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SPRING GARDEN CONTACTS AND DATES

GENERAL INFORMATION	
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York Suburban School District 717.885.1210 www.yssd.org	York Area United Fire and Rescue 717.718.2383 www.yaufr.com
District Court 19-2-05 Magisterial District Judge Jennifer, J. P. Clancy, Esq. 717.845.5508 yorkcountypa.gov/courts-criminal-justice/district-courts-mdj.html	York County Voter Registration 717.771.9604 yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections.html

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS	
Board of Commissioners Daniel E. Rooney, President (Ward 2) John J. Luciani, Vice President (Ward 4) Michael L. Thomas (Ward 1) Annette Clark (Ward 3) Thomas Gwilt (Ward 5) Solicitor: Steven M. Hovis, Esq.	Zoning Hearing Board Anthony J. Foster, Chair Michelle Poole, Vice Chair John Porter, Esq. Ann Luciani Michael Barton Solicitor: Jeffrey Rehmeyer II, Esq.
Planning Commission Robert Sandmeyer, Chair (Ward 1) Jonathan Pinkerton (Ward 2) J. Michael Dorgan, Vice Chair (Ward 3) John Phaller (Ward 4) John DeHaas (Ward 5)	Appointed Staff and Professional Consultants Manager/Secretary/Treasurer: Marcy L. Krūm-Tinsley Police Chief: George J. Swartz Accounting/Benefits Coordinator: Sarah Fauth Public Works Superintendent: Steven Smith Zoning Officer: Linda Keller Code Enforcement Officer: Clifford Gordon Office Support: Sharon Breighner and Patricia Potter Compliance Specialist: Kelley Sciangula Police Administrative Aide: Lynette Eisenhuth Police Records Clerk: Arlene Grada Parking Enforcement Officer: Michael Palmer & Gordon Sprenkle Fire Chief: Daniel Hoff, York Area United Fire and Rescue (YAUFR) Emergency Management Coordinator: Joseph Madzelan, YAUFR Engineer: David M. Davidson, Jr., P.E. Chief Financial Officer: Krista M. Gardner, CPA
Civil Service Commission Donald Rohrbaugh, Chair Vacancy, Vice Chair Richard Savage, Secretary David Detwiler, Alternate Robert A. Lehman, Alternate	
Recreation Commission Scott Stevens, Chair (Ward 3) Rich Painter, Vice Chair (Ward 1) Debra Hannon, Esq. (Ward 2) Jonathan Gibson (Ward 4) Mindy Godfrey (Ward 5)	Tax Collector Michelle Ross 558 S. Ogontz St. 717.845.3272

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STATE REPRESENTATIVES	
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U.S. Senator Robert Casey Jr. 717.231.7540 www.casey.senate.gov/	State Senator 28th District Kristin Phillips-Hill 717.741.4648 senatorkristin.com/
U.S. Senator Patrick Toomey 717.782.3951 www.toomey.senate.gov/	PA State Governor Tom Wolfe 717.787.2500 governor.pa.gov

UTILITIES	
Trash/Recycling – PennWaste 717.767.4456 www.pennwaste.com	Water and Sewer Billing– York Water Company 717.845.3601 www.yorkwater.com
Electricity – Met-Ed 800.545.7741 www.firstenergycorp.com	Natural Gas – Columbia Gas 888.460.4332 www.columbiagas.com

MEETING SCHEDULES AND HOLIDAYS
Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none">📍 Board of Commissioners: 2nd Wednesday of the month Workshops 5pm (as needed); Business Meeting 6pm📍 Zoning Hearing Board: 3rd Monday of the month (6pm)📍 Planning Commission: 1st Tuesday of the month (6pm)📍 Civil Service Commission: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (4pm)📍 Recreation Commission – 4th Monday of the month (6pm) <p>Meetings held at 340 Tri Hill Road, York, PA. Check township website for any adjustments in the meeting schedule.</p>
Holidays Observed/Office Closed <p>Labor Day, September 7, 2020 Thanksgiving, November 26 and 27, 2020 Christmas, December 24 and 25, 2020 New Year’s Day, January 1, 2021 Presidents’ Day, February 15, 2021 Good Friday, April 2, 2021 Memorial Day, May 31, 2021 Independence Day, July 5, 2021 Labor Day, September 6, 2021 Thanksgiving, November 25 and 26, 2021 Christmas, December 23 and 24, 2021</p>

COMMISSIONER’S CORNER

Hello, Spring Garden neighbors! It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Commissioner for Ward 3. My family and I moved to Highland Rd. six years ago, but my parents have lived in Farghaur estates since the 1990s. My husband and I run a small financial firm in downtown York, and we have two daughters one entering middle school this year and the other entering Indian Rock. You’ve probably seen us walk by your house on one of our daily hikes. We walk 3 to 5 miles a day and wind our way through Spring Garden. I am excited to enter this new role as our little township steps through some big changes. Taking on the new township building represents the first time in many years our Township has taken on debt. As a business owner, I am frugal with expenses and believe in eliminating debt as quickly as possible. I hope to use these business skills among others, within the township. I’d also love to hear from you, if you have concerns please express them, we want Spring Garden to be its best. See you on the morning walk!



