

Are you ready for Winter?

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, visit [here](#) 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. 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](#).

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

WAR MEMORIAL **"All gave some but some gave all"**

JOHN CASHDOLLAR

Enlisted : August 23, 1862 as a Private , mustered into "D: Co, PA 137 Infantry
Parents: William Cashdollar and Margaret Richardson. Occupation: Farmer

JAMES KIDD

Enlisted September 26, 1861 as a Private, mustered into "C" Co., PA 79th infantry. Killed October 8, 1862 in Perryville, Kentucky. Parents: Hugh Kidd & Margaret Spear, Brothers in Civil War: Hugh and Robert.

DAVID McCANDLESS

Enlisted August 17, 1861 as a Private, mustered into "C" Co., PA 46th Infantry Killed May 2, 1862 in Chancellorsville, Va.

CPL JOSEPH FERENCE

7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Army, Died: January 28, 1951. Was CPL – E4
MOS 4745 – Light Weapons Infantryman,

PVT HAROLD OTHELL FULLERTON

21st Infantry Regiment L Co. 24th Infantry Division Army- Died July 11, 1950 – PVT E-2
MOS 4745 – Light Weapons Infantryman- Location of Death: Chochwon

PFC RICHARD GERSTNER

7th Cavalry Regiment G Co., 1st Cavalry Division, Army, Died August 14th 1950
MOS 4745 -Light Weapons Infantry

PFC RICHARD ISOVITSCH

35TH Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Army Died: August 5, 1950, PFC – E3,

PFC. JAMES A GROVE, JR

23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army, Died: September 4, 1950,
PFC E-3, MOS 4745 – Light Weapons Infantryman
– Location of Death: Changnyong

MSG GEORGE RAYMON HOUSEKEEPER, JR.

31ST Infantry Regiment L Co., 7th Infantry Division – Army – Died while missing in action – Date of Loss: December 12, 1950, MSG – E8, MOS 1745 – Light Weapons Infantry Leader, Location of Loss: Hamhung

MSGT Housekeeper was a member of Company L,

3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment 7th Infantry Division, He was listed as missing in action while fighting the enemy at the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea on December 12, 1950. He was presumed dead on December 31, 1953.

BNC ROBERT AUGUSTUS BECK

USS Magpie (AMS-25) United States Navy Fleet, Died while missing: Date of Loss – October 1, 1950, BNC E-7

Chief Boatswain's Mate Beck served aboard the minesweeper, USS Magpie in Korean Waters. On October 1, 1950 it struck a floating mine and sunk. Twenty -one men were lost. He was listed as missing in action while engaged with the enemy. He was presumed dead on October 2, 1951

PFC RICHARD HENRY ELLENBERGER

1st Marine Regiment I Co. 3BN, 1st Marine Division, Marines , Died April 15, 1952, PFC- E2.



About our flag's colors

Always wondered what Old Glory's Red, White and Blue symbolized?

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution authorizing a committee to devise a seal for the United States of America. This mission, designed to reflect the Founding Fathers' beliefs, values, and sovereignty of the new Nation, did not become a reality until June 20, 1782. In heraldic devices, such as seals, each element has a specific meaning. Even colors have specific meanings. The colors red, white, and blue did not have meanings for The Stars and Stripes when it was adopted in 1777. However, the colors in the Great Seal did have specific meanings. Charles Thompson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, reporting to Congress on the Seal, stated:

"The colors of the pales (the vertical stripes) are those used in the flag of the United States of America; White signifies purity and innocence, Red, hardness & valour, and Blue, the color of the Chief (the broad band above the stripes) signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice."

"The star is a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal to which man has aspired from time immemorial; the stripe is symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun."

Winter Wonderland

Santa and Elsa visited with children and their families on Saturday, December 15th at the Adams Area Fire District. The afternoon was filled with holiday music, crafts and endless cups of hot chocolate.

Thank you to the many volunteers that assisted during this event:

The Adams Area Fire District Members

The Adams Township Parks & Recreation Board

The Mars High School Baseball Team

The Mars High School National Honor Society



The Toys for Tots Campaign had a successful holiday season!

The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas.

This is the second year that Russell Standard participated by bringing a truck full of toys. If your business or organization is interested in participating in next year's campaign, please contact Adams Township to coordinate for next season.



Please "like" and "follow" the Adams Township Parks and Recreation Facebook Page and Adams Township Community Facebook Page for updates, community events, photos and much more!

Living the “Pittsburgh Strong” Mission in Mars: The Rachel’s Challenge Community Presentation



"I HAVE THIS THEORY THAT IF ONE PERSON CAN GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SHOW COMPASSION, THEN IT WILL START A CHAIN REACTION OF THE SAME. PEOPLE WILL NEVER KNOW HOW FAR A LITTLE KINDNESS CAN GO."

