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Township News CUMRU

Township of Cumru
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Meetings
Third & Fifth Tuesday of
each month at 7 p.m.

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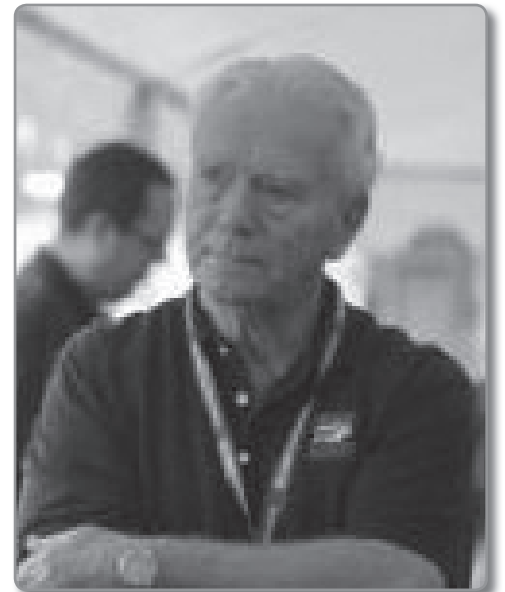
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BARRY ROHRBACH CUMRU BOC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Over the years Barry Rohrbach has held many different positions and has worn many different hats, but he has always been actively involved in his community.

Barry began his working career serving in the United States Air Force. After serving in the armed forces, Barry began a career as a police officer in Pottstown. After his career in law enforcement, Barry entered the banking industry at First Federal Savings and Loan Association, working his way up to vice president. Barry later left First Federal to become president of Penn Savings Bank in Wyomissing and remained with the company through its growth into Sovereign bank. Barry has also been a realtor, partner, and vice president of Century 21 Advance Realty and president of ABC Mortgage Company. He also served a stint with Atlantic Financial as vice president and marketing manager.



Barry founded Crime alert Berks County in 1998, and manages the organization as executive director. Under Barry's leadership Crime Alert has become and stayed the number one crime tip hotline in the state of Pennsylvania.

Barry has also served on the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners for multiple terms, several as the President of the Board.

We hate to see Barry's tenure with the Township end, but we wish him well with his future endeavors.

TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU

MEETING SCHEDULES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month and the 5th Tuesdays, when applicable, at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Township Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Except: September (2nd Monday). The Township Secretary is available to answer questions about the application for plan review and plan review fees; call 610-777-1343.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

The Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The Park and Recreation Board is always looking for volunteers to help with our events and programs. Contact the Rec. Director for details.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. A staff assistant is available to answer any questions regarding a Zoning Variance Application during normal business hours. Call 610-777-1343.

PENSION BOARD

The Pension Board meets whenever the committee deems necessary to perform its functions and responsibilities. A staff assistant is available to answer any questions regarding this Board during normal business hours; call 610-777-1343.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The Municipal Authority of Cumru Township is scheduled to meet on 4/10/14, 7/10/14, and 10/0/14 at 8:00am to discuss the sanitary sewer system.

*A full listing of boards and commissions, along with a monthly meeting schedule can be found online at www.cumrutownship.org.

**If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of our Boards with a vacancy, please contact the township at (610) 777-1343 for details on how to declare your interest.

TOWNSHIP CLOSINGS

The Township Administrative Offices will be closed for the following Holidays
(If they fall on a week day):

New Year's Day, President's Day, the Friday before Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Day after Thanksgiving, half the day before Christmas, Christmas Day, half of New Year's Eve

Otherwise the Township Offices are open Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SBREMS UPDATE

The Southern Berks Regional EMS (SBREMS) Board of Directors recently made some key changes to the company's management team to better address operational and financial matters in order to continue to provide excellent 911 ambulance service to the southern Berks County region. A key change was separating out the Executive Director and Controller positions. Malcolm Cole was named the Executive Director. He is recent retired US Army officer, who served in a variety of leadership positions throughout his 26 years of service. Malcolm also has 4 years of process improvement experience from when he worked for Penske Truck Leasing in their quality department.

In 2013, SBREMS responded to 1493 EMS calls in the Cumru Township, 690 were for the Advance Life Support ambulance and 803 were for the Basic Life Support ambulance. SBREMS response times for life threatening calls and for other EMS calls were down slightly from the previous year to 5.6 minutes from the 6.1 minutes the previous year. These times are below the industry average of 8 minutes.

