

New Sewickley Township

Newsletter

SPRING 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

I am honored to continue my service as Chairman of the New Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors. As has always been the case, our goal is to look after the best interest of our township's residents. We would like to highlight some events of the past year and things to look for in the future. Taxes were not raised again this year. With the cost of living increasing at such a rapid pace, that was a worthy challenge achieved.

The Planning Commission is updating the 2013 Comprehensive Plan. A very important part of the update is hearing from our residents. You will be receiving a resident survey in the mail soon that can be submitted in paper format, by QR code, or from a link on our website.

The MS4 project at Green Valley Park was completed. Our second required project is a rain garden at Willowmere Park and it will begin soon. The township applied for a \$133,374.00 grant to help with the total project cost.

There have been important staffing changes over the last year. Manager, Brian O'Malley resigned to take another position after just a little over a year. An interim manager was hired to help with the manager search and assist the staff while the search was conducted. We are proud of our decision to appoint Ronald Leindecker, our former Chief of Police, to Township Manager. We look forward to continuing to work with Ronald in his new role and are confident he will run the township as well he ran the Police Department.

With the retirement of Chief Leindecker, the Board began the search for a new chief. We are fortunate to have a tremendous pool of talented officers working for our township and were able to keep our search in-house. The process led us to the promotion of Gregory Carney as the next township Chief of Police. We have no doubts he will continue down the same path that was started for him and look forward to working with Chief Carney.

We would like to thank all of the township's employees for their help and dedication during a very difficult time of transition in the leadership roles of the township. It was not always easy, but they continued their quality work and professionalism as usual.

The Road Department is continuing to make improvements on our roads. Park Quarry Road was resurfaced. This was a very successful and much needed project done in conjunction with Economy Borough. When you see our Road Department employees working on the roads, please use caution and drive slowly. They are making improvements for your safety, please keep them safe in the process!

Our Recreation Board continues to dedicate many, many VOLUNTEER hours in planning and organizing the events at Green Valley Park. Please try to attend those events to show your support of their efforts. The events and dates can be found throughout this newsletter and also on our website www.newsewickley.com. If you are able, get out there to enjoy some sunshine, nature, and the beauty of Green Valley Park. You will not regret it and you may even spot a bald eagle flying overhead!

If you have any questions, never hesitate to contact the township offices. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

Respectfully,
Greg Happ - Chairman

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FAREWELL CHIEF LEINDECKER



On December 27, 2022, New Sewickley Township Police Chief Ronald Leindecker retired from the New Sewickley Township Police Department after 30 years of dedicated service to our community. Chief Leindecker started his career in 1992 as a part-time patrolman and in 1995 he was promoted to full-time status. In 2005, Leindecker was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and in 2008 promoted to Chief of Police. In 2014, Chief Leindecker graduated from the 258th session of the FBI National Academy. Chief Leindecker answered many difficult calls during his career and handled them with the utmost professionalism. Chief Leindecker is a leader and mentor in the truest form, constantly pushing officers to improve themselves and our department. We wish him well in his role as Township Manager and we look forward to continuing our working relationship with him.

HELLO MANAGER LEINDECKER

With great pleasure the Board of Supervisors appointed Ronald Leindecker to the position of Township Manager effective December 28, 2022. Ron lives in the township with his wife Julie and two sons, and has been a resident for 27 years. With his vast knowledge and experience in municipal government, he is certain to be a tremendous asset to the township and its residents. We look forward to working with him in this new role.

RESIDENT COMMUNITY SURVEY

New Sewickley Township is in the process of updating their Comprehensive Plan. A very important component of the plan, is the community survey. You will receive a hard copy by mail. There is also a QR code on the survey for ease of responding on your mobile device. You may also go onto the township website to download the survey. Please do not delay sending in your response and let your voice be heard!

MONTHLY MEETINGS – HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Regular Supervisors	– 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Agenda Meeting	– Last Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Workshop	– 2nd Tuesday (if needed) at either 9 am or 6:30 pm
Planning Commission	– 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Planning Workshop	– 1st Wednesday (if needed) at 6:30 pm
Recreation Board	– 2nd Monday at 7 pm
Municipal Authority	– 1st Monday at 6:30 pm
MA Workshop	– 3rd Monday (if needed) at 6:30 pm

SORRY WE ARE CLOSED ~

The Township Offices will be closed for the following holidays:

Memorial Day – Monday, May 29th
Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4th
Labor Day – Monday, September 4th

