

# SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026

## The Summer Parks Program is BACK!!!

Outdoor play, games, crafts and themed activities,  
Weekly special activities and field trips on select weeks

- **Ages 6-12 (Child must be 6 to begin program)**
- Dates: June 15-August 6
- Monday-Thursday, 10am-3pm
- Cost: \$100 per week (residents)  
\$110 per week (non-residents)
- Locations: Elmwood Park and Violet Hill Park



Register at [SpringGardenPA.MyRec.com](http://SpringGardenPA.MyRec.com) or scan the QR Code .

## Save the Dates!



## 4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAYS IN THE PARK!

JUNE - SEPTEMBER

- Music • Food Trucks • Art • Movies (June-August)

Elmwood Park | 5PM - Dusk | FREE

Stay up to date on what's going on in Recreation!



Spring Garden Township Recreation



[spring\\_garden\\_rec](https://www.instagram.com/spring_garden_rec)

## Summer Parks Seasonal Positions Available:



- Teacher Lead
- Counselors
- Recreation Aides



Apply at [SpringGardenTwp.org](http://SpringGardenTwp.org) or scan the QR Code

Scan the QR Code or link to join our e-mail list!



<https://bit.ly/springgardenlist>

Questions? Contact the Recreation Director: Katie Sprich, [ksprich@sgtwp.org](mailto:ksprich@sgtwp.org)



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# RECREATION

Register for classes at [springgardenpa.myrec.com](http://springgardenpa.myrec.com) or use QR Code.



## Quick Start Guitar for Adults Learners

Don't have a guitar? No problem- you can use one of ours!



Instructor: Rod Goelz  
Who: Group sessions for Ages 18+  
Cost: 8 weeks session, \$240 Resident  
\$280 Non-Resident  
When: Wednesdays at noon  
Session 1- March 25 - May 13, 2026  
Session 2- May 20 - July 8, 2026  
Location: Spring Garden Township  
Administrative Training Room

Check out our FREE

TRY Quick Start Guitar Session

March 18, 2026, 12pm must register to attend!

## Spring Garden Stroll



Join our neighborhood walking club to stay active, spend time in nature and make new friends!

Who: All Residents are welcome  
Cost: FREE  
When: Wednesday April 1 - April 29 | 10am  
Location: Meet at the Violet Hill Park Pavilion  
Note: Must register to receive updates. Weather Permitting.

## Creative York Art Classes

### Adult Classes (Ages 15+)



Plein Air Watercolor Workshop  
Who: Adults and teens ages 15+  
Elmwood Park: May 2, 2026; 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Violet Hill Park: May 16, 2026; 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Fee: \$30 Resident, \$35 Non-Resident



Cyanotype Workshop  
Who: Adults and teens ages 15+  
Elmwood Park: April 4, 2026; 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Violet Hill Park: April 18, 2026; 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Fee: \$30 Resident, \$35 Non-Resident

### Kids Classes (Ages 6-11)



How to Draw Cartoons  
Who: Kids ages 6 to 11  
Elmwood Park: April 4, 2026; 9am-11am  
Violet Hill Park: April 18, 2026; 9am-11am  
Fee: \$30 Resident, \$35 Non-Resident



Animal Painting  
Who: Kids ages 6 to 11  
Elmwood Park: May 2, 2026; 9am-11am  
Violet Hill Park: May 16, 2026; 9am-11am  
Fee: \$30 Resident, \$35 Non-Resident

## Little Learners: A Pre-School Craft and Story Time

Join us for a morning of fun, creativity, and adventure! We'll read a story together, then use our imaginations to create a craft inspired by the book.



Who: Ages 2-6 years old  
Cost: FREE  
When: Thursdays, March 19 - April 9 | 10am  
May 7 - May 28 | 10am  
Location: Violet Hill Park  
Must register to receive updates. Weather Permitting.

## Take our survey!

Help Shape the Future of Recreation in Spring Garden Township

Spring Garden Township is working to expand and improve recreation programs and community events. Your feedback will help guide future offerings.

This survey takes 3-5 minutes.  
All responses are anonymous.



Use this link or QR code to take the survey!

