# Fall Newsletter

Small-Town Service. Strong Community.

OCTOBER 2026 — MARCH 2027 OCTOBER 1, 2026


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Office Closures:

Veterans Day:
November 11, 2026

Thanksgiving Day:
November 26, 2026

Black Friday:
November 27, 2026

Christmas Eve:
December 24, 2026

Christmas Day:
December 25, 2026

New Year's Day:
January 1, 2027

Presidents Day (federal):
February 15, 2027

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS**

**October 13, 2026**

**November 10, 2026**

**December 8, 2026**

**January 4, 2027**

**February 9, 2027**

**March 9, 2027**

Full Meeting Schedule

## Fall Leaf Cleanup

South Londonderry Township will conduct curbside leaf collection weekly from October 12 through December 11, 2026.

Leaf collection is provided only along roadways that have been dedicated to and are maintained by South Londonderry Township or PennDOT. The Township will not collect leaves along private or undedicated roadways.

Residents are encouraged to place leaves out regularly throughout the collection season rather than waiting until the final weeks of collection.

Please have leaves ready by 7:00 a.m. on the first day of their scheduled week. Crews will make one pass through each zone per week and the Township will not return for missed piles.

**How to Prepare Your Leaves:**

Place leaves in long, narrow piles (3–4 feet wide) along the curb.

Keep piles at least 15 feet from parked cars, intersections, and basketball nets so equipment can safely reach them.

Do not bag leaves or cover them with tarps.

Remove sticks, branches, pinecones, or other debris — they damage the collection equipment.

**Important Reminders:**

If your street is not dedicated to the Township, curbside collection will not be available.

Bad weather or holidays may delay pickup, but crews will resume as soon as possible.

Please keep leaves away from storm drains to help prevent localized flooding.

For a full map of collection zones and dates, visit the Township website.

## Winter Storm Playbook

When winter hits, our crews mobilize by priority routes so the most critical streets get cleared first. Expect primary roads first, then neighborhood streets as the storm eases. PennDOT uses the same "keep roads passable" approach at scale across the state network.

Crews typically make multiple passes; bare pavement on local streets often comes after the storm winds down.

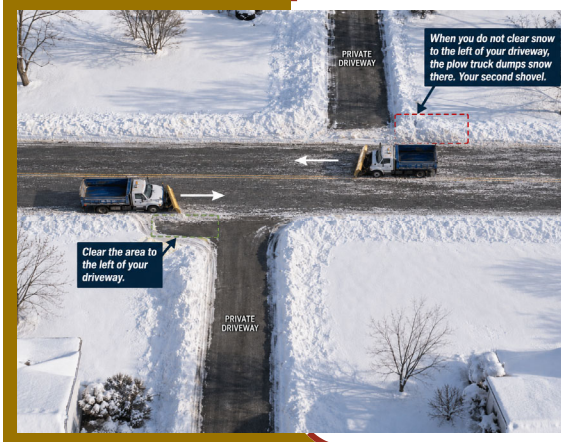
We know it's frustrating to shovel—and then see a ridge back in your driveway after the plow passes. Operators aren't aiming to give you more work; the blade must push snow to the right (curb side), which naturally leaves a windrow. Here's the simple fix:

Before the plow arrives, clear a pocket on the upstream side of your driveway (the side from which traffic approaches). Standing in the street looking toward your house, that's usually the right side of the driveway on two-way roads. Make the pocket about 10 feet long by 3 feet wide so snow on the plow blade empties there—continued on page 2.

# Winter Storm Playbook ...Continued

not across your apron.

Pile your own driveway snow to the right (as you face the road) so the next pass doesn't push it back in. And never push snow into the street—it's unsafe and prohibited in South Londonderry Township.




**Mailbox & Curb Readiness**

The Township is not responsible to repair mailboxes unless the mailbox is hit with our plows. This is the same standard PennDOT uses.

PennDOT tip: If you've had repeated damage, consider a cantilever ("swing-away") mailbox support that flexes when hit by thrown snow. Plans are available via PennDOT's winter page/district offices.

Keep the area around the box visible and clear; reflective tape helps operators see it at night.

**Basketball Hoops**

Residents are reminded to remove all basketball hoops from the right-of-way along the road. The Township is not responsible if a hoop gets damaged from snow or the trucks.

**Sidewalks**

During winter storms, sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours. Please shovel early, clear the full width of the sidewalk, and use salt or another deicer where needed. When possible, shovel snow onto your property rather than into the street.

# Trick-or-Treat Night

Trick-or-Treat Night is Thursday, October 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. rain or shine. For a safe evening, stick to sidewalks, cross at corners, and make sure costumes are bright or reflective; add a flashlight or glow stick so you're easy to see. Walk, don't run, and avoid cutting between parked cars. Young children should stay with an adult, and everyone should keep masks off while walking to preserve clear vision.

**Drivers**: slow way down on neighborhood streets and watch for excited kids.

**Homeowners**: turn on your porch light if you're participating, clear wet leaves and trip hazards, and keep pets leashed or indoors. Parents should check treats before eating and save anything that looks tampered with.

