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Covington Township PA 18444  
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# Covington Corner

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## Christmas Open House at the Moffat Estate

During this very special time of the year, the Covington Township Board of Supervisors would like to invite you, and especially your children, to a very exciting and fun filled afternoon at the Moffat Estate on December 5th & 6th from 12pm - 4pm. With the assistance of various North Pocono organizations and township employees, the Moffat Estate and grounds will be beautifully decorated and ready for the arrival of Santa.

During this event, your children will have the opportunity to make Christmas crafts, ride in a horse drawn carriage, get pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Clauss and listen to some Christmas caroling by the North Pocono High School Chorus! We will also have a steam train display available in the carriage house. Refreshments will be provided by the Covington Township Recreation Committee. We hope to see you there!

Since this is no admission fees or charges for this event, we are encouraging residents and participants to bring a nonperishable food item for the benefit of the North Pocono Food Pantry.



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## Christmas Events Around Our Area

December 3rd ~ Moscow Borough: Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:30pm

December 5th & 6th ~ Covington Township: Christmas at Moffat Mansion 12-4pm

December 8th ~ N.P. High School: Christmas Concert 7pm

December 12th ~ Moscow United Methodist Church: Breakfast with Santa 10am

December 16th ~ N.P. Middle School: Christmas Concert 7pm at the N.P. High School Auditorium

December 26th, 27th & 28th ~ Marywood College: The Nutcracker Ballet 2pm & 7:30pm daily

January 7, 2016 ~ N.P. Cultural Society: 4th Annual Russian Christmas in Moscow

For more information contact Frank Goryl at (570)357-1627 or email [moscowclayworks@gmail.com](mailto:moscowclayworks@gmail.com)

## Enjoying the Moffat Estate

The winter and spring months are a great time to enjoy the beauty of the Moffat Estate. Even when the snow begins to fly you are welcome to walk the grounds and just enjoy a quiet day at the estate. We simply ask that you make sure your pets are on a leash, and that all pet droppings are picked up. The park is open from dawn to dusk.

"Christmas gift suggestions:  
To your enemy,  
forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all, charity.  
To every child,  
a good example.  
To yourself, respect."  
~ Oren Arnold

## *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

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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)

## *From Your Supervisors.....*

The supervisors approved a police initiated program insuring drivers and vehicle occupants buckle up for safety. The program is sponsored by the state and provides equipment and salary reimbursement for local police departments.

The supervisors voted unanimously to provide funding for the Christmas festivities. The township recreation committee has been meeting and working diligently to make this a successful event.

The supervisors recently discussed the service contract with Penn Ambulance which will provide ambulance service for Covington Township residents during the next year. Fire Chief, Brad Jones, addressed the supervisors and indicated that the lack of sufficient trained emergency personnel to accompany the ambulance has necessitated the use of outside organizations. As a result, the fire company has contracted with Penn Ambulance to provide services.

In order to prevent our firemen and police from responding to frequent home and business alarms which are set off accidentally, the supervisors are looking into the development of a false alarm ordinance.

The board is attempting to obtain a grant which would fund the road paving to the pavilion and much of the parking area used for the pavilion and recreation area.

The board was requested to create a Bicentennial Committee for the upcoming Covington Township bicentennial celebration.

The supervisors have begun to develop a 2016 budget. It is their desire to keep the no tax increase record intact and continue to hold the line on taxes. A more thorough look at the budget will be provided when it is completed and adopted.

When granting money for recycling and other purposes the PA Department of Environmental Protection requires that townships have an official trash collection ordinance. The supervisors are currently exploring the possibility of developing such an ordinance.

An agreement between the Board of Supervisors and PP&L Corporation has been successfully negotiated. It will become the basis for repairs to those township roads which have been damaged by excessive truck traffic in the construction of their building and power lines.

The Zoning department has developed color coded zoning

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## *Find Your Name Contest*

The hidden name from our last newsletter was Ellen Graci. She won a gift certificate compliments of Mendicino's Restaurant. 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...



