder of the road and in the ditch line to be removed so rainwater can be directed to flow off the roadway and into proper channels. This is an important maintenance procedure to help preserve the roadways from damaging rain and water.

Roadside mowing will continue throughout the growing season. This is an everyday, ongoing practice throughout the Township. The tractor travels at very slow speed and the operator has multiple responsibilities while mowing, please stay back from the mower and approach with caution.

We have numerous planned projects this season! Those projects include paving, seal coating and cape seals along with pipe replacements and base repair work in preparation for the continued strengthening of our Township's infrastructure. Keep reading to meet another vital teammate in our constant endeavor to keep our Township in tip-top shape!

Chris Walter
Superintendent of Roads



Did you know? Road closures, road work, and road emergencies will be broadcast via the Savvy Citizen App. Sign up today to stay in-the-know!

More from your Maintenance Dept...

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Mike!!!

What is your job title and how long have you worked for the township?

- ★ I am the mechanic for the Maintenance Department and am in my 12th year of service to the Township.

Describe your role and tell us what you enjoy most about it!

- ★ A major portion of my work day is consumed with repairing equipment and police vehicles. It gives me a sense of accomplishment to keep things in good operational order.

What is one project or accomplishment you're particularly proud of?

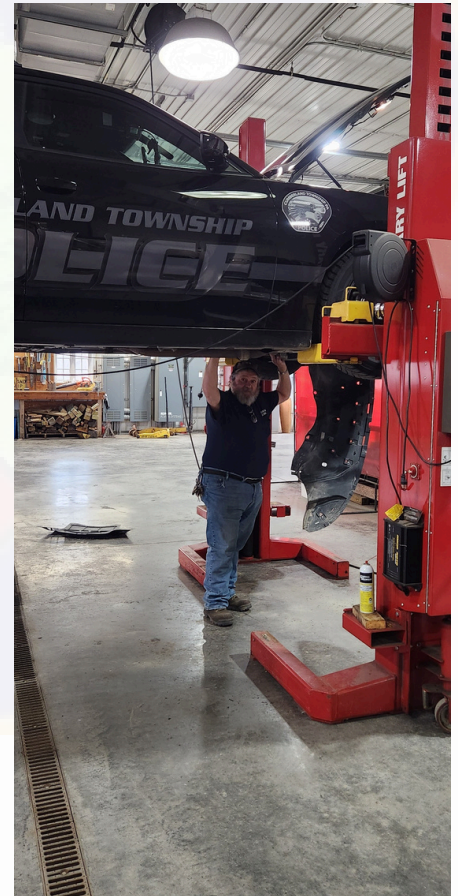
- ★ There is no one single thing, I take pride in everything I do!

How do you like to spend your free time?

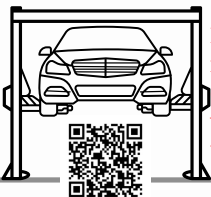
- ★ I like to spend my free time outdoors enjoying nature. (A theme in the Maintenance Department!)

How do you stay motivated and productive at work?

- ★ A strong work ethic was instilled in me by my parents. They always worked hard and with commitment.



Mike, working his magic!



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Turn the page to meet our intrepid leader!

Even from your Maintenance Dept...

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Chris!!!

What is your job title and how long have you worked for the township?

- ★ I am the Superintendent of Roads. 26 years ago I started on March 14th, 1999... a Sunday evening that snowed 12"!

Describe your role and tell us what you enjoy most about it!

- ★ I oversee the Maintenance Department of 6 employees. I manage, plan, and coordinate projects that improve the infrastructure within Cumberland's nearly 50 miles of township roadways. I enjoy many aspects of my job, but I have been most fortunate to be surrounded by great co-workers. I also enjoy working with the citizens of Cumberland Township.

What initially attracted you to this township/local government?

- ★ Cumberland's innovative initiative on maintenance projects and the willingness to utilize technology to improve infrastructure within the township.

What is one project or accomplishment you're particularly proud of?