Annette Clark, Ward 3

DISTRICT COURT 19-2-05
1410 SIXTH AVENUE, YORK, PA 17403

WINDOW TINTING ON VEHICLES

A police officer may pull a motor vehicle traveling through Spring Garden Township over if it appears that the window tinting (sun screening) is too dark. What level of tinting is allowed by law? The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requires that 70 percent of the light contacting the windshield of all vehicles must pass through the windshield. Different types of vehicles have differing requirements for front side, rear side and rear windows. Virtually any after-market tinting added to newer vehicles will cause the vehicle to fall below the required light transmission. An officer measures tint levels on windows using a tintometer, which is calibrated regularly.

When a driver is pulled over for illegal tinting, that driver may be given a warning card or may be issued a citation under Pennsylvania’s Motor Vehicle Code for unlawful activities (\$25 fine plus costs). If given a warning card, a vehicle owner must remove the illegal tint and follow up with the officer within the time allowed, usually five days.



Jennifer J.P. Clancy, Esq.
Magisterial District Judge

717-845-5508

Refusal to comply with the warning card to remove illegal tint will result in the filing of an unlawful activities citation (if not issued at the time of the stop) and either an inspection by police citation (\$25 fine plus costs) or an enforcement authority citation (\$500 fine plus costs) at the discretion of the officer. Refusal to comply with the warning card can also result in towing and impoundment until the window tint is removed.

Many citations relating to illegal window tinting are filed with your local District Court 19-2-05. Please be mindful of the law. If given a warning card, remove the illegal tint promptly so as to avoid the expense of fines and costs. Continuing to drive that vehicle on a roadway can result in additional stops and citations.

VOTER INFORMATION

ELECTION DAY

- Tuesday, November 3, 2020
- Polls open from 7AM to 8PM

For helpful information on voting in Pennsylvania, go to VotesPA.com. Last day to register before the November Election is October 19th!



Polling place location visit the York County Voting and Election website:
yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections/2020-election-information.html



ALL-PURPOSE INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP NOTIFICATIONS

One key way to be notified of current events in Spring Garden Township is by visiting the Township website. The website was recently overhauled to make it easier to find the information you are seeking. Another method is by signing up for CodeRED. You can sign up for email, text, or phone call notifications about time-sensitive situations occurring in the township such as weather closures, delays, and missing child alerts.

www.onsolve.com/solutions/products/codered/mobile-alert-app/
register-codered-mobile-alert-app/



As we further enhance our website, continue to check for online forms such as Yard Sale and Pavilion Applications.

SOLICITATION



In order to lawfully engage in door-to-door solicitation in Spring Garden Township, companies need to have a permit issued by the Township. An individual engaged in door-to-door solicitation must carry and display their Township-issued permit at all times and may only do so Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. There is no solicitation permitted on legal holidays. Solicitors are not permitted to knock on the doors of homes displaying a “no solicitation” notice.

If a solicitor knocks on your door, ask them to see their Spring Garden Township-issued permit. If they do not have a permit call the Spring Garden Township Police Department at 717.843.0851 and report it. Please obtain as much information as possible (name/description of solicitor, company name, etc.) to help the police identify and issue citations to individuals in violation of this ordinance. Please note that this ordinance does not apply to religious and political activity.

MEDICINE TAKE-BACK BOX



Township residents can dispose out-of-date and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines in the medication disposal container located in the lobby of the Township Police Station at 340 Tri Hill Drive. Users are asked to either remove all prescription medication labels or place all the pills in a sealable plastic bag prior to disposal.

The Police Department lobby is open for drop-off from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

FIREWORKS

Although the state legislature changed the PA Fireworks Law in 2017, it does not permit fireworks use in residential neighborhoods, use by those under the age of 18, and absolutely prohibits fireworks that are classified as Display Fireworks (Consumer fireworks are labeled as Class C or Consumer grade). Further prohibitions under the current fireworks law include:

- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of occupied structures, whether or not a person is actually present
- They cannot be ignited/discharged on a public/private property without express permission of the property owner
- They cannot be discharged from or within or toward a motor vehicle or building
- They cannot be discharged while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug

Discharges in residential developments are absolutely prohibited and punishable by fines.

We also encourage residents to be mindful of potential noise ordinance violations associated with the discharge of consumer fireworks.

We understand that fireworks are fun and appealing, but we urge all residents to consider the inherent danger and unintended consequences of improper use of fireworks and leave the fireworks to the professionals to ensure your celebrations are not marred by mishaps or visits from the authorities. Please visit www.psp.pa.gov/public-safety/pages/fireworks-safety.aspx for Fireworks FAQ.

STORMWATER

BECOMING STORMWATER SENSIBLE

Over the past 100 years, streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roofs have been a steadily increasing part of our communities as we've developed more and more of the landscape. As a result, rain that would otherwise soak into the ground instead rushes over these nonporous surfaces and into storm drains, which send it directly into rivers and streams.

