



Ontelaunee Township

35 Ontelaunee Drive, Reading, PA 19605



Spring/Summer 2021

Township information Board of Supervisors

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Brittney Hadden - 610-926-4240, Dial 3
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610-926-4240

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610-926-5476

Address:
35 Ontelaunee Drive,
Reading, PA 19605

Email :
wontelauneetownship@comcast.net

Website:
www.ontelauneetwp.net

Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meeting Schedules

*all meetings are open to the public and
held at the township building*

Board of Supervisors
First Thursday of the month
at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission
Third Thursday of the month
at 7 p.m.

Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement



Zoning officer hours:

Monday - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday - 12 noon to 2 p.m.



As the warm weather approaches and we begin to consider summer backyard projects please be reminded that the Uniformed Construction Code (section 403.62) states **ANY/ALL** prefabricated swimming pools greater than twenty-four (24) inches in height require a Building Permit to be issued. Additionally, a Certificate of Occupancy must be obtained by the home owner **prior to the use of the pool.**



These requirements are for **ANY/ALL** swimming pools regardless of whether they are purchased from a big box store or installed by a pool contractor.

Permits are available either at the Township Building or at www.kraftcodeservices.com. Once completed, the permit application should be submitted at the Township building along with the required \$50 non-refundable application fee payable to Ontelaunee Township.

Please contact Kraft Code Services at **610.775.7185** with any further questions. Also, please note that a lot of things that you do around your home may or may not require a permit. Before any work is started, please check with the township office if a permit is required.

In most cases a permit is required for, but not limited to additions, decks, fences, pools, renovations, signs, driveway paving, concrete, roofing, electrical and plumbing work.

Our Building Inspector/Code Enforcement is handled by Kraft Code Services. Please visit their website at www.kraftcodeservices.com to obtain permit applications. Please submit your completed application with the application fee of \$50 for residential applications and \$150 for commercial applications to the township office. The application fee will be deducted from the permit fee.



Brittney Hadden - Tax Collector

Phone number - 610-926-4240 press 3

Mail payments to 35 Ontelaunee Drive, Reading, PA 19605

Make checks payable to Ontelaunee Twp. Tax Collector

Do not pay taxes thru Xpress Bill pay.

Normal office hours are on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SITTING DATES 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

APRIL 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 AND 29



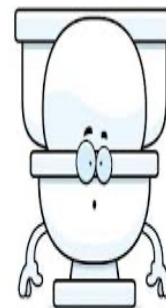
Spring fire hydrant flushing will be taking place April 5 through April 9 during the hours of 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Water customers may experience cloudy or discolored water as a result. If this occurs, customers are asked to run water for a few minutes until it clears. The water is safe for all uses and consumption



ONTELAUNEE TOWNSHIP
WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00am – 3:00pm

Telephone: 610-926-4240 - Dial 4



PAY YOUR WATER AND SEWER BILLS ONLINE THROUGH
WWW.XPRESSBILLPAY.COM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ISSUES SETTING UP YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNT, PLEASE CALL XPRESS BILL PAY AND SPEAK WITH A CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE. (800) 766-2350



**SIGN UP FOR PAPERLESS
STATEMENTS TODAY!!!**

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

In the event of an emergency, we utilize Swift Reach 911 call out service to inform our customers of any incidents which would affect our sewer or water customers. If you have not signed up for notifications, please send us an email with your name, telephone number, and property address. Submit info to: otws@comcast.net

FOG stands for **Fats, Oils and Grease**, all of which can severely damage your sanitary sewer system. **FOG** includes animal and vegetable **fats**, as well as **oils** used to cook and prepare food.

CAN IT. COOL IT. THROW IT AWAY.



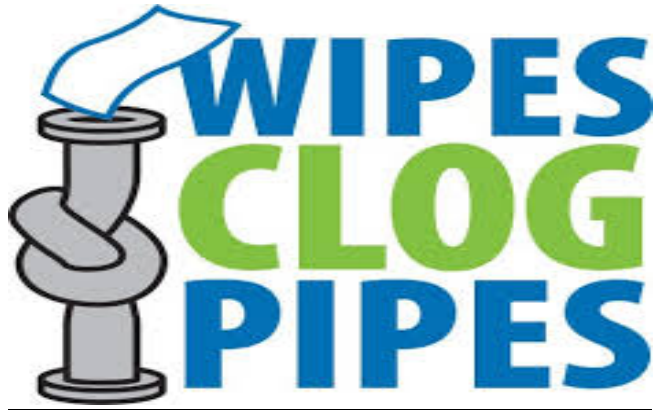
WATER METERS:



Please note that it is your responsibility to keep the area to, in, and around the meter free of obstacles and encumbrances to permit safe and speedy access to the meter.

Although deemed “flushable” by their manufacturers, today’s wet wipes actually do more harm than good when flushed down the toilet.

