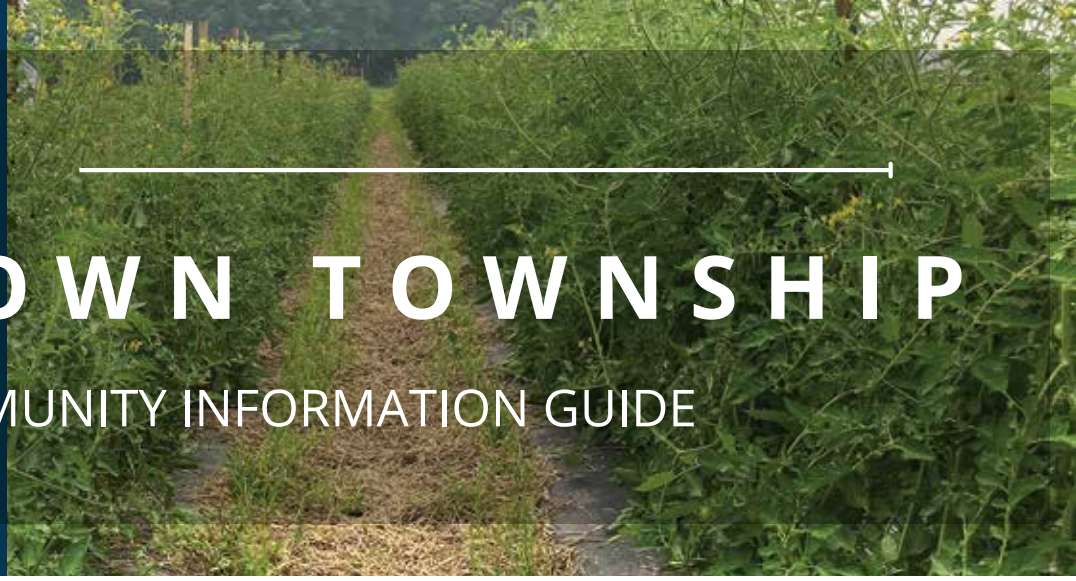
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HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY INFORMATION GUIDE



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www.hilltown.org

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215-453-6011

Anonymous Tip Line:
267-517-9119

pdadmin@hilltownpd.org

A Message from your Board of Supervisors

Dear Neighbors,

What an exciting and eventful Spring and Summer in the Township. We were happy to host our annual Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt and Travis Manion Foundation Tree Planting Event, and introduce two new community events with our America 250 Fun Run and Movie in the Park nights. We are looking forward to more fun and community engagement as we transition into the holiday season and beyond.

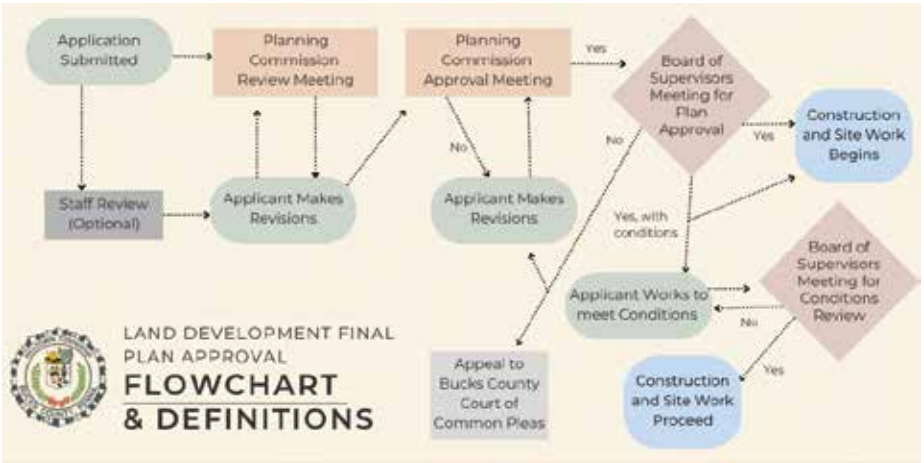
As we move into the Fall and Winter months we are reminded of the harsh cold season that the Township experienced last year. We encourage residents to prepare in advance for any potential weather headed our way this season. A list of items to help prepare for weather emergencies can be found within this issue. Your safety is our top concern and we hope to have advances in our communications directly to residents regarding emergency events and road closures in coming months. In the meantime, please follow our official Facebook Page and our Police Department's Facebook Page where we will be continuing to post updates and closure notifications.

Speaking of increased communication, we are pleased to present new, updated workflows and FAQ's, which are available on our website, to assist residents and applicants obtain permits and navigate the approval processes. A copy of our Land Development Final Plan Approval workflow is provided below. Additionally, our workflow chart and FAQ for Zoning Hearing Board is on their inaugural page within this edition. Be sure to check our website for more!

As always, thank you for making Hilltown Township a wonderful place to live, work, and grow together. We look forward to seeing you all around town!

Warm regards,

Caleb Torrice, James Groff and Joseph Metzinger



Staff Review - Also referred to as a Professional Service Agreement (PSA), where applicants are able to review their sketch plans or concepts with the Zoning Officer, Solicitor, Township Engineer, and Township Manager, so they may provide input on the project design to assist with the preliminary plan prior to presentation to the planning commission.

Conditional Approval - A plan that is not in compliance with the subdivison and/or land development ordinances may be approved with conditions, rather than denied outright. A condition may: correct minor compliance issues, place a contingency based on approval from external organizations (ex. PennDOT, DEP, etc.), place a contigency for an executed third-party agreement (ex. property leases or agreements of sale), or place a requirement to meet requirements of the ordinances in a later phase of the development project (ex. road improvements, sidewalk, or buffering).

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When do I need to file a Right to Know?

The Township has experienced a massive increase in Right to Know requests over the past year, but particularly over the past few months. With this influx, we have recognized that some requests may not have actually been needed to go through Right to Know and would like to provide clarity on when a Right to Know is truly needed. Generally, if you need a physical document, a request is appropriate. However, for basic questions on process, timing for permits, functions of board or staff, and other basic matters of Township operations, answers may be found on our website or through a simple phone call. Reaching out in advance of filing is encouraged.

