



Covington Fire Company Picnic July 6th - July 10th

Come and enjoy an evening or two with friends and neighbors to help support your local fire and ambulance services. Remember our fire company is comprised of volunteers who make themselves available night and day to assist those who are in need. Thank you for your support!

Rides: Individual tickets available every night
Ride Specials: Tuesday through Friday (6pm until closing) \$15 wristband
Saturday (3pm until closing) \$20 wristband

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Tuesday, July 6th

6pm until close

Wednesday, July 7th

6pm until close

Thursday, July 8th

6pm until close

Firemen's Parade at 7 p.m.

Music by Blue Moxie

Friday, July 9th

6pm until close

Music by Tommy Guns

Saturday, July 10th

3pm until close

Music by Robbie Walsh Band

Golf Ball Drop 6 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Fireworks



ANNUAL BALL DROP !

Numbered golf balls dropped from Truck 14 onto a target. Closest one to the bullseye wins. Judges determine closest balls to bullseye and all decisions are final. Winner does not have to be present to win!

Tickets are on sale now!

Contact any member or stop by the fire house any
Tuesday night from 6:30-8:30pm to purchase tickets.
Tickets will be sold up to the event.



Prizes

Closest to bullseye \$1,000
Second: \$300
Third: \$200
Fourth: \$150
Fifth: \$100
Sixth: \$100
Seventh: \$75
Eighth: \$50
Ninth: \$25

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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

Dept. of Public Works (570) 840-0728 ~ Thomas Hall

District Magistrate (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

Planning Commission (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)

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 Musso (8am - 4pm Mon.-Fri.)

Zoning Officer (570) 842-0457 ~ Ronald Donati

Remembering Township Personnel

William Michael "Billy" Fells Jr., passed away on April 22, 2021. He was happily married to his wife, Sandra (Donnelly) Fells for 53 years.

Billy served as an engineer in the United States Army while stationed in Korea. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2007.

As a lifelong resident of Covington Township, he took great pride in serving the local community as a township supervisor until he stepped down due to his illness.

Billy was a self-taught master tradesman who completed each project to perfection. He enjoyed restoring and rebuilding older model construction equipment, tractors and trucks.

Billy devoted his life to his family, loved his grandchildren immensely and took great joy in celebrating their accomplishments with them. He will be greatly missed.



We wish Billy's family peace, comfort and hope in their sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time. Billy will be truly missed by all of us in Covington Township.

N.P. Food Pantry

The North Pocono Food Pantry continues to distribute food and dry goods during the COVID-19 virus crisis.

Contact Beth Czulada at 570-842-8804 for additional information.

Donations are always appreciated.

NOW IN EFFECT

**Masks are
mandatory in all
public spaces.**

Advertising

If you are interested in advertising in the Covington Corner newsletter, please call (570) 842-0457.
The cost of a 2" x 2 1/2" ad is \$25.00.

From Your Police Department...



Gift Card Scams

Source: PSP Community Awareness Bulletin

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) is reminding residents to be vigilant about scams involving gift cards. The PSP is aware of several variations on scams in which the scammer claims the victim has a problem that must be solved immediately and that payment in gift cards is required to solve it. Some of these variations include:

- Claims of problems such as outstanding warrants, tax debts, or utility bills.
- Claims that a relative is visiting overseas and needs money to pay a hospital bill or bail. This is frequently called the "grandparent scam".
- Claims to be collecting gift cards for charity.
- Promises of employment in exchange for payment. These jobs do not exist or may involve illegal activities.
- Requests sent by email or text from a friend for a "favor" to purchase gift cards with claims that the "friend" will pay the victim back.

In each of these scams, the scammer requests payment in gift cards because they are widely available in many denominations, untraceable, and only the information on the back of the card is needed to redeem it. Once the cards are purchased, the scammer will instruct the victim to read the information over the phone or take a photo of the back of the card and text the photo to the scammer.

Recommendations:

- * Government agencies do not accept gift cards for payment of taxes or other debts. They also send notifications of such debts in writing. Ignore anyone who claims you owe a debt that must be repaid with gift cards.
- * If someone claims to be collecting gift cards as a favor or to get out of trouble, contact that person directly to verify the situation. It is most likely a scam and the person may have to report possible identity theft or change a hacked password.
- * More information about gift card scams can be found at the Federal Trade Commission's website at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/paying-scammers-gift-cards>
- * The PA Department of Banking and Securities is partnering with the PA Food Merchants Association (PFMA) to provide training for store employees to identify and prevent seniors from becoming victims of gift card scams. More information is available at https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/banking_details.aspx?newsid=329
- * The free *See Something, Send Something* smartphone application enables individuals to report suspicious activity by capturing a photograph, screenshot, and other information to send it directly to the PA State Police. Tips may also be sent to tips@pa.gov

PSP reminds residents who fall victim to a scam to report it to their local police department.

