2014 Road Paving Started

The Board of Commissioners took action at their May 21 meeting to award this year’s paving contract to Hempt Brothers, Inc. for the next phase of Mt. Allen Drive (Nittany Drive to Pennington Drive) at a cost of $839,124.65. The Board also took action to award Alternate Bid No. 1 for Aspen Drive at a cost of $233,708.95. Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on June 16 authorizing work to begin. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete within 80 days of NTP, or by September 4, weather dependent.

The section of Mt. Allen Drive from Nittany Drive to Pennington Drive will be closed during construction. Access will be limited to residents living along Mt. Allen Drive and local deliveries. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation approved a detour route during the construction period (see Detour Route on p. 4). By allowing the contractor to close the road during construction the construction period will be shortened by several weeks and save money. We apologize for the inconvenience during the construction period.

This phase of Mt. Allen Drive will include shifting the road to the east approximately four feet, installing curb on both sides of the road from Nittany Drive to Allenview Development. The project includes continuing the sidewalk from Nittany Drive to Kim Acres Drive. Construction will also include installing some additional stormwater improvements that will help the Township meet Federal Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) requirements.

Aspen Drive road improvements will begin concurrently with Mt. Allen Drive road improvements and include milling the roadway, adjusting ADA accessible curb cuts and making some stormwater improvements.

In addition to the above listed road paving, the Public Works Department will also make numerous minor road repairs along Ritter Road, stormwater inlet repairs, line painting, crack sealing, street sweeping and guide rail repairs throughout the Township.
Community Development Office

When is an Operational Permit necessary?

Operational permits are required for businesses involving the use of temporary tents, membrane structures, and handling of fireworks. Tents and other membrane structures having an area larger than 400 square feet shall not be established, operated or maintained without first obtaining a permit, as directed in Chapter 24 of the International Fire Code (IFC). These structures shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 days within a year. Additionally, a Zoning Permit is required to assemble a tent.

Before a permit is granted, the owner must submit a copy of a certificate issued by an approved testing laboratory certifying the structure and their accessories are composed of material meeting the flame propagation performance.

The permit also governs the possession, manufacture, storage, handling, sale, or use of any quantity of explosive, explosive materials, fireworks, and small arms ammunition as described in the IFC, Chapter 33. Retail sale of fireworks must comply with the IFC Chapter 33 and NFPA 1124.

All applications must include a building sketch showing the building layout. If applicable, a complete list of items for sale must be provided along with a manufacturer’s safety sheet. A dimensional plot plan is required for tents and outside storage or sale of items. All applications are subject to review by a Building Code Official and Zoning Official. No operation may occur until a permit is issued. Operational Permit fees for schools and places of worship are $35 for the first permit and $10 for each additional building. Commercial buildings are $50 per building for the first permit and $10 for each additional building. Zoning Permits are $35.00 each.

For additional information regarding Operational Permits, contact the Community Development Office at 717-766-0756.

Police Department

Two Upper Allen Police recruits graduated from the 105th Municipal Police Academy, Harrisburg Area Community College on June 5th. Officer Peter O’Connor and Officer Brett Snyder were officially sworn in by the Honorable Christylee Peck, of the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas. They have already begun their 24 weeks of Field Training. This will allow for the Police Department to assign a detective full-time to the Cumberland County Drug Task Force and to create a second dedicated Traffic Safety Officer.

Sewer Department

Sewer bills are sent out quarterly, and are paid in arrears. The quarterly sewer payment for residential customers is a flat fee of $112.00. A late penalty of 10% will accrue after 35 days. Interest of 1/2% of the unpaid balance will accrue after 65 days.

You may pay your Sewer Utility Bill online for free. Just go to https://www.xpressbillpay.com.
Home gardens can contribute a considerable amount of nutrients and other pollution to streams and other water bodies if not cared for in a responsible way. This mainly applies to fertilizers and pesticides.

Fertilizers for the garden:
Organic alternatives to chemical application include compost or manure. Compost is a free form of fertilizer and contains the many nutrients needed for your vegetables. These fertilizers should be applied directly before planting the vegetables to prevent runoff.

Pesticides - identify the pest, research your options:
Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. If there is a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have. Consult an expert, as there are many non-chemical alternatives to controlling pests. Pesticides can infiltrate into ground water, contaminate drinking supplies, and severely harm downstream ecosystems if applied incorrectly or unnecessarily.