Pennridge School District 2026/2027 Calendar



A Message from your Township Manager

Hello Community Members!

Welcome back for another riveting issue of our bi-annual newsletter! We hope everyone has been keeping cool and having a bountiful spring and summer season. We're excited to highlight some keys events from this past spring and summer, while keeping our residents informed of what's to come this fall and winter. We appreciate the opportunity to share what we have been working on for our residents!

From infrastructure improvements, to renovation planning, geography monitoring at our park, community events, planning park improvements, ordinance updates, and more, we've had a very busy few months.

Along with the Board of Supervisors, our Township's Leadership Team, and Township staff members, we continue to encourage you to reach out to us with any questions you may have. We're here for you! As a reminder, our Supervisor meetings are live streamed every second and fourth Monday via our YouTube channel, and we encourage you to tune in to learn about ongoing matters in real time!

Thank you all,

Deanna Ferry, DPA

Hilltown Township Manager

Hilltown Township Boards and Commissions

Planning Commission
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm

Zoning Hearing Board
Meets as needed on Wednesday nights

Parks and Recreation Board
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board (UCC)
Meets as needed on Thursday nights

Elected Official's Contacts

Pennsylvania State House of Representatives
Honorable Shelby Labs
215-489-2126

Pennsylvania State Senate
Honorable Jarrett Coleman
215-551-3744

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- Added 70+ NEW specialty physicians in a variety of services such as Cardiology, Oncology, Neurology and many more ... **Promise kept.**
- Committed to enhancing finances by cutting operating loss by 50% ... **Promise kept.**
- Started a Primary Care Residency Program to grow our primary care access ... **Promise kept.**
- Provided access to advanced clinical education with the St. Luke's School of Nursing, College of Health Science ... **Promise kept.**











A Message from your Chief of Police

Forewarned is Forearmed When it Comes to Fraud Awareness

Do you want to give your money to a complete stranger? If not, you need to be aware of scams that can make you a victim and make a criminal richer. They prey on the young and old, and the wealthy and poor. They have no scruples. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Americans reported fraud related losses of over $20 billion in 2025.

Fraud is currently one of the top offenses reported to the Police Department. These frauds range from grandparent scams, overpayment scams, investment scams, romance scams, jury scams, contractor scams, sextortion and the list goes on. These scams rob our residents of their hard-earned savings and sense of security and can have a long-ranging impact on their quality of life. In addition, we know that these offenses are underreported to police due to embarrassment and, in some cases, fear. It can be devastating to a victim both financially and emotionally.

The Police Department urges residents to scrutinize any online content that makes an offer that seems too good to be true, because, in nearly every instant, it is. Nobody is going to give you something for nothing. That special person you met online that always seems to make an excuse to avoid meeting you & always seems to need more & more money, is not real & is never coming to meet you. These people prey on our vulnerabilities, our naivety and our trusting nature. While many of these scams originate overseas making them nearly impossible to prosecute, many more are based domestically, making it possible to identify and prosecute those responsible. In some rare cases, some lost funds can be recovered quickly. In other cases, victims may be able to recover some of their losses through the courts or the Pennsylvania Victims Compensation Assistance Program. Timely reporting is critical to allow police to start their investigation.

The IRS, sheriff's department, or police department will never call you & have you pay fines, etc. using gift cards, bitcoin, etc. These should be, and are, major red flags that something is not right. Check with family, friends, neighbors or police if you are not sure about a suspicious phone call, online offer or any attempt to have you withdraw money from your bank to make a questionable payment or fine. Make sure you enter or click on the correct website before trusting the site enough to enter your personal information. Ask for references for contractors. If you believe you may have been the victim of fraud, online or otherwise, report it to the police as soon as possible. Help us help you. Be suspicious and report suspected scams to the police department as soon as you discover that you may be a victim. If you have any questions about fraud or any other police related matter, please call the Hilltown Township Police Department.



A Message from your Zoning Officer

Property owners are increasingly exploring recycled shipping containers for storage and other accessory uses. Under the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance, a shipping container that is placed on a property for a permitted accessory use is generally reviewed as an accessory structure and is subject to zoning permit requirements and applicable zoning regulations. A zoning permit is required for the construction, placement, addition to, or conversion of structures within the Township.

For accessory structures in residential zoning districts, including shipping containers, with a footprint of less than 250 square feet, the Township generally permits reduced setback requirements depending on the zoning district of the property. Also, on a residential property, the accessory structure is not permitted in the front yard and shall comply with impervious coverage standards of the zoning district. Also, all accessory structures are required to be located at least 15 feet from the house.

Non-residential accessory structures are required to meet the setback and impervious coverage requirements of the zoning district in which it is located. There are no reduced setbacks permitted.

This article is intended as a general informational guide only. Property owners should contact the Hilltown Township Building & Zoning Office and obtain the necessary permits before placing a shipping container or other accessory structure on their property. The Office is available to answer any questions or concerns regarding your accessory structure.

The General Election is November 3, 2026!

Polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm

If you have any questions about your voter record, voter registration, voting district, or Mail-in and Absentee Ballots, please refer to the county election office contact information at www.buckscounty.gov

For Hilltown Township Voting Districts, please view the information here

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713 Blooming Glen Rd

Hilltown Twp Blooming Glen #2
Hilltown Township Municipal Building
13 W Creamery Rd

Hilltown Twp Blooming Glen #3
Hilltown Township Municipal Building
13 W Creamery Rd

Hilltown Twp Fairhill #1
Calvary Church of Souderton
820 Rte 113

Hilltown Twp Fairhill #2
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
1530 Augsburg Dr & Hilltown Pk