TOWNSHIP E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

Manager	- rleindecker@newsewickley.com
Secretary	- secretary@newsewickley.com
Treasurer	- treasurer@newsewickley.com
Police Chief	- gcarney@newsewickley.com
Phone: 724-774-7822 Fax: 724-774-7825	
Municipal Auth	- authority@newsewickley.com
Phone: 724-774-2461 Fax: 724-774-7825	
Tax Collector	- tax@newsewickley.com
Phone: 724-774-7826 Fax: 724-774-7825	

CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF GREGORY CARNEY

On February 7, Gregory Carney was sworn in as the New Sewickley Township Police Chief. Chief Carney has served as a police officer with New Sewickley since 2002. In 2013 he was promoted to detective and rose to the rank of corporal by 2020. During his 21-year career, Chief Carney has collaborated with a multitude of law enforcement departments, bureaus, commissions, and agencies, with approximately seven years focused on joint taskforce and unit leadership. He served as a Deputy Game Warden for the Pennsylvania Game Commission from 2013 to 2022. Chief Carney was a supervising member with the Beaver County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force from 2016-2019 as well as a member of the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General Bureau of Narcotics Task Force from 2019-2021. He has achieved various accolades including American Police Hall of Fame Merit for Excellent Arrest (2021), Influential Pennsylvania Supreme Court Case Law (2019), Michael Ford Narcotics Award (2015, 2018), and Beaver County District Attorney's Top Gun Award (2004, 2005, 2009). He reached another accomplishment when he successfully completed his Master of Arts in Criminology in 2021. He is a long time resident of New Sewickley Township and has raised his family within the community he has sworn to serve and protect. Chief Carney is a strategist who defines the department vision and aligns internal structure, roles, and activities to support the New Sewickley Township Police Department mission. This department looks forward to serving under Chief Carney and to seeing how his leadership will serve to enhance it.



TAKE ME HOME PROGRAM



The New Sewickley Township Police Department is excited to announce that our Special Needs/Wandering Program has joined with the Autism Society of America to bring the Take Me Home program to New Sewickley Township! The Take Me Home program was created by now retired Lieutenant James Donohoe of the Pensacola Police Department. The program will allow our officers to quickly search those individuals who are registered with our Special Needs/Wandering Program by name, picture, or physical characteristics. The Take Me Home program will greatly enhance our current program. We would like to thank Lieutenant Donohoe, the Pensacola Police Department, and the Autism Society for providing this program to us at no cost. If you have any questions or need assistance to this new program, call the New Sewickley Township Police Department 724-774-2473.

JORDAN TAX SERVICE NOW COLLECTING MS4 FEES

MS4 Fees are being mailed and collected by Jordan Tax Service. The bills were mailed on March 1. If you have not paid your 2021 or 2022 fees, those will be collected by Jordan Tax Services, please follow the instructions on the invoice.

If you have any questions regarding your MS4 fee or bill, please call the municipal office at 724-774-7822 or Jordan Tax Service at 412-835-5243. The New Sewickley Tax Collector will no longer be able to assist you with MS4 fees. Thank you.

PINE RUN AND BIG KNOB FIRE FIGHTERS ANSWER THE CALL

The morning of February 3, 2023 probably started off like any other February morning in the Pittsburgh area for the volunteer firefighters from Big Knob and Pine Run. However, the day would soon turn into a day that they will remember forever. A train carrying toxic chemicals was about to derail in eastern Ohio, igniting a fire that covered the town of East Palestine in smoke. Fearful of an explosion, the authorities created an evacuation zone and carried out a controlled release of toxic fumes to neutralize burning cargo inside some of the train cars.

First responders from many fire companies answered the call for help to lend aid in any way they could. Among those first responders were volunteer fireman from both Pine Run VFD and Big Knob VFD heading into a situation which someday may be talked about in the same sentence with Chernobyl and Nine Eleven.

The Environmental Protection Agency has stated that about 20 rail cars were reported to have been carrying hazardous materials. Vinyl chloride, butyl acrylate, ethylhexyl acrylate and ethylene glycol monobutyl ethers were released into the air, surface soil and surface waters.

Residents were being evacuated as fear for their health mounted. The first responders were heading in to help control the fire, including Pine Run and Big Knob volunteers.

As it turns out, they wound up being involved in one of the biggest disasters ever to hit the U.S. Their firefighting gear will have to be destroyed because decontamination is not a possibility. Any equipment that touched the ground will be destroyed. It is possible that Norfolk Southern will take care of the cost of equipment replacement. If not, in the long run, it is unimportant. Equipment can and will be replaced.

