

SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2025



The Spring Garden Recreation Department is BACK!

After a long wait, the celebration is finally here! Join us as we officially unveil the new Violet Hill Park & Municipal Building at our Spring Fun Fest on April 12th, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:00 am. While COVID delayed our initial grand opening, the Spring Garden Recreation Department is back, ready to bring joy and community spirit to life! Come celebrate with us, support your community, and enjoy an afternoon filled with fun: meet the Easter Bunny for photo ops, bounce to your heart's content in our bounce houses, get creative with face painting and balloon twisting, and savor delicious treats from Mamma's Meltz, On My Grind, and Bricker's Food Trucks! Let's celebrate together!

Easter Egg Remix

Get ready for an exciting Spring adventure! We've hidden 12 Easter Eggs throughout the event, and we're challenging you to find them! Follow the clues, find all 12 eggs, leave them in place for others to find and collect your prize at our event table!

This activity is FREE and anyone can participate however pre-registration is required to receive a prize due to limited prize eligibility. Follow our Facebook Page; Spring Garden Township Parks and Recreation to stay up to date! Scan the QR Code to register.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 7, 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

Business Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, Friday 7:30 am – 1:00 pm

Website: www.SpringGardenTwp.org

Email general questions to: general@sgtwp.org

Township Manager: Luther Wike, Jr.

Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners 2025

<u>Ward 1</u> David Detwiler Term Expires 2027	<u>Ward 2</u> Daniel Rooney Term Expires 2025	<u>Ward 3</u> Anne Gray Term Expires 2027	<u>Ward 4</u> Andrew Herrold Term Expires 2025	<u>Ward 5</u> Thomas Gwilt Term Expires 2027
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Township Meeting Dates		
Board of Commissioners, Workshop (as needed)	2nd Wednesday	5:00pm
Board of Commissioners, Business Meeting	2nd Wednesday	6:30pm
Planning Commission	1st Tuesday	6:00pm
Zoning Hearing Board	3rd Tuesday	6:00pm
Civil Service Commission (as needed)	2nd & 4th Tuesday	4:00pm
Recreation Commission - dates and times to be determined.		

Township Office Closed
Friday, April 18, 2025
Monday, May 26, 2025
Friday, July 4, 2025
Monday, September 1, 2025
Thursday, November 28, 2025
Friday, November 28, 2025
Thursday, December 25, 2025
Friday, December 26, 2025

Spring Garden Directory

Township Administration 717.848.2858 340 Tri Hill Rd, Suite A www.springgardentwp.org Business Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30am - 4:00pm Friday 7:30am - 1:00pm	
Planning, Zoning, and Building Permits <i>Dawn Hansen</i>	Ext. 3
Code Enforcement and Rental Registration <i>David Zurn</i>	Ext. 4
Public Works Craig Ruhl, Superintendent	Ext. 6
Administration <i>Luther Wike, Jr., Township Manager</i> <i>Rebecca Nicklow, Finance Administrator</i> <i>Karen Smeltzer, Office Assistant</i> <i>Eryn Arnold, Office Assistant</i>	Ext. 2
Recreation Coordinator <i>Katie Sprich</i>	Ext. 8

Contact Information

The York Water Company	717.845.3601
Penn Waste	717.767.4456
Columbia Gas	888.460.4332
Met-Ed	800.545.7741
Comcast	800.934.6489
SPCA	717.764.6109
Animal Control	717.916.1413
York Adams Tax Bureau	717.845.1584

Real Estate Taxes

York County Treasurer	717.771.9603
28 E Market St, York, PA 17403	

York Suburban School Taxes

PO Box 6274, Hermitage, PA 16148	717.885.1205
Drop-off: Robert Provard Education Center, 1800 Hollywood Dr	

Township Police

717.843.0851 340 Tri Hill Rd, Suite B www.sgpd.org Business Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30am - 4:00pm (closed 12:00pm-12:30pm) Friday 7:30am - 1:00pm	
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	717.718.2383



Spring Garden Residents... Savvy Citizen is now available!

Spring Garden Township would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the township to send information about important township news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app, visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.



For more info:
SavvyCitizenApp.com
Sign up and become a savvy citizen!



CODE ENFORCEMENT



The Township does not have any provisions for short-term rentals in our Ordinances.