- ★ After 26 years there are too many to list. I would say that managing the maintenance department and its employees and continuing to provide leadership and foresight for projects in the township.

How do you like to spend your free time?

- ★ I enjoy spending time with my family - Michele, Jenna, Remington, Hunter, and Dayzee - hunting, fishing, and anything outdoors!

Do you have a favorite book, movie, or TV show you'd recommend?

- ★ "Big Jake" or any gunslinging John Wayne movie.



Chris, ready for whatever the day brings!

Last bit from your Maintenance Dept...

Who or what inspires you, both personally and professionally?

- ★ Personally, my grandfather, who instilled a great work ethic and outgoing personality in me at an early age. Professionally, my predecessor Tom Shealer inspired me. He took me under his wing and had the foresight and patience to teach me the skills and give me the wisdom I use in my job every day.

If you could have dinner with any historical figure or celebrity, who would it be and why?

- ★ President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He was a respected leader and agriculturalist.

How do you stay motivated and productive at work?

- ★ Mike's COFFEE!!!

**THANK YOU CHRIS & MIKE FOR YOUR
VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND COMMITTMENT
TO OUR TOWNSHIP!**



Maintenance to the rescue!



Warmer weather = infrastructure love!



Teamwork makes the dream work!

From your Chief of Police...

**SAVE
THE DATE**

**National Night Out
August 5!**

Oak Lawn Update

Navigating the process of burials, plot sales, and ownership transfers at Oak Lawn Cemetery can seem overwhelming. To assist families, funeral directors, and plot owners, we have compiled the following guidelines to ensure a smooth and respectful process.

Conducting a Burial at Oak Lawn Cemetery

- Contact Ben Smyers – Ben is contracted with Adams County and has access to Oak Lawn Cemetery records. He can assist in researching burial locations and ownership details.

Selling a Burial Plot or Other Deeded Assets

- Consult a licensed real estate attorney – A legal professional will ensure that the transaction is handled correctly and in compliance with relevant regulations.

Transferring a Burial Plot or Deeded Asset

- Engage a licensed real estate attorney – They can guide you through the legal transfer process to ensure proper documentation and legitimacy.

Other Cemetery-Related Inquiries

- Consult a licensed real estate attorney for legal matters.
- Reach out to a funeral director for guidance on burial arrangements and related services.

Requesting Oak Lawn Cemetery Records

- Head to our website - www.cumberlandtwppa.gov
- Select “Oak Lawn” from the blue bar across the top of the website.
- Follow directions on the form and submit to oaklawn@cumberlandtwppa.gov
- You can also pick up a Records Request Form from the township office.



[Home](#) [Township Meetings](#) [Township Services](#) [Township Land Use](#) [Oak Lawn](#)



Welcome to Cumberland Township

**Please note- the Cumberland Township Police Department
is no longer handling inquiries related to Oak Lawn.**



Did you know? Emergency
alerts are broadcast
through the Savvy Citizen App!
Sign up today!

Chief Matthew S. Trostel



YOUR SEWER BILL HAS CHANGED!

No more little green postcards! Your sewer bills are now a full size letter in an envelope. Payment options remain the same. Remember to sign up for autopay and e-billing at cta.authoritypay.com!



Scenes from our service area...



Photos by Shawn Kessel



John and Chase preparing for manhole maintenance

Keep reading to learn more about another member of our capable and dependable team!

**CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP
AUTHORITY**
1370 FAIRFIELD ROAD
STE 2
GETTYSBURG, PA 17325

Office Hours
Monday thru Thursday 8am-5pm
Address: 1370 Fairfield Road, Suite 2
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Phone: 717-334-6485 ext. 201
Website: www.cumberlandtownship.gov

Due Date	07/22/2024
BEFORE DUE DATE	\$4.00
AFTER DUE DATE	\$2.68

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Sewer Charge	25.00
Payment Plan Amount	20.00

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Please make checks payable to:
CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

Cumberland Township Authority
1370 Fairfield Road, Suite 2
GETTYSBURG PA 17325-0307

Your CTA Board:
Rich Redding, Chairman
Tom Shealer, Vice Chairman
Steve Niebler, Treasurer
Tracey Barrick, Secretary
Steve Toddes, Member
Jim Williams, Member

Capital Improvements Corner

South Plant Siphon Replacement- Substantially complete

South Plant Updates- Equipment ordered and contracts awarded.