However, the effects of this disaster on the water, the soil, the residents and the first responders may not be known for years. The residents and the first responders will always wonder if the effects of the nasty compounds in the tank cars will someday catch up to them.

So, to our Pine Run and Big Knob brave volunteers, all we can do is offer you our thanks and prayers. If you run into any of these brave first responders, please shake their hands and give them a personal thank you. They are always good, but on February 3rd, they went above and beyond what could normally be expected of them.

God Bless you all from the citizens of New Sewickley.

COFFEE WITH A COP

The New Sewickley Township Police Department wants to say thank you to everyone who stopped for conversation and a free donut and coffee. This event was intended to bridge the gap between our community and the police who protect them.

The New Sewickley Township Police Department would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Guy as well as Mr. and Mrs. Istik and the workers of both Guy's Market on 68 and Pine Run Market for allowing us to host this event within their businesses as well as the gracious donations of coffee and donuts for the event.

If you were unable to attend, Coffee with a Cop will be an annual tradition within New Sewickley Township.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENTS



It has been a busy start in 2023 for your fire departments. The Big Knob and Pine Run stations have been very active. We are collaborating and working more closely than ever before. As you may notice, we are now jointly developing the newsletter updates for our residents.

Over the past year, a joint committee has developed a standard set of governing bylaws for all fire departments operating in the township. This was a major task with considerable input from members and stakeholders. These bylaws were voted on and adopted by each department and became effective on March 1, 2023.

Quarterly executive sessions of the Chiefs/Presidents of each department have been meeting over the past year to jointly set goals/objectives to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the departments. In 2023, there will be additional emphasis on interdepartmental training opportunities for all our members. These sessions are also helpful in working on equipment standardization and fleet procurement planning for the future.

At this time, Pine Run is in the process of building out a new squad vehicle. This is expected to join the fleet in early Summer 2023. Pine Run is also in the early planning stages for a firefighter's memorial at their station to honor all whom have served the department. Big Knob is in the planning stages of a building addition at their station. The letter donation campaign is in full swing for each department, and we would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their continued generosity and support. Thanks also, from Big Knob and Pine Run, for your support of our fundraising activities in 2022.

Several of our members have recently completed, or currently engaged, in training courses to supplement their knowledge and skills. We commend them for the extra commitment of time required and their ability to juggle work, family, and, of course, still respond to emergency calls. Please do not hesitate to encourage or thank them when you have the opportunity.



Low Angle Rope Rescue Joint Training



East Palestine Emergency Scene

If you have an interest in serving your community in the fire departments, please stop by and speak with our members. Both departments meet on Mondays at 6:30 pm, except for the second Monday of each month, which is reserved for our department business meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Big Knob VFD – Station 26
Pine Run VFD – Station 59

FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE AND BUSINESS OFFICERS FOR 2023

POSITION	BIG KNOB STATION 26	PINE RUN STATION 59
Chief	Johnny Murtha	Mike Priolo
Assistant Chief	Matt Johnston	Mike Guraly
Captain	Jay Bradel	Steve Hedzik
Rescue Captain	Graham Maxwell	
Lieutenant	Chris Furbee	Collin Gilarno
Lieutenant	Greg Scheck	
QRS Director	Lynzey Waddingham	Mike Guraly
President	Brian Perry	Jim Hendrickson
Vice President	Steve Joy	Jay Parks
Secretary	Lynzey Waddingham	Steve Hedzik
Treasurer	Eric Brewer	Maryann Angeline
Head Trustee	Cory Libonati	Jay Parks
Trustee	Anthony Chambers	Collin Gilarno
Trustee	Brian Delebosich	Eddie Angeline

Important Dates/Reminders:

Daylight saving time began on March 12. If you have not changed the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, please do so!

May 6:

Pine Run Community Day Open House Event. More details will be posted on our Facebook page.

August 12:

Big Knob Annual Sportsman's Bash; tickets are now on sale for the 2023 event



On January 16, 2023, officers from the New Sewickley Township Police Department participated in ABLE training. ABLE, or Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement is a program that teaches, reinforces, and “prepares officers to successfully intervene to prevent harm and to create a law enforcement culture that supports peer intervention.” ABLE’s main goals are to prevent misconduct, avoid police mistakes, and promote officer health and wellness. New Sewickley Township is proud to be the only police department in Beaver County who have completed the ABLE training.

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

Detective Samantha Vinson is the New Sewickley Township Police Department's state certified car seat inspector. If you would like to have your child's car seat inspected, Detective Vinson can be reached at the police department's number: 724-774-2473 ext. 232 to schedule an appointment.

