

# HARMONY TOWNSHIP QUICK UPDATE NEWSLETTER

We know we have been gone for a while, but we are back! We wanted to give you a quick update to let you know what has been going on in the community and the fun things in store for this holiday season!

Our largest and most time-consuming update in Harmony Township was the Woodland Road Landslide Project. I am happy to announce that this will be completed within the next few weeks and full service has been reopened to Woodland Rd.

**Back Story:** As many of you know we had 2 landslides occurring on Woodland Rd. in the same position in April 2024. We have worked diligently to obtain grant funding to help us pay for the slide. Initially the cost to repair was around \$500,000, but with the diesel to allow the sewage to remain pumping as well as the traffic lights, our total cost to complete the 7-month project will be closer to \$700,000. We are happy to announce that we did obtain a federal grant from the NRCS for \$363,000; we were able to divert \$116,000 from a previous ARPA grant and \$65,000 from Columbia Gas. As we are still working to complete the rest of the funding, we were able to cut our township costs to complete the project to around \$200,000. We thank all the residents that were affected on Woodland and Sylvan roads for their patience during this time.

## **BUILDING UPDATE**

**Have you seen our building? We are very close to completing the first step in our building renovations! The police department will hopefully be in its new home by the NEW YEAR! Look for information on when we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house!**

Did you know that we started a community day in 2023?

2024 Winter Community Day is going to be even better!

What do we have lined up? Aside from the firetrucks, SWAT Vehicles, Public Works, Police and Fire personnel available to help explain the resources available for public safety, there's going to be more. We have Ice Carving from Ice Creations. MiketheBalloonGuy will be on hand creating balloon hats and other wearable art. There will also be a caricature artist on hand to do free hand caricatures. There will be face painting to help everyone get into a more festive mood, the Ladies Auxiliary will be providing an interactive exhibit - sand art for the kids. The Ladies Auxiliary will also be taking orders for poinsettia plants for holiday decorations and gift ideas. Brenda's Notes will be on hand to provide vocal musical entertainment. Dave Granati, The School Of Rock and For Those Who Want to Rock will be on stage to deliver rock energy. The kids can rock and bounce off some energy at the Jump Houses. The very popular Wallen Legacy Petting Zoo will be in hand with the Camel and Scottish Highland cows, and more fun animals to pet and feed. Santa and Mrs. Claus have promised to step away from the North Pole and be in Harmony Township. A photo station for pictures of Santa and Mrs. Claus and framed pictures you can take home with you. For the foodies there will always be hot chocolate, popcorn and a food truck offering tasty delights from 2 and a half Greeks food truck. There is always room for help and those who would like to donate or participate. There is time and if you're interested, please call the Township Manager at 724-266-1910 ext 104.

## SHOP WITH A COP!

2023 was a big year for us, not only did we have a community day for all our residents, but we also decided it was time to give back! With the help of the Shop N Save and Ambridge Schol District the Harmony Township Police were able to help over 20 families and take the kids shopping in the grocery store!

We cannot thank our local businesses, members of our community, and our VFD & Auxiliary enough for donating and helping us with this project. And Guess WHAT?!? SHOP with A COP is back for 2024!

The Harmony Township community has always found room in their hearts to extend a helping hand to those in need. It is an unfortunate reality that there are families who may not have food or toys for their children during the Holidays. Shop N Save is currently accepting donations at the counter so customers can contribute. We will have a table set up at community days accepting donations and our PD is currently soliciting donations from national retailers, local businesses and anyone who would like to help us with this event.

This program and the good work it provides will fill a need that exists in our community, helping those in need is a year-round effort. Please feel free to send your contributions to the attention of the Harmony Township Commissioners and your contribution will be deposited to Charitable Contribution Fund, that will be used for the Shop with a Cop program. If you have ideas or just want to be a part of a program that makes you feel good by helping others, please give a call to Bob Villella, Township Manager at 724-266-1910 Ext 104 and you will be put in touch with all the right people.

## GRANT FUNDING

2023/2024 Grant Awards. DCED has awarded several Grants to the Township as follows:

Grant	2023	2024
<i>DCED Covid ARPA Pa Small Water and Sewer</i>	\$203,722	\$141,820
<i>DCED Township Building Renovation Project</i>	\$225,000	\$519,000
<i>NRCS (Woodland Rd)</i>		\$363,000
<i>Beaver County CDBG Accessibility Grant</i>		\$136,000
<i>LSA – Neighborhood Road Program</i>		\$750,000
<i>PA Commission on Crime &amp; Delinquency</i>	\$12,000	
<i>Norfolk Southern Public Safety Grant</i>		\$15,000
<b><i>Total Awarded</i></b>	<b>\$440,722</b>	<b>\$1,924,820</b>

The Township is preparing multiple future grant applications to focus on proactive measures to prohibit landslides, fix roads and work on an application for a Parks Master Plan.

(We are hoping for Tennis Courts, Pickle Ball Courts, & SO MUCH MORE!)

**We would like to thank the Offices of Rob Matzie, Elder Vogel and the Beaver County Commissioners for their support of the Grant requests submitted by Harmony Township Commissioners.**

Don't forget our monthly meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, WE would love to see you at the Township Building!



12pm - 4pm

AT THE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2400 BEAVER RD.



HARMONY TOWNSHIP  
WINTER COMMUNITY DAY

FREE To The Public

- MEET SANTA - TOUCH A TRUCK - PETTING ZOO
- BOUNCE HOUSES - FOOD TRUCKS - ENTERTAINMENT
- POINSETTA SALE - MEET YOUR POLICE & FIRE DEPTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH