

WAYNE TOWNSHIP

— SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA —

NEWSLETTER

WAYNE TOWNSHIP *Community Day*

The first Wayne Township Community Day was held on September 2nd, a very nice and warm late summer day. One of the highlights of the day was the dedication of the new park pavilion to Paul Moyer, who worked tirelessly to raise funds for the pavilion to be built. The funds came from the Lions National Foundation. The pavilion is for use by Wayne Township residents upon approval of the township office.

Other festivities included the boys and girls of the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer Club playing five-a-side soccer on the large soccer field; their reward for playing in the hot sun was free ice cream from one of the many vendors who showed up at the park. The vendors gave the visitors a chance to buy and eat their delicious foods. Red Creek Wildlife Center also came to visit the park. Red Creek is a wonderful foundation who nurtures wildlife of all kinds back to health. A hawk who had been saved by the center came to visit the park also on that day and I think the rescued hawk we saw soaring into the sky early this year might have also flown over the day's activities.

One of the park's latest improvements is the paved walking trail that meanders through the park property. The walking trail takes you across the stream on two bridges. The new bridge was built entirely by the township's Public Works Department who have been active in the park all year. The trail was paved by the co-op of the Southern Schuylkill County Township Public Works Departments. The Wayne Township Public Works Department has also cut three new walking trails into the wooded area at the top of the park. This gives walkers a different approach to walking and a little tougher experience. At this time, the playground equipment is being erected by the pavilion. It might



Paul Moyer holding the sign that will be installed on the new pavilion in Wayne Township Park.

seem like a very long time since the equipment arrived at the park and has only now started to be placed but insurance clearances needed to be approved.

The Wayne Township Park is a wonderful place to visit and as the years go by, more improvements are planned. It is truly a very special place for everyone. We ask that you do read and obey the signs placed at the park as they are for everyone's safety and enjoyment.

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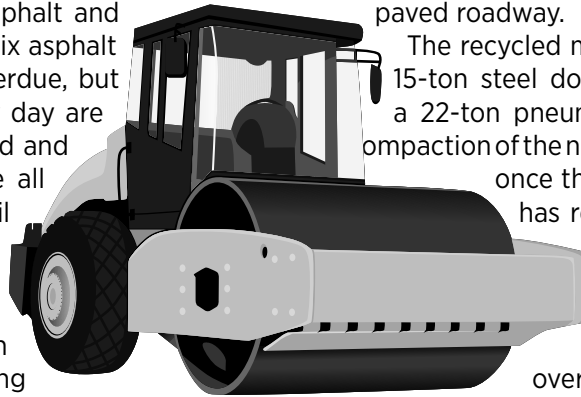
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WAYNE TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

As summer turns to fall and the sun sets lower in the evening sky, we look back on what has taken place in our township of Wayne over the long warm days of summer which are now behind us.

After many years of deterioration and for the safe passage of vehicles, PennDOT has started work on SR 183. We are very happy to see the roadway being addressed and repaved in some areas. SR 183 has been milled down to re-establish a cross slope. It has then received a "scratch and level" course of asphalt and then received a new 9.5 mm hot mix asphalt overlay. This process was long overdue, but those of us who use SR 183 every day are very happy to see this work started and hope that this work will continue all the way to the Appalachian Trail and the Berks County/Schuylkill County line.

The Wayne Township Road Department used a process known as cold in-place asphalt recycling (CIPR), to re-construct Miller Road. CIPR is an environmentally approved system that uses all of the old, oxidized asphalt in the roadway. The total thickness of the old asphalt (5-inch depth) is cut by way of a down-cutting milling head. The cutting head and drum have 240 carbide teeth that cut down hill producing a two-inch minus gradation of RAP (Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement or millings). As the recycling train moves along the roadway, it picks up a previously placed one percent of Portland cement that has been placed on top of the roadway. The re-sized asphalt material, Portland cement and a small amount of water then enter the cutting/mixing chamber of the machine. The material is then homogeneously mixed so that all the particles of asphalt are coated with the new liquid bituminous binder, in this case a CSS-1h Emulsified Asphalt. The recycling



eliminates all the cracks, potholes in the roadway and can also change the percentage of the cross-slope of the roadway allowing for storm water to flow safely along the shoulders of the roadway. From the cutting chamber, the recycled material is then lifted up from the pavement and placed by way of two conveyors into a bituminous paver. The paver then places the material onto the sub-base correcting the slope to the required depth of the specifications and any new width of the paved roadway.