Rental Property Registration Reminders

A rental property is any property occupied by anyone other than the deeded owner, whether they are related or not, regardless of compensation to the owner. Only 3 unrelated people are permitted per unit. Under Ordinance 165, Rental Registrations are due on an annual basis no later than January 31st of each year, and cover the period of January 1 - December 31 of the year the fee is paid. There is a \$200 annual registration fee for each unit.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The Township does NOT send out reminders.

There is a \$50 late fee beginning February 1st. Registration applications are available on the Township website. Rental Properties are inspected by the Township on a Bi-Annual basis. The landlord or the property management company MUST be present during the inspection. A copy of the current inspection checklist is posted on the Township website. Please review the checklist before your scheduled inspection to ensure you are ready for the inspection to avoid the need for a re-inspection. Additionally, if you have a change in tenant, an inspection is required before the tenant is scheduled to move in and there is a fee required.



Grass and Weeds

Spring is approaching fast, and the grass will be growing! Please be aware that the premises and exterior of your property must be maintained free from weeds (including grass) or plant growth more than 6 inches. Noxious weeds are prohibited.

Motor Vehicles

Except as provided for in other regulations, inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles are NOT permitted to be parked, kept, or stored on any premises including the yard.

Meet our new Code Enforcement Officer!

David Zurn comes to Spring Garden Township offering his experience from a 32 year career in law enforcement. David grew up in Northeastern Pennsylvania and started his law enforcement career at the Great Bend/Hallstead Police Department before settling in York and completing nearly 30 years of service with the Spring Garden Township Police Department. When he isn't at work he enjoys spending time with his wife and family and helping with his church.



ZONING & PLANNING

Right of Way and Easements

If there is a right-of-way or storm/sanitary sewer easement across your property, even if the sewer lines are below ground, you may not build or plant in that right-of-way or storm/sanitary sewer easement. If you construct anything in the right-of-way/easement area, you might find the Township or utility companies may tear down your structure or dig up your plantings, and they may send you a bill for the demolition of any structures. Such an outcome might seem extreme, but if the sewer line breaks and needs emergency repair, the Township would need to take immediate action to fix the problem. To be safe, carefully review the language in your deed regarding any right-of-way/easements that may be on the property. It is possible that the right-of-way/ easement specifically addresses the construction of improvements within the easement area. The right-of-way/easement might strictly prohibit construction, paving, and/or landscaping and plantings.

RIGHT OF WAY & EASEMENTS

The diagram shows a house with a red roof and a car parked in the driveway. A road is shown to the left of the house. A dashed line indicates the 'PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY'. Two areas labeled 'UTILITY EASEMENT' are shown, one above and one below the house. A utility vehicle is shown in the upper utility easement area.

The public right of way is property dedicated to the city for public infrastructure like roadways, storm sewers, sidewalks and streetlights. The state also allows utility providers to use the public right of way for their facilities.

Utility easements* are areas of a property dedicated for utilities to deliver services such as electricity, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone, internet and cable.

The land belongs to the homeowner, but utilities can access easements to perform routine maintenance, construct improvement projects and repair utility lines during emergencies.

*Not all properties have utility easements in the same location. The ones included in this illustration likely do not reflect where the ones on your property may be. All easements should be shown on the title work and plot plan provided at the time your property was purchased.

ZONING & PLANNING

What is an MS4?

An MS4 or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System is a general permit mandated by DEP that authorizes the discharge of stormwater from municipal separate storm sewers to waters of the US. These storm sewers only convey storm water, not combined waste or sewage. Spring Garden Township is required to develop, implement, and enforce their Stormwater Management Ordinance (SWM) to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to protect water quality, and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act and PA Clean Streams Law. The MS4 permit makes up the SWM. The SWM and MS4 permit consist of six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) to be met by Spring Garden Township:

- Public Education & Outreach
- Public Participation and Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Runoff Control Measures
- Post-construction Runoff Control Measures
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

Each MCM (minimum control measures) also has Best Management Practices (BMPs) associated with each that outline the practices the Township must incorporate to satisfy each MCM. For more information, please contact the Zoning Officer.



Pools/Hot Tubs

All swimming pools, including temporary pools, require a permit. Any pool that can hold 24" of water or more requires a building permit and inspection prior to being filled. Stormwater Management permit applications are also required to ensure there is no stormwater facility requirements per DEP regulations. All pools must be enclosed by a fence not less than four feet in height. Temporary pools require a permit each year that it is erected.