Stormwater carries an enormous amount of pollution, including sediment, car oil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste (and viruses and bacteria), and cigarette butts. As you might expect, this has many negative impacts on streams and rivers.

Seven Ways to be Stormwater Smart: 1) know the impaired streams near you, 2) plant a rain garden, 3) set-up a rainbarrel at your residence, 4) think about lawn care a little differently, 5) Contact Spring Garden Township about our pollutant reduction plan, 6) calculate the stormwater runoff on your property to make informed building decisions, and 7) join forces with a volunteer or business organization that is taking action to reduce stormwater pollution.

Visit www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/Pages/Be-Stormwater-Smart-.aspx for more information.

PROTECT OUR WATER

Stormwater runoff starts on your roof, lawn, and driveway, as well as on local roads and business parking lots. From there it enters storm drains that ultimately discharge into our streams and creeks. Along the way to the streams, stormwater runoff can pick up pollutants and debris, or debris can clog the system and cause stormwater runoff to pond up and cause flooding problems. The pollutants and debris can affect the quality of the water, including:

- Increased cost in treating drinking water
- Algal blooms that can harm aquatic wildlife
- Chemical pollutants that kill plants and animals
- Unsightly streams with unpleasant odors
- Expensive fines from the DEP and the EPA to fix the problems



Spring Garden Township was issued a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit from DEP that requires us to implement control measures to protect water quality and reduce the potential for the previously listed problems. An MS4 is made up of a series of inlets/storm drains, storm sewer pipes, swales, and outfalls that collect and convey

stormwater. Stormwater that exits the storm sewer system will most likely end up in local streams.

It is important to keep our storm inlets, drains, basins, and swales free of debris and with stable vegetation to help allow the entire system to function appropriately. Dumping or storing landscape debris (grass clippings, leaves, soil/dirt, etc.) or hazardous materials (oils, grease, etc.) in and around swales and inlet structures is not allowed. Pet waste should be cleaned up promptly. Intermingling of these materials with stormwater can generate polluted discharges or result in an illicit discharge.

If you see something suspicious (soapy suds or unusually colored water flowing into or within a local waterway or in a stormwater structure, someone dumping material like leaves, grass clippings, trash, or liquids near or in a stormwater structure or into a local waterway, etc.), please call Spring Garden Township. Check out this awesome guide: www.lititzborough.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf801/f/uploads/homeowners_bmp_om_guide_-_draft_10_6_17_reduced.pdf.



SERVICE APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

We would like to give loud shout out to our Spring Garden Township colleagues who have archived the following employment milestones:



10 Years of Service	Matthew Yinger, Public Works Richard Morris, Jr., Police Brandon Burke, Public Works
15 Years of Service	Adam Garman, Police Creig Scott, Public Works
20 Years of Service	Jack McGirr, IV, Public Works Clifford Gordon, Administration

25 Years of Service	Kerry Inman, Public Works Michael Grada, Police Adam Zimmerman, Police Rick Eisenhart, Police
25+ Years of Service	George Stone, III, Police Christopher Hartinger, Police Jacob Clevenger, Police Linda Keller, Administration

ADMINISTRATION



In March, we finished the first quarter of 2020 learning to adjust to an unprecedented situation called COVID-19. Our Board of Commissioners and Management Team spent many hours developing policies, protocols, and implementing new technology in order to protect our employees and visitors' health and to ensure our services continue to meet your expectations. We thank you for your understanding and working with us during the office closures and virtual public meetings. On behalf of your Township Board and staff, stay safe and healthy! Thanks, Marcy L. Krüm, Township Manager

The Grantley and Elmwood Parks facelifts were completed in early 2020. The renovations included new playground equipment and walking trails. Check them out and enjoy!

Recreation Programs for 2020/2021: Please check our website for updated information.

YOU SAY GOODBYE, I SAY HELLO

The Spring Garden Police Department and Administration staff are anxiously awaiting moving day into the new municipal complex, which is expected to be ready by the fourth quarter 2020.

The new municipal complex includes 23,000 square foot of modern building to accommodate the Police Department and Administration Staff. The building is constructed over a 400-yard concrete slab and utilized over 58,000 bricks in construction!

The construction project was placed on hold for six weeks due to COVID-19. Although the project was on hold, our construction partners have been diligently working to minimize further delays. The project in its entirety, including a new playground and recreation area, is to be completed by March 2021.



YOUTH BASKETBALL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Spring Garden Township Board of Commissions has made the difficult decision of not hosting a youth basketball program for the 2020/2021 season. The Township has real concerns over facility access and the ability to provide a safe and quality program given the unknowns associated with the COVID-19 virus and imposed state guidelines such as social distancing and sanitizing protocols.



Any youth wanting to play basketball this winter may register with any of one of our local counterparts in the YCBAA organization. It is our sincere hope that we can return to normal operations for the following season. All YCBAA teams are listed at www.leaguelineup.com/directors.asp?url=ycbaa. There you can click on view profile to view website or contact information.

SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP WORKS WITH YOU!

