

Conewago Township **Adams County, Pennsylvania**

541 Oxford Avenue • Hanover, PA 17331

717-637-0411

www.conewagotwp.us



Spring 2021 Newsletter

Conewago Township Officials

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| Chair | Louann Boyer |
| Vice Chair | Thomas Weaver |
| Supervisor | Charlotte Shaffer |
| Supervisor | Donald Knight |
| Supervisor | Thomas Klunk |

Conewago Township Administrators

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Chief of Police | Gary L. Baumgardner |
| Maintenance Manager | Scott Small |
| Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer | Dave Arndt |
| Municipal Controller | Holly Zepp |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Angela Pabon |
| Asst. Secretary/Treasurer | Carly Forbes |
| Tax Collector | Tammie Knight |
| Solicitor | Timothy Shultis |

Administrative Office Hours

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Police Department Records Office

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

NEW TAX OFFICE HOURS

Payments can be mailed, placed in one of two locked drop-boxes, or walk-up service during the below scheduled hours:

Monday's 10am – 1pm | Tuesday's 6pm – 8pm
April 21st & 28th 10am–1pm | April 22nd & 29th 6pm–8pm

Closed all holidays & May 18th

129 Linden Avenue
717-630-1038 (Phone) • 717-630-1837 (Fax)

**Credit cards are accepted for PER CAPITA BILLS & REAL ESTATE/
SCHOOL TAXES ONLY (Fees apply)**

www.govpaynow.com (PLC #a002fg) or 1-888-604-7888

Credit/Debit cards accepted: Mastercard, Visa, American Express, and Discover

Office Closings

Good Friday

Friday, April 2

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31

Independence Day

Observed Monday, July 5

Labor Day

Monday, September 6

After Hour Emergencies:

Dial 911 for Police and Fire Emergencies

For any Non-Emergencies, or Sewer Emergencies needing immediate attention:

Call Adams County Control at 717-624-2101

For Water Emergencies call 717-476-2712

Conewago Township

Adams County, Pennsylvania

Local Government. Municipal services.



Municipality is a type of local government. Municipalities provide different services to the local citizens. What are those services? Trace the dotted lines.



shopping malls →



← fire fighting



transportation →



← police protection

ambulance care →



← street food

parks and recreation areas →



Conewago Township Police Department

541 Oxford Avenue • Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331

Telephone (717) 637-7361 • Facsimile (717) 637-6833



Privacy vs. Safety

In the world today, we have access to an awe-inspiring amount of information, literally right at our fingertips. As the saying goes, "Information is power," so goes the phrase, "With great power, comes great responsibility." Gone are the days of traveling to the library to prepare a research paper, (Note: Libraries are still remarkable places to stimulate creativity, enhance one's concentration and connect with the world through the written word in an actual tangible book.) gone too are the days when children only connecting with friends during school, at practice, the park or planned gatherings. These days' kids are connected to their peers almost continuously via social media platforms.

While online activity provides children with cognitive benefits (How Technology Can Benefit A Child's Cognitive Development | Bartleby), it is also important to remember that far more research emphasizes the necessity of children to have plenty of physical activity for proper mind and body growth. Managing the balance of online, offline pursuits of your kids might be one of the most challenging parts of modern parenting. Unsupervised and unchecked online pursuits can be an extremely dangerous time for children. Grooming is a term used to describe when someone manipulates the thoughts and values of another to exploit them for their own gratification. This exploitation can occur in a relatively short period of time and is not always perpetrated by individuals of differing ages or genders.