Biosolids Dewater Evaluation- Awaiting estimate

Old Mill Pump Station Updates- Equipment ordered and Notice to Proceed issued.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Shawn!! 

What is your job title and how long have you worked for the Authority?

- ★ Plant Superintendent. I have worked for the Authority for 25 years.

What initially attracted you to our township and working for a municipal authority?

- ★ I previously worked on a dairy farm and was looking for something with more stability, benefits, and upward mobility.

Describe your role and tell us what you enjoy most about it!

- My role is to manage day-to-day plant operations and the collection system. I help our Operations Manager, Todd Williams, manage our crew to keep things flowing smoothly (sewer humor!). I take pride in the work we do here and keeping everything as clean and
- ★ neat as a wastewater treatment plant can be. Having awesome, reliable co-workers in the office and out in the field makes the job much more efficient and enjoyable. It also helps to have an excellent Authority Board continually looking out for us by providing the tools and resources we need.

What is a one project or accomplishment you are particularly proud of?

- ★ Our new tanker truck was a fun project to work on. We needed to upgrade an old truck to something that could handle the increasing needs of the Authority. I worked directly with the salesman to design and build exactly what we needed.

How do you like to spend your free time? What are some of your hobbies?

- ★ In my free time, I like to hang out with my son, Caden. I like being outdoors! I enjoy hunting and surf fishing. I am a big fan of the Penguins! I also like to wrench on tractors and small engines. Most of all, I love hanging out with friends!

Do you have a favorite book, tv show, or movie you recommend?

- ★ I've been enjoying the series called "Landman" on Paramount Plus.

What's one piece of advice you would give to someone starting out in local government?

- ★ Be patient and don't get in a hurry. If you don't put in the effort and work hard, you'll never get anywhere. Have a strong work ethic and take pride in even the smallest tasks!

What's the best piece of professional advice you've ever received?

- ★ You will only get out of it what you put into it.

How do you stay motivated and productive at work?

- ★ Knowing there is always something to do, and having a great rapport with my coworkers.

What's one thing you're looking forward to in the next year, either personally or professionally?

- ★ We are getting some plant updates and an upgraded pump station that will help our system run more efficiently. I am looking forward to helping design a dewatering press set up that will help with our biosolids process.

Do you have any personal mottos or words you like to live by?

- ★ I do! "Live for today because tomorrow may never come" and "If you ain't laughing, you ain't living!"



Photos by John Flickinger

Shawn working hard to keep things flowing!



South Plant dedication.

Keep an eye on the Savvy Citizen app for upcoming sewer board meetings!



Let's Talk Storm Water!

Preparing Your Lawn & Garden for Spring

As the snow melts and temperatures rise, it's time to roll up your sleeves and get your lawn and garden ready for the warmer months ahead. By incorporating eco-friendly practices into your spring preparations, you can create a thriving outdoor space while protecting our waterways from stormwater pollution. Here are some simple tips to ensure your lawn and garden are both beautiful and environmentally friendly this spring.

Use Organic Fertilizers

Fertilizers help your lawn and garden grow, but traditional chemical fertilizers can contribute to stormwater pollution. When rain washes excess fertilizers off your property, they often end up in local waterways, causing nutrient pollution and harmful algae blooms. Instead, opt for organic fertilizers made from natural materials like compost or bone meal. They're not only better for the environment but also enrich your soil over time.

Avoid Overwatering

Overwatering can lead to excess runoff, which carries soil, fertilizers, and pesticides into storm drains and eventually into local rivers and streams. To prevent this, water your lawn and garden early in the morning or late in the afternoon to minimize evaporation. Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation systems to deliver water directly to the roots where it's needed most. A good rule of thumb is to provide about one inch of water per week, including rainfall.

