

Penn Township Butler County Newsletter

Summer 2026



Municipal News

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Did you know....

The Penn Township Municipal Building offers a medication drop box for old & unused medications.

Items that are Accepted are:

1. Liquid Medications in their original containers (i.e. cough syrups, cold medicines)
2. Prescription & over the counter solid medications
3. Tablets & Capsules
4. Prescription patches
5. Medical creams and ointments
6. Vitamins
7. Nasal sprays
8. Pet medicines

NOT Accepted Items are:

1. Intravenous solutions
2. Injectables, syringes, & needles _i.e. EpiPens)
3. Hydrogen peroxide
4. Compressed cylinders or aerosols (e.g. asthma inhalers)
5. Iodine containing medications
6. Alcohol



A recycling event will be held at the Township Building on Saturday August 29th, 2026, from 7 AM-1:30 PM. If interested, you must register at www.nobleenviro.com. You will also be able to see a list of accepted and not accepted items.

Penn Township is proud to support the mission of America250PA by helping bring our shared history to life. This initiative aims to engage citizens across all 67 counties of Pennsylvania, encouraging a deeper understanding of our Commonwealth's origins, the diverse perspectives that shape it, and the events that continue to influence our nation today. By reflecting on the past, we hope to inspire future leaders, celebrate the contributions of Pennsylvanians, and spark a lasting appreciation for the stories that define our community.

As part of this effort, Penn Township is creating a new historical display in the Township Building lobby—and we need your help!

We are seeking historical items related to Penn Township, including: Photographs Books Artifacts Other memorabilia. If you have items, you'd be willing to loan for display, please contact Nicole Tempalski, Administrative Assistant:

☎ 724-586-1165 (option 1)

✉ ntempalski@penn township.org

We will also be sharing more about this project at this year's Community Day event. If you're interested in helping manage or support the display during the event, we'd love to hear from you.

Help us preserve and celebrate Penn Township's history, your story is part of it.



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
724-256-8222
penn township@gmail.com

Face to Face Tax collectors'
hours are posted on your tax
cards. Most up to date hours
are recorded on her voicemail.

"The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating. The paths to it are not found but made; and the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination." -Peter Ellyard



Public Works Department

Roadways, Stormwater, & Infrastructure

Construction Season Is Here

Summer is our busiest time of year, and crews are actively working on road maintenance and improvement projects throughout the community. This includes paving, patching, shoulder repairs, drainage upgrades, roadside mowing, and line painting. You may notice temporary lane closures or detours—these are necessary to keep both our workers and the public safe while we improve your roads. Please be mindful of these during your travels.

Work Zone Safety

When driving through work zones, please remember:

- Slow down and obey posted speed limits
- Watch for flaggers and construction crews
- Avoid distractions like mobile devices
- Allow extra travel time during peak construction hours

Safety is a shared responsibility—help us ensure everyone goes home safely each day. We ask for this respect for our own crew as well as our contractors.

Project Scope

Seal coating: Lake Vue Dr, Three Degree Rd, Oak Ridge Dr, Oak Hills Manor, W. Jefferson Rd & Hicks Rd.

Patching & Base Repair: Beacon Light Rd.

Patching: Reamer Rd, Mtn. Laurel Dr, Hicks Rd, Oak Hills Manor, Winters Rd., Powell Rd., Dodds Rd., Penn Dr., Jones Rd., Three Degree Rd., & Heller Rd.

Report a Concern

If you notice potholes, damaged signs, or drainage issues, please contact the Road Department:

Public Works Director

Andrew Rockar

724-285-9317

arockar@pemntownship.org

Hours: M-F 7 AM -3 PM



Police Department

Public Safety, Traffic Laws, Crime Protection



Penn Township Police Department: Changes, New Faces

The Penn Township Police Department is experiencing a season of transition, growth, and continued service to the community.

After more than two decades of dedicated service, Corporal Denny Crawford is retiring as a full-time officer. Since joining the Department in 2002, Corporal Crawford has been a trusted and respected presence whose experience, professionalism, and unique skills have made a lasting impact on both the Department and the community. While he will certainly be missed in his daily role, residents will still see a familiar face around the station as he remains on board temporarily as a part-time officer assisting with training. Penn Township Police extends sincere gratitude to Corporal Crawford for his years of commitment and service.

The Department also announced the resignation of Officer Korey Zarnick, who is pursuing new professional opportunities. Although his time with Penn Township Police was brief, Officer Zarnick quickly proved himself to be a valuable asset to the team. The Department wishes him continued success and all the best in his future endeavors.

