



Alsace Township Community Newsletter 2017

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Spring Cleanup



Take Pride in YOUR Community! Alsace Township's annual Spring Cleanup will be held on **Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm** at 65 Woodside Ave. (at the Public Works yard behind the Municipal Building). The Spring Cleanup gives residents a great opportunity to clean up their property and rid themselves of unwanted items.

We are happy to welcome back **Boy Scout Troop 508**, Frontier District, Hawk Mountain Council, who will assist with traffic control and off-loading of materials.

It would be impossible to list all the "Do's and Don'ts". Items include, but are not limited to:

DO Bring:

furniture
appliances
scrap metal
electronics
un-mounted tires – up to 19" (**limit 2**)
rugs

Do NOT Bring:

used motor oil
paint cans
propane tanks
garbage
NO large truck tires over 19"
NO cut tires of any size



Feel free to call the Township if you are not sure your item(s) will be accepted. We would rather hear from you now, than have you load up your vehicle, arrive, and have to take the item home.

Summer Playground Program



Alsace Township has a Summer Playground Program for children aged 5 to 14 years old. The Summer Playground Program runs from June 12 to August 11, Monday thru Friday. Hours for the program are from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Program activities include athletics, arts and crafts, trips, and special events. The children are supervised by Program Leaders.










Registration for the program will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 10:00 am to noon at the Alsace Township Playground. Registration will be held inside the Municipal Building if there is inclement weather. The full program fee is \$80. A completed application is required to participate in the program and is available online, or at the Municipal Building. Children can join the program at any time during the summer.

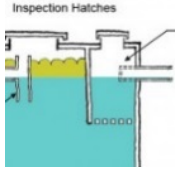



House #'s



Make sure your house number is visible. This is especially important for emergency, fire or ambulance vehicles to find your home. The Alsace Manor Fire Company sells pre-drilled, reflective metal signs that have house numbers on both sides of the sign. The cost is \$15 for the sign; hardware is an additional cost. Contact the Alsace Manor Fire Co. at 610-921-9372 to order a sign, or for further details.

A visible house number saves lives!

<p>Heritage Society</p> 	<p>The Heritage Society is interested in preserving Alsace Township's history for generations to come! Upcoming meeting dates of the group will be posted at the Township Building and on the Township's website.</p> <p>The purpose of the Society is to collect historical photos and stories about the Township and create a plan for their preservation. Before the "old stories" are gone and photos fade, we want to capture Alsace's wonderful history. If you have a piece of history, photo or artifact to share, please join us. We look forward to seeing you!</p>		
<p>Recycling</p> 	<p>Alsace Township has a Recycling Center located at the end of the Municipal Building parking lot. The following is a list of recyclables accepted at the drop-off center:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 548 998 825"> <p>Commingled Bottles & Cans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • glass bottles and jars • aluminum cans • tin (steel) cans • plastic bottles with a  with a number 1 and 2 in the center on the bottom of the container, such as: laundry bottles, milk & water jugs, soda bottles, yogurt containers </td> <td data-bbox="1019 548 1498 825"> <p>Paper and Cardboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • newspaper • mail & junk mail • office type paper • computer paper • envelopes • note paper • cardboard (PLEASE FLATTEN!) </td> </tr> </table> <p>DO NOT place the following in the recycling dumpsters: food waste, motor oil containers, antifreeze, Styrofoam, 5 gallon buckets (such as: driveway sealer, etc.), drink boxes, window glass, light bulbs, waxed cardboard, pizza boxes, or construction debris.</p>	<p>Commingled Bottles & Cans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • glass bottles and jars • aluminum cans • tin (steel) cans • plastic bottles with a  with a number 1 and 2 in the center on the bottom of the container, such as: laundry bottles, milk & water jugs, soda bottles, yogurt containers 	<p>Paper and Cardboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • newspaper • mail & junk mail • office type paper • computer paper • envelopes • note paper • cardboard (PLEASE FLATTEN!)
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<p>Garbage Pickup</p> 	<p>Garbage pickup in the Township is private. You may contact the garbage hauler of your choice. Listings of garbage haulers can be found in the telephone book yellow pages or online.</p> <p><i>Please remember to keep the lids on your garbage cans to prevent garbage from blowing around and making neighborhoods look untidy.</i></p>		
<p>Leaf Collection</p> 	<p>Leaves are picked up in the Fall around drainage ditches and rights-of-ways to prohibit blockage of drainage pipes, which causes flooding. Please help by not piling leaves in front of storm drainage pipes and removing litter throughout the year.</p>		
<p>Animals</p> 	<p>Alsace Township requires all dog owners to keep their dogs from running at large. This serves as a courtesy to your neighbors and keeps little children safe from potential animal bites or scratches. State law also requires all dogs over 3 months to be licensed by January 1st of each year. Licensing dramatically increases the chances of having them retrieved if they are missing.</p> <p>If you experience a problem with domestic animals at your property, please call the Animal Rescue League of Berks County Inc. at 610-373-8830, or the Humane Society of Berks County at 610-921-2348.</p>		
<p>Taxes</p> 	<p>Remember, one (1) online bill pay entry must be used for each type of tax. Please show the BILL NUMBER, <u>NOT the Parcel ID #</u> as a reference when you do your online bill pay.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Township Tax Collector at 610-685-2838.</p>		

