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10th Annual Fishing Derby

The annual fishing derby will be held in the beautiful setting of the Moffat Estate pond on October 10th from 9am to noon. The derby is proudly sponsored by the Covington Township Police Department under the direction of Chief Bernie Klocko, Officer Kim Keating, and Supervisor Marlene Beavers. The pond will be stocked with 400+ hungry trout! This has become an exciting adventure for our children which, in addition to being introduced to fishing and the outdoors, provides them with a more positive sense of family and community.

This free event is open to all children ages 15 and younger living permanently in the North Pocono School District. Unfortunately, no one over 15 years of age is allowed to fish.

You must pre-register to participate. Registration will be **limited to the first 150 applicants**. Registration forms may be obtained from the Covington Township Police Department or the Covington Municipal Office, or by calling (570) 842-6400 & leave a message for Officer Keating.

Registration must be returned no later than October 5th.

- Fishing begins at 9am with the last cast at 12 noon.
- Anglers must bring their own fishing gear and bait.
- Children under 6 years old must have their own personal life jacket.
- Limits on the number of trout is three per angler. NO trout throw backs permitted. Catch & keep only.
- All fish other than trout must be released.
- Adults may assist children, but are not permitted to fish.
- A concession stand will be hosted by Covington Township Volunteer Fire Company.
- Each participant will receive a prize.



Please note: Fish that are placed in the Moffat pond are for the benefit of children only, not adults.



From Your Supervisors...

A road project paving bid was awarded in July for a portion of Winship Road. In addition, grants were submitted by the Township Engineer and approved by the supervisors for additional work on several township roads and the township estate (paving of roadways and parking areas). Work on Bochicchio Boulevard and Storm Road was also proposed and is expected to be completed by September.

The supervisors hired a new School Resource Officer to replace Officer Brian Leadem, who has performed in a commendable manner for the past five years as SRO and Covington Township Police Officer. We wish officer Leadem a lot of success in all his future endeavors! The new SRO, retired State Police Sergeant Chriss L. Grube, will be stationed daily at the North Pocono High School for a one year position. Additionally, two other part time officers were hired at the July board meeting, Officer Robert Bastek and Officer Robert Kratzer.

A variance hearing was held by the Zoning Hearing Board and a request to construct a car wash by B & B Realty was approved. Roseann Hoanzl was approved as the new Emergency Management Coordinator for Covington Township.

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Covington Township at your Service

Board of Supervisors (570) 842-8336 ~ Chairman David J. Petrosky (Meeting 1st Tues. of the month @ 7pm; Work session last Tues of the month @ 7pm)

Building Inspector (570) 842-4607 David Lamm, 8am - 5pm

Dept. of Public Works (570) 842-8356 ~ Director Thomas M. Yerke

District Magistrate (570) 842-2111 ~ John Mercuri, Esquire

Fire Dept. (570) 842-4130 ~ Brad Jones, Fire Chief

Main Office (570) 842-8336 ~ Kate Tierney, Secretary; 9am-4pm Monday-Friday, Moffat Estate

Pavilion Rental (570) 842-7580 ~ Marlene Beavers

Planning Commission (570) 842-6548 ~ Denise Hokien, Secretary (Work Session 1st Wed. of the month @7pm, Meeting 3rd Wed. of the month @7pm)

Police Dept. (570) 842-6400 ~ Bernie Klocko, Chief

Real Estate Tax Collection (570) 842-8336 ~ Kate Tierney (Tues. 9am-12pm, 1-3pm; Wed. & Thurs. 9-11am, or by appointment)

Recreation Committee (570) 842-8336 (Meeting 3rd Thurs. of the month @6:30pm)

Sewage Enforcement Officer (570) 842-9333 ~ George Van Brunt

Sewer Authority Office (570) 842-0757 ~ Ann Bentler, Manager (10am-6pm Monday-Friday; Meeting 2nd Tues. of the month @7pm)

Township Engineer (570) 842-4310 ~ Mary Louise Butler, Engineering Surveying Consultants & Design, Inc.

Earned Income Tax & Local Service Tax Collector (866) 701-7206 ~ Berkheimer Assoc.

