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From Your Supervisors.....

The supervisors would like to express their sincere appreciation for the generous donation to our Police Department to be used for the purchase of a police protective vest. The woman giving the donation prefers to be kept anonymous.

At their recent meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously decided to make their annual donation to the North Pocono Library. The Library, located at the corner of Route 690 and Union Mill Road, serves all of North Pocono and is supported by Lackawanna County and donations from townships, community organizations and others.

In order to bring township buildings up to Labor and Industry standards, the board approved emergency lighting for a number of buildings. In addition, lighting on the police building, Head Start, and garages has been improved.

As a result of increased insurance costs, the board has decided to review a number of proposals relative to car, truck, fire and liability insurances.

All Labor and Industry noted deficiencies on the mansion furnace have been corrected during the past few months.

After the township expressed written concern about the extraction of water by Natures Way at the MacKenzie Road property, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission informed the supervisors that a request by Natures Way to increase withdrawal has been withdrawn.

The Covington Township Supervisors were notified by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection that Covington Township was awarded \$11,987 for a recycling grant under Act 101. The money will be used to cover the various township expenses associated with recycling.

The supervisors approved the purchase of first aid kits for township facilities including the township garage, pavilion and mansion.

The board solicitor, engineer and Planning Commission reviewed and revised portions of the Covington Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Revisions will be finalized in the upcoming months.

The Board of Supervisors approved the use of the front caretakers house (at the Moffat Estate) for summer community education programs.

Construction on the enclosure of the Moffat Pavilion should be completed by early June. The contractor has assured the supervisors that the pavilion will be open for all scheduled weekend events. The cost of the enclosure has been financed through a state grant.

Do You Have a Township Problem Which Needs to be Addressed?

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors are always interested in hearing from residents of the township. We have scheduled meetings the first and last Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the municipal building, located at the Moffat Estate. A limited time will be allotted to those residents interested in addressing the supervisors. If you prefer, you can pick up a Service Request at the municipal office or it can also be found on our website. Go to covingtontwp.org and select *Forms & Ordinances*, then scroll to the last section and select *Covington Township Service Request Form*. Once it's sent in, the service request will be directed to the staff member who can best help you and, within a short time, you will receive a written response.



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.

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

Zoning Office & Zoning Hearing Board Secretary (570) 842-0457 ~ Melinda Thomas (8am-4pm Monday-Friday)

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

From Your Zoning Office....

It is good to understand and keep in mind that Covington Township is a zoned community. This basically means that the township supervisors have divided the township into various zones, including, but not limited to, commercial, residential, rural residential, conservation, manufacturing, and so on. Each zone within the township permits or allows certain activities which are general restricted to that zone. For example, you cannot have a commercial business in a high density residential zone. Likewise, you cannot have a manufacturing plant in a residential or conservation zone.

In addition, zoning regulations and objectives are established for the following reasons:

1. To provide adequate space for each type of development within the community so as to avoid overcrowding of land
2. To control development density in each neighborhood
3. To strive for a variety of housing types
4. To establish a list of specific uses permitted within each zone
5. To regulate the construction, repair, maintenance, height, setbacks and uses of structures.
6. To provide for administration and enforcement of the ordinances through the establishment of a Zoning Code Enforcement Officer.

In addition to the Zoning Ordinance, the township has a Nuisance Ordinance which provides additional clarity on public nuances and is established with the intent in mind of requiring the owner to remove or allow the Board of Supervisors to remove a nuisance or dangerous structure. In addition, the Nuisance Ordinance also addresses the licensing and regulations of junkyards, accumulation of junk, regulations of junk vehicles and equipment, prohibiting of dangerous properties and abatement of other activities and property conditions which constitute public nuisances.

The zoning and nuisance regulations and objectives are primarily established to make our community a safer, more organized and ultimately a better place to live.

Find Your Name Contest

The hidden name from our last newsletter was Roy Strauss. 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!

Everyone has the power to make someone else happy, some do it by entering the room while others do it simply by leaving.

meetville.com

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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.

The Moffat Estate

The warm weather is finally arriving and there is no nicer place to be than the grounds of the Moffat Estates. The sounds and quietness of nature are everywhere - flowers blooming, birds chirping and bees buzzing. Spend an hour or two at the estate or, for that matter, spend the entire day and I can assure you, you will be overjoyed with the serene surroundings. It is a great place to take a walk, to do a little fishing, have a picnic lunch, occupy the children on the swings and giant slides, or simply sit on one of our donated benches and enjoy the surroundings. Your supervisors encourage you to use and enjoy the facilities from dawn to dusk. The only request is that paper and pet droppings be picked up before you leave. Please keep in mind that all pets **must** be on a leash when using the park. As District Forester, Manny Gordon, use to say, "Enjoy! Enjoy!"