Hilltown Twp Fairhill #2-A
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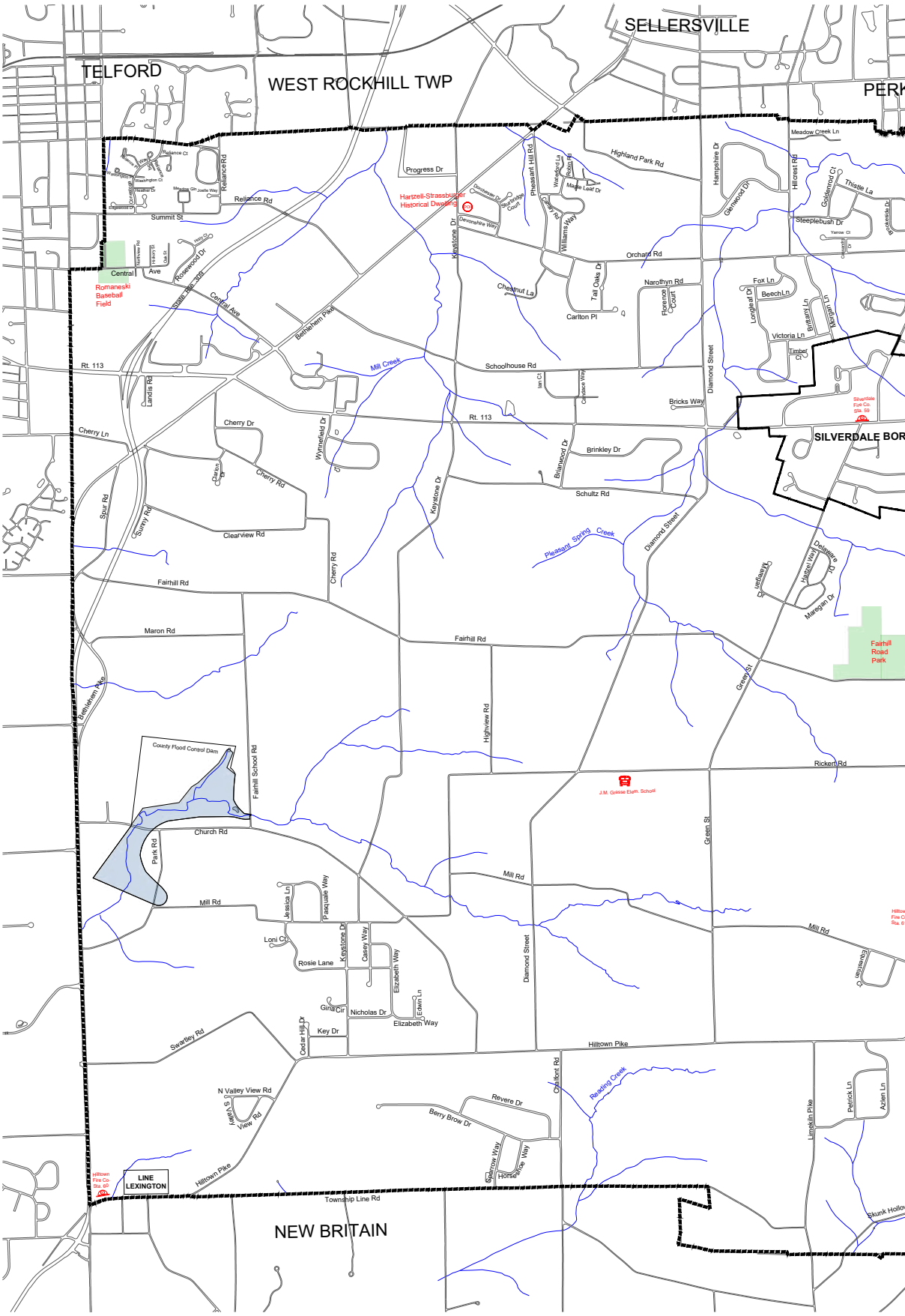
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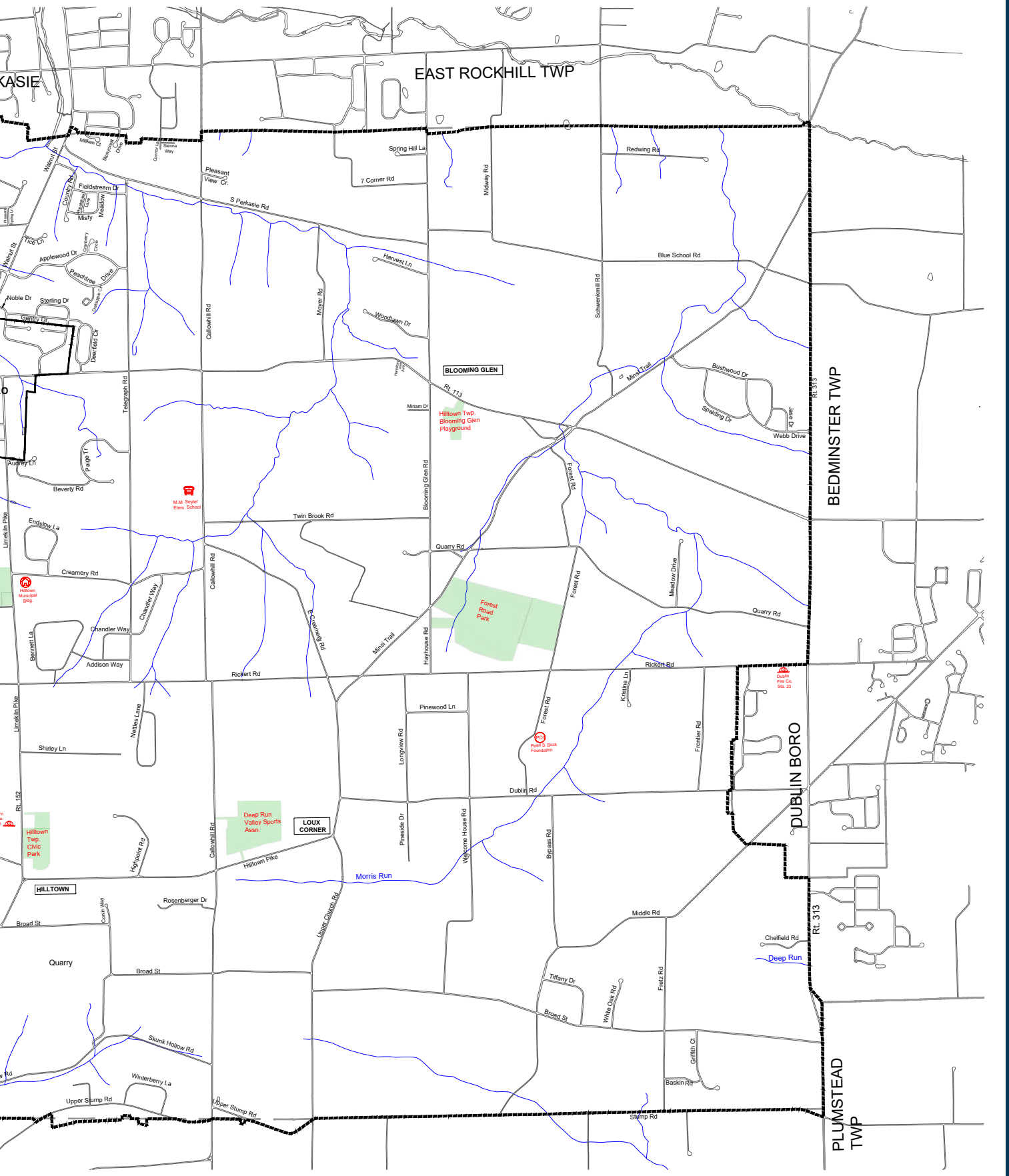
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Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company
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Perkasie Fire Company Perkasie Station 26
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Sellersville Fire Department Sellersville
Station 27 / 59
2 N Main St, Sellersville, PA
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Upcoming Events with Perkasie Fire Company