A discussion that needs to transpire in every household with children coming of age with regards to independent use of technology is one of "Privacy vs. Safety." It is essential to teach kids the value of independent thought and decision making; we must guide them in a safe direction that considers actions from differing points of view. Monitoring your child's online presence is not invading their privacy, its concerned parenting at a time when: 21% of K-2 kids have access to a cell phone, 71% of teen girls and 67% of teen boys say they have sent sexually suggestive content to a boyfriend or girlfriend online, 17% of tweens surveyed said they had received an email or online message with photos or words that made them feel uncomfortable. (Only 7% of parents were aware of this.) 70% of children 7-18 years old have accidentally encountered online pornography, often through a web searches related to their homework, and 31% of kids 12-18 years old have lied about their age to gain access to a website. These and other internet crime and abuse statistics can be found at: (Internet Statistics | GuardChild)

Some tips from the U.S. Department of Justice for on-line safety: (Keeping Children Safe Online (justice.gov))

- Encourage your children to tell you or another trusted adult if someone is asking them to engage in sexual activity or other inappropriate behavior.
- Immediately report suspected online enticement or sexual exploitation of a child. (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children –NCMEC: 843-5678 / report.cybertip.org
- Tell your children to avoid sharing personal information, photos and videos online.
- Discuss internet safety and develop an online safety plan.
- Review games , apps and social media sites.
- Teach your children about body safety and boundaries.
- Supervise young children's use of the internet.
- Adjust privacy settings and use parental controls.
- Be alert to potential signs of abuse.

The diligent protection of our children from online predators and sexually exploitive material is an exhausting endeavor, but none the less, one that is worth the effort. There are things in and about this world we live in that one discovers over time; some of these things are beautiful and amazing, while others are dark and dangerous. We learn these things over time as we are physically and mentally capable of handling the knowledge. Let's allow our kids to be kids and not grow up too fast. Youth should remain innocent.

Thanks,

Gary L. Baumgardner, Chief of Police

www.facebook.com/CONEWAGOTWPPD



Conewago Township Elementary and Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Monday – Friday during the school season.

8:15am – 8:45am and 3:15pm – 3:45pm

**Interested parties, please contact Conewago Township Police Dept.
at 717-637-7361 or pdadmin@conewagotwp.us**



Follow the Law!

★ Laws are rules everyone must follow to protect people and the things they own.



★ Laws are created by the government.



★ Breaking laws can get you into trouble.



Which of the pictures below show laws? Check the correct boxes.



You must stop at a red light



You must make your bed



You must clean up your mess



Kids must ride in special seats



You must not steal



When you walk your dog, it must be on a leash





SAVES Junior Fire Department is a component of SAVES. This allows youths, between the ages of 14-17 to train, respond, and gain experience in fire, rescue, and EMS activities and functions. This allows the junior member to prepare for what they will face after reaching the age of 18, in which the junior member becomes a senior member. The junior program is looking for new members.

**For more information contact the station at (717) 637-9621 or stop by the station.
www.company29.org**



Help Your Child Survive a Fire

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.

Once a month check whether each alarm in the home is working properly by pushing the test button.

Replace batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year. Immediately install a new battery if an alarm chirps, warning the battery is low.

Teach your children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.

Ensure that all household members know two ways to escape from every room of your home, and where to meet up outside..

Practice your fire escape plan at least twice a year and at different times of the day. Practice waking up to smoke alarms, low crawling and meeting outside. Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.

Emphasize “get out, stay out.” Only professional firefighters should enter a building that is on fire—even if other family members, pets or prized possessions are inside.

Use quick-release devices on barred windows and doors. Security bars without release devices can trap you in a deadly fire. If you have security bars on your windows, be sure one window in each sleeping room has a release device.

Consider getting escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them, and store them near the windows.

Teach household members to STOP, DROP and ROLL if their clothes should catch on fire.

(Tips from The American National Red Cross)