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful, for beauty is Gods' handwriting - a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower and thank God for it as a cup of blessing."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

The Dangers of Ticks

Ticks may carry Lyme disease as well as other diseases even more debilitating. They spread a number of diseases that can cause serious problems in the body. One of the most well known is Lyme disease, which is carried by deer ticks and can cause chronic autoimmune problems if left untreated. However, according to experts, they also carry other diseases which many experts consider even more serious and potentially deadly. Symptoms may not show up right away. It is interesting to know that only twenty-five percent of Lyme disease patients get the classical bull's-eye rash.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following tips for avoiding tick related problems:

- ◇ Avoid bushy or wooded areas. You should check yourself
- ◇ thoroughly after spending time outdoors even if you don't think you were in a tick habitat.
- ◇ Use tick repellent with 20%-30% DEET. Parents should be careful when using DEET on children, applying it only once daily to exposed areas and avoiding the hands to reduce the chance of chemicals getting into kids mouths.
- ◇ Use products with .5% permethrin on clothing, boots or tents. It keeps ticks away for up to two weeks.
- ◇ Bathe as soon as you're indoors.
- ◇ Do a full body scan for ticks especially under arms, in your belly button and in your hair.
- ◇ Put clothing in the dryer on high for an hour to kill any remaining ticks that are hiding.
- ◇ Keeping your pants tucked into socks or boots and wearing light-colored clothing when you are in wooded areas will make the ticks easier to spot too. If you find a tick, use tweezers or a specially designed tick removal tool. Be sure to get underneath the tick and pull it straight out without squeezing it. (Otherwise, your squeezing the bacteria into your body.)
- ◇ And of course, keep your pets up to date with flea and tick prevention products.

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. 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.

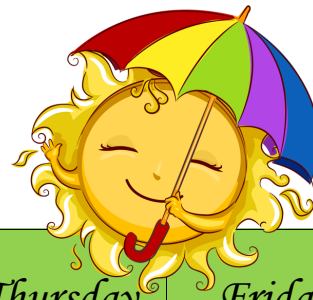
Gouldsboro Volunteer Fire Company - Bingo Thursdays from May - August at 6:30 pm. (570)842-2663

NP LovinLife Ministries - meets every Wednesday 7 pm for Bible Study at the Swartz Residence, 21 Swartz Drive. New members 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.



June 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Board of Supervisor's Meeting 7pm	3 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	4	5 One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation, evermore! - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.	6 Recycling 9-11am
7 Chicken BBQ 12pm Moscow F.D. Horseshoe Tournament 12pm Spring Brook F.D.	8	9 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	10 'Twas red with the blood of freemen and white with the fear of the foe; And the stars that fit in their courses 'gainst tyrants its symbols knows.	11 - Julia Ward Howe, "The Flag."	12	13 Corn & Clambake 5pm Gouldsboro Fire Co. 570-842-2663
14 <i>Flag Day</i> 	15 My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me. ~ Jim Valvano	16	17 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	18 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	19 Last day of school for North Pocono School District	20 Recycling 9-11am
21 <i>Father's Day</i> 	22 Anyone can be a father, but it takes a lot to be a daddy. - Unknown	23	24 Elmhurst-Roaring Brook Volunteer Fire Company Annual Fireman's Carnival Grounds open at 5pm Cruise Night & Music by "DJ Paul"	25 Grounds open at 6pm 7pm Parade & Live Music	26 Grounds open at 6pm Music by "Six More Roads" Band	27 Grounds open at 5pm Music by "Old Friends" Band
28 We have room in this country for but one flag, the Stars and Stripes.... We have room for but one loyalty, loyalty to the United States.... - Theodore Roosevelt.	29	30 Board of Supervisor's Work Session 7pm				

Flag Day

"Today we celebrate Flag Day, the birthday of our Stars and Stripes. As we think back over the history of our nation's flag, we remember that the story of its early years was often one of hardship and trials, sometimes a fight for simple survival..... As the American Republic grew and prospered and new stars were added to the flag, the ideal of freedom grew and prospered. From the rolling hills of Kentucky to the shores of California to the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon, our pioneers carried our flag before them, a symbol of the indomitable spirit of a free people. And let us never forget that in honoring our flag, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died for it over the last 200 years, patriots who set an ideal above any consideration of self. Our flag flies free today because of their sacrifice."
~ Ronald Reagan

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

STOP all activities.

