



MONROE NEWS

January 2024

2024 Reorganization

The Monroe Township Board of Supervisors held their reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Philip Kehoe was named Chairman with Philip Paetzold named Vice-Chairman for 2024.

2024 Re-Appointments include:

Wilbur Wolf - Planning Commission

Rich Moore - Zoning Hearing Board

Andy Clancy - Municipal Authority

Christopher Wilkenings - Fire Marshal

Mike Mixell - Asst. Fire Marshal

Joe McCorkel - UCC Appeals Board

Heather Dunn - Vacancy Board

UCC Plan Review & Inspection Services -
Approved Code Services

Building Codes Officer - Irv Spoonhour
of Approved Code Services

Solicitor, Engineer, Sewer Engineer, SEO
and Southern Sewer Maintenance
remain the same as in 2023.

Vacancies currently exist on the Recreation Board and in the positions of Emergency Management Coordinator and Asst. Emergency Management Coordinator. Anybody interested in serving in any of these capacities should contact the Township office with their interest.

2024 MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors - 7:00 PM

Jan 2	Feb 8	Mar 14
Apr 11	May 9	Jun 13
Jul 11	Aug 8	Sep 12
Oct 10	Nov 14	Dec 12

Planning Commission - 6:30 PM

Jan 10	Feb 7	Mar 6
Apr 3	May 1	Jun 5
Jul 3	Aug 7	Sep 4
Oct 2	Nov 6	Dec 4

Recreation Board - 7:00 PM

Jan 8	Feb 12	Mar 11
Apr 8	May 13	Jun 10
Jun 24	Aug 12	Sep 9
Oct 14	Nov 11	Dec 9(5:30PM)

Municipal Authority - 7:00 PM

Jan 17	Feb 21	Mar 20
Apr 17	May 15	Jun 19
Jul 17	Aug 21	Sep 18
Oct 16	Nov 20	Dec 18

Flags for Memorial Day



This year Mt. Zion Cemetery plans to add flags representing each branch of Military Service to our Memorial Day Ceremony.

If you are interested in helping to fund this project, contact Jim Clay at 717-571-6643.



****REMINDERS****

- ◆ *Open burning/ fires are prohibited in the Conservation Zone (the mountain area near and including White Rock Acres).*
- ◆ *Cleaning and maintenance of driveway pipes is the responsibility of the homeowner.*
- ◆ *Please refrain from placing or planting items within the road right-of-way area. Items in the right-of-way area can affect sight distances, snow removal and other road work. The public works department reserves the right to trim or remove any items within the right-of-way.*
- ◆ *Pets should NOT be allowed to roam freely in any neighborhood or onto any neighbor's properties; or otherwise be allowed to disturb neighbors.*
- ◆ *Please report any downed roadway signs to the Township office.*
- ◆ *Dirt bikes & ATV's are not permitted on public roadways, including cul-de-sacs, in the township.*
- ◆ *Speed limits are established for the safety of all, please obey the posted speeds and stop signs in all areas of the township.*
- ◆ *The PA State Police provide police coverage to the township. The non-emergency number is 717-249-2121.*



GRINDER PUMP ALARMS
CALL JEFFERY WILBUR PLUMBING
AT 717-487-2809
FOR 24 HOUR SERVICE

Burning Permit Note: Monroe Township may issue a Permit which gives a Monroe Property Owner the authorization to conduct an open burn on cut trees, stumps and brush. This permit does not allow the burning of such items as demolition waste, insulation, shingles, treated wood, paint, painted or stained objects or furniture, tires, mattresses, box springs, metal, insulating coating on wire, television sets and appliances, automobiles, automotive parts, batteries, PVC products, waste oil and other petroleum products.

The Monroe Fire Marshall should be contacted at 717-258-6642 or 717-697-4613 option 5 of the auto attendant, if you have any questions as to allowable materials under the open burn permit.

