



# MONROE NEWS

July 2024



## 2024 Planned Road Work

### Oil & Chip

Brindle Road      Clouser Road (Trindle to Brindle)  
 Clouser Road Spur    Criswell Drive    Criswell Drive Ext.  
 Gutshall Road      Leidigh Drive    Lynes Road  
 Lynes Road Ext.    Long Road      Sheaffer Road

Roads listed above, with the exception of Long Road, will have line painting completed after the oil & chip project.

### Paving Projects



Areas of Leidigh Drive between Lutztown Road and Criswell Drive will receive base repair paving prior to oil & chip.

Base repair paving due to winter freeze/ thaw damage will take place on damaged areas of Eppley Road, Sinclair Road, Myers Road, Shughart Road, Dunkleberger Road and Stought Road. Paving will only take place in sections of these roads as needed.



Timing of work updates will be posted on the Township website when available.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING LIVESTREAM

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors can now be viewed via livestream.

The livestream meeting link can be found on the Board of Supervisors page of the township website at [www.monroetwp.net/government/board\\_of\\_supervisors](http://www.monroetwp.net/government/board_of_supervisors)

Meeting links are posted along with the meeting agenda, typically, one week prior to the meeting date.

## 2024 MEETING DATES

### Board of Supervisors - 7:00 PM

<i>Jul 11</i>	<i>Aug 8</i>	<i>Sep 12</i>
<i>Oct 10</i>	<i>Nov 14</i>	<i>Dec 12</i>

### Planning Commission - 6:30 PM

<i>Jul 3</i>	<i>Aug 7</i>	<i>Sep 4</i>
<i>Oct 2</i>	<i>Nov 6</i>	<i>Dec 4</i>

### Recreation Board - 7:00 PM

<i>Jun 24</i>	<i>Aug 12</i>	<i>Sep 9</i>
<i>Oct 14</i>	<i>Nov 11</i>	<i>Dec 9(5:30PM)</i>

### Municipal Authority - 7:00 PM

<i>Jul 17</i>	<i>Aug 21</i>	<i>Sep 18</i>
<i>Oct 16</i>	<i>Nov 20</i>	<i>Dec 18</i>

## Township Office Closings

Jul. 4 - Independence Day  
 Sept. 7 - Labor Day

## PLANNING COMMISSION CORNER

Check our meeting agendas monthly at [www.monroetwp.net/planning\\_commission](http://www.monroetwp.net/planning_commission) for newly submitted development information and other planning & land use projects.

Community input in person or in writing is always welcome.



**\*\*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

Payments accepted January 1—December 14:

Check, cash, money order or credit card.

If paying by credit card there is a 2.65% processing fee, minimum fee \$3.00. Credit card payments can be made during normal Tax Office hours in person or by phone at 717-880-2923.

Payments accepted December 15 - 31:

Guaranteed funds only—cash, cashiers check or money order. NO personal or business checks can be accepted

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

**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**

**April 25, April 30,**

**August 27 & August 30**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**All other months**

**Tuesdays 9:00 AM – NOON**

**All other times by appointment**

If you are mailing your Discount or Face 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.

Payments can be placed in the Tax Collector drop box located in the Township Municipal Building lobby, or the drop box located outside the main doors.



## MONROE FIRE COMPANY

Thank you for your generous donations in response to our recent mailer. Your support helps us be prepared to respond to all kinds of emergencies. We appreciate being valued by our community and look forward to continuing to serve you. If you'd like to volunteer in any way - firefighters, fire police, and administrative members are needed! Stop by the station to take a tour and see how you can be a part of Monroe Fire.

Thanks for all who participated in our Summer of '24 raffle. The drawing was held during Community Day. Community Day was a great time to interact with the community.

Our third annual night golf tournament will be held in September. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details, coming soon.

Be safe as summertime activities like grilling, swimming, working outside in the heat, and fireworks can present dangers.

