

Covington Corner



RECYCLING CHANGES

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The recycling guidelines through Lackawanna County Recycling Center have changed and became much stricter. People are contaminating entire dumpsters by depositing items that are not acceptable. Subsequently, the Recycling Center is now rejecting entire truck loads of (contaminated) recyclables which results in the township paying fines and garbage disposal fees.

Please take note of the only items we are able to accept.

- Glass - bottles and jars only! NO Lids! NO broken glass!
- Aluminum and steel/tin cans –throw away lids (unless attached)
- Plastic - bottles and jars NO lids! (i.e. milk, juice, water, cleaners, soda)
- Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks and brown bags (stack in brown bag or tie)
- Office paper (computer paper, mail, envelopes)
- Shredded paper (place in clear plastic bag ONLY)
- Cardboard boxes (heavy shipping boxes) All boxes must be flattened and bundled or placed inside a larger box.

Because of these problems, we are only accepting recycling on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, from 9am - 11am, so that employees can monitor everything being brought to us.

We also have cameras monitoring all those dropping off their recycling. Anyone caught disposing and/or dumping non-recyclable items or garbage will be fined accordingly by our police department. Please see the Police Department's article on page 3.

Friendly reminder:
ALL glass, plastic and cans must be empty of all food and liquids, then thoroughly rinsed out before recycling.

The following items are NOT recyclable:

margarine tubs
food wrappers
disposable dishes & cups
snack bags
straws
utensils
cling wrap
plate / window glass
mugs

glassware
drinking glasses
plastic bags
ceramic cups, plates, & cookware
styrofoam
toys
plant / flower pots
light bulbs
deli containers

yogurt containers
bakery containers/boxes
berry containers
paint cans
motor oil or chemical containers
food wrappers
bubble wrap
books

These items should be saved for spring clean up, NOT recycling:
toilet seats, pool liners, trampolines, motor blocks,
bowling balls and carrying cases, golf clubs & bags

When in doubt, throw it out.



Covington Township *From Your Supervisors...* *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) 840-0727 ~ Director Thomas M. Yerke

District Magistrate (570) 842-2111
~ Honorable Kipp Adcock

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 @7:00pm)

Senior Center (570) 843-6485

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) 237-5254 ~ Mary Louise Butler,
P.E., 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)

This year's (2019) major road projects include the following:

1. Replacement of Langan Road bridge. The township has received a state grant which will cover a good portion of the overall costs.
2. Widen and resurface Moffat Drive (leading to the township municipal building).
3. Storms Road upgrade project.
4. Paving of Douglas Road with 1 1/3" of blacktop.

The Director of Public Works reported the following:

1. A crushed pipe on Winship Road has been replaced.
2. The recycling truck is being refurbished.
3. Consideration has been given to building a separate shed to store antiskid materials rather than storing these materials at the PennDot shed.

A public hearing was held in January to consider the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license.

A public hearing was also held on February 5, 2019 for the purpose of adopting an ordinance which amended the Covington Township Tobacco Ordinance to include vaping, penalties and enforcement procedures.

A request was received for a municipal land use letter related to the John Gentile property located behind the Community Bank to place a portable grinder to crush concrete on the property. The township required that the grinder be placed on the property in a location to minimize noise with hours of operation Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No other material can be brought on to the site for crushing or processing.

There were ten (10) new home constructions in Covington Township in 2018 valued at \$3,219,630.00.

The board voted to issue a check for \$100,000.00 to the Covington Fire Company for the purpose of purchasing a used rescue truck.

Find Your Name Contest

The hidden name from our last newsletter was Antoinette Hamidian. She did not find her name.

Another resident's 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...



Littering and Illegal Dumping

Any littering and illegal dumping, regardless of how big or small the items are, is unlawful and violators will be prosecuted.

Illegal dumping and littering is an issue all over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. However, illegal dumping appears to be on the rise here in Covington Township. Individuals are dumping furniture, tires, electronics and trash in the woods, along our roadways, and now, they are even leaving garbage and non-recyclable items on township property, instead of depositing this garbage in their own container.

There are two particular laws that can effect you if you decide to litter or dump items.

