

# Covington Corner

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## *From your Supervisors. . .*

Welcome back, It's been a long time since we've published our Covington Corner, but we are back on track. As you are aware, there were a lot of changes within our township last year and I am happy to report that we are going stronger than ever. Melinda has been promoted to Township Secretary, which left the position of editor vacant, hence the delay in publication. We have since hired, Tiffany Moore to the part-time position of Zoning Secretary/Office Assistant, which encompasses the position of editor of the Covington Corner, so you should begin seeing quarterly publications once again. Spring will be upon us soon and with that comes our **Annual Spring Clean Up. This event will be held on Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm.** As always, the event will take place in the back parking lot of the Fire Company. Additional details are available within this publication. With Spring in the air, Here is a friendly reminder of just some of what Covington Township has to offer so you can get out and enjoy those sunny days!

**Moffat Park** – The park is open to all residents of the North Pocono area from dawn to dusk. It is located off Route 435 at 20 Moffat Drive, behind the Moffat Estate mansion. The grounds consist of 40 manicured and natural acreage including a stream with a covered bridge and pond. At the pond site is a small screened in gazebo. A larger pavilion with kitchen facilities is available to rent for parties and events. There are also walking trails, a children's recreation area and Bocce Ball Court. A trail map can be found on our website.

**Children's Recreation Area** – The recreation area is available for children of all ages. Parental supervision is required.

**Pavilion Rental** – The pavilion on the property is available for rentals to residents of the North Pocono community (Clifton, Covington, Elmhurst, Madison, Moscow, Roaring Brook, and Spring Brook) for weddings, parties, community functions and events, as well as, corporate use. To check on available dates, contact Tiffany at (570) 840-6959.

See pg. 2 for Spring Clean-Up details



## Covington Township at your Service

Board of Supervisors ~ (570)-842-8336~ Chairwoman Melissa A. Kearney (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 ~ Melinda Musso, Secretary  
8am - 4pm, Monday - Friday

Pavilion Manager ~ (570) 840-6959 ~ Tiffany Moore

Planning Commission ~ (570) 842-0457 ~ Tiffany Moore,  
Secretary (Work Session 1st Wed. of the month @7pm, Meeting 3rd Wed. of the month @7pm)

Police Dept. ~ (570) 842-6400 ~ Robert Bastek, Chief

Real Estate Tax Collection ~ (570) 840-0725 ~ Kate Tierney  
covingtonwptaxcollector@gmail.com

Recreation Committee ~ (570) 842-8336

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 ~ Tiffany Moore, (10am - 2pm Mon., Tues.,  
Wed. & Fri.)

Zoning Officer ~ (570) 842-0457 ~ Ronald Donati (9am -  
12noon Mon., Wed., Fri. or by appointment)



It's clean up time again! Our annual spring clean up will be held on Friday, May 13th & Saturday, May 14th from 8am—5pm ONLY!

There will NOT be paper permits. Instead, you will need to present your photo I.D. to the Police Officer on duty, showing your Covington Township address. Your Township Supervisors are encouraging everyone to remove unsightly junk and debris from their properties! PLUS... This is a great opportunity to get those basements and attics cleaned out!

⇒ THE FOLLOW ITEMS WILL NOT BE TAKEN FOR CLEAN-UP:

Hazardous waste, gasoline, kerosene, paint, paint cans, oil, oil containers, combustible fuels, building materials & household garbage.

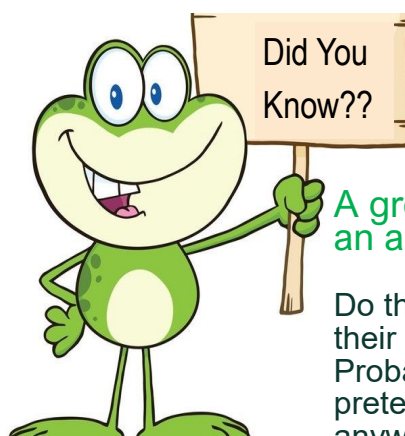
⇒ Please remember to enter the Clean-up area from Dorantown Road (located behind the Covington Fire Department) and exit via Route 502.

⇒ With the exception of tires, the clean-up is free of charge. ALL tires must be removed from their rims. Fees for tires are:

\$3.00 per car tire

\$6.00 per light truck tire

\$20.00 per heavy truck tire



A group of frogs is called an army.

Do they get this name from their army green skin colors? Probably not, but we like to pretend that's the reason why anyways.