ZONING & PLANNING

Planning Commission & Zoning Hearing Board Summary—Winter 2024

Land Development and Subdivision Plans:

- Final Land Development Plan for Regents Glen Lot 78 to build a 21-unit apartment building was approved and recorded.
- Final Land Development Plan for Regents Glen Lot 86 was conditionally recommended by the Planning Commission on February 4, 2025, and will move to the Board of Commissioners for their decision.

Zoning Hearing Applications:

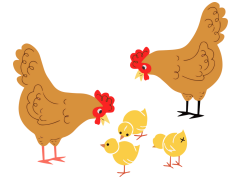
- A Special Exception was granted to 325 S. Belmont, BHI Properties, LLC to Section 310-8(C)14 for an Office Flex Space.
- A Variance request was denied for 1615 Crestlyn Rd., Angela Guerrero to Section 310-6.B(a) to run a Family Child-Care

OnLot Pumping and Inspections

If you live in Ward 4 on-lot systems must be inspected/pumped by July 1, 2025. According to Ordinance §250-126, every three years owners are required to have their on-lot system inspected by a qualified pumper/hauler. If you have a cesspool, it will require an inspection by the Sewage Enforcement Officer every three years.

Keeping Chickens

Keeping chickens, ducks, or other fowl as pets or for eggs is not permitted in any of the Residential or Industrial Zones. It is only permitted in the Open Space Zone. Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Zoning Officer.



Permitting

Not sure if a permit is required for your next home improvement project? Please visit our website at <https://www.springgardentwp.org/building-permits/> for more information and permitting instructions. Permit applications are available at <https://www.springgardentwp.org/forms-permits/>. Spring Garden Township uses Code Administrators for our third-party plan reviewer and inspector.



SEWER BILLING

Do not mail or bring payments to the Township. Mail Payments To: The York Water Company–130 E Market St York, PA 17401

ALL property sales (including refinances, deed transfers, vacant land, and on-lot systems) require a sewer certification request to be submitted to the Township at least 5 business days before settlement. This guarantees that all sewer payments have been paid, and sewer billing will be sent to the correct party. The fee of \$35.00 must be submitted with the completed form for the Township to process the request.

Sewer Quarterly Billing Dates

- 1st Quarter (Jan 1- Mar 31) - Bills generated in January
- 2nd Quarter (Apr 1- June 30) - Bills generated in April
- 3rd Quarter (July 1-Sept 30) - Bills generated in July
- 4th Quarter (Oct 1- Dec 31) - Bills generated in October

Sewer Rates Effective April 1, 2025

	Treatment & Transport		Maintenance
	Connected	Usage Charge	Not Connected
Residential	\$172.67	n/a	\$103.60
Commercial	\$241.50	\$2.17*	\$103.60
Industrial	\$271.69	\$2.29*	\$103.60

*Usage Rates is per 1000 gallons over 31,800 gallons

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to receive a bill does not void responsibility for its payment or waive the past due penalty. A 10% penalty is imposed on current charges not paid by the due date. Bills are due 30 days from the first day of the quarter.

Public Works

Street Sweeping

Street cleaning resumes in April. Residents are reminded to check the signs in their neighborhood for the street cleaning schedule. Residents are encouraged to move their vehicle to avoid being ticketed. The same schedule is also used in the Fall for leaf collection which will extend until December.

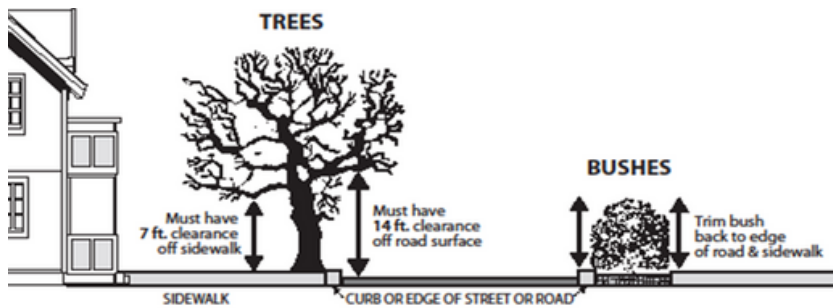


2025 Road Paving

Edgecomb Ave	Perry to Albemarle
Clearmount Rd	Midland to Niles
Crestlyn Rd	Niles to Woodberry
Woodberry Rd	Valley View to Crestlyn
Valley View Rd	Hollywood to Cul-de-Sac
Debbie Dr	Valley View to Garnet
Leafydale Dr	Debbie to Cul-de-Sac
Vicki Dr	Leafydale to Valley View

