New Sewickley Township New Sering 2024

THE NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP & FIRST RESPONDERS Fall Fest Saturday, September 14, 2024

The New Sewickley Township Police Department is moving its National Night Out event and partnering with the Township's Recreational Board for the first annual Fall Festival. This event will combine the great characteristics of Community Day with National Night Out festivities to create a Fall Festival.

From 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Green Valley Park, residents throughout New Sewickley Township are invited to join us at the park and spend the day outside with our neighbors and first responders.

This event is still a community-building campaign that promotes strong partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie with our first responders to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live and work.

The New Sewickley Township Police Department is centered on serving our community. This event is an opportunity for neighbors to meet with the various teams of first responders who serve our community and will allow our department to connect our residents with various resources. Most importantly, it is an opportunity for our neighbors and law enforcement to interact in a positive, friendly, and good natured manner.

This is a celebration of our community with live music, free children's entertainment, first responder demonstrations, craft vendors, various food trucks, and fireworks. Please join us in continuing to grow the bonds of our community. We look forward to meeting you!

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: WILLOWMERE PARK

The township would like to thank Patricia Katekovich for granting an easement on her property for a stormwater improvement project. The project consisted of new drainage pipes and catch basins along the roadway and a stormwater detention pond on the property. This road is known for flooding and this project should help alleviate the flooding concerns.

This project was also completed to meet the goals of the Township MS4/Pollution Reduction Plan permit requirement; the detention facility will help reduce the sediment loading reaching the stream and will reduce the runoff discharge rate into Brush Creek. Once the new permit period opens, we will be informed of the project requirements issued by the DEP.







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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 discard. 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 11 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Township building at 233 Miller Road.

Up to 18" off rim\$4 each	Farm tractor rear, up to 75 lbs\$25 each
Up to 18" on rim\$5 each	Farm tractor rear, 75 to 150 lbs\$40 each
Over 18" off rim (SUV & light truck)\$5 each	Farm tractor rear, over 150 lbs\$75 each
Tractor trailer up to 2.5" (no rims please)\$25 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.

WELCOME STEVE SPADE

We are excited to welcome Steve Spade to the Board of Supervisors. Steve started his six-year term on January 2, 2024, after being elected. We look forward to working with Steve and wish him all the best.

COMMUNITY HELPERS WEEK



On Thursday, February 29, 2024, officers from the New Sewickley Township Police Department were invited to participate in Community Helpers Week at the Early Years Community Learning Center. This enjoyable week celebrates community helpers and their important roles. During their visit, the officers read a book titled "Police Officers on Patrol" by Kersten Hamilton to the children, and they also allowed them to explore the patrol vehicles.

The New Sewickley Township Police Department was thrilled to be part of Community Helpers Week because it promotes safety by teaching children

how to ask for help and who they should ask. It also inspires interest in various careers as children get to meet the people who keep our communities safe, clean, and orderly. Community Helpers Week aligns with the department's goal of building a strong and engaged community.

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

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

• Rinse thoroughly and crush cans

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

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!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS & ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

Wednesday, June 12, 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 build/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.

McKinney Family Farm



Jeff and Janice McKinney fulfilled their dream of farming the land and selling their home-grown produce and flowers when they purchased their farm on Pflug Road in 1987. They worked full-time jobs while raising their four children and simultaneously working the farm. In 2004, they purchased the property and a building at 1257 PA Route 68, which marked the beginning of the McKinney Family Farm Market. Jeff quit his full-time job and devoted his energy to the family farm, while Janice could always be found working at the Market.

The McKinney Family Farm Market is open from May 1st until the end of October, and it has become a popular one-stop shop for the community. They sell flats of flowers and vegetables to plant, hanging baskets, seasonal vegetables and fruits, sweet corn, pumpkins, corn stalks, Byler's jarred goodies, Chestnut Hill candles, Marburger dairy products, local beef, and local brown eggs. Eight years ago, the McKinney's moved inside the building and expanded the market from a small stand in the parking lot to the little market it is today.