#1 PA Vehicle Code, Title 75, Chapter 37 Depositing Waste & Other Materials on Highways, Property or Waters

- This applies to any litter and waste dropped, thrown or deposited from a vehicle that lands upon any highway, waterways, public or private property without the consent of the property owner.
- Vehicle owners are responsible for anything thrown from their vehicles, even if the owner wasn't driving, or wasn't in the vehicle.
- Penalties for this summary offense would be fines from \$300 - \$900 and to pick up/remove litter from public or private property for 8 - 16 hours for the first conviction.

#2 PA Crimes Code, Title 18, Chapter 65 Scattering Rubbish

- This applies to any litter and waste that lands on public and private property or into the waterways.
- This includes someone illegally disposing their own trash or someone who's paid to dispose of trash.
- Penalties for a first offense carry fines from \$50 - \$300, or imprisonment up to ninety (90) days, or both.

Neighborhood Events

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 5207 Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of each month 9 am-noon (adults \$6 child 12 & under \$3)

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

Minisink Lions Club—meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at the VFW— Jim Strempek (570) 842-4488

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 of 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 8:30am -12pm in church hall. For more information call (570)842-7656

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

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

NP Library - KIDS: Music & Movement -Mondays @10am, PreK Storytime - Tuesdays @11am, Toddler Time -Fridays @10am, Lego Club 1st Saturday @11am, STEM -3rd Saturday @11am; ADULTS: Breakfast Book Club 3rd Monday @10am, Novels at Night -3rd Thursday @6pm, Mahjong -Mondays @12:30pm, Mexican Train Dominos -Tuesdays @12:30pm, Yoga -Thursdays @5pm, Bridge Club -Fridays @12:30pm (570) 842-4700 www.lclshome.org/npoco

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 - Prayer group, Sanctuarians for Life, online found on FaceBook or meets Mon.-Fri. 8pm at the Swartz Residence, 21 Swartz Drive. New members are welcome. (570) 249-1357

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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <div>Lackawanna County Heritage Fair May 29th—June 2nd Located at the Pavilion at Montage</div>						1 Recycling 9-11am
2 Chicken BBQ 11-4pm Pre-sale tickets available at Moscow Fire Co.	3	4 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	5 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	6	7 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm (570)842-7301 Open to the Public	8 Corn & Clambake Goldsboro Fire Co. 5 p.m.
9 VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am \$8 Open to the public	10	11 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	12	13 7pm Parade	14 Music by "Tommy Guns Band"	15 Recycling 9-11am Live band & 10pm Fireworks
16 <i>Father's Day</i>	17	18	19 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	20 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	21 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm (570)842-7301 Open to the Public 	22
23 30	24	25 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	26 Cruise Night	27 7pm Parade & Music by "Take 3"	28 Music by "The Sperazza Band"	29 Music by "Old Friends"

Donations Needed to Celebrate Our Veterans

On Saturday, June 22nd, the Moscow Sportsman Club and Rolling Thunder Pa. Chapter 3 will be holding their second annual Trap (Clay Birds) Shoot and luncheon for area veterans at the Moscow Sportsman Club.

Last year's outing was a great success enjoyed by all present. All monies raised will be used for the veterans. Any monies, after expenses for the day have been paid, will be given to the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center, Scranton, Pa. to be placed in the residents' welfare fund for non-budgeted items for all residents.

Please make all donations payable to the Moscow Sportsman Club, 656 Union Mill Road, Moscow Pa. 18444.

Rolling Thunder, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to helping veterans from all wars.

Seven Reasons to Plant a Tree

Author Patti Davis, daughter of President Ronald Reagan

1. *Attract wildlife*
2. *Add privacy to gardens* - As lot sizes shrink, backyards and patios that serve as personal sanctuaries become more important to our sense of well-being.
3. *Freshen the air* - Trees remove nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, ozone, carbon monoxide, and small particulates from the air.
4. *Help manage runoff* There's less runoff and erosion to choke and pollute streams.
5. *Reduce carbon* - Carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas, is considered a prime contributor to global warming. Trees breathe it in, use the carbon to build mass (half of a tree's dry weight is carbon), then exhale oxygen.
6. *Save energy* - Deciduous trees, positioned to shade the house on hot summers days when their leaves block the sun, also warm the house in winter by letting the sun pass through their leafless branches.
7. *Increase home value* - The average tree can increase the value of your home by about seven percent (7%).