<https://bit.ly/sgtwprecsurvey>

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# RECREATION

## Reserve Pavilions Online

**Violet Hill Park Pavilion**  
340 Tri Hill Road

**Elmwood Park Pavilion**  
1759 Third Ave.

**Grantley Park Pavilion**  
855 Grantly Road

**Windsor Park Pavilion**  
600 Block of Windsor Street



Pavilion Rentals are available online at [SpringGardenPA.myrec.com](http://SpringGardenPA.myrec.com) or by scanning the QR Code

**Resident: \$30**  
**Non-Resident: \$60**

Pavilions can be rented between 10:00 am to dusk from April to November. Restrooms are included with your rental. You are responsible for removing any excess trash and clean-up.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

We invite you to help us enhance our community recreation. In return, we seek to provide a valuable return on your business exposure and advertising which includes printed publications, social media, direct communication with community members that attend our programs.

The Spring Garden Township Recreation Department appreciates your support and consideration.

Please visit [SpringGardenPA.myrec.com](http://SpringGardenPA.myrec.com) and click on programs or scan the QR Code for more information.



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# COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

On January 5, 2026, Jonathan Pinkerton was sworn into office as Township Commissioner representing Ward 2. He brings years of direct leadership experience to the role, having previously served on the Township's Planning Commission (2018–2021) and Zoning Hearing Board (2022–2025). A York County native, Jonathan has deep roots in the area, with family ties dating back to the early 18th century. He has lived in Elmwood since 2004 and cares deeply about his community.

Professionally, Jonathan is an urban planner and nonprofit executive with more than 25 years of experience. He currently serves as the Senior Vice President of the Susquehanna National Heritage Area and Adjunct Instructor at York College of Pennsylvania. Among other positions, Jonathan previously worked as a Long-Range Planner with the York County Planning Commission and served as a Board Member of the York County Rail Trail Authority.

Jonathan is energized by the opportunity to focus on what matters most to the residents of Spring Garden Township. As Commissioner, his goal is to make sure Township government works for everyone. He believes the best solutions start with listening and is committed to being accessible, responsive, and thoughtful in his approach. Residents are encouraged to reach out with questions, ideas, or concerns. Jonathan is ready to listen, collaborate, and get to work on behalf of the community.



# ZONING & PLANNING

**Why Do We Regulate Stormwater?** To reduce the discharge of pollutants from the storm sewer system to the maximum extent practicable in a manner that protects water quality. The Pennsylvania Code Chapter 93 regulated by DEP sets the water quality standards for surface waters of the Commonwealth and these standards seek to protect the waters for aquatic life, water supply, recreation and fish consumption, and areas that need special protection.

As stormwater runs over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Polluted stormwater runoff is often conveyed to and within the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) and ultimately discharged into adjacent and downstream rivers and streams without treatment. Anything that enters an MS4 is discharged into the water bodies we use for recreation and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

The types of illicit discharges vary widely with some examples being:

- Waste oil, anti-freeze, paint, trash or other household chemicals
- Car wash, laundry, and industrial wastewaters
- Pool water discharge (chlorinated and dechlorinated)
- Spills on roadways and other accidents
- Failing septic systems and illegal dumping practices
- Grass clippings/yard waste blown into the road

Common indicators of illicit discharges include abnormal odors, strange colors, or oil sheen present around or inside storm inlets or pipes. Keeping harmful substances out of our water benefits everyone; environmentally and economically.

Should you see or suspect an illicit discharge, please call the Township offices immediately to report the concern. When reporting please be prepared to identify (to the best of your abilities) the location, color, odor, and any other observations you may have.

**An illicit discharge is defined as any unauthorized discharge other than clean stormwater released into (MS4). Illicit connections may be intentional or may be the result of connections made years ago when water quality issues were not a concern.**



## How Can Your Household Help?

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. For more information, please see the "Homeowners Guide to Stormwater" located on Website under the MS4 Tab



**Planning to install a fence, shed, or patio this spring?** These require permits, whether they are replacing an existing or installing new. A shed or patio also requires a Stormwater Management Permit. For more information, please contact the Zoning Officer at the Township office.