Seek shelter in a substantial building or hard-topped vehicle.

Wait 30 minutes after the storm to resume activities.



www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov



Lightning Safety

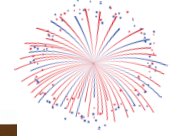
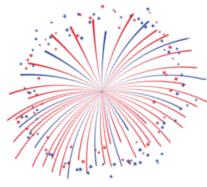
Summer time is thunderstorm time and that means peak lightning season. The key to staying safe is knowing what to do when lightning rolls through your area.

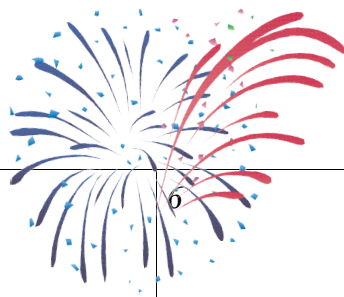

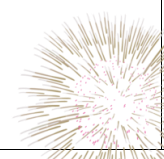
There is no safe place outdoors, advises the National Weather Service. If your outside and encounter a lightning storm, get to a safe shelter.

The NWS defines a safe shelter as a building with electricity, plumbing, or both, or a metal-topped vehicle with windows closed. Other places, like *picnic pavilions and dugouts, don't fit the bill and are NOT safe.* Good lightning safety dictates you stay inside at least 30 minutes after thunder stops.

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July 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	2 In the truest sense, freedom can- not be bestowed; it must be achieved. ~ F. D. Roosevelt	3 NO RECYCLING THIS WEEKEND DUE TO INDEPENDENCE DAY	4 
5	6	7 Board of Supervisor's Meeting 7pm	8	9 Zoning Hearing Board Quarterly Meeting 7pm	10	11 Inaugural 5k Race at 3pm
Covington Independent Fire Company's Annual Picnic						
			Music by Froggy 101 DJ Eric Peterson	Parade at 7pm Music by a DJ	Music by "The Fallen" Band	Music by "Farmers Daughter" Band; Fireworks
12 Breakfast Buffet 8am-11am Gouldsboro Fire Co. 570-842-2663	13	14 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm Arts in the Park Covington Park 10am - 12pm	15 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	16 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	17	18 Recycling 9-11am
19 Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall. ~ John Dickinson	20	21	22 Some of the best memories are made in flip flops. ~Kellie Elmore	23 	24 Old Time Fiddlers Moffat Pavilion 7:30pm	25
26 We need an America with the wisdom of experience. But we must not let America grow old in spirit. ~ Hubert H. Humphrey	27	28 Board of Supervisor's Work Session 7pm	29	30 Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it. ~ Thomas Paine	31	Saturday, 6/11/15 Lackawanna County Family Fun Day at Covington Park 11am - 3pm

Lightning Safety

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What you need to know

- **NO PLACE** outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.
- When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

Indoor Lightning Safety

- Stay off corded phones, computers and all other electrical equipment that puts you in direct contact with electricity.
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

Outdoor Lightning Safety

- Be aware of upcoming weather. *When thunder roars, go indoors!*
Safe shelters include homes, offices, shopping centers, and hard-top vehicles with windows up.
- If in an open area, crouch close to the ground, in a ball-like position with head down and hands over ear, so you have minimal contact with the ground. NEVER lie flat on the ground.
- If in a group, separate from each other to reduce the number of injuries when lightning strikes the ground.
- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks.
- Never shelter under an isolated tree or use a cliff or rocky overhand for shelter.
- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- Stay away from all objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)



August 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time." - John Lubbock</p>						<p>1 Recycling 9-11am Moscow Fire Run For The Hoses 8:30am http://runsignup.com/moscowmile</p>
2	3	4 Board of Supervisor's Meeting 7pm	5 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	6 Spring Brook Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Cow Flop Music by Froggy 101 DJ	7 Music by "Hat Trick" band	8 Music by "Crimson Tears" band
9 Kramer Car Show @ Moffat Estate 9am-4pm	10	11 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	12 "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken." - James Dent Frank Micolucci	13	14	15 Recycling 9-11am Chicken BBQ @ Daleville UMC (570)842-6776 Corn & Clambake 5pm Gouldsboro Fire Co.
16 Kramer Car Show Rain Date	17 "A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." - St. Francis of Assisi	18	19 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	20 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	21	22
23	24	25 Board of Supervisor's Work Session 7pm	26	27 "Then followed that beautiful season...Summer.... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	28	29
30 Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. ~ Oscar Wilde	31					