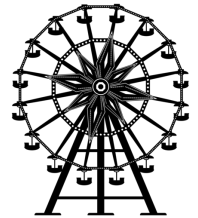
Covington Fire Company Picnic

July 9th - July 13th



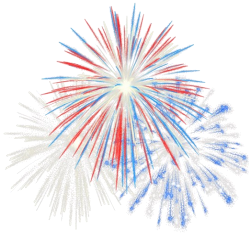
Tuesday, July 9th
Family Night—All rides are \$1.25

Wednesday, July 10th
Wristbands \$15.00 starting at 6pm
Music by a D.J.

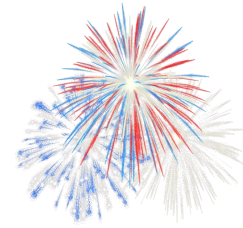


Thursday, July 11th
Wristbands \$15.00 all night
Music by The Fallen
Firemen's Parade at 7 p.m.

Friday, July 12th
Wristbands \$15.00 all night
Music by Tommy Guns Band



Saturday, July 13th
One-Price Rides \$20.00 from 3-11pm
Music by a D.J.
Fireworks



**Wings
Hamburgers
Hotdogs
Wimpies
French fries
Pizza
Clams
Clam chowder
Shrimp**

**Steak & cheese hoagies
Fish & chips
Sausage sandwiches
Meatball hoagies
Potato pancakes
Pizza frittatas
Ice cones
Pop corn
...and much more!**

Our picnic will be successful if you are able to come for a couple nights and we will do our best to serve some good food. Thank you for all of your support!



July 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	3 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	4 FOURTH of JULY	5 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm (570)842-7301 Open to the Public	6 Recycling 9-11am
7 Breakfast Buffet 8am-12pm Flea Mkt. 8:30-2pm Jefferson Fire Co.	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Covington Fire Company Picnic				
		Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm		Zoning Hearing Board Meeting 7:30pm		
14 Breakfast 8-11am Gouldsboro Fire Co. VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am \$8 Open to the public	15	16	17 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	18 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	19 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm (570)842-7301 Open to the Public	20 Recycling 9-11am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 American Girl Doll Bingo 1 p.m. Gouldsboro Fire Co.	29	30 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	31			

For Your Better Health...

Healthy Way to Manage Pain

Physical therapy may be just as effective as opioid painkillers in the treatment of certain types of pain. In one study, people who received physical therapy immediately after hip-replacement surgery used fewer opioids to manage pain than those who didn't receive therapy. People who had physical therapy within three days of the start of low-back pain were also less likely to use opioid painkillers than those who didn't. Opioid painkillers are highly addictive. The CDC recommends that patients and their doctors try non-pharmaceutical treatments for pain first.

Source: Physical Therapy

Early Bird Gets The Worm

"Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." The jury's still out on "wealthy and wise," but healthy may be true. In a study of 433,268 adults, those who labeled themselves a "definite night owl" -they stay up late and sleep in late -were 10% more likely to die during the six-year study than the ones who called themselves a "definite morning person." The night owls had higher rates of diabetes, psychological problems, and neurological disorders too. These problems, the researchers say, could be due to constant misalignment of night owls' needs with the world's demands.

Source: Chronobiology International

Social study

Want to be more outgoing? Try doing someone a favor. Forty people with social anxiety did good deeds regularly for a month. They mowed neighbors' lawns and washed roommates' dishes, among other acts of kindness. Researchers compared them with other socially anxious people who either kept a diary or engaged in random social interactions for a month. Before and after the experiment, everyone rated their desire to avoid social situations. Afterward, the do-gooders no longer wanted to avoid socializing as much as the others did. Barbara Noll, Researchers believe that doing good deeds taught them to expect a positive response from interacting with others.

Source: Motivation and Emotion



54%

of kids don't drink enough water. Children ages 5 - 8 need 34 ounces a day. Kids 9 and up need 50 - 65 ounces.

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The average age when depression strikes - although it can affect people at any age.

