

HEIDELBERG HAPPENINGS

Special points of interest:

- The Township Office will be closed:
- September 5 – Labor Day
- October 6th– Lebanon County Municipal Convention

UPGRADE TO WATER SYSTEM SCHEDULED

The Heidelberg Township public water system will be seeing a necessary improvement to its operating system in August. This upgrade is an investment in the integrity of the water system and a means to supply quality water to the residents of Schaefferstown.

Local company Martin’s Water Conditioning will provide and install the piece of equipment that allows for the filtration of water prior to it being distributed to customers. This equipment is called a Nitrate Removal System or ION Exchange Unit. Although the public water system has been using a nitrate system for many years, the existing unit has exhausted its life and needs to be replaced. With the uniqueness of the existing equipment, only a minimal number of companies are able to provide a replacement and we are fortunate that Martin’s Water Conditioning is one of them.

Now, for the notification section. The scheduled start date is August 1st for the installation to commence and will take a few days to complete the entire scope of work. There will be a posted notification at each home in the public water system when the installation will take place and when it has finished. There will also be public postings in the Post Offices, Dutchway and Fulton Bank, as well as on the Heidelberg Township website. Please note this is NOT a boil water notice. DEP has informed the Township that we will not be required to issue a boil water notice since the finished water will continue to be disinfected with chlorine during the installation. That being said, chlorine disinfection does not treat water for nitrates and the reason the nitrate removal system is required. Be aware that children, pregnant or nursing women, elderly and persons with immune deficiencies are recommended

to not cook with or consume water during the installation of the nitrate removal system. For those public water users that are included in those categories, vouchers for bottled water can be obtained at the Heidelberg Township office and can be redeemed at Dutchway Farm Market on Stiegel Pike. Please bring proof of residency to obtain your bottled water voucher.

If you have any questions, please contact the Heidelberg Township office via email at htsewer@comcast.net or call (717)949-3885. The township appreciates the patience of all public water users during the equipment transition time.

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HYDRANT FLUSHING WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.

Please be aware of running water and operators in the area of hydrants during this time. This is a normal practice to verify water pressure, remove sediment and make sure each hydrant is in good working order.

BEGINNING JULY 22ND, HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP WILL UTILITZE PURIFIED OPERATIONS AS OUR WATER/SEWER OPERATIONS FIRM. JUSTIN LATOURETTE, WHO HAS SERVICED THE COMMUNITY IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WILL BE THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE DAILY WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS. IF YOU HAVE A WATER OR SEWER RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER BUSINESS HOURS, PLEASE CALL THE TOWNSHIP AT (717)949-3885 AND THERE WILL BE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE RECORDED MESSAGE ON HOW TO CONTACT JUSTIN

“When we honor our flag, we honor what we stand for as a Nation -- freedom, equality, justice, and hope.”

- Ronald Reagan



KEEPING YOUR YARD DEBRIS TO YOURSELF

When traveling roads in the summertime, many people enjoy the smell of fresh cut lawns and all the scents of the outdoors. What many people do not realize is that mowing your lawn and blowing the fresh grass clippings onto township streets is prohibited by local ordinance.

Ordinance 164 was enacted in October of 2020 to help curtail people placing debris onto Township roadways. This debris is recognized as leaves, grass clippings, snow and any other yard waste item. The purpose of this ordinance was to protect the safety of motorists and to aide storm drains

from excess deposits of debris beyond what nature provides.

What does this mean to you? It means that mowing lawns at the edge of a property requires you to keep the lawn clippings on the property being mowed. It means you can not blow leaves from a property onto a road. It means you should not shovel snow out onto the street.

Grass and leaves on roadways can be very dangerous in all driving conditions. The yard waste creates a barrier between tires and roads and hydroplaning can be a result. Motorcyclists

are most prone to accidents caused by these kinds of conditions. Snow shoveled into a roadway can create uneven driving circumstances and many times is plowed back onto your driveway or sidewalk. Remember that a snowplow driver's job is to remove snow from the roads.

Ordinance 164 is located on the Township website for review. If you have any questions, please email the Township at htac@comcast.net. Please remember this ordinance is a means to provide safety for township residents and all motorists.

