

HEREFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Fall 2022



Board of Supervisors

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Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
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**The Board of Supervisors
meets on the First and Third
Tuesday of each month.
Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.
and are held at the
municipal building.**

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN JOHN MEMBRINO

At the August 2nd Board of Supervisors meeting, the Dangerous Tree Ordinance was repealed. The issue though is far from resolved as many dead ash trees remain standing along roads and on private property. The Emerald Ash Borer infests and feeds on the top of the ash tree first. Tops that are dead are known as “widow makers” because they can break and fall unexpectedly. Declining and dead ash is dangerous to cut for this reason. Ash is an excellent firewood, but please use caution when cutting.

The Township has started the process of submitting our own Act 537 Plan with the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection. The plan will detail our current sewer needs for the entire Township and our method of providing for present and future sewage disposal needs. A “Working Group” consisting of Township personnel and members of the Audubon Land Development Co, (owners of an existing sewer plant) are currently meeting along with Ebert Engineering, the Township Sewage Engineer, to develop a cost-effective plan that may result in a successful Act 537 Plan submittal.

Look online at www.herefordtownship.org for Board of Supervisors’ meeting information and agendas.



Wawa Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony June 30, 2022

NEWS FROM THE ROAD CREW

Camp Mensch Mill Road

Earlier this year the road was re-opened to single lane travel. We continue to work toward getting approvals to make permanent repairs to the stream bed which would allow two lane travel again. The permit process with PA Dept. of Environmental Protection has been hindered due to their Covid 19 restrictions.

Roadwork and Future Projects

This year, Five Points Road has received improved storm water conveyance and two inches of paving. Old Mill Road received paving repairs to portions where base repair was needed, and both Old Mill Road and Greenhouse Lane will receive a double coat of bituminous seal coat oil and chip later this year. The following roads are projected to receive work in 2023: Terrace Lane, Gun Club Road, Old Company Road, Nannygoat Hill Road, and Kriebel Road. This fall 2022, the road crew with the assistance of the Co-op will be removing dead ash trees from Township owned land along Hollyberry Road. Small trees and brush will be chipped, and the mulch will be available for all residents to pick up at the municipal garage.

Equipment

Earlier this year the Township put into service a new Dodge Ram 5500 with a stainless-steel dump body. This truck replaced a 1999 Ford which was sold on an auction website. Hereford Township along with our co-op partners, Longswamp Township, Rockland Township, and Topton Borough purchased a new Leeboy paver. This new unit replaced a 2008 Leeboy paver which was sold on an auction website. The Co-op also recently purchased an Athey 712D belt loader which will be used to load material from road work onto dump trucks and will save on labor costs. The Athey 712D belt loader was purchased used through a municipal auction site.

Free mulch will be stockpiled near the municipal garage.
Check the website or call the office in Spring for availability.

BERKS BOOK BOXES SPONSORED BY THE BERKS COUNTY LIBRARIES

Take. Read. Enjoy! It's that simple. Our book box is located under the pavilion at Treichler Park, next to Hereford Estates on Seishltzville Road. Browse through the books housed within the book box and choose a book that interests you. You do not need to add or return a book – just enjoy. If you wish to donate a gently used book, feel free to leave it in the box. The Book Box is NOT a drop box for library books. Please return any library books to the library.

WE BID A FOND FAREWELL...

The Township wished a happy retirement to longtime Secretary/Treasurer Norann Warmkessel in February of 2022. Norann served faithfully as Secretary/Treasurer for the last eleven years. We wish Norann well and hope she is enjoying her well-deserved retirement.