Volunteers Are Important

If you are a resident of Covington Township and you are looking for an organization through which you can give back to our township and North Pocono community, please consider the following:

- ⇒ Covington Township's Volunteer Fire Company
- ⇒ North Pocono Minisink Lions Club
- ⇒ North Pocono Rotary Club

These are volunteer organizations that serve and help make Covington Township and the North Pocono area a better place to live.

Support Your Police

It is truly unfortunate that we hear more and more negative references being made about police and police departments. No doubt some of this can be attributed to the slant often given by our national news media and, of course, several high profile politicians who concur with the media slant. This misrepresentation of the truth does nothing to resolve matters nor does it define the dedicated personal and essential purposes of our police departments.

Here in Covington Township we have a relatively small police department consisting of a chief, three full time officers and part time officers as needed. They perform much the same duties as larger police forces inclusive of overseeing traffic control and traffic safety, school resources, residential home protection, commercial or business protections, as well as, emergency calls for various reasons.

I don't think anyone has to be reminded of how dangerous this work can be. Whether a policeman is responding to an emergency call, pulling over a speeding motorist, arresting a criminal, or simply assuring that businesses and the public are safe, can result in circumstances which are highly intense and can often be life threatening.

Given the fact that most of us know how essential our police department is in maintaining the general safety, peace and order in our community, I am convinced that most of us appreciate their challenges and willingness to put themselves at risk.

On behalf of all of those residents who understand and appreciate the dedication and invaluable service performed by our Police Department, the Covington Corner Staff and Board of Supervisors say, "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"

Veteran's Corner

By Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Renna

LATEST NEWS FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA)

As of March 24, 2015 there have been changes in the way a veteran applies for disability benefits. In the past, a veteran was allowed to write a letter to initiate a claim. The new way of filing a claim is through pre-printed forms. The VA claims that this would insure that processing is easier and more thorough. This will give the veteran a more documented and reliable way of filing. The new process will leave no doubt as to the effective dates of the claim.

Following are the form numbers and their intended use:

- ⇒ 21-0966 Intent to file a claim for compensation and/or pension, survivors pension or other benefits.
- ⇒ 21-526EZ Application for disability compensation and related compensation benefits.
- ⇒ 21-527EZ Application for pension.
- ⇒ 21-534EZ Application for DIC, death pension and/or accrued benefits.
- ⇒ 21-0958 Notice of disagreement.

North Pocono Senior Center



OPEN Mon. - FRI. 9 AM to 2 PM

~ for adults 55 and over ~

Call 842-6727

Located directly behind the
Covington Police Department on
Route 435 in Daleville

PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT: 9:30am - 2pm, 2nd & 4th Mon.

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

EXERCISE: Tai Chi Class 1:15 pm Thurs.

Chair Exercises with Madelyn Kirkella 10:30am Tuesdays

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Cards, Games, Wii bowling, Dominos, Arts & Crafts, Health Screenings, Free weights, Ring Toss, Monthly Birthday parties, 10:30 am Brunch and more!

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

Lunch & transportation available with a reservation.

A Message from the Pennsylvania State Police

PA. State Police Bulletin 3-17-15

Billions of dollars' worth of personal items and accessories are stolen during vehicle break-ins each year. Additionally, thieves are also seeking to steal the victim's identity by taking identification and credit cards that are left in vehicles.

PREVENTION & RECOMMENDATIONS

These preventative measures will help reduce the chances of your vehicle becoming a target for break-ins.

- Lock your doors at all times.
- Close all windows and sunroofs.
- Park in a visible, well-lit area away from larger vehicles, fences or foliage.
- If you have an SUV or wagon-type vehicle, consider installing a retractable cover over the cargo area.
- Place bags and electronics, including power plugs, adapters, and suction cup mounts out of sight.
- Place valuables in the trunk when you return to your vehicle rather than after you arrive at your next location.