## ORDINANCES OF INTEREST

- Burning Ordinance
- Soliciting Ordinance
- Curfew Ordinance
- Dog Ordinance
- Nuisance Ordinance
- Property Maintenance Ordinance

# Holiday Season Safety Tips

**Stop Porch Pirates**

Track deliveries and retrieve them promptly, signing for high-value items; use USPS Informed Delivery, UPS My Choice, and FedEx Delivery Manager for alerts and pickup options; consider a lockable parcel box or delivery to work or a trusted neighbor; don't click suspicious "delivery problem" texts—report and delete them; and if a theft occurs, file a police report, contact the carrier, and save any video.

**Carbon monoxide & generators**

Test CO alarms on each level; replace 9V batteries.

Keep dryer/furnace vents clear of snow.

Run generators outdoors, 20+ ft from doors/windows, never in garages.

**Fire & heat**

Keep real trees watered daily and at least 3 feet from heat (fireplaces, baseboard, space heaters).

Use UL-listed lights; replace frayed cords; follow the manufacturer's max-strand guidance; plug outdoor lights into GFCI outlets; set everything on timers.

# Police: "Fill a Cruiser" Holiday Drive

As we get close to December, off-duty South Londonderry officers will again volunteer their time at Redner's and other locations to collect donated gifts and food from the community. In addition to needs known to the officers, we work with some other organizations and churches. The gifts and proceeds generated from the donations will be distributed throughout the Palmyra, Annville, and Lebanon Communities.

Over the past 12 years, Operation Fill a Cruiser has helped hundreds of children and families enjoy a brighter Christmas. We've gotten to see the joy from two aspects, both the giving and the receiving. The program is mainly focused on the Palmyra/Lebanon area, but has also helped people from Myerstown to Harrisburg, from Grantville to Lancaster, and many places in between.

The Police Department will accept new toys, factory-packaged nonperishable food, hygiene items, and gift cards. Please watch on our website and social media for the dates, times, and locations of these collections. Also, you can always drop off items at the office during regular business hours. Thank you!

If you know someone in need, stop by the station or give us a call to let us know.

## Budget Meeting Schedule

- 9/23/2026—Review funds 02, 03, 05, 07, 08, 18, 31, 35, 36, 37, 95, 04, 10, 11
- 10/28/2026—Review funds 01 & 09 + Final Review of all funds
- 11/10/2026—Advertise proposed budget
- 11/25/2026—Final review if necessary
- 12/8/2026—Adoption/Approval

## Events

Sticks & Biscuits 5K—11/26/2026

CCA Christmas Tree Lighting—11/28/2026

Quick Links:

- PD Facebook
- SLT Website
- Township Facebook

# Looking Ahead to 2027

**Traffic Signal Improvements.** The Township will continue advancing grant-funded upgrades at several signalized intersections. Planned improvements include modern vehicle-detection equipment, upgraded communications and traffic-signal technology.

**Airport Road Roundabout.** Engineering and project development will continue for the planned roundabout at Airport Road and Route 117. The project has received approximately $1.2 million in Multimodal Transportation funding and is intended to improve the safety and operation of this intersection.

**Roads, Parks & Infrastructure.** Public Works will continue its annual road-maintenance program while the Township evaluates future pavement, stormwater, recreation and infrastructure projects based on condition, need and available grant funding.

# Winter Tips from SLT PD

- Unless a snow emergency is declared, four-wheelers, snowmobiles and like vehicles are prohibited from being driven on roadways.
- Clear snow away from fire hydrants ASAP
- Sidewalks need to be cleared within 24 hours after a snowfall.
- Remove basketball nets, hockey nets & garbage cans from the street.
- If you have a real tree, keep it well watered.
- Make sure outside pets have adequate shelter, food and water.
- 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 & slide recovery:

⇒ Take your foot off the pedals.

⇒ Steer gently.

⇒ As the vehicle regains traction, gently apply the brakes or the accelerator.

- Be aware of other drivers.
- 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.

**MS4 =**

**Municipal**

**Separate**

**Storm**

**Sewer**

**System**

# Stormwater Education

**Stormwater: Where It Flows, Everything Goes**

This graphic shows what happens when rain or snow hits hard surfaces. Water races off roofs, driveways, and streets into curb inlets and underground pipes, then discharges—untreated—to our creeks and lakes. On the way it carries pollutants like pet waste, oil/grease, litter and cigarette butts, lawn fertilizers/pesticides, and soapy car-wash water, all of which harm fish, wildlife, and water quality.

**Do:**

• Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash.
• Fix vehicle leaks; use drip pans.
• Sweep, don't hose, your driveway; keep leaves/grass off the street.
• Use fertilizers sparingly; choose native plants and mulch.
• Wash cars on the lawn or at a commercial car wash (water is treated).

**Don't:**

• Dump paint, oil, or anything into storm drains.
• Blow grass or leaves into the street.
• Over-fertilize or spray before rain.
• Litter—every bit washes downstream.