When requesting an appointment for a Child's Car Seat Inspection, please provide the following information:

- Parents/Guardians name, address, and telephone number
- Year, Make, Model, and Type of the vehicle the seat will be installed in
- Child's current age, height, and weight
- Car seat manufacturer, manufacturer date, and model of car seat
(this information can be found on the labels placed on the car seat)

At the time of the inspection, you must bring with you:

- Vehicle owner's manual
- Car seat owner's manual
- **Complete Seat.** To complete an inspection, the entire seat needs to be viewed, not just the detachable base
- Please bring the child, so proper harness fit can be tested
- Expecting families: proper techniques will be taught for harnessing an infant

When requesting an inspection, please be aware that the entire inspection will usually take between 30-60 minutes. During the inspection, proper techniques will be taught to install Child Car Seats, and the **person making the request will install** the seat at the end of the appointment to insure they are confident with installing the seat, inspecting the seat, and checking for proper harness fit.

To ensure your child's car seat has not been placed on the national recall list, please visit:
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls?nhtsald=22C002>

COMMUNITY HEROES' WEEK



On March 2, 2023, the New Sewickley Township Police Department was invited to Early Years Community Learning Center as part of their "Community Heroes" week. Chief Gregory Carney, Detective Samantha Vinson, Officer Markus DeNapoli, and Officer Alexandria Lizzi spent the morning with the kids at the center. Detective Vinson read, Police Officers on Patrol, a children's book depicting the various calls for services police respond to. After the book reading, we allowed the kids to explore our police vehicles. Of course, the lights and siren were a huge hit. We then spent some time with them, playing as well as passing out stickers and coloring books. We left the kids with some cookies to enjoy after their lunch and Child Safety

packets for their parents. We had a wonderful time at the center and appreciate the opportunity to spend time with the kids and care workers. New Sewickley Township Police is a community-oriented department and strives to continuously enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, creating a true community.

AAA PLATINUM AWARD

In November, AAA held their Traffic Safety Award Luncheon. At this luncheon, New Sewickley Township Police Department received the Platinum award for their outstanding efforts to make the region's roadways safer for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Platinum awards are given to "Commendable Leaders" for their safety efforts and enforcement activities geared towards making communities safer.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 – 5 PM TO 9 PM

Neighborhoods throughout New Sewickley Township are invited to join over 38 million neighbors across 16 thousand communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is nationally sponsored by NATW, Ring, New York Life, Starbucks, Assoca, AT&T, Academy Sports & Outdoors and co-sponsored locally by the New Sewickley Township Police Department and New Sewickley Township Recreation Board.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Together, we are making that happen.

From 5 pm to 9 pm at Green Valley Park, neighbors throughout New Sewickley Township and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement.

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most communities celebrate National Night Out by hosting block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and more.



The New Sewickley Township Police Department's National Night Out event is centered on serving our community. This event is an opportunity for neighbors to meet with the various teams of first responders who serve their community and will allow our department to connect our residences with various resources. Most importantly it's an opportunity for our neighbors and law enforcement to interact in a positive and joyous way. This is a celebration of our community with live music, free children entertainment, first responder demonstrations, and various food trucks. Please join us in continuing to grow the bonds of our community, we look forward to meeting you. For more information, please visit natw.org

Coordinator: Detective Samantha Vison, New Sewickley Police Department
724-774-2473; svinson@newsewickley.com

STORMWATER Q & A

What is the Concept of Stormwater Management?

Stormwater Management is the process of controlling the stormwater runoff that comes primarily from impervious surfaces like parking lots, driveways, and rooftops.

What is the importance of stormwater management?

Effective stormwater management provides environmental, social, and economic benefits to local communities. When stormwater management is done well, streams, rivers, and lakes are cleaner; flood risks are reduced; costs due to flood damage decrease; and community quality of life increases.

What are some ideas for stormwater management?

Some of the green infrastructure and low impact development practices the EPA uses to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution are: green roofs, rain barrels and cisterns, permeable pavements, bioretention areas, vegetated swales/dry swales, curb and gutter elimination, vegetated filter strips, sand and organic filters, constructed wetlands, and riparian buffers.

Stormwater fun facts:

- One inch of rain during a storm generates more than 600 gallons of water running off of a 1,000-square-foot roof.
- During the summer, outdoor water use amounts to 40 percent of household use.
- Everyone lives in a watershed. The first inch of rainstorm runoff generally carries 90 percent of the pollution.

