

Rush Township

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WHO'S WHO IN RUSH Board of Supervisors

As a second-class Township according to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Rush Township is governed by three (3) members of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisors set policy, approve budgets, approve expenditures, hire and fire personnel, approve zoning changes and subdivisions, appoint members to boards and commissions, and decide how to operate the township. Their terms are six (6) years each. The supervisors meet at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Rush Township Municipal Building, Route 54, Hometown. The Board of Supervisors' solicitor is Chris Reidlinger.

Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Supervisor
Shawn E. Gilbert	Robert J. Leibensperger	Jeanine Motroni
(Jan. 7, '14, through Dec. 31, 2019)	(Jan. 4, '10, through Dec. 31, 2015)	(Jan. 3, '12, through Jan. 3, 2018)

Moving permits are required of everyone moving in and out of Rush Township. Moving permits can be obtained at the municipal building. There is no charge for a moving permit.

Sanitary Sewer Department
Emergency cell 570-778-5799
Non-Emergency 570-668-4336

Leaf and Branch Collection

Leaf and Branch collection will start in April and run for the month. Leaves will not be collected in the Lake Hauto development. All leaves and branches must be raked curbside and not bagged for trash. Homeowners must call the office to request leaf and branch pick up.

Rush Township Sewer Matters....

We live in a world of convenience. Every man, woman, and child expects the lights to turn on with the flick of a switch, the home to be warm in winter, water to run for the shower, and yes, the toilet to flush.

So what happens when any of these things we have come to expect fail us? A big headache and often a large bill to go with it. Just what is the number one convenience we as a modern country can't do without?

In a recent survey water and the services it provides was ranked number one. It's not surprising seeing all the services water provides us. Water gives us clean dishes, clean clothes, and a sanitary lifestyle brought to you in large part to your local sewer authority. Not many people think about the sewer until a toilet doesn't flush or a sink clogs. Suddenly, it becomes apparent just how important the sewer system is and how costly it can be to maintain for a home owner or even a municipality.

Now there a few simple precautions we can take to make sure the services we have come to expect don't cost us extra expense or fail us completely.

When it comes to the sewer system please take note:

Never flush so called "flushable" wipes. These products clog pipes and jam grinder pumps. A clogged pipe means a bill from your local plumber and a grinder pump can cost several thousand dollars to repair.

Do not dump grease or whole foods down drains. Fats and other organic matter will also clog pipes and pumps.

Gravel, glass, and plastic should be disposed of properly in the trash.

One of our children's gold fish has been found belly up but burial at sea via your toilet can cause a nasty obstruction.

It does help to keep in mind just what a big problem a clogged sewer can be for us and our neighbors. After working in the sewer dept. for some time I would like to share with you some of the odd things I have found disrupting our enjoyment of a trouble free sewer.

Once I found what looked like all the pages from an entire magazine neatly torn into squares. A Childs sneaker, I won't name the brand. Something that was once a large mop head. A wig, yes a wig. Several shoelaces and enough scrubbing pads to last a long, long time. When it come to grinder pumps I have found everything from broken glass to wooden spoons from single serving ice cram containers and I could write much more!

So in closing even though we can't stop all the interruptions in our world of modern conveniences but we can take a few simple measures to keep one of our most important and enjoyed benefits keeps flowing free.

Zoning Hearing Board

Chairman Wayne Postupack
Thomas Klein, Jr.
Vice Chairman Catherine Schimpf
Alternate Kevin G. Leitzel

Solicitor William L.J. Burke Esq.

The Zoning Hearing Board meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Rush Township Municipal Building.

Planning Commission

Chairman Robert J. Ritsick
Vice Chairman Thomas Murphy
Secretary Lisa Price
Member Cathy Riotto
Member Michelle Griffiths
Solicitor Peter Fagan

The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Rush Township Municipal Building.

Township Zoning Officer

William N. McMullen of Arro Engineering (570) 366-9534 of Orwigsburg handles the zoning/building permits for our township
Comprehensive Inspection Agency (570-385-3010)

Environmental Recycling Benefits and Facts
information supplied by: National Recycling Coalition

Recycling and composting diverted nearly 70 million tons of material away from landfills and incinerators in 2000, up from 34 million tons in 1990-doubling in just 10 years.

Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 trees.

The energy we save when we recycle one glass bottle is enough to light a light bulb for four hours.

Recycling benefits the air and water by creating a net reduction in ten major categories of air pollutants and eight major categories of water pollutants.

