

# MONROE TOWNSHIP



Newsletter – Spring 2022

39 MUNICIPAL DRIVE  
SELINGROVE, PA 17870  
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## TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DAYS

Friday, April 22 &  
Saturday, April 23, 2022  
7am – 7pm

Drop Off Your Items for Cleanup  
Days at the Monroe Township  
Recycling Yard (off Park Road)

Monroe Township no longer accepts  
computers or electronics (including  
televisions, DVD players, VCRs, fax  
machines, cordless and cell phones,  
cameras, copiers)

### PLEASE SEPARATE OUT

the following items for recycling:

- major appliances
- metals and anything made of  
metal (Note: remove tanks  
from gas grills and drain fluids  
from lawn mowers)
- clothing and textiles  
(including shoes and  
handbags) and books

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

any type of battery other than  
rechargeable, asbestos, driveway  
sealer and paint cans/containers  
(unless empty and dried out inside),  
tires, yard waste, and any items  
accepted on Recycling Day.

NOTE: The Recycling Center will be  
closed Wednesday, April 20th to  
Tuesday, April 26th in preparation for  
the Cleanup Days.

Please DO NOT bring your clean up  
items early.

Please bring help to unload during  
spring cleanup as township  
personnel will be unable to do so.

## Monroe Township Compost Site:

### New Hours

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
7 am-2 pm  
Third Saturday 8-11 am

### Accepted Items:

- Leaves
- Brush
- Trees
- Tree Waste
- Biodegradable Materials Only!

### Non-Accepted Items:

- Garbage
- Grass
- Kitchen Waste
- Construction Debris
- Plastic Bags

## MULCH PICKUP

Mark your calendars: Mulch  
loading will ONLY be available  
on the following dates and times:

First & Third Saturdays in April,  
May, and June at 8-11am

First Wednesday of April, May, &  
June at 2:00-4:30 pm

There will be no longer be mulch  
loading appointments.

## Recycling Center

We are finding **non-acceptable**  
items in the recycling containers  
such as: toasters, kitty litter pails,  
laundry baskets, 5-gallon pails,  
food containers, etc. Please read the  
signs before leaving items. **Plastics  
are #1 & #2 only and should only  
be bottles and jugs such as  
laundry detergent, water bottles,  
soda bottles.**

We are in the process of getting  
quotes for security cameras,  
fencing, and gates so that the  
recycling and compost areas can be  
better monitored.

## ELECTION NEWS!

### Primary Election – May 17, 2022

If you are not sure if you are  
registered to vote or  
where your polling  
place is located,  
please contact the



Snyder County Election Office at  
570-837-4286.

### Election dates:

Last day to register before the primary  
– May 2, 2022

Last day to apply for a civilian  
absentee ballot – May 10, 2022

Monroe Township, No. 1—Penn  
Valley Airport (Lobby), 100 Airport  
Road, Selingsrove, PA

Monroe Township, No. 2—Monroe  
Township Municipal Bldg., 39  
Municipal Drive, Selingsrove, PA

\*The polls are open at all primaries and  
elections between the hours of 7 a.m.  
and 8 p.m., prevailing time.

### WHEN ELECTIONS ARE HELD:

\*The General Election is held in even-  
numbered years, on the first Tuesday  
after the first Monday of November.

\*The Municipal Election is held in odd-  
numbered years on the first Tuesday  
after the first Monday of November.

\*The Primary Election in each even-  
numbered year is called the General  
Primary and is held on the third  
Tuesday of May, except in Presidential  
years when it is held on the fourth  
Tuesday of April.

**News from the Hummels Wharf  
Fire Company**

Spring is here! Time to look around outside our homes and begin to “clean-up.”



**BURNING:** If you plan on burning any of the leaves, branches, cuttings, etc., please remember to do so in an enclosed area covered by a screen at least 50 ft. from any structures. Also, please remember that the Township Burning Ordinance requires that all burning materials must be completely extinguished by sundown.

**HOUSE NUMBERS:** Another important item deals with house/mailbox numbers. If you have a mailbox alongside the road, please make sure that the numbers are on both sides (we don’t always travel the same direction as the postman) and are 3 – 4” high. The larger, the better in the night! If your numbers are on the house, please make sure they are very readable from the street.

**TRAFFIC:** The Thruway bridge will open this year and when the construction begins on the southern section of the thruway, traffic will get worse. Because of the construction, there are plans for hotels and restaurants to support the increased number of visitors and workers.

Our common goal is simple: EVERYONE GOES HOME! There are inherent dangers associated with firefighting but we strive to keep our people as safe as possible just as we strive to keep you and your family as safe as possible. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

**Recreation News**

Do you have some ideas for improving Monroe Township recreational opportunities? Do you want to work toward implementing them? Volunteer to join the Recreation Committee!

The committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Ideas are discussed for repairs and improvements to the township parks, and we would welcome your suggestions. You can help develop those ideas into recommendations to be made to the Board of Supervisors for implementation.



For more information about volunteering to serve on the committee, contact the committee secretary, Richard Orwig at orwig@ptd.net, or the township secretary at 570-743-7057

**Monroe Township and  
Cherished Cat Rescue**

have joined forces to control the feral cat population in the township humanely. **If you have a cat colony in your life/neighborhood and would like help to get them humanely trapped and neutered simply go to the Township office and complete an application.** That application will get scanned to the TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) Coordinator who will be in touch about the details of the program.



**Please also visit the Cherished Cats website ([www.cherishedcats.org/tnr](http://www.cherishedcats.org/tnr)) and complete the TNR assistance form.** The cats to be trapped MUST have a caretaker who feeds them regularly and provides them with shelter from severe weather conditions. In most cases there is no cost to you to participate in this program. This includes the spay/neuter, rabies and distemper vaccines and ear tip, and in some cases flea meds. ALL CATS must come in a humane (live) trap. Cherished Cats has some traps available to borrow, and you will be trained in their use.

**Selinsgrove Area Community Pool  
News:**

In 2022, a splashpad for all ages and abilities is being constructed in place of



the original round wading pool. Tube slides, water features at the pool’s zero entry and a new diving board are available for your enjoyment.

We are accepting donations to complete our projects. All donations can be mailed to Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc (SARI), PO Box 172 Selinsgrove, PA 17870. Ask how you can become part of the special donor recognition paint-the-block campaign. Thank you!

**FREE ADMISSION** on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th to all. On busy days there is additional parking at the bottom of the hill in the high school parking lot.

**2022 SEASON PASS FORMS** are **AVAILABLE now on the website and at the Selinsgrove Borough Office.**

**PLANNED CLASSES:** Red Cross Swim Lessons, Scuba Certification Course, Adult Water Aerobics, and Lifeguard Certification\*. **Visit website for more details at [selinsgrovepool.org](http://selinsgrovepool.org).**

**JUST A REMINDER**

A zoning permit is **required** for all the following:

Paving driveways, installation of fences, swimming pools, decks, sheds, patios, building additions, garages and new home construction.



If you are not sure, please give the Zoning Officer a call to find out if your project needs a zoning permit.

The Township Zoning Officer's office hours are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm.** You may contact the Township Zoning Office by calling 570-743-7057 Ext 2 or by email at [twpzoning@gmail.com](mailto:twpzoning@gmail.com)

**NEWS FROM HUMMELS WHARF  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

**HWMA Office –**

Office location- Monroe Township  
Municipal Building  
39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove  
Mailing address - P O Box 165,  
Hummels Wharf, PA 17831  
Phone - 570-743-1284  
Fax - 570-743-7904

Email - [hummelswharfmunauth@hotmail.com](mailto:hummelswharfmunauth@hotmail.com)  
Office Hours - Tuesdays and  
Thursdays from 9:00 to 4:00  
Emergency's - Other than regular  
office hours - phone 911 Center  
using their non-emergency number  
570-372-0826

**QUARTERLY SEWER BILLS-**

Quarterly sewer bills are mailed on  
or before the following times;  
**January 2** - for the prior 4<sup>th</sup> quarter  
(October, November, December)  
**April 1** - for the prior 1<sup>st</sup> quarter  
(January, February, March)  
**July 1** - for the prior 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
(April, May, June)  
**October 1** - for the prior 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
(July, August, September)

Please note if you have not received  
your quarterly sewer bill within a  
few days after the mailing date we  
ask that you notify the HWMA  
office and a statement will be sent to  
you.


**SEWER PAYMENTS –** Payments  
are accepted in the HWMA office  
during regular office hours, by mail  
or at the Northumberland National  
Bank on Lori Lane (located behind  
Lowe's). Please note if you make  
payment at any other branch of the  
Northumberland Bank it may take a  
few more days before that  
information is received by the  
HWMA Office. Additionally, sewer  
payments may be made by check or  
money order (**no cash please**) in the  
lock box, inside, next to the HWMA  
office window during regular  
Monroe Township office hours  
which are Mondays thru Fridays  
from 8:30 to 4:30.

In order to ensure that the correct  
account is credited we ask that our  
customers write their account  
numbers on their checks or money  
orders. Postdated checks will not be  
accepted by our office.