Public Safety Reminders

Do not approach or allow another person or pets to approach downed power lines

Report downed power lines to the responsible public utility, police or fire company

Do not try to remove trees, limbs or branches from power lines

Reporting Numbers

Met-Ed - 888-544-4877

PPL - 800-432-5775

Report odors of gas to the responsible public utility, police or fire company for investigation

Reporting Number

UGI - 800-276-2722

Streetlight outages should be reported to the responsible public utility

Reporting Numbers

PPL - 888-220-9991, Option 4

Met-Ed - 888-544-4877

Water main breaks should be reported to the responsible water company

Reporting Numbers

Aqua PA - 877-987-2782

Suez Water - 888-299-8972

WHEN IN DOUBT, 911 CAN HELP

TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Julia G. Weller, Tax Collector

Email:
monroetwptax@gmail.com

Phone: 717-550-2923
Fax: 717-458-5775

Office Hours:

March, April, July & August

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:00 AM – NOON

May, June & September—February

Tuesdays 9:00 AM – NOON

All other times by appointment

Requests for Tax Certifications per year/per parcel:

Send written request with
fee of \$20.00 to:

Julia Weller
1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Please indicate return preference:
email, fax or USPS (include
stamped self-addressed envelope).

January 1 - December 14: Payment
accepted via personal check, cash, bank
check, money order, or credit card. If
paying by credit card, there is a 2.65%
processing fee, minimum fee \$3.00.

Credit card payments may be made during
normal Tax Office hours in person at the
Tax Office or over the phone at
717-550-2923.

After December 31, 2024,
any unpaid tax bills are turned over to
Cumberland County Tax Claim.

If you are mailing your tax payment
close to the end of the payment period,
please be aware that payment
must be received in this office
by the payment period end date,
or USPS postmarked by the
payment period end date
to qualify for that payment option.
Counter service at any USPS branch
will handstamp the postmark on request,
to provide proof of mailing date.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Mt. Zion Cemetery in partnership with Monroe Township has donated 102 devices to Cell Phones for Soldiers. THANK YOU! This organization recycles any and all cell phones, smart phones, iPads, tablets, mp3 players and their chargers – no laptops or computers will be accepted. The proceeds from recycling are used to purchase international calling cards for troops to call home and for emergency funding for veterans.

Please continue to donate devices by dropping them off in the Monroe Township Building Lobby or Clay's Service Center at 138 West Main St., Mechanicsburg.

More information can be found at
cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

Mt. Zion Cemetery: Our Community Cemetery

Located at the intersection of Boiling Springs Road and York Road, Mt. Zion Cemetery serves all of Monroe Township. This historic cemetery dates back to the early 1800's and counts among its approximately 5000 residents several Civil War veterans, some who were killed in action. There are over 500 veterans buried here from most of the wars in which the United States has fought.

This 16 acre cemetery is run by a volunteer board of directors, drawn from those community members interested in history, preserving the past, and treating those buried here with respect. We are always looking for like-minded people to join us.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, dedicated to the mission of maintaining an historic part of Monroe Township, please contact Jim Clay (717-571-6643).

We meet once a month. If meetings aren't your thing, we are always looking for volunteers to help maintain this Monroe Township treasure.

If you are interested in Mt. Zion Cemetery as your final resting place, contact Lynn Ronan (717-385-7042) to discuss your options.



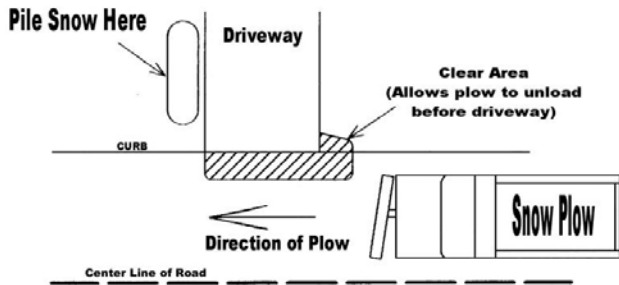


Winter Weather Reminders

As winter storms begin to hit, please remember to:

