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From Your Supervisors...

At the September meeting, a letter from William Fells was read regarding his resignation from the Board of Supervisors. At that time, the supervisors appointed Marshall Pierce as his replacement for the remainder of the term. Mr. Peirce is also a life-time member & Treasurer of the Covington Independent Fire Company who has served Covington Township for over fifty years and is a valued member of our community.

Tom Yerke, Director of Public Works, also announced at the September meeting that he will be retiring from his position at the end of this year.

The Board of Supervisors appointed Chet Havenstrite, Jr. to take the place of Marshall Pierce on the Planning Commission at the October meeting.

The Emergency Declaration pertaining to COVID-19 was extended at the November meeting until January 4, 2021. A copy of this Emergency Declaration can be found on the township website, *covingtontwp.org* where it is

listed under Public Notice.

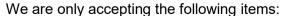
Township supervisors added a 2020 Dodge Durango Pursuit to the police department fleet in the end of September.

Reminders: Outdoor burning can only take place between 8am - 9pm and can not smolder for more than 30 minutes. The ordinance prohibits the burning of solid or liquid waste, animal

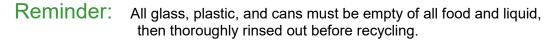
matter, plastic, Styrofoam, oil or petroleum, tires and any other material that can produce noxious or hazardous smoke or fumes. All burning must be weather permitting and be located more than 50 feet from all buildings, along with being attended at all times by an adult.



Covington's Recycling Center reopened last month after being closed due the novel pandemic. The center is open only on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 7am—11am. Dumpsters are no longer available at any other time for drop-offs.



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



Disclaimer:

The events listed in this newsletter may not happen as scheduled due to regulations set by government officials (i.e. stay at home orders and social distancing requirements) because of extenuating circumstances with the unprecedented novel coronavirus. All events are listed with a contact number for further information so that you can call to see if the events will actually take place.



Covington Township at your Service

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

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

<u>Dept. of Public Works</u> (570) 840-0727 ~ Director Thomas M. Yerke

<u>District Magistrate</u> (570) 842-2111 ~ Honorable Kipp Adcock

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

Main Office (570) 842-8336 ~ Douglas A. Hein, Secretary - Treasurer; 9am - 4pm, Monday - Friday, Moffat Estate

Pavilion Manager (570) 840-6959 ~ Melinda Musso

<u>Planning Commission</u> (570) 351-6086 ~ 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) 840-0725 Kate Tierney covingtontwptaxcollector@gmail.com

Recreation Committee (570) 842-8336 (Meeting 3rd Thurs. of the month @7:00pm)

Senior Center (570) 843-6485

Sewage Enforcement Officer (570) 241--8743 ~ Gary Enslin

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

<u>Township Engineer</u> (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 Musso (8am - 4pm Mon.-Fri.)

Zoning Officer (570) 842-0457 ~ Ronald Donati

Christmas Events in the Area

Although a lot of events for the holidays have been cancelled due the coronavirus, there is one that has found a way to make it happen. The Ballet Theatre of Scranton, under the artistic direction of Joanne Arduino, will present their 45th annual performance

of The Nutcracker quite differently this season, but the tradition of their gift to the community will continue. In November, their production was presented at the Circle Drive-In. You will be able to see their performance on December 23rd - 26th on the stations: WOLF, WSWB and WQMY. Check local listings for air times. For additional information, call Ballet Theatre of Scranton at 570-347-2867 or visit their website at www.balletscranton.org



Free Lunch

The government has extended "free" meal status to all children up to the age of 18. All North Pocono District students will be eligible for free meals whether learning in the classroom or virtually. Families with children who are not yet school-age, or reside in your home and are under the age of 18 are also eligible for meals under this program.

If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service Director, Nick Germano, at ngermano@npsd.org or call 570-842-7659 ext. 8621



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 (570) 842-0457.

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

From Your Police Department...



Rules of the Road

Source: PA State Police

Steer Clear Law

The 'Steer Clear' law requires drivers to move over or slow down when they encounter an emergency scene, traffic stop or disabled vehicle. This law will help prevent injuries and save lives, but only if drivers follow the law and use common sense.

When approaching or passing an emergency response area, a person, unless otherwise directed by an emergency service responder, shall:

- 1. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area, if possible; or
- 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.