Aerate Your Lawn

Compacted soil can prevent water from soaking into the ground, increasing the risk of runoff. Aerating your lawn in the spring helps improve soil structure, allowing water and nutrients to reach plant roots more effectively. You can rent an aerator or hire a professional lawn care service for this task.

Plant Native Species

Native plants are perfectly adapted to your local climate and soil conditions, making them a low-maintenance and eco-friendly choice. They typically require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides, reducing the risk of harmful runoff into storm drains. Additionally, native plants provide essential habitats for pollinators like bees and butterflies, helping to support biodiversity in your area.

Use Mulch

Adding a layer of mulch around your plants and in garden beds can help retain soil moisture, reduce the need for watering, and prevent erosion. Organic mulch, such as wood chips or straw, breaks down over time, improving soil health and providing nutrients for your plants.

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly

When cleaning up leaves, branches, and other yard debris, avoid sweeping them into storm drains. Instead, compost your yard waste or use it as mulch.

By following these eco-friendly lawn and garden care tips, you can enjoy a lush, vibrant outdoor space this spring while helping to protect our environment. Every small action adds up to make a big difference for our local waterways and community. Let's work together to keep our stormwater systems clean and effective!

A Message from the PA Department of Agriculture



Pennsylvania Urban Nutrient Management - Spring Greening

Spring to Life

As the snow slowly melts away, the birds begin to sing and fresh life bursts from the soil heralding the approach of Spring and the lawn maintenance season.

For the 1 million-plus acres of home lawns in Pennsylvania, selecting and implementing an appropriate lawncare management program to promote healthy and aesthetically pleasing lawns is not only important to homeowners, but is also essential to protecting our waterways.

Soil Health. It's the bottom line.

Maintaining a happy, healthy soil is imperative to your lawn's success. Soil is the foundation for your lawn and is home to a multitude of microorganisms that are essential for plant growth. Take the time to support your soil by incorporating some simple practices into your lawn care program. Your lawn and wallet will thank you.

- **Keep it open.** Routine soil aeration can help reduce soil compaction. Good soil structure is essential for proper root growth, healthy microbe communities, and the movement and exchange of water, air, and nutrients.
- **Raise it up.** Maintain a taller lawn by only cutting 1/3 of the grass blade with each mowing. Taller lawns slow runoff and promote deeper roots, which reduces lawn stress and improves soil structure.
- **Put it back.** Return nutrients and organic matter back to the soil by mulching your leaves and grass clippings.

For more soil management strategies, contact your local county conservation district or Penn State Extension office.



Pennsylvania Urban Nutrient Management - Spring Greening

Green Lawns – Clean Streams

Pennsylvania's 2022 Fertilizer Law amendments were developed to protect Pennsylvania waterways and the waterways downstream. As a bonus, following the limitations in the law will boost your bottom line by ensuring that your investment doesn't wash away. The 2022 law established the following nitrogen and phosphorus limits for turf fertilizer applications.

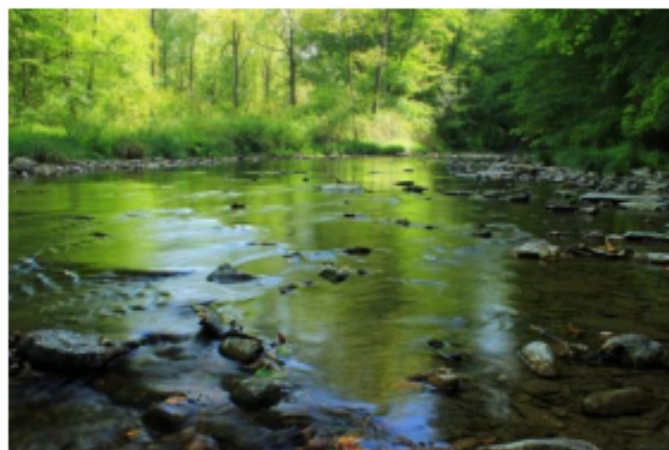
- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced-efficiency fertilizer.

