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BUYER BEWARE

Last year we had more than a fair share of people running into issues with not being able to do what they thought they could do with properties they purchased. This can cost a person *a lot* of money. Please understand it is your responsibility as a buyer to research the property before you purchase it. You wouldn't buy a car or a tractor or anything else for that matter that expensive without first checking out to see if it "works" so why not for a piece of property? Below are some Guidelines to follow before purchasing.

Call the Zoning Officer first thing- Remember that whatever you want to do whether it's a Subdivision, build a barn, or have a business you most likely will need to see him anyway so why not start here.

Fill out a Right to Know Form- You can do this at the Township Building. This way you can see the history of the property. For example; maybe there was a Zoning Hearing held for the property years ago and that decision stays with the property and it goes against what you would like to do. The current landowner may not even be aware it exists.

Real Estate Agents are not Zoning Officers or Engineers- Do not take the advice of a Real Estate Agent, their priority and expertise are in selling you the property not what you are able to do with it once you buy it.

Plan First-If you are considering buying a large piece of ground for subdivision purposes, think about hiring a Land Planner to help you create a sketch plan to submit to the Township. This may cost a few hundred dollars but saves hundreds of thousands later.

Recorder of Deeds-The Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds has a website that is available to the public. Do a public search using the current landowner's name. Research the deed and any associated documents, Subdivisions, Lot Add-on's, Driveway Agreements, Easements, etc. All of these items should be recorded and they can hold vital information that could affect your future plans for the property. Their website is lancasterdeeds.com.

Buying a Farm or Land in the Ag District? - Is this land under Easement to Lancaster Farmland Trust, Ag Preserve, or the Brandywine Conservancy? You can find this out by calling the Township. All of these agencies have requirements that have to be met that are different from the Township requirements. The Township honors these Agencies requirements.

Buying a home in a Development? When you go to close on your home, somewhere in the million pages you flip through there will be a page that tells you if there is a Homeowner's Association or not. The Real Estate Agent that sold you the property may be a different person than the Developer. Although the Real Estate Agent should make it their business to know if one exists, they do not always do it. The Covenants (rules) of the Homeowner's Association may go against how you want to live on your lot.

These are just a few guidelines provided based on our experience here; please do not hesitate to call with questions.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CONSERVATION PROJECTS- PLEASE READ ENTIRE ARTICLE

It's no new news that all farming operations in Pennsylvania must have a current Conservation/Ag E&S plan and Manure Management/Nutrient Management Plan required by Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law created in 1972. While obtaining conservation plans and implementation of plans is a requirement it's also in the farmer's best interest financially to obtain and follow these plans.

Conservation plans help farmers understand the topography of their land and how to best manage it to yield higher profits. Written by a certified technical service provider, conservation plans suggest practices that reduce soil loss on cropland and barnyard areas, provide long-term manure storage, and redirect stormwater to safe outlets. Manure management plans balance nutrients in the soil with the crop's nutrient requirements and the manure being applied to the fields. When a farmer implements a manure management plan, they will spend less on fertilizer by utilizing their own animals' manure at a more optimal rate and during more ideal times of the year. This is because the plan details the specific amount of nutrients in the animals' manure as well as suggests an appropriate application rate.

Over 70 percent of the land use in Colerain Township is agriculture, which can lead to nutrient and sediment runoff when not managed properly. Currently, the majority of streams in Colerain Township are deemed unhealthy by DEP for aquatic life to thrive and for people to use for recreation, mainly as a result of agriculture. The good news is there are grant funds available to help pay for Conservation Plans, Manure Management Plans, and conservation practices to improve the health of Colerain Township's groundwater and surface water. These plans and practices can also increase the region's agricultural profitability. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has grant funds that will pay for 100% of the costs for planning and 50% of the cost for any conservation practice in the Octoraro Creek Watershed.

Colerain Township and community leaders have hosted informational meetings within the community about conservation stewardship. Township and community leaders agree that all farmers should have and be implementing a current Soil Conservation Plan (SCP) and a current Manure Management Plan (MMP) on their farms. Some farms have old plans and they are not following them because these plans no longer reflect the current situation and/or practices being followed on the farm. Lancaster County officials would like all residents, that don't have current plans, to work with people who can help with SCP and MMP development and implementation. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (ACB) and TeamAg, Inc. are currently working together in the township to help farmers obtain and implement their farm management plans.

