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Furnace Run Park Update

Southampton Township is pleased to report forward progress on Furnace Run Park. Preliminary designs for our Pocket Park and Central Welcome Station have been completed. Our NPDES permit, stormwater and erosion controls have been completed just like everyone must do.

Bulky Trash

October 8th & 9th

****NOTE****

Important changes on
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Design for the Pocket Park is being finalized and we're hoping to start physical work on these improvements within a couple of months. We are taking a hybrid approach to these facilities. The Township will do the heavy lifting

portion with excavating and major construction, but we're hoping to have our Friends group, local organizations and institutions from our community participate on various smaller parts of the whole park.

Folks can visit the area but the same concerns that were present in the Spring Newsletter still exist. Park boundaries are not well marked, and you may wander onto private property unknowingly. Our Rules & Regulations should be finalized at our September 14th meeting. After that, we will start putting up signage to better identify the park.



If you do come to the park, its best to stick to the main roads up to the comfort station where there is a temporary ADA portable restroom on site. From there it is possible to walk a mowed trail around the adjacent meadow. Other than that, please don't wander too far off the beaten path.

Additionally, one of the old out-buildings was able to be restored into a useful maintenance building.

The Township is anxious to open the park with clearly marked trails, facilities and programming for all to enjoy. We are in the process of forming a Friends of Furnace Run Park. Please consider becoming a member as either an individual or a group to help us build a really great park.



**Welcome Adam Johnson to Southampton Township's
Public Works Crew**

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Begins: End of October

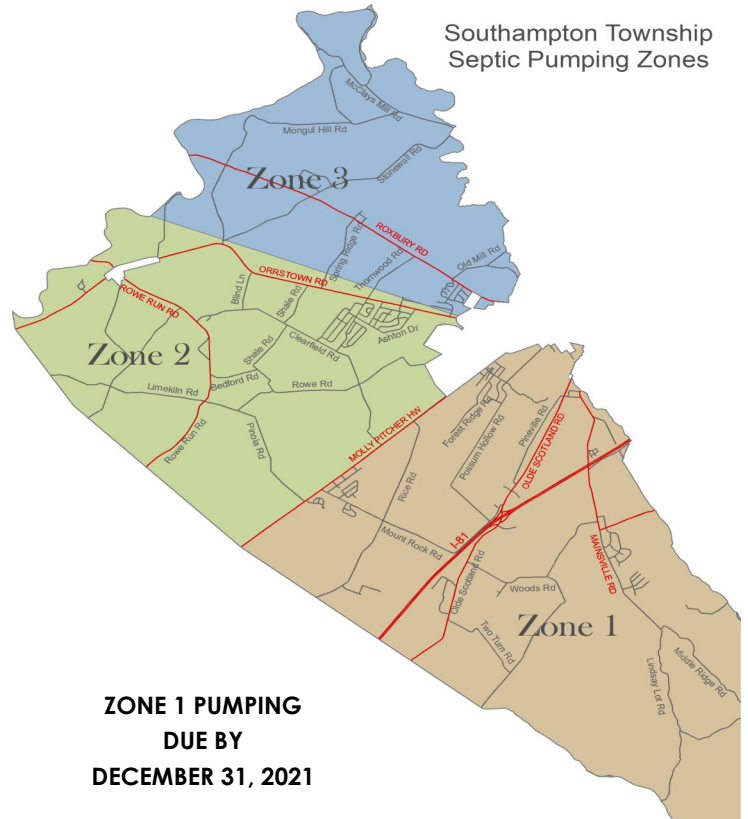
Ends Approximately: November 24

Once leaf collection begins, it 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 parallel with the blacktop.
- 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.
- Absolutely NO pet waste!
- 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 roadside. 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.



