

THE CONCORD CONNECTION

November 2014

TOWNSHIP OF CONCORD E-NEWSLETTER

Township Meetings & Activities

November 2014

~~17 - 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission -
Public Meeting CANCELED~~

19 - Leaf Pick-up Day

*Township residents must sign up for this service

19 - 7:30 p.m. - Zoning Hearing Board

- **WHITFOUR PROPERTIES LLC** (Lee Smith)
328 Wilmington-West Chester Pike
- **GLEN EAGLE RETAIL, LLC**
477 Wilmington-West Chester Pike

25 - 6:30 p.m. - **Government Study Commission - Oaths & Meeting**

27 - Thanksgiving Day

Township Offices Closed

28 - Day after Thanksgiving

Township Offices Closed

December 2014

1 - 12:00 p.m. - Senior Citizens

2 - 7:00 p.m. - Board of Supervisors -
Public Meeting

4 - 7:00 p.m. - Park & Rec Board

5 - 6-8 p.m. - Tree Lighting / Santa

Concord Community Center
45 Thornton Road

Photos with Santa until 8 p.m.

6 - 1-5 p.m. - CT Historical Society Christmas Tour

9 - 5 p.m. - Preliminary Budget Review

10 - 4:45 p.m. - Historical Commission

15 - 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission -
Public Meeting

16 - 6:00 p.m. - Budget Adoption



Election 2014 Results

On November 4, 2014, Concord Township residents voted in favor of a Government Study Commission. The Government Study Commission will examine the existing form of government of the Township and will then consider adopting an optional form of government or home rule charter.

The seven Government Study Commissioners chosen are:
Diane Bohr, Andrew Briner, Rosemary Fiumara, James Gray, Matthew Houtmann, Robert Tribit and Joshua Twersky.

These chosen commissioners will be sworn in within ten days of the certification of the election results (which is to take place on November 24, 2014). The November 25 swearing-in and first meeting of the Government Study Commission will be advertised pursuant to the Sunshine Act.

Additional election results can be obtained by visiting the Delaware County Election 2014 results webpage: election.co.delaware.pa.us

"Winter is Coming"

Before winter is upon us, PECO advises that now is a good time to...

- Clean air vents around the house.
- Install storm windows and doors.
- Check and freshen weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors.
- Install sealers behind electrical outlets.
- Test heating systems.



If your heating system hasn't been inspected and cleaned by a qualified service technician in the past two years, you may want to contact your heating contractor to schedule a service call. Regular service will ensure the heating system operates safely and efficiently for the season ahead.

Township of Concord

DELAWARE COUNTY

43 Thornton Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342
610-459-8911

E-mail: office@concordtownship.org

Website: www.twp.concord.pa.us

Business Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Dominic A. Pileggi - 610-459-3302

John J. Gillespie - 610-361-0566

Dominic J. Cappelli, Jr. - 484-840-0947

Kevin P. O'Donoghue - 610-459-5656

Elizabeth "Libby" Salvucci - 610-361-0503

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Robert J. Willert

ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Brenda L. Lamanna



Monthly Meetings

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1st Tuesday—7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

3rd Monday—7:00 p.m.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

1st Thursday—7:00 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

3rd Wednesday—7:30 p.m.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday—4:45 p.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Public Program Meetings
March & October—7:00 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS

1st Monday—12:00 p.m.
Concord Community Center

Delaware County Passport Office Extended Holiday Hours

Through December 13, DelCo residents can take advantage of the extended weeknight and Saturday hours at the Delaware County Passport Office.

See their webpage
www.co.delaware.pa.us
for more information.



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**Concord Township,
Delaware County, PA**

Board of Supervisors Public Meeting Highlights

Accepted as complete for review

- Preserve at Garnet Valley (Preliminary/Final 16- lot subdivision) Cluster on 31 acres on Temple Road

Approved

- Sewer Department Deed of Dedication for Chadds Ford Equities LLC and Anne Sweeney, 2 Running Brook Road

The Board of Supervisors heard a presentation by the Township's Planning/Landscape consultant, Tom Comitta of Thomas Comitta Associates, regarding an update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan and subsequent addendums. Mr. Comitta recommended a township review in 2015 and subsequent adoption of another addendum focusing on future land use, transportation, and creative implementation strategies.

Mr. Comitta also commented on his review of proposed Subdivision/Land Development/Zoning Ordinance amendments. These amendments were submitted by a group of residents in May of this year regarding open space and historic landscapes. It is anticipated that the proposed amendments and Mr. Comitta's comments will be reviewed by the township's Zoning Task Force and Township Solicitor. A public hearing will be held prior to any adoption of amendments.

The Township is the recipient of the following grants:

- 2014 PennDOT ARLE (Automatic Red Light Enforcement): Concord Township was the only awardee in Delaware County and will receive \$33,150 to improve the existing pedestrian facilities at the intersection of Baltimore Pike and Evergreen Drive. Currently pedestrian crossings are provided on all legs of the intersection with the exception of the eastern leg of Baltimore Pike. Recent upgrades to Evergreen Drive include the addition of sidewalk on the northern side of the intersection. This project will provide a pedestrian crossing for the eastern leg of Baltimore Pike that will connect the sidewalk on the northern and southern legs of Evergreen Drive. The proposed improvements will include the installation of crosswalk striping, ADA Ramps, hand/man push buttons and all appurtenant work. This work will likely commence in spring, 2015.
- DCNR C2P2 (Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Community Conservation Partnerships Program): Concord Township and Chester Heights Borough were awarded \$40,000 towards an \$80,000 rails-to-trails feasibility study of the former Octorara Railroad Line. This study is to only determine the feasibility of constructing a trail in this location or its vicinity. The total study length is approximately six (6) miles.