All Pools, Permanent or Temporary 24" or taller require a building permit and stormwater management permit in Spring Garden Township as required by the 2021 International Residential Building Code. These regulations also apply to inflatable & temporary pools. Temporary pools (as shown in the picture), tend to be collapsed and put away every year at the end of summer. These pools will require an additional permit every year when the pool is set up again. Please contact the office for additional details and permit requirements for your pool.



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## MEET OUR NEW CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

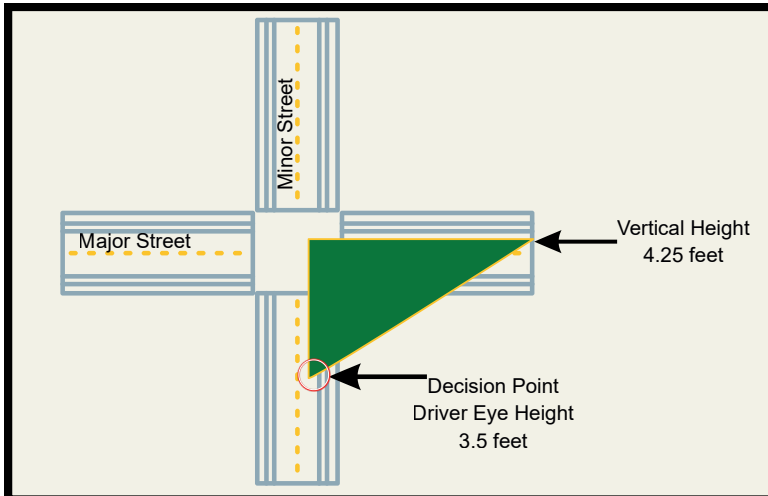
Trisha Rafferty joins the Spring Garden Township team with almost six years of Code Enforcement and Zoning experience. She is also a PA State certified BCO. Before she worked as a Code Enforcement Officer she worked in property management for nearly 5 years, among other things but most importantly to ensure compliance in passing local, state and federally required rental property inspections. Trisha was sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Jennifer Clancy on December 3, 2025.



## CLEAR SIGHT TRIANGLES

That doesn't sound very interesting, does it! Here is why it is important to all of us and what you need to know before the spring growth of plants, bushes and trees. Spring Garden Township has multiple ordinances that address clear sight triangles.

**What does our ordinance say about it?** Ordinance 290-7 Clear sight triangles at intersections: At all intersections of streets, private roads and/or access drives, a clear sight triangle shall be maintained within which there shall be NO visual obstructions such as trees, hedges, shrubs or other vegetation of more than three feet above the grade of the street and/or access drive or private road as the case may be.



**Why is it important?** Clear sight triangles are essential for ensuring that drivers can see conflicting traffic before entering an intersection, which is crucial for safety and avoiding potential collisions.

**What is the collision likelihood?** Intersection related crashes are almost 335-times more likely to occur as compared to non-intersection-related crashes caused by vehicles turned with obstructed views.

**Why can my bushes or vegetation only be 3 feet high?** The National Association of City Transportation Officials Sight Distance Study determined for passenger vehicles, it is assumed that the driver's eye height is 3.5 feet and the height of an approaching vehicle is 4.25 feet above the roadway surface.



BEFORE



AFTER

**Be proactive!** Do a self-inspection to determine if your property is in violation of our clear sight triangle ordinances and something needs to be cut, trimmed or removed to make your corner safe.

**Questions?** Give me a call! I will explain the ordinances, discuss the requirements with you, and even set up a site visit to your property to assist you in laying out the sight triangle on your corner to determine what area needs to be clear.

As spring approaches, everyone knows the drill! EVERYTHING starts growing and blooming. It's critical to start cutting, trimming and pruning early and often. It's not just the sight triangles that vegetation can create issues for. Your vegetation must stay on your property, it can't encroach onto your neighbor's property, the public street or rear alley. It must be under control and can't grow so big that it causes damage to fences, other accessory structures, or homes. It can't harbor vector or devalue the surrounding properties. Tall grass and overgrown vegetation are the #1 complaint in the spring.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Sewer Root Control

The continual flow of nutrient-filled water found in sewer pipes attracts tree roots. Roots growing along pipes exert significant pressure on pipes. These roots may push into and around gasket connection points which may expand and break seals. Root infiltration can cause a blockage to the service resulting in sewage backup in your home and damage to your property. Temporary solutions include a plumber using an auger to cut tree roots and pouring/flushing root control product to dissolve the roots. The only permanent solution is to remove the tree and repair the section of sewer pipe that has been damaged from the roots.