-Rachel Joy Scott

Dates: January 28, 2019 - Monday
February 7, 2019- Thursday

Time: 6-7:30 PM

Cost: **FREE**

Location: Mars Area High School Auditorium

**Free child care provided – this is an adult presentation with some graphic footage not intended for those under 12+. Parent digression advised.*

This fall our own community has been impacted by violence with the bomb threats at the Mars Area High School and the hate based massacre at The Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill. “Pittsburgh Strong” has been a popular moto in our area, but how do we practically implement that moto in our community in a meaningful way? What can we do as a community to help reduce bullying, violence and hate, building a stronger, kinder, more respectful and more connected community?

Rachel’s Challenge is a worldwide non-profit organization reaching more than 25 million people, that focuses on promoting kindness, compassion, tolerance and reaching out to those in need by sharing the story of Rachel Joy Scott. Rachel was the first student killed in the Columbine High School shooting in 1999. Her death was just the start of her story however. Following her death, her journals and outpouring of stories from other students revealed how Rachel impacted others with her vision for a kinder, more connected world. She wrote ***“I want to reach out to those with special needs because they are often overlooked. I want to reach out to those who are new in school because they don’t have any friends yet. And I want to reach out to those who are picked on or put down by others.”*** Rachel didn’t just write about it, she lived it.

The Rachel’s Challenge Program positive outcomes include decreases in bullying, disciplinary referrals, suicides and drug use. Over 100 suicides are prevented each year following the showing of this program and multiple school shootings have been prevented because of the program. This program was implemented in the Mars Area School District in the fall of 2018 and there has been an incredibly positive response by school staff and students alike. However, the Rachel’s Challenge Program is most impactful when the whole community becomes involved and all members of the community embrace these values. This is truly a life changing presentation appropriate for all adults in the community to attend!

****Thank you to Cashdollar & Associates, LLC of Grove City www.cashdollarandassociates.com for sponsoring this event for our community!**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

March 10, 2019 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, March 10, 2019, **2:00 A.M.** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to Sunday, March, 10 2019, **3:00 A.M.** local time.

11th Annual Mars Softball Spring Craft Show

Located at the Mars High School Only
Saturday, April 6, 2019
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Annual Mars Softball Spring Craft Show event is a fundraiser for the Mars Varsity Softball team with a variety of vendors, artists, crafters displaying and selling their arts, crafts, gifts, products and merchandise.

Residents Reminded to Call 911

Residents are reminded that ALL calls for police services must go through Butler County 911 system. This includes all calls regardless of whether or not the issue is a true emergency. We understand that callers can be initially uncomfortable calling 911 for what they feel is a non-emergency, but the Butler County 911 system tracks all calls and dispatches the necessary law enforcement and/or emergency personnel. The Adams Township Police ask that residents refrain from contacting the Police Department's general telephone number with any issues requesting a police response.

Calls to the Police Department can go unanswered especially in the evening and weekend hours. If a resident needs to speak with an Officer regarding a non-emergency issue, they can contact the Butler County 911 system through the non-emergency phone number 724- 287-7769 or 911. If you need to speak with a particular Officer, you may call the Police Department and choose the appropriate extension. Thank you for your cooperation.

Emergency Operation Plan

Adams Township is in the process of finalizing an Emergency Operation Plan. We are gathering a list of residents that may require assistance in case of an emergency. Those would be:

- Hearing impaired residents
- Non-english speaking residents
- Residents requiring ambulance assistance
- Other disabled residents

Please contact Adams Township at parksandrec@adamstwp.org with the individuals name, address and contact number in case of a future emergency.

2019 Butler County's Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collections

Making Your Home and Our County Safer Together!

Dates: Saturdays- 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/14, 10/5, 10/19, 11/16, 12/14 (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

Board of Butler County Commissioners

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TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

January 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Park & Recreation 7:00 P.M. | 9 Planning Commission 5:00 P.M. | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Supervisors 7:00 P.M. | 15 Zoning Hearing 7:30 P.M. (As needed) | 16 | 17 Impact Fee Committee 4:30 P.M. (As needed) | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Planning Commission Work Session 4:30 P.M. (As needed) | 22 BCRA 5:00 P.M. MWATT 5:45 P.M. | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Supervisors 7:00 P.M. | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

February 2019

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TOWNSHIP CONTACTS



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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 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

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

(Except for January- 2nd Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.)

Parks and Recreation Board

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

(Except for January- 2nd Tuesday 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.