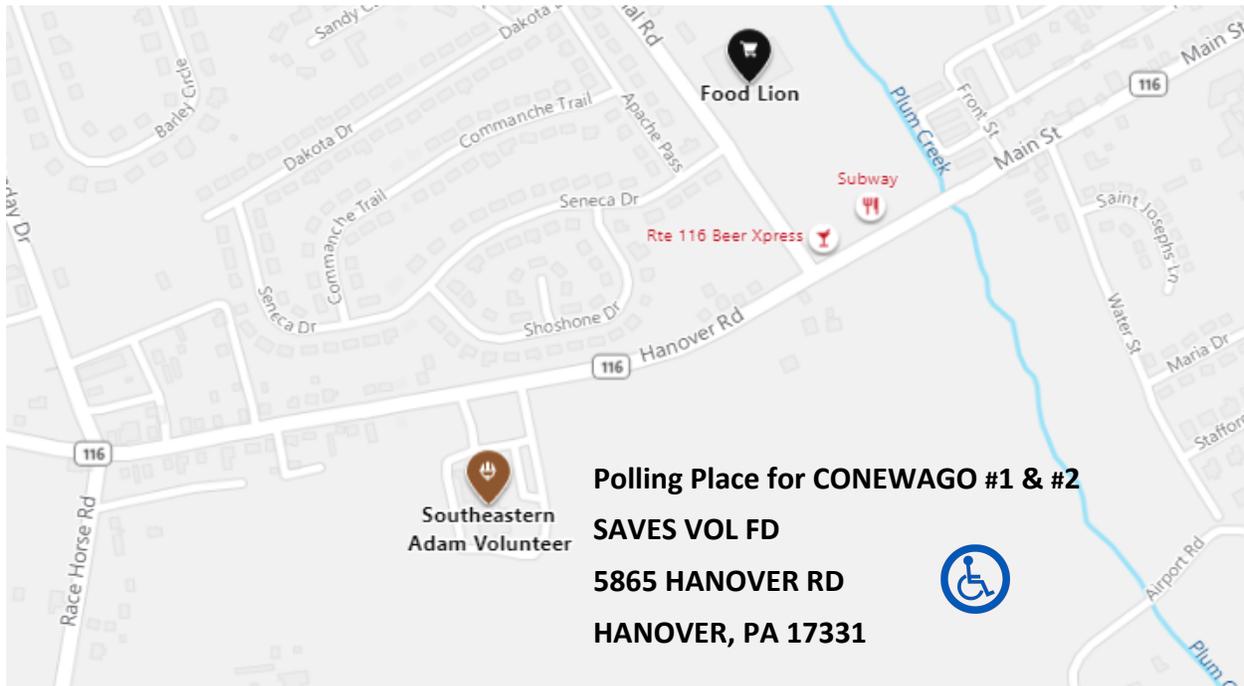
Help Firefighters Help Your Pets

Keep pets near entrances when away from home. Keep collars on pets and leashes at the ready in case firefighters need to rescue your pet. When leaving pets home alone, keep them in areas or rooms near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.

Affix a pet alert window cling and write down the number of pets inside your house and attach the static cling to a front window. This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets. Make sure to keep the number of pets listed on them updated.

(Tips from The American National Red Cross)

Voting location for Conewago Township residents



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3, 2021 Last day to REGISTER before the primary

May 11, 2021 Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

May 18, 2021 Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)

May 18, 2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

May 19, 2021 First day to REGISTER after primary

May 25, 2021 Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 17)

October 18, 2021 Last day to REGISTER before the November election

October 26, 2021 Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

November 2, 2021 Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)

November 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION (7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.)