National Fire Prevention Week October 4th-10th 2026

"Charge into Fire Safety™. Safe Charging is Super Power!" is the national theme for fire prevention week this year. The focus is on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer.

Visit our annual fire prevention open house on Thursday, October 8th from 6-9pm at 100 N 5th St Perkasie, PA for FREE fire prevention handouts, safety tips, fire safety demonstrations and more!

Fire safety tips to live by:

- Always install smoke detectors inside and outside every sleeping area and every floor of your home. Check them monthly to ensure they're in functioning order
- Complete fire safety drills at home with your family, memorize your home address and know how to call 911 in the event of an emergency
- Keep lighters and lighter fluids out of reach of children - remind them to never play with fire.
- Always check for burn bans and red flag warnings before enjoying a backyard fire-pit

Do you have fire safety questions? Give our department a call at 215-257-6950

Breakfast with Santa – Sunday, December 13

Our next "all you can eat" breakfast buffet is from 7:30 am to 12 noon on December 13.

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A Note from your Public Works Director

As summer comes to a close, the Public Works Department is wrapping up a productive season dedicated to maintaining and improving our community's infrastructure. From critical drainage repairs to community projects, our crew has been hard at work across the township.

Here is a look at some of what we accomplished this season, along with an important update as we head into fall:

3rd Annual Day of Community Service

We were proud to host our 3rd Annual Day of Community Service in partnership with the Travis Manion Foundation. Volunteers and members of the public works department came together at Fairhill Road Park to plant numerous donated trees, continuing our effort to enhance local greenspaces.

As part of the event, we dedicated a tree and memorial plaque in honor of local hero Robert Mininger for his service and sacrifice to our country and community.

Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements

Keeping our stormwater system functioning smoothly and efficiently remains a top priority. This season, our team successfully replaced or repaired 42 stormwater inlets to ensure proper drainage; and replaced or repaired 14 stormwater pipes to prevent localized flooding and protect road foundations.

Roadway & Paving Projects

We are proud to report another highly successful paving season across our network of over 90 miles of township roads. Crews completed resurfacing and section paving on several key stretches, delivering smoother, safer travel for all residents.

Grounds & Parks Maintenance

Our mowing crews have maintained a rigorous schedule all summer long—keeping our township parks and open spaces looking great while clear-cutting roadside edges to improve driver visibility and overall safety. Additionally, this fall, the Civic Park athletic fields will be core aerated and overseeded to improve turf health and turf durability for upcoming sports seasons.

Upcoming: Fall Bulk Leaf Collection

With fall right around the corner, our bulk leaf collection program will soon be in full swing!

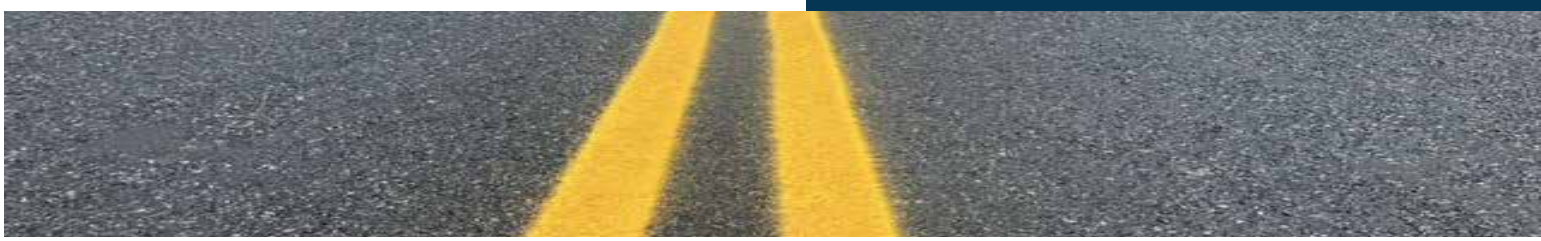
We will be posting collection dates and detailed guidelines on what can and cannot be placed out for pickup on the township website in the coming weeks. Please stay tuned for those details so we can keep the pickup process running smoothly for everyone.

Thank you to all our residents for your patience and cooperation as our crews worked through traffic setups and project zones!









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Stormwater News

Fall Edition: Bringing Biodiversity Back to Your Yard!