SBREMS has qualified to submit for the 2014 American Heart Association's Mission Lifeline Silver award for meeting AHA standards in identifying and treating STEMI (ST segment elevation myocardial infarction) patients. SBREMS EMS crews have successfully identified 12 STEMI (3 in Cumru) cases allowing the hospital cardiac teams to deliver emergency surgery within 90 minutes. This is a new program from the American Heart Association to recognize the excellent efforts of the EMS crews in helping save lives. SBREMS is honored to be considered for this award.

For 2014, SBREMS is looking for ways to improve its operations while continuing to maintain our 911 commitment to the community. Ambulance deployment is being adjusted to optimize overlapping coverage between stations. These changes will be monitored to ensure no adverse impact to performance and should provide savings in labor, fuel and vehicle maintenance. So far it appears to be working as our drop calls have decreased for the first 2 months of the year.

The EMS tax levied by Cumru Township allows Southern Berks to provide critical EMS service to Cumru Township and surrounding communities. It also allows us to support and maintain the equipment necessary that allows us to be successful in saving lives.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Over the past few years, the Township of Cumru has made it a priority to find better ways of reaching our residents with the information they need. This process started with a face lift of our website (cumrutownship.org) and a redesign on our biannual newsletter back in 2010. In 2011 we created a facebook page and have been encouraged by the reach of our posts. Since 2012 we have been packaging our Recreation Schedule with the Refuse and Recycling Calendars to maximize our mailings.

This year we are excited to announce two new additions to our stable of resources. The first grew from a cooperative effort between the five municipalities in the Governor Mifflin School District (Cumru, Brecknock, Shillington, Kenhorst, Mohnton) and the Governor Mifflin School District, and launched this past fall as the Governor Mifflin Park and Fun Finder (parknfunfinder.org). The Park N Fun Finder is a comprehensive source of all of the area Park and Recreation facilities, providers, programs, and events. We look forward to this being a great resource moving forward. In addition to the Park N Fund Finder, we have also added the capability of generating mass email notifications

to inform our residents about Park and Rec. Events, Administrative Advisories, Public Safety Advisories, and Public Works Advisories. You can sign up for these notifications from either of our websites. Sign up soon to make sure you don't miss the next road closure-update or winter weather advisory.



INTERESTED IN SERVING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

We currently have vacancies on our Park and Recreation Board. More details on our boards and panels can be found on page 2 of the newsletter. Call (610)777-1343 for more details.

FLUSHABLE? CAN THE WIPES

Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as “disposable” but should not be flushed down the toilet. Items include: **disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, mop refills, paper towels, towelettes, etc.**

These products don’t dissolve. They clog pipes, causing expensive and time consuming repairs for homeowners. These products also clog public sewer pipes and pump station equipment, contributing to higher sewer rates. Save yourself and your sewer system from a pain in the drain, put wipes, rags and towels in the trash, not the toilet!

HELP US MANAGE STORM WATER

WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

WHY IS STORM WATER “GOOD RAIN GONE WRONG?”

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!

GOVERNOR MIFFLIN AREA CITIZENS ACADEMY

The Governor Mifflin Citizens Academy was created to aid the general public in understanding the inner workings of municipal government, and how all of your tax dollars are spent. You can find segments covering all of the following topics online at <http://www.youtube.com/user/CumruTownship>:

- Recreation Services
- School Athletic Facilities
- Introduction to the Citizens Academy
- Overview of Municipal Government
- Open Meetings and Right-to-Know Laws
- Police Services
- Fire Services
- Planning and Zoning
- Public Works Services
- Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Services
- Emergency Management Services
- Library Services
- School Services
- Township Finance
- Borough Finance
- School Finance

TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

No matter what season it is, we always seem to have a few projects to check off our list or a few improvements we would like to make to our homes, with that in mind, the Township of Cumru would like to remind residents that “accessory structures”, including but not limited to sheds, decks, fences, and pools, require permits. Projects involving digging require a PA One Call by state law. Additional information about our permitting process and PA One Call can be found at the following links.

<http://www.pa1call.org/PA811/Public/>
<http://www.cumrutownship.org/departments/codeenforcement.html>

TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION

This information is also printed on the tax bills.