Zoning Office & Zoning Hearing Board Secretary (570) 842-0457 ~ Melinda Thomas (8am-4pm Mon.-Fri.)

Zoning Officer (570) 842-0457 ~ William J. Wright (9am-12pm Monday-Friday or by appointment)

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From Your Supervisors...

The enclosure of the township pavilion at Moffat Park was completed in June. The Head Start Program, which leased a portion of the building located behind our police department, has moved into the North Pocono High School.

The boards' proposal to the Department of Transportation to form a safety middle lane on Route 307 in the vicinity of Foleywood and Quiet Pines was rejected by the Department of Transportation.

The supervisors unanimously voted to agree to donate three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to the North Pocono Library.

As you may know, P. P. & L. is constructing a large electric distribution site on Freytown Road in Covington Township. Both Freytown and Lehigh Roads were used extensively by heavy truck traffic during the construction process which has led to some noticeable deterioration on both roads. Consequently, over the past several months, the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Public Works have been successfully negotiating with P. P. & L. Ellen Graci to have the roads thoroughly repaired. Hopefully the repairs will be completed within the next few months.



A Quick Checklist for Fall Home Maintenance

1. Visually inspect your roof for missing or broken shingles.
2. A qualified chimney sweep should examine and clean your chimney once a year if fireplaces are active.
3. Clean your gutters to avoid ice and water backup inside the home. Make sure your downspouts are clear.
4. Repair or replace damaged weather stripping on doors and windows to avoid drafts and heat loss. Also, check the garage door and make sure it closes tightly.
5. Drain gas from lawnmowers and other outdoor equipment.
6. Unless your outside taps are frost proof, drain them and turn off spigots to prevent bursting and serious damage.



Find Your Name Contest

The hidden name from our last newsletter was Frank Micolucci. Unfortunately, he did not find his name. Another name chosen randomly appears in this newsletter.

Can you find your name? Call (570) 842-0457 to collect!

Advertising

Covington Corner is distributed quarterly to approximately 1,000 households and/or businesses and surrounding areas. If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter, please call Melinda Thomas at (570) 842-0457.

The cost of a 2" x 2 1/2" ad is \$25.00.

From Your Police Department...



Frequently Asked Questions

Is seatbelt use required in Pennsylvania?

Yes. Section 4581 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code mandates seat belt use for anyone between the ages of 8 and 18 – this is a primary offense. In addition, persons aged 18 years and older seated in the front seat are required to wear seat belts and can be convicted of a summary offense if also convicted of another offense at the same time.

What is required in emergency response areas?

When approaching or passing an emergency response area (any emergency vehicle with flashing lights) to:

1. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area if possible; or
2. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible, illegal or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed reasonable for safely passing the emergency response area.

The term emergency response area includes the area in which a Police Officer is conducting a traffic stop or systematic check of vehicles as long as the emergency vehicle is making use of visual signals.

When am I required to use headlights?

Effective January 29, 2007, drivers are now required to use their headlights anytime their windshield wipers are in operation. Specifically, Section 4302(a)(3) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code states that headlights are required: "Any time when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture, including rain, snow, sleet or mist." In addition to the above change, headlights are required between sunset and sunrise and anytime an operator cannot discern a person or vehicle upon a highway from a distance of 1000 feet due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions (i.e. rain, snow, fog, sleet, smoke, etc.). You should also be aware that daytime running lamps are not considered headlights. If your headlights are on, then the taillights and other marker lights will be on too.

Can I drive in the left lane on a limited access highway for an unlimited amount of time?

No. The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code states "Vehicles shall be driven in the lane nearest the right-hand edge of the roadway, except when overtaking (passing) another vehicle, or for a distance of up to two miles in preparation for a left turn, or as directed by official traffic control devices, police officers or appropriately attired persons authorized to divert, control or regulate traffic."