Some undesirable side-effects occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic in the form of financial hardships. To ease some burden, Spring Garden Township Commissioners delayed the penalty period for the 2020 real estate taxes from June 16, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The penalty period will commence for taxes on January 1, 2021.



DROP BOX AVAILABLE FOR TAXES

When the tax collector is not available during established office hours, the drop box outside the tax collector’s office at 558 South Ogontz Street can be used. Please clearly mark the envelope to indicate your name, address, telephone number, and email. Include a self addressed, stamped envelope for a receipt. Questions? Call the tax collector at 717.845.3272.

ANNUAL BUDGET

By December 31 of each year, the Township Board of Commissioners must approve a balanced budget. Commencing in August, our elected Commissioners, Administration, Police, and Public Works will be diligently working on the 2021 Budget.

2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

- Real Estate Tax: 3.79 mil
- Fire Tax: .086 mil
- Road lane miles: 58
- General Fund Exp. \$9,099,289
- Police Expenses 42% of Budgeted Exp.
- Fire Expenses 22% of Budgeted Exp.
- General Fund Deficit to be paid from Reserves \$451,470
- Public Works Expenses 19% of Budgeted Exp.

2020 SEWER FUND BUDGET

- Sewer Fund \$429,317 excess budget to contribute to sewer capital improvements
- Sewer Expenses \$3,296,395
- Sewer Transportation & Treatment: 77% of Budgeted Exp.
- Miles of sewer: 66.8

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - NUISANCES

What is a nuisance?
It can be defined as an occurrence of any activity at or condition on any premises which creates an immediate threat to the life, health, safety, or general welfare of the residents of the premises, neighbors, or the public. A nuisance can come in the form of over flowing garbage; overgrown vegetation; abandoned, boarded up, or dilapidated structures; maintenance or use of a premises that may cause a substantial decrease of the enjoyment or use of neighboring properties (such as not cleaning up after dogs in yards and consistent barking of dogs); and any nuisance action that is likely to attract rodents, vermin, or other pests, or which causes a hazardous condition.



What is the purpose of the Housing and Property Maintenance Code §165?
Make property owners and tenants vigilant in preventing public nuisances on or in their properties; make property owners responsible for the use of their properties by tenants, guests and occupants; and to otherwise deter public nuisances.

Report a nuisance? www.springgardentwp.org/code-enforcement-complaints or call 717.848.2858 for the Code Enforcement Officer.



Examples of nuisances:

- Standing/stagnant water (in buckets, planters, tires, etc.)
- Shoveling snow into the street
- Grass longer than 6 inches
- Draining pools onto neighboring properties or into the street
- Unused/abandoned equipment and appliances



What is the process and how does it work?



When a condition constituting a nuisance exists, the Township’s Code Enforcement Officer will provide written notice to the property owner. The notice will indicate a time frame for the abatement of the nuisance.

With every letter sent, the end result should be a timely and permanent nuisance abatement action. When this does not occur, a citation is filed with the Magisterial District Judge.

Why enforce? The Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners have provided for the abatement of nuisance related activities or conditions with the intent to defend the social and economic stability of neighborhoods, lessen unfavorable impact to property values, and remove any activities or conditions which are injurious or detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens and businesses of Spring Garden Township.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - RENTAL PROPERTIES



A rental property is one where any person other than the owner resides in a dwelling or dwelling unit, whether or not related to the owner of the property.

Each rental property is subject to the minimum property maintenance code standards such as handrails, proper light and ventilation, and thermal and sanitary maintenance, as well as being compliant with all other Township codes such as Nuisance (§165, Article I).



Every two years each rental unit and the premises surrounding the rental unit will be inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). No later than January 31 of each year, an annual rental license must be filed by the property owner.

New tenant? Prior to renting to a new tenant, an inspection by the CEO is necessary.

Questions about rental property licenses, inspections, and change of tenants: www.springgardentwp.org/rental-property or call 717.848.2858 for the Code Enforcement Officer.

PERMITS

What is a permit? A permit is defined by Merriam-Website as a written warrant or license granted by one having authority. Permits are needed for most construction or remodeling projects, in order to ensure the safety of the work and compliance with state and local regulations.

What permits are necessary in Spring Garden Township?

- Building (electrical, mechanical, framing, pools, decks, etc.)
- Zoning (fence, pools, sheds, patios, signs, etc.)
- Plumbing
- Dumpster
- Yard Sale
- Chemical Toilet
- Street opening (driveways)
- Fireworks
- Stormwater
- Solicitation
- Conversion/Change of Use & Occupancy



What is the process? All permits are applied for by first completing an application. Residential and Commercial building permits have slightly different requirements; however, both require an application to be submitted to the Township Office. Most applications are accompanied by a drawing of the project which may include a site plan showing distance the project is from property lines to review setbacks and impervious coverage. Building inspections are needed for most projects and depending on the complexity of the project may need inspections for different phases of the construction such as footers, framing, and electrical.

Are there fees? Permit fees vary by permit type. Some are accompanied by inspection fees. The current fee for a zoning permit is \$25; for a building permit the fee is based at \$7 per \$1,000 of construction cost plus the plan review and inspection.