If you are the victim of a vehicle break-in:

- File a police report.
- Alert your credit card providers of the theft to prevent fraudulent charges.
- Check your credit history and scores to make sure additional credit cards were not added using your identity.
- Consider adding a security alert to your credit history, which will provide additional protection if your Social Security number was stolen.
- Report any stolen vehicle insurance card and vehicle registration to law enforcement, your insurance company, and the Department of Transportation. Thieves have been known to steal insurance and registration information and put them with stolen vehicles.

Individuals who witness a break-in or see a suspicious individual or vehicle should find a safe location to call 9-1-1. If you are the victim of a vehicle break-in, report the incident to police immediately.



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

By Attorney John Mercuri

Is outside burning allowed on my property?

Every North Pocono community has an ordinance that addresses outdoor fires. This column is intended to be only a brief synopsis of those various regulations. Generally speaking, outdoor cooking is allowed everywhere, and so, fire up the barbeque. However, smoke and particulate matter from even a cooking fire could possibly run afoul of certain nuisance laws or State Department of Environmental Protection Rules. Since the following is a synopsis only, anyone intending an outside fire should consult the applicable township regulation for specific requirements. Outdoor heating furnaces are also subject to separate laws. Furthermore, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has specific rules concerning particle emissions, fumes and combustion which are beyond the scope of this column.

Covington Township

A 2001 Ordinance prohibits all burning of household waste (except wood), animal matter, plastics, petroleum products, tires and any material producing noxious smoke or fumes. Any permissible burning must be weather permitting, more than fifty feet from all buildings, and attended at all times by an adult. Readily combustible wood waste generated on the premises of one household and not prohibited as above may be burned in one container from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. but may not smolder for more than one-half hour.
(Fine \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 plus costs of abatement.)

Clifton Township

It is a public nuisance to burn except for readily combustible wood or paper in a non-combustible container between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. but for less than two hours. (Fine \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 plus costs.)

Elmhurst Township

It is illegal to burn any recyclable material or yard waste. (Civil penalty up to \$600.00 or criminal penalty of \$1,000.00 per violation plus costs.)

Jefferson Township

Burning is permitted only on Saturday and Sunday in a non-combustible screened container on private property between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. with an adult attending. (\$50.00 fine plus costs)

Madison Township

No burning of garbage, rubbish or certain other listed substances without first obtaining a permit. Substances that may be burned without a permit must be contained and attending by an adult and only during daylight hours. Recyclables may never be burned. Safe outdoor campfires are allowed. (Fine \$50.00 to \$300.00 plus costs)

Moscow Borough

All open burning is forbidden except for a contained fire for cooking or heating. (Fine \$100.00 first offense and increasing plus costs)

Roaring Brook Township

Burning of plastics, toxic materials, recyclables, household garbage and waste is prohibited. Other burning on private property with the consent of the owner must be in a screened non-flammable drum attended by an adult. (Fine up to \$150.00 first offense and increasing plus costs)

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"living and working in your community"



DUFFY & SNOWDON FUNERAL HOME

401 Church Street • Moscow PA 18444 • Kevin J. Duffy, Supervisor

570-842-8501




Spring Brook Township

Spring Brook Township forbids the burning of all household garbage or rubbish including recyclable items, animal matter, plastic, petroleum products, tires, construction or trade waste, aerosol cans and hazardous substance or any substance creating noxious fumes.) The statute allows burning of "domestic refuse" that is not listed above as a prohibited item under various specified restrictions.)
(Fine \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 plus costs)

Thornhurst Township

A 1974 Ordinance allows supervised and controlled outdoor burning of non-hazardous materials under certain conditions and restrictions.
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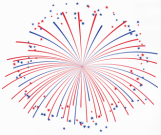
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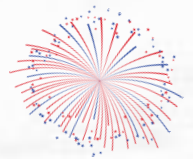
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Fireworks Displays



Minisink Lions Annual Fireworks Extravaganza

The Annual Minisink Lions Club Fireworks Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, July 4th (rain date July 5th) at the North Pocono Football Stadium, behind the North Pocono Middle School.

Enjoy fabulous food, great fireworks and music by the Poets!

All proceeds go to the Lions' projects which benefit the
North Pocono Community!

Gates open at 6 p.m.

Other Fireworks Displays

Scrantastic Spectacular: July 3rd Philharmonic (7:30pm) & Fireworks

Central Park, Honesdale: July 3rd; Raindate July 6th

PNC Field: July 4th after RailRiders vs. Buffalo Bisons game

Lake Wallenpaupack: July 4th; Raindate July 5th

Kirby Park: July 4th Philharmonic & Fireworks