

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"**

PFC PAUL STASKO, JR

Born December 3, 1947 in Butler, PA. Served in the United States Marine Corps as a Machine Gunner. He was stationed with G Co, 2nd BN, 5th Marines, 1st Mardiv, III MAF. He was killed in action on February 21, 1968 in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam from wounds received from an explosive device.

SP4 JAMES THOMAS STEIGHNER

Born January 18, 1946 in Saxonburg, PA. Served in the United States Army as an Infantryman. He was stationed with 1st PLT, K TR, 3rd SQDN, 11th Armored Cavalry, USARV. He died in Long Khanh Province, South Vietnam at the age of 21 on May 21, 1967.

SP4 MARTIN WILLIAM WELESKI III

Born January 21, 1948 in Cabot, PA. Served in the United States Army. He was stationed with A Co, 3rd BN, 21st Infantry, 196th Infantry BDE, Americal Div, USARV. He died on January 9, 1968 in Quang Tin Province in South Vietnam at the age of 19 from small arms fire.

PFC RICHARD HARRY WILLIAMS

Born November 4, 1947 in Zelienople, PA. Served in the United States Army as a Helicopter Repairer. He was stationed with HHC, 1st BDE, 1st Cav Div, USARV. He died July 10, 1969 in Tary Ninh Province, Vietnam at the age of 21 from a crash over land.

MAJ WILLIAN FREDRICK WINTERS

Born June 10, 1920 in Butler, PA. Served in the United States Army. He was stationed with A Co., 25th AVN Bn, 25th INF Div., USARV. He died on May 20, 1966 in Hau Nghia Province, South Vietnam at the age of 45 from a helicopter crash.

SGT GLENN ROBERT WYLIE

Born February 12, 1947 in Saxonburg, PA. Served in the United States Army as an Infantryman. He was 20 years old when he died on November 16, 1967 in Hau Nghia Province, South Vietnam from small arms fire.

SSGT STEVEN WILLIAM ZIEGLER

Born May 17, 1943 in Zelienople, Pa. Served in the United States Army as a Cannon Fire Direction Specialist (Airborne Qual). He was stationed with HHB, 1st BN 321st Artillery, 101st ABN Div, USARV. He died on January 31, 1968 in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam at the age of 24 from helicopter crash.

SGT PAUL LEWIS JENKINS

Born in Butler County on December 27, 1946. He served with the United States Army with the 21st Infantry Division and 24th Infantry Division. He was a Light Weapons Infantry Leader. He was Killed In Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on May 29, 1951.

CPL JAMES THOMAS MAINHART

The family of Cpl James T. "Tommy" Mainhart was known for decades that he died in 1950, in what has since become known as the Battle Of Chosin Reservoir. But, until December 2016, when the US Army came calling with the news that Mainhart's remains had been positively identified using DNA, the family had little hope that they would ever get to lay him to rest in Butler County. Cpl. Mainhart was with the 31st Infantry Regiment I Co, 7th Infantry Division of the Army.

PFC JAMES THOMAS LOVETT

Born in Harmony, Pa. on May 24, 1927. Private First Class Lovett was a member of the Heavy Motor Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. On October 29, 1952, as he was crossing the Puthan-Gang River in North Korea, the current swept him away and he drowned.

A3C DUWAYNE C MORTIMER

Private Mortimer was a member of the 6154th Food Service Squadron in the United States Air Force in Korea. On June 29, 1951, he drowned crossing the Taegu Reservoir, South Korea.

PFC WALLACE ANDERSON MILLER

Born in Butler County, Pa in 1932. He was with the 82nd Antiaircraft Artillery, AW Battalion C BTRY, 2ND Infantry Division with the United States Army. He served as an Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Crewman. He was a Prisoner of War and died on December 1, 1950.

ENS RAYMOND WILLIAM MURPHY

Born in Butler, Pa on March 6, 1928. Ensign Murphy was the pilot of a F4U-4 Corsair fighter with Attack Squadron 115, aboard the carrier USS PHILIPPINE SEA (cv-47). On May 29th, 1951 while on a combat mission near Ch-ang-ni, North Korea, his aircraft accidentally struck another F4U-4, crashed and exploded.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

-- John Quincy Adams

Winter Wonderland

Santa and Elsa visited with children and their families on Saturday, December 7th 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 third 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!

Parkford Drive

If you are a frequent visitor to the Adams Township Community Park, you may have noticed the new road that has come through from Hutchman Road.

Parkford Drive was constructed in the early year of 2019 and will be open for use during the late Spring of 2020. This new road will open future opportunities for park amenities for our residents and visitors. An additional .25 of a mile was also added to the current asphalt trail.



New Park Property

Adams Township received notice before the New Year that they secured a Land Acquisition Grant through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for \$425,000, which would cover half of the project cost.

The Township has spent many years of planning and coordinating with the Wygal Family to purchase their 102-acre farm along Hutchman Road, which connects to the current Adams Township Community Park. This purchase will bring the park space up to 270 acres.

Once acquired, the Township hopes to expand the trail system and utilize the property with low passive, recreation opportunities.



A portion of the Wygal Property is shown in the above image.

Parkford Drive is shown in the two images on the left.



March 8, 2020–Daylight Saving Time Begins

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, March 8, 2020, **2:00 A.M.** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to Sunday, March 8, 2020, **3:00 A.M.** local time.

12th Annual Mars Softball Craft Show

Located at the Mars High School Only

Saturday, March 28, 2020

9:30 a.m.-1:30 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.