Maintenance of Grass, Weeds, Trees, Bushes, and Roadside Vegetation

- The Township receives many complaints each year about properties where the grass, weeds, and bushes are overgrown. The ordinance states, all premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth more than 6 inches. This includes any flowerbeds. Please keep the grass cut and the weeds pulled to avoid a violation letter from the township.
- Trees, bushes, and shrubs must have a clearance of 14 feet from the road surface and 7 feet clearance from the public sidewalk.
- Trees, bushes, and shrubs may not extend beyond the property line into any public street, public alley, or public sidewalk.
- At all intersections of streets, private roads and/or access drives, a clear sight triangle shall be maintained so not to cause a visual obstruction from trees, hedges, shrubs, or other vegetation which cannot be more than 3 feet above the road surface.



Brush Collection

1799 Mount Rose Avenue - - 8am—Noon
 April—September: 2nd Saturday of the month
 October—December: 2nd Friday of the month

Tree limbs are limited to 8 inches in diameter or less and cannot exceed 8 feet in length. Residents are asked to unload brush from their own vehicles and limit the number of drop offs to 2 truck or trailer loads.

Cancellation Notices will be sent via Savvy Citizen.

Sewer Backup Preventions

Sanitary sewer line blockages are typically caused by roots, grease, and improper disposal of items. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and mains. Remember, the very same things can help prevent backups in the Township sewer main as well.

Grease

Cooking oil should be poured into a heat-resistant container and disposed of in the garbage after it cools, not down the drain. Some people assume washing grease down the drain with hot water is satisfactory. Grease down the drain, cools off and solidifies either in the drain, the property owner's service, or in the sewer main. When this happens the line eventually clogs.

Paper Products

"Flushable" wipes, paper towels, disposable diapers, and cat litter cause many problems in the property owner's service and the township's main. They become lodged in portions of the service and main, causing sewer backups. These products should be disposed of in the garbage.

Sewer Root Control

The continual flow of nutrient-filled water found in sewer pipes attracts tree roots. Roots growing along pipes exert significant pressure on pipes. These roots may push into and around gasket connection points which may expand and break seals. Root infiltration can cause a blockage to the service resulting in sewage backup in your home and damage to your property. Temporary solutions include a plumber using an auger to cut tree roots and pouring/flushing root control product to dissolve the roots. The only permanent solution is to remove the tree and repair the section of sewer pipe that has been damaged from the roots.

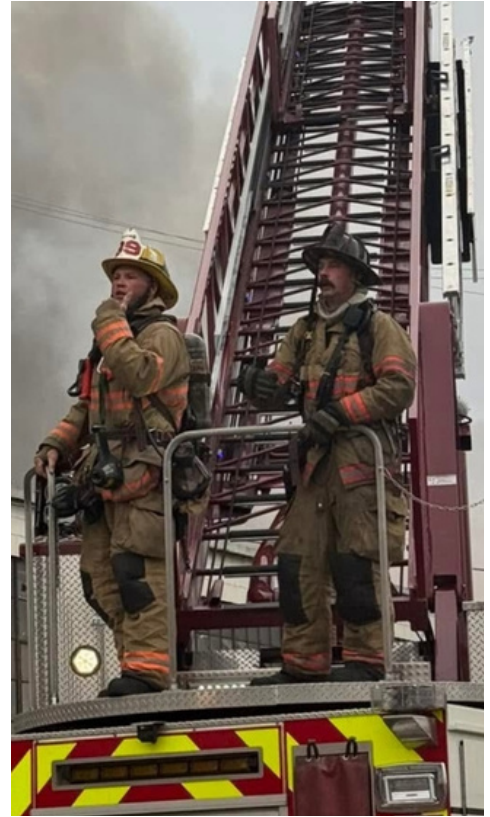


FIRE

Did You Know?

If you live, or work, in Springettsbury Township, Manchester Township or Spring Garden Township - York Area United Fire & Rescue (YAUFR) is YOUR Fire Department.

