

# Eaton Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania



## TWO HUNDRED YEARS AND COUNTING!

What a celebration! That's what we've been hearing from so many people who attended Eaton Township's Bicentennial Celebration on July 15. An estimated three to four thousand people enjoyed the many activities during a beautiful July day. With over 2,000 packages of hotdogs



Supervisors receive Proclamations from Pennsylvania House and Senate  
Left to right—Representative Karen Boback, Supervisors Randy Ehrenzeller, Kenny White, and Paul Rowker, Senator Lisa Baker



Supervisor Kenny White, grills hotdogs with the help of Ryan Whitney.  
Photo courtesy of Rick Hiduk



Vendors set up shop along Village Lane



Antique autos on display  
Photos courtesy of Rick Hiduk



Children's activities at Eaton Baptist Church

grilled and eaten, three bounce houses kept busy all day, and two tractor-driven hay rides very busy, it is easy to see how the day was special for all who attended.

The Board of Supervisors wishes to again thank the many volunteers as well as Township employees who were key to the success of this event. We also want to thank the many local businesses who donated money, food, and supplies to support our Bicentennial Celebration.



Supervisor Randy Ehrenzeller presents the canvas to winner Mary Minkler.

Mary Minkler of Eaton Township was the winner of the beautiful 16X60 panoramic canvas of Eaton Township c.1950 donated by Steve Lasco (printed from photos taken by his father, Steve Lasco, Sr) and raffled off in support of the bicentennial effort. Copies are available for purchase through the Township Office.

### Eaton Township Board of Supervisors

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Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

### Other Important Phone Numbers:

#### In an Emergency Dial 911

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| State Police               | 836-2141 |
| Dept. of Agriculture       | 836-2490 |
| Communication Center       | 836-6161 |
| PennDot                    | 836-3141 |
| Poison Control Center      | 836-2161 |
| Wyo. Co. Humane Society    | 836-4745 |
| Tyler Memorial Hospital    | 836-2161 |
| Bureau Veritas Inspections | 836-7196 |
| Emergency Management       | 836-2828 |
| DEP                        | 826-2511 |
| Wyo. Co. Courthouse        | 836-3200 |
| Rep. Karen Boback          | 836-4777 |

## EATON TOWNSHIP AND TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH WIN GRANT TO UPGRADE BRIDGE LIGHTING

Eaton Township and Tunkhannock Borough were recently notified that their joint grant application to upgrade the lighting on the Susquehanna River Bridge has been awarded. This grant will allow for replacing the current poles and lighting fixtures on the bridge with energy efficient LED fixtures and historical period poles that will better match the lighting that is in place along Hunter Highway and the Borough. More details from the grant agency are expected soon. Supervisor Randy Ehrenzeller worked diligently on behalf of Eaton Township and Tunkhannock Borough to secure this grant.



## PARKS AND RECREATION REMAIN A HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE TOWNSHIP

The Board of Supervisors continues to look at options and opportunities to develop recreation areas throughout the Township. Several open areas which the Township owns are being studied. Currently, the North Eaton site which was under consideration for development has been put on hold. Studies of other sites will continue and input from residents is welcome as we proceed.

## MORE TOWNSHIP ROADS UPGRADED



Several successful projects were completed this summer to upgrade roads in our Township. The entire length of Jenks Roads

was resurfaced using a technique called micro-surfacing, which will extend the life of this road for many years. New oil/chip treatments were completed on McMullian Hill and Church Road to conclude road upgrades for this season.



## SECURITY CAMERAS TO BE INSTALLED AT TOWNSHIP



Security cameras will soon be installed around Township buildings as part of our effort to increase security and safety for our facilities and of those utilizing the area, such as the recycling operations. The camera system will monitor all

activities in and around buildings and grounds on a 24-hour basis. We thank Supervisor Paul Rowker, for his efforts to get this system installed.

## BICENTENNIAL MEMENTOES AVAILABLE FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Beautifully crafted wooden coaster sets depicting Eaton Township and its bicentennial are now available to Eaton Township residents free of charge, compliments of Williams Pipeline. These mementoes are a way for residents to reminisce about the 200<sup>th</sup> year celebration. A set of four coasters can be picked up at the Township office during regular office hours (8:00am – noon, 1:00pm – 3:30pm, Monday through Wednesday) beginning October 16. There is a limit of one set per family, for residents only, while supplies last. Don't miss this opportunity to claim your memento!



