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South Londonderry Township
TOWNSHIP TIMES

Why support your local volunteer fire department?

The volunteer fire service faces many struggles. One of those struggles is finding funding to outfit firefighters in the fire gear needed to fight a fire. The helmet, hood, coat, pants boots and gloves that each firefighter receives must be replaced every 10 years. The SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) must be replaced every 15 years. Not only are these costs extreme, they are also recurring. Right now the Lawn Fire Company maintains about 30 sets of fire gear and 12 SCBAs. Below is a list of each piece of equipment/clothing that makes up the fire gear for each firefighter and its current replacement cost.

Helmet.....	\$325.00
Hood.....	\$75.00
Coat.....	\$1,325.00
Pants.....	\$1,205.00
Boots.....	\$389.00
Gloves.....	\$75.00
Flashlight.....	\$100.00
SCBA (Self Contained Breathing apparatus).....	\$5,500.00
Portable Radio...	\$3,500.00
TOTAL.....	\$12,494.00 for 1 firefighter



Please consider supporting the volunteer fire service in South Londonderry Township with your time or financial support. You can email volunteer@lawnfire.com or call the station 717-964-2369 ext. 1 to find out how you can help! We are non-profit organizations that exist for one reason, to protect lives and property. We cannot do it without you!

Daniel Braden
Lawn Fire Company
Chief of Department

Western Lebanon County Regional Emergency Management Agency

(serving Cornwall Borough; West Cornwall Twp.; Mt. Gretna Borough; South Annville Twp.; South Londonderry Twp.; and Palmyra Borough)

Pennsylvania winters can bring their share of frigid temperatures and fierce winter storms. The following suggestions can help you prepare for and deal with those conditions.

Personal Safety

- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack, a major cause of death in the winter
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks
- Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary. If you must drive, travel in the day, don't travel alone, keep others informed of your schedule, stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

Home Safety

- Clear rain gutters; Repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing
- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside and kept clear
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts)



South Londonderry Police Department

SLT Police would like to remind residents to avoid some common problems we encounter during the winter months.

- Do not shovel or plow snow onto a Township street or State roadway. You may be fined for doing so.
- Remove all property from the street such as basketball nets, garbage cans, and hockey goals. Make sure nets do not overhang the street and risk being struck by snow plows. Snow plow operators are tasked with clearing the roadways. Please do not expect them to customize their route or technique of plowing to satisfy individual needs.
- Unless a snow emergency is declared, snowmobiles, 4-wheelers, and like vehicles may not be driven on roadways except when crossing the roadway perpendicularly. Those vehicles are also not permitted on private property without the owner's permission.
- Please clear snow away from fire hydrants as soon as possible after snowfall.
- Sidewalks are required to be cleared within 24 hours after a snowfall.
- Make sure pets have adequate shelter, food, and water when outside.



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Clean debris from your vehicle
- Use low gears on hills
- Allow more stopping distance
- Don't drive if you don't have to
- Be mindful of black ice

- Know skid and slide recovery
- Take your foot off the pedals
- Steer gently
- As the vehicle regains traction, gently apply the brakes or the accelerator

Winter Safety

Holiday Decorations: Make sure all your holiday decorations are fireproof, and that all lights and wiring are UL approved. If you have a cut tree in your home, keep it fully watered at all times to maintain its freshness. Do not place it close to a heating source as it may cause a fire.



Christmas Tree Disposal: The Township will be accepting Christmas trees for disposal through January 20th. You can drop the Christmas trees off in two locations. The first location is at the north end of the highway garage. The highway garage is located on W Market Street across from the Township building. The second location is at Lawn Fire Company.

Snow Reminder: Please remember during winter conditions it is the home owner/renters responsibility to make sure the sidewalks and walkways are clear of any snow or ice that may accumulate. Walkways should be cleared within 24 hours of the snowstorm ending.



Fire Safety: Fire hydrants are not visible when snow is piled high around them. It is extremely important that hydrants remain accessible throughout the year. Keep hydrants on your property clear of snow and ice. In an emergency you will be thankful you did.

Mark your calendar—

2017 South Londonderry Township Schedule						
Board of Supervisors	Planning Commission	Zoning Hearing	Municipal Authority	Enviro. Advisory	Historic Commission	Fire Board
2nd Tues	3rd Tues	4th Tues	1st Thurs	2nd Wed	2nd Mon	1st Tue
7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
1/3/2017	1/17/2017	1/24/2017	1/5/2017	1/11/2017	1/9/2017	1/4/2017
2/15/2017*	2/21/2017	2/28/2017	2/2/2017	2/8/2017	2/13/2017	
3/14/2017	3/21/2017	3/28/2017	3/2/2017	3/8/2017	3/13/2017	3/1/2017
4/11/2017	4/18/2017	4/25/2017	4/6/2017	4/12/2017	4/10/2017	
5/9/2017**	5/16/2017	5/23/2017	5/4/2017	5/10/2017	5/8/2017	5/2/2017
6/13/2017	6/20/2017	6/27/2017	6/1/2017	6/14/2017	6/12/2017	
7/11/2017	7/18/2017	7/25/2017	7/6/2017	7/12/2017	7/10/2017	7/5/2017
8/8/2017**	8/15/2017	8/22/2017	8/3/2017	8/9/2017	8/14/2017	
9/12/2017	9/19/2017	9/26/2017	9/7/2017	9/13/2017	9/11/2017	9/6/2017
10/11/2017*	10/17/2017	10/24/2017	10/5/2017	10/11/2001	10/9/2017	
11/14/2017	11/21/2017	11/28/2017	11/2/2017	11/8/2017	11/13/2017	11/7/2017
12/12/2017	12/19/2017	12/26/2017	12/7/2017	12/13/2017	12/11/2017	

