

South Coventry News

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Coventry Food Pantry Serving Our Community

Formerly known as the North Coventry Food Pantry, the Coventry Food Pantry was recently established as a 501(c)3 non-profit. This organization, staffed by volunteers, provides food to needy families in the Owen J. Roberts School District. The Coventry Food Pantry serves an average of 100 families every month.

South Coventry Township has partnered with the Food Pantry for the past two years to assist in weekly distribution of fresh produce to Food Pantry clients. The produce is donated from local gardens grown at schools, churches and private homes. The Township Office is also a drop-off location for non-perishable food donations for the Coventry Food Pantry.

Currently, the Food Pantry is out of side dishes (rice, mashed potatoes, helpers), oatmeal, baking goods, condiments, desserts and has a low supply of cereal and pasta. The Board of Supervisors would like to encourage residents to help our neighbors in need. Please drop off any non-perishable food donations at the Township Office during normal business hours. For more information about the Coventry Food Pantry please visit their website at www.coventryfoodpantry.moonfruit.com.



Over 50 non-perishable food items were dropped off at the Township Office for Coventry Food Pantry in September.

Toys for Tots Toy Collection

The South Coventry Township Office will be a 2013 drop-off location for the Toys for Tots Campaign. Toys for Tots is an organization supported by the U.S. Marine Corps and is dedicated to the collection and distribution of new toys to needy children.

Toy collection for this holiday season has already begun! If you wish to donate a new unwrapped toy to the Toys for Tots campaign, please drop it off at the Township Office during normal business hours. Please be sure to drop off your toys on or before December 12, 2013.

For more information about Toys for Tots or to make a donation, visit www.toysfortots.org.

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Upcoming Events

Toys for Tots Toy Collection
 October 2013 - December 12, 2013
 Township Office

Municipal Election Day
 November 5, 2013
 Owen J Roberts Middle School

Coventry Food Pantry Collection
 Ongoing
 Township Office

Important Election Dates

- October 29 Last Day to register for absentee ballots
- November 1 Last Day completed absentee ballots must be received by
- November 5 Municipal Election

For questions regarding voter registration or your voting status, please contact Chester County Voter Services at (610) 344-6410. For absentee ballot forms or registration forms visit www.chesco.org/election. Forms are also available at the Township Office.

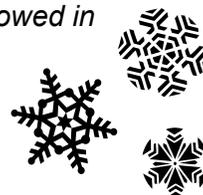
Winter Storm Reminder

As winter approaches the Township would like to remind residents of our Winter Storm Regulations:

1. Vehicles are not permitted to park on roads, shoulders or cul-de-sacs during winter storms. The Township does have the authority to ticket vehicles that are parked on roadways. No trash cans or other obstructions may be placed on roadways or shoulders.
2. No snow, ice or slush may be thrown, piled or pushed onto a public roadway, drainage area, stream, culvert or catch basin. No snow, ice or slush may be pushed or deposited at or near any intersection so as to create a traffic hazard by impairing visibility.
3. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that snow is removed from sidewalks the day following a snowstorm.
4. Mailboxes—If a mailbox is accidentally hit by a Township snowplow, the Township will repair the mailbox. If damage is caused by snow, ice or slush that is pushed while the roads are being plowed, repair is the owner's responsibility.

Please note Township roads are plowed in the following order:

- 1st—Main collector roads
- 2nd—Secondary roads
- 3rd—Development roads
- 4th—Cul-de-Sacs



Where Do You Live?

You may know where you live but can emergency responders find you? It is essential for properties to be clearly marked so emergency responders can quickly and easily locate your property!

Is your street address number clearly posted at your driveway's entrance with numbers at least 3 inches tall? Is your street number legible and bright enough to be seen while driving by? If you have a joint driveway, is your house number clearly marked at all driveway splits? If you answered no to any of these questions, emergency responders may be delayed in locating your home.

Ridge Fire Company sells made-to-order reflective house and mailbox marker signs for \$15 each. For more information or to order, call (610) 495-6063 or visit www.ridgefirecompany.com and click on the reflective house markers link.

