

ANTHONY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT INTERNET COVERAGE IN ANTHONY TOWNSHIP!!!!!!



The COVID 19 pandemic exposed a longstanding critical need in our area for expanding high-speed broadband internet. The CARES Act has provided funding for broadband development. An organization called DRIVE (Driving Real Innovation for a Vibrant Economy) an economic development council located in Danville made strides in the last year toward establishing better coverage for the internet. The Montour County Commissioners received funds through the CARE Act and assigned \$200,000 to be used for the broadband equipment. This equipment was installed at the Gypsum plant outside of Washingtonville and is currently operational. A second location is in the Exchange area and will be operational in approximately thirty (30) days. The ISP (Internet Service Provider) SkyPacket is utilizing this equipment. SkyPacket can be contacted at 570-293-8126 for information and eligibility or check out their website at www.skypacket.net or email them at info@skypacket.net.

NEW ANTHONY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

Ordinance #2021-1— On February 3, 2021 Anthony Township entered into an agreement with the Central Keystone Council of Governments (CKCOG). The CKCOG will be the new Building Code Official and will be issuing the permits for any buildings, additions or projects that are being done in Anthony Township. If you have any questions about the need for a permit contact CKCOG at 570-522-1326. Applications are available at the township office. You will still need a zoning permit from Greg Molter at 570-271-3021.



Ordinance #2021-2—Due to the fact that Montour County is no longer enforcing property maintenance; on February 3, 2021 Anthony Township adopted the Central Keystone Council of Governments (CKCOG) Property & Building Maintenance Code. CKCOG will govern the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures. The Anthony Township Supervisors will send a letter of violation to any resident who is not in compliance before contacting CKCOG. In that letter the resident will be made aware of the violation, the deadline for compliance and the cost of the violation if the issue is not corrected. If interested in a copy of the ordinance please contact the office.



Ordinance #2021-3—Anthony Township adopted Chapter 18 of the Sewers and Sewage Disposal Part 4—Individual and Community On-Lot Sewage Disposal Systems. This ordinance requires all property owners to have their on-lot sewage systems pumped once every three years by a licensed/certified pumper. The township also passed Resolution #4 of 2021 which divides the township into three (3) units. Unit #1 must be pumped out and inspected by December 31, 2021 and every three years thereafter. Unit 1 is defined as the parcel numbers beginning with 1-4 and 1-5. Unit #2 must be pumped out and inspected by December 31, 2022 and every three years thereafter. Unit 2 is defined as the parcel numbers beginning with 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3. Unit #3 must be pumped out and inspected by December 31, 2023 and every three years thereafter. Unit 3 is defined as the parcel numbers beginning with 1-6 and 1-7. If you don't know your parcel #, look on your tax notice and it will be under property description. All residents will receive a letter along with other instructions the year that they are required to pump.



INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

811—CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:



According to the training that our staff has been through, PA One Call **requires all** residents of Pennsylvania to call 811 before any digging is done on your property, even if you are using a shovel. The township receives all the tickets that are called in for our township. If the township staff or officials notice any digging being done without a ticket we are **required** to make a call to 811 so they can investigate the situation.

This is a free service and the call **must** be made three (3) days prior to any digging that will be done. If you are hiring a contractor to do the work, then it is the contractor's responsibility to make the call. This will save you many "headaches" in the future in case you damage a service line owned by a facility owner, such as, PPL, Verizon, UGI (gas line) or Gypsum. Replacement of these lines can cost a substantial amount of money to the property owner.

PIPES ALONG TOWNSHIP ROADS:

Anthony Township has an ordinance governing pipes alongside township roads. So, in the event that a pipe needs replaced or installed, you are required to contact the township concerning the permit process.

KEEP OUR ROADCREW SAFE:

The Board of Supervisors may temporarily close any township road when necessary according to the Second Class Township Code, Article XXIII, and Section 2308. Anyone using the road or portion thereof after the road has been properly closed and marked, without permission of the Board of Supervisors or the Roadmaster, commits a summary offense and will be subject to the penalties imposed under this code.



Therefore, when you observe the road crew working on the township roads, **please slow down and obey traffic control signs**. This is for your safety as well as the safety of the road workers. When a road is closed, please **do not use** that road unless you live on that section of road being worked on. Use a different route until the work is completed.

FALLEN TREES:

According to Section 2325 of the Second Class Township Code: It is the responsibility of the township to clear any township roads of fallen trees or brush that may be thrown down by wind or lodged in a position as to be a menace to public travel or which, by reason of any other cause, may become a source of danger to the public. All logs, cordwood, branch wood or other forms of wood derived from the destruction or removal of any trees growing along the highways shall be surrendered to and remain the property of the abutting owners.