MEET THE OFFICE STAFF

Louisa Masemore, **Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**

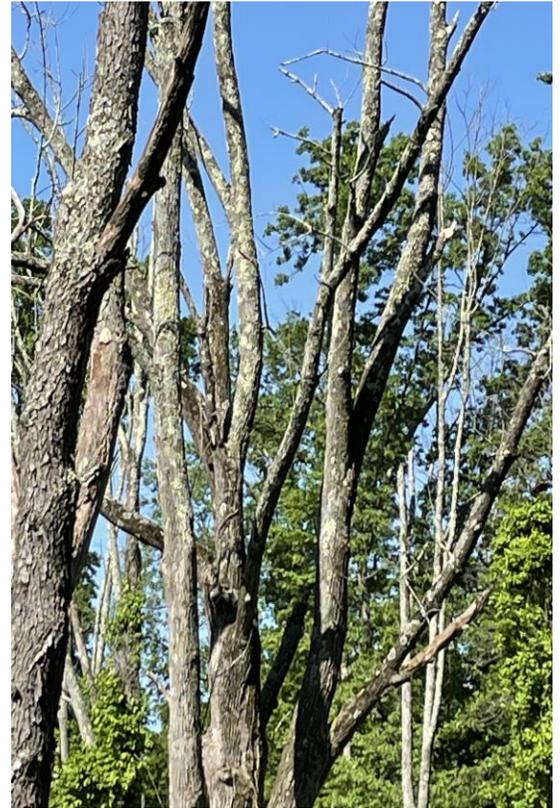
Hello, my name is Louisa. I am twenty-five and have a BA in Communication from Geneva College. I grew up in this area and came back after college because I love it. So far, I have loved working at the township building, and am hoping to get to know you all better as the years go by. I am so happy with how useful my major has been in this job, and happy I can help our township, even in a small way. See you around!

Diane Hollenbach, **Secretary/Treasurer**

It has been an amazing six- months meeting so many new people and learning about Hereford Township. I have called Berks County my home for most of my life and come to the job with twenty-one years of municipal experience. My husband and I have two grown children and when I am not working, I spend my time chasing deer out of the garden, reading and quilting. I love history and am fascinated with local history and lore. Thank you to everyone for making me feel welcome! My door is always open and if I do not know an answer, I will surely find it for you.

ASH TREE DAMAGE

In the past few years, ash trees have suffered damage from the emerald ash borer, killing almost all of the ash trees in the township. Some of these dead trees are located close to the roadways and pose a danger to pedestrians and vehicles. If you have a dead tree that is a danger to road traffic, please have them taken down by a professional. We ask this for the safety of all our residents and those who must travel through our township. If you need to close a township road to safely drop a tree, please call the township office (610-845-2929) three days in advance of the work. Your contractor should close the road at the nearest intersection, and if you need to borrow cones or barricades, arrangements can be made with the office for pick up and drop off during regular business hours. We thank everyone for doing their part for everyone's safety.



**HEREFORD TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE
HAS A NEW LOOK!
WWW.HEREFORDTOWNSHIP.ORG**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHANGES ON DECEMBER 1, 2022, DUE TO REDISTRICTING

Every ten years the U.S. Census prompts the state to draw new legislative lines to reflect shifts in population. Hereford Township is moving from Representative Ryan McKenzie of the 134th District to the 130th District. Your new state representative will be:

**130TH DISTRICT STATE
REPRESENTATIVE DAVID MALONEY
DISTRICT OFFICE
46 EAST PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
BOYERTOWN, PA 19512
(610) 369-3010
HOURS: M-F 8:30AM TO 4:30PM**

Hereford Township will remain in the 24th Senatorial District. Senator Mensch is retiring, and a new senator will be elected in the November 8th General Election.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is November 1st. Absentee ballot information is available online on the Berks County Election Services website.

DOG LICENSES

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1st of each year. As a courtesy to our residents, dog licenses are available at the Hereford Township office during regular business hours. Regular and Senior Citizen annual dog licenses may also be purchased online at:

www.padoglicense.com. 2022 licenses are available now and 2023 licenses will be available December 1st.

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POSTAL PATRON



BERKS COUNTY RECYCLING DATES

**Location: Berks County Ag Center
1238 County Welfare Rd, Leesport.**

Confidential Document Shredding

October 8, 2022, 8a m to Noon

Five box per vehicle maximum. No businesses

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

October 15, 2022, 8 am to Noon

No latex paint will be accepted

Contact the Township Office

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**If you plan to go to either event, you must preregister
online at: www.countyofberks.com/swa**