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The Pennsylvania State Police Issue Community Awareness Bulletin Alerts for Residents

VEHICLE BREAK-IN'S

Pennsylvania has recently experienced a number of vehicle break-ins, specifically from the parking lots of gyms, stores, movie theaters, and hotels. Many individuals leave brief cases, purses, wallets, electronics, and other items unattended in vehicles when they are at the gym or shopping. Thieves capitalize on this type of activity by sitting in parking lots watching people or driving and walking through the parking lots looking for a target. They focus on areas where owners will be away from their vehicles for an extended period of time.

Prevention and Recommendations:

Close windows and sunroofs and lock doors. Keep bags, electronics, valuables out of sight at all times and place valuables in the trunk when you return to your vehicle rather than after you arrive at your next location.

If you are the victim of a vehicle break-in:

- File a police report
- Alert credit card providers
- Report any stolen vehicle insurance cards and vehicle registration to law enforcement
- Alert your insurance company and the Dept. of Transportation

Scam artists are using an aggressive phone scam which has been described as "the largest and most pervasive impersonation scam in the history of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)."

ITERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) PHONE SCAM

In this scam the victims receive a phone call in which the caller claims to be an IRS employee using false names and IRS identification. The caller ID appears to be from the IRS and they often know a lot about their target. The scammers inform the victim that they owe money to the IRS, and if the victim protests, the caller threatens them with a fine, arrest, deportation, or the suspension of a business or driver's license. Sometimes targets are told they are getting a refund just to obtain personal information.

The IRS wants people to know that they will never: Call to demand immediate payment or call without a mailed notice first. They will not demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to appeal or threaten to contact local police to arrest you for not paying. The IRS will not require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes or ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Do not give any personal information if you are contacted in such a manor. You can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 if you have any doubts or suspicions.

Road Maintenance — Pulling Shoulders

The shoulder of a roadway is the space between the edge of the travel-way and the front slope of the ditch. It provides support to the base and edge of the pavement, a place for emergency stops and a surface for water to drain from the pavement into the ditches.

This fall the road crew will be out "pulling shoulders." This is a repair required when excess material has built up higher than the pavement. High shoulders decrease the space for emergency pull-offs, but more importantly, prevent stormwater from draining off the surface of the pavement. With nowhere to go, deep puddles can form, causing hydroplaning in the summer and ice patches in the winter.

The process of pulling shoulders is a great example of how multi-municipal governments can work together to reduce costs to residents by sharing resources. Letterkenny Township will contribute the grader to physically grade off any material that has accumulated above the surface of the road. Southampton Township will supply an Athis Loader that conveys the material into dump trucks that are supplied by both Lurgan Township and Southampton Township.

As always please slow down and be prepared to stop when you encounter any type of road work. Our crews do their best to keep traffic moving as safely as possible.

SEPTIC PUMPING REMINDER

2015—Zone 1

If you have an on-lot septic system and live in Zone 1, please make sure to have your septic tank pumped by December 31, 2015 by one of our licensed haulers below.

Name	Phone
Art Beidel Enterprises LLC	349-7028
Chamberlin & Wingert	530-9741
Premiere Septic Services	530-0582
Rosenberry's Septic Service	532-4026
Rosy's Wastewater Removal	369-4809
Young's Sanitary Septic Service	432-3514

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Begins: **End of October**Ends: **November 25th**

Leaf collection will run Mondays through Thursdays. Collection will begin on the following Monday where it left off the previous week. With more than 60 miles of roads, and inclement weather, it may not be possible for your leaves to be collected every week.

- Leaves must be raked into a row running parallel with the road.
- Leaves must be raked away from mailboxes, poles, cars and other obstructions.
- Twigs and branches must be kept out of leaf piles as they clog the machine.
- Be careful not to rake up stones, they are hard on the leaf machine.
- Leaves must not be raked within 50 ft. of a stop sign, this creates a dangerous situation.

Unless absolutely necessary, it is preferable that your leaves not be collected into trash bags and left by the road-side. Proper return/disposal of the bags is time consuming and trash bags are frequently passed by assuming they are garbage.

If your leaves are not being collected, it may be because one of the above items are not being followed.

Trick or Treat

October 31th from 6:00 pm To 8:00 pm

For children 12 and under

AARP Smart Driver Courses

October 14 & 15

December 10

The course is offered as an eight-hour class over two days, or a four-hour refresher course. Upon completion, participants may be eligible to receive a multi-year auto insurance discount for insured drivers age 55 and older.

Senior Expo

Friday, September 25 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Chambersburg Mall.

Call Representative Kauffman's Office at (717) 532-1707

General Election Day – November 4th

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Respective voting locations are:

- 705 Municipal Drive (Municipal Building)
- ♦ 3159 Orrstown Road (Tall Timbers)
- ♦ 8770 Possum Hollow Road (Living Faith Chapel)

*Remember to bring your photo ID to vote.

For further assistance, please call the Franklin County Courthouse Voter Registration Office at 717-261-3886.

DON MCNUTT TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BANQUET

The Franklin County Conservation District will be holding its annual banquet in partnership with the Franklin County Penn State Extension on October 29, 2015. This year's event will be held at Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chambersburg, PA. Social Hour will start at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm.

We are pleased to have Don McNutt from the Center for Dairy Excellence as our speaker this year. He will be speaking on "Stewardship Beyond Compliance... The Real Story".