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Conewago Township

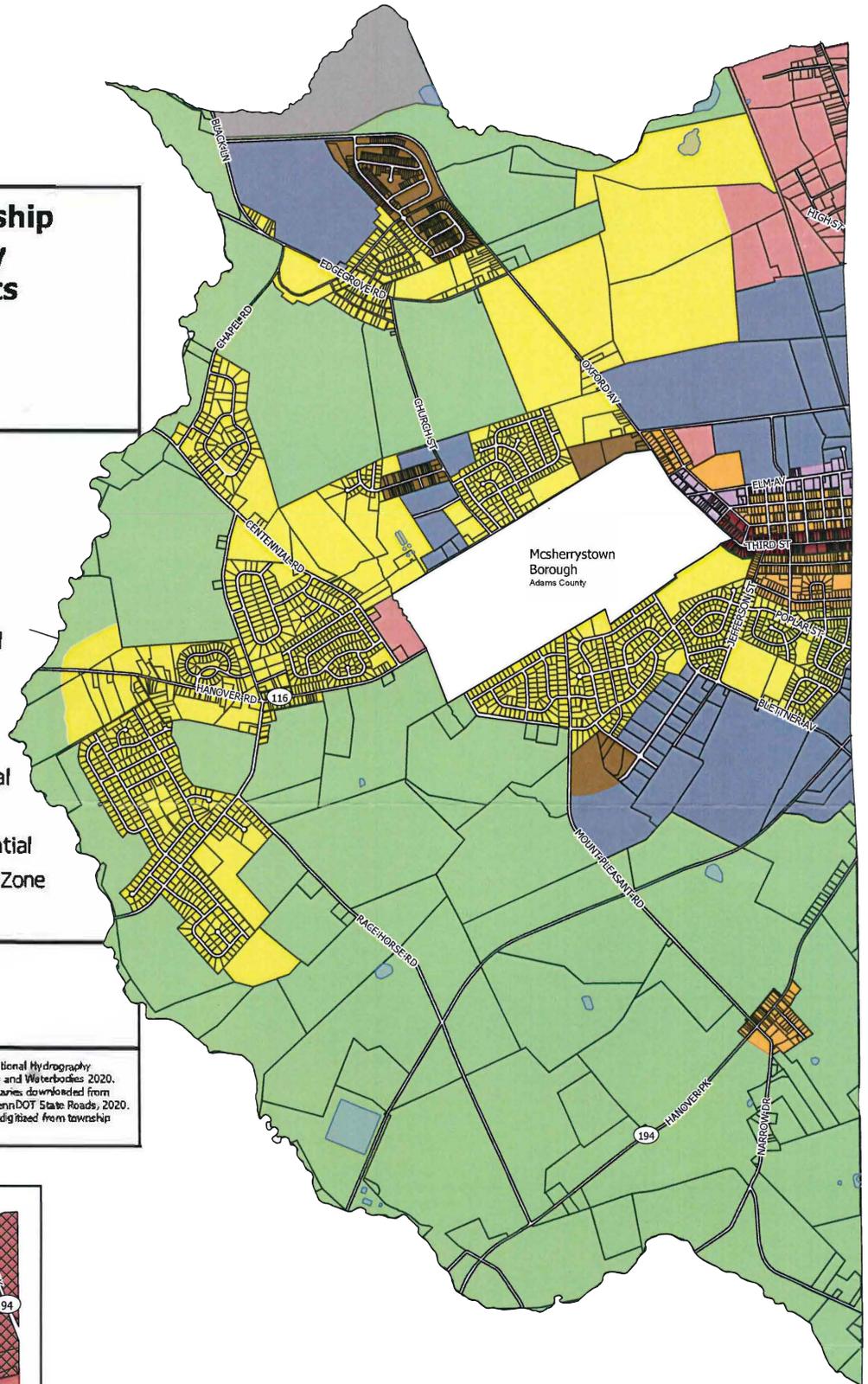
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Conewago Township Zoning Map

Conewago Township Adams County Zoning Districts

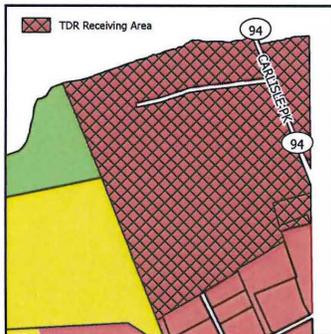


-  Waterbody
-  Municipal Boudary
-  Parcel Boundary
- Zoning Districts**
-  A - Agricultural
-  HC - Highway Commercial
-  I - Industrial
-  MU - Mixed Use
-  Q - Quarry
-  R-1 - Suburban Residential
-  R-2 - Village Residential
-  R-3 - Multi-Family Residential
-  TDR Receiving Area - HC Zone
-  VC - Village Commercial



Data Source: National Hydrography Dataset Streams and Waterbodies 2020. Municipal Boundaries downloaded from PASOA 2020. PennDOT State Roads, 2020. Zoning Districts digitized from township zoning map.