In addition to the nutrient limitations, the law also established application parameters to prevent direct movement of fertilizer nutrients into our streams:

- Do not apply fertilizer if a heavy rain event is expected.
- Keep fertilizer away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or water. Maintain a 15-foot buffer from the banks of all waterways.
- Remove fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, roads, parking lots).

Working Together for Clean Water

With ever growing acres of managed turf in Pennsylvania, controlling what goes into PA waterways is ALL of our responsibility. Help protect Pennsylvania's waterways by being wise when you fertilize! For more information on the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer or contact Denise Uzupis at duzupis@pa.gov.



Adams County Trout Unlimited

Who we are

At Trout Unlimited (TU), we are dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds, ensuring future generations can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters. Guided by the best available science, we work to protect vital trout habitats, reconnect waterways for resilience, and restore impacted waters. Our efforts are sustained through strong partnerships, advocacy, and a passionate community of anglers committed to conservation.

Do You Know Anyone That Wants to Learn How to Fish?

Several members have asked if we could hold training this year to help them and others learn some basics about fishing. We would be delighted to do so come springtime! The training would be open to the public at no cost.

To help us prepare our "Fishing 101" training sessions, I am soliciting your feedback to gauge the level of interest among the membership and our wider community to participate in such introductory-level training.

If you, a spouse, your children or grandchildren, neighbor, friend, etc. have an interest in picking up a new hobby, we can help! Let us know who may be participating, whether a child (with approximate age) or adult, and what your area of interest may be. Examples of topics we can cover include-

- Introduction to fly fishing and casting
- Introduction to fly tying
- Introduction to spin fishing
- Where to fish in Adams County and the broader local area

When you reach out, be sure to let us know your preferred timing and length of sessions! Once we have an idea of areas of interest, number of participants, etc. we will pull together a Fishing 101 program designed to address these needs and make that information available to all who respond. While we expect this training to be provided at no cost to members and their families, we will ask folks to register to help us prepare for each session by having the appropriate number of presenters, equipment, etc. available, so please let me know if you or others are interested in participating in this ACTU program! Please send your interest to Frank Kozak at fmkozak@gmail.com.



Visit adamscountytu.org for more information!

Keep an eye on the Savvy Citizen app for upcoming events!



Happenings @ the GNMP

Eisenhower National Historic Site to Host Easter Egg Roll Event on Saturday April 19, 2025

Eisenhower National Historic Site will host our second annual Easter Egg Roll Event on April 19, 2025, from 11 am to 2 pm.

The Eisenhowers brought this beloved event back to the South Lawn of the White House in 1953 after a long suspension due to World War II and continued food rationing. Now in its second year, park staff, in the spirit and tradition of the original Eisenhower Presidential Easter Egg Roll, encourage young visitors and families to engage in a series of fun-filled activities, including decorating their own wooden egg, then culminating in an Easter Egg Roll on the lawn of the Eisenhower home in Gettysburg, PA. Visitors will have opportunities to learn about Eisenhower family Easter traditions at the White House and how they enjoyed time with their children and grandchildren. Additionally, the Eisenhower home will be open for open-house style tours.

This event is made possible through our continued partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation, and with the assistance of Destination Gettysburg, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society, and the Adams County Library. The event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available on site.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Monday April 21, from 11 am to 2 pm. An announcement will be made on Thursday April 17 if the event will be rescheduled to Monday April 21. More information can be found at www.nps.gov/eise.



Families enjoying last year's event!

Township Treasures



This quarter's Township Treasures is dedicated to GARA! GARA is just one of our many Township Treasures right in your back yard. The Rec Park is located at 545 Long Lane in Gettysburg and offers so many amenities! Not to mention a whole host of events and festivals throughout the year... read on to find out more!

As the community gears up for summer, several key programs aim to benefit the public. A Baseball Umpires Certification Clinic will take place March 22-23, addressing a regional shortage of certified umpires. This hands-on program will include exhibition games for practical experience. GARA will also host a Military Share program on March 25 to assist military families with groceries and essential items. Later that week, on March 28, a Community Meal sponsored by the Church of the Brethren will be here to serve to those in need.

