

ADAMS TOWNSHIP

Winter 2018

Are you ready for Winter? A few tips you should keep in mind for Snow Removal!!

Helping the Road Crew with these simple tips will allow them to keep the roads clear.

- * Main roads are first priority; followed by developments and cul-de-sacs.
- * Mailbox access must be cleared for postal service.
- * Please avoid shoveling snow onto the road.
- * It's encouraged not to park on the street during snow removal time.

Please note: Private roads and private lanes are not the township's responsibility. If a township road needs attention, please contact the Road Crew at 724-625-1826.

Roads that are maintained by PennDOT

Callery Road

(from Kline Avenue to the Cranberry Township line)

Crider Road

(from the intersection with Myoma Road to Route 228)

Crowe Avenue

Kline Avenue

Mars-Evans City Road

Mars-Valencia Road

Myoma Road

(from the intersection with Crider Road to Mars-Evans City Road)

Pittsburgh Street

Route 228

Union Church Road

Three Degree Road

(from the Allegheny County line to the Adams Township Community Park)

Valencia Road

Warrendale Road

West Road

Snow Removal and Driveways

When removing snow from your property, please make sure that snow is not left on the road. This is becoming a problem in some areas and causes the roadway to become slippery, even after it has been plowed and/or treated.

Winter Driving

PennDOT recommends calling 511 or visiting.

www.511PA.com. 511PA, is free and available 24 hours a day, it provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, average traffic speeds and more.

The department also asks motorists to allow plenty of space when driving near plow trucks. Also, for their own safety and the safety of plow operators, motorists should never attempt to pass a truck while it is plowing or spreading winter materials.

For more winter driving tips and information on how PennDOT treats winter storms, visit www.dot.state.pa.us/winter or you can directly contact PennDot at 724-284-8800.

SwiftReach911



SwiftReach is a high-speed **Emergency Notification System** that alerts residents within seconds to emergency situations, weather advisories, public safety announcements, and more. Adams Township has incorporated the *SwiftReach* program within our community for residents and businesses to have access to. The program has the ability to deliver messages through landline phones, cell phones, emails, text messages and social media sites. The Township highly encourages our residents to enroll. Some highlights to this program are the ability to customize all your contact information, enter multiple addresses, even link family members to your account, and manage specific alerts you would like to receive. Residents can register via the Swift911 Web Portal on the homepage of the adamstwp.org website or download the Swift911 Public Application on their smartphones. Please note that there will be two Swift911 Applications shown; residents will need to choose the [Blue Public Application](#). Once registered, residents can access both the web portal and application. It's very important to keep all contact information updated!

Adams Township plans to utilize *SwiftReach* for updates regarding Township news, upcoming events, schedule changes, and/or cancellations. The program went live in mid November. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Haley Geyer for further information regarding *SwiftReach* registration at 724-625-2221.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

War Memorial "All gave some but some gave all"



Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Allen Gloyer, 34 of Zelienople, died courageously in battle in Kunduz, Afghanistan.

Ryan, a member of the Seneca Valley Class of '00 was a model student and athlete, lettering three years in soccer and track. He danced in three school musicals, sang in the choir and was selected for participation in District Chorus. For his senior project, Ryan taught younger students how to break dance. Throughout his high school days, Ryan developed a charismatic, gregarious, animated and fun-loving personality. He continued his education at Thiel College, where he graduated with magna cum laude honors and received degrees in psychology and early education.

On Dec. 28, 2004, Ryan enlisted in the Army with orders that would send him to Airborne Jump Qualification School and Special Forces Selection Course after graduation from boot camp. From day one of his military career, Ryan had his sights set on becoming a part of an elite unit and had a goal and steadfast determination to be a Green Beret. Along Ryan's journey to becoming a Green Beret, he went to Ranger School and earned his Ranger Tab in April 2006. He also served with the 82nd Airborne and completed two tours of duty in Afghanistan in 2007 and 2009. During his first 15-month deployment to Afghanistan, Ryan made valorous achievements in support of Operation Enduring Freedom which earned him the Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device and the Meritorious Service Award. In his

second 12-month tour of duty to Afghanistan in 2009, he received the Army Commendation Medal under Task Forces Fury. In April 2010 Ryan was selected to be inducted into the prestigious Sgt. Audie Murphy Club for his dedicated leadership, exemplary professionalism and high standards of excellence.