Sitting Dates and Times

March, April, July, and August hours (with the exception of CLOSURES noted below):

- Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All other months (with the exception of CLOSURES noted below):

- Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (no Thursday hours)
- Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

- 5/18/2014 through 6/9/2014
- 9/18/2014 through 9/29/2014
- 12/22/2014 through 1/5/2015

Important Notes

- ONLY FULL PAYMENT ACCEPTED. ONLY EXACT PAYMENT ACCEPTED.
- Refuse fee: After 12/31/2014, unpaid refuse charges are sent to collection agency for payment.
- Real estate taxes: After 12/31/2014, unpaid real estate tax bills are collected by Berks County Tax Claim, 610 478 6625. A fee of \$15.00 per bill is added, when filed with Berks County Tax Claim. As of 2/1/2014, ¾% interest is added per month.
- Per capita taxes: Per capita tax is assessed for any person 18 years of age or older, working or not working. Bills dated July, if not paid by 12/31/2013, will be submitted to GH Harris collection agency, 570 639 5005. Bills dated November, if not paid by April 30, 2015, will be submitted to GH Harris collection agency.
- A drop box is available inside the Cumru Township Office Building at 1775 Welsh Rd., Mohnton, PA. DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE DROP BOX. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Township holidays are as follows: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Friday before Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Columbus Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, after 12:00 p.m. day before Christmas, Christmas Day, after 12:00 p.m. day before New Year. The office closes for 2012 on December 31, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.

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CTFD - HOW TO GET INVOLVED

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Becoming a volunteer firefighter gives you a unique opportunity to serve your community while joining a select group of people few ever get to be a part of. Whether you choose to help out in a support role, become a fully qualified firefighter, rescue technician or apparatus operator, or pursue a path to becoming a fire officer, it requires hard work and commitment, but it can also be one of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have. If you want to be part of a close-knit team, have a desire to learn and keep on learning, and want to help people when they need it the most, then the volunteer fire service just might be for you.

HOW TO JOIN

First, you must complete one combined application to the Cumru Township Fire Department, Cumru Township Volunteer Firefighters' Association, and Cumru Township Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association. You must then pass a criminal background check, complete an interview with the Membership Committee, and be accepted into probationary membership by a vote of the Firefighters' Association. Successful completion of the six month probationary period completes the full membership process. We take applications year-round at the Fire Chief's office in the Cumru Township Municipal Building at 1775 Welsh Road, or you can speak directly with a department officer. There is no cost to apply or to be a member of the department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD-JON FRITZ

Jonathan joined the legacy fire company "Cedar Top" 8 years ago at the tender age of 18. During those short 8 years, Jonathan has been very busy achieving personal and department goals.

He has earned the following Certifications:

Fire Fighter I & II

Emergency Medical Technician

Hazardous Materials Technician

America Heart Association F/A & CPR Instructor

He has held the following Officers positions:

While at the Cedar Top Fire Co. he held the ranks of Lieutenant and Captain

With the newly formed Department in July of 2010 he was appointed to Deputy Chief of Outreach and Recruitment

Jonathan is leaving us and his full time job with the County of Berks as the Supernatant of the Fire Training Site. He will be moving south to continue his firefighting career with the Charleston Fire Department in South Carolina.

On behalf of the Township Board of Commissioners and the members of the Fire Department, we wish you well on your next chapter of life.



KIDS, COPS & FRIENDS TROUT DERBY

The Cumru Twp. Police Dept., in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, will be holding the annual Kids, Cops & Friends Trout Derby on May 17, 2014. The event is free to attend for children 12 and under; however, registration is limited to the first 50 children. Food and drinks will be provided, please bring your own tackle. Prizes will be awarded for tagged trout. Please contact us at (610)777-1343 for more information.



POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Police Department is fully operational 24 hrs. per day 365 days per year. Please call immediately to report any suspicious activity or report a crime regardless of the time of day or night. People often wait until daytime to call to report some activity which was occurring overnight. Please call immediately so the on-duty officers will be able to respond to take the appropriate action during these instances.

If you wish to remain anonymous to report information that will assist with any investigations we urge you to call Berks Crime Alert. A reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of criminals.

Emergency phone number is 9-1-1

Non-emergency phone number is 610-777-9595

Crime Alert phone number is 877-373-9913

Chief Jed Habecker

BEWARE OF CON ARTISTS' SCHEMES



Another reminder to residents to be aware of the continuing attempts by con artists to trick unsuspecting victims into sending money to them through various schemes. One scheme is the telephone call to elderly persons that their grandchild is being held in captivity by authorities in another state or country. The caller states that cash needs to be sent via Western Union in order for the grandchild to be released. Residents are warned that this is always a scam and the Police Department should be notified immediately. Do not send cash to any unknown persons for any reason.