**ZONE 1 PUMPING
DUE BY
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

November 2nd

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

REGARDING SNOW

- In order for snow plows to be effective in clearing the roadways, parked vehicles, trash cans and basketball hoops must be removed from the road side at the on-set of snow.
- Reflective posts are effective in alerting snow plow drivers to where the road ends and your yard begins.
- For your own safety, give snow plow drivers plenty of space for backing up and spreading anti-skid.
- Primary roads are plowed first, then secondary roads and finally developments. If your road has not been plowed please be patient, we are working our way to you.
- Have your mailbox in good repair so it can handle the weight of snow coming off of the plow.

CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP

Southampton Township Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. 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**, or our website at: www.southamptontownship.org. All are welcome to attend Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings, Planning Commission (PC) meetings and Park & Recreation meetings. The dates are as follows:

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



As soon as the Furnace Run Park NPDES permit is obtained, a three-acre pocket park near the entrance of Furnace Run will be the priority. The area will host a moderate sized pavilion, restrooms and parking. A stone-dust trail will encircle the nature play adventure zone. Family-sized picnic shelters will be constructed so that even if the larger pavilion is rented out for birthdays or reunions, smaller groups can still have places for gathering. Parents will have a place to relax and watch their children “run wild” in an unstructured, free-e-form environment.

Current research demonstrates that there are many advantages to spending time in nature for adults and children. Some health benefits for children include: improved motor fitness, coordination, balance, agility and they are sick less often. There are also psychological and cognitive benefits. In keeping with the “back to nature” theme of Furnace Run, the adventure zone will provide opportunities for children to engage with the natural world in a less structured, creative way. Play materials may include rope ladders and swings, tree bridges, climbing rocks and willow tunnels. The Township would love to see the development of the playground become a community event, supported by volunteers using donated equipment and natural materials.

If you are inspired by the sound of this and would like to be a part of the planning and development of Furnace Run Park, please see the information about the Friends Group on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Friends of Furnace Run Park Group now Forming

The power local citizens can have in shaping livable communities through engagement and investment in our local parks is incredible. One important model in developing community ownership over our public spaces is through the creation of a park friends group. Friends groups are generally formed by a group of citizens with common interests in the stewardship of a local park. Their activities can range from fundraising and volunteer work to significant operational support.

Friends groups form because people care. They are able to bring forth a voice of the community that is not tied to local politics or government — pushing forward issues that may not be possible from within the political subdivision.

The Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority is pleased to invite residents to join the newly formed “Friends of Furnace Run Park” group. The group will gather people together who have an interest and affinity for Furnace Run Park to help care for and manage this incredible facility. The Friends group will work closely with both the Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority and Southampton Township, Franklin County to build stewardship and philanthropy to improve the Township’s shared public places.

“Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority and Southampton Township, Franklin County are committed not only to building out more open space, but also maintaining and improving our existing parks,” said Township Supervisor, Sam Cressler. “The ‘Friends of Parks’ model has proven successful in other cities, and will help provide the tools and resources we need to further upgrade Furnace Run Park. Thank you to Shippensburg Community Park and Recreation Authority for leading this effort, and to all residents who sign-up to join our park group.”

Friends of Furnace Run Park will provide an important asset to improving Furnace Run Park, like similar groups in [New York City](#), [Pittsburgh](#), [Austin](#), and many others. For example, New York City has hundreds of neighborhood Friends of Parks groups like [Partnerships for Parks](#) that develop volunteers into community leaders who build long-term investment in public spaces. Southampton Township, Franklin County seeks to replicate these “Friends of the Parks” groups to activate the community and improve Furnace Run Park.

The Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority will launch this group in 2021, with more to come in the future. These groups will equip residents who are passionate about neighborhood parks with the skills, tools, and community to work together for park improvements. The program will engage the community through volunteer programs and events, and invest in our green spaces by helping to finance projects within the park.

To sign up to volunteer visit:

<https://shippensburgparkandrec.org/scpra-news>

SCPRA’s New Directors

Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority (SCPRA) announced the hiring of two new employees for the authority. Joe Neville is the new Director and Eric Weller is the new Assistant Director.

Neville brings years of experience in government, working for various non-profit organizations and was, until recently, the Executive Director of the Keystone Trails Association in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He has Bachelor’s degrees in Biology, and Recreation and Parks from Penn State and a Master’s degree in Recreation and Parks Management from Eastern Kentucky University.