Source: National Institute of Mental health



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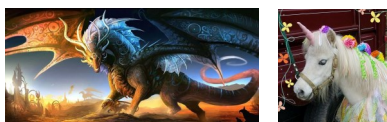
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					VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm (570)842-7301 Moscow Country Street Fair Aug. 2nd—Aug 4th	Recycling 9-11am Wine in the Woods & Craft Fair 3-8 pm @ Elmhurst Carnival Grounds Moscow Run for Hoses & Moscow Street Fair
				8	9	10
				Spring Brook Fire Company's Cow Flop Picnic		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Kramer Car Show 9am—4pm Moffat Estate VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am \$8 Open to the Public		Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm (570)842-7301 Open to the Public	Recycling 9-11am 5pm Corn & Clambake Goldsboro Fire Co. Chicken BBQ Dinner Daleville UMC 3-7pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Kramer Car Show Rain date			Planning Commission Meeting 7pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm				

Moscow Country Street Fair

The Moscow Country Street Fair is held on Main Street, Church Street and Van Brunt Street in Moscow

FREE Admission
Live Music
30 Pack Light
Crimson Tears
The Luongo Brothers
The Fabulous Fortunes
Fred Jaggars
Musical Dreams Studio
The Martins
Parades
Vendors
Car Show
Moscow Fire Company's
Run for the Hoses
Karaoke Contest (Sat.)
Art Show
Quilt Show
Local Food Vendors
Horse & Carriage Rides
Arts and Crafts Vendors
...AND MUCH MORE!

Friday 8/3: 5 - 8:30pm
Saturday 8/4: 10am-8:30pm
Sunday 8/5: 12 - 5pm



Special Kids Section

SATURDAY 12-5pm
Stop by & meet our
Princess Peanut the Unicorn & our interactive Dragon!

4th Annual Run for the Hoses

The Moscow Fire Run for the Hoses is a downhill mile race that takes place in the heart of our borough on August 3rd! The race starts on Church Street and ends on Van Brunt Street in Moscow.

There are two different heats for the mile run. The first heat will be for runners/walkers of all ages at 10:00am. The second heat will be for firefighters who wish to run the race in full turnout gear (minus packs) at 10:30am.

Registration will take place at the Moscow Fire and Hose Company on North Main Street in Moscow starting at 8:30am. Registration will be \$10 for the race only or \$15 for the race and a t-shirt while supplies last. Online Registration can be completed until August 2nd. Guarantee a t-shirt size by registering by July 19th. Go to www.runsignup.com and enter 'Moscow Fire Run for the Hoses' under events.

Awards will be handed out following the race. Awards will be given for the overall male and female finisher in each heat. Additional age group awards will be given to the overall male and female finisher in each of the following age categories for Heat #1: 9 & Under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+.

For online registration, go to:

<http://runsignup.com/moscowmile>

Updates on FaceBook page: Moscow Country Street Fair
Or contact: Lisa Duffy at (570)842-8501

Veteran's Corner

By Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Renna

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Time to Give Back

The Vietnam War lasted about nineteen years, and during that time, our Special forces fought many battles in the Highland Country. During Special Forces operations, they were aided by very courageous people called Montagnards. These tribal people gave many lives in support of U.S. military operations only to be abandoned by the United States when we pulled out of Vietnam in 1975.

There is a special organization located in North Carolina called the STMP (Save the Montagnard People). This organization is trying to bring as many of the Montagnard's to the U.S. as possible because persecution still exists in Vietnam, and Montagnard's are targeted by the current government for punishment and possible death.

Please take a few minutes and go to www.montagnards.org for a short story about these courageous people and the efforts of the STMP Organization.

North Pocono Senior Center

10 Moffat Drive, Covington Twp.

Adults 55 years old & older
are welcome

Activities include:

Bingo
Bingo dinner
Pinochle tournaments
Pinochle lessons
Red Hat Meetings
Dominoes and lessons
Holiday parties
Brunch
& much more!

OPEN every
Monday, Tuesday
& Wednesday
9 a.m.—2 p.m.
(unless noted)

If North Pocono
School District is
closed or delayed
due to bad weather,
then the Senior
Center will be
closed.

Transportation
and detailed
information on our
schedule of events
can be obtained
by calling
(570)843-6485



Clothes Closet



WHEN: Thursday's
TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
WHERE: 921 Drinker Turnpike (Bill's Plaza, behind AllState Insurance, last door on the right)
DETAILS: Sponsored by Daleville United Methodist Church
Free clothing available for men, women, and children.
* Donation accepted of new or gently used, clean clothing & shoes on Thursday's 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
* Emergency clothing, leave a message at (570) 842-6776

10th Annual William R. Kramer Memorial Car Show

Come join us for the 10th William R. Kramer Memorial Scholarship Fund Car Show, benefiting the William R. Kramer Memorial Scholarship Fund. The show is hosted by the Kramer Family with the help from our friends and local businesses, sponsored by Tom Yerke.