RESIDENT INFORMATION

GRASS CLIPPINGS:

What many people don't realize is how storm water collects debris, like yard waste and litter. Solid materials bundle together at storm drains and block the flow of rain into storm water pipes. This can result in localized flooding that could have been prevented. Solid materials that get through the storm water system flow directly into local creeks and rivers, often containing pollutants that are harmful to aquatic ecosystems. Like many other municipalities, Cumru Township is responsible for enforcing regulations to minimize yard waste, litter, and other debris in storm water. Accordingly, by Ordinance No. 658, as amended, Cumru Township prohibits the disposal of grass clippings and other material in streets, unless clippings are removed from streets by one hour after sunset on the day on which such clippings are deposited in the street. **When it rains, everyone is downstream of someone.**

STREET LIGHTS:

If you experience a streetlight outage, call Met-Ed or PPL directly by using contact information on your electric bill. When trees block streetlights, the lights cannot be serviced. Property owners are responsible for having their trees trimmed so as not to interfere with streetlight maintenance.

TREE TRIMMING:

Trees and vegetation must be trimmed to provide at least seven and one half feet (7'-6") of clearance above sidewalks and at least fourteen (14') of clearance above streets (Ordinance No. 137). Low branches can damage vehicles, impede sidewalk travel, and block signs. Property owners are responsible for having their trees trimmed. New trees shall be planted a minimum of 10 feet outside of the legal right of way of streets (Ordinance No. 690).

LEAF COLLECTION:

Leaf collection season has arrived! The Township will begin picking leaves on all dedicated roads on the second Tuesday of October (October 14th) and will continue for nine weeks (December 12th) or until the first significant snowfall. Leaves should be placed in the gutter for collection. Leaves should not be placed in bags or containers. Leaves that are mixed with sticks, branches and other yard debris will not be collected. Leaves in bags or containers will not be picked up during this time of year. Leaf collection crews will work through the Township on a continuing basis without a published day or area schedule. Due to the nature of leaf collection work it is not possible to have a set schedule. Special arrangements will not be made to pick up leaves. The Township has six trucks and five leaf vacuum machines dedicated to leaf collection. With the exception of emergencies, the Highway Department's entire staff (eight men) is assigned to leaf collection duty on a daily basis. During the heaviest times of the leaf collection season the Township will also assign the Sewer Department and Mechanics to assist with the work. Leaf mulch is available to residents on a first come, first served basis. The Township will deliver leaf mulch, when possible, to addresses in the Township. The Township reserves the right to decline delivery based on accessibility problems or concerns such as potentially washing into streams or storm water facilities. Please call the Township to discuss delivery.



WINTER WEATHER MAINTENANCE:

Less than three (3") inches of snow, the roads will be treated as conditions warrant. Depending on the storm, plowing may not begin until there is at least three (3") of accumulation. Over three (3") inches of accumulation, the road will be plowed if parked cars permit. The number and frequency of passes that the plow will make depends on the intensity, duration and type of frozen precipitation. HOWEVER, no two storm events are the same and temperature, duration, intensity, type of precipitation, time of day, time of year, manpower levels, equipment availability and many other factors will vary from storm to storm. The number and position of vehicles parked along the road will seriously impact the Township's ability to push snow off of the road.



*It is unlawful to cast or deposit snow and/or ice in streets of the Township (Ordinance No. 332). Cumru Township maintains the traveled cartway of dedicated roads, defined as traveled lanes, as its first priority, so as to minimize snow accumulation becoming a hazard on the roadway. After cartways are plowed (traveled width), a cleanup and widening operation follows. Roads are plowed in a priority order, beginning with the highest traffic volume routes and working toward the lower traffic routes.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:

Parking is prohibited along Snow Emergency Routes during a declared Snow Emergency. Check the Township website, www.cumrutownship.org, or the Township's Facebook page for Snow Emergency updates.

POTHOLES:

The Highway Department fills potholes all year round. Please call (610) 777-1343 to report potholes and a crew will be dispatched.

NO SEWER DEDUCTIONS:

For those sanitary sewer customers on public water, Cumru Township discontinued the practice of deductions for pool fill-ups or other water that does not go through the sanitary sewer system. Sewer consumption is based solely on water consumption, as required by ordinance.

SEWER VENTS:

Sewer vents and clean-outs are a critical part of every building's sanitary sewer lateral. They provide access for repair, maintenance and inspection of the sewer pipes that convey sewage from a building to the Township's sewer collection system. The sewer vents and clean-outs are owned by and the responsibility of the property owner. The area around the sewer vents and clean-outs must be kept clear of vegetation, landscaping, and other permanent structures.

SEWER BACK-UPS:

Residents are encouraged to call the Township before they contact a plumber in the event of a clogged sewer. At no charge, the Township will investigate the problem and advise the property owner on the results.