## Sewer Backup Preventions

Sanitary sewer line blockages are typically caused by roots, grease, and improper disposal of items. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and mains. Remember, the very same things can help prevent backups in the Township sewer main as well.

### Grease

Cooking oil should be poured into a heat-resistant container and disposed of in the garbage after it cools, not down the drain. Some people assume washing grease down the drain with hot water is satisfactory. Grease down the drain, cools off and solidifies either in the drain, the property owner's service, or in the sewer main. When this happens the line eventually clogs.

### Paper Products

"Flushable" wipes, paper towels, disposable diapers, and cat litter cause many problems in the property owner's service and the township's main. They become lodged in portions of the service and main, causing sewer backups. These products should be disposed of in the garbage.

## Maintenance of Grass, Weeds, Trees, Bushes, and Roadside Vegetation

- The Township receives many complaints each year about properties where the grass, weeds, and bushes are overgrown. The ordinance states, all premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth more than 6 inches. This includes any flowerbeds. Please keep the grass cut and the weeds pulled to avoid a violation letter from the township.
- Trees, bushes, and shrubs must have a clearance of 14 feet from the road surface and 7 feet clearance from the public sidewalk.
- Trees, bushes, and shrubs may not extend beyond the property line into any public street, public alley, or public sidewalk.
- At all intersections of streets, private roads and/or access drives, a clear sight triangle shall be maintained so not to cause a visual obstruction from trees, hedges, shrubs, or other vegetation which cannot be more than 3 feet above the road surface.

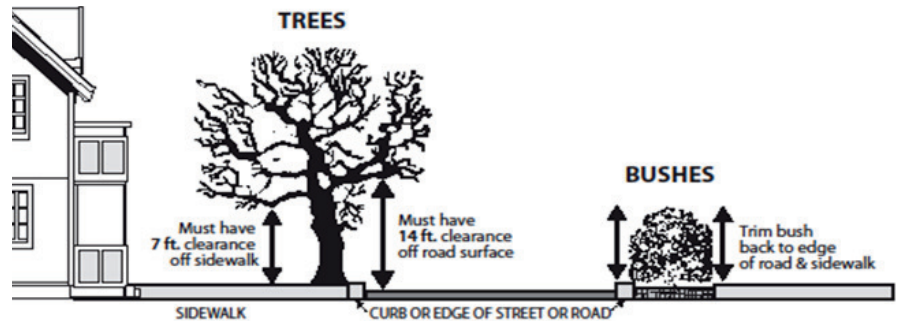
## Brush Drop Off

1799 Mount Rose Avenue - - 8am—Noon

April—September: 2nd Saturday of the month

October—December: 2nd Friday of the month

Tree limbs are limited to 8 inches in diameter or less and cannot exceed 8 feet in length. Residents are asked to unload brush from their own vehicles and limit the number of drop offs to 2 truck or trailer loads.



**Cancellation Notices will be sent via Savvy Citizen.**

## Street Sweeping

Street cleaning resumes in March. Residents are reminded to check the signs in their neighborhood for the street cleaning schedule. Residents are encouraged to move their vehicle to avoid being ticketed. The same schedule is also used in the Fall for leaf collection which will extend until December.



## 2026 Road Paving

| 2026 Road Paving |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Hillock Ln       |                              |
| Hillcroft Ln     | Albemarle St to Midland Ave  |
| Midland Ave      | Springdale Ave to Rathton Rd |
| Irving Ave       | S Ogontz St to Midland Ave   |
| Moffet Ln        | S Ogontz St to Midland Ave   |
| Southern Rd      | Midland Ave to Niles Rd      |
| Hillcrest Rd     | Crestlyn Rd to Midland Ave   |
| Tri Hill Rd      | I-83 Bridge to Tri Hill Dr   |

# SEWER BILLING

Do not mail or bring payments to the Township. Mail Payments To: The York Water Company—PO Box 4277 Lancaster, PA 17604-4277

ALL property sales (including refinances, deed transfers, vacant land, and on-lot systems) require a sewer certification request to be submitted to the Township at least 5 business days before settlement. This guarantees that all sewer payments have been paid, and sewer billing will be sent to the correct party. The fee of \$35.00 must be submitted with the completed form for the Township to process the request.

