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ROAD CLEANUP BRIGADE



Each year we are pleased that our Brigade, who twice annually pick up roadside litter, continues to add new volunteers. Many of those volunteers walk specific assigned roadways on a frequent basis as litter is an ongoing menace.

The Township is fortunate to have these residents who sincerely care about our local community and we acknowledge them for their ongoing commitment.

Should you be interested to sign on and help for an hour or two please contact Linda Coleman at the Township Office.



New Members of the Road Cleanup Brigade (L to R):
Bill Bailey, John Hendrickson, Paul Gerhart & Mandy (Barb Miller's dog)

CUL-DE-SAC PARKING PROHIBITED DURING A SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY

In order to improve public safety and protect personal property during a snow and ice emergency, the Township will be enforcing a new regulation restricting parking in our township's cul-de-sacs. Our Public Works vehicles have a very difficult time efficiently clearing snow from cul-de-sac bulbs, especially if they are obstructed with parked vehicles or trailers. Therefore, any time our crews are called out to clear snow and ice from our roadways, residents will be required to remove their vehicles from cul-de-sacs for the duration of such snow emergencies. During declared emergencies, no vehicle will be permitted to park within the bulb of the cul-de-sac or within 25 feet of the entrance to the bulb. Thank you for helping us make a better job of clearing snow from our streets.

CHECK OUT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY – IT'S MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

Upper Pottsgrove Township supports the POTTSTOWN REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY where residents are entitled to use a number of valuable resources. As a township resident, your library card is free, so take advantage!

What, may you ask, are these "incredible" services? For starters there are books! The latest popular titles and thousands of reference titles for adults, teens, and younger children are available in hard copy AND ebooks. Yes, the library has a huge catalog of ebooks ready and waiting to be borrowed, for FREE, and read on your e-reader, smartphone, tablet, or desktop computer. If you do not have time to read, get the audiobook version and you'll still be able to participate in all the happening conversations revolving around the hot titles of the day. Do not be left out! The library has many audiobooks on CD, plus you can also download audio books as well as ebooks with your library card from the Overdrive link on the library website's Electronic

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Board of Commissioners

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- Reneé Spaide, Vice President
- Peter Dolan - peter@610law.com
- Herbert C. Miller, Jr.
- Russell Noll

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MEETING DATES & TIMES

Board of Commissioners-3rd Mon., 7 PM
 Planning Commission-2nd Mon., 7 PM
 Open Space & Recreation Board-2nd Wed., Odd Mos.,
 7 PM
 Sewer & Water Committee-4th Mon., Odd Mos., 5 PM
 Fire Committee-3rd Thurs., 7:30 PM
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Resources page at <http://ppl.mclinc.org/index.php/electronic-resources>. Librarians are always ready to assist you in getting started using these new technologies, so call if you have any questions. The library also has DVD and Video Game rentals. Get the latest and greatest titles at a very reasonable rate. If there is ever a time you cannot find the item you are looking for (whether book, movie or CD), the library staff will be happy to help you locate it through the Interlibrary Loan Service. Come in to use the library's high speed WiFi connection. Plug in your laptop or other compatible device, and charge up while you do business on the web. If you do not have your own laptop or compatible device, the library has public Internet computers for general use, and two dedicated workstations for job search, resume building, and career development. The library reference team is always ready to help guide you through these processes, so do not hesitate to ask for assistance. Once you are online in the library, or on the library website, your library card gives you access to a wide array of periodicals including The Mercury, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and Newsweek Magazine, to name a few. Each with NO ADVERTISEMENTS! You could conceivably read each of these publications before the hard copies even hit the doorstep, as they are basically published instantaneously. If you are interested in your family history and want to explore a bit, come into the library to access Ancestry.com. You may have heard of this amazing resource already, but if not you will be delighted by how easy it is to use, and how fruitful a quick search session can be! Do not miss out on knowing your past. The reference team is always excited to share their search tips and help you connect with other genealogical resources as well. Learning a language? Interested in starting a new language? If so, you must try MANGO. MANGO is the library's language learning tool available through the library website. A few clicks and you are off to a foreign land, at least in your mind, as conversation tutorials guide you through the most basic to much more complex verbal exchanges in any one of dozens of languages to choose from. Another great resource provided by the library through the website is LEARNING EXPRESS – a dynamic online learning center for children to professional level. At Learning Express Library, you will find ebooks, practice tests and tutorial courses in a wide variety of areas such as GED, college entrance, civil service, nursing, law enforcement, military, middle and elementary school skills, and more!! Need help answering a question NOW? Go to "Ask Here PA", Pennsylvania's statewide live chat reference service. It is free to all residents of Pennsylvania, offering live chat reference 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Click the icon on the Electronic Resources page of the library website.