"If you experience a sewer backup, do not flush your toilet or use water until the cause of the problem has been determined. The Township recommends contacting the Sewer Department at (610) 777-1343 Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm or after hours at (610) 607-1815. The Township will check the sewer main and sewer lateral. If the clog is in the main or in the Township's Section of the lateral the Sewer Department will clear the blockage. If the clog is on the property owner's section of the lateral or the building trap, the Township will advise the property owner to contact a plumber. There is no charge for this service.

RESIDENT SERVICES

INTERESTED IN RENTING OUR FACILITIES?

CALL (610) 777-1343 FOR DETAILS

Looking to host a birthday or graduation party? How about a bridal or baby shower? Don't have enough room at home for that family get together? Our warren recreation center is the perfect solution! With ample space, affordable rates, and all the necessary facilities, make sure you give us a call before you make arrangements anywhere else. We may have exactly what you are looking for. Late spring and early summer book quick, so don't hesitate to call!



CURBSIDE BRUSH/YARDWASTE COLLECTION

There will be two curbside "brush/yard waste" pickups during 2014. The schedule is as follows:
If your trash day is Mon: pickup will be Sat., April 5, 2014 and Sat., October 4, 2014
If your trash day is Tues: pickup will be Sat., April 12, 2014 and Sat., October 11, 2014
If your trash day is Wed: pickup will be Sat., April 19, 2014 and Sat., October 18, 2014
If your trash day is Thurs or Fri: pickup will be Sat., April 26, 2014 and Sat., October 25, 2014

Please Note:

1. All brush/yard waste must be set out the night prior to collection. There will be no re-run routes.
2. All brush/yard waste is to be in kraft bags (biodegradable bags) or tied securely with rope or twine not to exceed two (2) feet in diameter, and three (3) feet in length. No wood over four (4) inches in diameter will be taken because of possible damage to trucks. No bundles or bags weighing over forty (40) pounds.

TIPS FOR MAKING SEWER AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Cumru Township accepts cash, personal checks, and physical checks generated by on-line bill pay services.

Cumru does not accept electronic funds transfers via ACH, debit cards, or credit cards.

- The consumer is responsible for monitoring the disbursement of funds from her/his account.
- The consumer is responsible for being aware of her/his bank's internal policies.
- The Township is not responsible for errors by on-line bill pay services.
- The Township assesses a fee of \$32.00 for deposited checks that are returned for insufficient funds.

The consumer is then required to pay the fee and original bill in cash.

RESIDENT SERVICES

Normal Hours of Operation:

9:00am-1:00pm



YARD WASTE FACILITY

Open ONLY on the Second Saturday of the Month
Yard waste will not be accepted on any other day

Winter Hours (Jan-March): 10:00am-12:00pm

Facility Location: Poplar Neck Rd.

The following items will be accepted:

- Leaves
- Garden Debris
- Brush and Bushes
- Tree Trimmings
- Weeds
- Flowers and Garden Plants
- Kraft Paper Bags

The following items will NOT be accepted:

- Stumps and/or stump grindings
- Grass
- Plastic Bags
- Root Balls
- Treated or Painted Wood
- Railroad Ties
- Tree Branches (larger than 5ft long & 6in wide)
- Glass
- Trash
- Dirt or Sod
- Concrete or Brick
- Rocks**

Fines of up to \$300 will be issued for illegal dumping (Ordinance No. 676). Open ONLY to residents of Cumru. Identification will be required! No commercial vehicles are allowed. The site will be patrolled by police and is under video surveillance.

*In order to comply with PaDEP regulations, items proposed to be dropped off at the yard waste facility may be declined at the Township's discretion.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BERKS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Sat., April 19th – 1:00 p.m. Wildflower Walk - Antietam Lake Park (meet at Angora Rd. Parking Lot) With Dr. Susan Munsch

Sat., April 26th – 10:00 a.m. Paws on the Path – Hike with Your Dog - Antietam Lake Park (meet at Angora Rd. Parking Lot)

Sun., April 27th – 12-5:00 p.m. Go Fly A Kite Day – Youth Recreation Facility, Bern Twp. \$2.00 parking

Sat., May 13th – 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Children's Fishing Rodeo – Hunsicker's Grove \$2.00 parking

Sat., May 17th – 10 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Early Bird Fiddle Fest – Berks County Heritage Center \$2.00 parking (Raindate: May 18)

Sun., June 1st – 12-5:00 p.m. Old Home Day – Beidler House at the Allegheny Aqueduct

Sun., July 27th – 11 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Step Back In Time - Berks County Heritage Center \$2.00 parking

Vintage Baseball Game, Hands on crafts, music, small Civil War Camp Fri., August 15th – 7:00 p.m. Little Brown Bats in the Red Bridge

For info on any programs, call 610-374-8839

MIFFLIN AREA YMCA

The Mifflin Area YMCA offers a state-of-the-art fitness center, interactive youth center, gymnasium, and child-watch area. Youth and adult programs are running year round and the gymnasium is available for rentals. Financial aid is available, call for more information.