There is a new program that farmers can use to cover the cost incurred to develop their plans. ACB also has money that can be used for plan development and implementation. We strongly recommend that you contact ACB or TeamAg to take advantage of these opportunities because it is the right thing to do. We understand that many residents have already contacted ACB and TeamAg to obtain their plans. Please contact Leslie Weller at the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (717.824.7088) lweller@allianceforthebay.org or Jeremy Weaver at TeamAg, Inc. (717.721.6795) to get you plans developed or if you have questions.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors have been working on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for the past year or so. The following categories were approved and adopted on March 20, 2019 and took effect on March 25, 2019.

The Zoning Ordinance amendment will: (1) modify the regulations for subdivisions of parcels within the A-Agricultural District; (2) modify echo housing/elder cottage regulations and add provisions for tiny houses; (3) provide regulations for bed and breakfasts; (4) provide for forestry; and (5) clarify and provide regulations for flag lots, and amend the Colerain Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to provide clarification and amendments to the flag lot regulations. For details please see the Zoning Officer, Joe Chrisman.

FROM THE ROADMASTER

The Bridge at Liberty Lane near Spruce Grove will be replaced late Spring to early Summer as long as weather permits. The Bridge was originally scheduled for 2018 but Township Officials were made aware of Chester Water Authorities' plans to lower their water levels in 2019. Since the construction requires rerouting the stream this will make the job much easier. David Spangler Excavating will be the contractor; he will be replacing the deck and two wing walls. This bridge is owned by Colerain Township. The total project cost is \$ 79,500.00 and is expected to take 6-8 weeks.

Stone- The Bid for all Stone Material was awarded to Allan Myers.

Paving- Portions of Liberty Lane and Academy Drive will be widened and paved in 2019. Liberty Lane from Academy to Spruce Grove and Academy Road from Street Road to White Rock Road. Long's Asphalt, Inc. was awarded the bid at \$ 238,645.60.

Sealcoat- St. Catherine's Drive (Solanco Road to Township Line) Solanco Road (Township Line to 472) Wesley Road (Bridge to 472) Cooper Drive/Tick Hill/Lakeview (472 to Street) Maple Shade Road (472 to Street Road) Bridle Path (Bartville to Dirt) Hideaway Drive (472 to Noble Road) Witwer Road (All) Vineyard Road (Bell to Township Line) Sproul Road (Bell Rd. to 896) Rosedale Road (Sproul to Street) Martins' Paving was awarded the bid at \$ 148,254.19

Green Strip- Colerain has a 6' Green Strip Ordinance. Please keep this in mind as you plow and plant. You must keep six feet away from each side of the road. Also, please do not put any trash, stones, plans, or debris in the culverts or pipes.

Farm Equipment- Please keep all farm equipment out of the side gutters, this has been an ongoing problem and the Supervisors and Road Master would appreciate more effort in this area.

No Spray Areas- Anyone who has requested no spraying of weeds is responsible for weed eating the areas around telephone poles.

State Road Complaints- If you have a complaint about a State Road please call the Lancaster County Maintenance Shed at 717-299-7621. Below is a list of State Roads.

Bell
Georgetown
Kirkwood Pike
Maple Shade Road-East

Noble
Pumping Station
Puseyville
Spruce Grove

FAQ's FOR ZONING

Is a permit required for a roof? Yes, anytime the UCC requires an inspection there is a permit required.

Is a permit required for an Agricultural Structure? A Zoning Permit is required.

Is a permit required to re-pave a driveway? Not unless you are adding additional impervious surface such as widening.

Is a permit required for a fence? Yes, this would be a Zoning Permit to make sure the fence meets the setbacks

Is a permit required for a shed? Yes, this is also a Zoning Permit

How long does it take to get a permit? For a simple permit that has no Storm Water projects, usually 1 week.

If I am replacing a deck and/or patio do I need a permit? If you are replacing like for like then you do not need a permit. For a new deck, as long as it is 30" or less from the ground you do not need a permit.