Managing Urban Runoff

(From the EPA—United States Environmental Protection Agency)

What Homeowners Can Do

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks, and native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns. Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can use the materials to start a compost pile. And homeowners can learn to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on harmful pesticides. In addition, households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff (e.g., detergents, grime, etc.) by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. Households served by septic systems should have them professionally inspected



Controlling Impacts from New Development

Developers and city planners should attempt to control the volume of runoff from new development by using low impact development, structural controls, and pollution prevention strategies. Low impact development includes measures that conserve natural areas (particularly sensitive hydrologic areas like riparian buffers and infiltrable soils); reduce development impacts; and reduce site runoff rates by maximizing surface roughness, infiltration opportunities, and flow paths.

Controlling Impacts from Existing Development

Controlling runoff from existing urban areas is often more costly than controlling runoff from new developments. Economic efficiencies are often realized through approaches that target “hot spots” of runoff pollution or have multiple benefits, such as high-efficiency street sweeping (which addresses aesthetics, road safety, and water quality). Urban planners and others responsible for managing urban and suburban areas can first identify and implement pollution prevention strategies and examine source control opportunities. They should seek out priority pollutant reduction opportunities, then protect natural areas that help control runoff, and finally begin ecological restoration and retrofit activities to clean up degraded water bodies. Local governments are encouraged to take lead roles in public education efforts through public signage, storm drain marking, pollution prevention outreach campaigns, and partnerships with citizen groups and businesses. Citizens can help prioritize the clean-up strategies, volunteer to become involved in restoration efforts, and mark storm drains with approved “don’t dump” messages.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RECEIVES HISTORICAL COMMISSION HONOR

Courtesy of Susan Bucks

In an effort to preserve our valued historical and architectural treasures, the South Londonderry Township Historical Commission has been presenting preservation awards to owners of township properties since 2012.

Criteria for consideration include the history of the property, its distinctive character and preservation efforts, as well as its restoration, adaptive use or beautification in the township.

On Sunday, October 23, the South Londonderry Township Historical Commission's Preservation Award members Susan Bucks and Lois Matarazzi were both present to honor the 2016 Preservation Award recipient, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colebrook.

According to its own historical research, Trinity has a very rich history in our township. Originally named the Mt. Joy Church, it was constructed in 1771, a date which preceded by five years America's status as an independent nation. German immigrants, including Henry Muhlenburg, the father of Lutheranism in America, played significant roles in its inception. The land on which the church was built was originally owned by local Iron Master, Peter Grubb. The original flagon made by German pewterer Johann Christoph Heyne is currently on display at Yale University.

Markers in the cemetery also reflect local historical names, including Joseph Porter's, which dates back to 1779, as well as the tombstone of a veteran of the American Revolutionary War. Congratulations to Trinity Lutheran Church of Colebrook on this well deserved honor for their beautiful, historically significant, vital church.



Homestyle Hot Cocoa

Courtesy of allrecipes.com

What you need:

1/2 cup of white sugar
1/3 cup of unsweetened cocoa powder
1/8 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
1 pinch of salt
1/3 cup of boiling water
3 cups of milk
1 cup of half-and-half, divided
3/4 teaspoon of vanilla extract



You can add:

Whipped Cream
Marshmallows

DIRECTIONS

1. Whisk together sugar, cocoa powder, cinnamon, and salt in a saucepan; stir in boiling water. Whisk until sugar is dissolved.
2. Bring cocoa mixture to a simmer over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, about 2 minutes; stir milk and 1/2 cup of half-and-half into water mixture. Cook and stir just until hot, about 2 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat; stir in remaining half-and-half and vanilla extract.
3. Divide cocoa into mugs, top with marshmallows and whipped cream.

We need your feedback!

Would you use a community garden?

Would you use your own plot in a community garden? The Environmental Advisory Council is asking residents to take this quick poll: www.surveymonkey.com/r/VGTCV3V OR let us know by calling the township office at 717-838-5556.

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**South Londonderry Township Meeting Schedule
Municipal Authority**

1st Thursday of every month at 6:00pm

Board of Supervisors

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

Environmental Advisory Committee

2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

Zoning Hearing Board

4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

South Londonderry Twp.....717-838-5556
Township Fax.....717-838-4122
South Londonderry Police Dept..717-838-1376
EMERGENCY.....911
Campbelltown Fire Company.....717-838-3707
Comcast.....1-800-266-2278
Commonwealth Code Inspection.717-664-2347
Greater Leb. Refuse Authority....717-867-5790
Lawn EMS.....717-964-2369
Lawn Fire Company.....717-964-2369
Lebanon County Courthouse.....717-274-2801



Lebanon City Treasurer's.....717-274-2801
Lebanon Farms Disposal.....1-800-533-5356
Met Ed.....1-800-545-7741
PA American Water.....1-800-565-7292
Palmyra Parks & Rec.....717-838-9244
Palmyra Public Library.....717-838-1347
Palmyra School District.....717-838-3144
TNT Sanitation.....717-866-2322
Verizon.....1-800-837-4966
Waste Management.....1-800-634-4595
Weidle Sanitation.....717-272-7061