



KEEPING COLERAIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS INFORMED

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

On March 11, President Biden signed a \$1.9 trillion federal coronavirus relief package, known as the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, into law. The package will provide \$350 billion for state and local governments, with \$13.722 billion coming to Pennsylvania. The commonwealth will receive \$7.5 billion (*including a \$279 million set aside for capital projects*), counties will receive \$2.8 billion, and municipalities with populations of more than 50,000 will receive \$2.3 billion. In addition, municipalities in Pennsylvania with a population of *less than 50,000*, which includes nearly all townships, boroughs, and small cities, will split \$983 million based on population (*while Philadelphia alone will receive more than \$1.3 billion*). This means that EVERY township will receive funding from this act.

Colerain Township's allocation will be \$ 409,465.96. The Township received half of this money July 7th. The other half is scheduled to arrive in June of 2022.

To date, Colerain has until December of 2024 to make an obligation where the money will be spent and until December of 2026 to actually spend the funds. Changes and clarifications keep coming in almost every day so this will be an ongoing process.

The United States Treasury Department is responsible for determining what this allocation may be used for. Unfortunately, the money can only be used for items related to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds such as:

1. Responding to the COVID-19 emergency or addressing negative impacts.
2. Providing premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work or grants to eligible employers who have eligible workers.
3. Lost revenue replacement for the provisions of government services due to the COVID-19 emergency.
4. Make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

This list is by no means comprehensive; before the Supervisors make any decisions, the Township Solicitor will be involved. The Treasury Department forwarded a detailed explanation and they continue to revise and clarify the more than 150-page document.

The Supervisors are hoping to be able to help out our Emergency Services but they will certainly need to take every precaution and move slowly and surely as any funds spent incorrectly must be returned.

Lancaster County’s Proposed Comprehensive Plan-places2040

Colerain Township is currently attending workshops with the Lancaster County Planning Commission and other Southern End Municipalities in order to discuss the County’s proposed places2040 plan. Colerain has not updated their Comprehensive Plan since 2004 and will now consider entering into a South Region Comprehensive Plan with certain Southern End Municipalities that would be in agreement to join.

What is a Comprehensive Plan? Just like businesses, communities need a plan for their future. It’s typically called a Comprehensive Plan (or Comp Plan, in planning lingo), and its purpose is to:

- Educate people about the community’s strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats;
- Discuss how key resources will be protected and enhanced
- Establish principles for growth and development
- Recommend priorities for funding and new investment
- Provide a rationale for future direction and policies
- Guide community leaders in making decisions

places2040 is a bit different than a typical comp plan, and many other plans the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) has prepared in the past. It’s less of an encyclopedia and more of a guidebook.

Like past plans, it still focuses on issues that are generally within the “wheelhouse” of the planning profession: Land use, transportation, and quality of life. What’s different about this plan is that it does not try to address every aspect of these issues.

Comp Plans often present a laundry list of ideas, rather than a practical “to do” list. By contrast, this plan highlights just a few things that need to happen if we really want to make a difference in the next 10 to 20 years. These are the issues that concern people the most-and the things we need most to change.

The first phase identifies seven issues and opportunities that would affect Colerain as the focus for the plan. The seven items are as follows:

- Managing Growth.....Create compact, walkable communities
- Housing Choice Ensure safe, quality housing options for everyone
- Employment..... Support 21st Century Industries and jobs
- Transportation..... Build a Network with more alternatives and connections
- Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas..... Provide more places to hike, bike, and enjoy nature
- Agriculture and Farmland..... Protect both the farm and the farmer
- Thinking Beyond Boundaries..... Promote cooperation, work together, and share resources

This process has just begun and will take many months to complete

FUN FACT:

In 1940 Colerain Township traded in a Galion Grader for a Caterpillar Grader 20. The trade-in was valued at \$ 200.00 to put toward the \$1,050.00 Cat. Total Cost \$ 850.00

**A Message to our Amish Community
Concerning Non-Photo ID's.**

Colerain Township's depository is Prosper Bank (used to be Coatesville Savings). If you are in need of an Improvement Guarantee, be aware that Prosper Bank has changed their ID Requirements to open a bank account. You will now need to submit one of the following: Birth Certificate, Non-Photo ID or Social Security card. With that in mind we would like to encourage you to acquire a Non-Photo ID from PennDot. A Non-Photo ID is also required by some Notaries.

If you're a legal Pennsylvania resident, you can apply for a non-driver ID card when you turn 10 years old. You will need to visit your local [PennDOT office](#) with:

- A completed [Application for Initial Identification Card](#) (Form DL-54A).
- Proof of your **identity** and **legal U.S. presence**, such as your:
- [U.S. birth certificate](#) with raised seal (copies **will not** be accepted).
- [Valid U.S. passport](#).
- Your **Social Security Card**.
- Proof of your **PA address** (2 documents) if you're 18 years old or older, such as your: Lease agreement; W-2.; Current utility bill.
- **Payment** for the \$31.50 fee.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY WAS HELD MAY 18, 2021

This year the following offices were open for nominations Colerain Township. **Two Supervisor positions, One Auditor, and Tax Collector.**

Incumbent Scott Shoemaker was nominated as well as Robin Church for Supervisor. Deb Amsbacher was a successful write-in for Auditor and Judy Beiler was nominated for Tax Collector.

ELECTION DAY- NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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 2, 2021 this year.

FROM THE ROADMASTER

Stone- The Bid for all Stone Material was awarded to New Enterprise.

Paving- No paving is scheduled for this year.