YAUFR was formed in 2008 and is Pennsylvania's first Regional Combination Fire Department. Combination means YAUFR is made up of Career and Volunteer firefighters. YAUFR services three (3) townships. Manchester Township, Springettsbury Township and Spring Garden Township. YAUFR staffs five (5) fire stations with three (3) shifts of career firefighters, supplemented with volunteers when available. Career staff consists of 48 full-time and 3 part-time firefighters. All career firefighting personnel are also cross trained as Emergency Medical Technicians. Career personnel work a 24-hour shift followed by 48-hours off. YAUFR personnel staff five (5) Engine Companies, two (2) Ladder Companies and a Heavy Rescue. Our command staff consists of three (3) shift Battalion Chiefs, two (2) administrative Battalion Chiefs, three (3) part-time Battalion Chiefs and our Fire Chief. Uniformed command personnel are supported by our Administrative Director and Administrative Assistant. YAUFR's five (5) staffed fire stations cover an area that is approximately 40 square miles with approximately 60,000 residents. YAUFR responded to more than 5000 requests for service in 2024. Emergency incidents include medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, structure fires, vehicle fires, hazardous materials and automatic fire alarms. Personnel also respond to significant numbers of public service requests each year. Personnel train daily to be properly prepared to respond to any and all of the previously mentioned incidents, as well as technical rescue responses such as rope rescue, confined space rescue, collapse rescue, vehicle rescue and elevator rescue. Many YAUFR personnel are also trained in Crisis Intervention, which enables our staff to properly assist those experiencing a mental health crisis situation. In addition to training and responding to emergencies, YAUFR is committed to protecting our stakeholder public through our Community Risk Reduction program offerings, which include fire safety code enforcement and fire prevention and fire education programming. YAUFR offers many fire and safety related programs to the public from preschool to seniors. One of the many programs is our Smoke Alarm & Fire Education (SAFE) program. YAUFR's goal is to make sure every home in our three charter townships has at least one working smoke detector as well as educating our residents on the importance of having working smoke detectors, where they should be in the home, maintenance, and even assistance with installation if needed. **As part of our vision statement, we strive to be a model world class fire department through our dedication to professionalism, providing education, training, collaboration, and community involvement.**



For any questions or fire safety needs please contact us!
www.YAUFR.com or call 717-718-2383



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Use the QR code or link below to join our email list. In addition to our NEW monthly newsletter, you'll receive all community updates. It's a great way to stay informed and connected.



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POLICE



Spring Garden Township Police Merger with York County Regional Police Department

Following the retirement notice of Police Chief Swartz, the township began the process of reviewing the financial sustainability of the organization, considered the cost of joining a regional department, and explored what challenges may arise from regionalization.

As part of the township's review, a police merger study was requested from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The DCED study reported that merging with another police department would allow SGTPD to consolidate from 20 to 16 police officers by eliminating an unnecessary duplication of positions, thereby providing a substantial cost savings to the residents.

In addition to the cost savings, residents would benefit from increased professional police services, including but not limited to, additional manpower, equipment and resources, dedicated traffic safety unit, School Resource Officer, K-9's, and increased community services and programs.

After careful review and consideration, the township made the decision to merge police services with the neighboring York County Regional Police Department. The operational date of the regionalization is scheduled for June 1, 2025.

Building for the future of efficient and effective policing in York County, the merged police department will have approximately 80 sworn police officers, cover a geographic area of approximately 81 square miles, and service approximately 84,000 residents.

The Spring Garden Township Police Officers' Association fully supports a merger with the York County Regional Police Department and all current Spring Garden police officers will retain their employment with YCRPD.

The Spring Garden Township Police Department Building will continue to be utilized, and citizens can still access officers and staff as they currently do.

The priority of the York County Regional Police Department is to protect and preserve life and property through effective enforcement of the law, commitment to public safety, and service to the community.

We are committed to providing community policing and problem-solving strategies through positive interactions with the public.

Jennifer J.P. Clancy, Esq.

Magisterial District Judge
District Court 19-2-05
1410 Sixth Avenue York, PA 17403

TRUANCY/HABITUAL TRUANCY

In Pennsylvania, students must enter school by the age of 6 and attend school a minimum of 180 days (or the equivalent in hours) per academic year through the age of 18. An absence is deemed unexcused until it is deemed excused. A student is deemed "truant" when absent without excuse for 3 or more days.

When a student accumulates 6 or more school days of unexcused absences during a school year, the child is "habitually truant." A school district is required to file a citation or complaint (following a Student Attendance Improvement Conference) with the appropriate Magisterial District Court. District Court 19-2-05 hears cases filed by the York Suburban School District and the York City School District. If the student is under 15 the action is filed against the person in parental relation who resides in the same household as the child. If the student is 15 or older the filing can be brought against that person or the student.

