

THE CONCORD CONNECTION

January 2017

TOWNSHIP OF CONCORD E-NEWSLETTER

Township Meetings & Activities

Happy New Year!

February 2017

- 2 - 7:00 p.m. - Park & Rec Board
- ~~6 - 12:00 p.m. - Senior Citizens~~
CANCELLED
- 7 - 7:00 p.m. - Township Council -
Public Meeting
- 8 - 7:00 p.m. - Historical Commission
- 14 - 7:00 p.m. - Conditional Use Hearing
- **Royal Farms**
1131 Smithbridge Road
Convenience store with a fueling station
- 15 - 7:30 p.m. - Zoning Hearing Board -
Public Meeting
- 20 - Presidents' Day**
Township Offices Closed
- 21 - 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission -
Public Meeting
(PC Meeting on Tuesday due to holiday.)
- **Monte Miller**
245 Concord Road
 - **Royal Farms**
1131 Smithbridge Road

March 2017

- 2 - 7:00 p.m. - Park & Rec Board
- 6 - 12:00 p.m. - Senior Citizens
- 7 - 7:00 p.m. - Township Council -
Public Meeting

Home Rule for Concord in New Year

On January 1, 2017, Concord Township became a Home Rule township.

The process, which has taken just over two years, began in November 2014 when township residents voted "yes" to establishing a seven-person Government Study Commission to evaluate Concord's government structure. After sixteen months of meetings, presentations and information gathering, the Government Study Commission recommended the change from operation under Pennsylvania's Second-Class Township Code to operating under a new Home Rule Charter.

In April 2016, Township voters decided to adopt the Home Rule Charter as prepared by the Government Study Commission. A transition committee was then formed to assist the township in completing the transition to Home Rule.

With the beginning of the new year, the Home Rule Charter became effective and Concord Township reorganized as a home rule township.

The main changes of the Home Rule Charter concern the Township's governing body. The five people that served as the Board of Supervisors at the end of 2016 now serve as the newly named Township Council. The five-member council will continue through 2017. Two additional council members will be elected in November 2017. In January 2018, a full Council of seven members will be seated. Council members will serve a four-year term.

For more information on the Home Rule Charter, Township Council or the Home Rule transition process, visit the Concord Township website:

<http://www.twp.concord.pa.us/home-rule-transition/>



Township of Concord

DELAWARE COUNTY

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Glen Mills, PA 19342
610-459-8911

E-mail: office@concordtownship.org

Website: www.twp.concord.pa.us

Business Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:

Dominic A. Pileggi - 610-459-3302
John J. Gillespie - 610-361-0566
Elizabeth "Libby" Salvucci - 610-361-0503
Gail M. Ryan - 610-459-0419
Thomas J. Mahoney - 610-361-8651

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Brenda L. Lamanna

Township Council Public Meeting Highlights

On January 3, 2017, Concord Township Council held their annual reorganization meeting. **Dominic A. Pileggi** was unanimously appointed President and **John J. Gillespie** was appointed Vice-President.

Accepted as complete for review

- Henry Heintz, 412 Conchester Highway - Project revision

Adopted

- **Resolution No. 7-2017: 2017 Schedule of Fees** - for Fire, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing permits.
- **Resolution No. 8-2017: 2017 Schedule of Fees** - for Conditional Use, Fee-in-Lieu, Sediment and Erosion Control, Subdivision and Land Development, and Zoning Hearing Board applications.
- **Resolution No. 9-2017: 2017 Schedule of Fees** - for Bed & Breakfast applications, Building Code Board of Appeals, Commercial/Rental Properties, Home Occupation, Massage Establishments, Municipal Services, Road Opening Permits, Tax Collector Services, and Trash Haulers Registration.
- **Resolution No. 10-2017: 2017 Schedule of Fees** - for the calculation of tapping fee for connection to and use of the public sewer system.

Approved

- **Ordinance No. 376: Council Members Compensation Ordinance** - increasing council member salaries from \$2,000 to \$4,125, beginning in 2018, for newly elected officers only.

Approved with Conditions

- James Salladini, 35 Kirk Road - Preliminary/Final Major Subdivision

The Township Council Agenda for the February meeting will be posted on the township website by 12 Noon on February 3, 2017.

Township Council approved minutes are available on our website www.twp.concord.pa.us as are plans currently under review by the Planning Commission and Township Council, and applications before the Zoning Hearing Board. Sign up on our website to receive e-mail notification of all specially advertised meetings.

Discount Ski Lift Tickets Available

Lift tickets are available at the
Concord Township Municipal Building
43 Thornton Road

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Visit www.twp.concord.pa.us for more info.

Concord Township Scholarship Award

The Township is offering three \$1000 scholarship awards for 2017.

Any high school student residing in Concord Township is eligible.

For an application, visit the township website:
www.twp.concord.pa.us

Applications are due March 17, 2017.

Township Playground - Update

Concord Township playground is now closed.

The former Kids' Dream playground has been removed, and the bid award for site preparation is to be announced in February.

New equipment has been ordered and construction is anticipated in March, with tentative opening/ribbon cutting in April.

We ask for your patience as we undertake this project and remind residents that there is open playground equipment at the Township Municipal Complex located at 43 Thornton Road.

