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Summer 2022 Newsletter

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Trail Etiquette

With the warmer weather, most of us are ready to head outside to our favorite park or trail! While most residents are familiar with the park rules & regulations, there are a few trail etiquette guidelines that will help all of us enjoy the outdoors together. The greatest thing we can do is simply be courteous. All trail users should be respectful of others regardless of speed, skill level or mode of travel, whether it's walking, biking, or using a wheelchair. These trail etiquette guidelines will help make our multipurpose trails safe for everyone:



- Bikes yield to pedestrians
- Pass slowly at a safe distance
 - Warn before passing



- Use extra caution where trails cross streets
- Stop at all signs and intersections
- Yield to other users when entering or crossing a trail



- Stay to the right
- Groups form a single line when meeting others



- Always keep your dog on a leash
- Please clean up after your dog

Individuals with mobility disabilities are permitted to use wheelchairs & electric power driven mobility devices with a maximum width of 36" and an electrical output of 300 watts or less.

Important News about Tax Collection Hours

Lynn Reapsome, the Township's accountant and elected tax collector, will be retiring from Warwick Township on September 8, 2022. Although Ms. Reapsome is retiring from the Township as the Township's accountant, she will continue her role as tax collector.

Starting in September, Ms. Reapsome will only be available in the office on the last Wednesday of each month from 8am-noon, unless otherwise posted. These posted hours will be the only time Ms. Reapsome will be available for residents to have their real estate tax bills stamped as received. Ms. Reapsome can still be reached by email at Ireapsome@warwicktownship.org. She can also be reached by phone at 717-278-5289. We also have a 24-hour drop box for payments inside the first set of double doors at the Municipal Building. Checks are still payable to Lynn Reapsome, Tax Collector.



Property Maintenance Guidelines

Warwick Township is a great community, and all great communities consist of many great neighborhoods. It is important that we continue to practice neighborly courtesy in each of our neighborhoods. Some resident questions regarding property maintenance that the township frequently receives include the following:

- Maintain or cut lawns (grass/weeds need to be below 12"). Branches that extend over a sidewalk must be trimmed to a height of 7' above grade and to a height of 18' over a roadway.
- Open burning of trash and yard waste on residential properties is prohibited. Yard waste is considered recyclable by PA DEP and residents may obtain a key fob to the yard waste drop-off site for a small fee.
- Dogs are not permitted to run at large.
 Dog guidelines can be found at this link: www.ecode360.com/11668160.
- Yards must not be littered with trash, unused furniture, building material, auto parts, etc.
- Please secure recycling items in your recycling bin for those windy days.
- Fences and sheds require a zoning/building permit and must be located out of easements.
- Repair cracked or heaving sidewalks.
 These obstructions create a hazard for pedestrians. Also, remove any weeds and grass within the cracks of the sidewalk.



Did you know you can dispose of unwanted medications safely and

anonymously? Your local Police Departments offer free collection sites for unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications. This is a free service, available via a secure drop-box at the Police Stations. The Northern Lancaster County Regional Police drop-box is located at 860 Durlach Road, Stevens, PA and is available Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm. The Lititz Borough Police Department

drop-box is located at 7 S. Broad Street, Lititz, PA and is available 24/7/365. What they CAN accept: prescription medications (pills/capsules), prescription patches, prescription ointments (no liquid), over-the-counter medications, vitamins and pet medications (pills/capsules). What they CANNOT accept: any liquids or lotions, inhalants, aerosol cans, sharps (needles, of any kind), thermometers.

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Providing a safe and dependable water supply and means of sanitary sewage disposal

315 Clay Road • P.O. Box 336 • Lititz, PA 17543 717-627-2379

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What is FOG??

A byproduct of cooking, FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) comes from meat, fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, sauces and dairy products. When washed down a drain, FOG will stick to the inside of sewer pipes. Over time FOG can build up and block entire pipes causing sewer blockages and overflows.

Follow these steps to properly dispose of FOG:

- Never pour FOG into your drains.
- Put used oil and grease in covered containers and cans for proper disposal.
- Wipe down greasy pots and pans with a dry paper towel and dispose of in the trash.
- Scrape food scraps into the trash.



Pipe impacted by FOG



Summer Water Conservation Tips

Make the most out of your lawn watering by watering during the early morning. As much as 30% of water can be lost

to evaporation by watering during midday.

- Inspect your hoses and overall irrigation system for leaks or broken lines.
- Use drip irrigation hoses to water plants.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn provides shade to the roots and helps retain soil moisture, so your lawn requires less water.
- Consider getting a rain barrel to collect and store the water runoff from your roof.

Water/Sewer Payment Options

- Cash, check or money order
- By mail payable to: WTMA

PO Box 336

Lititz, PA 17543-0336

In person:

315 Clay Road, Lititz, PA

- 24/7 Payment Dropbox. There is a payment drop-box to the right, inside the Warwick Twp. Municipal Building lobby.
- **Automatic Payments.** ACH quarterly withdrawal from your bank account on a date specified by WTMA. ACH authorization forms are available on our website.
- Online payment at https://warwicktwp.authoritypay.com
- MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover credit or debit cards. Please note that there is a minimum fee of \$3.00 for all transactions and a 2.65% fee for transactions over \$113.00.

Beware of Unflushable Waste

Sewers are designed to take away used dirty water from sinks, baths, showers, laundries, and toilets. Flushing away unflushables adds to the cost of operating and maintaining your sewer system. Putting trash down the toilet causes blockages in sewers and possible damage to the environment. "Disposable" doesn't mean flushable. Disposable means you should bag it and trash it... don't flush it! For example, "flushable" wipes are, in fact, NOT flushable. These wipes do not break down in water like toilet paper and should be disposed of in your trash.



- Do Not Flush: Baby / Adult wipes
 - Paper towels
 - Rags
 - Feminine products
 - Bandages
 - Q-tips

- Dental floss
- Disposable / cloth diapers
- Incontinence pads
- Razors and Blades
- Medicines medicines should be transferred to authorized collectors for disposal.