The Board of Supervisors Agenda for December will be posted on our website by 12 Noon on December 1.

Board of Supervisors approved minutes are available at our website www.twp.concord.pa.us as are plans currently under review by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and applications before the Zoning Hearing Board. Sign up on our website to receive e-mail notification of all specially advertised meetings.

SIGN UP!

Sign up for township safety alerts, special notices and newsletters by visiting the Sign Up section of our website.

www.twp.concord.pa.us



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Rachel Kohl Community Library



- Rachel Kohl Community Library is looking for a **Public Relations and Grant Coordinator**. Please visit the township [website](#) to see the job posting for this position.
- The library will be closing at 3 p.m. on Nov. 26 and will be closed on Thursday, 11/27 and Friday, 11/28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- On December 7, the library will be holding a Winter Wonderland Open House. 5 - 7 p.m.
- Consider donating to the Library's Annual Fund Drive. Visit the library [website](#) to donate.
- The friends of Rachel Kohl Community Library are currently holding a Holiday Bow Sale.

For more information on these and other library activities, visit the library website www.kohllibrary.org

December 5 – Save the Date for Santa!

Concord Township will welcome Santa on Friday, December 5, 2014 – 6 to 8 p.m.
at the Concord Community Center (45 Thornton Rd.)

*Santa lights the Christmas Tree promptly at 6 p.m. and then will listen to wishes and take photos until 8 p.m.
Enjoy cookies & milk, holiday games and crafts.*



Concord Township's Recycling Drop-Off Center

Located at the Public Works Garage (675 Smithbridge Road), the township has igloos available year-round for residents to drop-off glass, aluminum and plastics marked #1 (PET) or #2 (HDPE). There are also bins available for drop-off of cardboard and paper.

Fall Leaves & Yard Waste

Please – DO NOT rake leaves or lawn debris into the street!
(Yard waste in the street creates a traffic hazard and clogs sewer drains.)

Township Public Works will be conducting leaf pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 19. Leaves only – must be in approved paper leaf bags. You must be signed up for this service.

To sign up for collection or to obtain leaf bags, please call the Township building at 610-459-8911 ext. 109 or email bbuchanan@concordtownship.org.

If you wish to recycle yard waste at a different time, contact one of the following fee-for-service companies for an estimate:

HAK Clearing and Recycling
Rolling Hills Industrial Center
18 Mt. Pleasant Rd.
Aston, PA 19014
610-459-8050

Mulch Works
Rolling Hills Industrial Center
20-24 Mt. Pleasant Rd.
Aston, PA 19014
610-620-7966



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From the Pennsylvania State Police...

School Bus Stopping Law

The Pennsylvania State Police remind motorists of the school bus stopping law. After an increase in the number of complaints from school bus drivers that motorists are not stopping when the red lights are activated on the school bus, the PSP has increased their monitoring of school buses and area motorists.

In Pennsylvania, state law requires:

- motorists approaching a school bus, with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, to stop at least 10 feet from the bus,
- motorists approaching from all directions are required to stop, unless...
- it is a divided highway. Motorists traveling in the opposite direction are not required to stop when lanes of the highway are clearly separated by a divider such as concrete barriers or grassy medians.



A conviction for this traffic citation carries a \$250 fine, five points on a driving record and a sixty day suspension of the driver's license.

For more information, visit www.psp.state.pa.us or www.justdrivepa.org

False Alarms

PSP report that there are a large number of false house alarms in Concord Township.

False alarms keep police from responding to true emergencies.

Here are some tips to help reduce false alarms:

- Review procedures with your alarm company.
- Consider a longer response time to disarm the alarm.
- Be sure everyone with access to your home is fully educated.
- Inspect all alarm contacts on a regular basis.
- Be mindful of alarm sensors when making changes.
For example: new pets, new or rearranged furniture, home remodeling, etc.
- Perform regular maintenance, such as checking or changing batteries, cleaning sensors and testing equipment.

Do not set your alarm off for the purpose of testing!

- Have your alarm system inspected by the alarm company on an annual basis.



From Public Works...

Winter is almost here - Although most of us are hoping for a mild winter, the following are some important things to keep in mind:

Snow Removal

The Public Works Department makes every effort to clear snow in a timely manner. Upon being called out, the crews will make an initial pass to open all roads. As the hours and days progress, crews will return to open the roads even more. Only township roads are cleared; state roads are cleared by PennDOT crews.



Residents can facilitate snow removal by not parking cars on township roads during a snowfall, especially cul-de-sacs. When clearing your driveways, do not deposit the snow out onto township roads. This can cause hazardous conditions to other motorists.

Mailbox Replacement



Residents' mailboxes are located in the right-of-way. Oftentimes the weight of wet, heavy snow being pushed by a plow will damage an insecure mailbox or post. The township is not responsible for damage from the weight of snow being moved from the road. Always insure that your mailbox and post installation are secure.

In addition, the Post Office asks that you clear the full approach and exit to your mailbox. Due to safety standards, mail carriers are not permitted to back up to exit their vehicle at the mailbox. If your mailbox is not properly cleared, mail cannot be delivered safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Since the sheer volume of snow being moved by the plows will damage a shaky or older mailbox/post installation, now is a good time for residents to ensure that mailboxes/posts are secure. The Township does not replace or repair mailboxes/posts that are broken or dislodged by the force of the snow being moved.

Public Works crews and contractors work around the clock to keep township roads open during winter storms. Residents can assist by not parking vehicles on streets during snowfalls.