<p>Alsace Manor Sewer District</p>	<p>Alsace Township residents who reside in the Alsace Manor Sewer District should be aware that disposing of certain items in their toilet could result in a grinder pump malfunction, which may cause a costly repair. It is recommended you DO NOT dispose of items such as feminine products, sanitary or baby wipes in your toilet.</p> <p>GRINDER PUMP ALARMS: Do not ignore your grinder pump alarm. Ignoring the alarm increases the risk of the pump burning out.</p> <p>If your sewer pump is not working, you need to call a plumber who is certified to repair the pump. A list of certified plumbers is available online at the Township website: www.alsacetownship.org, go to the section "Permits and Inspections", scroll down and click on "Master Plumbers for properties with sewer hookups".</p> <p>PAYMENTS: Sewer payments are accepted through the mail, at the Municipal Building, or online through your personal bank's "online bill pay". Please do not send cash through the mail. Questions? Call 610-929-5324.</p>
<p>Septic and Holding Tanks</p> 	<p>HOLDING TANKS: Holding tanks need to be pumped and inspected YEARLY by the Alsace Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, LTL Consultants (610-987-9290).</p> <p>SEPTIC TANKS: Septic tanks need to be pumped every three (3) years. Septic pumping forms are mailed out with the Township's reminder letter advising you when it is time to pump your septic tank.</p> <p>Blank pumping forms for both Holding Tanks and Septic Tanks are available at the Municipal Building.</p> <p><i>Completed pumping forms must be submitted to the Township for proof of pumping.</i></p>
<p>Open Burning</p> 	<p>Prior to open burning on your property, you MUST contact the Alsace Manor Fire Company at 610-921-9372 and leave your name, address, phone number, date, and time you will be burning.</p> <p>The following items are NOT permitted to be burned: noxious materials including plastic, garbage, tires, etc.</p> <p>There are times when burning is not permitted and that information will be recorded on the Alsace Manor Fire Company answering machine.</p>
<p>Property Maintenance & Permits</p> 	<p>Keep your community clean, be proud! Please keep the areas around your home, business, or rental property clean and tidy. The Township has an enforcement program whereby properties will be cited that are in violation of Township ordinances related to property management.</p> <p>If you are planning home improvements, there may be permits required depending upon the anticipated work. Call Kraft Code Services at 610-775-7185 if you have any questions as to whether you need a permit. Permit applications are available at the Township Municipal Building or online at: http://kraftcodeservices.com/permit-info-applications/</p>
<p>MS4</p> 	<p>MS4 is a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) program which is an acronym for Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems, thus MS4. MS4 relates to water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement. MS4 specifically involves the flow of stormwater (rain and other water) through different systems (ditches, gutters, streets, catch basins, pipes, swales). Stormwater creates pollution when heavy rainstorms removes litter, used motor oil, animal feces, and other materials from the ground and moves them to local streams, creeks, and lakes. Unmanaged stormwater also creates runoff which forms gullies and moves dirt into streams and other waterways.</p>

MS4 Cont'd.



How can YOU help keep pollution out of our waterways?

- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Pick up litter when you see it around your property. Not only is it unsightly, but litter clogs storm drains. Litter can also end up in our lakes and streams after bad storms.
- Never pour used motor oil, paint, and other fluids down a drain or catch basin.

Call the PA DEP if you have an environmental related emergency. The DEP's emergency phone number is 866-825-0208.

Winter Tips



Please remember to **keep vehicles off the streets during snowstorms** so plows can more efficiently remove the snow. After a snowstorm, DPW crews will continue to be out on Township streets plowing areas where cars were parked and are now dug-out. By keeping your vehicle and equipment off the streets, the plowing activities can proceed more efficiently and result in quicker cleanup.

TIP: Remember to remove additional snow to the right of your driveway, as you face the driveway, when shoveling or snow-blowing your driveway. This will keep snow plows from pushing the snow back across your driveway. See diagram to the right.



Remember to dig out the fire hydrant in front of your home or business. The diagram to the left depicts how you should shovel out the snow around a fire hydrant or standpipe.

Township Supervisors

Administration: **Phillip P. Kline**, Chairperson
Road Master, Public Works & Sewer: **Michael Stump**, Vice-Chairperson
Building & Zoning: **Sam Mallatratt**, Member