

# HEIDELBERG HAPPENINGS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP

### Special points of interest:

- Recycling the first Saturday of the month -CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- The Township Office will be closed:
- November 26 & 27—Thanksgiving
- December 25—Christmas Day
- January 1—New Years Day

First Meeting of 2021 is legally required to be held Monday, January 4, 2021

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Since Heidelberg Township is a diverse area of farmland and mountain terrain, young and old, new resident and generational occupant, there are bound to be questions for which you may need to know the answer regarding life in the township. To follow are Frequently Asked Questions and the answers we can provide to help inform our citizens.

Q. Do I need a permit for a shed?

A. Yes, you need a zoning permit. The size of your shed will determine what other approvals you will need with regard stormwater management plan or exemption.

Q. Can I burn my household garbage?

A. No, only green waste, newspapers or cardboard may be burned. All other items must be disposed of using a trash hauler.

Q. May I have chickens or other ag animals at my home?

A. That question can only be

answered by our zoning officer, Barry Wagner. The zoning of your property determines what animals, if any, are allowed. Please call Barry at (717)625-0444 with questions.

Q. Can I rent the pavilion and baseball field at the Township?

A. The pavilion and ball fields are available for use at any time free of charge. If you wish to reserve either for a special gathering, Township residents may do so at no charge. The area may not be reserved by non-residents. Please call the office to make your reservation.

Q. Who do I call if there is a tree on a wire?

A. The Township is unable to remove trees laying on wires. Residents must call the line owner to report the issue. This could include the cable, electric or phone providers as the line owner.

Q. Who do I call if a dog is running loose?

A. The Lebanon County Humane Society no longer comes to retrieve animals. If you can

secure the dog, you can transport the dog home or to the Humane Society. If licensed, please call Lebanon County Treasurer for owner information. If you cannot locate the owner and this is a repeat issue, please call the Southeast Dog Warden at (717) 480-1595.

Q. Are meetings open to the public?

A. All advertised meetings for Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Park & Recreation and Zoning Hearings are open to the public. All meetings are advertised in the newspaper at the beginning of each year and meetings are listed on our website calendar.

Although this article does not capture every question asked at the Township Office, it does highlight some of the most frequent ones. As always, if you have any questions, please call the office at (717)949-3885 or email at htsewer@comcast.net.

**For the remainder of 2020, the once-a-month recycling held on the first Saturday of the month at the Township Building is cancelled. The Board of Supervisors is reviewing options to continue the program in 2021. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these times.**

*"If a year was  
tucked inside of  
a clock, then  
autumn would  
be the magic  
hour."*

**-Victoria  
Erickson**



## UTILITY BILL PAYMENT INFORMATION

With the ever-changing times, Heidelberg Township would like to pass along some information regarding utility payments for Sewer and Water bills in the Township.

As many have noticed, the Township Building is currently not open to the public for walk-in payments. For customer's convenience, the township has installed a Payment Lockbox on the front of the Township Building. This payment box is black in color. The white mailbox located next to the front door is only used for paper-work transfer and no payments should be placed in this mailbox. At this time, no cash payments are being accepted for any amount due to the Township.

In the event you do not receive the paper copy of a utility bill, please remember you are still responsible for paying the bill on time. If you wish to sign up for email reminders of quarterly due dates, email the Township office

at htsewer@comcast.net. Invoice dates and their corresponding due dates are as follows:

### Sewer

#### Invoice dates/Due dates

December 15/January 15

March 15/April 15

June 15/July 15

September 15/October 15

### Water

#### Invoice dates/Due dates

January 15/February 15

April 15/May 15

July 15/August 15

October 15/November 15

When submitting payments, please include the stub from the bottom of your utility bill to

ensure proper and timely credit to your account. Payments submitted without payment slips require extra review time and run the risk of being posted to an incorrect account. If there is a reason you do not have an invoice slip to return with the check payment, please include your Account number on the check.

Thank you for reviewing the above information regarding utility payments. If you have any further questions, feel free to call the Township Office at (717) 949-3885 or email htsewer@comcast.net.



## 2020 ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED

As always, road maintenance is a key component of smooth travel through and around the Township. For 2020, Heidelberg Township had a small number of road projects scheduled. When preparing a budget, estimates are used to determine what projects may be feasible in the coming year. Those projected prices are a factor when preparing a bid package for the planned projects and this year we are lucky enough to benefit from moderate bidding numbers.

The 2020 Paving Project consisted of lite repair and paving of Distillery Road from the area of Route 501 to the area of Distillery Road Bridge. Bids were reviewed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 25th and the low bid was

received from New Enterprise Stone & Lime, Inc. in the amount of \$152,348.00. The remaining section of Distillery Road had repairs and paving work done by New Enterprise as well, but that work was done in conjunction with the Sunoco gas line restoration work. The Township project was paid using a combination of State Liquid Fuels funding (money from Pennsylvania that is only allowed to be used on road related expenses) and General Fund money.

The 2020 Seal Coat Projects included work done on Canaan Grove Road and Horse Happy Road. The bids were reviewed at the same Board of Supervisor meeting and the low bid of

\$44,439.25 was received from Martin Paving, Inc. This work was paid using a combination of Lebanon County Liquid Fuels money (money from Lebanon County that is only allowed to be used on road related expenses) and General Fund money.

With the unpredictable work schedules for everyone in 2020, the projects were completed only in recent months. The Board would like to thank all motorists for their cooperation during the construction time. Your patience is always appreciated to ensure a solid finished project.