Q&A answers:

1)D. All of the above 2) True 3) U.S. Army 4) 1784 5) Galvanized iron, general issue or government issue 6) Mobile army surgical hospital

## From Your Police Department...



### 2021 Year End Report

Total service calls: 708 Arrests: 13  
 Traffic citations: 14 Traffic warnings: 14  
 Non traffic citations: 41 Parking tickets: 1  
 Fuel Used: 2523.80 gal. Total: \$7,789.86

### LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Elder Justice Multidisciplinary Team

Presents:

## THE SILVER SERIES

Life Lessons For Older Adults

We are excited to present a monthly educational series that will help to ensure our **Seniors are Involved, Liberated, Vigilant, Educated, Resourced and Savvy.**

- \* A monthly educational series for 2022
- \* For seniors and their caregivers
- \* Offered virtually
- \* Information to help support you as you age

Future topics to include life long planning, aging in place, life transitions, avoiding scams, and preventing abuse.

⇒ Monthly sessions via ZOOM!

To register or for more information:

Call Kerri (570) 963-6740, ext. 1438

OR

email [ejmdt@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:ejmdt@lackawannacounty.org)



# Lackawanna County

Department of Human Services  
**AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

## Your Neighborhood

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

NP Rotary Club—Meetings are held at 6 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from March through December. (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

Jefferson Twp. Fire Co.—Station 29 Breakfast. Available: January, March, May, July, September, November 8am—11am (570) 689-2829

NP Library - (570) 842-4700 [www.lclshome.org/b/north-pocono-public-library](http://www.lclshome.org/b/north-pocono-public-library)

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. (Meetings are currently virtually)

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.

### Disclaimer:

The events listed in this newsletter may not happen as scheduled. 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.







# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm National Paczki Day!	2 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm Ash Wednesday	3 	4 Township Office closes 2pm	5 Recycling 7-11am
6 NP Public Library Mini Golf Classic Noon-4pm	7	8 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	17 	18	19 Recycling 7-11am
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p><i>"May your blessings outnumber the Shamrocks that grow"</i> ~ Irish Blessing</p>						
27	28	29 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	30	31		

## Soup and Pasta Sale!!

The United Methodist Church is having their annual Soup & Pasta sale during Lent. **Orders must be placed by Wednesday.** To place an order, call Janet at: 570-842-8911 or leave a message at the church at: 570-842-6776. Pick-up is Friday from 3pm—6pm.

- MARCH 4:** Potato Soup or Manhattan Clam Chowder  
Spaghetti & Meatballs
- March 11:** Cream of Broccoli Soup or Vegetable Beef Soup  
Stuffed Shells
- March 18:** Vegetable Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup  
Cabbage & Noodles
- March 25:** New England Clam Chowder or Pasta Fagioli with meat  
Fettuccini & Broccoli
- April 1:** Cheese Cappelletti Soup, Multi-Bean or Pea Soup w/ Ham  
Ziti in Sauce
- April 8:** Tomato Rice Soup or Cream of Vegetable Soup  
Tuna Noodle Casserole
- April 15:** Crab Bisque or Vegetarian Chili  
Macaroni & Cheese

### Prices:

Chowders \$7.00/ qt. \$3.50/ pt.  
\*\*\*Crab Bisque \$10.00/ qt. \$5.00/ pt.  
All other soups \$6.00/ qt. \$3.00/ pt.  
Pasta Dishes \$6.00/ 8"x8" pan



## Veteran's Corner

By Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Renna

The Army celebrated it's 246th anniversary on June 14th 2021! Veterans should know a lot about military events. Test your knowledge with a Q&A!

- Which of the following countries are younger than the U.S. Army?  
A. Canada B. Mexico C. US D. All of the above
- More U.S. Presidents have served in the Army than any other branch of service  
A. True  
B. False
- Who is the second largest employer?  
A. Walmart  
B. U.S. Army
- What year was the third U.S. infantry equipment started? (also known as The Old Guard)
- What does GI stand for?
- In the popular military show known as M.A.S.H., What do the initials M.A.S.H. stand for?



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	APRIL FOOLS' DAY APRIL 1 Township Office closes 2pm	Saturday
					1 Township Office closes 2pm	2 Recycling 7-11am
3 	4	5 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	6 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	7 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting 7pm	8 Township Office closes 2pm	9
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11	12 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16 Recycling 7-11am
	18	19	20 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	21	22  Earth Day April 22	23
24	25	26 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	27 	28	29 Township Office closes 2 pm	30

## Outdoor Burning

- ⇒ Dry weather and windy conditions pose a high fire risk. 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 effects of burning that 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 that can produce noxious or hazardous smoke or fumes.
- ⇒ Always practice fire safety!!