- ◆ Check on neighbors that may need assistance with snow removal
- ◆ Clear mailboxes of snow & ice for uninterrupted mail service
- ◆ Clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of the weather event (Ord. 2014-01)
- ◆ Do not throw snow into any street
- ◆ Be patient and courteous when encountering snowplows and other snow moving equipment

Driveway Plowing Policies



PENN WASTE REMINDERS

- You must contact Penn Waste via phone or Penn Waste website virtual assistant to schedule collection of bulk items and appliances containing freon (air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc.)
- Yard waste must not exceed 5 feet in length and must be bundled. No more than 2 bundles per collection
- No construction debris will be collected curb side

**PENN WASTE CAN BE CONTACTED AT
717-767-4456**



MONROE FIRE COMPANY

Happy New Year from Monroe Fire Company!
We appreciate all your support throughout 2023. It is our pleasure to serve the citizens of Monroe Township and surrounding communities. In 2023, we spent over 1,100 hours training, in addition to responding to calls for service (numbers below are as of December 1, 2023):

77 Structure Fires, 3 Vehicle Fires, 39 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 22 Gas Leaks, 24 Automatic Fire Alarms, 24 Outside Fires (including wildland fires), 4 Rescues, 13 Wires Down, 37 Service Calls, 80 Medical Assist calls and 17 Standby/Transfers.

We enjoyed seeing you at our 2023 events: Easter Bunny, National Night Out, Pit Beef Sales, Toast with Representative Thomas Kutz, Santa (with Frosty and Rudolph), and other appearances. Thanks to Rep. Thomas Kutz's help securing a grant, we were able to replace our expired breathing apparatus (air packs). Due to Rep. Kutz's timely assistance, we can safely continue providing life-saving services.

We have many more events and fundraisers planned to interact with you in 2024: several Pit Beef sales held at Oak Grove Farms, Community Day on June 15, and other opportunities to engage with our community. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see what we're up to and how we're serving you.

We wish you a safe and healthy 2024, and are looking forward to seeing you at our community events!

***Like us on Facebook:
or check out Monroefire.net
for more information***



RESIDENTIAL SNOW REMOVAL

Do you or somebody you know offer snow removal services to residential property owners? Can we share your contact information with interested residents? If you answered yes to these questions, please contact the Township office with your name, preferred contact information and any restrictions that apply, so that we can add you to the snow remover list. This list will only be provided to residents that call the office looking for this particular information.



Office phone numbers - 717-258-6642 or 717-697-4613
Email - monroetwp@monroetwp.net





REGISTER NOW for Our Spring 2024 Programs!

Eagle FC TOPSoccer

U6-U9 Futures Program

U10-U19 Recreation Program



SAVE THESE DATES!

MAY 2024 : '24-'25 Competitive Team Tryouts

MAY - JUNE 2024 : USWL Eagle FC Women's 3rd Season

JUNE - JULY 2024 : Summer Camp - Development, Advanced, Soccer & Swim

For more information go to eagle-fc.com

YOGA

Held from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Tuesdays
at the Monroe Township Hall



January 9, 16, 23 & 30

February 6, 20 & 27

March 5, 12 & 19

Instructor - from the West Shore YMCA

Yoga is a practice based on a harmonizing system of development of the body, mind and spirit. It blends balance, strength, flexibility and breathing technique to improve health and performance. Connect with your body, mind and spirit; as well as build stamina, flexibility and concentration.

No yoga experience is needed.

Modifications will be given for the more difficult poses.

Participants should bring their own yoga mat.

\$ 9.00 per class drop-in rate

Hall & Pavilion Rental Hour Change

Beginning January 2024, all hall & pavilion rentals must vacate the property no later than 11:00 PM.



Use of the facilities can now take place between the hours of 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM.

COMMUNITY DAY IS BACK!



Mark Your Calendar! Community Day, including fireworks, will be held Saturday, June 15.