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Neighborhood Events

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 5207 Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of each month 9 am-noon (adults \$5 child 12 & under \$2)

NP Rotary Club—Meets at the Elmhurst Country Club on Thursdays 6 pm in the summer, at alternate NP sites January through March (570)842-2547

Minisink Lions Club—meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at the VFW—contact Patrick Verastro (570) 689-2843

Covington Fire Co. Women's Auxiliary— Meets the 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm call Betty for more information (570) 842-0448

NP Kids Closet - Supplies clothing to needy area children. In need of all sizes in socks and underwear. Also, gently used shoes & sneakers of any size. To make a donation or for an appointment, please call Sara Keating at (610)390-7961 or (570)689-4383.

NP Food Pantry— Bill's Plaza (next to Tasty Swirl) every Thursday noon -1 pm. Proof of North Pocono School District Full-time residency required. Dry goods donations appreciated. (570) 842-4741

Parish Buffet Breakfast—St. Eulalia's Church, Elmhurst, 3rd Sunday of every month 8:30 am -12:30 pm in church hall (65+ \$5) (12-64 \$6) (6-11 \$3) (5+ under free)

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)—each Tuesday 6:30pm, Moscow Borough Building, Van Brunt St. Moscow

Pierogi Sale—St. Rita's Church, Gouldsboro \$7/dozen (570) 842-4995, (570) 842-8692 or (570) 842-4176

Jefferson Twp. Fire Co.—Station 29 All You Can Eat Breakfast first Sunday of every month 8 am—noon

NP Library - (all weekly events) Children's Story & Craft Hour on Tuesdays at 11 am; Bridge Club Fridays 12:30 pm; Family Game Night Thursdays 5 pm; Family Movie Night last Friday of each month 7 pm; Adult Book Club on the third Thursday 6 pm; Mexican Train Tuesdays 12:30 pm; Lap-sit Story Hour for children up to 2 years old on Fridays at 10 am; Third Saturday is Science Saturday 11 am (570) 842-4700 www.lclshome.org/npocono

Business 2 Business—Meets every Thursday 8-9 am at Friendly's in Dunmore (570) 842-2808

Moscow Mason Lodge - Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, Lodge Hall, Green St., Moscow, Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30 (570) 842-6591

North Pocono Cultural Society - Meeting 2nd Monday of each month, 7 pm at the Moscow Borough Building 123 Van Brunt Street, Moscow (570) 357-1672.

NP LovinLife Ministries - meets every Wednesday 7pm for Bible Study at the Swartz Residence, 21 Swartz Drive. New members are welcome. (570) 842-3205

The Lucky Horse Shoes 4H Club - meets the 1st Sunday of each month 1 pm at Woodlands Stables, Freytown Road call Carol (570) 842-3742.



September 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	2 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	3 Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life. ~Confucius	4	5 Recycling 9 - 11 a.m. La Festa Italiana -->
6 12 pm Horseshoe Tournament Spring Brook Fire Co. --> La Festa Italiana	7 Labor Day Township offices are closed. NPSD Closed ----->	8 Grandparents Day Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	9	10 A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summers wave goodbye. ~ Unknown	11 Never Forget	12
13 8am - 11am Breakfast Buffet Gouldsboro Fire Co.	14 	15 	16 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	17 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	18 	19 Recycling 9 - 11 a.m.
20	21 No cowboy was ever faster on the draw than a grandparent pulling a baby picture out of a wallet. ~Unknown	22	23 happy FIRST DAY of <i>Fall</i>	24 Grandparents are there to help the child get into mischief they haven't thought of yet. ~Gene Perret	25	26
27 When grand- parents enter the door, discipline flies out the window. - Ogden Nash	28 North Pocono Rotary Club Golf Tournament (570) 689-9114 for reservations	29 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	30			

Grandchildren



When we were younger and in the process of raising our own children, we often did not have the time to sit back and truly enjoy our children's formidable years. I suppose that is a primary reason why we love our grandkids so much and fully accept them and any perceived faults without reservation. After all, as grandparents we can be light on the discipline and easy on the restrictions. If they really want a sugary doughnut or more soda or candy, how can we possibly resist? In any case, we know their parents will be responsible for any resulting behavioral consequences. We don't have to get angry or raise our voice. All we have to do is listen and enjoy the moment. When you think about it, I don't think it gets any better.

