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Recycle Yard Key Fob Renewals

As the weather warms up and residents begin to tackle lawn cleanup from the winter, we wanted to remind you to renew your yard waste permit, if you have not already done so. The cost for a key fob for residents is \$15 and runs through January 31, 2022. The cost for commercial landscapers is \$1200 per truck per year. The costs for residents and landscapers is higher for 2021 to offset the township’s increased costs of grinding and disposal of the yard waste.

The rules for the recycle yard are:

- For use by Rapho Township residents only
- Place items in designated areas
- No smoking
- No grass clippings
- Leaves, garden waste, shrubbery and tree trimmings only
- Leaves may be loose or bagged in biodegradable yard waste bags
- Tree limbs may be no longer than 8’ in length and 24” in diameter
- No tree stumps
- Christmas trees must be free of all ornaments
- No trash or garbage
- No construction or demolition waste
- No painted, pressure treated wood, railroad ties or landscaping timbers.

To renew your permit, please stop by the township office during our regular business hours or mail your check with your name and address to the Rapho Township office. New applicants should stop by the township office in person to make their payment by cash or check, and to receive the key fob.

Rapho Park Facilities Rentals

The Rapho Township Community Park, located at 960 Strickler Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 is approximately 1/8 mile south of the Route 772 intersection. Rapho Park offers 30 acres of public sports fields, walking trails, playgrounds and pavilions. The park has two baseball/softball fields available to rent. Two multi-purpose fields and two playgrounds are also available to the public. Bathrooms are conveniently located just off the walking trail not far from the playground. The concession stand, pavilions and silo shade areas are available for rent for all types of gatherings. Please keep in mind that PA Department of Health and CDC gathering limits apply to our park facility rentals. Listed capacity numbers are Pre-Covid numbers. Rates listed are resident rental rates.

Concession stand - including small pavilion \$75

Small Shamrock Pavilion – seats 50 people (does not include use of concession stand) \$50

Large Shamrock Pavilion – seats 70 people \$50

Hoop Coop Pavilion – seats 50 people (next to basketball courts) \$50

Silo #1 – seats 16 people (closest to the baseball field) \$20 one silo/\$35 two silos

Silo #2 – seats 16 people (between the playgrounds) \$20 one silo/\$35 two silos

Non- Resident rental rates are higher and can be found on our website www.raphotownship.com or by calling the township office at 717-665-3827.

MEET OUR NEW MANAGER



Randall Wenger was hired by the Supervisors as Rapho Township's manager on November 4, 2020, and started on November 30, 2020. Prior to his appointment as Rapho Township's third manager, Randall served as the Lancaster County Election Director from February 13, 2012 until November 23, 2020. Prior to serving as Election Director, Randall had been elected twice as the Lancaster County Prothonotary. The Prothonotary serves as the in and out box for all civil court filings with the Court of Common Pleas. Randall has a bachelor degree in Public Policy and an associate degree in Business Administration from Penn State University. Randall and his wife Barb and their two children Kirsten (18) and Kenton (16) live in Elizabeth Township.

CONSERVATION LANDSCAPING

Spring is here and planting season has begun! Before you get out your lawn mowers and head to the nursery for plants and mulch, consider incorporating conservation landscaping elements into your property.



Benefits of Conservation Landscaping

- Provides food and habitat for local and migratory animals including insects, birds, and mammals. This helps preserve the balance of natural ecosystems.
- Reduces the time and expense of mowing, watering, and fertilizing.
- Provides more visual appeal throughout the year with a variety of flowers, fruits, and leaf color.
- Native trees and shrubs have larger root systems than turf grass, which means water can infiltrate into the ground more readily. These plants also use more rainwater for growth than a lawn area.

What is a Native Plant?

Native plants occur naturally in the area in which they evolved and are uniquely adapted to local soils and climate conditions. Native plants generally require less watering and fertilizer than non-native species and may be more resistant to insects and disease. Removing native plants from the landscape reduces the populations of native insects, songbirds, and small mammals.

ADVERTISING BANNER—RAPHO PARK

Businesses can sponsor a 7' X 4' outfield advertising banner for the baseball/softball fields at the Rapho Community Park. The cost for a new banner is \$200 for the first year. After that, businesses can renew their signs each year for \$100/year. If you are interested in sponsoring an outfield sign, please contact Melva Kready at 717-665-3924 or by email at melva@raphotownship.com.



2021 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Rapho Township's Public Works crew will be working on the following Road projects in 2021:

Widen and Reclaim

- 2,200 ft section of Baker Road • Valley Road

Overlay

- 2,000 ft section of Mill Road • 800 ft section of N. Strickler Road • 400 ft section on Elm Tree Road

Seal Coat

(approximately 12.5 miles)

- Newcomer Road • Bricker Road • Zink Road
- Spangler Road • Buckwalter Road • Earhart Road
- S. Erisman Road • Auction Road • Weaver Road
- N. Stricker Road • N. Chiques Road • Oak Tree Road
- Pleasant View Drive • Pleasant View Circle
- Marian Drive • Farm Lane

RAPHO TOWNSHIP IS ON FACEBOOK

Don't forget to like and follow our page! This is a great way to get information about upcoming events or important alerts about road closures & trash information. Rapho Township, Lancaster County - Pennsylvania

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Board of Supervisors—1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

BOS Work Session—6:00 p.m. Thurs. preceding 1st BOS meeting after Planning Commission meeting

Planning Commission — First Mon. at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board—First Tues. at 7:00 p.m.

SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER



Every day (on average across the nation) 3 responders are struck and injured at the scene of a roadside emergency that they have been dispatched to, some suffering life-long, career-ending injuries. As if those injuries are not sobering enough, as of March 29, 13 responders have been **struck and killed** by a passing motorist in 2021. In 2019, 44 emergency responders were struck and killed, and in 2020, 46 were struck & killed - including two Pennsylvania responders; Paramedic Matthew Smelser (43) and firefighter/tow operator Tyler Laudenslager (29).

As an agency that responds to hundreds of incidents that occur on roadways (traffic accidents and medical emergencies), these struck-by incidents concern us. We, like all responders, just want to go home at the end of our shift. And we believe the key to reducing these tragedies is educating the motoring public.

On April 27, 2021, Pennsylvania's Move Over law will be fully in effect. This law, an updated, enhanced version of an existing Steer Clear law, provides for a number of deterrent consequences that the previous law did not address, such as a directive to *move over at least one full lane of travel when passing an accident or work scene*, and to *slow down at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit*. But a law cannot truly prevent these tragedies. It is an action by the motorist that is required.

Northwest EMS Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, who also serves as co-chair of the Public Education and Outreach Committee for PennTIME (Pennsylvania's Traffic Incident Management Enhancement team), has been working with responders and state and local officials across the Commonwealth on awareness and education initiatives. One of those initiatives is the production of a state-wide Public Service Announcement (PSA) to be released in advance of the law's implementation. The hope is that the PSA will promote awareness of these tragedies and encourage practical application by motorists to SLOW DOWN and MOVE OVER as they pass these working scenes.

On Saturday, March 27, the Manheim Auto Auction (Penn Township) was the sight of filming for the PSA which included dozens of responders from all disciplines, with more than 100 pieces of apparatus. This production event was not open to the public, but it was an opportunity to pay tribute to responders who tragically lost their lives in a struck/killed incident and to honor those responders who have been struck and injured. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to create an impactful message that we hope will save lives. We hope, through release of the PSA, to reach every citizen of the Commonwealth with our message to SLOW DOWN and MOVE OVER when passing a scene where responders are working. The PSA will be used on a variety of media platforms, including social media and websites, and the graphics and messaging can be displayed on billboards and electronic sign boards across the state.

Slow Down and Move Over is more than a slogan. It's a cry for response and a call to action. **WE ALL JUST WANT TO GO HOME AT THE END OF OUR SHIFT!**

For more information contact our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, at 717-371-8282 or email lshenk@nwems86.org.

MOVE OVER FOR PA EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND ROADWAY WORKERS

Each day, tow truck operators, firefighters, EMS workers, police officers, fire police and others respond on Pennsylvania roadways to assist others. These emergency responders face danger while working at emergency scenes from what are known as "D" drivers... drivers that are **Drunk, Drugged, Drowsy, Distracted or Dangerous**.

On Average in Pennsylvania:

- Each day 352 reportable traffic crashes occur (about 15 crashes every hour).
- Each day 3 persons are fatally injured in reportable traffic crashes (one fatality every 7 hours).
- Each day 214 persons are injured in reportable crashes (about 9 injuries every hour).

In addition to traffic crashes, emergency responders are exposed to traffic while assisting with disabled vehicles, removing roadway obstructions, and enforcing traffic violations **which puts thousands of them at risk each day**.

151 Pennsylvania emergency responders have been struck and killed while assisting others on Pennsylvania roadways. This number does not include the 110 PennDOT and Turnpike workers who have also been struck & killed while on duty. On average in the United States, **2** emergency responders are struck daily while working along the roadway. These responder struck-by incidents cause property damage, injuries and in some cases fatalities.

In 2019, **44** emergency responders were struck & killed in the United States (18 Law enforcement officers, 14 Tow truck operators, and 9 Fire/EMS personnel). This includes two Pennsylvania emergency responders.

In 2020, **46** emergency responders were struck & killed in the United States (17 Law enforcement officers, 20 Tow truck operators, 1 Mobile mechanic, 5 Fire/EMS personnel and 3 Safety-Service Patrol Operators).

So far in 2021, **13** emergency responders have been struck & killed in the United States.

We need your support to help get the Move Over message out to keep our emergency responders safe! SLOW DOWN/MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND SAVE THEIR LIVES

Manheim Borough Police Department's 90th Anniversary Patch— Now includes a Shamrock to represent Rapho Township.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

County Control - 911

Manheim Borough Police
non-emergency -717-665-2481

Sewage Enforcement Officer
717-653-1008

2021 ELECTION DATES

Municipal Primary - May 18
Municipal Election - November 2

RECYCLING FACT

Saturday, April 24, 2021 is the first Special Collection Day for our Penn Waste customers. In addition to yard and garden waste it is a pick up day for white goods (appliances) and tires. These items would require a tag, which can be picked up at the township office. White good tags are \$15 and tire tags are \$3/tire. You may stop into the office or mail your request and payment to the township office, and the tags will be mailed to you. As always, place items curbside on Friday night.

RECYCLING



Rapho Recycles

CORNER

RECYCLING TIP

As the summer weather approaches and you begin to use your swimming pools, remember to recycle your pool chemicals properly. They are considered a hazardous material that should **never** be disposed of in your trash or recycling. The chemicals are highly reactive and can generate high temperatures, and when mixed with other liquids in the trash truck can cause a fire to ignite in the truck. This has happened on numerous occasions, and should be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at LCSWMA .

BIG 4

We belong in the recycling bin!

1

CORRUGATED
CARDBOARD



2

PLASTIC BOTTLES
& JUGS WITH NECKS



3

METAL FOOD &
BEVERAGE CANS



4

GLASS JARS
& BOTTLES



No burning of trash, construction materials, or recyclables, including yard waste, is permitted in Rapho Township.