HIGHLIGHTING THE WALLACE CITY FARM



Fred and Marsha Scheel purchased the 142-acre farm on Landis Road in 1958 and began farming in 1961. That started what would become a family passion of raising and milking dairy cattle in 1970. The farm itself was established in 1900 as the farm in Wallace City.

Mr. and Mrs. Scheel raised their three children, Laura, Allison, and Fred teaching each of them the family business and instilling a work ethic and love of farming that has served them well. They also have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Scheel's farm is the true definition of a family farm business. Not only do their children work to help run the business, their grandchildren also work on the farm, going

to their respective jobs and then to the farm after to help handle the day-to-day chores of the business. Mrs. Scheel prepares dinner nightly for those working on the farm and whomever is able to stay. Some evenings she will have one and others there may be 13!

The milk from the 90 head of cattle is sold to Marburgers. They also raise meat chickens and recently began the endeavor of raising Wagyu beef. Please remember, when you have the opportunity to "buy local" do so. It is farms like this you will be supporting.

We will highlight one of our township's farms in each of our newsletters. If there is a farm you would like to see recognized, please email secretary@newsewickley.com with the information.



CHANGES COMING TO BIG KNOB GRANGE FAIR

The Fair Committee is busy looking for new vendors, new entertainment events, and additional classes for local residents to enter their produce, flowers, and craft items. And one of the more welcome changes might be the air conditioning in the main Grange Hall.

Most competitive entries will be received as usual on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening; judged on Tuesday morning and arranged for display in time for the Fair Opening on Tuesday evening. There will be some new classes in most departments. Be sure to check the website for details.

Changes have been made to the track program. We are still working on a High School Band program featuring several area bands for Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening will be the Sanctioned Truck and Tractor Pulls. Thursday and Friday will feature the Demo Derbies in conjunction with DerbyDog Productions. Saturday we are bringing in four Monster Trucks under the direction of Top Notch Motor Sports. Patrons will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for this event on the Fair website. These will include an opportunity to get a close-up look at a Monster Truck prior to the show. Be sure to check the website: www.bigknobgrangefair.org for ticket information.

The usual dinner menu will be featured in the kitchen and dining room, with take-outs available in the main hall of the Grange, from 4:30 until sold out.

Following is a listing of email addresses for contacting key persons with the Fair:

Bill Steel and David Stang, Co-Chairs	info@bigknobgrangefair.org
Home and Garden Exhibits, Nancy Schaffer	competitive.exhibits@bigknobgrangefair.org
Pre-registration, Linda Zahn	registration@bigknobgrangefair.org
Vendor Coordinator, David Stang	vendors@bigknobgrangefair.org
Beer and Wine, Mike Druschel	beer.and.wine@bigknobgrangefair.org
Livestock exhibits, Bryan and Jeri Yeck	livestock@bigknobgrangefair.org
Livestock show/sale, Amanda Wall	livestock.show.sale@bigknobgrangefair.org
Track program, Matt Cooper	track@bigknobgrangefair.org
Entertainment, Tim Druschel	entertainment@bigknobgrangefair.org
Advertising, Megan Stang	sponsorships@bigknobgrangefair.org

Looking forward to seeing you at the 2023 Big Knob Grange Fair!



RECYCLING IS HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING THE SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 9 AM UNTIL 12 NOON. THANK YOU TO THE BIG KNOB LIVESTOCK CLUB FOR THEIR CONTINUED HELP AND SUPPORT.

Glass – Clear, Brown, Green Bottles and Jars

- Rinse – remove Styrofoam labels
- Remove metal lids and rings
- Do NOT include auto glass, light bulbs, porcelain, ceramic, plate glass, crystal, or mirrors

Plastic Bottles and Jugs ONLY

PLEASE REMOVE CAPS

- Rinse thoroughly, remove caps
- Flatten to save space
- Containers must have the three-recycling arrow recycling logo with the numbers 1 or 2 inside it

Aluminum, Bi-Metal, Aluminum Foil & Tin Food, Container, and Beverage

- Rinse thoroughly and crush cans

Newspaper and Cardboard – NO Pizza Boxes!

- Newspapers are to be in paper bags
- No plastic bags
- Corrugated cardboard ONLY

PLEASE RECYCLE CORRECTLY!!!! NO FURNITURE OR BUILDING MATERIALS.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, IF THE BINS ARE FULL, DO NOT PUT BAGS AND TRASH ON THE GROUND! ANYTHING LEFT ON THE GROUND TENDS TO BLOW AROUND DEFEATING YOUR EFFORTS TO RECYCLE!