However, the fact that we can always be nice and rarely say no is not the only or, for that matter, the most important reason why we love our grandchildren. At some point it becomes painfully clear that these children are a small part of us and they represent a thread to the future. Consequently, while we are here, we want them to know how much we care and enjoy them. Like most grandparents, we worry about what tomorrow holds for them and whether they will be happy and secure, but for the time being, we can truly smother them with love and give them what we believe to be tidbits of advice and information which someday may be useful. No doubt we also hope that these interactions will create everlasting, positive memories long after we are gone!

Like most grandparents, I plead guilty to too much candy, too many hugs and sometimes too much needless advice. In any case, I am also glad that I make every effort to spoil all nine of my very special grandchildren probably as much for posterity as any other reason. I want them to fondly remember their grandparents and, in turn, eventually become a caring and memorable grandparent.

God, it is so wonderful to be a grandparent!

October 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 What kind of dessert does a ghost like? I scream!	2 What is a ghost's favorite fruit? Booberries!	3 Recycling 9 - 11 a.m.
4	5 "Mondays in Moscow" 7pm Harmonic Brass of Munich \$10 St. Catherine's Church	6 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	7 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	8 Zoning Hearing Board Quarterly Meeting 7pm	9	10 Fishing Derby at Moffat Pond 9am - 12pm
11 What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite	12 Columbus Day Township offices are closed. NPSD Closed	13 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	14 What do vampires take when they are sick? Coffin drops!	15 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	16 National Boss's Day	17 Recycling 9 - 11 a.m.
18	19 7:30pm "Mondays in Moscow" Rick Hoffenberg & Mark Laubach \$10 Moscow UMC	20 What does a witch use to keep her hair up? Scare-spray!	21 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	22 What do you get when you cross a Cocker Spaniel, a Poodle and a ghost? A cocker-poodle boo.	23	24
25 What kind of pants do ghosts wear? Boo-jeans.	26	27 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	28 What do you get when you cross a duck with a vampire? Count Quackula!	29	30 Where do ghosts buy their food? At the ghost-ery store!	31 Community Halloween Party 2pm Gouldsboro Fire Co.

Halloween Safety Tips

- * Trick or treat with friends or a grown-up - never go alone.
- * Don't eat any of your treats until they are checked for tampering.
- * Always cross the streets at a corner and look left, right, and left again.
- * Obey traffic signals while crossing streets.
- * If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left hand side of the road - facing traffic.
- * Never walk out between parked cars.
- * Lift your mask while walking house to house.
- * Don't cut across yards and driveways.
- * Visit only homes with lights on.
- * Try to carry a flashlight or wear something reflective.
- * If traveling in a car, please remember to **Buckle-Up!**



Additional events on October 10th:

Roast Beef Dinner 4 - 7 pm
Spring Brook Fire Co.

Spaghetti Dinner 4 - 7pm
Gouldsboro Fire Co.

"October gave a party;
The leaves by
hundreds came-
The Chestnuts, Oaks,
and Maples,
And leaves of
every name.

The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band."

- George Cooper, October's Party





A Few Important Propane Safety Tips



1. The pilot light on your propane appliance can ignite vapors from gasoline paint thinners and other flammable liquids. Be sure to store these items in an area of the building containing no propane appliances.
2. If you should run out of gas, keep in mind that the gas line may be open when the system is recharged. This can lead to a fire or explosion.
3. Before you attempt to use any of your propane appliances, get your system checked by a qualified service technician.

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 Election Day Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm Daleville UMC Ham Dinner	4 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	5 Those blessings are sweetest that are won with prayer & worn with thanks ~ Thomas Goodwin	6	7 Recycling 9 - 11 a.m. 12pm - 6pm Wine Tasting Festival Spring Brook Fire Dept.
8	9 Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others. ~ Cicero	10 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	11  Veteran's Day NPSD Closed	12 "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow." ~ Melody Beattie	13	14
15 As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy	16	17	18 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm NPSD Early Dismissal	19 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	20 NPSD Early Dismissal K-5 Only	21 Recycling 9 - 11 a.m.
22 It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle. ~ Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf	23	24 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	25 NPSD Early Dismissal	26 Thanksgiving Township offices are closed. NPSD Closed	27 6:30pm Black Friday Super Bingo Gouldsboro Fire Co. NPSD Closed	28
29	30 NPSD Closed	"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the organizer, who gave us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag." ~ Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC				

From Your Police Department....