For more information on permits, contact the Administration Office at 717.848.2858 or review the Township website.

Before you dig, don’t forget to call 811!



VEHICLES

We all enjoy the freedom motor vehicles provide us. However, motor vehicles and trailers (which are those wheeled vehicles that are not self-propelled, drawn by a motor vehicle) are bounded by regulations within Spring Garden Township. Below are a few important established code regulations:

- Trailers, campers, and boats cannot be parked on the street unless hitched to a motor vehicle
- Recreational vehicles (campers, boats, RV’s) cannot be stored in the front of a residence for longer than 3 days
- Vehicles are to not be parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, within 20 feet of a crosswalk intersection, within 30 feet of a stop sign or traffic-control device
- Vehicles cannot be parked in grass or yard areas
- Remove vehicles from streets deemed as snow emergency routes when a snow emergency has been declared
- Certain streets are labeled as permit parking only - No permit? No park. For your safety and to help protect against theft, please lock your vehicles.

PLANNING/ZONING ACTIVITIES

Planning Commission

The following summary represents actions taken by the Planning Commission from January through June 2020:

- 1) Recommended approval of White Oaks and White Oaks Villas at Regents Glen – Final subdivision/land development plan for 59 single family detached dwelling units and 131 attached villa units, located off Golf Club Drive in the Apartment-Office (AO) zone. The Board of Commissioners denied the plan July 2020.
- 2) Recommended approval of Shipley Energy – Preliminary and Final land development plan for a new proposed catering facility at 1435 Spahn Avenue, located in the Industrial Park (IP) zone. The plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners at their June 10, 2020 meeting.
- 3) Recommended approval of Request by Noble Colt LLC to rezone three properties located at 1700, 1702 and 1708 Fifth Avenue from AO to Residential-Suburban (R-1). A public hearing was held by the Board of Commissioners, and ultimately the rezoning request was approved May 13, 2020.
- 4) Recommended approval of a Zoning Hearing application by New Cingular Wireless PCS, dba AT&T Mobility, to construct a small cell antenna facility to be installed on a replaced steel light pole situated in the parking lot of 910 South Richland Avenue, owned by Evandale Crist Family LTD Partnership Rutter’s. The application was requested to be tabled at the June Zoning Hearing Board in order to be revised.

Zoning Hearing Board

There were no Zoning Hearing Board meetings held January through June 2020.

ROAD PROGRAM

Spring Garden Township's roadwork season is generally from April to October. The Township is responsible to maintain 58 lane miles.

Segments of the following roads are in the Road Program:

2020: Payton Rd., Statford Rd., Butler Alley, Shady Dell Rd., S. Ogontz St., Old Garden Ln., Edgehill Rd., Greendale Rd., Hillcrest Rd., Waters Rd., and Randolph Dr.

2021: Wyndham Dr., Valley View Dr., Glendale Rd., Crestlyn Rd., Niles Rd., Chelsey Rd., Woodland Rd., Smallbrook Ln., Glenwood Rd., and Upland Rd.

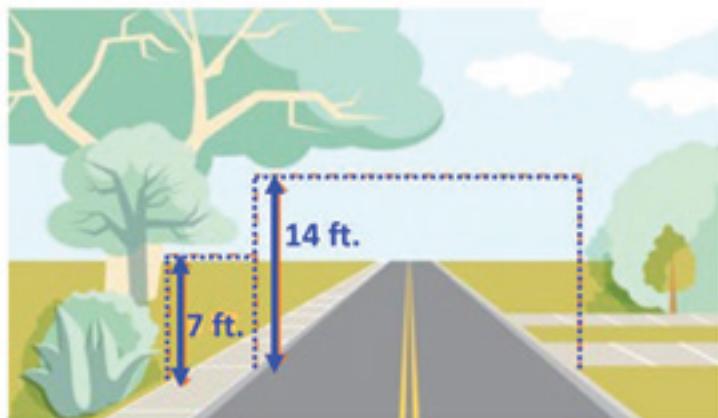
Some roads with a low to moderate level of degradation are selected to receive a microsurfacing surface treatment. Microsurfacing is applied to help preserve and protect the pavement structure and furnish a new driving surface. Homeowners will receive written documentation no later than 48 hours prior to the street in front of the home receiving the application. Microsurfacing takes a couple of hours to set; it should not be driven on for about 4 hours.

The Township will not be responsible for removing the asphalt from your vehicles.

ROADSIDE VEGETATION

Trees, bushes, and shrubs must have a clearance of 14 feet from the road surface and 7 feet clearance from the sidewalks and may not extend beyond the property line into any public street, alley, or sidewalk.

A clear view at each corner of an intersection of public or private streets or driveways shall be maintained by establishing a "sight triangle" that is free of obstructions, such as trees, bushes, signs, and fences that may block a driver's view.



Brush Drop Off

When: March – November
1st Saturday of each month
8am to noon

What: up to 8 inches diameter
Not to exceed 8 feet in length
Tree/shrubs branches, limbs, clippings

How: Township staff will direct you where to unload your brush

Where: 1799 Mt. Rose Ave.