ORDER YOUR BRICK

The Recreation Board is taking brick orders for landscaping around the gazebo located at Green Valley Park. You can purchase a brick for \$20.00 each in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one. Your donor's name or inscription is literally "Set in Stone" for a lifetime. Emblems are available for an additional \$5.00. If you would like to purchase a brick, forms are available at the township building

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS & ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

Wednesday, June 28, 9 am – 1 pm
233 Miller Road, Rochester, PA 15074
Register at Nobleenviro.com
or Call 412-567-6566

RATES

- \$0.60/lb. for Freon Devices
- \$0.60/lb. for TVs & Monitors
- \$0.40/lb. for all other E-Waste
- \$1.70/lb. for Paint & Stains
- \$1.70/lb. for Bulbs & Batteries
- \$1.70/lb. for Chemicals
- \$12.00/ea. for Propane Cylinders (all sizes)

Accepted Chemicals: paint/workshop products, automotive products, cleaning products, lawn & garden products, pesticides, every type of battery, every type of light bulb/tube, flammables, & pool chemicals, mostly any other chemical you find under your sink or in our garage.

Accepted electronics: televisions, computers, printers, phones, window AC units, dehumidifiers, mini fridges, microwaves, laptops, gaming devices, & any other electronic device with a cord, screen, or circuit board.

RECREATION BOARD

The New Sewickley Township Recreation Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. May through September the meetings are held at shelter #3 at Green Valley Park. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the township building. October through April the meetings are held at the township building. The meetings are public and everyone is welcome.

On behalf of the New Sewickley Township Recreation Board, I would like to encourage all of the New Sewickley Township residents to come out and enjoy the great events going on this year at Green Valley Park.

For shelter rentals please contact Mandy Larrick via email at mlarrick@newsewickley.com, or call the township office at 724-774-7822 and the staff will get the information to the Recreation Board.

If you have suggestions, are interested in volunteering, or are interested in sponsoring an event please contact Mike Loschinsky at (724) 622-7079.

Sincerely,
Mike Loschinsky - Recreation Board Chairman



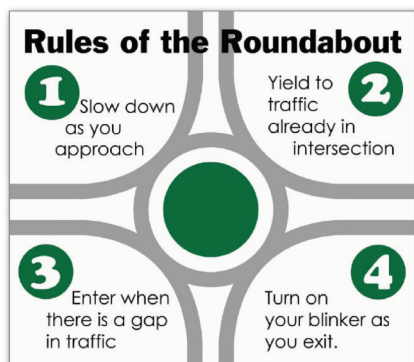
Please like and share us on Facebook on the “Green Valley Park” page to stay up to date on the latest events going on at the park.

HOW TO USE A ROUNDABOUT

The roundabout intersection at Route 989 and Freedom Crider Road opened for traffic this past fall. We have received some questions about how to use this intersection, and some complaints about vehicles traveling the wrong direction. A basic rule of thumb is “All turns are right turns”. When entering the roundabout, the direction of travel is to the vehicle right, not left. The vehicle will travel around the intersection until it reaches the destination to exit the roundabout as a right turn. All traffic should travel in a “Counterclockwise” direction through the intersection.

PennDOT has a video on their website which explains how to navigate the roundabout intersections in Pennsylvania. If possible, it may be helpful to review this video to

better understand the flow through the intersection.



This new traffic pattern will seem confusing until we all become familiar with it, but by using safe driving practices it will create a safer roadway.



2023

Summer Concert Series
Amphitheater @ Green Valley Park
184 Snyder Drive, Rochester
Concerts Begin at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9, 2023:
ELDORADO

Saturday, July 8, 2023:
DANCING QUEEN

Friday, August 18, 2023:
THE WRANGLER BAND





SUMMER 2023 – MOVIES IN THE PARK

It is almost time for the movies in the park, presented by the New Sewickley Township Recreation Board. This is a free family fun time at Green Valley Park. Bring the gang down, spread out your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy a feature film. Popcorn, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided. All movies are on Friday night and begin at dusk.

June 16th – Lyle, Lyle Crocodile – Rated PG

July 14th – Polar Express – Rated G

August 11th – Top Gun Maverick – Rated PG13

SHELTERS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Keep in mind that the Recreation Board rents out shelters for graduation and birthday parties, showers, reunions or just a family picnic.

The resident rates are \$75.00 for the three larger shelters and \$50.00 for the small shelter.