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How far behind the vehicle in front of me should I be when driving?

The Pennsylvania Driver's Manual recommends the "Four-Second-Rule" as a helpful guide.

To follow the "Four-Second-Rule" watch the rear bumper of the vehicle ahead. When the bumper passes a shadow or road marking, start counting the seconds you take to reach the same spot on the road. If you pass the same spot in less than four seconds, you are following too closely.

When do I need to use a child safety seat?

State law requires that children under the age of four (4) must be buckled into a federally-approved safety seat no matter where they ride in a motor vehicle – front or back seat. Additionally, any person that transports a child four (4) years of age or older, but under eight (8) years of age, anywhere in the motor vehicle shall secure the child with the seat belt and in an appropriately fitting child booster seat.

Why should I stop at the white stop line at a traffic signal?

Most traffic signals operate in part by monitoring traffic position through sensors embedded in the pavement at the intersection. The sensors are placed in conjunction with the white stop lines. Stopping too far behind or too far in front of the white line may result in the sensor not detecting your vehicle. This in turn may result in failing to receive a green signal. The lines also regulate the stopped position of waiting vehicles to provide the necessary turning area required for vehicles turning left through the intersection.

If I am involved in an auto accident, when must I report it to the police?

If the accident involves death or injury to any person or damage to any vehicle to the extent that it requires towing. If any of these circumstances are present, the driver must immediately notify the police.



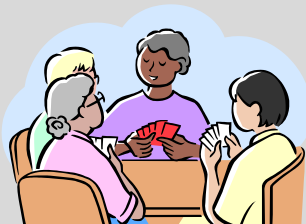
Veteran's Corner

By Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Renna

There are many subjects to review and understand when it involves the United States Military. However, I realize we cannot write about all of them. Furthermore, as individuals we are only concerned with what we need to know. The web sites listed below are for all veterans:

Burial and memorial benefits	cem.va.gov
Caregiver support	caregiver.va.gov
eBenefits	eBenefits.va.gov
Education benefits	benefits.va.gov/gibill
Health care eligibility	va.gov/healthbenefits
Homeless Veterans	va.gov/homeless
Home loan guaranty	benefits.va.gov/homeloanslife
Insurance	insurance.va.gov
Memorial certificate	cem.va.gov/pmc.asp
Mental health	mentalhealth.va.gov
National resources directory	nrd.gov
Records	archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel
Returning service members	oefoif.va.gov
State departments of Veterans Affairs	va.gov/statedva.htm
Women Veterans	va.gov/womenvet
Va Vet Centers	vetcenter.va.gov
Va Forms	va.gov/vaforms
Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment	benefits.va.gov/vocrehab

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BINGO & DINNER: 3-8 pm, 3rd Monday

EXERCISE: Tai Chi Class 1:15 pm Thurs.

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Volunteers needed to serve lunches & dinners
(10:30 to 12:30 & 3:30 to 6:00)

Lunch & transportation available with a reservation.

Thanksgiving Trivia

- How many pilgrims came over on the Mayflower?
A. 89 B. 102
C. 185 D. 217
- In what year did the first American Thanksgiving celebration take place?
A. 1900 B. 1490
C. 1621 D. 1776
- How long did the first Thanksgiving Feast last?
A. One day B. One week
C. Three days D. Four days
- What does the term "cornucopia" mean?
A. Corn husks B. Horn of Plenty
C. A greek D. A traditional corn dish
- Approximately how many feathers does a mature turkey have?
A. 750 B. 1,300
C. 3,500 D. 4,000
- Which U.S. state produces the most turkeys annually?
A. Alabama B. North Carolina
C. Missouri D. Arkansas
- How fast can wild turkeys run?
A. 15 mph B. 55 mph
C. 5 mph D. 25 mph
- Which country consumes the most turkey per year - per capita?
A. Israel B. Unites States
C. Mexico D. Germany
- How high must a cranberry bounce before it is harvested?
A. 6 inches B. 8 inches
C. 3 inches D. 4 inches
- Who was the first President to make Thanksgiving a national holiday?
A. Washington B. Lincoln
C. Jefferson D. Roosevelt

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Clothes Closet

WHEN: Last Thursday of every month

TIME: 10am-3pm

WHERE: Daleville United Methodist Church

423 Dorantown Road, Covington Twp PA 18444

DETAILS: Open to the public. Free clothing available for men, women, and children.