### *Winter driving tips*

- \* Make sure your car is prepared for cold temperatures and wintery conditions like snow and ice. Keep your equipment properly maintained and include a winter survival kit in your vehicle: an ice scraper, snow shovel and sand/salt.
- \* Clear snow and ice off your car – including windows, mirrors, lights, reflectors, hood, roof and trunk.
- \* Drive with your headlights on, and be sure to keep them clean to improve visibility.
- \* Use caution when snow banks limit your view of oncoming traffic.
- \* Avoid using cruise control in snowy or icy conditions. In adverse conditions, you want as much control of your car as possible.
- \* Know how to brake on slippery surfaces. Vehicles with anti-lock brakes operate much differently from those that do not have anti-lock brakes. You should consult your vehicle's owner's manual for instructions on how to brake properly if your vehicle should start to skid.
- \* Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season. This helps ensure you have a source of heat if you are stuck or stranded.
- \* If you do venture out or are unexpectedly caught in a snowstorm and encounter problems, stay in your car and wait for help. You can run the car heater to stay warm for 10 minutes every hour, but make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of snow. There is a danger of carbon monoxide poisoning if snow blocks the pipe and enables the deadly gas to build up in your car. Open your window slightly to help prevent the buildup.
- \* Keep your windshield washer reservoir full, and make sure your car has wiper blades that are in good condition.
- \* Remember that speed limits are meant for dry roads, not roads covered in snow and ice. You should reduce your speed and increase your following distance as road conditions and visibility worsen.
- \* Be cautious on bridges and overpasses as they are commonly the first areas to become icy.

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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 Verrastro (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](http://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 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.





# December 2015

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	2 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	3	4	5 Recycling 9-11am Christmas Open House at Moffat Mansion 12-4pm
6 Christmas Open House at Moffat Mansion 12-4pm	7	8 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	9 10 11 12 What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace." ~ Agnes M. Pahren			
13 One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly. ~Andy Rooney	14	15	16 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	17 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	18	19 Recycling 9-11am
20 Afternoon with Santa Spring Brook Fire Co. 2-4pm	21 	22	23 NPSP Early Dismissal Closed until 1-4-16	24 Township offices close at 12pm Reopening 12-28-15 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26
27 Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts. ~Janice Maeditere	28	29 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	30	31 Township offices close at 12pm Reopening 1-4-15 New Year's Eve		

## From the Road Department.....

We are rapidly entering the ice and snow season and would like to remind you of some important matters which will make it easier for our township employees to accomplish their plowing and de-icing tasks more efficiently.

1. Please do NOT park your vehicles on township roads while plowing and de-icing is being done.
2. Before, during, or after a storm, please do NOT push snow or other debris back onto the roadway.
3. Keep in mind that we are very familiar with the roads and will make every effort to avoid damage to your yards. (It is not necessary to mark your lawn areas with reflectors.) However, during heavy storms it often becomes necessary to use larger equipment and there is always a potential that your lawn may be damaged. I can assure you that this is never done intentionally nor does it happen often.

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### From Your Supervisors

maps of Covington Township which make it somewhat easier to fully describe the respective zones within the township. Maps are available for public purchase at \$10 per map. You can also obtain these maps on a smaller scale by going to our website.



Unfortunately, the annual fishing derby was cancelled due to lack of sufficient interest.

## Winter Driving Tips

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- \* Avoid passing snow plows and sand trucks. The drivers can have limited visibility, and the road in front of them could be worse than the road behind.
- \* Monitor road and weather conditions by checking local news stations or Internet traffic and weather sites.
- \* If you must travel during a snow-storm or in blizzard conditions, be sure to let a relative, friend or coworker know where you are headed and your expected arrival time. Avoid the temptation to check or be on your phone while driving as all of your attention should be on arriving safely.