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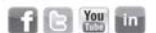


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The library is your local PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENCY. Need a passport? Need to renew? Lost it? Kids need one? Contact the library for an appointment today.

If you have not come across something of interest yet, be sure to keep an eye on the library calendar. There are programs offered for all age groups year round. There are weekly storytime sessions, clubs for the kids and teens, tai chi class, beginning computer classes, and a host of other programs.

Young children are welcome in the library. The library joined the national network Family Place Libraries in 2007 and started developing learning stations in the Youth Department geared toward fun and educational play. Bring your little ones down and do not worry about being shushed!

Hopefully you now have a renewed interest in your local public library. Once again, take advantage!

When you have a question that cannot be answered by Google, remember the library. When you have a new tech gadget and need a bit of guidance accessing the free online content, remember the library. When you need a new passport, or just a renewal, remember the library. When you need a comfortable place to plug in and connect, remember the library.

Your library and its welcoming and knowledgeable staff are waiting for you.

See you soon!

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR

THE END OF THE YEAR IS QUICKLY APPROACHING AND ALL REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2011. TAX HOURS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY, DEC. 30TH AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM. OTHER HOURS PRIOR TO THOSE DATES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! YOU CAN ALSO MAIL YOUR TAXES AS LONG AS THEY ARE POSTMARKED DECEMBER 31, 2011. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO TAX PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND ALL UNPAID TAXES WILL BE SENT FOR COLLECTION. THANK YOU.



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Looking for local news, sports and information? Do you want to wake up, and see what's in store for your morning commute? What about up---to---the---minute weather information? WBZH, 1370---AM is the destination for everything you need to know to get your day started, and keep in touch with happenings in the Tri---County area.

“WPAZ had a proud history of serving Pottstown. As new owners of the station we want to take this tradition even further, by providing more coverage of everything going on in the Tri---County area”, according to General Manager Rick Rodgers. “WBZH will create the buzz, and keep our neighbors up to date on important events and community resources.”

“We will provide an outlet to give community organizations and individuals a voice that can be heard at 1370 AM or at www.wbzh.net on our web stream,” according to Dave Devlin, News and Information Director at the station. Station Manager Ross Landy adds that “we’ve upgraded equipment, and invested in bringing our production facilities up to date so that we can provide production both in our offices and at remote locations, enabling us to truly bring this service to people throughout our listening area.”

The station changed format and call letters at noon on Monday, October 24th. Entertainment hasn’t been forgotten – music choices will include current hits, alternative and independent artists, and local voices as well. Specialty programming will remain – blues, jazz, bluegrass, country, and polka, as well as a full night of local programming on Wednesdays, Sunday morning gospel and religious programming, and the popular Paranormal Tuesday programming.

This is only Phase 2 of plans for the station, and General Manager Rick Rodgers points out that Phase 3 is already in the works. WPAZ had been an important resource in Pottstown, and WBZH takes that one step further, bringing a voice to the Tri---County area. What will Phase 3 include? Stay tuned and find out!

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J.P.Mascaro & Sons wishes all of you a wonderful holiday season. There will be no change in your collection schedule. Please do remember that Christmas trees will be collected on each Wednesday in January.



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CLEARING SNOW FROM DRIVEWAYS

Call the Township at 610.323.8675 with any snow removal questions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HELPING TO KEEP YOUR DRIVEWAY CLEAR OF SNOW AFTER THE TOWNSHIP PLOWS HAVE PASSED

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 Area to keep cleared of snow
 House
 Area for your snow

- 1) Facing the street, clear an area to the left of your driveway.
- 2) As a result, all of the snow that you clear should be placed to the right of your driveway.
- 3) This cleared area will help "catch" displaced snow that would otherwise land in your driveway.
- 4) Please, note that clearing the snow to the left of your driveway will not keep all of the snow out of your driveway, but it will greatly reduce the amount that you will have to "re-shovel."