Stepping up during this period of transition is a familiar and experienced member of the Department. Officer Steve Setnar, who has faithfully served Penn Township as a part-time officer since 2000, has now moved into a full-time role and has been promoted to Corporal. His willingness to step in and continue serving the community reflects the dedication and professionalism that Penn Township residents have come to appreciate. Congratulations to Corporal Setnar on this well-earned promotion.

The Department is also excited to welcome its newest full-time officer, Christopher Scalise. Officers and community members alike are looking forward to getting to know Officer Scalise as he begins his career serving Penn Township. The Department is confident he will become a valued member of both the force and the community.

Summer Safety Reminders

As summer arrives and more residents head outdoors, Penn Township Police is also reminding everyone to stay safe while enjoying the area's beautiful roads and neighborhoods. With increased walking, biking, and children playing outside during summer vacation, motorists are encouraged to slow down, stay alert, and share the road responsibly. Cyclists are also reminded that traffic laws apply to bicycles as well. Anyone with questions about roadway safety or bicycle regulations can review the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or stop by the Police Department for assistance.

Residents are also reminded that spring, summer, and fall bring increased outdoor burning activity, including yard waste and recreational fires. Penn Township does have a burning ordinance in place, and obtaining a permit is a simple process. Residents can visit the Township website for ordinance details or call the Police Department at 724-586-1169 and follow the prompts for permit information.

As always, the Penn Township Police Department extends its appreciation to the community for its continued support and partnership.

Penn Township OIC

Sergeant Cheryl Cranmer

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Land Use Department

Zoning, Subdivision, & Land Development

As of April 23, 2026, Penn Township has a new acting Land Use Administrator, Philip D. Mangis. If any residents have any questions regarding permitting, stormwater, and/or land use, they can contact Phil directly.

Now that summer is approaching, it is important to know the laws and regulations of swimming pool safety.

Swimming Pool Permits:

Obtaining a permit for a swimming pool is important because it ensures that residents' safety complies with local safety, zoning, and structural regulations, ultimately protecting the homeowner from liability and potential fines. These permits are essential safety checks that ensure proper fencing or barriers are installed to prevent accidental drowning, in accordance with PA pool safety laws. Furthermore, a permit confirms that electrical systems, including bonding and grounding, meet strict safety codes, prevent hazardous conditions in a wet environment, and ensure the pool is properly located on the property to avoid violating setback requirements and causing property line disputes. Failure to secure a permit will result in costly penalties or even the pool's forced removal.

Key Reasons for Pool Permits:

- **Safety Compliance:** Ensures barriers (fencing) are high to prevent unauthorized access.
- **Electrical/Plumbing Safety:** Ensures the electrical bonding, wiring, and pump systems are secure.
- **Zoning Compliance:** Confirms the pool does not violate property setback regulations.
- **Property Value & Liability:** Protects homeowners against liabilities and maintains insurability

Permit Requirements for Pools

Residents planning construction or improvement projects within the township are required to obtain both a Zoning Permit and a Building Permit before the start of work.

1. Zoning Permit Application

A Zoning Permit is required for all applicable projects. To apply, residents must:

- Visit the township website and complete the Zoning Permit Application.
- Submit all supporting documents listed within the application packet.
- Pay the required application fee of **\$150.00** for the 2026 permit year.
 - Checks should be made payable to **Penn Township**.

Incomplete applications or missing documentation may delay review and approval.

2. Building Permit Application

In addition to zoning approval, a Building Permit is required to ensure compliance with all applicable building and safety codes.

To apply, residents must:

- Access the **Codesys** application link available on the township website.
- Complete the Building Permit Application through Codesys, the township's third-party code enforcement contractor.
- Upload or provide all required supporting documentation requested by Codesys.

Once submitted, **Codesys will manage the building permit process directly**, including application review, inspections, and permit issuance.

Important Reminder

Residents should obtain all required permits and approvals before beginning any construction activity. Starting work without the appropriate permits may result in delays, violations, or additional fees

Penn Township Land Use Administrator

Philip Mangis

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Mark Your Calendars!

What's happening around our community

Summer 2026- June						
	1	2 Penns Men Meeting 6 PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Penns Men Meeting 6 PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Summer 2026 July						
			1	2 4 th of July Observance : Township Building Closed	3	4
5	6	7 Penns Men Meeting 6 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Penns Men Meeting 6 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	29	30	31	

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2	3	4 Penns Men Meeting 6 PM	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Board of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	26	27	28	29 Recycling Event 7 AM- 1:30 PM
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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.

Administrative Staff

Township Manager: Linda Zerfoss
 Land Use Administrator: Phillip Mangis
 Administrative Assistant: Nicole Tempalski

Board of Supervisors

Douglas A. Roth- Chairman
 Wilbert J. Mowry Jr.- Vice Chairman
 Matthew Salina- Supervisor