# January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>NO RECYCLING</b>
3	4 Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting 7pm NPSD back to school!	5	6 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	7 Zoning Hearing Board Organizational & Quarterly Meeting 7pm	8	9 Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. — Albert Einstein
10	11	12 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16 Recycling 9-11am
17	18 Township Offices are CLOSED Martin Luther King Day	19	20 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	21 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	22	23
24	25	26 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	27	28	29	30
31	Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "wow, what a ride!" - Hunter S. Thompson					

## Make Mistakes

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're *doing something*.

So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. *Make new mistakes.* Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work, or family, or life.

Whatever it is you're scared of doing, *do it*.

Make your mistakes, next year and forever.

~ Neil Gaiman

## Remembering Safety During the Holidays

We are sharing some tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International to help you stay safe during the holidays.

### Outlets and extension cords

- Avoid overloading electrical outlets, which can overheat and cause a fire.
- Do not place extension cords where they could cause a tripping hazard.
- Do not run extension cords under rugs or furniture.

### Space heaters and open flames

- Use space heaters properly and safely. Keep them out of high-traffic areas and at least 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Don't leave a space heater running unattended.
- Never leave an open flame, including the fireplace, unattended.

### Kitchen Safety

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling.
- Keep children at least 3 feet away from cooking appliances.
- Keep towels, pot holders and curtains away from hot surfaces.

# February 2016



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	3 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	4 We accept the love we think we deserve. - Stephen Chbosky	5	6 Recycling 9-11am
7 All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. - Charles M. Schulz	8	9 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	10 Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it. - Nicholas Sparks, A Walk to Remember	11	12 Soup & Pasta Sale Daleville UMC (570) 842-6776	13
14  Valentine's Day	15 NPSD closed President's Day	16	17 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	18 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	19 Soup & Pasta Sale Daleville UMC (570) 842-6776	20 Recycling 9-11am
21	22	23 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	24 "I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." - Mother Teresa	25	26 Soup & Pasta Sale Daleville UMC (570) 842-6776	27
28 You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams. - Dr. Seuss	29	"The best love is the kind that awakens the soul; that makes us reach for more, that plants the fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds." - The Notebook				

## The Three Forms of Love

Ancient Greek, the language in which the New Testament was written, has three words for love.

There is eros, the sexual passion we have for another person and philos, a less intense feeling of affection or friendship. The third form of love, agape, is God's fatherly love for humankind, as well as our love for God. Agape also denotes our feelings of loving kindness toward all other people, even those we do not know. Agape is a love with no expectation in return.

## The Triangular Theory of Love

The American psychologist Robert Sternberg (born 1949) developed his "triangular theory of love" as a means of gauging and characterizing the love he felt between two people. He measured each person's feelings for each other on three different scales - intimacy, passion and commitment - and gave labels to different forms of love according to the proportionate importance of these three factors. For example, he categorized a relationship based on intimacy alone as friendship, one founded on passion as an infatuation, and one in which a couple feels commitment to each other but no passion or intimacy as "empty love". At the other end of the scale, Sternberg described a relationship based off high levels of all three elements as "consummate love", the most complete form of love. However, relationships change over time - the challenge is not only to find consummate love but to sustain it.

### Soup and Pasta Sale

The Daleville United Methodist Church plans to continue their annual Soup & Pasta Sale during the months of February and March. Each week a variety of soup and pasta will be available and orders can be made by calling Barbara at (570)842-8065 or leaving a message at the church at (570) 842-6776. All orders must be made by Wednesday.

Feb. 12th  
potato soup  
vegetable soup  
baked ziti

Feb. 19th  
cream of broccoli soup  
Manhattan clam chowder  
stuffed shells

Feb. 26th  
minestrone soup  
cheese cappelletti soup  
tuna noodle casserole

# Veteran's Corner



By Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Renna

## "OUR VETERANS DESERVE IT"

If you have a few extra bucks, and I know that for most of us that this is a tough thing to ask, you might consider a donation to our veterans. Especially warriors coming back from war zones with physical and mental problems. Their families also need our help with various expenses such as housing, medical and transportation, just to mention a few. Most of us have seen information on television, radio or perhaps on your computer with regards to giving to charitable organizations. I am going to list a few well known organizations for your information.