At the hearing, the school district has the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the child is subject to compulsory attendance, the truancy was habitual and without justification. A defendant can assert affirmative defenses. The court pronounces its decision, either an acquittal or a guilty finding, and proceeds with sentencing. At the hearing, I consider factors that might be contributing to the attendance problem such as physical, mental, emotional, social, behavioral and academic. In most circumstances, if the parent and child show up and are willing to commit to attendance, I will propose an achievable plan to correct the truancy problem. With subsequent compliance, I will entertain a suspended sentence.

The goal is not the imposition of fines and costs but for every child to attend school as required by law. A person who knowingly aids a minor to commit truancy can face a citation or charge for corruption of minors. And, a second or subsequent conviction in this Court within a 3-year period results in a mandatory referral with Children and Youth Services for possible disposition as a dependent child.

RECREATION



With 9 years of recreation experience and 12 years as a dedicated resident, Katie is a valuable addition to our community. Her career began in Harrisburg City's Parks & Recreation, where she rose from secretary to Assistant Manager, playing a pivotal role in popular events like Artsfest, Kipona, Ice & Fire, and Independence Day, as well as the Summer Parks Program. In 2024, seeking to serve her own community, Katie joined Springettsbury Township as The Program Coordinator. When Spring Garden Township announced the return of its Recreation Department, Katie knew she had to be involved. With deep roots here, where her children grew up enjoying the Summer Parks Program, Katie is passionate about bringing her expertise home. In her free time, she enjoys rock climbing, hiking, family time, and is working to establish a sled (para) hockey program in York with her family. We're thrilled to welcome her as she leads the revitalization of recreation in Spring Garden!



Easter Egg Remix

Find Easter Eggs placed throughout the park during the Spring Fun Fest on April 12 and collect a prize! Anyone can participate, but must be registered to collect your prize. Registration is limited. Scan the QR Code to Register.

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 7, 2025

Follow our facebook page or visit our website for additional details!
Facebook: Spring Garden Township Parks and Recreation

JOIN US! Community Connect, Create and Play

Relax and connect with your community!
Join your neighbors and the Recreation Coordinator for a casual evening of meeting new people, fun art projects, and playground games.
Bring a snack for your family or to share and enjoy a laid back evening!

Everyone is welcome.
Registration is encouraged!



Call Katie 717-848-2858 x 8



Tuesday
June 3 & July 8
6 - 8pm
 Violet Hill Park
340 Tri Hill Rd.

Tuesday
June 10 & July 15
6 - 8pm
 Windsor Park
600 Block of Windsor St.

Tuesday
June 17 & July 22
6 - 8pm
 Elmwood Park
1759 3rd Ave.

Tuesday
June 24 & July 29
6 - 8pm
 Grantley Park
855 Grantley Rd.

Stay connected and join the fun! LIKE and FOLLOW our Facebook page, Spring Garden Township Recreation, for all the latest updates on our exciting lineup of events: Summer Kids Club, Paint Nights, delicious Food Truck Events, Trips, and so much more! We're building a vibrant community, and we want you to be a part of it! Have a brilliant idea? Want to volunteer your time? Or are you a local business eager to give back? Email us at recreation@sgtwp.org to share your ideas, join our volunteer list, or learn about sponsorship opportunities. Let's create amazing experiences together!

We're BACK!

Follow us on Facebook!
Spring Garden Township Recreation

YCSPCA

Spring is for Kitten Showers

by Rachel Diaz, Field Services and Foster Coordinator

Anybody who has fed cats in their backyard or adopted a cat from a shelter has probably heard the term “kitten season.” What is kitten season exactly? Kitten season is the time of year starting in early spring and going until mid to late fall that community cats begin giving birth to litter after litter of kittens. Unlike normal seasons when, if you stick it out for three to four months, you can find solace in knowing the next season is right around the corner, kitten season can last eight to ten months.

We know “kitten season” might sound absolutely adorable. How could it possibly be a bad thing to be flooded with cute fluffy kittens? The simple answer: overpopulation. When community cats give birth to litters of kittens outside, they are adding to feline overpopulation. A single un-spayed female cat can birth about 180 kittens in her lifetime, on average.