The Environmental Cost of Lawns

Despite looking lush and green, traditional turf grass lawns provide little to no environmental benefits. In fact, they often have detrimental effects on the quality of local waterways, wildlife habitat, and the air that we breathe. Here are some of the ways that lawns can harm the environment:

- **Lack of Biodiversity** - lawns are typically made up of a single, non-native grass species that does not provide shelter or food for wildlife.
- **Increased Water Usage** - lawns consume more water than native landscapes leading to water waste and increased runoff.
- **Increased Carbon Footprint** - the maintenance of lawns requires the use of gas powered lawn equipment that contributes to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Use of Harmful Pesticides / Fertilizer** - these chemicals can harm local wildlife, contaminate water resources, and lead to the growth of algae that can be harmful to humans and pets.

learn more at: www.perkiomenwatershed.org

Swapping Turf Grass for Native Gardens

Want to swap your high maintenance lawn for somethingmore colorful, environmentally friendly, and easy to manage? Here are some ways to add biodiversity back into your yard:

- **Decrease your lawn area** - smothering grass with cardboard is an easy way to kill turf and add garden area to your yard. Late summer / fall is the perfect time to remove turf and add native plants!
- **Reduce / eliminate your household pesticide / herbicide use** - use environmentally friendly alternatives or eliminate lawn care products all together!
- **Plant with a variety of native species -** native plants are vital to the survival of pollinators, birds and other wildlife. When planting your garden, aim to use species that bloom throughout the year as well as a mix of perennials, shrubs and trees!
- **Add a bird, bat or pollinator house -** providing safe areas for wildlife to rest and raise their young is a great way to increase the diversity of wildlife that call your yard home!





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Fall & Winter activities in Hilltown!
As always, we've curated some fun days, must-do's, and local spots in our Town to grab this seasons essentials so you don't miss out!

Fall Festivities:

- Start your morning at Tabora's with an apple cider donut and fresh coffee or breakfast, before going apple picking with the family, and grabbing some porch pumpkins from their market.
- Attend the Blooming Glen Harvest Festival at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church on October 31st!
- Pop into KenJan's market for some hearty and seasonal perogis for lunch!
- Head over to Maker's Market at Calvary Church on October 10th.
- Have an early dinner from Blooming Glen Pork before going to a Pennridge Ram's football game.
- Join us on October 25th for this year's Trunk-and-Treat Event, grab dessert from our food trucks, and collect candy at various vendor tents.
- Join the Historical Society's Walking Tour of Hilltown's Oldest Cemetery on October 17th!





Turkey Trotting Around Town:

- Start your day with a fresh smoothie and chia oatmeal bowl from Tropical Smoothie.
- Head on over to Hilltown Nursery for some mums and outdoor fall decorations.
- Stop in the Wawa on County Line Road and Grab a Gobbler Bowl for lunch.
- Make a reservation to get a fresh haircut before the holidays at Modern Artistry Salon.
- Turkey Time! Head over to Bolton's Farm Market to grab your fresh turkey, fixings, and dessert for your holiday dinner.
- Schedule a session at iSmash to get out all the pent up frustration caused by time with relatives.
- Pop in to Confectionary for some seasonally flavored macarons!

Snowman Season:

- Begin your day grabbing a delicious, festive coffee from Wawa on Rt. 313 and a breakfast bowl.
- Spend the rest of the morning at Pearl S. Buck Annual Festival of Trees for some holiday cheer festivities.
- Pick up a hearty, hot roast beef sandwich at Lucky Dog Bar and Grill with a festive holiday cocktail.
- Give back to your community by grabbing a card off of the annual Giving Tree at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.
- Order ahead for your farm fresh lamb for your holiday dinner from Tussock Sedge Farm.
- Be on the Lookout for Santa Riding around with Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company!
- End the evening at Penn View Farm grabbing eggnog for dessert.



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A Message from your Tax Collector, Diane Telly, CPTC

As fall arrives, there are several tax items that may be of interest to you, including the October 31st school tax deadline, the homestead reduction, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, and interim tax bills.

October 31st School Tax Deadline

October 31st is the deadline to pay Pennridge School District real estate taxes at the face amount. Payments made after October 31st must include the penalty amount shown on the tax bill. If you are paying by mail, please allow enough time for delivery and be sure your payment is postmarked on or before the due date, using a hand stamped postmark from a post office retail counter. If your taxes are paid through a mortgage escrow account, please forward your tax bill to your mortgage company promptly. Property owners remain responsible for making sure tax bills are paid on time.

Homestead Reduction for Every Primary Residence

The homestead reduction is a school property tax reduction for approved primary residences. If your property is approved for the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion, the reduction appears on your school real estate tax bill. Applications for the homestead reduction are handled by the Bucks County Board of Assessment Appeals. A deed change, ownership change, or other property record change may require a new application. If you do not currently have the homestead reduction, be on the lookout early next year for a letter from the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Eligible Pennsylvania residents may qualify for the state Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. The program is available to qualifying homeowners and renters, including residents aged 65 and older, widows and widowers aged 50 and older, and people with disabilities aged 18 and older, subject to income limits set by the Commonwealth. Residents must apply for the rebate each year. Applications may be submitted through the state's myPATH system, by mail, or with free assistance from our local State Representative's Office.

Summer Renovations? Learn About Interim Tax Bills

Interim tax bills are issued when a property's assessment changes during the year, such as after new construction, an addition, or another assessment adjustment. These bills are separate from the regular county/township and school real estate tax bills and must be paid according to the due dates printed on the interim bill. If you receive an interim bill and have a mortgage escrow account, please forward the bill to your mortgage company right away. As with regular tax bills, the property owner is responsible for confirming that payment is made by the deadline.

Questions or Payment Information

Tax payments may be mailed to Diane Telly, Tax Collector, PO Box 265, Hilltown, PA 18927. Residents may also use the 24/7 drop box at the Hilltown Township Building, located at 13 W. Creamery Road. For questions, please contact the Tax Office at 215-257-5947 or hilltowntaxcollector@gmail.com. Further information and online payment options can be found at https://hilltowntaxcollect.wixsite.com/taxoffice.



Here to Help You!

One of my top priorities as your state representative remains providing responsive, reliable constituent service to our community. My staff and I work every day to help residents access state programs, solve problems and navigate government services.

Our district office, located in Plumstead Township, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We assist residents with a wide range of state-related services, including Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications, PennDOT forms, birth and death certificates, PACE and PACENET applications, unemployment compensation, veterans services, and referrals to state agencies. If you have a question or need assistance, please contact us at 215-489-2126.

For residents age 65 and older, my office processes applications and renewals for SEPTA Senior Fare Cards daily. The card provides free travel on SEPTA buses, trolleys, Metro and Regional Rail within Pennsylvania, with reduced fares for trips to or from New Jersey and Delaware. We are happy to guide you through the application process and answer any questions.