The annual Green Gathering Volunteer Program is scheduled for April 12, led by professional landscaper Steve Zimmerman and community leader Matt Crouner. Volunteers will plant trees, spread mulch, and participate in general park cleanup. If interested, please come to the main building at 8:30 a.m.

Summer Music Fest to Debut Memorial Day Weekend

One of the most anticipated additions to the schedule is the first-ever Memorial Day Weekend SummerFest on Saturday, May 24. The event will feature live music beginning at the Adams County Farmers Market, followed by performances at the Rec Park bandstand starting at 2 p.m. The festival, hosted by Audio and Visual Entertainment, will include food, alcohol, and merchandise vendors. Admission is free, with donations benefiting GARA's live music arts program.

"This is an exciting way to kick off the summer," said GARA CEO Al Moyer, who hopes the event will become an annual tradition. GARA is also preparing for its annual Fourth of July celebration, featuring a mix of food trucks, live entertainment, and family-friendly activities leading up to the evening fireworks display. The park is currently recruiting vendors and sponsors for the event.

Additional programs and activities that will take place throughout the summer:

- The Adams County Farmers Market will run every Saturday from April 26th through October 25th opening from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The GYSC Soccer Camps will be held on the South end of the campus.
- Rise Yoga Sessions will begin Saturday, May 3, near the amphitheater.
- The Healthy Kids Running Program starts April 27, offering five consecutive Sunday events.
- The Adams County Library FUNFEST will take place on Friday, June 13.
- GARA will host six "Collaborating For Youth" Summer Camps, starting June 9, with a focus on academics and recreation. Camps are FREE.

For more information, to volunteer, or to sponsor an event, contact Al.Moyer.director@gettysburgrecpark.com

Al Moyer, Director



Community Bulletin Board

ADAMS COUNTY BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



When: The second and fourth Thursday of every month starting April 10, 2025
Time: Second Thursday- 5:00pm-6:30pm
 Fourth Thursday- 11:30am- 1:00pm
Where: 40 V Twin Drive Gettysburg PA, 17325 Suite 213. Conference room.
Who: Everyone at any stage of breast cancer from newly diagnosed, to active treatment to survivors are welcome!

Bicycle Safety Rodeo



Saturday May 31, 2025 9AM to 12 Noon



Gettysburg Church of the Brethren 1710 Biglerville Road
 Gettysburg, PA 17325

All children ages 4 – 11 invited.



Bicycle safety check, safety training, a riding course, and participation certificate included.
 Please Call (717) 334-5066 to reserve a spot.



WARRIOR WELLNESS NIGHT

Join us for a Gettysburg Area School District wellness event designed to promote healthy living through nutrition and exercise!

APRIL 9

Time: 5-7:30 PM
 Location: Gettysburg Area Middle School
 37 Lefever St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

FOOD & NUTRITION

- Try local produce from Hollabaugh Bros., Inc and Mud College Farm in "Local Farm to School"
- Sample students' favorites foods of the past and present through "Cafeteria Classics"
- The nutrition team demonstrates easy tasty recipes for families called "Cena di Famiglia"

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- Experience 30-minutes of bliss through Yoga with Alli Crowell in the small gym
- Join in the heart-pumping fun with 30 minutes each of Line Dancing and Jazzercise
- Get in on the action in the main gym with three dynamic stations for pickleball, basketball and an obstacle course

SOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES

Meet multiple organizations like Healthy Adams County, South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP) - The Gleaning Project, Early Learning Resource Center with information for WIC & Family Services, and Ruth's Harvest!

Plus many other interactive activities!



NOCHE DE BIENESTAR DEL GUERRERO

¡Únase a nosotros en un evento de bienestar del Distrito Escolar del Área de Gettysburg diseñado para promover una vida saludable a través de la nutrición y el ejercicio!

