

# WAYNE TOWNSHIP

— SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA —

# NEWSLETTER



# ROADMASTER'S REPORT

by Ralph Fidler

Everyone can join the efforts to bring attention to both motorist and worker safety in **Work Zone Awareness Week, April 15-19**. This annual spring campaign is held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones. The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones to keep public works personnel safe.

As we say goodbye to the last of winter snow and ice, Wayne Township has plans for the warmer weather!

- 1) At the end of March, we will be sweeping the streets. You can also expect to see workers cleaning the road shoulders and pipes.
- 2) In April, it's time to work on repairing some roads. We will be sealing cracks. The road crew will also be milling out and patching pot holes.
- 3) In May, we will be installing drainage pipe on some of the township roads. We will also begin spring mowing.
- 4) In June, we start work on the road projects for 2024. They include:
  - Spring Road (from S.R. 895 to Summer Hill Rd.)
  - Rolling View Dr, Hillside Dr, White Deer Dr, Wildflower Dr, and Jan-Aarden Dr.
  - Blue Mountain Rd. will be paved from Moyer Station Road east for 1 mile.
- 5) Line painting will be on the schedule for July.
- 6) In August and September, it will be time to go over the roads scheduled for 2025 road projects to begin prepping them for next year.
- 7) We will be picking up leaves in October and November, as well as making sure drains are clean

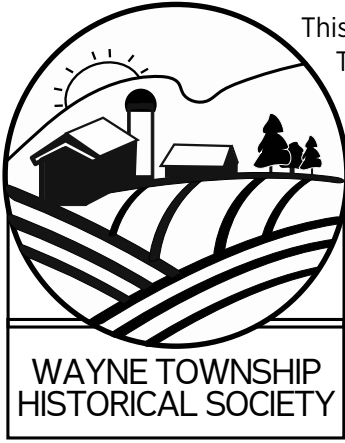
and open and things are ready for our first winter storm.



*When we see road crews with "Road Work Ahead" signs along the road, please slow down and use caution. No one wants an accident!*

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by Carl Yeich

This past February, the Wayne Township Historical Society, published their third newsletter which can be found at many of the local businesses. On February 10th, the Society also had a stand at the Schuylkill County Historical event held at the Fairlane Mall. Our exhibit was well received with many artifacts, maps, and pictures pertaining to the history of our township.

On April 11th at 7 PM, we will again be hosting another free educational presentation at the Friedensburg Fire House Community Hall. The topic will be on the "Old Stagecoach Road" and the stone mile markers found along it. The presenters are three local men who will deliver an illustrated step-by-step presentation. All are welcome. P.S. - we have good snacks!

Our organization has progressed and expanded these past three years. We are always open to new members. Our meetings are held at 7 PM the second Thursday of each month at the Wayne Township Community Hall. **COME JOIN US!**

We also have a very interesting web site, The website, **waynetownshiphistoricalsociety.com** is constantly being updated with new and interesting things about the township.

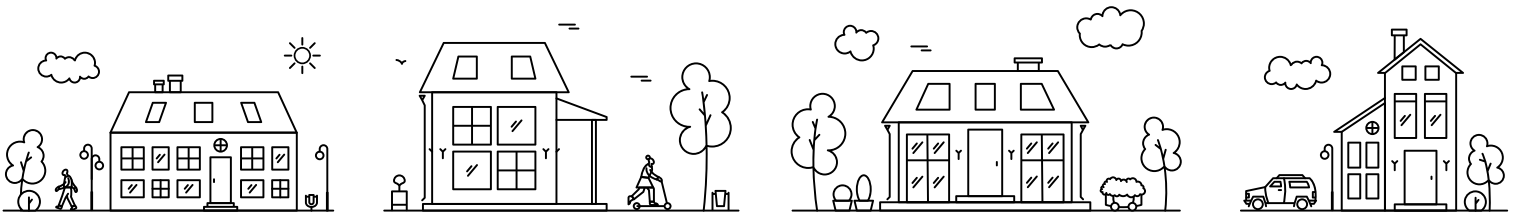


### SCHUYLKILL CONSERVATION DISTRICT: SWEET ARROW LAKE

# Schuylkill County Sketchers

**Every 3rd Saturday @ 10am except May 18th.**

Meet Audrey Wells outdoors in the **UPPER** parking lot at the Sweet Arrow Lake Clubhouse Participants will sketch various nature scenes. Free and open to the public. No art experience is necessary. Please bring something to draw on and something to draw with. For more info, e-mail **skooksketchers@hotmail.com**.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wayne Township **COMMUNITY DAY!**

### August 24, 2024 • 10:00am - 2:00pm

If you own a local business or provide a service and would like to participate, contact Jeff Kramer at **(570) 573-0829**.