Native plants, such as the pictured purple cone flowers, require less fertilizer and pesticides since they are well adapted to local conditions and pests.
**Meeting Times**

Administrative Committee - 7:30 a.m.
Budget Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
Pension Board - 7:30 a.m.
Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
Historical Architecture Review Board - 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
Public Safety - 7:30 p.m.

**July**

- 8: Administration Committee
- 10: Public Improvements
- 10: Zoning Hearing Board
- 15: HARB
- 16: Board of Commissioners
- 23: Parks & Recreation
- 24: Sewer Advisory Board
- 28: Planning Commission

**August**

- 6: Board of Commissioners
- 10: Administration Committee
- 11: Public Safety Meeting
- 14: Public Improvements
- 14: Zoning Hearing Board
- 19: HARB
- 20: Board of Commissioners
- 21: Sewer Advisory Board
- 25: Planning Commission
- 27: Parks & Recreation

**September**

- 3: Board of Commissioners
- 9: Administrative Committee
- 11: Public Improvements
- 11: Zoning Hearing Board
- 16: HARB
- 17: Board of Commissioners
- 22: Budget Meeting
- 24: Parks & Recreation
- 25: Sewer Advisory Board
- 29: Planning Commission

Please note the office will be CLOSED on July 4th and September 1st

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**Township Directory**

**UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

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www.upperallentwp.org

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Phone: 717-795-2445
**Joseph T. Simpson Public Library Activities**

On Saturday, August 9, 2014, the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library will hold its 8th annual Run for Reading 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk at Friendship Park, 1901 Fisher Road, Mechanicsburg. Both advance and onsite registration are available. Race information and registration forms are available at the library at 16 N. Walnut St., Mechanicsburg, or online at www.simpsonlibrary.org or call 766-0171.

On Sunday, September 15, the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library will be hosting a Fashion Show at the West Shore Country Club. Tickets are $50.00 per person. Advance purchase is required. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Simpson Public Library at 766-0171 or simpsonlibrary.org.

**Mechanicsburg Museum Activities**

**“A Slice of Life – Mechanicsburg 1876” Exhibit** - opens June 21, 2014 closes October 18, 2014. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Freight Station hours are Wednesday through Saturday 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Downtown Yard Sale & Chili Cook-Off** – Mechanicsburg Sidewalk Sale Day. August 2, 2014 at the Museum Passenger Station. The Museum will sell spaces around the building for $10 each. The event will last from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Chili Cook-Off will be on the Station Master’s Patio from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There is a $5.00 entry fee. Chili will be sold for 25 cents a cup. Additional information, rules and sign up forms can be found on the Museum’s website (www.mechanicsburgmuseum.org), or picked up at the Passenger Station.

**Lehigh Scenic Railway & Mauch Chunk Museum Bus Trip** – The Museum is sponsoring a bus trip to Jim Thorpe on Saturday, September 6, 2014. The cost is $86 and will include bus & tip for driver, train ride & museum admission. The bus will depart from the Museum at 8:00 a.m. and arrive back in Mechanicsburg at approximately 10:00 p.m. Additional information and reservation forms can be found on the Museum’s website (www.mechanicsburgmuseum.org), or picked up at the Passenger Station.

**“Lumbering & Rafting in the Susquehanna River Basin” – Mini Series** – Lifetime Enrichment program presented by Stephen Runkle. September 17, 2014 at 12:00 noon at the Museum Passenger Station. Museum members & children under 13 free; $4 non-members.

**“Walking Tour” – Museum Fundraiser** – September 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tour begins at the Museum Passenger Station. Fee: $5.00. Wear comfortable shoes & bring your camera.

Mechanicsburg Area Recreation

4th Annual Tri4Kids Program

Come “Ride, glide, dip and dive” your way through this fun, exciting event to be held this summer! Our 4th Annual Tri4Kids is open to all students ages 5-18 who have an interest in competing in a triathlon (swim, bike, run)! Race distances will vary based on age. T-shirt not guaranteed if registered after June 27th.

Race Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014
Entry Fee: $35, Day of $40
Location: Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park
Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Field Hockey

This is a program that will focus on developing skills by providing opportunities for game experience. Practices will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm on Wednesday nights and games will be held between 2:00-6:00 pm on Sundays. Participants must be ages 5-11 as of September 1, 2014. Register NOW!

