

Penn Township Butler County Newsletter

FALL 2025



Municipal News

*Budgeting, Finance, Grant Proposals,
Parks & Recreation*

The Penn Township Administrative Team strives to provide the best possible experience for its teams and residents. Open communication and feedback from those in our community play an integral part in our day-to-day operations. We believe that this newsletter will serve as a bridge to foster better communication between ourselves and our residents.

A Recycling Event will be held at the Township Building on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 9 AM-1 PM. Please go to www.nobleenviro.com to register and see a list of items that are allowed to be recycled during our event.

Penn Township Municipality is working to obtain Grants to help fund some of the costs of our Harcrest Park Expansion Project. You may have seen the work going on over at the park. Great things are happening, so be sure to check out the progress in the upcoming months.

For this first edition, we would like to formally introduce our team to those who may not know who we are.

Our Board of Supervisors includes Samuel Ward-Chairman, Douglas Roth-Vice Chairman, & Wilbert Mowry- Supervisor.

Administrative Staff includes Linda Zerfoss- Township Manager, Clinton Bonetti- Land and Use Administrator, and Nicole Tempalski- Administrative Assistant.

“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.” -Brian Solis



Township Building Hours

*Monday- Thursday
7 AM-5 PM*

**The Board of Supervisors
Meetings** are held on the 2nd
Tuesday of every month at 6 PM

**Planning Commission
Meetings** are held on the 4th
Tuesday of every month at 6 PM

Tax office: Andraya Gealey
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The Tax collector's hours are posted on the tax cards; you may also call 724-256-8222 to hear her office hours.

Public Works Department

Roadways, Stormwater, & Infrastructure



As fall approaches, here are a few reminders:

Once the leaves begin to fall, it is essential not to blow or rake them onto the roadway or drainage facilities, including the ditch line, catch basins, and pipes. It is the resident's responsibility to keep these facilities clear of debris and hazards. The township provides a leaf & grass drop-off facility behind the fire hall for use by residents only to dispose of compostable items, such as grass and leaves. No contractors of any sort and non-residents are permitted to use this site. There is no dumping of trash of any sort, including tree limbs or branches. The site has a large sign that can be seen once visiting that reviews all of this. The road crew will use the blower on rural routes to clear the ditch line and waterways along the road once the leaves begin to fall.

Responsibility of the Township: It is our responsibility to remove trees from the roadways and rights-of-way regardless of whose property they came from. The road crew will remove any branches, limbs, or plants that hinder the safety of an intersection or the effectiveness of any township-maintained signage.

Not the Responsibility of the Township: It is not the township's responsibility to clean and remove fallen trees and branches from private property. This is a civil matter amongst property owners and not the townships' involvement.

Driveway pipes are not replaced and/or installed by the township. Any alterations, additions, etc. to these facilities require a driveway permit; you must contact the township's Land Use Administrator before doing so.

Public Works Director

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Road Department Upcoming Projects:

Replacing parallel drainage in the 170 "block" of E. Airport Rd. As well as Country Club Rd in the 100 Block. Drainage work will be done in the 300 block of N. Crisswell Rd.

The Road Department will be conducting asphalt patching through September 18th on various roads, including but not limited to Dodds, Crisswell, E Airport, and Winters.

Contractors are set to pave W. Jefferson Rd. from Dinnerbell to Welsh Rd. Crack sealing will take place during that period or shortly after. They will also surface repair the intersections of Dodds & Rt.8, as well as Three Degree at Renfrew Rd. Another crew will seal coat Anderson, Welsh, & Cruikshank to the township line.

A message to all motorists: Please be patient and courteous. If you must travel these routes, please check out our Facebook and Township Website for alternate routes when possible once these projects take effect.

Williams & Willman will be line painting on various Township Roads, including Three Degree, Mushrush, Airport, and Country Club.

Roadside mowing will occur.

Meet Penn Township's Public Works Department. These guys are available to serve this community in the very best way! See something that needs to be addressed? Just give the Road Department a call, and they will do everything they can to fix the safety concerns you may have.





Police Department

Public Safety, Traffic Laws, Crime Protection

Penn Township Police would like to thank the Penn Township Board of Supervisors and Township Manager Linda Zerfoss for their hard work in making the intersection of Pittsburgh Road and Airport Road safer with the installation of the new traffic light. Upgrading that light has made a noticeable difference in red light violations. In addition to the new light, the intersection has LPR (license plate reader) cameras and overview cameras, thanks to the Board of Supervisors and Butler County District Attorney Rich Goldinger. The cameras have already proven to be great investigative tools and were recently instrumental in solving three hit-and-run accidents and the theft of a \$300,000 truck from Hunter's.