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

## **Application deadline for 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebate has been extended to December 31, 2024.**

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program supports homeowners and renters across Pennsylvania. This program provides a rebate ranging from \$380 to \$1,000 to eligible older adults and people with disabilities age 18 and older.

There are three ways to apply for the [Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program](#): online, by mail, or in-person. Applicants are encouraged to apply online for the fastest review process. Paper applications are available at the Tax Collector's office in the Monroe Township Building, or at Representative Thomas Kutz's office.

### **FIRE COMPANY HONORS MEMBER FOR 50+ YEARS OF SERVICE**

Monroe Fire Company recently recognized Eugene "Gene" Woodward for over 50 years of service. Woodward began his volunteer service with Williams Grove Fire Company in 1972. He is a life member of the fire company and continues to actively serve as a fire police officer and chaplain.

Woodward was a chief officer of the fire company when Fire Chief Dave Heckert was a junior firefighter in the 1980's. "Now, we celebrate his remarkable achievement of 50 years of service. I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve alongside him for many of those years," said Heckert.

In recognition of his dedicated years of service, Woodward was presented with a custom-engraved replica of a leather fire bucket. The leather fire bucket was one of the very first fire pieces of fire equipment. Firefighters would form "bucket brigades", continuously passing buckets of water from one firefighter to another, to extinguish a fire. The iconic leather fire bucket is a unique part of fire service history. Over the last five decades, Woodward has witnessed many changes within Monroe Fire Company and the volunteer fire service. We commend his service to the community and celebrate this milestone.

## 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.

### Appalachian Trail Volunteer Opportunities

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a continuous footpath extending more than 2100 miles between Springer Mountain in Georgia and Mount Katahdin in Maine. The Trail is maintained largely by volunteer labor organized in more than 30 maintaining clubs working with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the National Park Service. The Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club (CVATC) is one of those clubs, responsible for maintaining 17 miles of the Trail across the Cumberland Valley. There are some beautiful, pastoral scenes from the Trail in Monroe Township.

CVATC is looking for active volunteers to help with trail maintenance and the organizational work of the club. Come out and help us in our mission to keep this world-class recreational resource open and available to both local residents and long-distance hikers who come from all parts of the United States and beyond.

We have a regular work day on the 3rd Saturday of each month and an extensive hiking schedule available on our website: [www.cvatclub.org](http://www.cvatclub.org)

Please join us by emailing us at [cvatclub@gmail.com](mailto:cvatclub@gmail.com) for additional information.

### 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](mailto:monroetwp@monroetwp.net) (subject: Illicit Discharge) for investigation.

## 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**

Multi Family Yard Sale!

July 27th 8-3pm

Alma Lane, Brandt Road, Sanderson Dr.

Just outside of Churchtown

Lots of great deals!



The poster features a central circular logo for Upper Allen Township with a landscape scene. The background is decorated with autumn leaves and pumpkins. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner, listing activities and providing contact information.

**FALL FESTIVAL**

- Food Trucks
- Games/ Inflatables
- Live Music
- Craft Vendors
- Hay Rides
- Emergency Vehicle Showcase

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH,  
4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**Winding Hill Park North  
901 E Winding Hill Rd. Mechanicsburg, 17055**

**CANNED GOODS WILL BE  
COLLECTED FOR FOOD DRIVE**

**FOLLOW US FOR MORE DETAILS**

QR code and Facebook icon are included at the bottom left.

## Thank You Community Day Sponsors & Volunteers!



The Monroe Township Recreation Board would like to express its sincerest thanks to all the Sponsors and Community Volunteers who contributed to making Community Day a big success!