Sealcoat- The bid was awarded to Asphalt Industries for \$ 279,057.00

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 the telephone poles in that area.

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 the list of State Roads.

Bell	Noble
Georgetown	Pumping Station
Kirkwood Pike	Puseyville
Maple Shade Road-East	Spruce Grove

WELCOME MIKE TOME

Mike joined the Road Crew April of this year; he comes with much experience after working for London Grove Township for several years on their Road Crew. Mike lives in Colerain Township with his wife and kids and is also involved with the Quarryville Fire Company.

LOSS OF A FRIEND

Last year Colerain Township lost Planning Commission member and friend Levi Fisher.

Levi served the community on the Planning Commission for 12 years. It is very difficult to find people that are willing to serve for 1 year (or at all for that matter) let alone 12. He was very dedicated to Colerain Township, his family, neighbors and friends. We continue to miss him.

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 7:00 pm*
And Third Wednesday 7:00 pm
Scott E. Shoemaker, Chairman
Robin Church, Vice-Chairman
Samuel R. Reinhart, Member

Secretary/Treasurer

Carmen B. Wiker colerain@epix.net

Road Crew

Troy J. Groff, Road Master
Mike Tome, Road Crew

Zoning Officer and Building 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*
J. Lloyd Kreider, Chairman
Richard Croyle, Vice-Chairman
Bob Stanley, Member
Doug Eaby, Alternate

Planning Commission

Meetings: *Fourth Tuesday 7:00 pm*
C. Martin Greenleaf, Jr., Chairman
Mike Kleinz, Vice-Chairman
Jeffrey L. McCardell, Secretary
Walter Todd, III, member
Scott Kulicke, Member
Joseph Kauffman, Member
Ben Stoltzfus, Member

Township Engineers

MAC, Inc.
Jack Seber, P.E.
Lisa D’Andrea
130 West Main Street Trappe, PA 19426

The Township office will be closed the following dates:

Labor Day	September 6
Thanksgiving Day	November 25
Christmas Eve Day	December 24
Christmas Day	December 27

You are welcome to attend all public meetings at the Township. Meeting times and dates are listed above under each category. All meetings are advertised in the LNP news, on the website and in the window case on the front of the building.

RESIGNATION

Walter Todd, Jr. resigned as Supervisor October of 2020. Walt served Colerain Township with great dedication for 25 years. He continues to reside in Colerain.

NEW SUPERVISOR

Robin Church was appointed in October of 2020 to replace Walter Todd; she was nominated in the May election in order to complete Walt’s term. Robin was born and raised in Colerain Township then moved to Eden Township to raise her family. She is back in Colerain and lives with her four fur babies.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

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

Mike Kleinz was appointed in 2019 to replace Jeff Workman; Jeff’s current job takes him out of town but he remains on as an alternate. Mike is employed with Kleinz Construction.

Ben Stoltzfus was appointed in 2020 to replace Levi Fisher. Ben and his family are farmers.

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.

King’s Bridge at Noble Road-The State will start construction on this Bridge around August 27th until May 13, 2022. The replacement project includes replacement of the existing beams and increasing the span length from 35 feet to about 51 feet. Approximately 450 feet of roadway reconstruction is included in the project. A 11.5-mile-long detour route will be used during construction.

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

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 are issued 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.

WELL ISOLATION DISTANCE WAIVER REQUESTS

Due to heavy rains, there have been several drain fields that have failed in Colerain recently. In some of the failures due to a smaller lot the requirement to be 100' from their wells could not be met. If this happens to you may come to the Supervisors and ask for a Well Isolation Distance Waiver. At our July 21, 2021 meeting the Board voted to add a condition to all of these Waivers that the water be tested each year and the report submitted to the Township. As for the procedure, your Septic System Installer will take care of this for you by reaching out to Marvin Stoner, SEO first then the Township. An Agreement must be signed, notarized and recorded. **SEPTIC PUMPERS AND INSTALLERS**-Make note to include a drawing of the septic and include measurements from all neighboring wells. We thank you for your cooperation.

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.

SECRETARY'S CORNER-FAQ's

Do you have a Noise Ordinance? No, Colerain Township does not currently have a Noise Ordinance

I found a dog, who do I call? Please call the Dog Warden Travis Hess at 717-805-3442. The Township does not handle animals other than dead deer along the roads.

How do I determine my property line and do you have a plot plan of my lot? The only way to determine property lines is to have your property surveyed. The County has an online map but the lines are not exact. The Township may have a plot plan of your property if it was part of a subdivision plan that is on file with the Township.

My neighbor...fill in the blank The Township does not get involved in neighbor disputes over property lines, tree branches that hang over into your yard, etc.

Why did my mailbox get knocked down during plowing and will you replace it? More than likely, it was the snow and not the plow that did this. Please know that this does not make anyone happy and will happen every winter to someone. The Township does not replace mailboxes.

The Snow Plow came through after I opened up the top of my driveway and it is shut again, why did they do this and will they come open it up for me? It is the Township's responsibility to open the roads for the safety of the public. They usually plow a road more than once. The Township does not plow private driveways.



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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:

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:

- Biological waste.
- Chemical waste.
- Pressurized containers.
- Plastics or rubber materials.
- 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.
- Any waste materials not generated by the on-site residence.
- Any other material that would produce a noxious or dangerous odor, gas, and/or explosive when burned.

All burning shall be conducted during daylight hours.

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.

Burning shall be constantly supervised by a responsible

person at least sixteen (16) years of age.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.