Non-resident rates are \$100.00 for the larger shelters and \$75.00 for the smaller shelter.

Contact Mandy Larrick at mlarrick@newsewickley.com or call the township office at 724-774-7822 for shelter reservations.

If you are planning a wedding, the Recreation Board also rents the gazebo for \$50.00.

HOLD THE DATE!
Mark October 28th on
your calendar for
Trick or Treat Trail



FLEA MARKETS SCHEDULED AT THE PARK

The Recreation Board will again be sponsoring two flea markets at Green Valley Park. Residents and vendors can set up tables to sell antiques, collectibles, and household items. The first flea market will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 8 am to 1 pm. The second flea market will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 8 am to 1 pm.

All are welcome, you do not have to be a township resident. There will be a \$10 fee to set up and sell that will help cover the cost of advertisement.

Contact Dave Bauman at 724-630-1326 for more information.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Oak Grove Lutheran Church. Special events are planned throughout 2023 to celebrate this milestone, including a visit from Bishop Kusserow who will lead services at Oak Grove at 9 am on Sunday, May 28.

Henry Bonzo (1839-1893), the son of Charles Bonzo (1807-1890) and Catherine Goehring Bonzo (1820-1899), donated a half-acre of land on Harkins Mill Road to construct a 35 x 40-foot building for Oak Grove Lutheran Church, which had organized in 1873. The original church building was completed and dedicated in 1874, and a constitution was adopted and signed by 52 members on May 11, 1879. Bi-weekly services were led by Rev. J. A. Kribbs for \$150 per year. Land for the current cemetery on Klein Road was purchased in 1886.

The present Gothic-style church building with stained glass and natural wood was constructed in 1905 to replace the previous log building. Oak Grove's large bell tower was a gift from Jacob Dambach, Sr.

Today, church youth ring the bell during Sunday service, which happens weekly at 9 am.

For more information, visit:
www.oakgrovelc.com or
www.facebook.com/oakgrovelc.



Catherine Goehring (Bonzo) inscribed her name in this hymnal in 1836 when she was 16 years old. Her son Henry donated the half-acre tract of land for Oak Grove Lutheran Church. A rendering of the original Oak Grove Lutheran Church, completed in 1874, and the current church building, which took its place in 1905 and is shown with its first confirmation class.



ELECTION DAY SOUP AND PIE SALE TUESDAY, MAY 16



TAKE-OUT ONLY – ORDER DEADLINE: May 12

POTATO, BEEF VEGETABLE OR HAM & BEAN SOUP is \$7.00 per quart.

WHOLE 9-INCH DEEP-DISH COCONUT CREAM PIE OR DUTCH APPLE PIE are \$12.00 each

TO PLACE AN ORDER, MAIL, EMAIL, FACEBOOK, OR BY PHONE. GIVE A NAME, ORDER AND PHONE #

EMAIL: orders@bigknobgrange.org

Mail: Big Knob Grange, 336 Grange Road, Rochester PA 15074

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BigKnobGrange

Janet: 724 494 5472

Payment due at pick-up. Cash or cards accepted. You do not have to be a voter at the Grange to order.



SATURDAY, MAY 6 BIG KNOB GRANGE 8 AM TO 12 PM

Now's your chance to dispose of unwanted junk and items laying around on your property. New Sewickley Township, along with Peg Schweinsberg, the Big Knob Grange, and Joseph J. Brunner, Inc. are coordinating a Saturday morning clean-up where residents can bring unwanted items to the Big Knob Grange parking area and dispose of them.

Dumpsters will be available for residents to discard scrap metal and "junk". We will be accepting automotive batteries (no other batteries accepted) and non-freon appliances.

There will be a minimal fee charge to off-set the cost to the township. A trunk load is \$10.00, a pick-up truck is \$15.00, and anything larger will be at the discretion of those working.

We cannot accept paint, liquid products, or any electronics. Brady's Run Park Recycling Center in Brighton Township will accept T.V.'s and computer equipment for a small fee. Any questions, call the Beaver County Department of Waste Management at 724-770-2064 or visit their web site at www.beavercountyrecycling.com

There will be a Fall Clean-Up day on Saturday, October 14 from 8 am until 12 pm.

Low Cost
Rabies Clinic



FOR DOGS AND CATS

SPONSORED BY: BIG KNOB GRANGE

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 10 AM TO 1 PM

NOT REQUIRED TO BE A NEW SEWICKLEY RESIDENT.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

You can have your cat(s) and/or dog(s) inoculated against rabies conveniently and inexpensively by bringing them to the Big Knob Grange located on Grange Road in the township on May 6. The cost per shot is \$15 for dogs of all sizes and for domestic breed cats (regular household felines). Please control your pet on a leash. A veterinarian will administer the inoculations.