Twenty-nine years ago, William's life came to a tragic end in a fatal car crash. Bill's family and friends came together, after this tragedy, and formed the William R. Kramer memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is designed to help a North Pocono High School graduate further their education. In the past ten years, the William R. Kramer Scholarship Fund has grown due to the annual Car Show. Last year, the show had 150 cars and close to 1,000 spectators, down some because we had to use our rain date.

The Kramer Family would like to thank all businesses and the people who support them. This years show is on August 11th at the Moffat Estate, from 9am-4pm, with a rain date of August 19th. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for show cars and no charge for spectators. In addition to the Estates many amenities, there will be music, great food, door prizes, tricky trays and face painting. Come join us for this fun filled event. Contact for the show is Bill Kramer at 570-604-2227.

Why the 2020 Census Is Important

Everyone counts. The census counts every person living in the U.S. once & in the right place.

Fair representation. Every 10 years, the census is used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

675 Billion Dollars. Census data determines how more than 675 billion dollars are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.

Redistricting. State officials use the census results to redraw boundaries of their congressional & state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

Your civic duty. Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT".

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COMMONLY ASKED LEGAL QUESTIONS

By Attorney John J. Mercuri

Can a litigation address the problems of climate change?

In the past, the judicial system and lawsuits have helped to lead the way forward on national issues such as desegregation and the social and individual harms caused by tobacco use. Now lawsuits around the country in state and federal courts are beginning to attack the issue of manmade climate change, commonly called global warming. New York City and California have litigation pending against fossil fuel companies for costs associated with rising sea levels. The "Sabine Center for Climate Change Law" of Columbia School of Law has logged over 1,000 national court cases on these issues. Furthermore, this litigation is occurring in many other countries of the world, not just in the United States.

One case that has gathered a lot of attention is that of Juliana v. United States of America, et al. This litigation was filed in 2015 by 21 young people alleging a federal constitutional right to a livable environment. The case is pending in Federal District Court in Oregon and has survived multiple appeals by the defendants to the Ninth Circuit Appellate Court and to the Supreme Court. The case was originally filed during the Obama administration and three fossil fuel industry groups joined in the case due to fear that the Obama administration would not make a strong defense. After Donald Trump was elected, these fuel industry groups dropped out of the case because they were assured that the present administration would more strongly defend their rights. Even though the plaintiffs bringing this case have won many pre-trial motions before the Appellate Court and even before the Supreme Court, the feeling is that the plaintiffs will eventually fail. The United States Supreme Court has held in the past that it was not the duty of the court system to decide appropriate levels of pollution.

Although climate litigation has had a very spotty record of success, perhaps it can be compared to litigation against the tobacco industry. Prior to the 1970's litigation against the tobacco industries failed time after time. The principle upheld by the courts was that these companies were selling a legal product voluntarily used by its customers. What finally turned the tide against the tobacco industry was the eventual judicial recognition that these companies were knowingly selling a product that caused serious health problems including cancer. It may be that the kind of lawsuits seeking the right to a clean and safe environment will eventually create a similar sort of social change.

2020 Census

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It's in the constitution. The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years & it covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.

Census data is used all around you.

- * Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.
- * Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.
- * Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.
- * Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

Your data is confidential. Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. By law, information cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

You can help. You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in our community gets counted.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

Find out how to help at:

census.gov/partners

Or for more information: census.gov

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Capitalism vs. Socialism

Since there has been so much discussion lately about socialism, we thought it might be beneficial for you to understand the basic differences between capitalism and socialism.

Capitalism

- Private ownership
- Individual goals
- High competition
- Individual wealth

Socialism

- Government ownership
- Collective goals
- Low competition
- Shared wealth



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SAME WHEREVER YOU GO?

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never leaves our care.



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our private family
crematory so your
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Fireworks Displays

Minisink Lions Annual Fireworks Extravaganza

The Annual Minisink Lions Club Fireworks Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, July 6th (rain date July 7th) at the North Pocono Football Stadium, behind the North Pocono Middle School.

Enjoy fabulous food, great fireworks and entertainment!
All proceeds go to the Lions' projects which benefit the
North Pocono Community!

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Other Fireworks Displays

Scrantastic Spectacular: July 3rd
Central Park, Honesdale: July 1st; Raindate July 2nd
PNC Field: July 4th after RailRiders vs. Rochester Red Wings game
Lake Wallenpaupack: July 4th; Raindate July 5th
Kirby Park: July 4th