SNOW REMOVAL

As we transition from the summer into fall and prepare for winter, below are some helpful tips to aid our crews with their snow removal efforts:

- Move your vehicles out of the street and into your driveway
- During Township snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from snow emergency routes
- Wait to shovel your driveway until the plows have completed their final pass along the curb line or edge of pavement
- Shovel to the right-hand side of your driveway to reduce the amount of snow pushed back onto your driveway
- Clear your sidewalk of snow within 12 hours after cessation of precipitation with a path of not less than 36 inches wide
- Do not throw snow from the sidewalk or driveway into the roadway (it is illegal, and you will be cited)
- Do not place trash and recycling receptacles in the street (keep on the sidewalk)
- If there is an inlet in front of your property, please assist in keeping it free from snow and ice

**Curbside Leaf Collection
by Public Works**

Starts: Oct. 19, 2020
Ends: Dec. 18, 2020

Leaf litter only.

SEWER

Public Sewer System

The sanitary sewer user rates increased second quarter of 2020. This was due to the degree of repairs necessary to be scheduled for maintenance on the sewer plant and conveyance system such as replacement of sewer mains, repair of leaking laterals, and replacement of deteriorating manholes. The Township regularly televises the sewer mains looking for cracks, sags in the pipe, and inflow and infiltration. On the horizon are repairs to portions of the sewer main on Hoffman Road and State Street. Unfortunately, sewer rates will not remain stagnant; the age of the conveyance system and the sewer treatment plant will result in increases over the next several years. We will do our part by analyzing the cost of projects and budget conservatively for unexpected repairs before proposing rate increases. Any increases to services are addressed at the Board of Commissioners meetings which are publicly held and advertised.

What is inflow and infiltration (I&I) into a sanitary sewer system? Infiltration enters a sewer system through malfunctioning pipe joints, breaks, cracks, or manhole faults. Inflow generally occurs when rainfall enters the system through connections such as roof leaders, yard drains, sump pumps, and faulty manhole covers and frame seals.

The mitigation of I&I is vital to caring for the environment and capital investment in the sewer system and treatment facilities. The more I&I that is controlled, the better the management of costs. The Township pays both York City and Springettsbury Township by the gallon for sewage treatment.

You can help by disconnecting the following that tie into the sanitary sewer system: sump pumps, floor drains, and roof leaders. We will do our part by investigating the system for leaks and faults as well as repairing located defects.

On-lot Sewage Disposal Systems

Same as public sanitary sewer system, private on-lot sewage disposal systems require maintenance. Malfunctioning systems can contaminate ground and surface waters, cause health problems, unpleasant messes, and rank odors which could back up into your home. Your on-lot system receives wastewater from household fixtures such as baths, showers, sinks, garbage disposals, and laundries.



Here are few maintenance tips: Reduce water usage; avoid putting oil and grease, hair, diapers, sanitary napkins, disposable wipes, cigarette butts, and garbage disposal solids into your septic system. Do not put harsh chemicals and acids into the system such as pesticides, paint thinner, and medicines because they destroy the bacterial action of the tank. Spring Garden Township's ordinance calls for mandatory pumping every three years. The pumping report is forwarded to the Township.



INDUSTRIAL ZONE – OPERATIONS REVIEW

J & K Salvage has been the source of a number of questions and concerns from our residents. The Township recently hired DJS Enterprises, LLC for the purpose of reviewing the operation of the J & K shredder. As a result of its inspection, DJS has provided a number of recommendations for equipment modifications and operational changes. The Township has provided this report to J & K for review and implementation. The safety of our citizens remain paramount to the Township. Our expert is confident that the installation of additional guards and the implementation of operational best practices will ensure the health and safety of our residents.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

POLICE

A Message from the Police Chief, George J. Swartz:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to bring the Spring Garden Township Police Department into your home via this newsletter. On behalf of our officers and staff, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the community support we received during the past year in our endeavors to keep Spring Garden Township a great place to live, work and play.

As a reminder, if you wish to obtain crime prevention materials, schedule a program on safety, or if you have information on any crime, please call the police department. I would also invite you to visit our website at www.sgtpd.org for updates on crimes and events occurring in the Township.

In closing, thank you for your continued support and we welcome your comments, concerns or suggestions.

Lock Vehicles: Many of our reported thefts continue to be from vehicles that were left unlocked. We would remind our residents to remove valuables from your vehicle and ensure that the windows are up, and the doors are locked when parking your vehicle.

Let Us Send a Strong Message to the Criminal Element

Do you own a surveillance camera that records footage?



When a crime takes place in a public area, we often spend a lot of time going door to door to see if residents / business owners have security cameras and asking them if they would allow us to review the footage. With the **Camera Registration Program**, we are able to save time by reaching out to our residents / business owners that we already know have cameras and are willing to help-potentially aiding in the apprehension of the suspect(s) responsible for the crime being investigated. Participation in the Program is completely voluntary.