Township Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. Fridays- Office is closed to the public

Board of Supervisors

*Meetings: First Monday 7:30 pm
And Third Wednesday 7:30 pm*
Walter L. Todd, Jr, Chairman
Scott E. Shoemaker, Vice Chairman
Samuel R. Reinhart, Member

Secretary/Treasurer

Carmen B. Wiker
colerain@epix.net

Road Crew

Troy J. Groff, Road Master
David L. Wadsworth, Road Crew

Zoning Officer and Inspector

*Hours of Operation at Township Building
Mondays-12-4 Thursdays 8-12*
MAC, Inc.
Joseph P. Chrisman, BCO
130 West Main Street
Trappe, PA 19426
E-mail: jchrisman@macinc.consulting
Phone: 610-721-2561

Tax Collector

Judy Beiler
717-529-6267
Deputy Tax Collector, Jean Hanley

Zoning Hearing Board

Meetings: Second Wednesdays as needed 7:00 pm
Fred Linton, Jr., Chairman
J Lloyd Kreider, Jr. Vice-Chairman
Richard Croyle, Member
Douglas Eaby, Alternate

Planning Commission

Meetings: Fourth Tuesday 7:00 pm
C. Martin Greenleaf, Jr., Chairman
Jeffrey Workman, Vice-Chairman
Jeffrey L. McCardell, Secretary
Scott Kulicke, Member
Levi L. Fisher, Member
Joseph Kauffman, Member
Walter L. Todd, III, Member

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Storm Water Engineer

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Phone: 610-631-2590

You are welcome to attend all public meetings at the Township Office. The meetings are listed above under each category. All meetings are advertised in the LNP News, on the Township website and posted in our new case outside the building.



The Township Office is closed to the public on Fridays so the Secretary has one day of interrupted work.

COMMUNITY PARK- The Colerain Community Park is ready for your next picnic or reunion. Pavilion rental is \$50.00 per day. Call Carmen at the Township 529-2570 to make a reservation and get a copy of the Park Rules. The one issue we seem to have is folks leaving their trash behind. A trash bag will be provided for you but you must take your trash with you.

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR- Thank you to those residents that called to let the Tax Collector, Judy Beiler know that they have children turning eighteen. All residents must pay Per Capita Tax once they are eighteen and live in Colerain Township. Also, if you are eighty or disabled you know longer have to pay Per Capita. Please call Judy at 529-6267 to let her know. We truly appreciate your honesty.

INTERIM NOTICES- We have had some residents call about receiving Interim Notices from the County. Here is a brief explanation how this works: When you apply for a permit from the Township a copy is put aside to send to the Lancaster County Tax Assessment Office. When they receive it at some point they will come down to your home and inspect what work has been completed associated with that permit. Every Township submits these permit copies a little differently. Some do it monthly, others quarterly or possibly even yearly. Here at Colerain we submit monthly as of 2016. If you have a question concerning the assessment amount you will need to call the Lancaster County Tax Assessment Office at 717-299-8381.

RECYCLING- Colerain Township residents have been given permission by Lower Oxford Township to use their recycling bins. There are 5 containers that are marked, please use only as marked. You can take your recyclables in any time day or night. Plastic jugs, glass bottles and tin cans should be washed out and clean. They take aluminum cans, steel cans, glass and plastic bottles (#1 and #2), office paper, newspapers, junk mail, magazines, flattened cardboard, clothes and shoes. Address is 220 Township Road Oxford, PA 19363 Their phone number is 610-932-8150

ELECTRONICS- A note from the LCSWMA; the place for Lancaster County residents to dispose and recycle their electronics and household waste materials for free is at the LCSWMA HHW facility in Lancaster. The LanChester facility in Narvon is for Chester County residents only. You may access their website at http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma_facilities_hhw.cfm. Or you may call them at 717-397-9968. They are located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike Lancaster, PA And their hours of operation are as follows: M-F 7-4 and Saturday 8-12

The Township will be closed on the following dates:	
❖ Spring Election Day	May 21
❖ Memorial Day	May 27
❖ Independence Day	July 4
❖ Labor Day	September 9
❖ Fall Election Day	November 5
❖ Thanksgiving Day	November 28
❖ Christmas Eve Day	December 24
❖ Christmas Day	December 25

KIRKWOOD BIKE RACE

The Kirkwood Bike Race will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019.