A 10% late fee will be assessed on any unpaid balance 15 days after the due date

**RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026**

## Sewer Quarterly Billing Dates

1st Quarter (Jan 1- Mar 31) - Due January 31<sup>st</sup>

2nd Quarter (Apr 1- June 30) - Due May 1<sup>st</sup>

3rd Quarter (July 1-Sept 30) - Due July 31<sup>st</sup>

4th Quarter (Oct 1- Dec 31) - Due October 31<sup>st</sup>

**RESIDENTIAL: \$181.31 COMMERCIAL: \$253.58 INDUSTRIAL: \$285.27 MAINTENANCE: \$103.60**

## Fire Tax Increase

As part of the annual budgeting process, the Board of Commissioners passed Ordinance 2025-11 on December 10, 2025. This Ordinance enacts the Fire Tax rate of .586 (previously .086) effective for the fiscal year 2026. This equates to 5.86 cents on each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation.

## Jennifer J.P. Clancy, Esq.

### TRAFFIC CASES

Magisterial District Judge  
District Court 19-2-05  
1410 Sixth Avenue York, PA 17403

A large number of traffic cases are filed with Magisterial District Court 19-2-05 each year. Traffic cases are summary offenses initiated by a traffic citation issued by a law enforcement officer, handed to a defendant (when possible), and then filed in the Court. In most cases, the citation alleges a violation of Pennsylvania's Vehicle Code. In some cases, the citation alleges a violation of a Spring Garden Township Local Ordinance.

Once a defendant receives a traffic citation, he or she has ten (10) days within which to plead guilty or not guilty. This can be done in person at District Court 19-2-05 or by mail. A defendant who pleads guilty does so in writing and makes payment in full of the fine and costs. A defendant who pleads not guilty does so in writing; his or her case is then scheduled for a summary trial before the judge. Unless the Vehicle Code specifies otherwise, the fine for all traffic citations is \$25.00.

Where an alleged traffic violation may result in a fine, costs and a jail sentence, District Court 19-2-05 will schedule a hearing so that a defendant can speak with the judge before a plea is taken. A defendant may elect to hire an attorney or apply for a public defender. Following a guilty plea or guilty finding, your judge might consider imposing house arrest (which a defendant pays for) rather than sending a defendant to the York County Prison. A payment plan may be offered for fines and costs owed.

A number of traffic violations will cause points to be assessed against a driver's license. For example, a ticket for speeding 11-15 miles over the posted limit results in a three (3) point infraction. The Department of Transportation (PennDOT) begins to take corrective action when a driving record reaches six (6) or more points.

It is important to act upon the receipt of a traffic violation. Failure to respond in a timely fashion can result in the suspension of your license and issuance of a warrant for your arrest.

## ELECTIONS

**Polls open  
7AM - 8PM**

**Election Day: Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

### Voting Locations

Ward 1 – York Alliance Church – Rear Entrance, 501 Rathton Road

Ward 2 - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1502 Fourth Avenue

Ward 3 - Spring Garden Administration Building, 340 Tri Hill Rd. Suite A

Ward 4 - Grumbacher Sport & Fitness Center, York College, 899 South Richland Avenue

Ward 5 - Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 1907 Hollywood Drive

For more information visit: [www.yorkcountypa.gov/969/vote-in-person](http://www.yorkcountypa.gov/969/vote-in-person)

For helpful information on voting in Pennsylvania, go to [www.Vote.PA.gov](http://www.Vote.PA.gov).