The process for registering your camera is simple and takes only a few minutes. You will be asked to provide basic information regarding your camera. The registration form can be found by going to the Spring Garden Township Police Department’s website at www.sgtpd.org. Once on the website, go to the “Forms Tab” and then to the “Camera Registration Form”.

Turn your camera into a crime-fighting tool and lets’ send a strong message to the criminal element that the Spring Garden Community and Police Department are working together as a team to keep our community safe.

Welcome Aboard

Richard S. Geiger was sworn-in on May 13, 2020, by Magisterial District Judge Jennifer J.P. Clancy. Prior to joining the Spring Garden Township Police Department, Richard was employed by the Hamburg Borough Police Department, Hamburg, PA., and is also a U.S. Army Military Veteran. Officer Geiger is a 2019 graduate of the Reading Municipal Police Academy and attended Penn State Berks Campus working on an associate degree in Criminal Justice. We are very happy to have Officer Geiger join our Department.



Retirement

Officer Jacob Clevenger retired from the Spring Garden Township Police Department after twenty-nine years of service to accept a position with the County of York. In addition to his duties while assigned to the patrol division, Officer Clevenger was also a Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Officer, specially trained to inspect commercial vehicles for compliance with state and federal motor carrier safety regulations. During his career, Officer Clevenger was the recipient of several commendations for exemplary performance of duty. The Officers and Staff wish to congratulate Officer Clevenger on his retirement and wish him the best as he embarks on his new professional endeavor.



House Address: When an emergency situation is present, the last thing you need to worry about is the inability of emergency services to locate your address.

Make sure your house number is clearly visible during both daylight and nighttime hours from the edge of the street. Take it one step further. Make your house number visible from any roadway bounding your property.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE

York Area United Fire and Rescue

Headquarters: 50 Commons Drive,
York, PA 17402
Tele: 717.718.2383
Chief: Daniel J. Hoff
Grantley Station 89-2, 918 Virginia Avenue
York, PA 17403
Victory Station 89-4, 421 Wheaton Street,
York, PA 17403

www.yaufr.com

Fire prevention week – October 4 through October 10, 2020



Test smoke detectors monthly, change the batteries 2x annually at daylights savings, and replace if 10 years or older.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020



Winter preparedness

As the holiday season fast approaches, the chances for winter weather increase. YAUFR would like to remind residents and businesses of some important information to prepare for possible winter storms. At home, make sure that after a snowstorm, you clear a path to your house from the road. This will help people, including emergency responders, reach you safely. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, make sure snow is cleared at least 36” all the way around it. This helps firefighters find and access the hydrant to connect hoses and open the valve. Businesses should also make sure that fire hydrants and sprinkler system connections are kept clear of snow and ice. This information is particularly important to keep in mind when plowing snow from parking lots and driveways.



Volunteers Needed! York Area United Fire and Rescue are looking for volunteers to serve as Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and Fire Police officers. We are also always looking for volunteers for our regional emergency management agency. Anyone interested in applying should contact the Fire Chief at 717-718-2383.

York Area United Fire and Rescue has established a Facebook page. Please visit and be sure to “like us”. On our site you can find up-to-date information and receive immediate notification of incidents and events.
www.facebook.com/YorkAreaUnitedFireandRescue



RECYCLING AND REFUSE

PENN WASTE 717-767-4456

RECYCLING IN SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP AND YORK COUNTY



Spring Garden Township residents enjoy weekly curbside recycling collection from Penn Waste of aluminum and steel cans; plastic bottles & jugs #1, 2, and 5; newspaper (clean and dry, no food contact); glass bottles and jars; cardboard (dry and flattened, no food contact); cartons (i.e. milk, juice, etc.).

The following are NOT recyclable: plastic bags, liquid/food, garden hoses, clothing, diapers, medical waste, scrap metal, construction debris, and styrofoam. Fun facts about plastic, metal, and paper recycling and tips to reduce waste can be found at www.pennwaste.com/recucling/why-recycle.

REFUSE COLLECTION FROM PENN WASTE



Residents of Spring Garden Township are provided with 2x/week refuse collection (4 bag limit) and 1x/week large item curbside collection. From Penn Waste. The fourth Saturday of the month (April to October) is yard waste collection. For more information on Christmas Tree collection, holiday schedule and collection days, inclement weather, paying your bill, trash/recycling calendar, and helpful guidelines such as appliance removal, visit: www.pennwaste.com/municipalities/spring-garden-township.

RECYCLING – PA ACT 101 (BUSINESSES, INDUSTRIES, INSTITUTIONAL...)



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 certain community activities in Spring Garden Township must recycle AND report the recycled tonnages of the following annually in mid-January 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 and click on Recycling and Refuse button.

YARD WASTE



What are the options for managing yard waste in York County? What to do with grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings and stumps?

Use grass clippings and leaves as garden and lawn mulch!

York County Solid Waste Authority's website provides a list of local much processors as well as hours, rates, and directions to the York County Resource Recover Center complex (www.ycswa.com/disposal-of-household-waste/yard-waste). Penn Waste Yard Waste Collection Guidelines: www.pennwaste.com/wp-content/uploads/Yard-Waste-Guidelines.pdf.

