

South Coventry News

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2020 Census—Be Counted

Your response to the 2020 Census is very important to our community. Census results determine how federal tax dollars are allocated to states and communities; influences highway planning and construction; help determine how money is allocated for grants that support teachers and special education; helps communities respond to natural disasters and secure funding for hospitals and fire departments; and determines how many seats in Congress each state receives for the next 10 years.

All households should have received a letter in the mail inviting you to complete the 2020 Census. Responses can be submitted online or over the phone. If you do not complete the Census online or over the phone you will receive a paper copy to complete. If you are responding online, you must complete the census in one sitting, you cannot save your progress.

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your future**
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2020census.gov or call **1-844-330-2020**

Avoid Fraud and Scams

Phishing is a criminal act in which someone tries to get your information by pretending to be an entity that you trust. Phishing emails will direct you to a website that looks real but is fake—and may be infected with malware. You will not receive unsolicited emails from the Census Bureau to participate in the Census. They will not contact you on behalf of a political party and will NOT ask for:

- Your Social Security number
- Your bank account or credit card numbers
- Money or donations

If a Census taker visits your home you can request to view their ID badge, which should have their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. If you have concerns about their identity, please call 1-800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.

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COVID-19 (coronavirus) Information

For latest information regarding COVID-19 please visit:

www.chesco.org/coronavirus

www.health.pa.gov

www.cdc.gov

www.fema.gov/Coronavirus-Rumor-Control



Upcoming Events

Census Day

April 1, 2020

When completing the census, include everyone living in your home on April 1, 2020

General Primary Election

With current concerns regarding COVID-19, the date for this year's Primary is uncertain. Please visit www.chesco.org/election for updates or contact Chester Co. Voter Services at (610) 344-6410

Please note: All registered voters can apply for [mail-in ballots](#), see insert or visit www.votespa.com for more information

Thank You for Your Donations!

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank all South Coventry residents who participated in the 2019 toy collection. A total of 205 toys were dropped off at the Township Office for the children served by the Coventry Food Pantry! The residents of Bucktown Crossing banded together and donated 67 of the toys given by South Coventry residents!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this toy collection! With your help 70 children in our community received toys this past holiday season.



2020 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

With the current concerns regarding COVID-19, please check www.chestercountyswa.org to verify the status of the events that are currently scheduled or any changes in collection procedures.

Saturday, April 18, 2020 - 9AM—3PM
Octorara High School
226 Highland Road, Atglen PA

Saturday, May 9, 2020 - 9AM—3PM
Owen J. Roberts MS Parking Lot
881 Ridge Rd, Pottstown PA

Friday, June 19, 2020 - 9AM—3PM
Coatesville Learning Center
1635 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville PA

Saturday, August 29, 2020 - 9AM— 3PM
Oxford School District Admin Bldg.
125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford PA

Saturday, October 10, 2020 - 9AM—3PM
Government Services Center
601 Westtown Rd, West Chester PA

NO ELECTRONICS will be accepted at HHW collection events.

Some household products that are accepted at HHW collection events include turpentine, oil-based paint (latex paint will not be accepted), car batteries, antifreeze, swimming pool chemicals and pesticides.

For more information about these and other regional events or a full listing of acceptable and unacceptable items, please visit www.chestercountyswa.org and click on the Household Hazardous Waste link or call (610) 273-3771.

REAL ID Deadline is Approaching

Q: What is REAL ID? REAL ID is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and identification cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic commercial flight, or entering a military installation or federal facility that requires ID. Beginning October 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card, or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic flight or access a Federal Facility or Military Base.

Q: How do I get a REAL ID? Federal law requires PennDOT to verify original or certified copies of certain documents before issuance of a REAL ID. To obtain a REAL ID you must bring the following documentation to a PennDOT Driver Licensing Center:

- 1) Proof of Identity
- 2) Proof of Social Security Number
- 3) Two proofs of current physical address
- 4) Proof of all legal name changes

Visit www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID for more information regarding required documentation, examples of acceptable documents, costs and Licensing Center locations.

Q: How do I know if my identification card or license is REAL ID compliant? REAL ID compliant cards will look different for different states. In Pennsylvania, a REAL ID card will have a gold star in the upper right hand corner. As shown in this sample:



Q: Do I need a REAL ID? REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents. You will be able to get either a REAL ID identification card or driver's license or a standard identification card or driver's license.

If you do not get a REAL ID, you must have an alternate form of federally-acceptable identification (valid passport, military ID, etc.) to board domestic commercial flights and to enter certain federal facilities after October 1, 2020.

When it rains, it drains - Be the answer to stormwater pollution!

- ◆ **Never dump anything down a storm drain or into a drainage area.** The storm sewer system conveys storm water directly to a creek or stream, without any treatment.
- ◆ **Properly dispose of all trash, rubbish and garbage.** Trash left in your yard or on the street will eventually end up in the closest creek or stream.
- ◆ **Place cigarette butts in the proper receptacle.** 98% of cigarette filters are made of non-biodegradable plastic fibers.
- ◆ **Wash your car in the grass or take it to a commercial car wash.** Your car has oils and greases that wash off and then flow into the storm drains, polluting nearby water bodies.
- ◆ **Clean up after your pet and put pet waste in trash receptacles.** Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that will wash into our stream and rivers when it rains.
- ◆ **Use fertilizers and pesticides only when needed and as directed.** Fertilizers can cause algae growth in our waterways. When using fertilizers, follow application instructions and do not apply if rain is in the forecast.
- ◆ **Compost yard & grass clippings.** Don't allow your grass clippings to blow into the street or storm drains.

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South Coventry Township Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors - 7:30 PM

Monday, April 6, 2020
Monday, May 4, 2020
Monday, June 1, 2020

Board of Supervisors - 7:30 AM

Friday, April 3, 2020
Friday, May 1, 2020
Friday, May 29, 2020

Historical Review Board & Commission - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Planning Commission - 7:30 PM

Monday, April 20, 2020
Monday, May 18, 2020
Monday, June 15, 2020

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