**NSF Checks** - There will be a \$50.00  
fee for all checks that are returned to  
us for insufficient funds.

**Electronic Payments/Credit Card  
Payment Requests –** We have had  
several requests to make electronic  
payments and/or credit card  
payments. Unfortunately, our office  
is not equipped to accept these  
kinds of payments. In an effort to  
try to accommodate our customers  
we suggest that you contact your  
banking facility to see if they offer a  
“bill payer” service if you no longer  
wish to make a direct payment to  
HWMA by check, money order or  
cash. We hope this solution will  
help solve some of the issues you  
have with payment of your sewer  
bills.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS  
INFORMATION –** In order to  
ensure that you receive your sewer  
bill in a timely manner we ask that  
you notify our office of any address  
or name change.

**SUMP PUMP AND DOWN  
SPOUTS –**Section 3.061 of the  
Hummels Wharf Municipal  
Authority Rules and  
Regulations prohibits  
any person from   
discharging storm water, surface  
water, groundwater, roof runoff or  
subsurface drainage including  
cellar drainage into the sewer  
system. We ask our customers to  
remove any sump pumps,  
downspouts or other items/things  
that may discharge the above cited  
items into the sanitary sewer  
system.

**WEBSITE FOR SEWER  
PERMITS/INFORMATION –** For  
our customers convenience HWMA

information is now included on the  
Monroe Township website  
[www.monroetwpsnydercopa.com](http://www.monroetwpsnydercopa.com).  
Both our permits, “New  
Construction Permit” and the  
“Lateral Replacement/Repair  
Permit”, can be downloaded from  
this website.

**Spotted Lanternfly**



*Lycorma delicatula*, commonly  
known as the Spotted Lanternfly  
(SLF), is a serious invasive pest  
with a healthy appetite for our  
plants and it can be a significant  
nuisance, affecting the quality of  
life and enjoyment of the outdoors.  
The SLF uses its piercing-sucking  
mouthpart to feed sap from over  
70 different plant species. It prefers  
grapevines, maple trees, black  
walnut, birch, willow, and other  
trees.

The Spotted Lanternfly is an  
invasive species native to China,  
Bangladesh, and Vietnam. In 2014  
it was found in Pennsylvania, and  
has since spread to 34 counties  
which are now quarantined.

If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, it's  
imperative to immediately report  
it to [extension.psu.edu/have-you-  
seen-a-spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/have-you-seen-a-spotted-lanternfly)  
especially if you are not inside the  
quarantine zone. Currently no  
SLFs have been spotted in Snyder  
County.

What else? Kill it! Squash it, smash  
it...just get rid of it. In the fall, these  
bugs will lay egg masses with 30-  
50 eggs each.

More information can be found at  
the Penn State Extension website  
at:  
<https://extension.psu.edu/>

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**Township Supervisors:**

Dave Heimbach – Chairman  
Ryan Mack – Vice-Chairman  
Steve Paige – Supervisor

**Other Township Officials:**

Stephanie McKinney - Secretary/Treasurer  
Rick Bailey - Zoning Officer  
Terry Conrad – Road Foreman  
Ax Runkle – Township Solicitor  
Meck-Tech, Inc. - Township Engineer

Phone – 570-743-7057

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**2022 TAX COLLECTOR NEWS:**

Grace Colahan has retired as the Tax Collector. Grace held the position for over 20 years! Thank you, Grace, for your service.

The newly elected Tax collector is Mary Klock. She will hold office hours at the township building during the dates and hours listed below:

Apr18 5:30-7:00 pm;  
April 19, 25, 26 4:30-6:00 pm,  
April 21 8:00-10:00am; April 28- 9:00-11:00am

If you need to contact Mary, please call her at 570-768-6813 and leave a message. She will return your call as soon as she can. When you pay your taxes by mail, please enclose your tax bills and keep a copy for your own records.



If you are paying your taxes by mail and need a **receipt**, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your tax bills and payment. In order to apply for the rent rebate, you must have your tax bills stamped "PAID" by the Tax Collector. Also, please notify the Tax Collector if you are moving or have a change of address.

**Real Estate Tax Bill Info:**

**County/Township** tax bills mail 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.

Pay by end of April @ Discount or  
Pay by the end of June @ Face

**School** tax bills mail 1<sup>st</sup> week of August

Pay by end of September @discount or  
Pay by the end of November @ Face

Non-receipt of bill does not eliminate tax or change payment deadlines.

**Local Services Tax:**

Local Services Tax in Monroe Township is \$52.00 a year for any person that earns over \$12,000/year that works within Monroe Township. The Township Secretary/Treasurer collects this tax. More information can be found on the website or by calling the township office at 570-743-7057 x1.

**New Supervisor**  
A new Township Supervisor has been elected. Ryan Mack began his supervisor position in January. He replaces Dean Davis. Dean was a supervisor for over 20 years. Please welcome Ryan and thank Dean for his service