9 DE ABRIL

Hora: 5-7:30 PM
 Ubicación: Gettysburg Area Middle School
 37 Lefever St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

ALIMENTOS Y NUTRICIÓN

- Pruebe los productos locales de Hollabaugh Bros., Inc. y Mud College Farm en "De la granja local a la escuela"
- Pruebe las comidas favoritas de los estudiantes del pasado y del presente a través de "Clásicos de la cafetería"
- El equipo de nutrición muestra recetas fáciles y sabrosas para familias llamadas "Cena di Famiglia"

ACTIVIDADES DE EDUCACIÓN FÍSICA

- Experimente 30 minutos de felicidad a través del yoga con Alli Crowell en el pequeño gimnasio
- Únase a la diversión que acelera el corazón con 30 minutos de baile en línea y 30 minutos de ejercicio de pickleball
- Participe de la acción en el gimnasio principal con tres estaciones dinámicas para pickleball, baloncesto y una carrera de obstáculos

SERVICIOS DE SALUD

Conozca varias organizaciones como Healthy Adams County, South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP) - The Gleaning Project, Early Learning Resource Center con información para WIC y servicios familiares, y Ruth's Harvest.

¡Y muchas otras actividades interactivas!



Lease Garden Space at The Brethren Community Garden

Would you like to have garden space to grow your own vegetables or flowers this year, but do not have the space? Consider leasing a 20 foot by 20 foot plot (400 square foot plot) from the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren at 1710 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. 15 Plots have been developed for beneficial use. Garden Plots will lease free of charge. Registration is required and now open. Leases will run from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Interested? Questions? Contact info@gettysburgcob.org or call (717) 334-5066 and leave your contact information for a return call with details.

We offer our space to the glory of God and our neighbor's good.

National Night Out is August 5th!!
Local community groups and businesses wanted!!

Email
mvoss@cumberlandtwppa.gov

Cumberland Township Residents, Savvy Citizen® is now available!



Cumberland Township would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the township to send information about important township news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app, visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.



For more info:
SavvyCitizenApp.com
Sign up and become a savvy citizen!



We want you!

If you'd like to be featured in our next Dispatch, please reach out! You can submit articles, topics you'd like to learn more about, or photographs from around our beautiful township!

Please send all correspondence to
mvoss@cumberlandtwppa.gov with NEWSLETTER in the subject line. We appreciate you!

Get Involved!!

Available appointments:

But how??

Have you seen this form?



CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP

1370 FAIRFIELD ROAD • GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17325
PHONE (717) 334-6485 FAX (717) 334-3632

Citizen Interest Form

Thank-you for your interest in serving on a Commission, Committee, Authority, or Board with Cumberland Township. Appointments are made by the Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Pa. Second Class Township Code.

Please provide the following information:

Name:

Cumberland Township residence (address):

Phone #:

E-mail Address:

Position you are applying for:

Occupation:

Location of occupation:

Education:

Other information you deem pertinent (attach):

Date:

Signature: _____

Forward to: Michele Long, Township Secretary, 1370 Fairfield Road,
Gettysburg, PA 17325;
e-mail: mlong@cumberlandtwppa.gov



The Citizen Interest form can
be found in the Document
Center at

www.cumberlandtwppa.gov

Simply fill it out and email it
or drop it off at the
Municipal Office located at
730 Chambersburg Road!!

Planning Commission - an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors on issues and policies related to planning, land use regulation, and community development.

ZHB (Zoning Hearing Board) - a quasi-judicial board to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the zoning ordinance by hearing appeals on the zoning officer's determinations and by granting relief from the literal enforcement of the ordinance in certain hardship situations.

CTA Board (Cumberland Township Authority) - the governing body of the municipal sewer authority.

GARA (Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority) - within its mission focus, the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority has been established to organize year round programs and services to help sustain better health and wellness in our community.

HARB (Historical Architectural Review Board) - reviews and makes decisions regarding architectural design, landscaping, and signs for historic resources and buildings within historic districts.

Appointments generally take place at the reorganization meeting at the beginning of each year, but occasionally need to happen mid-year due to unforeseen circumstances.
We accept interest forms all year long!