DEBRIS IN DITCHES:



The Township has observed in the past that some residents have deposited debris such as leaves, twigs, grass clippings, etc. into the township's right of way along their property. This debris causes road pipes, ditches and culverts to become blocked which in turn causes our roads to become damaged. Also, this prevents the mowing to be done. Be advised that this act is in violation of Section 2326 of the 2nd Class Township Code which is a summary offense. So, please keep your ditches clean! Thank you!

NUISANCE ON ROADS:

The township has received several complaints from residents concerning large amounts of manure and mud on the roads. This is a nuisance to the residents that have to drive through it. We are asking that if you are transporting manure or have deposited mud on one of the township roads—remove the obstruction immediately. According to the Second Class Township Code, Section 2326 this is a summary offense.



EVENTS & HAPPENINGS IN ANTHONY TOWNSHIP

Blood Drive sponsored by The Happy Homemakers of Exchange



The next blood drive is scheduled for **Wednesday May 19th from 1-6 PM.** Please come in to give the gift of life. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Thanks to everyone who has made this a success. We are also scheduled for **Wednesday July 14th , Wednesday September 8th , and Wednesday November 24th from 1-6PM**

Anthony Township 4-H Community Club... (Virtual & in person)



The Anthony Township 4-H Community Club has started their activities for the 2021 season. 4-H is open to children age 5-18. The 4-H members have begun educational and fun projects to complete this year. Projects this year include Sewing, Genealogy, Photography, Cake Decorating, Cooking and Shooting Sports to name a few. Projects are judged at the 4-H Roundup and in the Montour-Delong Fair which is on August 7th this year. During the 4-H season members have monthly meetings where they discuss community service projects, the yearly educational field trip, and other activities & service projects. Due to current circumstances most of our multi-county events including 4-H Camp, Capital Days, and State Achievement Days and Teen Leadership retreats are being held virtual. Club meetings are still the third Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 at the Anthony Township Building or on a Zoom Meeting.

Our Cloverbuds age 5-7 learn activities during our club business meetings once a month. You are welcome to come visit in -person or during a zoom to see what it is like.

Speak-Up is a public speaking event for the 4-H'ers of Montour County. We invite you to come July 8th @ the Anthony Township Building and watch some excellent presentations from local students.

Interstate Exchange was started in 2019. With the strict restrictions in place for our group we are hoping to travel to our host group in 2022.

Do you have a hobby or interest you would like others to learn how to do? Then become a volunteer! It is self-rewarding and easy to do. We are always looking for new projects. Particularly looking for Woodworking, Fishing, & other local past time activities. For more information to become a leader or joining, contact Hestia Brown at (570) 437-2935.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN MONTOUR RECREATION ASSOCIATION—(EXCHANGE POOL)



Greetings from the Northern Montour Recreation Association. We are looking for a manager and reliable lifeguards for the upcoming season. We help cover part of the lifeguard certification fee for those who commit to working at the Exchange Pool for the summer.

Special thanks to all our pool members and faithful donors. Donations are welcome at any time through our post office box (PO 241, Turbotville) or any board member. Your support is appreciated!

We are looking for additional board members. We meet once a month to discuss pool operations and fundraising efforts. For information about the pool or becoming a member, please call Lisa at 570-490-2868 off season, and 570-437-3794 during the season. Membership applications will be available soon, including a discount for purchase prior to May 31.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Notary Public Service

We offer notary service. This service is available during regularly scheduled office hours or by appointment in the Anthony Township business office. This service does not include transfer of tags and titles for vehicles. We can only notarize signatures on documents. The cost is \$5 for each notarial stamp.



Tax Collector Information



Our current Anthony Township Tax Collector, Erica Madden, sends out tax slips in the spring of every year. If you own property in Anthony Township and do not receive your tax slips by March 15th please contact Erica at 570-412-3565. Erica **does not collect the school taxes in the fall**—those taxes are collected by the Warrior Run School District. The following is the total amount of Anthony Township real estate taxes collected for the 2020 calendar year--\$48,286.35.

*** The approximate cost to send out the Newsletter through the postal service is \$1.20 per letter and we send out approximately 480 letters twice a year. So, if you are interested in saving the township money please contact the office with your email address!! Not only can this save the township money but information can be sent directly to you when it becomes available to us. Thank you!!*

**TUESDAY MAY 18, 2021-7:00 AM-8:00 PM—GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
MONTOUR PRESERVE VISITOR CENTER**