To view a rendering of the proposed playground installation, visit: www.twp.concord.pa.us/kids-dream-playground



CONCORD TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES *for* 2017

Dates subject to change

<p>Snowman / Snow Creation Contest <i>E-mail entry photos to allison.odonoghue@gmail.com or mail then to:</i> Concord Township Parks & Recreation c/o Allison O'Donoghue 43 S. Thornton Road Glen Mills, PA 19342</p>	<p>Through March 31, 2017</p>
<p>Easter Egg Hunt Park & Rec Building - 40 Bethel Rd. <i>(Easter Bunny arrives at 11 a.m. - Egg hunt begins at 11:15 a.m. SHARP)</i></p>	<p>April 8, 2017 11 a.m. Rain Date: April 9 at 1 p.m.</p>
<p>Recycling Day Township Public Works Building – 675 Smithbridge Rd.</p>	<p>April 15, 2017 8 - 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Lawn Debris Pick Up Must sign up on Recycling Day</p>	<p>May 17, 2017</p>
<p>Night at the Movies Township Park – Smithbridge Rd.</p>	<p>June 10, 2017 Dusk Rain date: To be announced</p>
<p>Concord Community Day Township Park – Smithbridge Rd.</p>	<p>September 9, 2017 4 p.m. - dusk</p>
<p>Senior Citizen Expo BYC Gymnasium - 41 S. Thornton Rd.</p>	<p>October 12, 2017 9 a.m. - 12 Noon</p>
<p>Recycling Day Township Public Works Building – 675 Smithbridge Rd.</p>	<p>October 14, 2017 8 - 10 a.m.</p>
<p>Dog Costume Contest Dog Park - 40 Bethel Rd.</p>	<p>October 28, 2017 12 Noon</p>
<p>Harvest Festival / Halloween Parade Park & Rec Building - 40 Bethel Rd. <i>(Baked goods for contest to be delivered to 40 Bethel Road from 9-11 a.m.)</i></p>	<p>October 28, 2017 1 - 4 p.m. Rain Date: October 29 @ 1 p.m.</p>
<p>Concord Township American Hero Memorial Service Hero Memorial – Smithbridge Rd.</p>	<p>November 5, 2017 3 p.m. – Rain or shine</p>
<p>Leaf Pick Up Must sign up on Recycling Day</p>	<p>November 15, 2017</p>
<p>Concord Celebrates the Holidays Concord Community Center - 45 S. Thornton Rd. <i>(Photos with Santa until 8 p.m.)</i></p>	<p>December 8, 2017 6 - 8 p.m.</p>
<p>Concord Santa Paws Dog Park - 40 Bethel Rd.</p>	<p>December 9, 2017 12 Noon</p>

SIGN UP!

Sign up for township safety alerts, special notices and newsletters by visiting the Sign Up section of our website.

www.twp.concord.pa.us

Monthly Township Meetings

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

1st Tuesday—7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

3rd Monday—7:00 p.m.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

1st Thursday—7:00 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

3rd Wednesday—7:30 p.m.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Check website for schedule

www.concordhist.org

SENIOR CITIZENS

1st Monday—12:00 p.m.

Concord Senior Center

Parks & Recreation

Snow Creation Contest Ends March 31

All ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate in Concord Township's snow creation contest. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Most Creative!

To enter, please email a photo of your creation to : Allison.odonoghue@gmail.com

Or mail to: *Concord Township Parks & Recreation
c/o Allison O'Donoghue
43 S. Thornton Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342*

Save the Date...

For a new Park & Rec activity. Santa Paws will visit Concord Township Dog Park on December 9, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Owners will be able to take photos.

Senior Citizens - February Meeting Cancelled

The Senior Citizens Meeting, originally scheduled for Monday, February 6, has been cancelled due to construction at the Senior Center.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017 at 12 Noon.

Storm Water Management

Environmentally Sound Snow Management and Disposal

The most environmentally sound manner to deal with accumulated snow is to allow it to slowly melt where it falls. This approach provides replenishment of groundwater and drainage to surface waters at a slow, steady rate.

However, when the winter weather leaves homeowners and businesses needing to deal with snow and ice on sidewalks and driveways, waiting for the snow to melt is not always an ideal solution.

Residents are reminded that commonly used deicing substances can be harmful for the environment; as they kill plants, ruin soils and are toxic to many species within stream ecosystems. Shoveling is the best form of snow and ice removal. The old standard of using sand for traction is good but must be used sparingly. The sand can clog storm drains, destroy habitat in streams through the increase in sedimentation in the waterways.

Homeowners do have some choices when it comes to the kinds of deicing chemicals but the important thing to remember is to **choose carefully and use sparingly**.

For more environmentally sound snow management tips, visit:

<http://www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/take-action/habits-to-help/winter-deicing>
<http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-109526/3800-FS-DEP1634.pdf>

U.S. Route 322 Construction Project Information



Last month, Sen. Tom Killion and State Rep. Steve Barrar hosted a meeting to enable PennDOT officials to share information about upcoming construction on Route 322, sections 101 and 102. Residents had the opportunity to learn more about the construction project and ask questions.

Anyone who wasn't able to attend is encouraged to review the PowerPoint presentation that was delivered at the meeting by [clicking here](#) or visiting Steve Barrar's website: www.stevebarrar.com. Project information can also be found on the US 322 Improvement Project website: www.us322-conchester.com



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