On the second Tuesday of every month, my office offers Advanced Care Planning appointments at no cost. Residents can complete advance directives, living wills and health care powers of attorney with guidance from our community partners. These documents help ensure your wishes are understood and can make difficult decisions easier for your loved ones.

In addition to our main district office located in Plumstead Township, my office also holds regular satellite office hours in Silverdale Borough every Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon as well as in New Britain Township on the second Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to Noon. Current locations, dates and times are available at RepShelbyLabs.net or by contacting my district office at 215-489-2126.

It remains an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of the 143rd Legislative District.

Thank you,

State Representative Shelby Labs











What is the Zoning Hearing Board?

The Zoning Hearing Board is an independent board that hears requests for variances and special exceptions when a proposed project does not fully comply with the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

Example:
You would like to build a new garage or home addition, but the required side yard setback is 25 feet and your proposed structure would only be 15 feet from the property line. In this situation, you may apply to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance to allow the reduced setback.

Submitting an application to the Zoning Hearing Board gives you the opportunity to present your case and seek relief from specific zoning requirements.

Important Application Requirements:
To ensure a thorough and fair review process, professional drawings, dimensions, and or setbacks are highly recommended. Clear, accurate plans showing the location, size, and placement of your proposed structure or proposed use will help the Zoning Board understand your request and make an informed decision. Please make sure to reference this link https://www.hilltown.org/media/2275/variances.pdf to understand what the board uses as guidance to grant a variance.

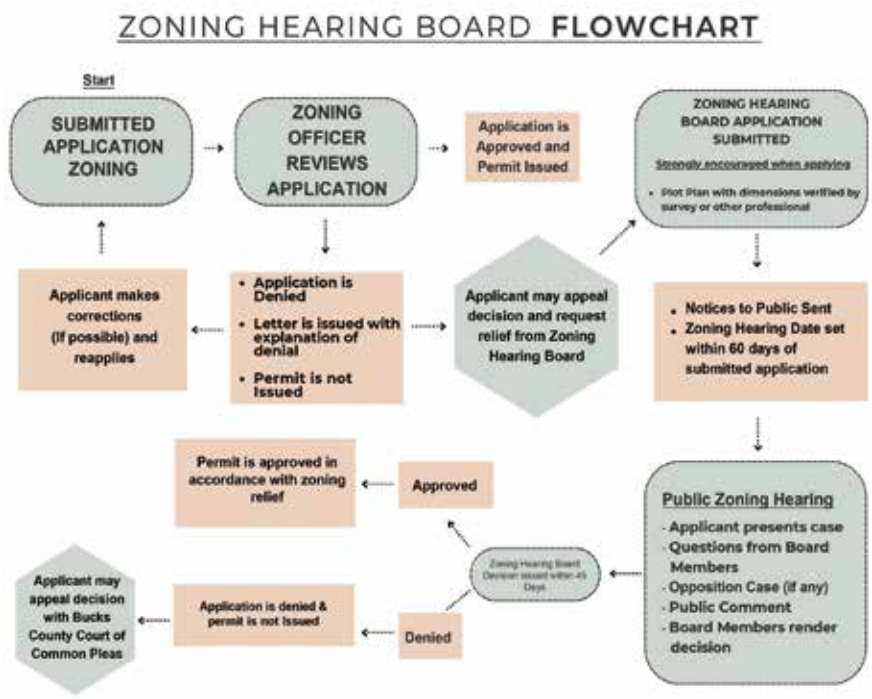
How to Apply:
Applications for a Zoning Hearing Board hearing are available online on our website or in person at the Township office. Once your completed application is submitted and fees are paid, a public hearing will be scheduled. As the applicant, you will have the opportunity to present your project and answer questions from the Board and Public comment.

It is often beneficial to bring a professional (such as an architect, engineer, surveyor, or land use consultant) to assist with your presentation and answer technical questions. Questions the Board might have include, Project dimensions, Setbacks, Impervious Surface Percentage, and a description of the full scope of work.

The Decision:
After the hearing and deliberation, the Zoning Hearing Board will vote to approve or disapprove your request. You will usually receive a decision at the meeting and a formal letter in the mail after a few weeks.



Steve Yates, Matthew Knox, Brooke Rush



ZONING HEARING BOARD (ZHB)

Q&A

Q: What is the Zoning Hearing Board?
A: The Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) is a quasi-judicial body that hears and renders decisions regarding specific types of land use actions. The ZHB functions like a court, although formal court procedures are not necessarily required. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) provides a specific set of rules that must be followed for applications submitted to the ZHB.

Q: How long does it take to schedule a Hearing?
A: A hearing must be scheduled within 60 days of the Township receiving an application for the Zoning Hearing Board to review a matter.

Q: What happens if a hearing is not scheduled within 60 days?
A: If a hearing is not scheduled with 60 days of the Township receiving an application, an extension must be agreed upon by the applicant in writing.

Q: I'm concerned about a project, how can I speak on record at the hearing to share my concern?
A: As a resident in order to speak on record at a hearing you must obtain Party Status. Party Status is the formal designation that allows a person or organization to be recognized as a "party of record" in a zoning hearing; it is required to be obtained before providing any evidence, conducting cross-examinations on witnesses, and to fully participate in the hearing process. To obtain party status, one must demonstrate they are "aggrieved" and must demonstrate that you and your property are directly affected by an application. Simply being a taxpayer is usually not enough. To formally establish party status, attend the hearing and submit an Entry of Appearance.

Q: What types of relief can be granted by the Zoning Hearing Board?
A: There are typically three types of relief that a Zoning hearing Board Grants: variance, special exception, and interpretations of the zoning ordinance. Conditional uses are similar to special exceptions, but the conditional uses are heard before the Board of Supervisors.

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Q: What is a variance?
A: A zoning variance is any deviation from the zoning code. There are two types of variances: use variance and dimensional variances. A zoning/use variances are required any time you would like to use land or a piece of property in a different way or for a different purpose than is legally allowed in the Zoning Ordinance.

Q: May the Board of Supervisors overturn a decision of the Zoning Hearing Board if it doesn't agree with the decision?
A: No. If the Board of Supervisors does not agree with a decision of the Zoning Hearing Board, it must appeal the decision to the County Court of Common Pleas.