Sadly, Janice has passed away, but Jeff, their son Robert, and seven summer employees continue to work between the farm, the family market, and four farmer's markets (Thursday – Sunday) in the Pittsburgh area. The McKinney Family Farm Market is a great community asset that should be taken advantage of, and it is another place in our township to shop small and local! The McKinney's look forward to seeing you after opening day on May 1st!









THANK YOU, GREG HAPP!

We want to express our gratitude to Greg Happ for his outstanding service to New Sewickley Township. Greg served on the Board of Supervisors for two terms, which is a total of 12 years, and was the Board's Chairman for 8 years. His commitment and hard work for the township did not go unnoticed and is highly appreciated. Thank you, Greg!

~ WE ARE CLOSED ~

The Township Offices will be closed for the following holidays:

Memorial Day - Monday, May 27th Independence Day - Thursday, July 4th Labor Day - Monday, September 4th Columbus Day - Monday, October 14th

TOWNSHIP E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

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A MESSAGE FROM NEW SEWICKLEY FIRE DISTRICT

As warmer weather draws near, your Township Fire Departments would like to update you on our recent, current, and planned operations.

We would like to thank all of our residents for their continued support over the years.

We are happy to announce that both Pine Run and Big Knob have voted to fully merge our departments. This has been a long process, but we feel this is the right thing to do to best serve our Township. In the coming year, you will see and hear many changes. The biggest change will be to our name and our number. As we merge, we will eventually be called the New Sewickley Fire District. Our station numbers of 26 & 59 will now be one unified number, 52.

In a short time, both the Pine Run and Big Knob Facebook pages will be disappearing. All Facebook posts from the fire department will now be under the New Sewickley Fire District page. You can locate this page by searching for New Sewickley Fire District in the search area of Facebook.

For the QRS medical side of our department, we have already merged and are currently answering calls as QRS 52. As of December, the new Pine Run squad was certified for QRS service within New Sewickley Township.

The Big Knob station addition is currently in progress. The concrete floor is in place, most of the exterior siding is finished and crews will be working on interior plumbing, electrical, and HVAC. With some luck, we will be looking at completion this spring.

Some upcoming events that we would like to mention are our annual Big Knob Sportsman Show on August 10th and the 2024 Purse Bash on May 11th. Both events will be held at the Big Knob station. Please see any member for tickets. We hope to see you at either event – or both!

We have had great success with member training this winter. Members have completed Fire Dynamics classes, Fire Fighter II classes, and CPR training. We also have two members in the Beaver County Fireman's Association Essentials class. Upon successful completion of the Essentials class, both members will be able to take their Fire Fighter I test.

Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner Grants were awarded as follows: Pine Run \$14,229 to be used for debt reduction. Big Knob \$15,007 to be used for debt reduction.

Pine Run was awarded a \$2,000 grant from Penn Energy Resources. We would like to thank Penn Energy Resources for their continued support of our department.

Daylight Savings Time began on March 10th. If you haven't changed the batteries in your CO and smoke detectors yet, please do.



If you have any interest in serving your community in the fire department, please stop by and speak with our members. We meet every Monday at 6:30 PM, except for the second Monday of each month which is reserved for our department business meeting.



SUMMER 2024 - 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 a dusk.

May 17th - Barbie - Rated PG13

June 14th - Trolls Band TOgether - Rated G

August 2nd - TBA - This will be a date night movie

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 pienic.

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 724-622-4336.

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





Summer Concert Series
Amphitheater @ Green Valley Park
184 Snyder Drive, Rochester
7:00 - 10:00 PM

June 1st - Eldorado (J&J Food Truck)
July 20th - The Wrangler Band (Al's Pizza Truck)
July 27th - Casanova (Food Truck TBA)
August 16th - Dancing Queen (Food Truck TBA)

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 II from 8 am to 1 pm. The second flea market will be held on Saturday, August 10 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.

Contact Dave Bauman at 724-630-1326 to reserve your spot.