The location will be at the cement block "Fair Building" at the Grange.
Please FOLLOW ALL CDC/PA Guidelines
Please bring previous shot certificate for your pet

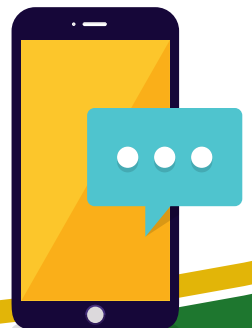
*Note: All rabies vaccines will be dated as a 1-year vaccine unless previous shot certificate is presented at registration. Those with current shot certificates will be upgraded to a 3-year vaccine.



SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS

As an additional tool to keep in communication with its residents, the township has a program to send out text message alerts to those who sign up. Text message notifications are used to pass along emergency alerts, news on local road closures, updates on community events, and any other important information in an instant.

Please email secretary@newsewickley.com your name and phone number if interested in signing up.



NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP TAX NEWS

New Sewickley Real Estate/Fire Protection Taxes

The 2023 New Sewickley Township Real Estate tax bills were mailed the first week of March and did not show an increase over last year's bills millage-wise. The Fire Protection part of the tax bill also did not show an increase and remains at 2 mill. As has been the case, the 2 mill tax for the supplementation of the township's two volunteer fire departments is included in the "TOTAL DUE" portion of the bill. This tax was passed by the township's Board of Supervisors several years ago and has been included on the bills since that time.

Stormwater Fee

The 2023 New Sewickley Township Stormwater Fee bills were mailed on March 1 from Jordan Tax Service. Jordan Tax Service is now collecting stormwater fees. Please contact them at 724-731-2300 if you have questions.

Freedom Area School Taxes

The 2023 school taxes will be mailed July 1.

If a mortgage company does not pay your taxes from an escrow account, and you did not receive a bill, please contact the tax office immediately. Absence of a bill does not absolve one from payment, per tax laws.

Due to banking requirements, it is mandatory that checks be made payable to New Sewickley Township Tax Collector. The township and school district have separate bank accounts to which your checks are deposited, and those accounts are not listed under the name of the Tax Collector.

Cash payments are also accepted as well as money orders. Credit card payments are not acceptable by either the township or the School District due to the fees that would be charged for their use.

Office hours are as follow:

March/April/July/August – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 9:30 am to 3 pm
Tuesday Evening 5 – 7 pm
May/June/September/October – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – 9:30 am – 3 pm

November 1 – February 28 – Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 am – 3 pm

How to make payment:

1. Mail – You can pay your taxes by mailing in the top of your bill along with payment. If a receipt is requested, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope along with the bottom part of the bill and a receipt will be returned.
2. In Person – Pay in person at the office during the business hours above.
3. Drop Box Inside municipal building – There is a secured drop box attached to the tax office desk which can be utilized to drop off payments anytime the municipal building is open (M-F from 8-4) all year long.
4. Outside Drop Box – There is a locked and secured drop box outside by the regular mailbox. It is white in color and in front of the road department building. It is checked every weekday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the tax collector at 724-774-7826. If the tax collector is not in, you may leave a message, or email her at tax@newsewickley.com.

Beaver County Taxes

County taxes are handled by the Beaver County Office of the Treasurer who can be reached at 724-770-4540.



TIRE DISPOSAL DAY

The Township's annual Tire Collection program conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy continues to be well attended, demonstrating the need for a continued method for the disposal of waste tires.

Old tires are a problem – what do you do with them? They are difficult to dispose of. Piles of tires are ugly and can pose health, safety, and fire hazards. Unwanted tires hold water which can breed mosquitoes that carry viruses.

This year's collection will be Saturday, May 13 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Township building at 233 Miller Road.

Up to 18" off rim\$4 each
Up to 18" on rim\$5 each
Over 18" off rim (SUV & light truck).....\$5 each
Tractor trailer up to 2.5" (no rims please)....\$25 each

Farm tractor rear, up to 75 lbs.....\$25 each
Farm tractor rear, 75 to 150 lbs.\$40 each
Farm tractor rear, over 150 lbs.....\$75 each

You can pay with cash or check (bring proper ID). The collection is provided for individuals and small businesses, and there is no limit to the number of tires you may bring. Proof of residency is not required.

New Sewickley Township
233 Miller Road
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