Community members are needed to assist in the planning of the event.

Community Day planning meetings will be held from 6PM until 7PM, the second Monday of each month beginning in January and ending in June.

Community members with questions and/or an interest in volunteering can email Recreation Board Chairperson Long at longe53@comcast.net.



rabbittransit Shared Ride Travel Tips

Cooler weather season is here, so how do you plan to travel and beat the chill? Whether you want to run errands, attend medical appointments, join recreational activities, or visit friends, there's an easy (and warm!) way to get there: Book a Shared Ride with rabbittransit.

Unlike a scheduled bus route that only operates in one area, Shared Ride (a.k.a. Paratransit) provides consolidated trips between travel origins and destinations during limited hours and specific areas.

All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. If you would like same-day service, you must make your reservation by 1:30 p.m. Otherwise, reservations must be made no later than 12:00 p.m. the business day before your ride. Reservations may be made two weeks in advance. For trips on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, reservations must be submitted by 12 p.m. the Friday before. Visit www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > Reservations to schedule a reservation.

Here are some other tips for traveling with rabbittransit in cold or inclement weather conditions:

- **Plan Ahead:** Extreme winter weather may cause delays in Shared Ride service, so please plan ahead and allow extra time for travel. This is especially important if you're making a new trip or one you are not completely familiar with. While ride times may vary, Shared Ride is a reliable and safe transportation option that can give you peace of mind when accessing life-sustaining services. If you need to update or cancel a trip, use the FindMyRide website, or call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-632-9063.
- **Dress Warmly:** Remember to dress for winter conditions. Cold air may enter the vehicles during the loading and unloading process, especially on windy days.
- **Step Carefully:** Bus floors and steps may become slippery from snow & ice. Kick the snow from your shoes before stepping on board. Use the handrails and take your time.
- **Stay Informed:** In case of inclement weather, rabbittransit may have delays. Sign up for rider alerts and receive an email, text message or phone call about unexpected service changes.

If Shared Ride sounds like a fit for you, the first step is to submit an application to the program you'd like to participate in. Shared Ride programs vary from Senior Shared Ride to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP), ADA Complementary Paratransit Program (ADA), or Paratransit Full Fare. Riders in select programs may be eligible for free fares. Easily apply online by visiting www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > How to apply. For additional questions about Shared Ride services, call 1-800-632-9063. For more information, visit www.rabbittransit.org/shared-ride/.

Save money, save gas, and help your community do the same!
If you're looking for a job, rabbittransit is hiring!
Visit <https://www.rabbittransit.org/jobs>
to view open positions in your area.



Coldest Night of the Year

Save the Date!

On February 24th, 2024, Community CARES will be hosting our Second Annual Coldest Night of the Year Walk in both Carlisle and Shippensburg!

What is Coldest Night of the Year Walk?

Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is a two-mile family-friendly walk that takes place all around the country, with the goal of raising funds for charities that serve vulnerable members of local communities. The mission of Coldest Night of the Year is to allow participants to step outside the warm comfort they experience during frigid winter months and send a message of understanding, support, and hospitality to those in our community experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness.

Community CARES

Community CARES is a nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, resources, and other supportive services to individuals or families at risk of or experiencing homelessness in the community. The mission of CARES is to support individuals and families in their journey to building an independent, stable, and healthy life, as well as working to end homelessness. CARES understands the unique challenges that people experiencing homelessness face, and tackles every case with compassion, care, and respect.

Join us by taking part in CNOY at either Carlisle or Shippensburg on February 24, 2024.

Please keep an eye on our website www.morethanshelter.org for more information as we approach the walk date.

We look forward to you walking with us on the Coldest Night of the Year to end homelessness one person at a time!

MS4 ILLICIT DISCHARGES REPORTING

Illicit Discharges are any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharges to the storm sewer systems or streams.

There are many things that do not belong in our storm drains and streams, such as oil (cooking or motor), grease, grass clippings, leaves, paint, chemicals, and solvents.

