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Building Trails

SPRING 2024

Spring is here, let's all get outside. According to the National Park Service, the benefits of spending time in nature are abundant. When children spend just 20 minutes in nature, their concentration, cognitive function and memory improves and there is a reduction in their need for ADHD and ADD medication! A much better alternative to watching TV or being on the phone.

The benefits for adults is equally impressive with improving circulation, lowering cholesterol, blood glucose and blood pressure. There are already some rustic trails at Furnace Run Nature Park right now for you and your family to get out and enjoy. You can help maintain and upgrade existing trails and be involved in building more. Trails for the disabled, friendly walking trails, a children's adventure trail, more robust hiking trails and even a connection to Michaux and Appalachian Trail are planned, but we need your help.

The Township is hoping to create a group of people to be the trail builders and maintainers. Whether you are healthy enough to shovel, rake or cut brush, or only have the limited ability to help occasionally, we want to hear from you. This could be individuals, families, community groups and organizations. All are welcome! This would be a great way to meet new people and catch up with old friends.

The Furnace Run Nature Park is going to be here forever, and a continuing trail group is very important. If you are already traveling somewhere else to get that breath of fresh air or just wanting to start some new outdoor activities, this is a great opportunity to build your own quality of life and your community's as well.

Please think about participating in the growth of our trail network and gain the satisfaction of a job well done.

You can call and leave a message for Sam Cressler at:

717-532-9041

or email:

scressler@southamptontownship.org

Planned Roadwork for 2024

Pipe Replacement

TOWNSHIP

Mongul Hill Road

Pulling Shoulders/Grading

- Maclays Mill Road
- Mongul Hill Road
- Fernwood Road
- Hickory Run Road
- Burnt Mill Road
- Stonewall Road
- Spring Ridge Road

Crack Sealing

Several Main Roads & Developments throughout the Township



Throughout the summer, we will be mowing along the shoulder of the roadway. Pleases use caution while passing the mowers.



Mowed Walking Path at Furnace Run Park

A 5 minute walk in nature improves mood, selfesteem, and relaxation. Frequent exposure to nature reduces anxiety, depression and promotes a sense of wellbeing and fulfillment. nps.gov

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Calling All Historians

Many of our Township folks remember the sand quarries off of Lindsay Lot Road. It is unlikely that any remember when there was a railroad track that went to those quarries. There is a lot of history in the Mainsville area.

The Township has obtained the Furnace Run Park as an asset for public use. Some folks in the area may refer to the parcel as the "Old McDonald Farm."

Even though the Township has plans for trails, passive views and nature-related outdoor activities, the "Old McDonald" homestead is still a part of the property and is a part of that history.

The Township is working with matching funds from PA DCNR, and will hopefully break ground on a Nature Center this summer. As a component of the Nature Center, we want to showcase as much of the local history as possible. That is where we need your help. If you or family members have any pictures, artifacts, documentation or stories from the Mainsville area quarries, iron ore pits, orchards/farms, logging or even local lore, we would love to see and hear about it! Your piece of local history can be appreciated, displayed and shared with visitors for years to come!

To connect, please reach out to Sam Cressler at:

scressler@southamptontownship.org





2024 Ship Market Season

Ship Market is set to open on Thursday's from May 9th thru Sept 26th, 3:30 to 6:30 at Memorial Park. It's a great way to get quality, baked goods, meats, cheeses, mushrooms, wines, nice gifts and treats, and support your community at the same time.

It's not too late to become a vendor at Ship Market. Contact Josh at Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation @ 717-532-0261 or email:

director@shippensburgparkandrec.org



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

Friday, May 3rd 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th 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 3-4' 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 onsite. 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, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. **All bulk items are required to be outside of the home for pickup.** 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, May 1st

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

DISPOSE OF YOUR YARD WASTE AT THE BOROUGH COMPOST FACILITY

Residents of Southampton Township can take advantage of the Borough's Compost Site located at 963 Avon Drive. This facility is for disposing of yard waste and the purchase of compost and mulch. **Sorry, they do not take grass clippings**. A compost pass is required for disposal of yard waste and must be obtained at the Borough Office during regular business hours. There is a \$25.00 fee for the pass and it is good for the current year that it is purchased. Hours of operation are on the pass.

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. Thank You!

2023 Bulky Trash Numbers

Item	Weight In Pounds	Cost to Town- ship	Destination
Bulk Trash	336,000	\$28,414	Landfill
Metal	45,000		Recycled
Tires	4,460	\$1,128	Recycled
Card- board	6,000		Recycled

So far, Southampton Township has been fortunate to be able to provide bulky trash for its residents without quantity limitations. As you can see, the Township spent \$28,414 on the garbage services for both events last year, not including manpower.

When self-unloading please keep in mind that by placing your metal objects in the metal recycling dumpsters, you're not only keeping recyclables out of land fills, you are helping to reduce the disposal fees the Township pays for garbage services.

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The Southampton Township website provides information on permits, payments, forms, codes, meetings minutes, and announcements.

Visit us on Facebook: Southampton Township, Franklin County, for road closures and alerts.

Township Meeting Dates

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

Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority

677 Orrstown Road Shippensburg PH: 717-530-0261

For information on pavilion rentals, recreational programs and events or to find out how to sign up to be a volunteer:

www.shippensburgparkandrec.org

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