**York County Voting and Elections: 717.771.9604**



# REFUSE & RECYCLING

## 2026 Trash & Recycling Collection

| Monday/Thursday Collection |     |     |     |     |     |     | Tuesday/Friday Collection |     |     |     |     |     |     | Yard Waste Collection |     |     |     |     |     |     | Christmas Tree Collection |     |     |     |     |     |     | Holiday |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| <b>January 01</b>          |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Sun                        | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun                       | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun                   | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun                       | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun     | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|                            |     |     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 1                         | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 1                     | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 1                         | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 1       | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 4                          | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 8                         | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 8                     | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 8                         | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 8       | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 11                         | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 15                        | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 15                    | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 15                        | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 15      | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 18                         | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 22                        | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 22                    | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 22                        | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 22      | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 25                         | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     | 29                    | 30  | 31  |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>February 02</b>         |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>March 03</b>            |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>April 04</b>            |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>May 05</b>              |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>June 06</b>             |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>July 07</b>             |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>August 08</b>           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>September 09</b>        |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>October 10</b>          |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>November 11</b>         |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>December 12</b>         |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |



**RECYCLE THESE ITEMS: CANS (Aluminum & Steel), PLASTIC (Bottles & Jugs 1, 2, & 5), NEWSPAPER (Clean & Dry, No Food Contact), GLASS (Bottles & Jars), CARDBOARD (Dry & Flattened, No Food Contact), CARTONS**

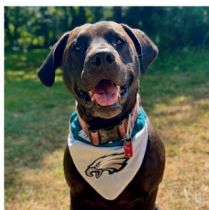
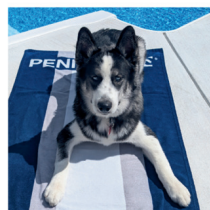
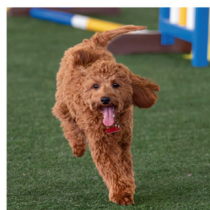
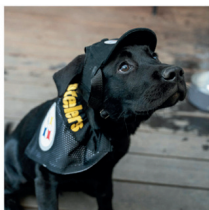


**WHEN IN DOUBT → THROW IT OUT**

**NO Plastic Bags, Food/Liquid, Garden Hoses, Shredded Paper, Clothing, Diapers, Medical Waste, Scrap Metal, Styrofoam**

**Recycling – PA Act 101 (businesses, industries, institutional, multi-family dwellings)**

PA Act 101 was passed in 1988 in an attempt to lessen waste and intensify recycling participation. All commercial, industrial, and institutional establishments (such as schools, churches, retailers, offices, and non-profits), multi-family dwelling with five or more units, and community activities in Spring Garden Township must recycle AND report the recycled tonnages of the following annually by February 1<sup>st</sup> for the previous reporting year: cardboard, high-grade office paper, aluminum cans, plastics, and glass. No business establishment is exempt from recycling and what recycling is generated in Spring Garden Township needs to be reported to the Township. For more information on Act 101 requirements, penalties for non-compliance, hauler verification, and recycling weight slips, visit: [www.springgardentwp.org](http://www.springgardentwp.org) and click on the Refuse and Recycling tab.



In Pennsylvania, all dogs must be licensed at point of purchase or adoption (earliest is 8 weeks of age) or by 3 months if no transfer of ownership has occurred. All dogs that do not have a lifetime license must be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year.

**For 2026, an annual license is \$10.80, and a lifetime license is \$52.80. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities.**

The small license fee helps protect the millions of dogs across the state, the families who adopt or purchase them, and the communities they live in by funding the important work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

Dog licenses are available from your local county treasurer and other licensing agents.

**Reasons for dog licensing:**

- **It's the law.** All dogs must have a license when they are purchased or adopted.
- **If your dog gets lost, a license is the best way to get him back.** A license helps animal control and shelters identify your dog and get him back home safely.
- **The cost of a license is less than the penalty for being caught without one.** Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$500, plus court costs, for each unlicensed dog.
- **License fees support animal control.** The annual fee you pay to license your dog helps keep shelters running and supports the work of the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which is responsible for ensuring the welfare of dogs, regulating dangerous dogs and overseeing annual licensing and rabies vaccinations.



## Veterans Medical Transportation

rabbitcares, the charitable arm of rabbittransit, focuses on helping community members access public transportation by understanding their needs. For many people in our community, especially our veterans, a ride is more than getting from one place to another. It helps them stay independent, get to important appointments, and feel connected. Veterans served our country, and we want to ensure our community can serve them.

This is why rabbitcares offers free medical transportation for eligible veterans across Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Franklin, Montour, Northumberland, and York Counties. By applying to rabbittransit's Paratransit/Shared Ride program, eligible veterans can schedule medical trips to regional VA medical centers and outpatient clinics throughout Central Pennsylvania and beyond. These trips are made possible through partnerships with county Veterans Affairs offices and local agencies.