Contact:

Rick Wagner, Executive Director
140 Chestnut Street
Mohnton, PA 19540
(610) 750-5036

Hours

Mon-Thurs 6:00 AM – 8:30 PM
Friday 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sunday 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM



<http://www.ymca-berkscounty.org>

BERKS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

SPRING OPEN HOUSE & EASTER EGG HUNT

Grab your kids and grand kids and come to the ARL for our Open House & Easter Egg Hunt! The shelter opens at 11 am and guests can check out our adoptable animals, pick up a snack from our Volunteer Auxiliary, or peruse our Chinese auction! Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available from 11-1. Developed photos can be picked up after 2pm. The Easter egg hunts

starts at 2:00 sharp! 3 age groups: 1-3 – inside the dog park, 4-7 – roped off area on our grounds, 8-12 – roped off area on our grounds 2 prize baskets per age group (1 male & 1 female).

Venue: Animal Rescue League of Berks
Start: April 12, 2014 11:00 am
End: April 12, 2014 3:00 pm
Address: 58 Kennel Rd. Birdsboro
PA, 19508
Cost: Free

DOGS AND BREWS

The Reading Public Museum has partnered with the Animal Rescue League to host “Dogs & Brews.” Those who register for the event will receive a commemorative tasting glass to sample a wide variety of micro brews from area breweries and a voucher for two gourmet hot dogs from Berks Foods. Bring your dog to the event to participate in a doggie parade, puppy salon, and splash party!

Breweries confirmed are:
Tröegs Brewing Company
Weyerbacher Brewing Company
Saucony Creek Brewing Company
Stoudt's Brewing Company

Venue: Reading Public Museum
Start: May 24, 2014 12:00 pm
End: May 24, 2014 4:00 pm
Address: 500 Museum Rd. Reading
PA, 19611 USA

Berks Foods will be providing hotdogs
(vouchers included in the ticket price!)

Missy Allen will be on site to provide caricatures of pets and their owners. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Animal Rescue League. Check the Reading Museum's web site for more updates.

To register, contact Lindsay Crist at 610-371-5850 x230 or lindsay.crist@readingpublicmuseum.org by Thursday, May 15, 2014 to ensure you receive your commemorative glass — there are a limited number available!

BARK IN THE PARK

It's not just a baseball game! Join us at 5:00 for a special VIP cocktail hour with open bar on the warning track. At 7:00 the game begins and the party continues on the 3rd base deck where ticket holders are treated to the game and all they can eat and drink until 9:30 pm.

Venue: First Energy Stadium
Start: June 17, 2014 5:00 pm
End: June 17, 2014 10:00 pm
Address: 1900 Centre Ave. Reading
PA, 19601
Cost: \$75.00

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MIFFLIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Spring One Day Book Sale on Saturday, April 5, 10 AM-2 PM

The Friends of MCL Spring One-Day Book Sale is scheduled for April 13th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

We need volunteers to help sort books the week before the sale.

If you are able to help out, please call Linda at 610-775-1742.

Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 12, 7:00-10:00 AM

The Friends of MCL will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast at Dairy Queen in Kenhorst. Cost is \$5 for adults (ages 10+), \$3 for children ages 3-9, and children 2 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Circulation Desk or on the day of the event.

6 Philadelphia Avenue
Shillington, PA 19607
610.777.3911

www.berks.lib.pa.us/mifflincl
mifflincl@berks.lib.pa.us

Hours:
Monday 9AM-8PM
Tuesday 9AM-8PM
Wednesday 9AM-5PM
Thursday 9AM-8PM
Friday 9AM-1PM
Saturday 9AM-4PM
(9AM-1PM in Summer)

Summer Reading Program

The 2014 theme, "Fizz, Boom, READ!", celebrates science!

Summer Reading Club Registration Kick-off

DQ-Kenhorst Plaza Thursday, June 5, 6:00-8:00 PM

Read books, attend fun programs, have fun with all things science, but FIRST, get registered! Join us at DQ for a fun night, and your chance to pick up a map and get a head-start on this summer's reading log. "Fizz, Boom, READ!" brochures will be available outlining all the great things Mifflin Community Library has lined up this summer. Don't miss it!