The recycled material is then compacted using 15-ton steel double-drum vibratory rollers and a 22-ton pneumatic (rubber) tired roller. The compaction of the new recycled material is completed once the density and compaction effort has reached its specified limits. After a period of two weeks, the township road department placed a 1.5-inch, 9.5 mm hot mix asphalt-wearing surface over the entire recycled base.

The townships in southern Schuylkill County share a lot of heavier workloads with other municipalities including South Manheim Township, West Brunswick Township, East Brunswick Township and Upper Tulpehocken Township of Berks County. The cost of paving projects and equipment to construct highway projects is of great expense but by being part of a co-op of townships, the cost is kept in check and allows township road departments easy access to manpower and equipment. In the past several years West Brunswick Township, Washington Township, North Manheim Township and Wayne Township have used the CIPR method to rejuvenate their worst roadways in their respective townships. Upper Tulpehocken Township and Bethel Township of Berks County have also used the process over the past four years.

Frog Hollow Walk in the Woods

Lead walks in Frog Hollow, 170 Stone Mountain Road (just outside of Friedensburg) have been organized by Friends of Frog Hollow.

Register by leaving a verbal message at **570-527-2502** if you plan to attend.



Parking at Frog Hollow is limited. There is no cost for the nature walks.

Walks are on unsmooth trails.

2023	Time	Name of Walk	Leaders
Sat, Nov. 11	1:00 PM	Animal Habitat & Survival Hunt	Audrey Wells Lee Wells
Sat, Dec. 2	10:00 AM	Animal Tracks - Who Is There?	Barbara Ritzheimer Sue Reier
2024	Time	Name of Walk	Leaders
Mon, Jan. 1	10:00 AM	First Day Hike/ Polar Bear Amble	Jerry Bowman Steve Helper Barbara Ritzheimer
Sat, Jan. 20	6:30 PM	Night Owl Prowl (Snow Date: Jan. 27)	David Krueel Audrey & Lee Wells



WAYNE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB

PO BOX 142 • FRIEDENSBURG, PA 17933

Thank you for supporting our recent Kauffman Chicken Bar-B-Que on Friday October 20th. These two fundraisers in July and October are critical to our ongoing programs.

Our Christmas goody bags will be distributed to widows/widowers, and other needy individuals prior to Christmas on a Saturday in mid-December. In past years we have packed/delivered to 100+ households. If you are aware of individuals in Wayne Township who would qualify, please notify a LIONS member or correspond at the above address.

Diakon Services in Pottsville have contacted us and they are in need of volunteers for their on-going Meals on Wheels program.

We are proud of the LIONS pavilion at the Route 443 recreation area (2/3 mile west of Route 183.)

If there is any interest in becoming a LIONS member, please contact Paul Moyer (president), Brook Heim (secretary) or Wayne Blankenhorn (membership) or write to Wayne Township Lions Club, PO Box 142 Friedensburg, PA 17933.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP SENIOR GROUP OPEN TO ALL SENIORS 50+

A 5th Anniversary celebration was held on September 20th marking five years since the opening of the senior center at 23 Meadowbrook Drive (Route 183). A pizza party was lunch for the day along with chips, beverages and other snacks. The highlight of the day was a 27-year-old magician from Palo Alto..

This group is open to everyone 50+ years of age. Join us for a catered lunch followed by a different activity each week. For menus and an activity schedule, please visit www.23meadowbrookcenter.org and click "Wayne Township Senior Group." Exercise classes geared for those 50+ are also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays and include yoga and Zumba Gold. Call Diakon at 800-621-6325 for more information on these classes.

The Weekly Wednesday Program is held from 11 am to 2 pm:
11 am to noon: Meet and Greet (socializing with coffee, cookies and light snacks).

Noon (\$7 suggested donation): Lunch such as chicken potpie and salad, soup and sandwich, meatloaf and mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, etc.

1pm to 2 pm: Activities include bingo, trivia games, "Movin' and Groovin'," Other programs come from Red Creek Wildlife, Diakon, sign language, service organizations, piano recitals, musicians, etc.

A "highlight" this past year was our Kentucky Derby day with "hats" adorned by many women, a Derby race day game, plus a surprise guest (R.H.).