In the U.S., processing minerals contributes almost half of all reported toxic emissions from industry, sending 1.5 million tons of pollution into the air and water each year. Recycling can significantly reduce these emissions.

It is important to reduce our reliance on foreign oil. Recycling helps us do that by saving energy.

Manufacturing with recycled materials, with very few exceptions, saves energy and water and produces less air and water pollution than manufacturing with virgin materials.

It takes 95% less energy to recycle aluminum than it does to make it from raw materials. Making recycled steel saves 60%, recycled newspaper 40%, recycled plastics 70%, and recycled glass 40%. These savings far outweigh the energy created as by-products of incineration and landfilling.

In 2000, recycling resulted in an annual energy savings equal to the amount of energy used in 6 million homes (over 660 trillion BTUs). In 2005, recycling is conservatively projected to save the amount of energy used in 9 million homes (900 trillion BTUs).

A national recycling rate of 30% reduces greenhouse gas emissions as much as removing nearly 25 million cars from the road.

Recycling conserves natural resources, such as timber, water, and minerals.

Every bit of recycling makes a difference. For example, one year of recycling on just one college campus, Stanford University, saved the equivalent of 33,913 trees and the need for 636 tons of iron ore, coal, and limestone.

Recycled paper supplies more than 37% of the raw materials used to make new paper products in the U.S. Without recycling, this material would come from trees. Every ton of newsprint or mixed paper recycled is the equivalent of 12 trees. Every ton of office paper recycled is the equivalent of 24 trees.

When one ton of steel is recycled, 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal and 120 pounds of limestone are conserved.

Brutal wars over natural resources, including timber and minerals, have killed or displaced more than 20 million people and are raising at least \$12 billion a year for rebels, warlords, and repressive governments. Recycling eases the demand for the resources.

Mining is the world's most deadly occupation. On average, 40 mine workers are killed on the job each day, and many more are injured. Recycling reduces the need for mining.

Tree farms and reclaimed mines are not ecologically equivalent to natural forests and ecosystems.

Recycling prevents habitat destruction, loss of biodiversity, and soil erosion associated with logging and mining.

Rush Township
Free electronic recycling for residents
Drop off at the township building
Monday to Friday
8:00am to 4:00pm
Drivers I.D. needed for proof of residency in Rush Township

RUSH TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
TOWNSHIP'S HOUSING REHABILITATION
PROGRAM

The housing rehabilitation program for the Township of Rush is designed to encourage low/moderate income owner-occupants to restore their homes to a decent, safe and sanitary condition. Eligible homeowners of the Township of Rush will receive financial assistance to help them to restore their homes in conformity with established Minimum Housing Rehabilitation Standards

The housing rehabilitation program assistance will be in the form of grants/non-interest bearing loans that will be of a forgiveness type in which the loan would be forgiven at a rate of 25% per annum over a period of four years.

Homeowners can obtain a "Housing Rehabilitation Application" at the Rush Township Municipal Building or by contacting the Township's Consultant at (510) 815-1320.

SIZE OF FAMILY	GROSS INCOME LIMITS
1 person	\$32,500
2 person	\$37,150
3 person	\$41,800
4 person	\$46,400
5 person	\$50,150
6 person	\$53,850
7 person	\$57,550
8 + person	\$61,250

Annual Income is the gross amount of income of all household members that is anticipated to be received during the coming 12-month period.

These following income limits represent the income by family size for the area as reported by HUD dated December 18, 2013. The Township Supervisors will revise these limits whenever HUD adjusts the Section 8 low/moderate income for Schuylkill County.

The unit to be rehabilitated must have been owned and occupied by the Applicant at least 12 months prior to the date of Application for Rehabilitation Assistance.

Additional Requirements for qualification are further addressed in the application and the Housing Rehabilitation Policy.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING



Rush Township will be assisting residence and small businesses in properly disposing of your electronic and universal waste. We offer a NO CHARGE electronics drop off service at the township building. If you can get it here, we will unload and recycle it FREE of charge. Please call the township office to make arrangements at 570-668-2938.

CODE RED

Keeping Citizens Informed

Residents are urged to enroll for the Code Red on the Rush Township Web Site.

Code Red is an Emergency and Notification Communication Network.

On the Rush Township Website, go to the home page, then under the news tab, from there you will see the Code Red Enrollment. You may choose to receive notifications by telephone, text message or email.