In 2013, Ryan completed the Special Forces Selection Course and was accepted into the Special Forces Training Program. After 18 months of intensive training and Russian language instruction, Ryan graduated and finally donned his green beret in Sept. 2014. Upon graduation, Ryan attended the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center & School to complete Free Fall training. He was then assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group, 2nd Battalion located at Fort Carlson, Co. Ryan deployed to Chad: in June 2016, he deployed to Afghanistan for the third time & was scheduled to return home at the end of Nov. Ryan was awarded a Purple Heart, & a 2nd Bronze Star for his heroism during the battle (The Battle of Boz Quandahari) that took his life.

Ryan's award & medals include: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Bronze Star with "V" (Valor), 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, and Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Medallion.

Displaying the American Flag



*When the flag is displayed on a pole projecting from a building, the stars should be at the top.

*If suspended vertically, the flag's stars should be farthest from the building.

*Never let the flag touch the ground. And never use the flag as drapery or part of a decoration.

*Display the flag between sunrise and sunset.

*If displayed at night, illuminate it proudly.

*Do not display the flag in inclement weather and a flag that is damaged should no longer be displayed.

*While a county is in morning, flags from other countries should not be raised.

***To know when to lower a flag to half-mast, visit us.halfstaff.org**

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN



Despite the cold and rainy forecast, Haunted Halloween took place on October 28, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Veteran's Pavilion. The Barnyard Petting Zoo brought various kinds of animals for children to pet and feed for the first hour of the event. While sipping on hot apple cider, children painted pumpkins donated by Quality Gardens and prizes were given out for the costume contest. All the candy for the event was graciously donated by Kampas Orthodontics.

Thank you to all businesses that donated for this event and thank you to the National Honor Society students, whom volunteered to help with crafts and activities!



Above Picture: Also included in the event was a fall photo stand and hay mountain for children to climb and play on.

Right Picture: A little ladybug bottle feeds goats from the Barnyard Petting Zoo.



Children painting their pumpkins.



The Barnyard Petting Zoo included various kinds of animals, including a baby camel, baby zebra and wildebeest.



SANTA CLAUS & THE MOST FAMOUS REINDEERS OF ALL CAME TO ADAMS TOWNSHIP!!

Santa Claus and the most famous reindeers of all came to Adams Township to visit with children and families on December 16, 2017.

Families were greeted with two reindeer stationed outside the front entrance of the Municipal Building. Parents and children helped themselves to hot cocoa while waiting in line to meet Santa in the main meeting room. Santa's elves were placed upstairs to help children make magic reindeer food and create crayola ornaments.



A hot cocoa bar was set up in the main meeting room for families.



Families and children were greeted by two live reindeer.



Children made magic reindeer food to sprinkle outside their homes the night of Christmas Eve.



Students from the Mars Area National Society helped as Santa's elves.



Thank you Becca Baker for taking photos of children and families with Santa!

TOWNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

****Important Reminder****

A reminder from the Building Code Department. All accessory structures require a building permit in Adams Township. Accessory structures include decks, swimming pools, hot tubs, garages, porch roofs etc.

If you have gotten a building permit for an accessory structure in the past, but you haven't received an official Certificate of Occupancy from Adams Township, that means all of the requirements were not completed.

Before 2010, carbon monoxide alarms were not required to be installed in a new house. If your house was built before 2010 in which fuel fired appliances are installed and/or have an attached garage, we highly recommend that you install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. The alarms are to be located outside each separate sleeping area.

Please feel free to call Adams Township with any questions.

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental nonfire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning

Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness
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High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including:

- Mental confusion
- Vomiting
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Loss of consciousness
- Ultimately death

2018 Butler County's Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections

Making Your Home and Our County Safer Together!