The proposed course is the same as in previous years, which runs clockwise and includes portions of Rosedale Road, Shady Road, Highland Road, Maple Shade Road, Bell Road, Sproul, and back onto Rosedale Road. We would like to: (1) make Rosedale Road from Maple Shade Road to Shady Road one-way only (race-direction) except for local residents; and (2) use one lane of Farmdale Road for parking and close it except for local residents.

The racing would begin at 9:00 AM and conclude by about 3:00 PM. During the race, traffic would be permitted to enter the roadways, but asked to wait at intersections when cyclists are approaching. Course marshals at each inter-section will stop and direct traffic to help ensure the safety of the participants.

Please be courteous to bikes and vehicles on this day.

Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Launch County-wide Volunteer Recruitment Campaign

Could YOU Be Our Next Volunteer?

Lancaster County, PA... To attract more volunteers to its 67 fire companies, the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association has launched a multi-pronged recruitment campaign with the theme, "Put out the fire, ignite the passion to protect Lancaster County."

Connections will also be made through Facebook. The website www.BecomeaFirefighter.org serves as an online hub for prospective volunteers to learn more or sign up to volunteer. Those who prefer can instead call 888-914-JOIN. Connections can also be made through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/becomeafirefighter.org/>

Volunteers of all experience levels and most ages are welcome. Members' training costs are covered by the fire companies. This training allows volunteers to fight fires and rescue people who need help. Senior firefighters must be at least 18 years old. Additionally, many Lancaster County fire companies have junior or cadet programs for teenage volunteers. There are also important roles for people who want to join the fire company without entering a burning building or provide aid at an accident scene. Fire police are needed to direct traffic and manage incident scenes. Other volunteers are needed to help teach fire safety and prevention to children and adults, assist with community programs, assist with fundraising or handle administrative or maintenance-related tasks.

The need for more volunteer firefighters is national, but very acute close to home. Here in Pennsylvania, 97.1 percent of fire companies were all- or mostly volunteer last year, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. While the state boasted about 300,000 volunteers in 1977, that number has dwindled to around 50,000 today. Lancaster County has experienced a similar decline over recent years. The Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association is confident that once word of the tremendous need for more volunteers gets out, the men and women who live here will step forward to help.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your community, visit www.BecomeaFirefighter.org or call 888-914-JOIN

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The Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association is a collaborative association of current and past chief officers of 67 fire departments throughout Lancaster County, Pa. Our firefighters provide the community with fire suppression, rescue, and other emergency services. We also provide fire prevention and safety education and information to Lancaster County residents of all ages.

In Lancaster County, you can obtain a dog license by



WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION A LOST DOG
may never make it home.

License your dog by January 1st: www.licenseyourdogpa.com

contacting:

Amber Green

Lancaster County Treasurer
150 North Queen Street, Suite 122
Lancaster, PA 17608

717-299-8222

In the Southern end, you may also go to:
Musser's Market 284-4147
The Quarryville Agway 786-2126

For more Information, contact the PA Dept. Of Ag at 717-787-3062
You may also contact the Lancaster County State Dog Warden, Travis Hess at
717-805-3442

ELECTIONS 2019

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY-MAY 21, 2019

This year the following office is open for nominations in Colerain Township. **Supervisor**

ELECTION DAY- NOVEMBER 5, 2019

The polling place for Colerain Township is here at the Township Building. Polls will be open 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. In Pennsylvania's Primary Elections, voters choose their party's nominees to run in the General Election by casting ballots.

Primary Elections in PA are held on the third Tuesday of May in all years except Presidential years when they are held on the fourth Tuesday of April. General Elections are always held the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November, which falls on November 5, 2019 this year.

Each Spring and Summer the two major complaints the Township receives other than burning are people mowing and allowing their grass clippings on the roads and manure on the road. Both of these can be very dangerous especially for the Motorcycle Rider. The Township does have an Ordinance concerning this and it is listed below.

Ordinance 89-07-26-01

An Ordinance providing for the protection and preservation of Township Streets, roadways, berms, drainage ditches and right-of-way and providing for a penalty for plowing, cultivating or otherwise damaging Township roadways, berms, drainage ditches and right-of-way, or discharging of manure, waste or refuse thereon.