Wounded Warrior Project .....WWP.COM

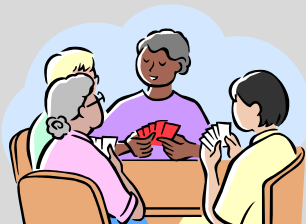
Disabled Americans Veterans ..... DAV.COM

American Veterans .....AMVETS.COM

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**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.

## Are You Ready For Winter?

Before winter and storms arrive, stock up on the following supplies:

- ◇ Rock salt or an alternative, environmentally safe product to melt ice on walkways
- ◇ Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment
- ◇ Heating fuel or a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for the fireplace or wood-burning stove
- ◇ Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm

During a storm and extreme cold:

Once a storm arrives or the temperatures dip to bone-chilling single digits, take the following steps:

- ◇ Stay indoors
- ◇ Avoid overexertion
- ◇ Keep dry

Signs of frostbite: Frostbite occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. Symptoms include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities (such as fingers, toes, earlobes, face, and the tip of the nose).

If you suspect frostbite: Cover the exposed skin but do not rub the affected areas. Seek medical attention.

Signs of hypothermia: This is a dangerously low body temperature that leads to uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and exhaustion.

If you suspect hypothermia: Take the person's temperature. If it is below 95 degrees, seek medical attention immediately. Rose Marie Lavergata Get the victim to a warm location. Remove wet clothing. Wrap the person in blankets and give them warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the person is conscious.

After the storm:

- ◇ If your home loses power or heat for more than a few hours or if you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm there overnight, you may want to go to a designated public shelter if you can get there safely. Text **SHELTER** + your **ZIP code** to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area.



## Clothes Closet

WHEN:

Last Thursday of every month

TIME:

9am-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 Monday's & Thursday's 7am-12pm.
- \* 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

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### What is a marriage in Pennsylvania?

Marriage in Pennsylvania has been recognized as a civil contract since the colonial era beginning with the Act of 1700 entitled: "An Act for the Preventing of Clandestine Marriages". Since the Act of 1700 there have been various marriage laws passed in Pennsylvania. The current law simply titled as: "The Marriage Law" was passed in 1990. Oddly enough, in none of these statutes over the past 300 years has actually defined the word "marriage".

In 1722, the Pennsylvania legislature created the first Supreme Court in the colonies. Shortly thereafter, the Supreme Court declared that a marriage: "may be entered into before any witness, and for which there is no particular form of ceremony required by law; neither need it be performed before a clergyman or a magistrate."

### How does one begin the legal marriage process?

To marry in Pennsylvania each applicant must appear in person before the marriage license clerk in any Pennsylvania county, not necessarily the county where the marriage is to be performed. The applicants must answer under oath certain questions as to the legality of the marriage. However, the United States Supreme Court has decreed that two people who are otherwise qualified cannot be denied a marriage license because of sexual orientation.

### What happens after a license is issued?

A marriage license in Pennsylvania authorizes a marriage ceremony to be performed in any county of the Commonwealth. Certain persons are authorized by statute to solemnize marriages including: a Magisterial District Judge or any active or senior Pennsylvania or Federal Court Judge, a mayor of any city or borough, a minister, priest or rabbi of any regularly established church or congregation. Additionally, every religious society or organization in Pennsylvania may join persons together in marriage when at least one of the persons is a member of that society or organization.

### Is it necessary for an authorized officiant to perform a marriage?

Although the concept of "common law marriage" has been eliminated in Pennsylvania, the law does allow for parties to solemnize their own marriage without officiating clergy or judge. They must first obtain from the Marriage License Bureau, along with their license, a Declaration that there is no legal impediment to the marriage and then file a prescribed Certificate that they united themselves in marriage. This Certificate must be completed by the parties and their witnesses and recorded with the Marriage License Bureau within ten (10) days of the issuance of the marriage license.

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peace and happiness to last throughout the coming year!*