### Sponsors:

Oak Grove Farms, Talking Breads, Miller & Sons, Inc., Lewis & Louise Lehrman, F.M. Berkheimer, Pennoni Associates, Peck's Septic, T.J. Rockwells, PaulB, Mechanicsburg Club, MTC Excavators, Timothy Thompson, Monica Gould & Rob Cassel, Penn Waste, Joseph Simpson Library, Representative Thomas Kutz, H.L. Stoneberger

### Program Planning Committee Volunteers:

Dwayne Lebo - Oak Grove Farms  
Mike & Keri Zeigler - Monroe Fire Company  
Joe Amsterdam - Talking Breads  
Amy Dreibelbis - Monroe Elementary School PTO  
Donna Blanteno - VFW  
Phil Kehoe - Township Supervisor  
Quito Pulgar - Community Member



### Event Volunteers:

Diane Montgomery, Bruce Mulvey, Cora Pinak, The Lebo Family, Brent Diderrich, Callen Diderrich, The Long Family, Jim & Carol Ford, Ron & Marsha Gombeleski, Mike & Angie Zemba, The Dreibelbis Family, Teresa Phillips, The Pasework Family, The McCollough Family

Thank you again, you are very much appreciated!

A special shoutout to Dwayne Lebo of Oak Grove Farms for his dedication and commitment to this year's event. We look forward to working with you next year!



### SEEKING.....



Monroe Township is seeking residents interested in serving their community.

Vacant terms currently exist within the Rec Board and Municipal Authority. We are also seeking individuals to fill positions as Asst. Fire Marshal, Emergency Management Coordinator and Asst. Emergency Management Coordinator.

If you are interested in serving your community, please provide your interest, contact information and any pertinent background information to the township office for consideration.

## Cumberland County 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Participants must sign up for an appointment in advance.  
Visit



www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/3499  
or call 717-240-6489 to make an appointment.

### When

Saturday, August 17 - 9 AM until 3 PM  
Thursday, October 24 - 11 AM until 5 PM

### Where

Cumberland County Recycling Center  
1001 Claremont Road  
Carlisle, PA

Appointments required and a fee of \$0.55/lb. will be charged.  
Payments must be made by cash or card only.

Cumberland County residents only  
ID required

Must come at appointment time - no pre or post event customers will be accepted

## TREASURES OF THE TOWNSHIP



Join local Churchtown historian, Suzanne Sunday, as she shares stories about settlers, Civil War soldiers, baseball, murders, ghosts, and lots of history from the 1700's through the early 1900s. Churchtown is truly an interesting place. Join us for a walking tour and learn more!

Date/Time: Saturday, September 14, 2024, 3:00pm (rain or shine!)

Location: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church parking lot (on the square in Churchtown), 325 Old Stonehouse Road S, Boiling Springs, PA 17007

For questions, contact Kathy Mulvey at [knmulvey@comcast.net](mailto:knmulvey@comcast.net).

Sponsored by: The Monroe Township Recreation Board

# 66th Annual Steam Show

8/24-9/1, 2024



1 Steam Engine Hill,  
Mechanicsburg, PA



- Plowing Competition
- Live Music
- Vendors
- Consignment Sale
- Model Railroad
- Tractor Pulls & Games
- Steam Engines
- Train Rides
- Parades
- Horse Pulls
- Demonstrations



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ON DISPLAY ALL NINE DAYS

For a schedule of activities & more info visit: [www.wghsea.org](http://www.wghsea.org)

**MONROE TOWNSHIP DAY**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024**

Save on Gate Admission!  
Present this coupon at the gate on  
8/30/24 to enter for just  
\$3 per person or \$5 per carload



## MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

ON THE Square of Churchtown

Pastor Jennifer Toburen

Email: [mtzionluth@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionluth@gmail.com)

Website: [mtzionluth.org](http://mtzionluth.org)

Office phone number: 717-258-3039

Please join us on Sunday Mornings at 8:30 for our worship service.  
Come as you are-worship is casual

COMMUNITY DINNERS: Please join us on the first Saturday of each month for a free home cooked meal.

Meals are served from 5:00-6:30. This is an opportunity for good food, fellowship and fun. Everyone is welcome!