Q: How can we learn more about special exceptions, conditional uses, and variances?
A: The Governor's Center for Local Government Services has several useful publications on the Municipalities Planning Code and the planning process, which are available free of charge online. To view these publications, go to www.dced.pa.gov and choose "Local Government", and the "Publications and Documents". The free downloads are available by choosing "Library".

Q: What does it mean when a Zoning Hearing is 'continued'?
A: When the ZHB states that a hearing is 'continued', it means the hearing was paused and will resume on a future date. If a hearing is continued, the ZHB has not reached a final decision, and the application has been neither denied nor approved. Continuances happen for several reasons, including but not limited to: time constraints, outstanding requests for more information, scheduling conflicts, and time extensions. The notice requirements are not-applicable to a continued hearing, as notice would have already been given for the initial meeting, by statutory requirements.

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Q: How long does it take to get a decision back from the Zoning Hearing Board?
A: The ZHB must render a written decision or findings within 45 days of the last hearing.

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Fun (& very hot) Run for America 250!













Thursday, December 10 Quakertown Shop with a Cop Event! More details to come on our socials!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Movie Night on August 8th!









A Message from your Parks and Recreation Committee

Hilltown Township Parks & Recreation is pleased to introduce a meaningful new way for residents to leave a lasting mark on our community. Beginning this season, families, organizations, and community groups will have the opportunity to dedicate a park bench or tree in honor of a loved one, in celebration of a special milestone, or simply as a way to support the continued beautification of our township parks.

Dedicated Benches

A limited number of new benches will be installed throughout our parks and walking trails, offering peaceful places for visitors to rest, reflect, and enjoy the natural scenery. Each bench dedication includes a personalized plaque. Bench locations will be selected to enhance the visitor experience while aligning with our park layout and accessibility goals.

Tree Dedications

Tree dedications provide a living tribute that will grow along with our community. Species are selected with care to ensure long-term health and compatibility with our park environments. Each dedicated tree will be accompanied by a simple plaque recognizing the individual or occasion being honored—creating a meaningful and enduring addition to the landscape.

Interested? Here's What to Do Next

Pricing and program details are currently being finalized. If you would like to receive information once it becomes available, please email the Parks & Recreation Board at parksandrec@hilltown.org. The board will ensure you receive full details, including available locations and dedication options.

Hilltown Township Parks & Recreation appreciates the strong community support that helps keep our parks vibrant, welcoming, and enjoyed by all.

We want to Hear from You!

The Hilltown Township Parks & Recreation Committee is always looking for ways to improve our parks and community events. We invite you to take a few minutes to complete our Community Feedback Survey and share your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Your input will help shape future programs, events, and park improvements throughout Hilltown Township. Thank you for helping us make our community even better! Link: https://forms.gle/ZK3WShhpfZeRehCQ9



Old Hilltown School Stories

As you drive through our township, you will see those buildings that were once used as the historic One-Room Schoolhouses. Many remain, some brick, while some of the older ones are stone, either exposed or covered with plaster. Oddly, two of these old schools now serve ice cream! The corner of Telegraph Road and Route 113 is the Hickory Stick. At Schoolhouse Road and Bethlehem Pike, sits the Sundae School. Both of these buildings are brick.

One of the first schools may have been in the Baptist Meeting House on Chalfont Road. The Meeting House was built by Elder William Thomas in 1737, and in his will, he allowed the township children to be schooled there. This site has been the location of three different meeting houses, with the final one demolished in 1970. The church cemetery remains, under the care of the Hilltown Baptist Church.

Another old one was along Minsi Trail, several hundred yards off Route 113. It was a log structure that was, for some reason, painted red. It was known as Seiple's School. This would have been on or near the property where the old Schwenk's Mill was. The land was owned by Thomas Morris, and in 1768, a 50-year lease was agreed upon. Prior to the expiration of the lease, the building was in such poor condition that the log structure was torn down.

Yet another early school was located at the intersection of Hilltown Pike and Limekiln Pike, built in 1812. This was an eight-sided building. We suppose it would have looked like the Wrightstown Octagonal Schoolhouse. This would have been across the street from the Good Shephard Episcopal Church. For a brief time, Reuben Strassburger taught at the octagonal school. He ended up as owner and shopkeeper at the Reuben and Elizabeth Strassburger Farmstead, the base of operations for the Hilltown Historical Society. In time, this schoolhouse was demolished and replaced with a stone school which is now nestled in with the Good Shephard Episcopal Church across the street. Might some of the stones at this "newer" school have come from this 1812 structure?

The early schools in Hilltown were of the subscription type, the parents paying for the education of their children. Since the students were primarily on family farms, the days as well as the years were short, allowing them to come home for farmwork. In 1815, Hilltown instructor Robert Skelton taught Barbara Christine a total of 134 days at a fee of 3 cents per day. Skelton was paid $4.02. An instructor at one Hilltown school taught trapping and taxidermy, as well as the three Rs.

These one-room schools typicaly taught grades 1 through 8, all at the same time. Enrollment was anywhere from 30-40 pupils. This system allowed the elder students to help the younger ones with their lessons. After completing eighth grade, if a student wanted to continue into a secondary school, a test was given. Only those who passed this test were allowed to further their education. Those who did not pass, began their life farming or helping the family's occupation. These one room schoolhouses remained in use here until the mid-1950s, when the major consolidation occurred.





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Eric Nogami, RA, LEED AP

Having been born and raised in Hilltown Township, I have deep roots in the community and a strong appreciation for its character and history. After leaving to study architecture in college and building a career in Virginia, Washington DC, and Philadelphia, my wife Mary and I chose to return to Hilltown to raise our four children.

Drawing on both my local knowledge and a professional appreciation of thoughtful design, fine architecture, & thriving communities, my primary consideration as a member of the Commission is to help preserve the rural qualities that make Hilltown Township a great place to live for current and future generations.

Outside of my professional and volunteer work, I enjoy gardening with native plants, playing soccer and practicing Brazilian jiu-jitsu. It has been an honor and pleasure to have served on the Hilltown Township Planning Commission since 2012.

