

The Spring Echo

FALL 2016

FALL BRUSH COLLECTION ~ WEEK OF OCTOBER 10th

Spring Township will be having its Fall Brush Collection starting Monday, October 10, 2016, weather permitting. They will go over each street **ONE TIME ONLY**. If you wish to have your brush picked up, please follow these instructions:

- ✓ All limbs must be placed along the curb, butt end out so that they are easily visible and accessible.
- ✓ Limbs must be cut to be able to be fed into the chipper. Limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter will not be collected.
- ✓ All limbs must be placed out prior to 7:00 a.m. Monday morning, October 10, 2016, so that you are not missed. Once the Road Crew has gone over a street, they will not go back.
- ✓ **Do not include any thorn bushes or vines as these cannot be fed through the chipper!**
- ✓ No more than one load of brush will be accepted per household. This collection is for trimming of bushes and trees, not for tree removal or site clearing.

It is important that these instructions are followed to ensure the safety of our Road Crew and proper operation and care of our equipment. IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED YOUR BRUSH WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!!! LEAF COLLECTION will follow immediately after brush collection and continue until all leaves are picked up or the snow flies! If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the office at (814) 355-7543 ext. 5. Thank you!

From The Township Zoning Office
By Vaughn Zimmerman

As summer comes to an end and the leaves begin to fall, please remember Spring Township has a **NO BURNING ORDINANCE** unless you have 3 or more acres, so please do not attempt to burn leaves or twigs and branches that have accumulated in your yard. The only burning allowed in the Township is in a fire pit for the immediate consumption of food such as hotdogs, marshmallows, etc.

Also, please remember that it is required by Ordinance that all Spring Township residents **MUST** have a licensed refuse hauler and also participate in recycling. All Township Ordinances are available on our website www.springtownship.org under Ordinances/Codes/Maps then Click on: <http://ecode360.com/sp2462>

Finally, the deadline to submit materials and fees for required septic system inspections is September 15. If your property is scheduled for inspection in 2016 please respond before this date to avoid fines and citations.

If you have any questions about these or any other issues, please contact me at (814) 355-5067 ext. 8 or email me at code@springtownship.org.





**From the Police Department
Chief Michael Danneker**

As summer comes to an end and fall fast approaches, please do your part in helping to keep Spring Township a safe place to live, work and play.

To help minimize the number of burglaries and thefts in the Township, please remember to keep your windows and doors locked when you are not at home. Keep your home well lit, and have a friend or neighbor check your house frequently. When out of town on vacation or on short trips we recommend not to post your activities on social media until you return.

Always remove your keys from your vehicle and keep them locked especially if your vehicle is parked outside. Do not leave valuable items visible in your vehicle – such as money, jewelry, etc.

If we all do our part, we can help deter thefts and burglaries in the Township.

Always remember to report any suspicious activity.

OFFICE: (814) 355-5134 NON-EMERGENCY 1-800-479-0050

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**WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR  
NEW OFFICERS  
LUKE NELSON AND LARA HANNEGAN**

Officer Nelson is a life long resident of Centre County. He graduated from Bellefonte Area High School and Lock Haven University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Nelson attended the Police Academy at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he received his Act-120. Officer Nelson was the Valedictorian of his Academy class. Before becoming a full-time officer at Spring Township, he was part-time for both Bellefonte and Spring Township Police Departments.

Officer Hannegan grew up in Mill Hall Pennsylvania where she attended and graduated from the former Bald Eagle Nittany High School. She then went on to college at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she received a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminology. Officer Hannegan went on to be a police officer and Detective in Savannah, Georgia for 12 years before returning to Pennsylvania. Upon her return, Officer Hannegan was employed by Penn State University Police Department for 4 years.



**Spring Township will be  
having Trick or Treat on  
Monday, October 31, 2016  
from 6-8 PM**

Please do your part to make this a safe and fun time for everyone!

- \*Travel on well lit streets and only go to homes with their porch light on.
- \*Small children should be accompanied by an adult.
- \*Please be sure to choose costumes that don’t interfere with your child’s ability to see.
- \*Have children carry a flashlight or glow stick to make them more visible.
- \*Check all candy to make sure there is no evidence of tampering.