PLAYGROUND GRANT SECURED

After much hard work and planning, the Heidelberg Township Park & Recreation Board has secured a Key-Community Grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for \$70,000 to construct a playground area at the Heidelberg Township recreation grounds. The grant funding along with money received from previous land development will pay for the installation of playground equipment and pedestrian walkways around the recreation area. The Heidelberg Township Public Works staff will also contrib-

ute to the project by doing much of the land preparation work. The playground equipment will be located at the southern end of the township recreation area with easy access to the basketball/pickleball court, pavilion area and ball fields. Please note that reservation of ball fields and pavilion area is available to township residents free of charge. If you wish to reserve the area, you must call the Township Office at (717) 949-3885. The recreation area is open dawn to dusk and is alcohol-free.

The township would like to extend a large thank you to the Park &

Recreation Board and Hanover Engineering for their efforts in securing this grant from DCNR. Their work in meeting, preparing grant documents and writing a favorable grant submission has allowed Heidelberg Township to expand the recreation options to the youth of the Township

(pictured below is a rendering of a potential playground apparatus and does not signify a selected model)



AG ANIMALS NOT FOR EVERYWHERE

Maintaining small animals on a residential property such as chickens, pheasants, ducks and other fowl, goats, sheep, and other small domestic farm animals is addressed in the Heidelberg Township Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance is quite specific in stating where this is permitted and includes additional criteria describing where these animals must be kept on a property.

More specifically, the keeping of these animals may occur only within the Township's Agricultural District (A) and the Agricultural Transitional District (AT). The Zoning Ordinance does not

address maintaining these animals in any of the other designated zoning districts. Because there is no mention of this in any of those individual zoning district chapters, the keeping of small animals as named above is not permitted within any other zoning district classification.

Both the (A) and (AT) chapters include an identical paragraph which addresses how and where such animals are to be kept. Section 606.C. in the (A) zone and Section 706.C. in the (AT) zone each state that "structures in which livestock or fowl are kept shall be no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any lot line or road right-of-way and two hundred (200) feet to any residen-

tially zoned property or existing non-farm property in residential use," The zoning permit application for a structure that would house livestock or fowl must be accompanied by a sketch of the property which demonstrates compliance with the above setback requirements.

Questions regarding the above should be directed to Barry R. Wagner, Heidelberg Township Zoning Officer at 717-625-0444 or via email to brwconsultants@outlook.com.

- Barry Wagner



The first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year is August 29th! Please prepare for children and buses in your daily commute!

Heidelberg Township is actively searching for a volunteer Recycling Coordinator. This person would organize volunteers to run the monthly recycling event previously held the first Saturday of each month at the Township Building, If interested, please contact the Township Office at (717)949-3885.

ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2022

The Road maintenance projects for 2022 in Heidelberg Township are currently underway and have been planned based on the prepared budget and bid prices received from vendors.

The 2022 Paving Project consist of paving the Sunnyside Road from Hopeland Road to the area of the Game Commission building and Albright Road from Heidelberg Avenue to the Evangelical Church. Bids were reviewed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 26th and the lowest responsible bidder, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co, was awarded

the project. The paving project will be paid using State Liquid Fuels funding (money from Pennsylvania that is only allowed to be used on road related expenses).

The 2022 Seal Coat Project includes work on the section of Valley View Road from Gravel Hill Road to North Market Street (Route 419) this year. The bid was awarded to Martin Paving based on the pricing they submitted at the May 24th meeting. This work will be 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.

The Board would like to thank all residents and motorists for their cooperation and patience during the construction time.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

Schaefferstown Fire Company

AYCE Breakfast

Fire Company Banquet Hall 200 N. Locust St.
Schaefferstown

Beginning again in October!

Please look for dates and information on the yellow sign at the corner of Oak Street and Route 501 or on the Schaefferstown Fire Company Facebook page!

Historic Schaefferstown

WWII Encampment

July 30th 9 AM-5 PM & July 31st 9 AM-3 PM

No Admission Fee—Parking \$5.00

Demos & Displays, Battle Re-enactments, Food

Fall Harvest Fair

September 18th 10 AM-5 PM & 19th 11:30 AM-4:30 PM

Admission—\$5.00 Ages 13 and up. Under 13 Free

All events take place at the Alexander Schaeffer Farm, 213 S Carpenter St, Schaefferstown