SECTION 1.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make any excavation, or to plow, cultivate, dig into or in any other way disturb, alter, change, damage or infringe upon the roadways, berms, drainage ditches and rights of way, or to discharge manure, waste or refuse thereon, within the Township of Colerain, Lancaster County, Pa.

SECTION 2.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$ 25.00 no more than \$ 300.00 and addition thereto shall be liable to the said Township of Colerain for the cost of repairing the damage to said streets, roadways, berms, drainage ditches and rights of way.

Enacted and passed this 26th day of July, 1989, at a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Colerain Township.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Colerain Township Planning Commission has two new members since the last Newsletter.

Walter L. Todd, III was appointed in 2017 after Charles Hess resigned after many years of service.

Walter is a lifelong resident of Colerain, not to be confused with his father Walter L. Todd, Jr. who is a Supervisor.

Scott Kulicke was appointed in March of this year after Russell Gilmore resigned in February after nearly 25 years of service.

Scott moved into Colerain 7 years ago from Narberth, PA which is located just outside of Philadelphia.

Emergency Management Coordinator- Steven Hastings served for many years and resigned in February of this year. In his place is Wayne Brion.

Wayne is also a lifelong resident of Colerain.

We wish all the new appointees well and thank them for their willingness to serve.

RETIREMENT

Scott Shoemaker has retired from his full-time position on the Road Crew in 2018 after 11 years. He will start working part-time with snow plowing, And summer road work as needed. He will also take over as Park Caretaker after Richard Harvey's resignation. Scott will also continue to serve as Supervisor.

We wish Richard Harvey well; he took very good care of the Park for many years along with his wife Dottie. She took Park reservations over the phone and helped him whenever he needed it.



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As we all start our Spring cleanup please make note of the burning rules

In Residential (R), Village Center (VC), and Conservation (CN) Districts open burning of domestic waste is allowed under these conditions:

6.07.01 Domestic waste is defined as any waste materials resulting from residential use, including, but not limited to, paper, leaves,

garden vegetation, wood, and food scraps. Domestic waste does not include any of the following:

1. Biological waste.
2. Chemical waste.
3. Pressurized containers.
4. Plastics or rubber materials.
5. Hazardous material as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Chapter 1, part 261, dated July 1, 1984, or as amended from time to time thereafter.
6. Any waste materials not generated by the on-site residence.
7. Any other material that would produce a noxious or dangerous odor, gas, and/or explosive when burned.

6.07.02 All burning shall be conducted during daylight hours.

6.07.03 Except as to the burning of leaves and brush, such burning shall be confined within a noncombustible container which is covered with a screen of one-quarter inch (1/4") or smaller mesh. Such containers shall be raised off the ground and set atop noncombustible supports.

6.07.04 Burning shall be constantly supervised by a responsible person at least sixteen (16) years of age.

6.07.05 All burning shall be completely extinguished before the person supervising the burning shall cease such supervision.

6.07.06 All burning shall be setback at least twenty-five (25) feet from any building and fifteen (15) feet from any lot lines or right-of-way. Such burning shall be confined to the site's side or rear yards.

6.07.07 All burning shall be confined to the property where the domestic waste was generated.

6.07.08 A pressurized water (garden) hose must be available with a working nozzle of sufficient strength to reach the further most area being burned.

6.07.09 Open burning is not permitted under conditions of excessive winds or dryness. Open burning is expressly prohibited during a drought emergency declared by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, other agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or the Colerain Township Board of Supervisors.

6.07.10 No materials other than wood and wood products may be burned in an open fire.

6.07.11 Smoke and emissions shall be so controlled as not to be offensive to others.

6.07.12 Outdoor fires, except within burning barrels, shall be located at least 20 feet from any property line or right-of-way and at least 75 feet from any structures.

6.07.13 Leaves and brush fires shall only be burned in an area cleared in a radius of forty (40) feet from the open fire. Such fires are subject to sub-section L herein, except for leaves and brush fires in a burn barrel (sub-section C of this Section).

6.07.14 No fire shall be ignited, kindled, and/or maintained on a public street, alley, sidewalk, and/or other public lands within Colerain Township.

