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Southampton Township Welcomes New Personnel

Southampton Township has gone through some personnel changes in the past six months. Congratulations to Supervisor, Paul Witter, who retired after 29 years of service. Roger Hall was appointed as Supervisor in his place. Roger grew up in Southampton Township and has lived here most of his adult life. He is a retired PA State Trooper who is currently serving as a Franklin County Deputy Sheriff. Roger enjoys traveling, camping and boating.

After 21 years of service, Doug Shields resigned from his Code Enforcement position to work full-time in emergency services. Good luck Doug! The Supervisors hired Jamie White to serve as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Jamie retired from Montgomery County Fire and Rescue after 31 years. He has been the Township Fire Chief for the past four years and has been involved in emergency services in Shippensburg since 1983. Jamie enjoys camping, fishing and hunting.

In a new position for the Township, Shane Scott has been hired as Road Foreman. Shane comes to us after 13 years of service with PennDOT. Shane lives in Southampton Township and enjoys spending time with his family, tractor pulling, and plowing snow!

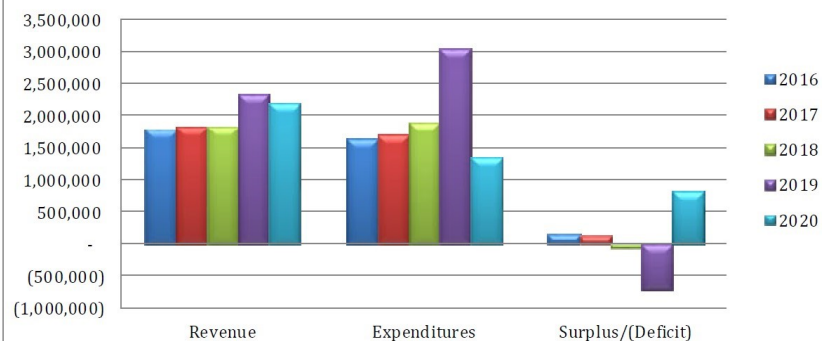
We're fortunate to have three gentlemen who have so many years in public service bringing their skills to Southampton Township residents.



From Left to Right: Jamie White—Code Enforcement; Roger Hall—Supervisor; Shane Scott—Road Foreman

A Little Good News from 2020

Revenues vs. Expenditures - All Funds



What a year 2020 turned out to be. No one was prepared for it. The fear of what may happen financially was on everyone's mind. We expected a downward rate of revenue from earned income, land use permits, liquid fuels money and interest.

We are proud to announce that Southampton Township operated through a pandemic with a SURPLUS! Revenue was not affected the way we thought it would be and expenditures were lower than normal for the year. And you know what the best part of all of this is? All of the money that was spent in 2019 to purchase the Furnace Run Park was completely recouped in 2020! The 226-acre property was completely paid off in one year.

Introducing:

FURNACE RUN NATURE PARK

In working through the development of the Master Site Plan for the 226 acres off of Lindsay Lot Road, the name Furnace Run was being used frequently in reference to Furnace Run Stream that runs through the park. After making sure there were no other similar names in the area, Furnace Run Nature Park became the official park name.

The steering committee has proven to be a very valuable asset in working through the Master Site Design process. We've had multiple meetings to discuss the vision, needs and wants for the park. A survey was put out in which 261 people responded. The top 13 activities are displayed below, all of which tie in perfectly with the overall vision for Furnace Run Nature Park.