Neighborhood Events

Auxiliary VFW Post 5207 Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of each month
9am-noon (adults \$8 child 12 & under \$6) (570) 842-7301

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!

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 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

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 - (570) 842-4700 www.lclshome.org/b/north-pocono-public-library

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.

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June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"When we honor our flag we honor what we stand for as a Nation... freedom, equality, justice, and hope" ~ Ronald Reagan		1 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	2 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	3	4 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm 570-842-7301 Open to the Public	5 Recycling 7-11am
6 Chicken BBQ @ Moscow Fire Co. Pre-sale only 11am-4pm 570-842-7211	7	8 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	9	10	11	12 Corn & Clambake Gouldsboro Fire Co. 4-7pm 570-842-2663 VFW Post 5207 Chicken BBQ 12pm-sold out \$12 Open to the public
13 VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am \$10 adults / \$8 kids Open to the public	14 	15	16 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	17	18 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm 570-842-7301 Open to the Public	19 Recycling 7-11am
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
	The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family. ~ Reed Markham			Elmhurst-Roaring Brook Fire Department Summer Carnival 570-842-8309		
27 ERB Carnival	28	29 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	30	Stars on a field of blue; one for each colony; bars of red, for the blood of sacrifice; on a ground of white for love and peace. ~ Betsy Ross		

From Your Supervisors...

Township Supervisors have ordered a limited number of recycling containers and are hoping to receive them shortly. If you do not have a recycling container and you would like one, please call Melinda at 570-842-0457 and she will make sure you get on the list.

North Point Development requested a public hearing for a zoning change pertaining to a portion of their property from a R-2 & C-2 zone to a M-1 zone (located at the former RGM property, off of Scranton Pocono Highway). The supervisors approved the change to M-1 zone.

North Point requested another public hearing seeking approval for LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Program) which would extend a tax abatement period to the property owners on all improvements for ten (10) years. The supervisors also approved the LERTA.

The Board of Supervisors are in the process of drafting a referendum to the Board of Elections to put on the November ballot. This is for a two (2) mill fire tax on all properties in the township to assist our Fire Company.

The Chairman of the Sewer Authority, Jonathan Swarts, resigned in April. The township supervisors have appointed Rich Lanzoni to complete the vacancy on the Sewer Authority.

The supervisors extended the Emergency Declaration pertaining to COVID-19 through September 6, 2021.

For Your Better Health...

Source: WebMD

7 Minimum hours of sleep that adults need each night for ideal health and well-being.

2.77 million

Number of Google searches for "insomnia" during the first five months of 2020, which includes the first three months of the COVID-19 pandemic, a 58% increase over the same period three years before.

35% Amount of adults who sleep less than seven hours a night.

40 million

Number of American who live with an ongoing sleep disorder, such as insomnia, sleep apnea, narcolepsy, shift work disorder, and excessive sleepiness.



July 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm 570-842-7301 Open to the Public	3 No Recycling
4  FOURTH of JULY	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Covington Independent Fire Company Picnic 570-842-4130				
		Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	Planning Commission Work Session 7pm			
11 VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am \$10 adults / \$8 kids Open to the public	12	13 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	14	15 Zoning Hearing Board Quarterly Meeting 7:30pm	16 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm 570-842-7301 Open to the Public	17 Recycling 7-11am VFW 5207 Golf Tournament @ 12pm Marjon Gold Course 570-499-9793 open to all
18 Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August. ~ Jenny Han	19	20	21 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	22	23 	24
25	26	27 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	28	29	30	31

Outdoor Burning

Important things you should know about outdoor burning:

- ⇒ Whenever you intend to burn outdoors it is essential to evaluate the weather, including dry weather, drought and unusual fire risk conditions. Given these conditions, it is equally important to determine whether the township, fire chief or other authorities have placed a burning ban in effect.
- ⇒ The second factor to consider is the effect that such burning may have on your neighbor's health and comfortable enjoyment of life and property. Keep in mind that contained outdoor fires (those in iron combustible containers) are not permitted to burn between the hours of 9pm-8am. In addition, such fires are not permitted to smolder for more than thirty (30) minutes. *NOTE:* If the fire is uncontained, it is not allowed to burn or smolder between the hours of 5pm-5am.

- ⇒ The third factor to consider is what items are you permitted to burn or not burn within the township. Since the township promotes recycling, the following products are prohibited:



- * Solid or liquid household waste
- * Animal matter
- * Plastic or Styrofoam
- * Byproducts generated by the production process
- * Waste oil or petroleum
- * Tires
- * Any material the burning of which can produce noxious or hazardous smoke or fumes.