Don is no stranger to the agricultural industry. Don was born and raised on a dairy farm in Indiana County, PA. In 1973, he earned a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from Penn State University. For 25 years he was an agriculture teacher, FFA & Young Farmer advisor in southeast Pennsylvania. Prior to working for the Center for Dairy Excellence, Don was the District Manager for the Lancaster County Conservation District for 9 1/2 years. He is currently the Dairy Planning Coordinator for the Center.

The Conservation District will also be presenting the Conservation Farmer of the year award that night.

Tickets will be \$13 for adults and kids ages 12 & up. For kids ages 5-11, tickets are \$6. Kids under 4 are free.

For more information or to register for the event, please call Danae Forney at 717-264-5499. You can also email her at:

dforney@franklinccd.org

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Bulky Trash Days set for October 2nd and 3rd

Southampton Township will hold its semi-annual bulky trash days on Friday, October 2nd, from 12:00pm until 5:00pm, and on Saturday, October 3rd, from 7:00am until 12:00pm. Township households can take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of any junk that they have collected over the year(s) that they cannot put into their regular trash. The drop off spot will be at the township building on Municipal Drive. Drive *behind* the township facility where someone will greet you. We will get your name and address and answer any questions you have about disposal of your junk. There are certain items that we cannot take and others that we have to charge a minimal fee.

We cannot accept liquid wastes of any kind, including: waste oil, paint, insecticides, inks and solvents, aerosols or pressurized containers. No motors containing gasoline or oil, tanks-welding or cooking; ammunition or anything explosive. No 55-gallon drums, hospital/ biohazard waste, industrial wastes of any kind, or anything containing asbestos. No contaminated soil or yard waste, or dead animals. Of course, the township must reserve the right to refuse anything that it thinks is a hazard.

The township will take up to 4 automobile tires from each household 15" or smaller free of charge. We do not accept tires on rims. There will be a fee charged for any more than 4 tires and tires larger than 15" are \$10.00 each.

Southampton Township will NOT be able to accept any electronics. Please hold on to your TV's, computers, peripherals, speakers etc. until an e-waste collection event can be organized! We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you self-unload, we will have **metal salvage** trailers on-site. Please take a few extra minutes to throw all metal items into these trailers. This keeps these materials out of the landfills that can be recycled, as well as lowers dumping costs for the Township which are based upon weight.

Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or anything that has Freon in will also have a \$5.00 charge.

The township can accept automobile batteries in small numbers.

We will have big roll-off containers on site. If you are able bodied, you will be directed to a self-unload zone to help keep things moving. If you need help we will direct you to an area where we will be happy to help you.

As a free service to assist **elderly** and **handicapped**, Lane Thrush of RE/MAX Realty Agency in Chambersburg is offering volunteers to pick up the items for you on Thursday, October 1st. You will still be responsible for any fees that may be associated with the junk. If you need help and want to schedule a pickup, just call Lane's office at 264-4653 no later than Wednesday, September 30th. No electronics or TVs will be collected.

Thank You! *Remax Realty*—for helping our disabled and elderly get rid of their bulky items.

ELECTRONIC WASTE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Getting rid of electronic waste continues to be a problem of great concern not only for Southampton Township but for all of Cumberland and Franklin Counties. Our Township by itself does not generate enough electronic waste to entice an R-2 Certified Electronics Collection Service to come to our event to collect our e-waste. Because of the high volume required, we are currently working towards a community-wide electronic recycling event for all of the Shippensburg area. No date has been set, but we will make every attempt to notify our residents of the details of an e-waste collection event as soon as it is scheduled through local newspapers, our website and our facebook page.

Residential Recycling Offered

There are several private trash haulers in Southampton Township that offer free curb-side recycling. If you are interested, please give your trash hauler a call. Last year 52,000 pounds were recycled through one hauler alone!

* TIP: If you have paint cans with a small amount of wet paint in, open the cans now and put some kitty litter in. This will absorb the liquid and get hard. We can accept them at this point.

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CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP

Southampton Township Office hours are from 7:00 am until 4:00pm Monday thru Friday. The office is closed on Holidays and the Friday after Thanksgiving. The facility is also used for primary and regular elections. Our office must be closed those days as well.

You may contact us by phone at **717-532-9041**. Our office is open to the public and you may stop in during regular business hours for questions or concerns.

All are welcome to attend Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings and Planning Commission (PC) meetings the dates are as follows:

Township Meeting Dates

3rd Tuesday of the Month—7:00pm— PC meeting 4th Tuesday of the Month—6:00pm—BOS meeting

OCTOBER FALL FEST

Southampton Township is hosting its 4th annual fall fest on Friday, October 30, 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Township building. If you are looking for a great social gathering, candy for the kids, family fun activities and a dress up atmosphere, this night is for you! This free community event is a safe, fun Halloween alternative for families. Everyone is invited to come in costume and bring some candy for trick or trunk, small games for children, coffee/hot chocolate will be served and local Fire Companies will be here with fire trucks! Prizes for best costume and best trunk decoration will be awarded. We would love some community support for this event. If you would like to bring a game, help with a game, donate candy or even just give us some suggestions, please do so! You can contact Maria or Kathy at the office at 532-9041, message our Facebook page, or use the "contact us" form on our website.