If something seems **not** right, report it to the Township at 717-258-6642 / 717-697-4613 or by email to monroetwp@monroetwp.net (subject: Illicit Discharge) for investigation.

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Small Church with a Giving Heart"

on the square of Churchtown

Email: mtzionluth@gmail.com Website: www.mtzionluth.org

Office: (717) [258-3039](tel:258-3039)

WORSHIP SERVICES: 10 AM on Sundays

- We worship simultaneously inside and on Facebook Live every Sunday at 10 am.
- Also, recorded worship videos can be viewed on Facebook and YouTube at your convenience. Direct links for easy access to these worship videos are on our website.

COMMUNITY DINNERS

Everyone is welcome at our **Free First Saturday of the Month Community Dinners from 5 to 6:30 pm**. Please join us on the first Saturday of every month for good food and fellowship! January 7 – Chili, February 3 – Hog Maw, March 2 – Ham, Green Beans and Potatoes.

OUR COMMUNITY PEACE GARDEN: The Peace Garden is a place where everyone in the community can sit quietly to praise God, meditate, or just take a break. The community is welcome to come and enjoy.



FUNDRAISING TO BENEFIT MONROE SCHOOL FAMILIES IN NEED

Proceeds are used to purchase Thanksgiving & Christmas holiday meals for school families in need.

Both Soup & Easter Egg orders must be preordered by calling or emailing the church office.

Please remember to include your name, phone number and type/quantity of each item.

Please pay at the time of order pick up—by cash or check (payable to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church).

SOUP SALE & PRICE:

Ham & Bean or Beef Vegetable (\$9/quart)

January 7th: Soup sale begins.

February 4th: Last day to order soup.

February 10th: Pick up orders from 2 to 4 pm.

EASTER EGG SALE & PRICE:

Peanut Butter or Coconut Eggs
(\$1.50 per egg or \$15 per dozen)

February 1st: sale begins.

March 18th: last day to order.

Remember, Easter is March 31st!

You will receive a day/time to pick up your egg order when a member calls to confirm your order.

Crossroads Bible Church

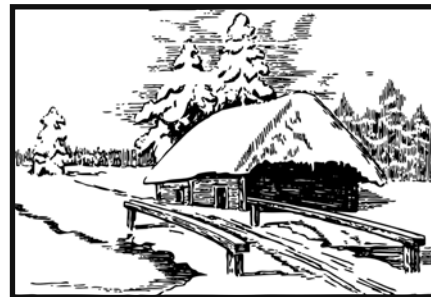
1022 York Road
(Monroe Township)
Dillsburg, PA 17019

www.crossrdsbiblechurch.com

Pastor Greg Sheffer

CHURCH FAMILY REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Sundays:**
 - Morning Worship Services – 10:30 am
 - Junior Church
 - Nursery for infants to 4 years old
- **1st Sunday of each month** – Covered Dish Fellowship lunch following the service
- **4th Sunday of each month** – Family Christian Movie Night 6:00 pm
- **Wednesday evenings** - 6:30–7:45 pm
 - Adults – Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
 - Teens – Word of Life Teen Club
 - Kids – Olympians
 - Nursery available



Special Events—see Church website for more details

Bingo - Friday, January 12th 6:00 PM

Game Night - Friday, January 26th 6:00 PM

Community Dinner - Wednesday, February 7th
5:30 PM

Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, March 9th 4:30 PM



Monroe Township
1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9794

PRSR7 STD
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 3
CARLISLE, PA 17013

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Township Office Closings

February 19—Presidents' Day

March 29—Good Friday



*The Township has reflective house
number signs available at
a cost of \$12.*

Call the Township office to order.

Contact Us
The Township Office Is
Open Monday-Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Phone: 717-258-6642
717-697-4613

Fax: 717-258-9311

Email us at:
monroetwp@monroetwp.net

Visit us on the web at
www.monroetwp.net

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please contact the township office.