Weller earned his Bachelor’s Degree from Shepherd University in History with a concentration in 19th Century America and the Civil War and his Master’s Degree from Frostburg State University in Park, Recreation and Sport Management. Previously he worked at a park as an operations supervisor and maintenance worker. In his current role with the SCPRA he will handle the day-to-day operations, act as the point of contact, plan and coordinate programs.

Both of these new employees are looking forward to helping the SCPRA grow and to offer new programs to our community. One of the topics that they would like to focus on when developing programs would be nature-based programs. SCPRA has some excellent resources and venues to offer this kind of programming.



Joe Neville



Eric Weller

Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority is happy to introduce Joe Neville as the new SCPRA Director and Eric Weller as the new Assistant Director.

Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority is a partnership between the citizens of Shippensburg Borough and Southampton Township Franklin Township and was incorporated for the purpose of providing positive, meaningful, and quality recreational programs, activities and facilities that will encourage and promote a healthy and growing community.

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

Friday, October 8th
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
 &
Saturday, October 9th
8:00 a.m. until noon

Please note* Bulky Trash is for Southampton Township/Franklin County residents only. **ID will be required for admission.**

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**
(See Electronics Recycling Contact Info Below)

The Township will accept up to 4 automobile tires from each household as long as they are residential/light duty tires. Please note* **You WILL BE charged \$3.00 for every additional tire over 4 in your vehicle, no exceptions! 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.

Electronics Recycling Center Cumberland County

www.ccpa.net/3377/Electronics-Recycling-Center

The township can accept automobile batteries in small numbers.

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.

NO YARD WASTE
 If you bring **yard waste**, you will be sent home with the same yard waste. You may purchase a recycling permit from the Borough of Shippensburg. Please call **717-532-2147** for more information.

As a free service to assist **elderly** and **handi-capped**, Lane Thrush of Keller-Williams Keystone Realty in Chambersburg is offering volunteers to pick up the items for you on **Wednesday, October 6th** You will still be re-

sponsible 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 **Tuesday, October 5th.**

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

Cardboard Recycling Offered

Cardboard recycling will once again be offered. We will have two locations to deposit your cardboard. Please make sure your boxes have no trash in them and are flattened. This will be a tremendous help to the Township as our human resources are spread thin on Bulky Trash Days.

* 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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From the Desk of the Codes Enforcement Officer

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When do I need a land use/building permit?

A. Anytime a building or structure is demolished, erected, reconstructed or restored, or structurally altered. This includes pools, sheds, decks, and fences. If in doubt, call the office and ask.

Q. How do I apply for a land use/building permit?

A. Permit applications can be obtained at the Township Office or online @ <http://www.southamptontownship.org/information/forms/> Application must be completed in full and associated fee paid, by check, credit card (\$3.00 fee) or cash.

Q. How long does it take to obtain this permit?

A. Permits are normally issued between 24-48 hours of application being submitted. This is dependent upon the application being completed correctly and building setback flags are in place. The office will contact you when permit is ready for pick up, will be mailed, or dropped off upon inspection.

Q. Do I need a land use/building permit to replace a roof?

A. A permit is not required to replace a roof if the original design, pitch, size or structure is not being altered.

Q. Do I need a permit for a driveway?

A. Yes. Any person, firm, or corporation shall obtain a permit to install a drain, culvert, foot walk, drive or *driveway*, or pave a drive or *driveway* onto or along a Township road or proposed Township road. Driveway applications are available at the Township office or online @ <http://www.southamptontownship.org/information/forms/>

Q. Why do I need a land use/building permit to demolish or remove a structure?

A. The simple answer is that it is required by the code or ordinances. An additional benefit is that the permit application is sent to the Tax Assessment office and the structure being removed may reduce your property tax assessment.

Note: Some construction may require additional inspection by a building code inspector.

Please visit our Township webpage at <http://www.southamptontownship.org/> for additional information on permits and requirements or call 717-532-9041. Thank you!