Map Created: 9/30/2020

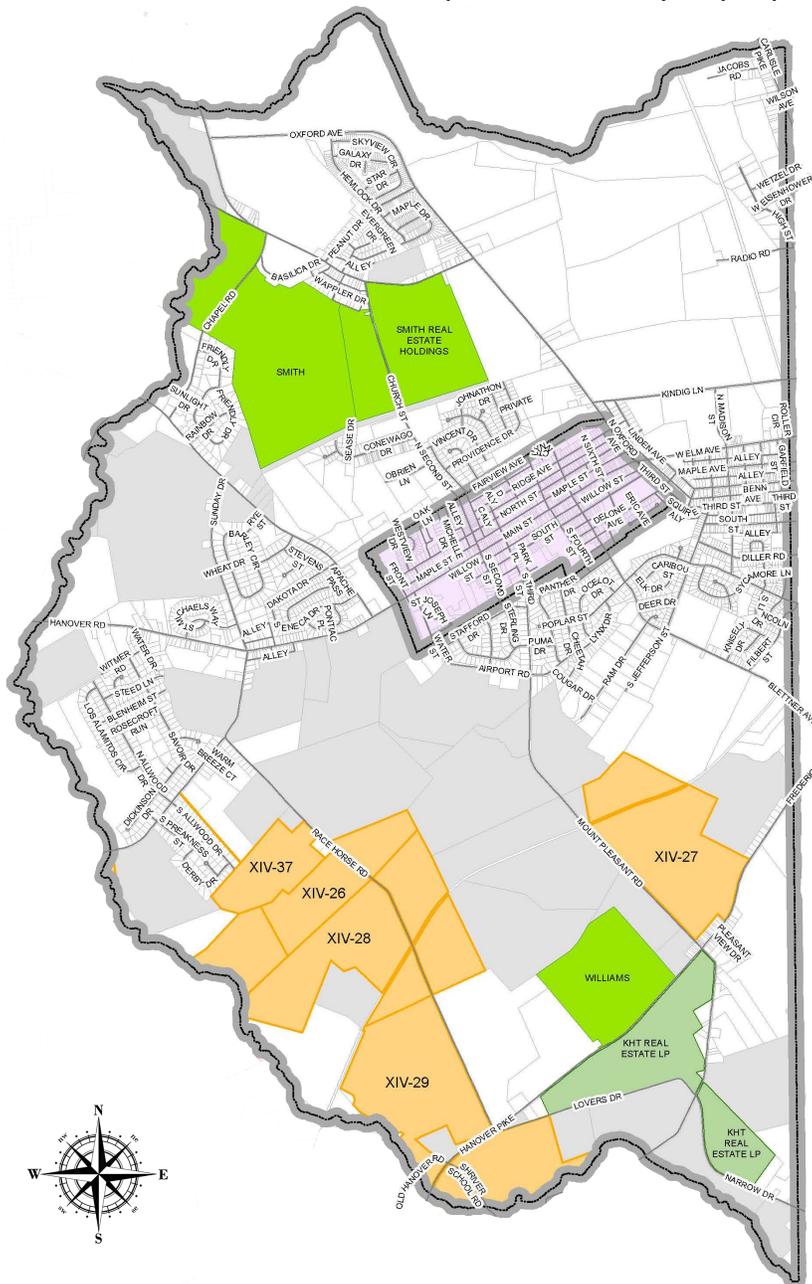


Protected Lands in Conewago Township

PURPOSE:

The Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (Board) was established by the Adams County Board of Commissioners, dated January 10, 1990, pursuant to authority granted by Pennsylvania Act 43 of 1981 (7 Pa. Code Section 138.1) as amended, and by Act 149 of 1988 (3 PS Section 901 et. seq.) The purpose of the Board is to administer the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program for Adams County. It is the policy of the Commonwealth to conserve and protect agricultural lands. A sound Statewide Farmland Preservation Program will assure that farmers in this Commonwealth have sufficient agricultural lands to provide farm products for the people of this Commonwealth and the Nation. Agricultural Conservation Easements restrict and limit the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural use. Easements may be purchased when they are offered voluntarily by the landowner and shall be purchased only in perpetuity.