Attendance reservations are suggested by noon on Friday to handle food planning. Please phone the office at **570-739-2241**.

South Schuylkill Garden Club

The South Schuylkill Garden Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesdays of March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. The Club has an upcoming program scheduled for November 21, 2023: **"Winter Greens"** - create and take a holiday hanging basket that can be repurposed, or not, for use from the holidays through Valentine's Day in February. Bring your own special decorations, hand pruner and scissors.

There will be a Memorial Walk at Schuylkill Haven Recreation Memorial Garden to place bricks in memory of friends and family.

If you would like to find out more about gardening, you can reach out to any of the members of the South Schuylkill Garden Club. We are open to new members and would like to get to know you.

Our website is www.southschuylkillgardenclub.com or Facebook at www.facebook.com/soschuylkillgardenclub.com.

Contact Kim Morgan at kamorgan11@gmail.com or call 570.739.2627.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Low & Moderate INCOME HOUSING Rehabilitation Program

The housing rehabilitation program for the Township of Wayne is designed to encourage low/moderate income owner-occupants to restore their homes to a decent, safe and sanitary condition.

The housing rehabilitation program assistance will be in the form of grants/non-interest bearing forgiveness loans that would be forgiven at a rate of 25% per annum over a period of four years. A no-interest mortgage/lien will be placed on homes that are rehabilitated through the program in accordance with the interest-free four-year forgiveness loan.

The following current income limits were effective as of June 15, 2023. They represent the income by family size for the area as reported by HUD. The Township Supervisors will revise these limits whenever HUD adjusts the Home Income Limits for Schuylkill County.

SIZE OF FAMILY	GROSS INCOME LIMITS	Annual income is the gross amount of income that household members are expected to receive during the coming 12 months.
1 person	\$44,650	Income qualification alone does not insure that funding will be received for rehabilitation. All requirements of the program must be met in order to qualify. Below are some of the additional requirements for the program.
2 person	\$51,000	
3 person	\$57,400	
4 person	\$63,750	
5 person	\$68,850	
6 person	\$73,950	
7 person	\$79,050	
8 person	\$84,150	

The unit to be rehabilitated must be owned and occupied by the applicant. Please note that mobile homes owned by the applicant that are located in a mobile home park will require a lease agreement between the applicant and the mobile home park. The lease agreement must be for a minimum of five years. Real estate taxes on the property to be rehabilitated must be paid up to date as well as other municipal taxes and fees. The owner will be required to provide evidence of property insurance. Flood insurance must be provided for homes that are located in the 100 year floodplain. The amount for the rehabilitation cannot exceed limits for the program.

Homeowners can obtain a "Housing Rehabilitation Waiting List" form at the Wayne Township Municipal Building or by contacting the Township's Consultant at (570) 875-7320. (PA Telecommunications Center TDD: 7-1-1).

Stanley L Fidler, Chairman
Wayne Township Board of Supervisors

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WAYNE TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

The Board of Supervisors - Third Wednesday each month with the exception of October when it meets on the Second Wednesday.

The Planning Commission - Second Tuesday each month.

The Municipal Authority - First Tuesday each month.

All meetings are open to the public at the Municipal Building, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS

Board Chairperson	Stanley L. Fidler
Board Vice Chairperson	Charles J. Ferguson
Supervisor	Ralph H. Fidler
Secretary/Treasurer	Judie Yob
Solicitor	Matthew Rossi with Zane, Rossi, Conville & Harley
Engineer	WJP Engineers
Emergency Mgmt. Coord.	Thomas Finn
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	Wayne Bowen
Zoning Officer	Randy Moyer
Planning Commission Secretary	Dawn Turitto

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Tim Zimmerman • Daniel Kramer, Secretary
Jeffrey Dewald, Treasurer • Keith R. Showalter, Engineer (SDE)
Dawn Turitto, Assistant

TOWNSHIP TAX RECEIVER

Schuylkill County, Wayne Township, and Blue Mountain School District tax assessments are received by Joan M. Geary, 2 Millers Road, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972-9387. Office hours: call 570-739-2509 for an appointment or email waynetwptc@yahoo.com.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Judie Yob

TOWNSHIP HOURS

Monday thru Thursday, 9AM to 4PM
Office Closed on Fridays
Zoning Office Hours: Monday 7 to 9PM