**How you can help:** Adopt a storm drain, report illegal dumping, and join neighborhood clean-ups—small habits add up to clean water.

# The Year in a Nutshell — 2026 Highlights

From roadway improvements and traffic calming to new technology and long-term transportation planning, 2026 was another busy year across South Londonderry Township. Township staff, the Board of Supervisors and our community partners continued focusing on practical improvements that make our roads safer, our services more efficient and our infrastructure better prepared for the future.

**Township roads.** Long Road and Cutoff Road received significant pavement improvements in 2026. The project required approximately 1,911 tons of asphalt delivered in 83 truckloads, along with extensive coordination by Township Public Works employees and contractors. Routine patching, drainage work, pavement maintenance and other roadway repairs continued throughout the Township as well.

**A locally built solution earns statewide recognition.** South Londonderry Township's approach to the Woodlawn Avenue speed-table project also received recognition through Pennsylvania's LTAP Build a Better Mousetrap program, highlighting the ability of Township crews to develop practical and cost-effective solutions using local resources.

**Modernizing our traffic signals.** The Township secured funding through Pennsylvania's Green Light-Go / Traffic Signal Technologies program for improvements at four major intersections. The project will introduce upgraded radar vehicle detection, communications equipment and modern traffic-signal technology to improve reliability and traffic operations.

**Planning for the Airport Road roundabout.** Work continued toward the future roundabout at Airport Road and Route 117. Approximately $1.2 million in Multimodal Transportation funding has been committed to the project, allowing engineering and project development to continue toward eventual construction.

**Improving the way we work.** Public Works continued modernizing Township operations with newer equipment and technology. Improvements to the leaf-collection program, equipment tracking and field operations are helping employees work more efficiently while providing residents with more consistent service.

**Parks & Recreation.** The Township used the Marcellus Shale Grant to purchase and install new playground equipment for the Tot-Lot located in Londonderry Village. Park parking lots were sealed and painted as part of the maintenance plan for these assets.

**Planning today for tomorrow's Township.** Staff and the Board continued reviewing ordinances, development regulations, transportation projects and long-term infrastructure needs so that Township policies and investments keep pace with a growing and changing community.

**Chief Bill Reigle Retires.** After his years of service, we thank Chief Bill Reigle for his dedication to our community. Jared Zimmerman is the new Chief of Police.

**Data Center Ordinance Adopted**. This establishes local regulations for this emerging land use.

**The Wall That Heals at Campbelltown Community Park** was probably one of the Township's biggest community stories of 2026. It was a great honor to host this traveling memorial to honor those who served in the Vietnam War. Welcome home.

**Flagpole Donation.** Thank you to American Legion Post 831 for donating a flagpole for Campbelltown Park!

**What it adds up to:** smoother roads, slower neighborhood traffic, better technology, improved reliability and major transportation projects moving closer to reality. These improvements take planning, grant funding, partnerships and a great deal of work behind the scenes.

Thank you to our residents, volunteers, boards and commissions, Police Department, fire companies, Public Works employees and community partners who helped make another year of progress possible.

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**Just east of Hershey, South Londonderry Township ties together Campbelltown, Colebrook, Lawn, and a corner of Mt. Gretna—close-knit villages with a front-porch feel. Incorporated in 1894 after the old Londonderry Township was split, the area's story reaches back to Campbelltown's 1759 founding and the region's iron-and-rail era—still echoed by the Colebrook Ironmaster's House and the old rail bed at Mt. Gretna, where troops mustered for the Spanish–American War. Today the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail and the meanders of Conewago Creek thread past farms and pocket parks, keeping a small-town pace within minutes of big-town amenities.**

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# Building and Zoning FAQs

Q: Do I need a zoning permit?
A: Yes, most construction, additions, sheds, pools, fences, decks, and changes of use require a zoning permit to ensure your project meets Township ordinances such as setbacks, lot coverage, and use restrictions.

Q: What about a building permit?
A: Building permits are required for most new construction, structural changes, plumbing, electrical, HVAC work, and accessory structures over a certain size. They ensure the project complies with state building codes for safety and durability.

Q: What's the difference between the two?
A: The zoning permit checks where and what you're allowed to build under local ordinances. The building permit checks how it's built under state building codes. Many projects require both.

Q: How do I apply?
A: Applications are available at the Township office and on our website. Submit a completed application with a site plan (showing property lines, setbacks, and structures), and construction details if needed.

Q: Do I need permits to replace windows, doors, siding or shingles?
A: No. Those changes would fall under maintenance as long as there are no structural changes to headers or plywood.

Q: What happens if I build without a permit?
A: Work done without proper permits may result in fines, stop-work orders, and required removal of the structure. It's always less costly to get your permits first.

Q: Who can I contact with questions?
A: Call the Township office at 717-838-5556, email zoning@southlondonderry.org, or stop by during business hours. Staff can help you determine what permits you need for your project.

**Useful Tools:**

Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Permit
Zoning Map Viewer
Floodplain Viewer
Lebanon County Property Viewer
Percentage Calculator
Unit Converter
Zoning, Building & Land Page