## NEED FOR LOCAL POLICE COVERAGE UNDER STUDY

The Board of Supervisors has begun a study of options for obtaining local police coverage for the Township. This study is for information gathering purposes only and no decision has been made as to whether we would proceed to obtain local police coverage. Investigation of local police coverage is being driven by several factors including the recent tragic incident at Weis Markets where local police from Tunkhannock Borough and Tunkhannock Township were the first to respond to the incident, as well as the fact that some Eaton Township ordinances, including speed limits, cannot be enforced by Pennsylvania State Police. Therefore, we must look at options to provide enhanced protection for our residents and businesses.

We have begun to discuss this topic with local municipalities and law enforcement agencies in order to get information on how local police coverage would be implemented, what costs would be associated with such coverage, and what contractual agreements would be required. The results of this study will be reviewed by the Board at a future public meeting and any decision regarding obtaining local police coverage would be made after this public meeting.

## RECYCLING PROGRAM BEING MISUSED

The Township recycling program, which is very popular and used extensively, has seen a tremendous increase in garbage being put in the recycling container. The garbage, in addition to prohibited items such as televisions, furniture, and chemicals, is being discovered by our employees each week. Misuse of this program is costing the Township and taxpayers' money since we are penalized by our contractor when such items are in the recycling bin. In addition, our employees are often forced to climb into the bin to remove prohibited items.



We are asking all residents who utilize our recycling program to please deposit **ONLY** items that are permitted. The list on the back page of this newsletter shows which items are acceptable and which are prohibited.

Also, please remember to clean out containers of food or other materials.

If we cannot reduce the incidences of garbage and other prohibited items from getting into the recycling container, it may force us to consider restricting the hours when the program is open to receive materials. We obviously don't want to take this step, but we must ensure the long term viability of the program by reducing unwanted items.

Please help us continue this successful recycling effort by only putting acceptable items in the container.

The recycling service is for Eaton Township residents only. Please do not deposit recyclables for friends, family, etc. who do not live in Eaton Township. There is a County recycling center for their use.



### *Recycling Points to Remember:*

- ◆ Use clear or blue recycling bags—NOT black garbage bags.
- ◆ Do not leave non-recyclables such as garbage, appliances, paint etc.
- ◆ All containers must be *completely* empty and washed out with lids removed.
- ◆ No Styrofoam products or food products. (Egg cartons ok)
- ◆ Please report any misuse of this service by calling the township.

In order to keep the recycling program going, the wagon will be monitored closely.



TOWNSHIP

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*The Eaton Township Supervisors and our employees are continuing to work to improve the services we provide to our citizens. We welcome your ideas and input. If you have any ideas, questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Township Office or any of the Supervisors directly.*



Recycle  
Materials ONLY

YOU CAN NOW PLACE ALL YOUR CLEAN RECYCLABLES IN

**Please clip the following list for quick reference when recycling.**

|  | ACCEPTED ITEMS          |                      |   | NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS  |  |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|---|---|--|
|  | 1-7 plastics            | Junk mail            | Drinking glasses                                  | Plastics other than those listed  |  |
|  | Aluminum Cans           | Newspaper/inserts    | Frozen food, ice cream or frozen juice containers | Scrap Metal   |  |
|  | Aluminum Foil           | Magazines/Brochures  | Hazardous or bio-hazardous waste                  | Shredded Paper  |  |
|  | Cardboard Cereal Boxes  | Multi 3-ply paper    | Light bulbs, plates or vases                      | Stickers or sheets of address labels (affixed address labels and stamps are OK) |  |
|  | White & Color paper     | Paperboard boxes     | Mirror, ceramics or Pyrex                         | Styrofoam   |  |
|  | Detergent Bottles       | Phone books/catalogs | Napkins   | Syringes  |  |
|  | Empty Aerosol Cans      | Plastic milk jugs    | Needles   | Tissues   |  |
|  | Envelopes (window OK)   | Plastic soda bottles | Paper towels                                      | Tyvek* envelopes  |  |
|  | Egg Cartons             | Pots & pans          | Paper to-go containers                            | Waxed paper   |  |
|  | File Folders            | School papers        | Plastic 6-pack holders                            | Waxed cardboard   |  |
|  | Glass Jars & Bottles    | Small metals         | Plastic microwave trays                           | Window glass  |  |
|  | Hard & Soft Cover Books | Tin cans             |   |   |  |
|  | Juice & Milk Cartons    | Water bottles        |   |   |  |