Dates: Saturdays- Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 5, 12 and 19, Jun. 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 (Winter dates are weather permitting)

Time: By Appointment Only— Toll-Free 1-866-815-0016 or www.ecsr.net

Location: 129 Ash Stop Road, Evans City, PA 16033 (corner of Ash Stop Rd and Route 68 - across from the Forward Township Building)

\$\$ NOMINAL FEES APPLY \$\$

Household Chemicals (HHW) Accepted:

Cleaning Products, Pesticides, Batteries, Automotive Products, Flammable Products, Fluorescent Bulbs & CFL's, Lawn & Garden, Pool Chemicals, Aerosols, Chemicals, Mercury Thermostats, Propane Cylinders, Paint & Paint Products

Consumer Electronics (E-Waste) Accepted:

Televisions, Stereos / Tape Players, Laptop Computers, Computers, Printers & Peripherals, Copiers, VHS & Cassette Tapes, Phone Systems, Mobile Phones, CD's, DVD's, etc., CD Players, Fax Machines, VCR's,

Small Freon Appliances Accepted:

Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Dorm-Size Refrigerators. *This program is made possible by the Board of Butler County Commissioners and by grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to help offset costs.*

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Spring Is Just Around The Corner...

**10th Annual
Mars Softball Craft Show
Located at the Mars High School
Saturday, March 17th, 2018
9:30-2:30**



TOYS FOR TOTS

Each holiday season, Adams Township accepts unwrapped toys for both boys and girls of any age to be donated through the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The goal of Toys for Tots is to collect and deliver a new toy at Christmas for children in need and to spread a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters.

Due to the generosity of the Adams Township community residents and businesses, this year's campaign was an absolute success and we hope to have more participation in the years to come. Thank you to our residents whom were involved, the Adams Township employees who each donated multiple toys and Russell Standard for bringing a truck load of toys.



The Adams Township Municipal Building serves as a toy drop off in the main lobby.



Russell Standard brought the magic of the holiday season with a truck load of toys.



To help prevent cold weather dangers from affecting your pet's health.

Winter walks can be dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off of bare paws., the following advice is from the experts:

1. Skin Care - 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 short-haired, consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck for coverage.

2. Paw Care - 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.

Massage 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.**

3. Prevent Poisoning - 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.

4. Health - 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 she has plenty of water to drink will help keep her well-hydrated and her skin less dry.

5. Shelter - Make sure your four-legged friends have a warm place to sleep, off of cold floors. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect!

6. Stay Warm - If it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet, so keep your pets 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 they can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold and could cause death.

"When I look into the eyes of an animal I do not see an animal. I see a living being. I see a friend. I feel a soul." -- A.D. Williams

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Organization Meeting	3 Planning Commission	4	5	6
7	8 Supervisors	9 Park & Recreation	10	11	12	13
14	15 Planning Commission	16 Zoning Hearing	17	18 Impact Fee	19	20
21	22 Supervisors	23 BCRA 5:00 P.M.	24	25	26	27
28	29 228 Ordinance	30	31			

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Park & Recreation 7:00 P.M.	7 Planning Commission	8	9	10
11	12 Supervisor 7:30 P.M.	13	14 	15 Impact Fee Committee 4:30 PM (As needed)	16	17
18	19 Planning Commission 4:30 P.M. (As needed)	20 Zoning Hearing Board (As needed)	21	22	23	24
25	26 Supervisor 7:30 P.M.	27 BCRA 5:00 P.M. MWATT 5:45 P.M.	28			

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Park & Recreation 7:00 P.M.	7 Planning Commission 5:00 P.M.	8	9	10
11	12 Supervisors 7:30 P.M.	13	14	15 Impact Fee Committee 4:30 PM (As needed)	16	17
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TOWNSHIP CONTACTS



690 Valencia Road Mars, PA 16046 • www.adamstwp.org

Adams Township Municipal Building: (724)-625-2221

Building and Zoning Department: (724)-625-1827

Adams Township Police: (724)-625-2040

Road Crew Building: (724)-625-1826

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Township Municipal Building Scheduled Meetings

Board of Supervisors

2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

1st Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Park and Recreation Board

1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

(As needed)

Planning Commission Work Session

3rd Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

(As needed)

Municipal Water Authority of Adams Township

4th Tuesday of each month at 5:45 p. m.

Breakneck Creek-Scheduled Meetings at Regional Authority Building

1166 Mars-Evans City Road

4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.