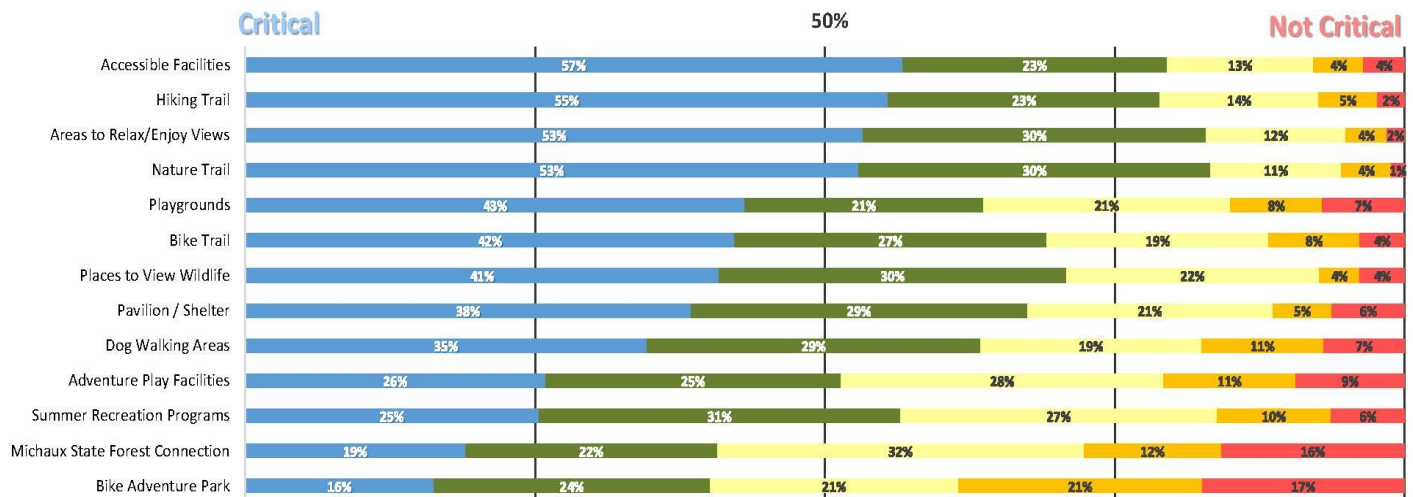
The vision for the park is simple: *provide a place for residents to gain better exposure to a natural environment.* Spending time in nature has been proven to improve physical health and mental health for both adults and children.

Beginning in Spring of 2021, the Township is hoping to begin construction of a small pocket park near the entrance that would include restrooms, pavilion, parking, walking trail, nature play and signage. **Maple Lane Nursery** and **Lurgan Greenhouse** both made very generous donations of trees, that will need planted, and residents have made and donated Bluebird houses that will be installed this spring/summer. Thank you Shippensburg community!

As future time and funds permit, another comfort facility will be installed in the interior of the park along with another pavilion and parking. Various types of trails are planned. Some will be ADA accessible and some will have a little more difficulty. Wildlife habitat trails, meadow trails, butterfly trails, sensory trails and bike trails are all possibilities. Nature play areas and areas to relax and absorb the environment will be incorporated along the way.

The park will also be a place for outdoor education for Shippensburg University, Shippensburg Area School District and others. Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority (SCPRA) will be able to host community events and programs. Keep your eyes on their Facebook page and website: <https://shippensburgparkandrec.org>

Furnace Run Park is not officially open and not all areas are safe for public access. Extreme caution is needed. Park boundaries are not marked and you may wander onto private property without knowing. For progress updates, check our website: <http://www.southamptontownship.org/>



Bulky Trash Days—April 16th & 17th

Southampton Township will hold its semi-annual bulky trash days on:

Friday, April 16th
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 17th
8:00 a.m. until noon

The drop off spot will be at the Township building on Municipal Drive.

Items we DO NOT ACCEPT:

- ♦ liquid wastes of any kind, including waste oil, paint, insecticides, inks and solvents, aerosols or pressurized containers
- ♦ motors containing gasoline
- ♦ ammunition or anything explosive
- ♦ hospital/biohazard waste
- ♦ industrial wastes of any kind
- ♦ anything containing asbestos
- ♦ **yard waste** or soil
- ♦ dead animals
- ♦ tires on rims
- ♦ **NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

The Township will accept up to 4 automobile tires from each household as long as they are residential/light duty tires. There will be a \$3/tire charge for each additional tire. **No heavy duty/commercial truck or tractor tires will be accepted.**

We accept major appliances, microwaves, large pieces of furniture and carpet at no charge. Note: for ease in management carpet can be rolled in strips and wrapped in duct tape.

We will have big roll-off containers on site if you would like to self-unload. Otherwise, the employees will be happy to help you unload into the loaders.

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 for recycling.

As a free service to assist **elderly** and **handicapped**, Lane Thrush of Keller-Williams Keystone Realty in Chambersburg is offering volunteers to pick up the items for you on Thursday, April 15th. 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 717-504-8002 no later than Wednesday, April 14th.

Thank You! **Keller-Williams**—for helping our disabled and elderly dispose of their bulky items!