Check out the Township's website for the Fall curbside leaf collection schedule.

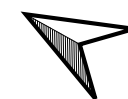
WHAT ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE RECYCLED?

In Pennsylvania certain electronics are restricted by law from being disposed of in the trash due to the toxic metals they contain. The Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA), Act 108 of 2010, requires the following "covered devices" to be recycled in Pennsylvania:



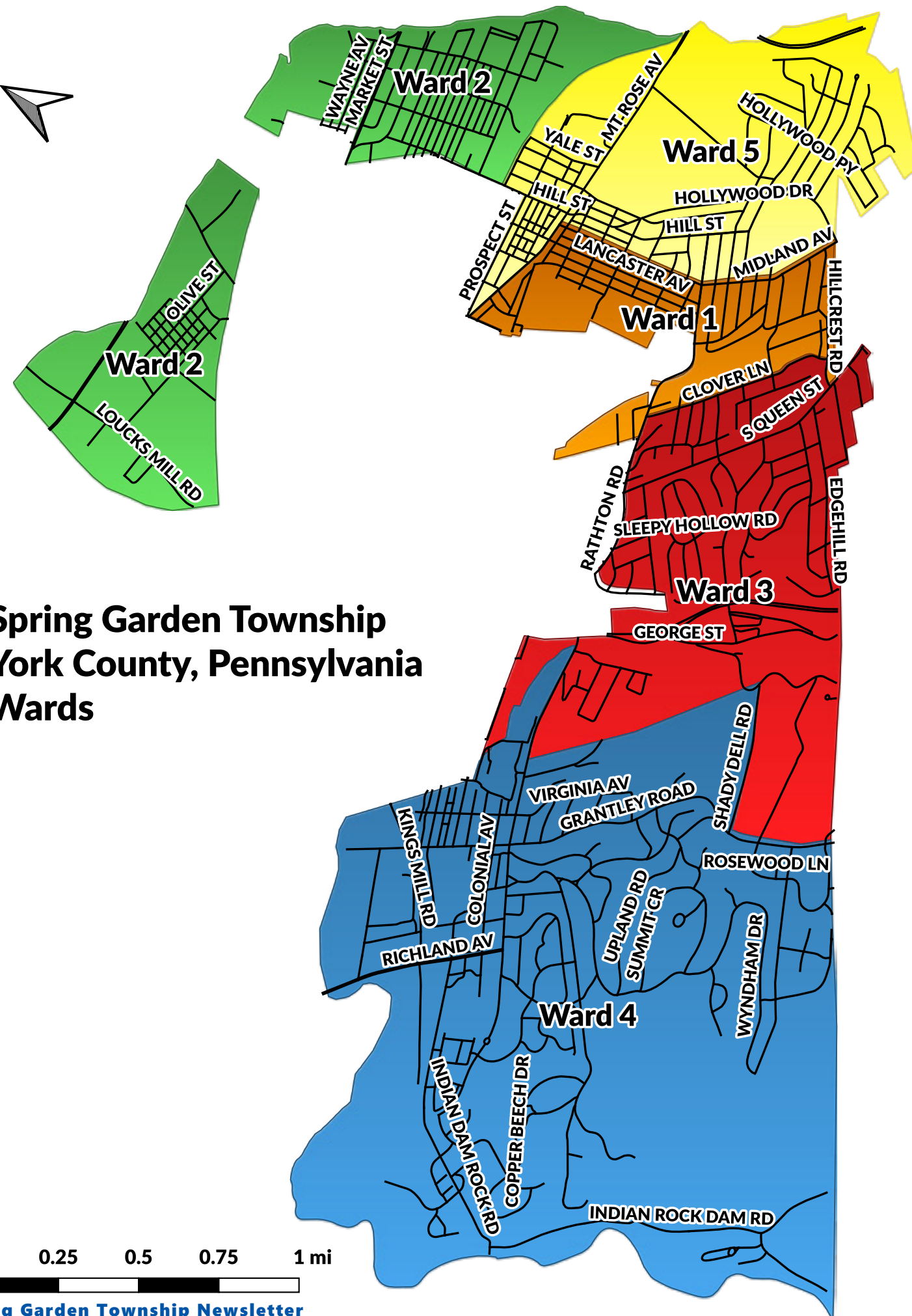
- Computers
- Computer Peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer, etc.)
- Computer Monitors
- Televisions

Where to recycle electronics? Contact York County Solid Waste Authority for information (717.845.1066) or visit www.ycswa.com/where-can-york-county-residents-recycle-electronics.



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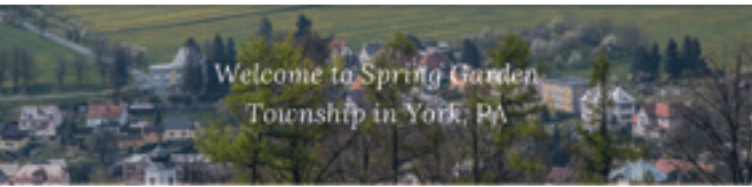




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