July 6-Picnic dinner of grilled hamburgers/hotdogs  
with sides

August 3-Subs

September 7-Ham and Scalloped Potatoes

### COMING SOON:

AUGUST 1-SEPTEMBER 8

PRE ORDERS TAKEN FOR HOMEMADE CHICKEN CORN SOUP

Orders can be taken by phone or email. Give us your name phone number, and the number of quarts. Pick-up will be September 14 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Use our circular driveway for drive-thru pickup. Cash or check made out to Mount Zion Lutheran Church. Pay at time of pick up. Pre orders only!

100% of the proceeds purchases Thanksgiving/Christmas dinners for Monroe families in need!

OCTOBER 19-ANNUAL 3 MILE FUN WALK/RUN BENEFITTING  
THE CPARC CHURCHTOWN GROUP HOME

Begins and ends in the Mt. Zion parking lot.  
More details to come. Watch for the sandwich board.

### 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 it!

## Crossroads Bible Church

1022 York Road

(Monroe Township)

Dillsburg, PA 17019

[www.crossroadsbiblechurch.com](http://www.crossroadsbiblechurch.com)

Pastor Greg Sheffer

Pastor Ian Perkins

### 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.



## CHURCHTOWN CHURCH OF GOD

### *The Little Church on the Hill*

*At the Churchtown Church of God, Worship is as vibrant and alive as ever every Sunday Morning at 10 AM. Song and prayer and great fellowship are a part of every Sunday morning.*

*Stop in and spend some time with us.*

*As we always say, because we mean it, ALL are welcome.*

*Not only do we say, COME AS YOU ARE –*

*We want you to BE AS YOU ARE.*

*As the dog days of summer approach, we have set our dates for our 4th year of SERVE week where volunteers from our church family strive to help all who need a little help around the house – repairs, landscaping, computer help, you name it.*

*The SERVE Team will be available on the mornings of Monday, July 29 through Saturday, August 3rd.*

*If you would like help, simply call 717-258-5337*

*or email Pastor Brian at [dealornodeal316@comcast.net](mailto:dealornodeal316@comcast.net)*

*OR Jeff Schwartz at [jeffstephschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:jeffstephschwartz@gmail.com).*

*Announcing our new "Neighborhood Narthex!" What is a narthex, you may ask? It is the corner entrance to the church on Old Stonehouse Road – and we have converted it for use as a neighborhood "give and take" space. It will be open during daylight hours, and you might find seasonal clothing and food items, books, school supplies and more! Stop by and check it out. Take something you need – leave something you do not.*

*I am pastor Brian Warner and, along with council members Olivia Swarner, Stacy Luther, Mark Cole, Yvonne Laukemann, Ryan Nearhood, Taylor Welch, and Rich Eshleman, we stand ready to welcome you to Churchtown. We hope that you find power in worship and joy in our fellowship. WE REALLY DO!*

*As we always say,*

**OUR CHURCH IS LITERALLY YOUR CHURCH.**

*If you are in need ever, do not hesitate to contact us at 258-5337.*

*We are at your service... and please just*

**COME AS YOU ARE!**

*Our mission at the Churchtown Church of God is to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. It is our vision to serve this*

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

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**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**



### **GRASS CLIPPING & OUR ROADWAYS**

Blowing grass into the roadway might not be illegal in PA, but it is dangerous to those using the roads and environmental unfriendly.

Grass clippings blown into the roadway create dangerous situations for motorcyclist & bicyclist alike, increasing the risk of sliding and upsetting both motorcycle & bicycle. The clippings and other yard debris also cause drainage issues and add unwanted sediment and nutrients to the stormwater runoff that is polluting our streams and rivers today.

Grass clippings and yard waste are best kept in your yard, where they can decompose and return valuable nutrients to the ground helping to reduce the amount of fertilizer needed each year. Get the best bang for your buck, safer streets, greener grass, and better water quality by **not** blowing your grass clippings into the streets.



**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](mailto:monroetwp@monroetwp.net)**

**Visit us on the web at**  
**[www.monroetwp.net](http://www.monroetwp.net)**

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**please contact the township office.**