

WAYNE TOWNSHIP

— SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA —

NEWSLETTER



ROADMASTER'S REPORT *by Ralph Fidler*

Wayne Township had another good paving season. This year, we were able to pave 3½ miles of road. We are able to do this by effective management of the roads over the years. This includes maintenance of the pavement at regular intervals. This not only benefits motorists, but also saves the taxpayer money by reducing maintenance costs and leading to a more sustainable road system.

When you crack seal roads, it can help prevent water infiltration. This keeps water out of the underlying areas and helps prevent the deterioration of the pavement. The history of pavement materials utilized and roadway drainage are key factors. Having a pavement plan will help with budgeting for repairs, rehabilitation and general maintenance. Spending money on the right project at the right time is critical. A road that is experiencing additional volume or a heavier flow of truck traffic will not necessarily benefit from an overlay. It may call for more of a structural fix, like full depth reclamation or cold-in-place recycling. This will involve additional planning and budgeting.

Wayne Township has also partnered together with other townships to help save money. Our inter-municipal agreements with South Manheim and West Brunswick Township lets us work together on road projects. For the last 10 years, these townships are saving thousands of dollars a year on paving roads together by combining equipment and manpower. This allows the township to do road projects that they wouldn't be able to do alone, while also cutting costs in half over having to engage a contractor for those projects. In addition, the townships are able to buy road materials

together, put road projects out for bid, and get better pricing as we are buying in larger quantities.

Unfortunately, there are some instances where money can't be saved. The township mower has been in use since 1996 and had close to 10,000 hours on it. Mowing along the township roads is a necessity, so a new mower was purchased. When the original mower was purchased in 1996, that mower cost the township \$104,000. When the township replaced the mower, today's cost was \$264,000. Some of this will be recouped as the township sells the old mower. The cost to maintain our roads in the township is not cheap, but is what it is today.



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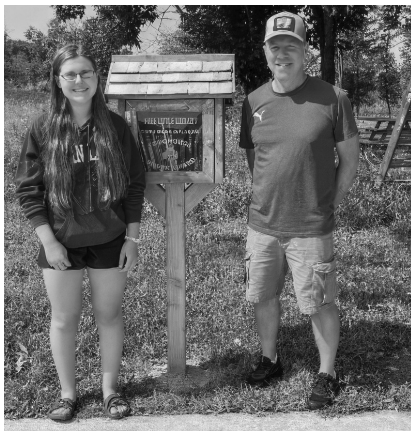
Wayne Township residents - we can use your help!

If you live on a private lane, Wayne Township Fire Companies are requesting that the lanes be kept clear, especially of trees and shrubs. It's imperative that emergency vehicles and personnel are able to get through in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

Congratulations!

Township Secretary Judie Yob has reached a goal!

She graduated from Pennsylvania Municipal Government Academy (PMGA) in 2023. Fairly new to township government, at that time, she embraced the ability to learn as she goes. Judie continues to take advantage of as many educational opportunities offered through PSATS as she can. She is able to bring all that knowledge back into the office and use it to the benefit of our residents every day. Congratulations, Judie!



Grace Zulli and Jeff Kramer with Grace's Little Library at Community Day

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT *Little Library*

A new improvement was added at the Wayne Township Park by Girl Scout Troop 31135 member, Grace Zulli. The Recreation Committee approved the addition of a "Little Library" for Grace's Girl Scout Silver Award project. The "Little Library" was built by Grace and her dad. If you take a book from the library, please replace it with another book that is of the same level, i.e. if you take a children's book, please replace it with a children's book.

The library has seen much use from the time it was installed on August 17th and Grace will continue to monitor the library and replace the books, as needed. The township welcomes scout projects that will add features and improve the park. Please contact the township office at **570-739-2629** to coordinate your scout project.



Wayne Township Senior Center

The Wayne Township Senior Center meets weekly on Wednesdays at 23 Meadowbrook Center (Route 183). We opened in September 2018 offering weekly programs Wednesdays from 11 am to 2 pm.

Weekly Wednesday Program from 11 am to 2 pm:

11 am to noon: Meet and Greet, socializing with coffee, cookies and light snacks.

Noon: Prayer of thanks, Pledge of Allegiance, chorus of "God Bless America," followed by lunch such as chicken potpie and salad, soup and sandwich, meatloaf and mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, etc. covered by a donation.

1pm to 2 pm: Activities/Programs including bingo, trivia games, and "light flexercising." Other varied programs offered are visits from Red Creek Wildlife, Diakon, service organizations, piano recitals, etc.

Holiday are most always accented with scattered table decorations.

Attendance reservations are suggested by noon on Friday to handle food planning. Please phone the office at **570-739-2241**. We welcome any and all township residents to check us out!





Wayne Township LIONS Club

Motto: "We Serve"

What is purpose of Lion's Club? It is a group of service-minded men and women interested in improving their community. We were chartered in 1972 with LIONS International.