Violators commit a summary offense. Penalties include a fine of up to \$250 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense. Repeat offenders may have their license suspended, and violators who cause bodily injury or the death of an emergency service provider face additional fines of up to \$10,000. In addition, fines for several traffic violations are doubled when committed in an emergency response area when first responders are present.

Clearing off your Vehicle

In the winter is it important to clear all snow and ice from your vehicle. Not only does it prevent a hazard from snow and ice that may fall from your vehicle, it also provides an unobstructed view.

When snow and ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury as defined in section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death or personal injury), the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense.

Neighborhood Events

<u>Auxiliary VFW Post 5207 Breakfast</u> - 2nd Sunday of each month 9 am-noon (adults \$8 child 12 & under \$6)

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 New members are always welcome!

<u>Covington Fire Co. Women's Auxiliary</u>— 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 from 11:30 am -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

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

<u>Jefferson Twp. Fire Co.</u>—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/npocono

<u>Business 2 Business</u>—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.





December 2020

Sunda	ay Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	(6.5)	1	2	3	4	5	
		Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	What did the sea say to Santa? Nothing! It just waved!		Recycling 7am - 11am	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
		Sewer Authority			What do you get i with a		
	Pearl Harbor Day	Meeting 7pm		Hanukkah		A Christmas Quacker!	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
What do you call Father Christmas in the beach? Sandy Clause!		Planning Commission		What kind of cars do elves like to drive?		Recycling 7am - 11am	
			Meeting 7pm	A Toy-ota!			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	Winfier	What is every parent's favorite Christmas carol? Silent Night!		Township offices close at 12p.m.	Township offices are closed.		
	* Triffeet			Silent Night! Christmas Eve		Kwanzaa	
27	28	29	30	31	9.		
What do snowmen eat for breakfast?				Township offices close at 12p.m.			
	Frosted Flakes!	Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm		New Year's Eve			



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January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Board of Supervisors Organizational & Monthly Meeting 7pm	Board of Auditors Organizational Meeting 7pm	Planning Commission Organizational Meeting & Work Session 7pm	Zoning Hearing Board Organizational & Quarterly Meeting 7:30pm	8	9
10	11	Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	Recycling 7am - 11am
17	18 Township offices are closed. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	21 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	22	23
31	25	26 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	27	28	29	30

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From Your Police Department...

Your Headlights

When your wipers are on, your headlights are also required to be on.

The operator of a vehicle upon a highway shall display the lighted head lamps and other lamps and illuminating devices required under this chapter for different classes of vehicles, subject to exceptions with respect to parked vehicles, at the following times:

- 1. Between sunset and sunrise.
- Any time when the operator cannot discern a person or vehicle upon the highway from a distance of 1,000 feet due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog, smoke or smog.
- 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.

For Your Better Health...

Source: PA Department of Health

COVID Alert PA App

COVID Alert PA is the official mobile app by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) that uses the Exposure Notification System (ENS) provided by Apple and Google.

You can now add your phone to the fight against COVID-19 by going to the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and download the free COVID Alert PA app to your smartphone. This works on iPhones with iOS 13.5 and higher, and Android phones with Android 6.0 and higher.

Opt-in for Exposure Alerts

After you download COVID Alert PA to your smartphone, you can opt-in to receive alerts if you have had a potential exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

COVID Alert PA works in Pennsylvania, and when you travel to other locations in the United States including Delaware, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Washington D.C., Wyoming and some parts of California.

Getting timely alerts can help you get advice on how to help yourself and protect others as well as determine when to get testing. It can help reduce your risk of unknowingly spreading the virus to your friends, family and larger community.

February 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm Groundhog Day	Planning Commission Work Session 7pm		5 s the beginning of wledge." Thomas Carlyle	Recycling 7am - 11am
7	8	9 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	10	11 12 13 "Love is not only something you feel, It is something you do." David Wilkerson		
14 Happi Valentiv	15 e'8 President's Day	16	17 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm Ash Wednesday	Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	19	20 Recycling 7am - 11am
21 22 "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." Harry S. Truman Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm		24	25 26 27 "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." John F. Kenned			
28		Declaration of Independe	•	can govern themselves	omise to Americans and to that they live in freedom ."	