The teens can join in the fun as well with their theme "Spark a Reaction," and adults will explore "Literary Elements." More information on the summer reading incentives for all age levels will be available at the Registration Kick-off!

MUHLENBERG CANINE CARNIVAL

Mark your calendars now for the first Canine Carnival sponsored by the Muhlenberg Parks and Recreation Department. We are looking to invite various dog related businesses and/or services to participate. There will be a demonstration from a K-9 unit, a dog agility course and an official disc dog competition organized by the Mad Dog – Keystone State River Jam organization. You are welcome to bring your well behaved leashed pet (retractable leashes must be locked). Please bring proper cleaning materials as owners are responsible for clean-up of an accident.

Note: The Disc Dog competition is a two day event. They will be at the park from 9:30AM to about 4PM on both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, 5/31

Jim Dietrich Park located at 4899 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Rd.

10AM to 2PM

Free for you and your canine friend

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

NOLDE FOREST EEC

Building Greener

Saturday, April 5 9:00am - 12:00pm

Buildings consume almost half the energy used in the U.S., and have many other environmental impacts. If you're thinking about renovating or building, think about reducing those impacts through your selection of materials. Confused about the best choices? This free workshop will help you understand and evaluate "green" building materials and where to find them. Presentation in McConnell Hall. Registration is required.

Bark in the Park - Dog Walk Series

First Sundays: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Explore a variety of parks in Berks County with your furry best friend and discover a wealth of natural resources, educational, and recreational opportunities. Learn the trails and experience nature. Natural and seasonal points of interest will be included in the hikes. One dog per adult hiker, dogs must be on leash. No registration required. Medium difficulty – approx. 2 miles.

Locations vary by date:

- 1/5 Monocacy Hill
- 2/2 Nolde Forest
- 3/2 Blue Marsh
- 4/6 Jim Dietrich Park
- 5/4 Nolde Forest

Information for other locations at:

www.co.berks.pa.us/Muni/Muhlenberg

www.monocacyhill.org

www.facebook.com/bluemarshlake



Forest Ecology

Saturday, May 10: 1:00 - 3:00pm

Join the Albright College research team as they share their current findings on the Nolde Forest recovery of ecological communities after forest clearing. Presentation in McConnell Hall followed by walking tour of research areas. Registration is required.

Nolde Mansion Open House

First Sunday:

September through May 1:00 – 4:00pm

Now serving as the administrative center for an extensive environmental education program, the Nolde property was once the home of a wealthy Reading manufacturer. See our story in video, tour the mansion, and enjoy a special event. No registration required. Hosted by the Friends of Nolde Forest.

Programs are offered at 2:00pm

- January 5 Long Winter Walk
- March 2 History Walk
- April 6 Bird Walk

- February 2 Bird Nests & Eggs
- April 6 Egg Craft
- May 4 Dragonflies

PARK & RECREATION

DANCE AEROBICS - 2ND YEAR TAP

2nd YEAR TAP CLASS (6:15 pm - 7:00 pm)

Students must have at least 1 year prior experience.

AEROBICS (7:00 pm - 7:45 pm)

Make this class as low or as high impact as you like!!!!!!!

Wear your sneakers, comfortable clothes, and bring a water bottle!



Wednesdays Beginning April 2, 2014 thru May 21, 2014(8 Weeks).

Each class is \$40/per person.

SPRING SPECIAL!!!! SIGN UP FOR 2 CLASSES FOR \$75/per person.

ALL REGISTRATIONS AND FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY APRIL 2, 2014.

Instructor Kate (Epler) Maue has been dancing since the age of 3. Her dance experience includes: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Baton, and Middle Eastern Dance. 2014 brings Kate's 9th year with Cumru Township!

CHILDRENS' DANCE CLASSES - BALLET/TAP & JAZZ/ACRO

We are excited to announce that we will once again be offering children's dance classes. For the spring and summer we will be offering two sessions (Ballet/Tap & Jazz/Acro). The details are still being worked out, but we are very happy to be bringing Kayla onboard to offer what we hope will be a hit. Classes will be held on Monday and/or Wednesday evenings.

Please see our website, CumruTownship.org, ParkNFunFinder.org or call us at (610)777-1343 x. 121 for more details.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS - JUNE-AUGUST 2014

SHOWINGS: June- Cloudy 2

July- Frozen

August- The Lego Movie

APG new release will be shown at 8:15PM on the third Friday of each month at the Warren Rec. Center. Popcorn and refreshments provided. Free to attend!