The police department is also fortunate enough to have two traffic trailers. The trailers are great at reminding motorists of their speeds or displaying messages for important events in the Township. If you have a location that you think would benefit from the traffic trailers, please contact the police department.

Penn Township Police would also like to remind residents that Act 18 of 2024, also known as "Paul Miller's Law," went into effect June 5, 2025. The law prohibits the use of hand-held devices while driving, even while temporarily stopped due to traffic, a red light, or other delays.

Penn Township OIC

Sergeant Cheryl Cranmer

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While traffic enforcement is part of the police department's responsibility, emergency first aid also plays a critical role. Recently, Officer Zarnick was instrumental in saving the life of a Township resident with the AED and others on scene training in CPR. CPR is a valuable lifesaving skill and is taught in several locations throughout Butler County.



The Penn Township Police would like to remind residents to always be alert to online scams. Never click on the link in a suspicious text or email. Government agencies do not accept gift cards as payment. Always protect your accounts and passwords, and if in doubt, contact the police department. In addition to online scams, mail theft, specifically checks, is real, especially around the holiday season. Please avoid leaving mail in the box overnight or for extended periods of time.

Penn Township Police would like to thank the Township residents for their partnership in making Penn Township a safe place to live and work.





Land Use Department

Zoning, Subdivision, & Land Development

When are Penn Township Zoning Permits required?

All structures over 100 square feet must obtain a zoning permit to ensure they comply with the zoning district where the applicant's property is located. Structures are defined in the Zoning Ordinance as "any man-made object having an ascertainable stationary location on or in land or water, whether or not affixed to the land." This includes, but is not limited to, sheds, gazebos, garages, and other man-made structures. You can get the Zoning Permit forms from the Township website or visit the Township building. Items needed include a design of the structure(s), a plot plan (survey) of the property where the structure will be built, and a completed application.

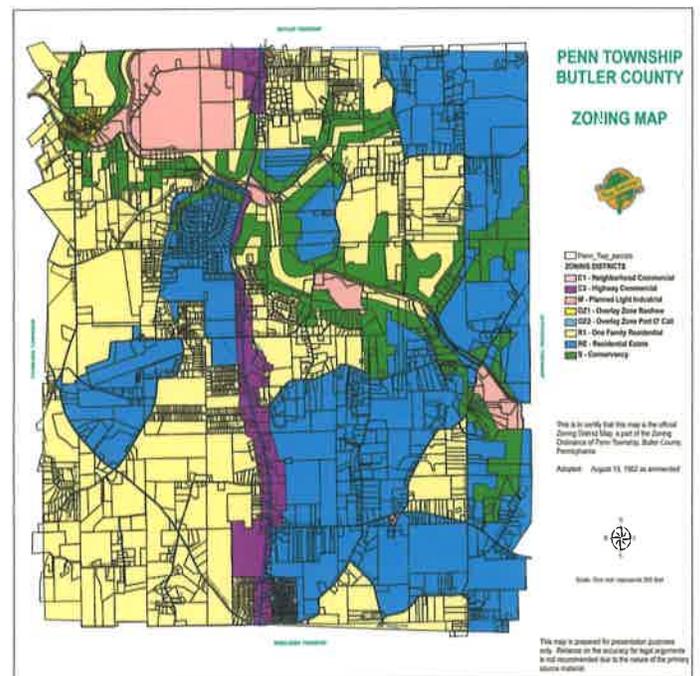
When are Penn Township Construction Permits required?

All new residential and commercial construction, including additions, and structures over 1,000 square feet must obtain both a zoning permit and a construction permit. These permits need to comply with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. Code-Sys, the Township Building Inspectors, issue construction permits. After securing a zoning permit, you should visit www.Code-Sys.com and complete the relevant online application. They will answer all questions either online or by phone at 412-821-0337.

Why is Zoning Important?

Zoning helps prevent incompatible land uses from clashing (e.g., keeping industrial areas away from residential areas).

Zoning can help maintain or enhance property values by controlling the types of development allowed.



Penn Township Land & Use Administrator

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Mark Your Calendars!

What's happening around our community

Fall 2025- September						
	1 Labor Day Administration Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6 Recycling Event 9 AM-1 PM
7	8	9 Board Of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Fall 2025 October						
			1	2	3	4
5 Fire Prevention Week	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board Of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	29	30	31 Halloween Trick or Treat from 6-7:30 PM	

Fall 2025 November						
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2	3	4 Election Day Administration Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day Administration Office Closed	12 Board Of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	26	27 Thanksgiving Administration Office Closed	28	29
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The Penn Township Newsletter is published seasonally for the residents of Penn Township. All comments/questions should be sent to: Penn Township, 157 E. Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002

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Board of Supervisors

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 Wilbert J. Mowry Jr.- Supervisor