Download Savvy Citizen to be the first to know of open positions and other ways to volunteer for your community!

EVENTS!



April

5th- Glass Recycling Center Open
5th- Reynolds to the Rescue 11a (ACHS)
10th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
12th- An Evening w/the Painting 5-7p (GF)
12th- Green Gathering Volunteer Cleanup 9-12a Rec Park
14th- CTA Board Mtg 3p
19th- Easter Egg Roll @ Eisenhower Farm 11a
19th- The Life & Death of Jennie Wade 11a (ACHS)
21st- GARA Mtg 7p Charlie Sterner Bldg
21st- Earth Extravaganza 2-7p AC Ag Center
22nd- BOS Mtg 7p
22nd- GASD School Board Meeting 7p
26th- OPENING DAY AC Farmers Market 8a Rec Park
26th- Stream Clean 9-11a Gburg Nature Alliance
26th- Electronics Recycling 8-10a Abbotstown Rec Park



June

2nd- GASD Board Meeting 7p
4th- Baby Bookworms 10a (ACL)
7th- Glass Recycling Center Open
9th- CTA Board Mtg 3pm
12th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
13th- Craft-Tea Afternoons 3p (ACL)
13th- Library FUNFEST 3p Rec Park
16th- GASD Board Meeting 7p
16th- GARA Mtg 7p Charlie Sterner Bldg
20th- Veteran Resource Event 2p (ACL)
24th- BOS Mtg 7p
28th- An Evening w/the Painting 5-7p (GF)



May

1st- Glass Recycling Center Open
2nd- Prom Scream 7p (ACL)
6th- Preschool Pals 10a (ACL)
8th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
8th-11th- Gburg Film Festival (ACHS)
9th- Martin Sheen 10a (ACHS)
12th- CTA Board Mtg 3p
15th- Team Steam Club 6p (ACL)
19th- GARA Mtg 7p Charlie Sterner Bldg
19th- GASD Board Meeting 7p
24th- An Evening w/the Painting 5-7p (GF)
24th- SummerFest 2p Rec Park
25th- Civil War Memorial Day 11:30a (GNMP)
27th- BOS Mtg 7p
29th- GASD Commencement 6-8p
31st- Bicycle Rodeo 9a Church of the Brethren



Adams County Library (ACL) event information can be found at adamslibrary.org

Adams County Historical Society (ACHS) event information can be found at www.achs-pa.org

Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP) event information can be found at nps.gov

Healthy Adams (HAC) event information can be found at healthyadamscounty.org

Gettysburg Foundation (GF) event information can be found at gettysburgfoundation.org



BOS, CTA, and Planning Commission Board meetings are held at
730 Chambersburg Road



Download Savvy Citizen and stay on top of fun events happening in and around our beautiful township!

Essential Township Contacts

For all your township needs...

Cumberland Township Municipal Building

717-334-6485
730 Chambersburg Road
www.cumberlandtwppa.gov

For all your sewer needs...

Cumberland Township Sewer Authority

717-334-6485
730 Chambersburg Road
Emergency line- 717-253-0122
www.cumberlandtwppa.gov

For all your garbage and
curbside recycling needs...

Waste Connections

717-709-1700
3747 White Church Rd, Chambersburg
www.wasteconnections.com

For all your large item recycling
needs...

Adams Rescue Mission

717-334-7502
2515 York Road
adamsrescuemission@yahoo.com
www.adamsrescuemission.org

For all your permitting, code
enforcement, and zoning
needs....

PMCA

717-495-4995 ext. 172
1895B York Road
www.pacodealliance.com

For all your water needs...

Gettysburg Municipal Authority

717-334-6738
601 E Middle Street PO Box 3307
www.gettysburgma.com

For all your electricity needs...
Adams Electric Co-Op

1-800-726-2324
1338 Biglerville Road
www.adamsec.coop

Met-Ed

1-800-545-7741
261 S Franklin Street
www.firstenergycorp.com

Adams County Department
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NON-EMERGENCY
number

717-334-8101