

# SPRING 2024



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**\*\*\*GENERAL OFFICE HOURS\*\*\***

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: 11 AM TO 3 PM**

**(Hours are subject to change without notice.)**

**Appointments are suggested.**

**Other hours by appointment only.**

**The office is closed on Election days and all major holidays.**

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**MERCER TOWNSHIP UPDATE**

**TOWNSHIP HOURS:** As you can see, we have posted general office hours. We are *typically* open from 11 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments during these times are suggested so we can be prepared to better serve your needs. Also, if you need assistance at other times, please call to schedule an appointment.

**2024 TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS:** Our road projects this year will consist of berm repair, ditch cleaning, and filling of potholes where needed. We plan to keep the berms mowed with a fall mowing of the banks/brush along the Township roadways to help provide better visibility for fall and winter driving. Paving projects have been pushed to next year, as the Township has purchased a new truck at a cost of approximately \$230,000. Funds have been allocated for the truck to be paid in full upon delivery in June.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES:** On Dec. 31st, 2023 **Rick Stuchal** retired as Township Supervisor. Rick served as a supervisor for 24 years and has made some substantial changes in the Township over the years. All Township roads are now paved roads; we have a new Township municipal building; and there is public sewage in two vital areas, Forestville and Route 58, east and west of Harrisville. Please congratulate Rick on his retirement. **Bill Long** has been elected as your new Township Supervisor. Bill is a great addition to our Board of Supervisors with much to offer. **John Bliss** is our new Township Auditor, replacing Sandy Snyder. John is a long time Forestville resident.

**PUBLIC SEWER NEWS:** Kozy Rest Campground will be connecting to our public sewage system on Campground Rd via a private, metered line. They are located in Marion Township and will be joining Mercer Township and Harrisville in connecting to Grove City. We have no sewage expansion plans in the works for our current system. Automatic payments using debit or credit cards have increased in popularity, and busy residents find it a very helpful tool to stay current. Our overall delinquency rate has declined thanks to folks taking advantage of the auto-pay option. Some folks still are severely delinquent, and legal progress is being made via our Solicitor to resolve these accounts. At the moment, at least 3 properties are being prepared for Sheriff sale and we have one Estate claim filed. There are currently 10 Municipal Liens filed on delinquent and/or unconnected properties.

**PRIVATE ON-LOT SEWAGE PERMITS:** Mercer Township is no longer affiliated with the Municipal Code Association. Dave Ice is our current Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO). Applications are now processed through the Township office. Dave's initial fee is \$850 for soils (pit) up to 5, perc, final inspection and first design review. The office charges a \$25 administration fee. There may be additional fees for alternate testing. Please call the office with any questions or to schedule an appointment to complete an application.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** Since we are no longer affiliated with the Municipal Code Association, building inspections are now completed by Construction Code Inspectors, Inc. (CCI) from Seneca, PA. Any new construction, additions and/or demolitions within the Township require a building permit. All necessary forms are available on our website along with instructions. You can print the forms, complete them and call the office for an appointment. There are also applications available at the Township office. Mercer Township charges a \$25 application fee.

**EMS TAX:** Residents now pay a 0.5 mill EMS tax. This provides the following services to Mercer Township residents: *All residents of Mercer Township are covered under an ambulance agreement with Superior Ambulance Service as your provider. However, you may choose to request another service if you like. If you use Superior Ambulance Service for a 9-1-1 type call you will only be responsible for 50% of your Insurance Co-Payment for ambulance service. There is no need to purchase a membership if you live within the Township.*

**BROADBAND:** The FCC has not yet renewed funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and funding may expire in April, 2024. More information can be found on your Armstrong MyWire support page. Information on the Broadband Connectivity Initiative can be found at: <https://www.spcregion.org/connected> and <https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/broadband-in-pennsylvania>.

**West Penn Power Assistance Programs:** Several assistance programs can be found at: <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/help/billingpayments/assistance-serviceprogram/west-penn-power.html>

**Harrisville VFC:** Hall rental is available by calling the number on the next page. Please consider purchasing reflective green address signs for your homes. Brush fire season is here. The Harrisville Volunteer Fire Company is asking that you please use extra caution when you are burning, and refrain from burning on extremely windy days.

Mercer Township Supervisors are the managers for your Township. Please continue to supply us with feedback for future direction throughout the year. Thank you.