*** 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.

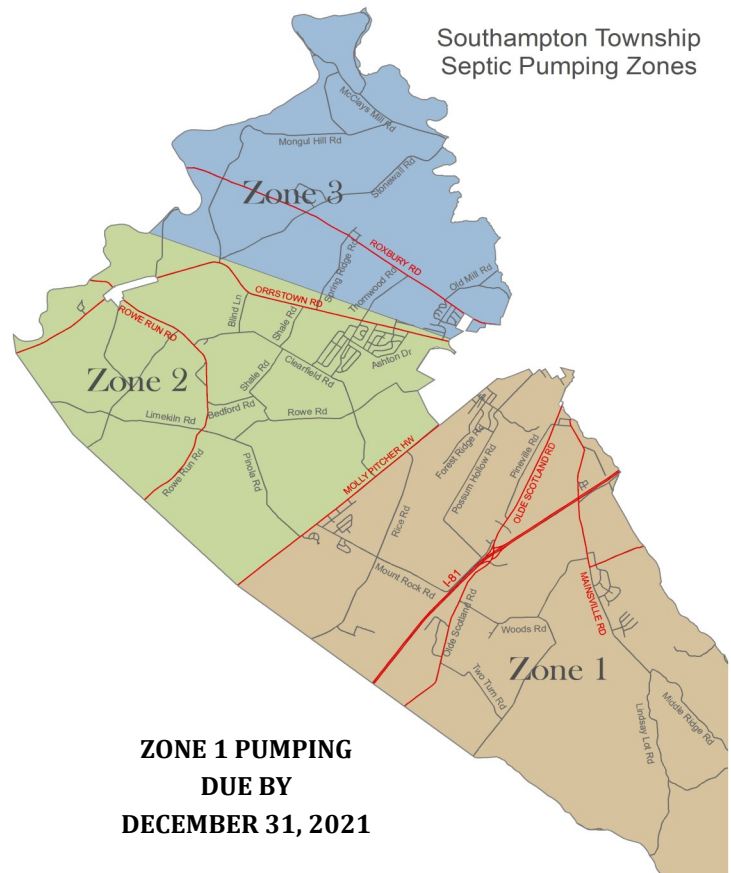
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

May 18th

**Polls are open from
7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**

Franklin County Voter Information

(717) 261-3886



Detour - Mongul Hill Road to Roxbury Road

PennDOT is going to start rehabilitation work on the Hump Back Bridges that cross the Conodoguinet Creek on Maclays Mill Road. The work will span over two summers, 2021 and 2022.

The detour route will come out of Mongul Hill Road at the top of the hill at the intersection with Roxbury Road and again at the bottom of the hill with Mongul Hill Road.

Please use extra caution in this area of Mongul Hill for any additional traffic that may use these intersections. PennDOT will maintain detour signs along the route. A copy of the traffic control plan is available at the township for review.

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Your Supervisors

- ◆ Samuel Cressler
- ◆ Randy Brenize
- ◆ Roger Hall

Outdoor Burning: §11-304

- ◆ Contained Burning – fireplace, fireproof container, or incinerator with a lid or spark arresting screen. Must be at least 25' from nearest point of any building and 25' from nearest property line.
- ◆ Open Burning – A fire the air contaminants are directly emitted into the atmosphere and not directed through a flue. Must be at least 100' from nearest point of any building and 50' from nearest property line.
- ◆ Burning limited to household rubbish limited to products consisting of paper and/or wood only.
- ◆ ALL burning must be supervised by an adult who shall be present at ALL times and must completely extinguish the fire when not attended.
- ◆ Additional requirements and exceptions can be found in ordinance.

CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP

OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mon. – Fri.
PHONE: 717-532-9041
WEBSITE: www.southamptontownship.org

Township Meeting Dates

1st Thursday of the Month – 6:00 p.m. – Park & Rec.
2nd Tuesday of the Month – 8:00 a.m. – BOS meeting
3rd Tuesday of the Month – 6:00 p.m. – PC meeting
4th Tuesday of the Month – 5:00 p.m. – BOS meeting

Meet Your Township Fire Department

West End Fire & Rescue, located at 49 Lurgan Avenue is the primary emergency fire & rescue service provider for our Township. West End began serving the community in 1955 and currently operates two fire engines, a brush/wildland unit, a heavy duty rescue squad and a special operations trailer. They respond to an average of 650 calls annually and provide mutual aid to surrounding municipalities. The membership consists of dedicated men and women who sacrifice their time to obtain the training necessary to provide this critical lifesaving service.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on their ability to raise funds to offset operational costs not covered by municipal funding, due to the cancelation of major fundraising events. Today so many organizations are asking for financial support that many residents receive daily requests for donations. To limit this confusion, West End has decided to participate in a program sponsored by the Partnership for Better Health, M&T Bank and the Josiah W. and Bessie H. Kline Foundation, titled "Match Madness." This program provides them the ability to have funds they raise matched up to \$130,000.00, dependent upon the percentage of donations they raise. You should have already received a donation request for solicitation of donations for the month of March. The request for donation will look different than prior years but it is real and should answer any questions or concerns you may have. The officers and members of the West End Fire & Rescue would like to thank you for the support you have provided them and will remain focused on providing this critical service to the Township.