# Frog Hollow Activities



All walks are free of charge. Some trails are uneven. No registration needed.  
If you have questions, call Jane at **570-628-4802** or Drew at **570-527-2505**.

Saturday April 20	8:30/9:00am	Frog Hollow Dedication and Clean-Up		Official designation as a Schuylkill County-owned park will occur at 8:30 am at the end of Wildflower Trail. Spring trail clean-up will follow with removing branches covering trails and removal of selected invasive species. Come with gloves, tools, and footwear for wetland.
Saturday, April 27	10:00-11:00am	"Whisper Walk" 5 Senses Walk	Sue Reier & Audrey Wells	Use your five senses to hear, smell, observe and touch nature. Even the smallest critter makes sound if one is quiet. Springtime and wetness explode with smells. No pets permitted on this walk.
Saturday, May 4	8:30am	"Bird Watching"	Barbara Ritzheimer & Seve Helper	In a forest, sounds become the distinguishing point for location of birds. Walk with experienced birders to locate birds in Frog Hollow. No pets permitted on this walk.
Saturday, May 11	10:00-11:00am	"Wildflower Walk"	Audrey & Lee Wells	Small flowers burst early to catch the sunlight. Frog Hollow is known for many ephemeral flowers which bloom and recharge their root system before tree leaves appear. Observe the Mayflower, Mayapple, bundles of violets, and Crane's Bill.
Saturday, May 18	12:00-3:00pm	"BioBlitz at Frog Hollow Nature Area"	Bob Evanchalk & Mary Ann Smith	After a morning of counting, learn the results of professions counting mammals, insects, moss, perennials, trees, fish, and macro-invertebrates. Tree identification walk - 1:00; nature walk - 1:30; history presentation - 2:00; inventory tallies - 3:00
June 17-19 & 26-28	June 17-19 9-12 (M-W) June 26-28 1-4pm (W-F)	Summer Youth Camp	Emily Cantor	Summer Youth Camp at Frog Hollow for grades K-5, set for the morning June 17-19 and repeating in the afternoon June 26-28. \$15 registration fee includes t-shirt, refreshments and take-home each day. Register through the Schuylkill Conservation District at 570-622-3742.

## South Schuylkill Garden Club

*Upcoming Programs for the SSGC April through October that the public is invited to.*

**April 16 - April Membership Tea, 5 pm** (Doors Open 6 PM; Tea 7 PM) - "Fashion Through the Ages." A Victorian tea with Lucille Fala-Brennan presenting the program. Lucille will entertain us with music, song and stories of the past in Victorian fashion. For info, contact **570-990-9131**.

**June 18 - Memorial Walk at Schuylkill Haven Recreation Memorial Garden, 5:30 pm.** We will be placing bricks in memory of friends and family.

**June 18 - Program: "Basics of Bonsai", 6:30 pm** - Carl Ackhammer, Jr. of Zenchaser Bonsai will enthusiastically engage all of us in a program on the basics of the Japanese art of raising bonsai trees. Contact **570-617-0808** for more information.

**September 17 - Program: "Harvesting and Drying Plant Material"** PSU Master Gardener Kathy Townley will present a program on harvesting and drying plant material for fall arrangements. Contact **570-617-0808** for more information.

**October 15 - Program: "Lavender and Lace."** Quiet Hill Lavender Farm from Palmerton will take us on a journey of their lavender operation. What started out as a hobby has emerged into a business operated by Chris and Sheri Anthony. Contact **570-617-0808** for more information.

## South Schuylkill Garden Club PLANT SALE

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bubeck Park at Stoyer's Dam

For info, call: **570-573-9787**



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

## 2024 WAYNE TOWNSHIP

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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
Sewage Officer	Scot McCaffrey, SDE
	Wayne Bowen
Zoning Officer	Randy Moyer
Planning Commission Secretary	Dawn Turitto

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Earle Otto, Chairman • Dwight Manbeck • James Cook  
Larry Fidler • Donald Gossard • Kyle Heffner  
Mark Schropp, Sr. • Michael Sterner • Raymond Bechtel

### MUNICIPAL (SEWER) AUTHORITY BOARD

James Cook, Chairman • Ralph Fidler, Vice Chairman  
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](mailto: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