Toilet paper is designed to disintegrate in our pipes and sewage systems, but wipes are not. They’re typically made with synthetic materials, plastics or polyester, that won’t break down. So even if they flush down your toilet, they end up clogging our sewers resulting in costly repairs.



As the snow melts and spring arrives, be sure to check your yard for any unforeseen issues. Inspect the sanitary sewer clean out caps confirming that they are securely in place and rise above the ground by a few inches to prevent infiltration. Infiltration is costly to everyone as it adds unnecessary flow to the sewer system resulting in additional fees. Look over your sidewalk and fix or repair any loose or uneven areas. Inspect your outside spigot(s) for cracks or damage from frost to prevent a potential leak.



Please note that our mailbox/afterhours drop box is located outside of the front doors of the Township Building. You may drop off payments at any time, just be sure it is received on or before the due date.

Dog Leash/Fecal Matter

All dogs must be restrained on any street or sidewalk.

All fecal matter deposited by dogs must be cleaned up immediately.



Recreation



We have a pavilion available for use in the Willow Glen Development.

Please contact Kim at the Township Office for more information. 610-926-4240 - Dial 1



The YMCA of Reading & Berks County (Tri Valley Branch) hopes to offer the Ontelaunee Playground Program this summer. We are currently evaluating COVID guidelines to see if we can safely hold the program. If offered this program will take place at the pavilion/ playground in Willow Glen. It will be an 8-week Monday through Friday program from 9 am-1 pm. For updates regarding the program please be sure to check the website ymcarbc.org or follow our Tri Valley YMCA Facebook Page.

Recycling information



Ontelaunee Township offers free Single Stream Recycling to our residents. Single Stream Recycling allows participants to place their recyclables in one container without sorting or separate bins.

The single stream dumpster is located behind the Township Building. Residents are welcome to drop their recyclables from dawn to dusk seven days a week. The area is monitored by security cameras. The Township does not provide pick-up or recycling containers.

Acceptable:

Aluminum cans, glass food & beverage containers (brown, green & clear), plastics (#1 thru #7), paper and cardboard.

- In order to use all the space in the dumpster please smash or crush your plastic and cardboard.

Not Acceptable:

Pots, pans, aluminum foil, ceramic oven-ware, drinking glasses, window glass, mirror glass, light bulbs, Styrofoam, clay pots, plastic bags, foil type paper, paper towels, tissue paper.

Yard Waste –tree, shrubbery clippings may be taken to Berks Soil and Stone at 1 Belleman's Church Road, Leesport for recycling. 484-277-7901

Weeds/grass – Don't forget

Weeds/grass must be maintained below 10" in height.



GRASS CLIPPINGS MUST GO OUT WITH YOUR TRASH



While mowing your lawn, no grass clippings or garden waste shall be deposited on any public property, sidewalk or street. This is a violation of our ordinance and is hazardous to motorcycle drivers, it is like driving on ice. In addition, the grass will flow into the storm drains when it rains and creates clogging of the drains.

MS₄ –STORM WATER– the supervisors will have a special presentation regarding Stormwater on September 2, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Why is Stormwater a Problem?



In 2016, DEP labeled approximately **19,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania impaired** for water supply, aquatic life, recreation, or fish consumption. Stormwater runoff pollution is one of the biggest reasons for this impairment.

Over the past 100 years, streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roofs have been a steadily increasing part of our communities as we've developed more and more of the landscape. As a result, rain that would otherwise soak into the ground instead rushes over these nonporous surfaces and into storm drains, which send it directly into rivers and streams.

Stormwater carries an enormous amount of pollution, including sediment, car oil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, pet poop (and viruses and bacteria), and cigarette butts. As you might expect, this has many negative impacts on streams and rivers.

- Rivers are the source of our drinking water supply; when rivers aren't healthy, public health risks increase.
- Sediment harms aquatic life when it smothers macroinvertebrates and clogs spaces between rocks, destroying essential habitat for many species.
- Fertilizers stimulate excessive algae growth, causing algal blooms that remove oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, and cigarette butts—washed into rivers can choke, suffocate, or disable ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and motor oil can poison aquatic life.
- Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Because groundwater levels don't get fully replenished, springs and wells can go dry.



Northern Berks Regional Police Department

*Serving the residents of Maiden Creek Township,
Ontelaunee Township, and Leesport Borough*

Contact Information

Northern Berks Regional Police Dept
37 Ontelaunee Drive
Reading, PA 19605

Office: (610)926-2999 Records office hours between
Fax: (610)926-0309 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Local
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Union Fire Company #1 of Leesport



18 East Wall St.
P.O. Box 777
Leesport, PA 19533
610-926-4090 (station)
leesportfire37@comcast.net (email)
Emergency: 911

The members of Leesport Fire Co. would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents and officials of Ontelaunee Township for their support. We invite anyone that would like to learn more about what we do to stop by the fire company any Tuesday evening. Please check out our website or Facebook page for upcoming events or to schedule a visit. We are always looking for new members for emergency or non-emergency positions.

Kenneth Quell Chief