Volunteers Needed!

The Township is in need of volunteers to fill vacancies on a few of the Township's Boards and Commissions. If you are interested in serving our community, please fill out a volunteer application and return it to the Township Office. Applications are available at the Township Office and the Township website at www.southcoventry.org.

Zoning Questions?

Bill Lawrence, the Township's Zoning Officer, can be contacted on Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00am to 3:00pm with any zoning questions or concerns. To reach Bill, please call the Township Office at (610) 469-0444.

New Requirements for Stormwater Management

The Chester County Water Resource Authority has been working to develop a County-wide Stormwater Management Plan as required by Act 167. This plan was adopted by the Chester County Commissioners in March of 2013 and was approved by the PA Department of Environmental Protection in July of 2013. This County-wide Stormwater Plan must be adopted by all municipalities in Chester County by January 2, 2014 and is a required part of South Coventry Township’s MS4 permit requirements. The Township is currently in the process of reviewing the draft ordinance for adoption.

These new stormwater regulations will affect ALL properties in the Township. Any project which involves more than 1000 square feet of impervious surface or 5000 square feet of earth disturbance will require review for compliance with these new stormwater regulations. The Township is working to adopt a simplified approach so projects involving less than 2000 square feet of impervious surface are not required to submit engineered plans. Residents should be aware that, under the new ordinance, new impervious coverage will be reviewed cumulatively. For example, if a home owner builds a 800 square foot addition, they will not be required to submit a stormwater management plan. If the owner later decides to build a 400 square foot shed, they will be required to submit stormwater plans to account for the total 1,200 square feet of impervious surface.

Operation and maintenance agreements will be required for all new stormwater management facilities such as rain gardens, rain barrels, infiltration trenches, etc. These agreements and easements to allow for inspection and repairs must be recorded at the Chester County Recorder of Deeds.

The Township’s Planning Commission is currently reviewing the draft ordinance and adapting it for adoption by the Board of Supervisors. For more information regarding the process used to develop the draft ordinance or to review the draft ordinance document, please visit the Chester County Water Resource Authority’s website at www.chesco.org/water.

 **Have Septic System Pumped**

Have you had your on-lot septic system serviced recently? If you can’t check the box as being done, visit the Water & Sewage page at www.chesgo.org/health for more information and a list of licensed waste pumpers.

Parks & Recreation Updates

Connie Batdorf Park - Two new pieces of playground equipment were installed at Connie Batdorf Park this summer. Funds donated from Nestle Waters North America Inc were used to purchase this new equipment.

TS Elliott Walking Trail - The Ridglea HOA recently donated a gazebo to the Township that was located on their property. This gazebo will soon be installed at the walking trail.

Woody’s Woods - Woody’s Woods is closed to the public during the deer archery hunting season. The 2013-2014 season dates are September 21, 2013 through December 14, 2013 and December 26 through January 25, 2014. Those interested in participating in deer archery hunting in Woody’s Woods MUST register at the Township Office and provide a copy of their current PA hunting license. The OREO Board is continuing work on trails at Woody’s Woods. Three loop trails (red, white and blue) were blazed and the entrance trail from the Harmonyville Road entrance was recently blazed in orange.



One of the two new pieces of playground equipment installed at Connie Batdorf Park.

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South Coventry Township Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors - 7:30 PM

Monday, October 7, 2013
Monday, November 4, 2013
Monday, December 2, 2013
Monday, January 6, 2014

Board of Supervisors - 7:30 AM

Friday, October 4, 2013
Friday, November 1, 2013
Friday, November 29, 2013
Friday, January 3, 2014

Historic Commission - 7:00 PM

Monday, October 14, 2013
Monday, November 11, 2013
Monday, December 9, 2013
Monday, January 13, 2014

Planning Commission - 7:30 PM

Monday, October 21, 2013
Monday, November 18, 2013
Monday, December 16, 2013
Monday, January 20, 2014

Open Space, Recreation & Environmental Oversight Board - 7:00 PM

Monday, October 28, 2013
Monday, November 25, 2013
Monday, January 27, 2014