Conewago Township occupies an area of 10.49 square miles (6,713.63 acres) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of which, approximately 35.64 acres consist of water that includes Plum Creek and the South Branch of Conewago Creek.



-  Adams County Farmland Preservation Program
488 Acres
(permanent easement)
-  Land Conservancy of Adams County (LCAC)
154 Acres
(permanent easement)
-  Ag Security Area (ASA)
2,667 Acres
(ASA is not a permanent protection program)
-  Applications - in process:
Adams County Farmland Preservation
741.9 Acres
(permanent easement)



Be Storm Water Smart

Understanding How Storm Water Affects Your Wallet, Safety, Health, and Environment in Pennsylvania



What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Good Rain Gone Wrong

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.

Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.



Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do To Help

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint – never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather – a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.



- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess – in a backyard or at the park – storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

Word Search

Pollution in our streams and groundwater can come from many sources (including nonpoint) and not just from big spills. See if you can find the pollutants listed below.



Agriculture

Animals

Cars

Chromium

Copper

Dirt

Driveway

Fertilizer

Garbage

Gasoline

Grass Clippings

Grease

Lead

Motor Oil

Mud

Nitrate

Pesticides

Phosphorous

Salt

Sediment

Sewage

Tar

Trash

Wastewater

Wildlife

Polluted water that goes down the drains in your house and goes to a wastewater plant or septic system for treatment.

Activity Challenge: Make your own word search with words you think are important.

Plum Creek Community Park Concept Plan



In the fall of 2015, the Township Board of Supervisors settled on the purchase of a 100+ acre property that was formerly known as the "Gebhart Regional Airport"

This property, located just southwest of Airport Road and Mount Pleasant Road, with its existing flat topography, open fields, wooded areas and central location, make this parcel the most desirable location for a large scale community park project.

While the Township will be allocating monies towards this project, we are looking to the community to join us and help support this monumental project, and build a central place for community residents of all ages, races and religions to come, exercise and engage/interact with nature and to improve their personal physical and mental health.

Please consider participating in the Endowment Fund Campaign by making a pledge. Your contribution and or donation of any size would be greatly appreciated. Your donation can be applied to a specific project like: Picnic Tables, Park Benches, Trees, Trail, Access Drive, etc. We hope you take advantage of this unique opportunity to be part of a facility that will benefit generations to come.

**Plum Creek Community Park
70 Airport Road
Hanover, PA 17331**

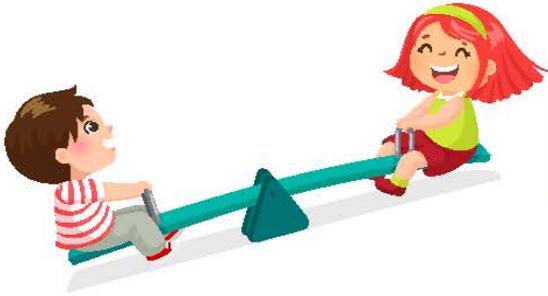
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Force and Interactions: Review 2



Check off the pictures that are examples of a force.



2021 Electronic Waste Recycling

Conewago Township Residents



Drop off Location:

Conewago Township
541 Oxford Avenue, Hanover, PA



Dates & Times:

Saturday, March 20th 9 AM – 12 NOON
Thursday, June 17th 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday, September 18th 9 AM – 12 NOON
Thursday, December 16th 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM



Yard Waste Collections for 2021

Spring – May 19th and 20th
Summer – August 18th and 19th
Fall – November 17th and 18th

(Yard waste collection will occur during resident's regular trash pick-up day.)

Ordinance 2020-F

Article IV. Vegetation Management

130-22. Trimming of trees on private property.