Cost is \$3.00 Adults and \$2.00 for Students

For an application, email

marssoftballcraftshow@yahoo.com



Tuesday, April 28, 2020

7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Questions please call Butler County

Bureau of Elections

724-284-5308

2020 Butler County's Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collections

*Making Your Home and Our County
Safer Together!*

Dates: Saturdays- 1/18, 2/22, 3/21, 4/4, 5/9, 6/20, 7/18, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/19

(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

Please note that Pa. Act 108 CDRA materials are not part of the county-sponsored program but are still collected by ECS&R for a fee. Call ECS&R for details.

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 the costs of non-CDRA (Pa. Act 108) materials.

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Election Day Food Drive at all Adams Township Voting Locations. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to help the Kilian Cupboard Food Pantry.

PennDOT - District 10 News

Wolf Administration Offers Resources for Older Driver Safety **Harrisburg, PA** – With nearly a quarter of Pennsylvania's licensed drivers 65 years of age or older, today the Wolf Administration hosted an event at Messiah Lifeways in Mechanicsburg to highlight the unique challenges faced by older drivers during Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, which is observed December 2-6.

"Mobility is essential to quality of life at any age," said Kurt Myers, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services. "Many older drivers have a lifetime of valuable driving experience to draw from, and PennDOT continually seeks to balance the safety of our roadways with the need for independence and autonomy."

Approximately 23 percent of Pennsylvania's 8.9 million licensed drivers are 65 or older. In 2018, there were 21,746 crashes involving a driver 65 or older, resulting in 330 fatalities. This represents nearly 17 percent of the total crashes in Pennsylvania and nearly 28 percent of the fatalities.

"As Pennsylvania's aging population continues to grow, the Wolf Administration is committed to ensuring that older adults have the resources they need to remain active in and connected to their communities," said Secretary of Aging Robert Torres. "Driver safety awareness is a big part of that picture and if older adults need to make adjustments, accessible and available transportation alternatives become key to getting around. Pennsylvania is fortunate that our Lottery proceeds help to fund these alternative services."

Pennsylvania has a network of shared-ride service providers dedicated to keeping older adults mobile, safe, and engaged in their community. This free transportation program allows citizens age 65 or older to ride for free on a local, fixed-route service whenever local public transportation is operating. During 2017-18, 83,252 riders accessed the Shared-Ride Program, totaling more than 3.3 million rides.

"Winter weather conditions, including snow and ice, longer nights, and heavy holiday traffic, can create challenges for drivers of all ages," said Colonel Robert Evanchick, commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police. "We can all do our part to keep ourselves and our fellow travelers safe on the road by slowing down, buckling up, and never driving while impaired or distracted."

Representatives from PennDOT, PDA, AARP and PSP manned information booths to share advice and methods for helping Messiah Village residents safely extend their years on the road. Advice ranged from knowledge of current and less emphasized laws to recognizing signs that it may be time to give up driving. For example, one program discussed was CarFit, an educational program created by the American Society on Aging and developed with AAA, AARP, and the American Occupational Therapy Association. CarFit is designed to help older drivers find out how well they currently "fit" their personal vehicle, to learn how they can improve their fit, and to promote conversations about driver safety and community mobility.

While every person ages differently, aging typically brings certain — sometimes subtle — physical, visual, and cognitive changes that could impair an older person's ability to drive safely. Older drivers and their families should work together to identify potential issues that may affect driving, outline courses of action to assist the older driver, and plan for when it's time to hang up the keys.

Signs that can indicate it may be time to limit or stop driving altogether include:

- Feeling uncomfortable, fearful, or nervous when driving;
- Unexplained dents/scrapes on the car, fences, mailboxes, or garage doors;
- Frequently getting lost and frequent "close calls" (i.e. almost crashing);
- Slower response times, particularly to unexpected situations;
- Difficulty paying attention to signs or staying in the lane of traffic; and Trouble judging gaps at intersections or highway entrance/exit ramps.

The Wolf Administration encourages older drivers and their loved ones to review PennDOT's Seniors Driving Safely publication series, which can be downloaded for free from the [PennDOT Driver and Vehicle Services website](#). These publications help older drivers assess their abilities and offer guidance on next steps if their medical condition is reported to PennDOT. The series also includes a publication designed to guide family and friends of older drivers in what can sometimes be difficult conversations about deciding to stop driving, as well as information for healthcare providers on PennDOT's medical reporting program.

The following safe-driving habits, which should be routine at any age, are especially useful to older drivers:

- Plan ahead: lengthy car trips should be made during daylight hours. Morning may be best because most people aren't as tired as they are in the afternoon.
- Don't drive in rush-hour traffic if you can avoid it. Plan trips after 9:00 AM or before 5:00 PM. Know what roads near home are most congested and avoid them.
- When driving long distances, especially in winter, call ahead for weather and road condition updates.
- Look ahead. Good drivers get a jump on trouble by looking far down the road and making adjustments before encountering problems that may involve other vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists or animals.
- Maintain a safe speed. This depends on what the road is like, how well the driver can see, how much traffic there is and how fast traffic is moving.

Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you. The PA Driver's Manual advises that you should always keep a 4-second gap between you and the vehicle in front of you.

Additional information on older driver safety and mobility resources is available at both [PennDOT Driver and Vehicle Services](#) and the [Department of Aging](#) websites.

MEDIA CONTACTS: Craig Yetter, PennDOT, 717-705-1092; Karen Gray, Aging, 717-705-3702; Trooper Brent Miller, PSP, 717-783-5556

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.