Age: U8 - U12
Location: Elmwood Elementary Field
Instructors: Michelle Teeter, Cheri Teeter
Session: Aug 13 - Nov 5
Fee: $79

Trips

Aladdin – Disney’s New Musical on Broadway – August 6
Cost: $179 per person

New York on Your Own
August 6
Cost: $75 per person

Lehigh White Water Rafting
August 9
Cost: $129 per person

Baltimore Inner Harbor Star Spangled Celebration
September 13
Cost: $60 per person, after August 8, $70 per person

Kinky Boots on Broadway – October 1
Cost: $179 per person, after September 12, $189 per person

Virginia & Maryland Brew Trail – October 11-12
Cost: $319 per person (Single), $264 per person (Double), $254 per person (Triple), $244 per person (Quad). After September 12, $329 per person (Single), $274 per person (Double), $264 per person (Triple), $254 per person (Quad).

Western PA Splendor – October 18
Cost: $132 per person, after September 12, $142 per person.

Finger Lakes Wine Country – October 25-26
Cost: $349 per person (Single), $289 per person (Double), $269 per person (Triple), $259 per person (Quad). After August 20, $359 per person (Single), $299 per person (Double), $279 per person (Triple), $269 per person (Quad).

For trip itineraries go to www.mbgssd.org and click on Community & Alumni and then Parks & Recreation. To register for a trip or program, please go to http://activenet.active.com/mechareaparkrec and click on View Activities.
Join Us!
The 5th Annual
Wildcat Foundation Golf Tournament
Friday, August 22, 2014
Range End Golf Course
Dillsburg, PA
Noon Registration / 1PM Shotgun

Kick-off Mechanicsburg Area School District's Golden Anniversary Year in Style!
For more info or to sponsor this event, please contact Rich Heeter at 919-5172.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11 for the Color Run. The color run will start in downtown Mechanicsburg and participants will walk through the streets.

The Color Run is an event to promote healthiness and happiness by bringing the community together to participate in the most fun 5K run. Color Run is a paint race and is all about having the time of your life. It is a five-kilometer, un-timed race in which of participants, or “Color Runners,” are doused from head to toe in different colors at each kilometer. With only two rules, the idea is easy to follow:

**Wear white at the starting line.**
**Finish plastered in color.**

To volunteer to help with this event, please contact Kathy Bordlemay at 884-6026.

**Save the Date!**
**Monte Carlo Night**
**February 28, 2015**
**at the Park Inn**

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**Operation Wildcat continues to work to pool the Mechanicsburg Area School District community resources to help local families in need on an ongoing basis.**

**Project Back to School**
This summer we are collecting the items listed below in donation bins throughout our district June 27th through September 7th.

**Items Needed**
Back to School Supplies (new): Backpacks (age & gender neutral), Binders (1.5",2", 3"), Colored Pencils, Crayons, Erasers, Folders (colored), Glue Sticks, Highlighters, Index cards, Markers (black, black dry erase), Notebook Paper, Pencil Cases (3 holes for binders), Pencils, Pocket Folders, Books (new or gently used): All school ages.

Personal Items (new):
Socks, Underwear, Brushes, Conditioner, Deodorant, Hairbands & clips, Shampoo, Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap, Tissues.

Calculators: New or gently used Texas Instrument 34 & 83 models.

**Gift Cards**
Gift Cards to Giant, Wal-Mart & Target can also be donated. Gift cards should not be left in the bins but can be mailed to or dropped off at the district office c/o “Operation Wildcat”, MASD, 100 E. Elmwood Ave, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

**Donation Locations**
MASD Schools and District Office, Mechanicsburg Recreation Office, Americhoice (Bumble Bee Hollow), Diener’s, George’s Cleaners (Mech & UA), Holiday Hair (Cumberland Parkway), Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, Planet Fitness (August only), Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church (August only), Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, and Shepherdstown United Methodist Church.

**For Assistance**
If you are in need of help from Operation Wildcat, please contact your child’s school counselor.

**PLEASE LIKE Operation Wildcat on Facebook**
If you are on Facebook, please “like” the OPERATION WILDCAT page. We post news, needs, upcoming events on this page. Help us to “grow the community” of Operation Wildcat supporters.

**General Information** For up to date information on all our projects, please visit our website, www.mbgasd.org under “Community & Alumni”.