

HELP KEEP HARMONY TOWNSHIP A GREAT PLACE TO PLAY, LEARN, WORK, SHOP, WORSHIP AND LIVE!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU
As we start into this new year with hope,
may your blessings be many and your troubles few!**

Please keep sidewalks and walkways clear of snow and ice to prevent accidents.
Never shovel or snow plow snow onto the streets. Anyone who deposits dangerous material (i.e. snow) into the streets, whether or not intentional, must take proper action to remove it immediately!



Consider lending a hand to a neighbor who may need help.

Be especially mindful of pets during this season, they rely on you to provide for their needs outdoors. Keep them on leashes to protect them from taking off and getting lost; some pets don't mind the cold and the leash will help you entice yours back into the house!



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*The Board of Commissioners meetings begin at 6:00 pm the third (3rd) Wednesday each month

~ 2501 Woodland Road, Ambridge, PA 15003 ~

Education Corner

Leaves cause a number of blockages, from storm drains covers to in-pipe obstructions, and the nutrients they add to sewer systems increase the rate of microbial corrosion. These damages wreak havoc on systems and if left untreated can create health hazards. Extensive pipe rehabilitation projects and falling water quality can both be avoided with a focused effort on leaf clean up. As trees drop the last of their leaves and municipal leaf removal projects end for the season, you can do your part to make a positive impact too. Keep sidewalks, curbsides and stormwater drains clear by raking leaves and disposing of them in yard waste or compost bins.

DEEDS, NOT JUST WORDS

With this newsletter we would like to introduce you to Mary Ann, Theresa and Rita Colella who are Mom and Sisters to Rudy Colella. Rudy worked for Harmony Township's Public Works Department for many years until he lost his valiant battle against cancer in 2016. A gentle and kind man that touched countless folks with his generous spirit and sense of humor, Rudy's family has donated playground equipment, a bench and trees that have been installed in the Byersdale Playground in his honor and memory.

The Colella family also donated a spring-rider motorcycle in memory of Brian Borkowski.

What a wonderful legacy to provide a safe environment for our children and grandchildren!

A contractor was doing some work in Harmony earlier in the fall. He and the Manager struck up a conversation about Township goals. They talked about playground equipment and the swing set at the Beaver Road playground needing replaced. He contacted the Manager to ask if he could anonymously donate one for our residents and thanks to his kindness, the new equipment will be installed there in the spring.

This time of year, all of us remember those who have enriched our lives, especially those who have gone before us. As a New Year's Resolution, consider what you could do to honor someone that impacted your own life. Get creative! Look for opportunities to help keep Harmony Township the wonderful community it is. Everyone has a "Why doesn't somebody _____" You fill in the blank, and then YOU be the somebody that makes it happen. You can be the encouragement someone else needs.



The above article is an addition to our Newsletter to showcase our community and residents, past or present, that highlights their contribution and a commitment to "Deeds Not Words". We are calling on you for your help so we can showcase our community. Email to hedyhtwp@gmail.com, or write down your idea and drop it off or mail to our office at 2501 Woodland Road, Ambridge, PA 15003.

There will be curbside pick-up for Christmas Trees the week of January 14-18. Just leave your undecorated tree at the curb. You may also take your tree to the recycling dumpster at 2801 Woodland Road and place beside the dumpster.

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**RECYCLING FOR HARMONY
 TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

There is a dumpster at the Harmony Volunteer Fire Department at 2400 Beaver Road for mixed recycling: glass, cans, and plastic drink bottles. There are also dumpsters for paper only and one for cardboard only.

Yard waste (grass clippings, brush and small branches can be taken to the roll-off trailer at the storage building at 2801 Woodland Road.

No bags should be put in the dumpster.

This facility is for Township Residents and may not be utilized by any commercial lawn service.

The following is an excerpt from an article from Ken Weathers, meteorologist for WTAE

How to Defrost Your Car Windows

Find an empty spray bottle, fill a third of the bottle with water and the other two-thirds with rubbing alcohol. Spray the windows and watch the magic happen! Rubbing alcohol has a freezing point of 128° below freezing so you can store the bottle in your car.

Another winter suggestion is to fill a sock with kitty litter and leave on the dashboard in your car to absorb any moisture and avoid frost on the front windows.

Project Holiday Dreams



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 We would like to thank you for your kind donations.
 With your help, the Holidays were joyful for 175 families!*

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Comcast Cable: 1 (800) 934-6489

To Report IRS Scam Calls: 1 (855) 303-9470

Storm Water System

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated.

Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.

Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.

Chemicals used to grow and maintain lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into storm drains.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.

If you would like more information about storm water management, check out Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at:
www.dep.state.pa.us

Sanitary Sewer System

The Municipal sanitary sewer system is a system of underground pipes that transport sanitary sewage from privately owned buildings to Water Pollution Treatment Plants in adjacent municipalities.

Harmony Township and its Municipal Authority are responsible for maintaining the piping system that collects directly from the private properties within the limits of Harmony Township.

The treated liquid eventually discharges into the Ohio River. In order to maintain a properly functioning sewer system, please help us to keep the following kinds of materials out of our system by keeping them out of sinks and toilets.

- Rags, cleaning cloths, paper towels
- Diapers, baby wipes
- Hair from brushes or combs
- Dental floss
- Cigarettes
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms
- Grease and oils (kitchen or automotive)
- Toxic or hazardous materials such as pesticides or solvents
- Old paint
- Unused medications
- Plastic, glass, metal, wood, soil