PAST

Past contributions to the community include:

- Financed the engineering study for the traffic light at Routes 183/443
- Financed and constructed the pavilion at Summit Station Playground
- Numerous park benches for Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Rolling View Estates playground, and the recreational facility along Route 443
- Completion of the pavilion at Route 443 recreational facility with group or family rentals available

PRESENT: Our club has been receiving donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower chairs, bedside commodes, and hospital beds. Items are stored in a facility adjacent to Moyers Exxon along Route 443. All are in excellent condition and redistributed "free" to local residents in need of such items. Every two months, we sponsor the Red Cross blood drive at the Friedensburg Fire Company.

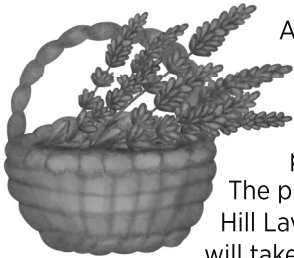
Each spring we conduct roadside clean-up along Route 183. Our major fundraiser is the Kauffman's Chicken BBQ held on the third weekends in July and October.

FUTURE: The Wayne Township Recreational Facility along Route 443 is continuing to expand with soccer fields, walking trails, and rental of the pavilion for reunions and/or picnics by phoning the township office at 570-739-2629.

Our monthly meetings are held the 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm at the Friedensburg Country Restaurant and we welcome your attendance to learn more about us.

Questions, comments, or inquires can be addressed to:
Wayne Township Lions, PO Box 142, Friedensburg, PA 17933.

South Schuylkill Garden Club



As the growing season winds down, so do the activities for the South Schuylkill Garden Club. At the meeting on October 15, the club will be treated with a program titled "Lavender and Lace."

The presenter for the evening is from Quiet Hill Lavender Farm in Palmerton. The program will take you on a journey of their lavender

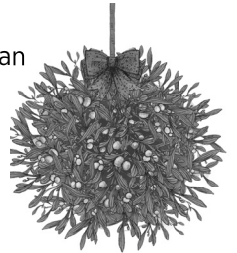
operation. What started out as a hobby has emerged into a business operated by Chris and Sheri Anthony. The public is invited to hear the speaker at this program. The club meets in the Community Room of the First United Church of Christ (white church by the PSU Schuylkill campus), 110 Route 61, Schuylkill Haven.

October is a time to take a stroll along the Union Canal in Pine Grove. Stop by our stand during the Autumn Stroll on October 19 from 10 AM to 4PM to stock up on our delicious jams, jellies, and

decorative fall arrangements. The club stand can be found in front of the pollinator garden that the club maintains at the canal.

At our meeting night in November, we will be making winter greens kissing balls. This is a workshop to create and take home a kissing ball for the holiday season. Club members will bring and share winter greens from their gardens along with their own special decorations to the workshop and go home with a lovely kissing ball.

December closes the growing season and we will be celebrating our accomplishments at a holiday party. The new year will bring quiet time to look through seed catalogs and plan programs for the new year. March will bring the club full circle into a new year with our first club meeting of 2025 on the third Tuesday of the month.



Website: www.southschuylkillgardenclub.com • Facebook: www.facebook.com/soschuylkillgardenclub



Programs at Frog Hollow Nature Area

Arranged by Friends of Frog Hollow, Schuylkill County Conservancy

"The Friends of Frog Hollow wish to extend their appreciation for all the work and support to the Frog Hollow Nature Area over the past two years. The roadside is kept mown, the parking lot has been extended for greater parking, and extra parking is now available along the northern berm which allows vehicles to completely be off of Stone Mountain Road. All of this is thanks to the cooperation and resources of Wayne Township. Frog Hollow is an asset for all to enjoy." - Jane Kruse

Oct. 12, 2024	1:00pm	"Nature Journaling of Autumn Beauty"	Audrey Wells
Jan. 1, 2025	10:00am	"First Day Walk"	Jerry Bowman, Steve Hepler, Sue Reier, Barbara Ritzheimer
Jan. 11, 2025	6:30pm	"Owls Hooting in Frog Hollow"	Dave Krueel
Feb. 22, 2025	10:00am	"This Bud Is For You" Winter ID	Will Thomas
April 19, 2025	9:00am	Spring Clean-Up and Invasive Patrol	Sue Reier & Steve Hepler
April 26, 2025	10:00am	Wildflower Walk	Audrey Wells

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 1, 2024. 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	\$44,600	Income qualification alone does not insure that funding will be received for rehabilitation.
2 person	\$51,000	
3 person	\$57,350	All requirements of the program must be met in order to qualify.
4 person	\$63,700	
5 person	\$68,800	Below are some of the additional requirements for the program.
6 person	\$73,900	
7 person	\$79,000	
8 person	\$84,100	

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
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.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Judie Yob

TOWNSHIP HOURS

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