GREEN VALLEY PARK

In 2023, our park had a great year! Children enjoyed playing baseball, softball, and soccer in our beautiful park. Residents celebrated birthdays, graduations, and other special events at our pavilions. Our residents have also enjoyed quiet walks along the scenic walking trail, whether for their exercise or with their dogs. Please remember to clean up after your pet by using the dog waste bags located around the park.

The Recreation Board hosted various events such as flea markets, movies, concerts, Trick-or-Treat Trail, and Cookies with Santa. We were even able to upgrade all three pavilions in the lower park and install some new signage. This year, we hope to continue upgrading the upper park pavilions as well as completing other projects in the lower park.

We have some exciting changes for this year's events. There will be no Community Day in July as in years past. Instead, we will be teaming up with the police and fire district to host our first New Sewickley Township and First Responders Fall Fest on September 14, 2024. To stay updated with events at the park, please follow the New Sewickley Township and Green Valley Park Facebook pages. To sign up for township text messages, please contact the township office.

New Sewickley Township Recreation Board Members

Mike Loschinskey, Dave Bauman, Mandy Larrick, Carrie Costanza, Sandy Phipps, Orrin LeFebvre, Sam Landis, Tim Muelller, Theresa Magness

VOLUNTEERING: If you would like to volunteer to help out at the park, please contact any member of the Recreation Board or the township office.

DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS: If you would like to donate or sponsor an event, please contact any member of the Recreation Board or the township office.

Be aware the park will be extra busy during the following events:

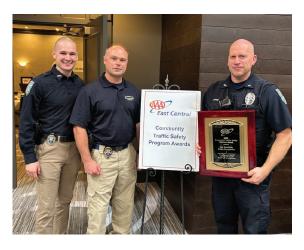
- Skybacher Camps: June 17-20; July 15-18; July 22-25
- Pittsburgh Power Softball Tournament: July 5-7 (There will be heavy congestion in the park)
- September 28: Walk to End Alzheimer's



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.

AAA SAFETY AWARD LUNCHEON



In November, AAA held its Traffic Safety Award Luncheon. Sergeant Swab, Officer Jones, and Officer DeNapoli attended this luncheon on behalf of the New Sewickley Township Police Department. The department received the Platinum Award for its outstanding efforts to make the region's roadways more safe for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Platinum Awards are given to "Commendable Leaders" for their safety efforts and enforcement activities geared towards making communities safe.

ADOPT A CEMETERY

Three cemeteries, namely United Brethren Cemetery, Bethel Cemetery (also known as Steel Cemetery), and Oakland U.P. Cemetery (also known as Boggs Cemetery), were left abandoned and later turned over to the township for maintenance. The township arranges for lawn care services to mow the lawns and manage the weeds four times a year. The mowing is scheduled 10 days before Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veteran's Day. However, we are seeking an organization or family that is interested in "adopting" the cemeteries to help keep them beautiful in between scheduled maintenance.

If you or your organization is interested or would like to learn more, please contact Township Manager, Ronald Leindecker at 724-774-7822

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, PATROLMAN HABURJAK AND K9 BENY

On June 19, 2024, Patrolman Keith Haburjak and K9 Beny will be retiring from the New Sewickley Township Police Department. Patrolman Haburjak began his career with the New Sewickley Township Police Department as a full-time patrol officer in June 2002. During his career, Patrolman Haburjak was the department Firearms Instructor, department Armorer, and held a sniper position with the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit. In August 2015, Patrolman Haburjak was joined by his current partner, K9 Beny. As with many K9 partners, Patrolman Haburjak and Beny quickly became inseparable. While we often joke about the bond that Keith and Beny formed, there is no doubt that these two officers were truly meant to work side by side with each other. Along with Patrolman Haburjak, the members of the police department worked tirelessly to ensure that the New Sewickley Township Police K9 Program was funded through donations, fundraising, and grants. We will miss the dedicated service that both Keith and Beny brought to New Sewickley Township. We wish these two officers the best in their welldeserved retirement.



NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP TAX NEWS

NEW SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE/FIRE PROTECTION TAXES

The 2024 New Sewickley Township Real Estate tax bills were mailed the first week of March. For 2024, the millage for New Sewickley Township is 1.65. The millage for the Fire Protection part of the tax bill for 2024 is .3 mills. As has been the case, the Fire Protection is used for the supplementation of the Township's volunteer fire departments. If you have any questions about how your property was reassessed, please contact the Beaver County Assessment Office- 724-770-4480.

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL TAXES

The 2024 School taxes will be mailed on July 1st. The millage was not yet determined at the time of printing.

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. The 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.

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Cash payments are also accepted as well as money orders. Credit card payments are not accepted 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, & Friday 9:30-3:00

• Tuesday Evening Dates for Twp: March 5, April 2, & April 30, 5-7 p.m.

- Tuesday Evening Dates for School: TBD
- May/June/September/October:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:30 - 3 p.m.

• November 1 – February 28:

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 - 3 p.m.

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENT:

- 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 the tax collector will return a receipt. The address to mail payments is:
 - 233 Miller Rd, Rochester PA 15074
- 2. In Person Pay in person at the office during business hours.
- Drop Box Inside municipal building –
 There is a secured drop box in the tax office
 which can be utilized to drop off payments
 anytime the Municipal Building is open (M-F
 from 8-4) all year long.
- Outside Drop Box There is a locked and secured drop box outside by the regular mailbox. It is white and in front of the Road Dept Building. It is checked every weekday.





SATURDAY, MAY 4 BIG KNOB GRANGE 8 AM TO 12 PM

Do you want to dispose of unwanted junk and items lying 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 day 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 accept automotive batteries (no other batteries accepted) and non-freon appliances.

There will be a minimal charge to offset 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 19 from 8 am until 12 pm.



FOR DOGS AND CATS

SPONSORED BY: BIG KNOB GRANGE SATURDAY, MAY 4, 10 AM TO 1 PM

All are welcome and you do not have to be a resident of New Sewickley Towship.

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

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 communicate with our residents, the township has a program to send text message alerts to those who are interested. 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.





What's happening at the Big Knob Grange

Big Knob BBQ & Brew Fest

May 25th A Kansas City Barbeque Societysanctioned BBQ competition paired with a Brew Fest featuring breweries & wineries from the area. Big Knob Antique Tractor & Equipment Assoc. will be hosting a derby pull at the track. All proceeds are being donated to Tunnels to Towers & Rural Minds.

Check out www.bkgbbq.org for more info.

Dairy Night

June 1st Join us in celebrating National Dairy Month. A low-cost concession stand will be open selling burgers, hot dogs, and more. Everyone will receive a free bowl of ice cream. We will have activity stations, crafts, cows, a bounce house, and more! Starts at 6 pm.

Christmas in July BINGO BINGO will return by popular

July 20th BINGO will return by popular demand! This time with a Christmas twist! Follow our website & Facebook for more event details. The concession stand opens at 4:30 pm, games start at 6 pm. Admission is \$20 per person. Our last jackpot was over \$1,000!!

Fair Exhibit & Contest Info Night

Aug. 16th With lots of new entry categories and many new sponsored contests, take the opportunity to ask us all the questions. We want to help everyone feel prepared for entry night. Enjoy light refreshments and learn what special sponsored contests & activities will be going on too! Starts at 6 pm.

WWW.BIGKNOBGRANGE.ORG

FACEBOOK.COM/BIGKNOBGRANGE

724-774-7093



The Big Knob Grange Fair Committee has already been busy planning the 82nd fair!
You will see all the favorites return along with some exciting new things too! The Grange will be serving up delicious home-cooked meals all week along with a variety of homemade pies as always.
Entry departments are getting some new categories, so there is something for everyone. Check them out and help us fill the downstairs.

Track events:

Tues: High School Band Showcase Wed: Demo Derbies Thurs: Demo Derbies Fri: Truck & Tractor Pulls Sat: Bullride Mania Rodeo

Special Contests:

We are still working on the whole list but, Cupcake Cakes & the Bucket of Junk will return!!

Be sure to check out our NEW & improved website & follow us on Facebook for all the details and announcements! So much more to come!!

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