- ⇒ To make it easy:

Consider your neighbors.
Consider hazardous weather conditions.
Review the above list of prohibited items.





August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 "Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen." ~ Conan O'Brien	2	3 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	4 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	5	6 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm 570-842-7301 Open to the Public	7 Recycling 7-11am Wine in the Woods 3-8pm @ Elmhurst Carnival Grounds 570-842-8309
8 VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am \$10 adults / \$8 kids Open to the public	9 North Pocono Public Library Golf Tournament @ 1pm Elmhurst Country Club 570-842-4700 x307	10 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	11	12 Spring Brook Fire Co. Cow Flop 570-842-2311	13	14 Corn & Clambake Gouldsboro Fire Co. 4-7pm / 570-842-2663
15	16 "Take your risks now. As you grow older, you become more fearful and less flexible." ~ Amy Poehler	17	18 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	19	20 VFW Post 5207 Home Cooking Night 6-8pm 570-842-7301 Open to the Public	21 Recycling 7-11am Chicken BBQ Dinner Daleville UMC 3-7 pm Take Out Only Adults \$12 / Kids \$6
22 "Intelligence plus character—that is the true goal of education" ~ Martin Luther King Jr.	23	24	25 "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt	26	27 Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." ~ Malala Yousafzai	28
29	30 North Pocono's 1st day back to school	31 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	Moscow Country Street Fair Friday, August 6th & Saturday, August 7th For more information and details, check out their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/moscowcountrystreetfair/			

11th Annual William R. Kramer Memorial Car Show

Come join us for the 11th Annual William R. Kramer Car Show, benefiting the William R. Kramer Memorial Scholarship Fund. The car show is hosted by the Kramer family with help from our friends & local businesses, sponsored by Tom Yerge.

Thirty-two 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. The scholarship is designed to help a North Pocono High School graduate further their education. In the past twelve years, this scholarship fund has grown due to our car show. The 2019 show had over 200 cars and estimated 1,500 spectators and the 2020 show was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Kramer family would like to thank all businesses and the people who support them and this great cause. This year's car show is August 8th at the Moffat Estate from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., rain or shine. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for show cars and no charge for spectators. In addition to the Estate's many amenities, there will be music, great food, door prizes and tricky trays.

Our website is www.wrkmembership.com or check us out on Facebook at William R. Kramer Car Show. Contact Bill Kramer at 570-604-2227 for more information.



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Veteran's Corner

By Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Renna

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

We Will Find You

For thousands of families of service members missing in overseas battles, the search continues.

The mission to recover and identify remains of service members is led by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, an office in the Department of Defense. Their work has led to the repatriation of thousands of service members from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The missions are supported by funding from Congress and public - private partnership.

In their most successful year, 2019, the remains of 217 people were found in more than thirty-five (35) countries.

Approximately, 81,800 service members remain missing.

To see a list of all service members who have been accounted for, go to www.dpaa.mil/Our-Missing/Recently-Accounted-For



Clothes Closet

HOURS: Thursday's 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Saturday's 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



WHERE: Bill's Plaza (next to laundromat)

DETAILS: Sponsored by a mission of the Daleville United Methodist Church

Free clothing available for men, women, and children.

- * Donation accepted of new or gently used, clean clothing & shoes during open hours
- * Emergency clothing, leave a message at (570) 842-6776



Dogs at the Moffat Estate

As you may know, the Board of Supervisors encourages residents to use the facilities at the Moffat Estate. However, they would like to remind those individuals who bring their dogs or other pets to the facility that they must adhere to the following requirements:

1. Dogs **must** be on a leash at ***all times***.
2. Animals are not allowed on the area designated for children's recreation (swings, slides, etc.).
3. You are expected to pick up and remove all pet droppings.



Inaugural Library Golf Tournament

Join us for our Inaugural Library Golf Tournament at Elmhurst Country Club on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for the shotgun start, Captain & Crew format.

The fee is \$150.00 per person. Contact Chris Kelly, Development Director at the Library, for details on registration and sponsorship and volunteer opportunities at ckelly@albright.org or 570-842-4700 extension 307.

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ShopRite Plaza Daleville

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Covington Township
Board of Supervisors
20 Moffat Drive
Covington Twp, PA 18444



Fireworks Displays

Minisink Lions Annual Fireworks Extravaganza

The Annual Minisink Lions Club Fireworks Extravaganza will be held on Friday, July 2nd (rain date July 3rd) 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 6:00 p.m.

Other Fireworks Displays

Central Park, Honesdale: July 2nd; Rain date July 3rd
Lake Wallenpaupack: July 4th
Kirby Park: July 4th