

SPRING 2025



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Office hours: By appointment only.

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

Supervisors

John E. Bennett, Jr.—Chairman: 724-735-2757

William F. Long—Vice Chairman: 724-290-5617

Emil W. Treese—Roadmaster: 724-372-8940

Secretary / Treasurer:

Nikki Ciochetto

Tax Collector:

Lisa Bauer

724-735-6616

150 Centertown Rd.

Emergency Management

Coordinator:

Brian Grossman

Auditors:

John Bliss

Karen Kellogg

Heidi Yasment

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Local Taxes: 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 when you file your annual local taxes.

Real Estate Taxes: Please follow the instructions on your tax card. Payments are NOT received at the Township office.

Building and Demolition Permits: are required for all structures. Inspections are required for buildings over 1,000 sq ft.
Mercer Township does not have a zoning ordinance. We follow the Butler County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) which can be found on the Butler County, PA website.

To report a dead animal on a state road: 1-800-FIX-ROAD. Make sure to note the correct street address of location.

Trees or wires down on any roadway: Call 911 and note correct address of location.

Community Shred Event: May 3, 2025—American Legion, 227 W. Prairie Street, Harrisville, PA 16038 (Provided by GCAFCU)

COUNTY INFORMATION:

- **Butler County, PA:** www.butlercountypa.gov
- **Butler County Bureau of Elections:** (724) 284-5308; E-mail: elections@co.butler.pa.us
 - ◊ Physical Address: 227 W Cunningham St, Butler, PA 16001
 - ◊ Mailing Address: PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003
- **Butler County Tourism:** <https://www.visitbutlercounty.com>

EDUCATION:

- **Slippery Rock Area School District:** District Office: 724-794-2960; <https://www.slipperyrock.k12.pa.us>
- **Butler Area Vocational/Technical School:** 724-282-0735; <https://www.butlertec.us/>
- **Slippery Rock University:** 800-778-9111; <https://www.sru.edu>
- **Butler County Community College:** Admissions: 724-284-8501; <https://www.bc3.edu/>
- **Slippery Rock Area Public Library:** 724-738-9179; <https://slipperyrocklibrary.org>

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 Township Sewage:** 724-735-2705; <https://mercetwpbutler.com>
- **Tri-County Industries, Inc.:** 724-748-4705; <https://www.tricountyind.com>
- **WM:** (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:

2025 COUNTY OF BUTLER—LEGISLATIVE & ELECTED OFFICIALS REFERENCE GUIDE: <https://www.butlercountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10179/2025-Reference-Guide-PDF>

Pennsylvania Legislators:

- Timothy Bonner (Rep): (724) 458-4911; www.repbonner.com - PA Representative - 17th Legislative District
- Scott Hutchinson (Rep): (724) 282-1234; www.senatorscothutchinson.com - PA Senator—21st Senatorial District

Federal Legislators:

- Mike Kelly (Rep): (724) 282-2557; <https://kelly.house.gov/> - US Representative - 16th Congressional District
- David H. McCormick (Rep): (717) 231-7540; <https://www.mccormick.senate.gov/> - US Senator
- John Fetterman (Dem): (215) 241-1090; www.fetterman.senate.gov - US Senator

The American Flag is a representation of our country, our people, and our devotion to our nation. Respecting the American Flag and the principles that it symbolizes requires us to treat it with a high level of care at all times. The United States Flag Code sets forth [key guidelines](#) for properly handling the American Flag. The purpose of this article is to summarize the guidelines in the U.S. Code that relate to the display, use, and care of the American Flag.

US Flag Etiquette: <https://nationalflagfoundation.org/etiquette/>



SPRING 2025—MERCER TOWNSHIP UPDATE

OFFICE HOURS: Please call to schedule an appointment.

2025 TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS: Our road projects this year will consist of paving Glacial Till Road, part of Shields Road, and Unity Road. Berm repair, ditch cleaning, and filling of potholes where needed will also take place over the summer. 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. Please remember the Township is not responsible for damaged mailboxes when plowing in the Township Right-of-Way.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: On Dec. 31st, 2024 **Lori Giesler** retired after 21 years of service to the Township. Lori served as the secretary/treasurer, working from home until the new office was built, and later enjoyed working with Nikki as she trained her to take over the role. Please congratulate Lori on her retirement. In the future, we will be looking to hire another person part-time in the office to train with Nikki to help with the many various tasks.

PUBLIC SEWER NEWS: Kozy Rest Campground is working quickly on connecting to the public sewage system on Campground Road. They will be providing main line tap-ins for our current Township residents along Campground Road, who will later have the option to connect if they wish. Automatic payments using debit or credit cards continue to increase in popularity. Our overall delinquency rate has declined significantly, thanks to the auto-pay option. A few folks still are severely delinquent, and legal proceedings are being handled by our Solicitor to resolve these accounts. We have payment arrangements set up with two, and they both should be up to date before the end of 2025. The number of properties prepared for Sheriff sale are down to two, and we are still waiting for an Estate claim settlement on one more property. There are currently seven Municipal Liens filed on delinquent and/or unconnected properties. Five properties still need to connect or abandon their access.

PRIVATE ON-LOT SEWAGE PERMITS: Dave Ice is our Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO). Applications are 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 \$50 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: Any new construction, additions, and/or demolitions within the Township require a building permit. Building inspections are completed by Construction Code Inspectors, Inc. (CCI) from Seneca, PA. Detailed information and forms can be found on the Township website at www.mercertwpbutler.com. Forms are also available by calling the office and arranging a pick-up time. Please call the office to make an appointment for a time to sit down and review all the documents to be submitted to assure they have been properly completed. Mercer Township charges a \$25 administration fee. CCI fees will be paid directly to them.

EMS TAX: Residents pay a 0.5 mill EMS tax to provide 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.*

FIRE TAX: Residents now pay a 2.0 mill Fire tax. This money goes to the Harrisville Volunteer Fire Company to provide fire protection and other services to our residents. Previously the Township donated 1.8 mills to the Harrisville VFC from our tax revenues. Please continue to donate to and support our VFC, as the amount of fire tax collected alone is not sufficient to sustain the cost of their equipment and services. Please also consider volunteering your time in service to the VFC as either an active or social member.

HARRISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY: Hall rental is available by calling: 724-735-4646. Please consider purchasing reflective green address signs for your homes to make emergency responses easier and faster. Brush fire season is here! The Harrisville VFC 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

Clean Up Day



2025 Clean Up Day: Saturday, May 17th: 7 am - Noon at the **TOWNSHIP GARAGE - 152 Boomerang Rd, Harrisville, PA.** Enter Boomerang Road at the **North** end and **Exit** at the **South** end.

Acceptable items include: stoves; refrigerators; other white goods; furniture; and empty lawn mowers.

Unacceptable Items: Liquids of any kind; toxic, hazardous or infectious materials (CFC's, mercury, PCB's, asbestos); batteries; nothing over 5 feet in length (except furniture); construction debris (dry wall, cement blocks, etc.); dirt; sod; grass; rocks; stones; whole tires; household garbage and electronic waste.

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

WE CANNOT ACCEPT TVs OR ELECTRONIC ITEMS. Staples offers free recycling all year:

<https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling>

*****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.*****

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