All trees standing upon private property having branches projecting into the public right of way of any public highway, street, road, or alley located within Conewago Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, or into public places shall be kept trimmed by the owner or occupant of such private property. Trees shall be trimmed so that the lowest branches of such trees shall not come within seven feet of the ground where they overhang any public sidewalk, public place, or fourteen feet over a public right of way. Trimming shall be performed to prevent the limbs from hanging lower at any time, even in wet weather.

For the full Ordinance 2020-F, visit our website at www.conewagotwp.us

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.



Drug Take Back Event
April 24, 2021 – 10AM to 2PM

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

There are now medicine take back boxes in **BOTH** the Police Department and Township Administrative Office Lobbies. Available for use during normal business hours:
Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

2021 Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors Workshop

April 19, 2021 (Workshop) 5:30 PM
May 17, 2021 (Workshop) 5:30 PM
June 21, 2021 (Workshop) 5:30 PM
July 19, 2021 (Workshop) 5:30 PM
August 16, 2021 (Workshop) 5:30 PM
September 20, 2021 (Workshop) 5:00 PM
October 18, 2021 (Workshop) 5:00 PM
November 15, 2021 (Workshop) 5:00 PM
December 20, 2021 (Workshop) 5:00 PM

Board of Supervisors

April 19, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM
May 17, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM
June 21, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM
July 19, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM
August 16, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM
September 20, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM
October 18, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM
November 15, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM
December 20, 2021 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM

The Public Safety Committee

Provides an overview of the Fire and Police operations to ensure safety and welfare for all residents.

April 14, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
May 12, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
June 16, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
July 14, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
August 11, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
September 15, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
October 13, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
November 10, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
December 15, 2021 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM

Finance/Operations

Reviews Admin, Recreation, Roads, Ag Preserve, Stormwater, Budget/Finance and misc. items.

April 14, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
May 12, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
June 16, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
July 14, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
August 11, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
September 15, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
October 13, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
November 10, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
December 15, 2021 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM

Zoning Hearing Board

The Zoning Hearing Board is a Quasi Judicial Board appointed by the Board of Supervisors that reviews Zoning Hearing requests for Variances and Special Exceptions for consistency with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and the Zoning Ordinance of Conewago Township.

April 7, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
May 5, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
June 2, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
July 7, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
August 4, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
September 1, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
October 6, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
November 3, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
December 1, 2021 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM

Planning Commission

Responsible for the review of Subdivision and Land Development applications for consistency with the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. And the review of Stormwater Management plans and assisting with the update of land use control ordinances and the Comprehensive Plan.

April 1, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
May 6, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
June 3, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
July 1, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
August 5, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
September 2, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
October 7, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
November 4, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
December 2, 2021 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM

The Municipal Authority

The responsibility of the five-member Board is to fix, alter, charge and collect reasonable rentals and other charges for the use of the facilities of, or for the services rendered by the Authority or projects thereof, for the purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Authority, the construction, improvement, repair, maintenance and operation of its facilities and properties.

June 14, 2021 (Municipal Authority) 5:30 PM
September 13, 2021 (Municipal Authority) 5:30 PM
December 13, 2021 (Municipal Authority) 5:30 PM



Utilities used in Conewago Township, Adams County:

ELECTRIC

Met Ed
501 Parkway Blvd
York, PA 17404

800-545-7741

WATER

Hanover Borough
44 Frederick Street
Hanover, PA 17331

717-637-3877
Mon.-Fri.
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SEWER

Conewago Township
541 Oxford Avenue
Hanover, PA 17331

717-637-0411
Mon.-Fri.
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

GAS

Columbia Gas of PA
1600 Colony Road
York, PA 17408

888-460-4332

TELEPHONE

CenturyLink
116 N Blettner Ave
Hanover, PA 17331

717-632-4190

GARBAGE*

Waste Management
135 Vaughn Road
Shippensburg, PA 17257

800-338-8971
Shippensburg Location

CABLE TV

Xfinity / Comcast 2801
East Market Street York,
PA 17402

800-266-2278

*RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP. YOU MUST USE THE CONTRACTED HAULER, WASTE MANAGEMENT OF SHIPPENSBURG, FOR YOUR GARBAGE SERVICE.



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