## BURNING ORDINANCE

In 1995, Heidelberg Township revamped their burning ordinance and passed Ordinance #83. This ordinance enabled the Township to define the parameters of burning refuse material. To follow are highlights of the general points of the ordinance.

First and foremost, not everything may be burned! As defined by the ordinance, only cellulose material may be burned. Examples of cellulose material are paper, green waste or cardboard. Alternately, newspaper and cardboard are recyclable materials which can be maintained by your local trash hauler if they offer the service. Also, corrugated cardboard make be placed in the Carboard Recycling Bin at the stone lot of the Township Building. Under NO circumstances should plastic, rubber,

furniture, tires, construction material or garbage be burned. This is not allowable under any circumstances and is a finable offense by either the Township or the Department of Environmental Protection Agency. The burning of these items produces harmful by-products that pollute the air for you and everyone around you to breathe.

If the burning is uncontained, only an adult may supervise the activities. Otherwise, burning within a metal or non-combustible enclosure no bigger than twenty-four square feet and no higher than four feet is allowable. A small-weave grate or mesh screen should be used to cover the burning items within the enclosure. If you plan on having a large controlled burn for large brush piles on your own property, please notify the Schaefferstown Fire Company at (717) 949-3200 so any calls for con-

cern about the burning can be mitigated.

Lastly, burning of the defined items is only allowed between sunrise and sunset. Even if the burning began before sunset, the burning should be extinguished at that time.

If you wish to view a copy of our Burning Ordinance, please refer to the Heidelberg Township website, [www.heidelbergtownship.com](http://www.heidelbergtownship.com), under the Government tab Documents and Downloads.

All regulations for burning are enacted to protect everyone in the community. Whether it is the fire itself or the harmful smoke of non-burnable items, no one wishes to see any harm come to anyone. Please be mindful of your neighbors and your own family when burning is necessary.



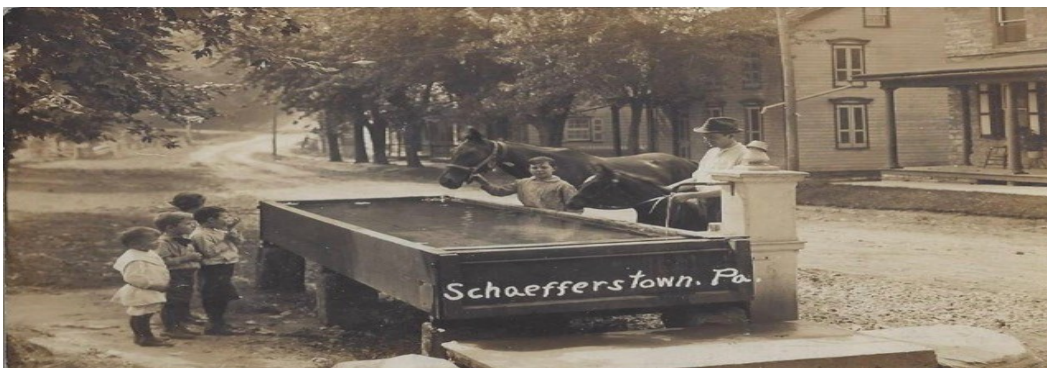
## A THANK YOU FOR FOUNTAIN PARK CARE

Fountain Park has served as a quaint picnic area for some. It has been a playground facility to many locals in the area. The summer services have been a time of reflection and enjoyment for others. And for a few lucky ones, it has been the sight of a union of marriage. Fountain Park is a fixture of serene history on South Market Street. Much of the park's ability to be so much to so many is because of the care given to the area for nearly 50 years by Carl "Cork" Meyer.

The parcel of land established in the mid 18th Century has been owned by the residents of South Market Street since it was deeded to them by Alexander Schaeffer himself. Cork Meyer grew up on South Market Street. He lived in the house he was raised in and became a steward of Fountain Park for many, many years. From general upkeep to storm clean-up to overseeing a Grant Project which allowed for a complete rehabilitation of the facilities in the park, Cork has been involved.

But change is inevitable and the reigns must be passed as Cork has moved to a residence outside of the Township. Andy Ginder of South Market Street has stepped up in recent years to assist Cork with operations of Fountain Park. Andy will continue to care for the park in the same manner it has been; with attention to the small things, compassion for the historic area and fondness for everything the park has to offer. A big Thank You to Cork for his many years of devotion to Fountain Park and to Andy for continuing in the role.

***Sending  
peaceful  
Christmas and  
New Year  
wishes to all  
residents and  
families –  
Heidelberg  
Board of  
Supervisors***





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emailed to you.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

### Historic Schaefferstown

#### VISIT THE PUMPKIN PATCH ON THE FARM

Saturday, October 24, 2020, 3pm-8pm

Alexander Schaeffer farm, 213 S Carpenter St., Schaefferstown.

Visit the pumpkin patch for pumpkins, a scenic hayride, fall games, bonfires, smores, hot drinks and more. Admission by donation. Please adhere to current mask wearing and social distancing guidelines.

#### CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Friday, December 11 4pm-8pm & Saturday, December 12 9am-3pm

NEW LOCATION St. Paul's UCC Social Hall, 115 N Carpenter St, Schaefferstown

Enjoy local artisan creations of early American and PA German crafts.

Cash, check & credit cards accepted. Free Admission

For additional information call 717-949-2244 or Facebook @HistoricSchaefferstown

#### TRICK OR TREAT—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 6pm-8pm