**REMEMBER TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!!**



# WATER AUTHORITY

By Molly Baird

**ATTENTION WATER AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS** – We changed over to a new billing system (Muni-Link) as of October 1, 2015! This was a much needed change since the previous system was 20 years old. Please be aware **YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED!!** When making payments whether it be sending in a payment or paying online, please make sure you are using your new account number in order for your payment to be posted and credited properly. We still have customers using their old numbers, which creates a problem when trying to post payments! Those customers that pay by bank checks need to contact their financial institution and provide them with their new account number! **PLEASE USE YOUR CORRECT/NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS!!**

The Authority is pleased to report we now have the **SWIFT REACH 911 NOTIFICATION SYSTEM** in place. This is the same notification system as the school has. We are now able to notify you via phone of any alerts. Letters were mailed back in March encouraging you, as the customer, to sign up to receive notifications. This is an option, not mandatory, however; if you want to be aware of any alerts you will need to sign up and provide your phone number. All future alerts will be put out by the notification system and put on our website. Therefore, if you want to be sure you are notified then it is a **MUST** that you sign up! Go to our website at [www.springtownship.org](http://www.springtownship.org) and along the left side you will see where it says “Water”, click on that then scroll down that page and you will see the SwiftReach911 Portal for you to click on to sign up. If you have no access to the internet, you can call our office and provide your information and we will be happy to “sign you up”.

**ANOTHER IMPORTANT NOTE!** Please be aware that your reading device located outside our home that enables us to read your water meter must be kept free from any shrubbery and/or obstacles. The reading device **MUST BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE!** If we cannot access the device easily, your readings will be estimated!! **AS ALWAYS, REMEMBER TO “USE WATER WISELY!”**

## **HELP TAKE A BITE OUT OF LYME**

Pennsylvania has led the nation in confirmed cases of Lyme disease for three straight years, and for the first time, deer ticks have been found in all of its 67 counties, the state Department of Health reports.

The number of Pennsylvanians diagnosed with the disease also continues to grow. Between 2013 and 2014, the cases of Lyme disease in the state jumped 25 percent from 5,900 to 7,400, the Health Department says.

However, because diagnosing the disease can be difficult, many people who actually have it are misdiagnosed with other conditions. Therefore, many experts believe the true number of cases is much higher. In addition, less than 50 percent of those diagnosed with the illness recall being bitten according to the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS).

**“THE GREAT IMITATOR”** – Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that affects people of all ages and any organ of the body, including the brain and nervous system, muscles and joints, and the heart. Lyme disease is called “the great imitator” because its symptoms mimic many other diseases. For instance, patients with Lyme disease are frequently misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis, and various psychiatric illnesses, including depression. In the early stages, Lyme disease may feel like the flu, with the person experiencing fever, sore muscles, headache and fatigue. The CDC reports that rashes occur in 60 to 80 percent of cases. Most of the time, the rash is an ordinary red area. However, if it is a “bull’s-eye” shape with a darker edge, this is a **DEFINITE** sign of Lyme disease and needs immediate treatment.

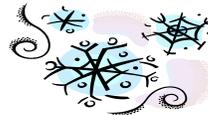
The best defense against tick-borne illness is to avoid contact with ticks in the first place, but when that’s not possible, take the following steps – know where ticks live (near the ground, in leaf litter, grasses, bushes and fallen logs) and dress defensively – wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves and tie back long hair and wear a hat. Light-colored clothing can help you spot ticks! Use repellent on exposed skin and periodically inspect your clothing and skin for ticks!

For more information about Lyme disease go to [www.LymeDisease.org](http://www.LymeDisease.org)

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## Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:

November 11, 24, 25 ~ December 23, 26 ~ January 2, 2017

### Mission Statement

Our Mission is to create, nurture and maintain an environment of growth, challenge and unlimited potential for all those around us.

### Goal

Our Goal is to leave this world a better place to live, work, learn, grow and have fun!

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