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For Your Better Health...

Symptom Tracking: Daily Health Check-in & PA COVID Updates

App users can help fight COVID-19 by opting to tell the Department of Health through the app how you are feeling daily and whether you have any COVID-19 symptoms. If you do have symptoms, the app will give you information on what to do. This tool also helps you track your own symptoms within the app, and you'll get public information based on your responses.

The app will also give users easy access to the latest facts and figures about COVID-19 in Pennsylvania from the PA Department of Health's data dashboard.

Your Privacy is Secure

COVID Alert PA protects your privacy and personal information. Downloading the app is voluntary, but the more Pennsylvanians that use this app, the more successful our efforts will be to stop the spread of COVID-19.

- The app does not use GPS, location services, or any movement or geographical information.
- The app will never collect, transmit, or store your personal information and is completely anonymous.
- It uses Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) to estimate proximity to other phones with enabled Exposure Notification Service (ENS) technology developed by Apple and Google. This is the same technology that your phone uses to connect to wireless headphones or your car.
- COVID Alert PA works by using random Bluetooth keys that change every 10-20 minutes. Phones with the app will anonymously share these random keys if they are within 6 feet of each other for 15 minutes or more.
- When a user confirms positive COVID-19 test results in the app, the app on your phone will check to see if it matches any of the random Bluetooth keys your phone has been close to over the last 14 days.
- If there is a match, COVID-19 Alert PA may send you an alert after taking into account the date, duration of exposure, and the Bluetooth signal strength (which is used to estimate how close you were to the person with the positive test result.)

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By Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Renna

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Arlington National Cemetery

Due to the limited burial space, a group called the Military Coalition, which consist of military and veterans advocacy organizations with a combined membership of more than 5.5 million, support the Department of Defense's work to expand the Arlington National Cemetery.

Without expansion, the Arlington National Cemetery would be full in twenty five years. Unfortunately, if the proposed eligibility changes are approved, many who have planned for inground burial at the Arlington National Cemetery will have to change plans.

Although a period of time was announced by the Arlington National Cemetery to comment on expansion or other matters of concern, they will still accept suggestions or recommendations. You could send an email to arlingtoncemetery.mil or call 1-877-907-8585. They are open daily from 8am to 5pm.

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For Your Better Health...

COVID Alert PA helps you get timely updates on COVID-19

 Getting an alert through the app helps you know if you had a potential exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

- It can help you determine when to get testing, reducing your risk of spreading the virus to your friends, family, and larger community.
- COVID Alert PA will also give you the latest information on COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, pulling the latest data from the PA Department of Health's data dashboard.



From the Director of Public Works...

We are getting ready for the winter season and would like to remind our residents of some important matters which will make it easier for our township employees to accomplish their plowing and deicing tasks more efficiently.

- Do NOT park 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.
- 4. Please keep garbage containers at least four (4) feet from the edge of the pavement so our trucks can do their jobs. The collection trucks have a ten (10) foot reach and can grab and dump these cans. We make every effort not to spill these cans when plowing, but if they're in the road, they will get hit.



Love Is



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What does love mean on this Valentines day Love is doing more for another than for self

Love is encouraging and supportive

Love is patient

Love is kindness for one another

Love is helping and laughter too

Love is appreciating all you do

Love is sharing interests

Love is a comfort

Love is always there

Love is meant to be shared

Love is beauty in the eyes of the beholder

Love is showing that you care.

Love is you and all you do

Happy Valentines Day to YOU!



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are welcome Closed

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Bingo dinner

Pinochle tournaments

Pinochle lessons Red Hat Meetings

Dominoes and lessons

Holiday parties

Brunch

& much more!

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9 a.m.—2 p.m. (unless noted) North Pocono nool District is

OPEN every

Monday, Tuesday

& Wednesday

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

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If you are being hurt at home, or witnessing others being hurt in your home, Use these resources to have your message heard.

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Download the app from the Apple or Google Play Store to submit a report. Or call 1-844-723-2729.



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CALL 911

Call 911 if you are in immediate danger. Answer any questions the dispatcher has so that help can find you.



LACKAWANNA POLICE

Call the Lackawanna County Police Department non-emergency number to make a report 570-342-9111.



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