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES



Thursday evenings from 6:15PM-7:15PM at the Warren Recreation Center

The cost is \$5.00/class at the door. Please contact the instructor, Chantel Palermo, at (610) 621-3035 for details.

PARK & RECREATION

SUMMER PLAYGROUND - JUNE 23 THRU AUG 1, 2014

Day Playground Program

Ages: 4 years old thru 6th grade

Locations: Warren Recreation Center or Gouglersville Playground*

Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM Mon-Thurs
Friday Field Trip

(Junior Playground Program for children ages 4-6 available at Warren Rec. Center only)

Cost: Cumru Residents: One Child \$70
Two children or more: \$65/child

Non-Resident: \$130/child
Daily Guest Fee: \$10/child per day

*Gouglersville location sponsored by the Gouglersville Fire Company.

Evening Playground Program

Ages: 4 years old thru 6th grade

Location: Gouglersville Playground

Time: 6:30PM to 8:30PM Mon-Thurs
*Friday Field Trip

*Sponsored by the the Gouglersville Fire Company, call for details

\$10 Early Registration Discount **if registered before May 1, 2014**

Pre-registration required. Registration forms available online at CUMRUTOWNSHIP.ORG or at the Cumru Municipal Building. For more information call (610) 777-1343.

EVERYDAY A NEW ADVENTURE FILLED WITH CRAFTS, GAMES, SPORTS, FIELDTRIPS, AND MUCH MORE!!!

2014 SUMMER ATHLETICS

Coed Pick-up Volleyball (May-September)

Tuesdays from 5:00pm-8:30pm at the Warren Recreation Center Court. Free to participate. Water and volleyballs provided.

Men's Rec. League Basketball (Begins June 22, 2014)

\$350/team (10 players) *we can place individuals*

Sunday afternoons at the Warren Recreation Center Court. Includes at least 5 game regular season and at least one playoff game. Call for more details.

Adult Kickball and Dodgeball coming this Fall.

New programs may be added throughout the year. Check our website for information on our most up to date schedule.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Governor Mifflin Region Public Park Areas & Recreation Facilities/School Properties		Acres	Baseball/Softball Field	Community/Rec Center	Park Building/Kitchen	Basketball Court	Walking Trail	Parking Lot	Picnic Pavilion	Picnic Area	Restroom (perm. or port.)	Weight Training Room	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Multi-Purpose Field	Bandshell/Ampitheater	Camping Areas	Frisbee Golf Course	Fishing Pond/Area	Football Field/Stadium	Playground/Tot Lot	Open Space	Gymnasium	Swimming Pool/Complex	Auditorium	Artificial Turf Field	Concession Stand	Boat Ramp/Dock	Nature Area/ Trail	Hunting Areas	Gazebo	Running Track	Sliding Hill	Skate Park	Dog Park	Equestrian Trail	Hockey/Roller Blade Rink	Outdoor Ice Rink		
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Township of Cumru Program Registration Form

Program Registration Form

Program Name: _____

Number of Participants: _____ Cost/Participant: _____ Total Cost: _____

Payment Received: _____ ***Make Checks payable to the "Township of Cumru"***

Name of Participant (and parent if under 18): _____

Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent if Participant is a Minor: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

****Registration in a program constitutes an agreement between the participants and the Department to allow photographs or video of the Participant(s) to be published for promotional use. The undersigned, understand that the listed activity (ies) may involve certain risks, and in consideration of admittance to this activity, does hereby for myself, my minor child, successors, and assigns agree to release, waive, and forever discharge from all liabilities and further agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Township of Cumru, its Commissioners, servants, agents, and employees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs which may be incurred due to participation of this activity.**

Two ways to register:

1. Come visit us at the Township offices
2. Download a registration form online & mail it in



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Trash/Refuse Collection

Collection shall be once a week for everyday household refuse.

Spring Cleanup

If your trash pickup is Mon Spring Cleanup is Mon, May 5, 2014

If your trash pickup is Tues Spring Cleanup is Tues May 13, 2014

If your trash pickup is Wed Spring Cleanup is Wed, May 21, 2014

If your trash pickup is Thurs Spring Cleanup is Thurs, May 29, 2014

If your trash pickup is Fri Spring Cleanup is Fri, May 30, 2014

Recycling Collection

Recycling collection shall be every other week.

*Our recycling program is a single-stream program. This means all recycling materials can be mixed in the recycling container.

**Please see the Refuse/Recycling Calendars for exact dates of collection. (available online at CumruTownship.org)

If you experience any problems with your trash or recycling collection, call the Township Office during the next business day at (610) 777-1343.

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