John, Bill and Pete

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS:**

FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE: 911  
Harrisville Volunteer Fire Company: 724-735-4646  
Pennsylvania State Police, Troop D: 724-284-8100  
Superior Ambulance: 724-458-5350  
Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222

**Berkheimer** is the EIT (Earned Income Tax) collector for Mercer Twp.  
PSD (PA School District) Code: 100604

The above information is needed by your employer when you are hired, and also by you when you file your annual local taxes.

### **Building and Demolition Permits are required for all structures.**

Inspections are required for buildings over 1,000 square feet.

Mercer Township does not have a zoning ordinance. We follow the Butler County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).

## **COUNTY INFORMATION:**

BUTLER COUNTY, PA: [www.butlercountypa.gov](http://www.butlercountypa.gov)

BUTLER COUNTY TOURISM: <https://www.visitbutlercounty.com>

BUTLER COUNTY BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:

Physical Address: 227 W Cunningham St, Butler, PA 16001

Mailing Address: PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003; Phone: (724) 284-5308;

EMAIL: [elections@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:elections@co.butler.pa.us)

## **EDUCATION**

SLIPPERY ROCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT: District Office: 724-794-2960; <https://www.slipperyrock.k12.pa.us>

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY: 800-778-9111; <https://www.sru.edu>

SLIPPERY ROCK AREA LIBRARY: 724-738-9179; <https://slipperyrocklibrary.org>

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Admissions: 724-284-8501; <https://www.bc3.edu/>

BUTLER AREA VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL: 724-282-0735; <https://www.butlertec.us/>

### **UTILITIES:**

COLUMBIA GAS: Gas emergencies: 1-888-460-4332 (24/7); <https://columbiagaspa.com>

WEST PENN POWER: Emergency/outage: 1-888-544-4877;

<https://www.firstenergycorp.com/west-penn-power.html>

ARMSTRONG UTILITIES, INC: Armstrong Service: 1-877-277-5711; <https://armstrongonewire.com>

MERCER TWP SEWER: 724-735-2705; <https://mercertwpbutler.com>

TRI-COUNTY INDUSTRIES, INC: 724-748-4705; <https://www.tricountyind.com>

WASTE MANAGEMENT: (Butler) 855-852-7110; <https://www.wm.com/us/en/home/residential-waste-recycling-pickup>

AIKEN REFUSE, INC: 1613 Wampum Rd. Ellwood City, PA 16117; 724-758-9400; <https://www.aikenrefuse.com>

### **COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

REFERENCE GUIDE: <https://www.butlercountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/101/2024-Reference-Guide-PDF>

### **PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATORS:**

TIMOTHY BONNER: [https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member\\_information/house\\_bio.cfm?id=1877](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member_information/house_bio.cfm?id=1877)

(724) 458-4911 - PA Representative

SCOTT HUTCHINSON: [https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member\\_information/senate\\_bio.cfm?id=1629](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member_information/senate_bio.cfm?id=1629)

(724) 282-1234 - PA Senator

### **FEDERAL LEGISLATORS:**

MIKE KELLY: (724) 282-2557; [www.kelly.house.gov](http://www.kelly.house.gov) - US Representative

ROBERT CASEY, JR.: (717) 231-7540; [www.casey.senate.gov/contact](http://www.casey.senate.gov/contact) - US Senator

JOHN FETTERMAN: (215) 241-1090; [www.fetterman.senate.gov](http://www.fetterman.senate.gov) - US Senator

# Clean Up Day



**2024 Cleanup Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18th: 7 am to Noon** at the **OLD TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 152 Boomerang Rd, Harrisville, PA.** Enter Boomerang Road at the **North** end and **exit** at the **South** end.

Acceptable items include stoves, refrigerators and other white goods, furniture, and lawn mowers. **Unacceptable Items:** Liquids of any kinds, hazardous materials, batteries, nothing over 5 feet in length (except furniture), construction debris (dry wall, cement blocks, etc.), dirt, sod, grass, rocks, stones, tires, household garbage. Residents are limited to one pick-up truckload per address. Place appliances at rear of truck to be removed first. **For safety purposes**, please keep children inside the vehicle at cleanup site!

Questions? Call: 724-735-2705 or email: [mercertownship@zoominternet.net](mailto:mercertownship@zoominternet.net)

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT TV'S OR ELECTRONIC ITEMS.** Staples has free electronic recycling all year:

<https://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/noheader/sustainability-center/recycling-services/electronics/>

**\*\*\*PLEASE BRING THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AS PROOF OF TOWNSHIP RESIDENCY. THERE HAS BEEN AN INFLUX OF NEW PEOPLE TO THE TOWNSHIP AND WE DON'T KNOW EVERYONE. THANK YOU.\*\*\***

Mercer Township

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