## 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.



# May 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	4 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	5 	6 Township Office closes 2pm	7 Recycling 7—11am
8 	9	10 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	11	12	13 Spring Clean-Up 8am—5pm	14
15	16	17	18 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	19	20	21 Recycling 7-11am Armed Force's Day
22 <i>I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it.</i> ~ John Thune						
29	30 Memorial Day Memorial Day Service 1pm	31 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm				

## 2022 BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### Planning Commission

- \* Robert Oltmann, Chairman
- \* Jason Zielinski, Vice Chairman
- \* Paul Schneider
- \* David W. Hess
- \* Chester Havenstrite, Jr.
- \* Tiffany Moore, Secretary
- \* A. James Hailstone, Esq. Solicitor

### Zoning Hearing Board

- \* Glenn Khoury, Chairman
- \* Roslyn Davis, Vice Chairman
- \* Adelaide White
- \* Thomas Quinnan, Alternate
- \* Scott Van Fleet, Alternate
- \* Daniel L. Penetar, Esq., Solicitor
- \* Tiffany Moore, Secretary

### Fire Department

#### Line Officers:

- \* Brad Jones, Fire Chief
- \* Clyde Jones, Deputy Chief
- \* Mike Chmielewski, Assistant Chief
- \* James Gill, Rescue Captain
- \* Eric McLain, Fire Captain
- \* Chet Havenstrite, Lieutenant
- \* Bill Trego, Lieutenant
- \* Jerry Timinski, Lieutenant

### Sewer Authority

- \* George Walz, Chairman
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- \* Ann Bentler, Office Manager
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### Board of Auditors

- \* Roseann Hoanzl, Chairwoman
- \* Adam Horsky, Secretary
- \* Bill Beavers



#### Board Officers:

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- \* Pat Havenstrite, Secretary
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- \* James Gill, Trustee
- \* Bill Snyder, Trustee





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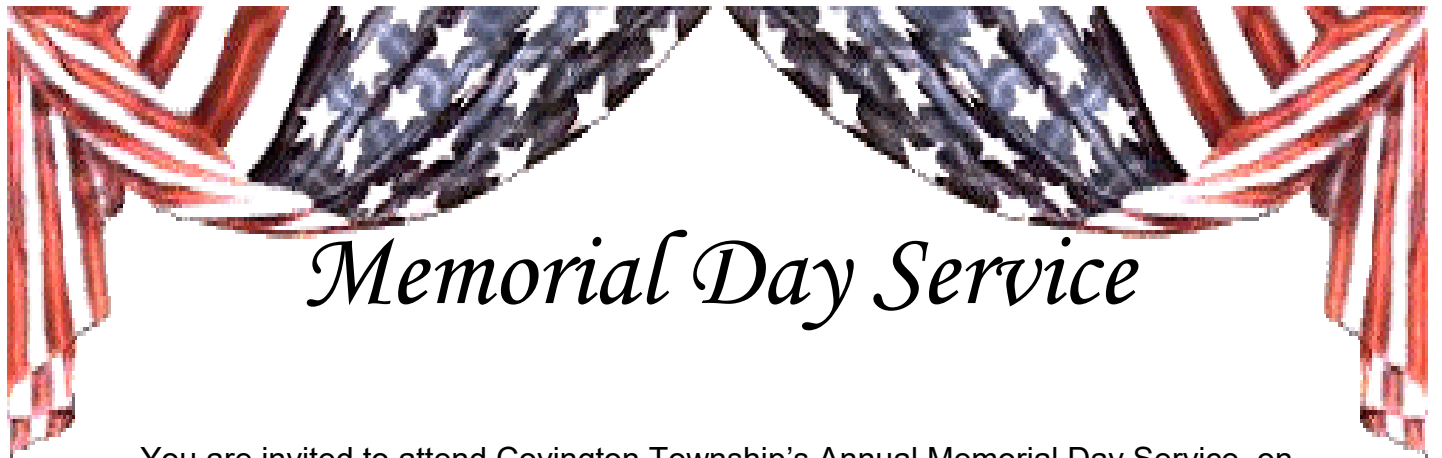


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Board of Supervisors  
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Covington Twp, PA 18444



## *Memorial Day Service*

You are invited to attend Covington Township's Annual Memorial Day Service, on Monday, May 30, 2022 at 1 p.m. to honor the many brave men and women who have faithfully served our country and gave their all.

There will be an honor guard presentation by our VFW Post 5207, guest speakers and light refreshments following the service.

This event will be held at our Township Memorial, next to the Covington Police Department on Route 435.

Please join us, rain or shine, in honoring those who have fought and died for our country.