Veterans are encouraged to apply before they need a ride. Being approved ahead of time helps ensure that a reliable transportation option is already in place when plans change or additional support is needed. All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. Veterans can schedule a trip by calling 1-800-632-9063 and selecting option 3. Reservations for medical appointments may be made in advance, and all vehicles are ADA-accessible. Escorts may ride with riders when needed.

Applications can be downloaded and mailed to rabbittransit at 415 N. Zarfoss Drive, York, PA 17404; or 901 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. For more information, visit <https://www.rabbittransit.org/services/veterans-transportation/>.

This program helps veterans get the care they need without worrying about how they will get there. It is one way our community can give back to the people who have already given so much. If you would like to help support this cause, you can donate at <https://www.rabbittransit.org/product/veterans-transportation-fund/>.

**YS** Inspiring a **BOLD** Future  
YORK SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Kindergarten REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!**

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1, 2026, now is the time to register them for kindergarten.

For more details, visit: [www.yssd.org](https://www.yssd.org)

# POLICE



"Tango" (YCRPD ESD K-9) was deployed 22 times in 2025. Out of those cases, approximately 18 resulted in an arrest throughout (4) counties in Pennsylvania.

To learn more about Tango or make a donation to this community funded program scan the QR code:



**SCAMS & FRAUDS:** The new year doesn't necessarily bring about a shift in scam tactics. In fact, over the years, many scams have slowly evolved as scammers incorporate new technology and play off of the most recent major events. Scammers almost always have the same goal—to get your personal information or money. Learning about the latest developments will hopefully help you stay one step ahead. The latest scams to watch out for in 2026 include AI-powered scams, imposter scams and investment scams.



**Scammers often use new technology, such as AI, to enhance tried-and-true scams.**

1. Bank Employee Impersonator
2. Government Agent Impersonator
3. Fake Security Alerts
4. Fictitious Winnings
5. Bogus Threats

A car thief can break into your car and be out in about 30 seconds, fast enough that an alarm doesn't scare most of them away. Here are some precautions to take to prevent you from being a victim:



- Roll up your windows and lock your vehicle doors. Most thieves refrain from breaking windows to avoid attracting attention.
- Keep your vehicle tidy and conceal all electronics, accessories, money and valuables - Preferably in the trunk area. Out of sight and they move on.
- Park in a well-lit area as they cannot easily remain undetected. Thieves typically wear dark colored clothing to blend into their surroundings.

# FIRE

## York Area United Fire & Rescue Launches Community CPR Program for 2026

York Area United Fire & Rescue is proud to announce the launch of our community CPR Program for 2026. Several members of our staff are now certified First Aid/CPR/AED instructors through the American Red Cross, allowing us to offer high-quality lifesaving training for our community. Training is available to community groups and businesses located in Manchester Township, Springettsbury Township, and Spring Garden Township. Classes are designed for groups ranging from a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 20 participants per session. If you are interested in learning about a lifesaving skill, please contact York Area United Fire & Rescue at Station 89-1. (717)-718-2383. We will work with you to tailor the training to meet your specific needs. Please note that fees apply for American Red Cross certifications and instructor services.



### The Role of CPR in Cardiac Arrest

The goal of CPR is to keep blood and oxygen circulating until professional help arrives. By starting chest compressions – pressing hard and fast in the center of the chest – you're manually pumping the heart, giving the person a vital chance of survival. With only 1 in 10 people surviving an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, early CPR is an important link in the cardiac chain of survival – the series of steps that must happen quickly for the best outcome. These include early recognition and calling for help, CPR, defibrillation, and advanced medical care. Early, high-quality CPR keeps blood flowing to the brain and vital organs, buying crucial time until a defibrillator or advanced treatment can restore a normal heart rhythm.