- * Light snacks will be available.
- * Donation accepted of new or gently used, clean clothing on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am-2pm.
- * Emergency clothing, leave a message at the church office (570) 842-6776



COMMONLY ASKED LEGAL QUESTIONS

Civil Cases in Magisterial District Courts
By Attorney John J. Mercuri, MDJ

1. What laws guarantee that government in Pennsylvania is open to the public?

Fundamental to open government, is of course the constitutional right of all citizen's to vote in free elections for representatives of their choice. However, there are also two important Pennsylvania statutes that concern open government. The Right to Know law guarantees Pennsylvanians the right to copies of most records maintained by state and local agencies. The Open Meeting law, also known as the Sunshine Law, requires that all deliberation and Official Action be taken at an open public meeting.

2. What characterizes a public meeting under the Sunshine Law?

A public meeting is any pre-arranged gathering of a government Agency attended by a quorum of its members to deliberate or take Official Action. Three day advance notice of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year and all further scheduled meetings must be advertised in a newspaper and posted. Reasonable opportunity for public comment must be provided at all public meetings. Closed meetings or "executive sessions" may be held provided the reason is announced at a public meeting and no Official Action is taken during the executive session. Public meetings may be recorded by a member of the audience, but not secretly, and subject to reasonable rules to avoid disruption. (Secret recordings may violate the Pennsylvania wiretap laws.)

3. What public records are available under the Right to Know Law?

The law provides any legal resident of the United States with the right to purchase, for reasonable copying charges, copies of most public records of government agencies including contracts, decisions, names and salaries of public employees and officials, correspondence, emails, minutes of meetings, etc. However, many types of records are exempt including pre-decisional deliberations, home addresses, social security numbers, personal financial information, records that would jeopardize an investigation, etc. The law lists 30 exemptions. The burden is on the public agency to show why a record should not be released. Guidelines as to the type of records available to the public are set out on the website of the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records.

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Our Fire Company Needs Your Help and Support

As the residents of Covington Township know, having an active proficient fire, rescue and ambulance service is extremely critical to the well being of our community. In our township we are indeed fortunate to have an active group of volunteers who make themselves available at all hours of the day or night. Unfortunately, over time, they lose members for one reason or another and it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain replacement personnel to perform many of the basic and life saving functions. Many of these functions are necessary to make our fire company run smoothly. Our fire company is in need of volunteers to act as truck and ambulance drivers, emergency medical technicians (EMT's) and general fire men/women. In addition, they are always looking for volunteers to help with their picnic and other fundraising events. If you are available and you have some free time to give back to your community, plan to attend a weekly work night session held every Tuesday at 7pm or contact them at (570) 842-4130 for further information.



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6th Annual William R. Kramer Memorial Scholarship Car Show



The Kramer Family would like to thank the many friends, family members and businesses for their support in making this annual car show a smashing success! They had over 100 plus registered cars with approximately 1,000 guests in attendance! If you spent a few hours at Moffat Park, you had the opportunity to enjoy the great food, fabulous cars, and memorable music! All proceeds from the event are used for North Pocono high school scholarships. For more information, contact Bill Kramer at (570) 604-2227. Information can also be found at www.wrkmemschlr.com.

Thanksgiving Trivia Answers:

1. B - 102
2. C - 1621
3. C - 3 days
4. B - Horn of Plenty
5. C - 3,500
6. B - North Carolina
7. D - 25 mph
8. A - Israel
9. D - 4 inches
10. B - Lincoln

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Back to School

Please keep in mind that school officially opens on Monday, August 31st.
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Remember to keep in mind that you must stop for buses displaying their red stop lights, whether it is on a two lane, three lane or four lane highway.

Be careful and drive cautiously!