Kevin Foster

I have lived in Hilltown for three years with my wife and our three children, who proudly attend the Pennridge School District. Professionally, I serve as a corporate technology executive, bringing a structured, forward-thinking perspective to local governance. My vision for the Planning Commission is to strike a thoughtful balance between respecting property owners' constitutional rights and guiding responsible, well-managed development for our township.

Stephen C. Lis

I have lived in Hilltown for 16 years with my wife Julia. In 2020, I retired from a 30+ year career in business consulting. In addition to several outdoor hobbies, enjoying our beautiful county and township, Julia and I are actively involved in supporting our local wildlife, open spaces, and the surrounding environment. My interest in joining the Planning Commission is to contribute to the community, and continue to support the growth of our township while maintaining the scenic beauty that brought Julie and I to Hilltown 16 years ago.

Carol A. Pierce

As a life-long Resident of Hilltown Township and now having 22 Years of Planning Commission experience - I began many years ago as I was the first Woman appointed to the HTPC Board. From there, I went on to serve on the Bucks County Planning Commission for 16 Years – making decisions on 5,414 Act 247 Reviews encompassing 54 Municipalities and effecting 630,000 Citizens. Now back on the HTPC, I prefer to keep the long-term well-being of the Township at the Center of every PC decision I make as our Open Space, Scenery and Rural Character is what makes Hilltown Twp. a most desirable Community to enjoy and is certainly worth protecting from large Development Pressures which pose a threat to the Public Health, Safety and the Welfare of our bucolic Township.

Kristy Hoffman

I have been a resident of Hilltown Township for the past 12 years. I live here with my husband and our two daughters, who both attend Pennridge High School. Professionally, I am an environmental consultant who specializes in water resources and wetlands. One of my main priorities as a member of the planning commission is to protect our groundwater and surface water resources. I'm committed to thoughtful planning that can guide responsible growth while preserving the rural character and quality of life that make our township such a special place to live.

What is the Planning Commission?

The Hilltown Township Planning Commission plays an important advisory role in guiding the Township's future growth and development while helping preserve the rural character and quality of life that make Hilltown a desirable place to live. Appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the Commission reviews proposed residential, commercial, and institutional development projects to help ensure they comply with the Township's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable regulations. The Planning Commission is composed of volunteer residents who serve without compensation, united by a shared commitment to thoughtful planning and the long-term well-being of Hilltown Township.

During public meetings, the Planning Commission evaluates subdivision and land development applications, reviews proposed zoning ordinance amendments, and provides recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on land use matters. The Commission also considers how new development may affect traffic, stormwater management, public utilities, environmental resources, and the overall character of the community.

While the Planning Commission does not make final decisions on most development applications, its careful review and recommendations help the Board of Supervisors make informed decisions that balance responsible growth with the preservation of Hilltown Township's rural character and quality of life.

Planning Commission meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend, learn about proposed projects, and participate in the planning process.



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- Extra Batteries
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- Manual can opener
- Blankets
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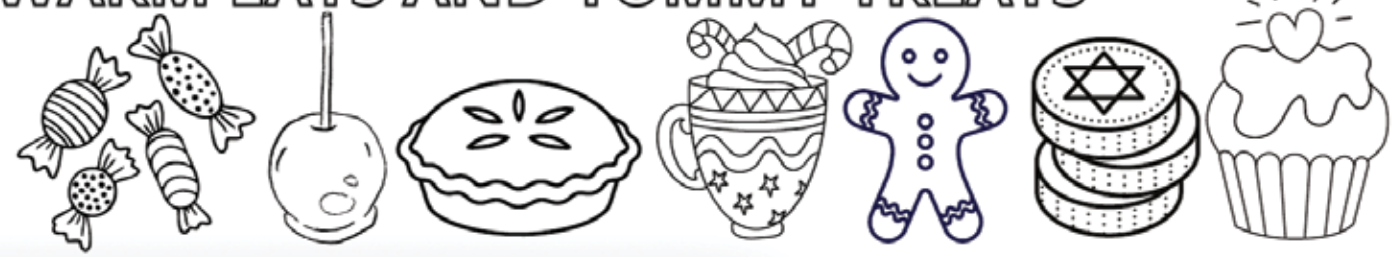
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- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

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COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

Exposure to winter's dry, cold air and chilly rain, sleet and snow can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaking skin, but these aren't the only discomforts pets can suffer. Winter walks can become downright dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off of bare paws. To help prevent cold weather dangers from affecting your pet's health, please heed the following advice from our experts:



- Repeatedly coming out of the cold into the dry heat of your home can cause **itchy, flaking skin.** Keep your home humidified and towel dry your pet as soon as he comes inside, paying special attention to his feet and in-between the toes. Remove any snow balls from between his foot pads.
- **Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter**, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. If your dog is long-haired, simply trim him to minimize the clinging ice balls, salt crystals and de-icing chemicals that can dry his skin, and don't neglect the hair between his toes. If your dog is short-haired, consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
- **Bring a towel on long walks to clean off stinging, irritated paws.** After each walk, wash and dry your pet's feet and stomach to remove ice, salt and chemicals—and check for cracks in paw pads or redness between the toes.
- **Bathe your pets as little as possible during cold spells.** Washing too often can remove essential oils and increase the chance of developing dry, flaky skin. If your pooch must be bathed, ask your vet to recommend a moisturizing shampoo and/or rinse.
- **Massaging petroleum jelly or other paw protectants into paw pads** before going outside can help protect from salt and chemical agents. Booties provide even more coverage and can also prevent sand and salt from getting lodged between bare toes and causing irritation. Use pet-friendly ice melts whenever possible.
- Like coolant, **antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats.** Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.
- **Pets burn extra energy by trying to stay warm in wintertime.** Feeding your pet a little bit more during the cold weather months can provide much-needed calories, and making sure he/she has plenty of water to drink will help keep them well-hydrated and their skin less dry.
- **Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep,** off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.
- **Remember, if it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet,** so keep your animals inside. If left outdoors, pets can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or killed. In addition, don't leave pets alone in a car during cold weather, as cars can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold and cause animals to freeze to death.

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SOURCE: https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/cold-weather-safety-tips





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