### 5 Key Reasons Highlighting the Importance of CPR

1. CPR buys precious time until medical help arrives. Each second without oxygen can damage vital organs. CPR keeps blood pumping until the ambulance gets there.
2. CPR keeps oxygen reaching the brain and heart. Continuous compressions maintain a lifeline for vital organs.
3. CPR significantly improves survival rates. People who receive immediate CPR are far more likely to survive and recover.
4. CPR increases the success of defibrillation. A well-oxygenated heart is more likely to respond to a defibrillator shock.
5. CPR makes our communities safer. When more people feel confident to act in an emergency, lives are saved.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Business Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, Friday 7:30 am – 1:00 pm

Website: [www.SpringGardenTwp.org](http://www.SpringGardenTwp.org)

Email general questions to: [general@sgtwp.org](mailto:general@sgtwp.org)

Township Manager: Luther Wike, Jr. - Assistant Township Manager: Dawn Hansen

## Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners 2026

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|--|--|---|--|--|
| <u>Ward 1</u><br>David Detwiler<br>Term Expires 2027 | <u>Ward 2</u><br>Jonathan Pinkerton<br>Term Expires 2029 | <u>Ward 3</u><br>Anne Gray<br>Term Expires 2027 | <u>Ward 4</u><br>Andrew Herrold<br>Term Expires 2029 | <u>Ward 5</u><br>Thomas Gwilt<br>Term Expires 2027 |
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## Township Meeting Dates

|  |                           |        |
|--|---------------------------|--------|
| Board of Commissioners, Workshop (as needed) | 2nd Wednesday             | 5:00pm |
| Board of Commissioners, Business Meeting     | 2nd Wednesday             | 6:30pm |
| Planning Commission                          | 1st Tuesday               | 6:00pm |
| Zoning Hearing Board                         | 3rd Tuesday               | 6:00pm |
| Recreation Commission                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday | 5:00pm |

## Township Office Closed

Monday, February 16, 2026  
Friday, April 3, 2026  
Monday, May 25, 2026  
Friday, June 19, 2026  
Friday, July 3, 2026  
Monday, September 7, 2026

## Spring Garden Directory

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Township Administration<br>717.848.2858   |        |
| Planning, Zoning, and Building Permits<br>Dawn Hansen   | Ext. 3 |
| Code Enforcement and Rental Registration<br>Trisha Rafferty   | Ext. 4 |
| Public Works<br>Craig Ruhl, Superintendent  | Ext. 6 |
| Administration<br>Luther Wike, Jr., Township Manager<br>Rebecca Nicklow, Finance Administrator<br>Karen Smeltzer, Office Assistant<br>Eryn Arnold, Administrative Assistant | Ext. 2 |
| Recreation Director<br>Katie Sprich   | Ext. 8 |

## Contact Information

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| The York Water Company | 717.845.3601 |
| Penn Waste             | 717.767.4456 |
| Columbia Gas           | 888.460.4332 |
| Met-Ed                 | 800.545.7741 |
| Comcast                | 800.934.6489 |
| SPCA                   | 717.764.6109 |
| Animal Control         | 717.916.1413 |
| York Adams Tax Bureau  | 717.845.1584 |

## York County Regional Police Department

33 Oak Street, York, PA 17402

717.741.1259

Fire Department (Non-Emergency) 717.718.2383

## Magisterial District Judge (19-02-05)

1410 Sixth Ave, York, PA 17403

717.845.5508

## Real Estate Taxes

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| York County Treasurer  | 717.771.9603 |
| 28 E Market St, York, PA 17403                               |              |
| Tax office Representatives will be at the Township Building: |              |
| March 12th 9:00am -10:30am                                   |              |
| March 17th 2:30pm - 4:00pm                                   |              |

## York Suburban School Taxes

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| 204 St Charles Way Unit E, #388<br>York, PA 17402-4646       | 717.885.1205 |
| Drop-off: Robert Provard Education Center, 1800 Hollywood Dr |              |



Spring Garden Township would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the township to send information about important township news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app, visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.



For more info:  
[SavvyCitizenApp.com](http://SavvyCitizenApp.com)  
Sign up and become a savvy citizen!





**SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP**  
340 Tri Hill Road  
York, PA 17403



**Escanee aquí para ver nuestro boletín en español**

## **A Season of Play, Creativity & Community**

Summer Parks Program, events, classes and opportunities for all ages!

**Summer Parks Program is back!  
Register today.**

**Now Hiring Summer Seasonal Staff!**



**Spring Garden Township Recreation**  
*Building community through parks, play, and creativity*