You can help by taking community cats in your neighborhood through a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program. TNR is a method of spay/neuter for outdoor, free-roaming cats. Community cats rapidly reproduce, causing overpopulation, animal suffering, and high kitten mortality. Participating in TNR is the only proven way to humanely decrease the population of free-roaming community cats. Having a cat spayed or neutered not only cuts down on adding to overpopulation, but it also cuts down on other nuisance behaviors associated with outdoor cats like territorial yowling, fighting, and spraying. We offer a TNR program through our low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, and you can learn more about this on our website, www.ycspca.org/spay-neuter-clinic.

During kitten season, you may assume the best action is to bring the kittens into the shelter. This is sometimes the case, but not always. Neonatal kittens should not be separated from their mother whenever possible. You may feel that you are saving them by bringing them indoors, but removing a newborn kitten from their mother means depriving them of the milk and nutrients they need to survive. Trying to care for a kitten on your own or taking them to a shelter can cut their chance of survival in half. Feline infants, like human infants, are still in very early stages of development and, therefore, are immunocompromised. If they stay in a shelter, surrounded by other cats, even ones that appear healthy and are up to date on vaccinations, they are very susceptible to illnesses. Kittens must go into a foster home as soon as possible to be given the best chance of survival. In a foster home, they can receive one-on-one, round-the-clock care that a shelter does not have the capacity to provide.

Without an extensive network of foster caregivers, we would be unable to help these kittens thrive. We are always in need of more feline foster superheroes to help us save these endearing little lives. The YCSPCA provides our foster caregivers with food, litter, supplies, and vet care for their foster pet. Can't become a foster? Support kitten caregivers by donating items from our Amazon or Chewy wish list! These items are sent directly to the shelter and given to our loving foster families to help care for vulnerable kittens. Please visit www.ycspca.org/ways-to-give/wish-list or scan these QR codes to learn more.



Chewy Wishlist



Amazon Wishlist



ELECTIONS

Election Day: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 Polls open from 7AM - 8PM

Voting Locations

Ward 1 – York Alliance Church – Rear Entrance, 501 Rathton Road

Ward 2 - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1502 Fourth Avenue

Ward 3 - Spring Garden Administration Building, 340 Tri Hill Rd. Suite A

Ward 4 - Grumbacher Sport & Fitness Center, York College, 899 South Richland Avenue

Ward 5 - Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 1907 Hollywood Drive

For more information visit: www.yorkcountypa.gov/969/vote-in-person

For helpful information on voting in Pennsylvania, go to www.Vote.PA.gov.

York County Voting and Elections: 717.771.9604



REFUSE & RECYCLING

Recycling in Spring Garden Township and York County

Spring Garden Township residents enjoy weekly curbside recycling collection from PennWaste of aluminum and steel cans; plastic bottles & jugs #1, 2, and 5; newspaper (clean and dry, no food contact); glass bottles and jars; corrugated cardboard (dry and flattened, no food contact), cartons (i.e., milk, juice, etc.). The following are NOT recyclable with PennWaste: food-soiled materials, broken glass, drinking glasses, scrap metal, plastic bags (including grocery bags), solvents, oil and/or chemical containers, waxy cardboard, used paper towel or tissues, hoses, shredded paper, needles and medical waste, windows, mirrors, ceramics, aluminum foil, plastic tableware, light bulbs, soaked and/or wet papers or cardboard, plastic food wrappers, Christmas lights, and propane tanks.



Recycling – PA Act 101 (businesses, industries, institutional, multi-family dwellings)



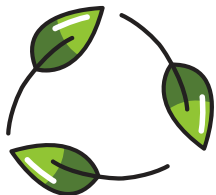
PA Act 101 was passed in 1988 in an attempt to lessen waste and intensify recycling participation. All commercial, industrial, and institutional establishments (such as schools, churches, retailers, offices, and non-profits), multi-family dwelling with five or more units, and community activities in Spring Garden Township must recycle AND report the recycled tonnages of the following annually by January 15th for the previous reporting year: cardboard, high-grade office paper, aluminum cans, plastics, and glass. No business establishment is exempt from recycling and what recycling is generated in Spring Garden Township needs to be reported to the Township. For more information on Act 101 requirements, penalties for non-compliance, hauler verification, and recycling weight slips, visit: www.springgardentwp.org and click on the Refuse and Recycling tab.

New E-cycling Locations for York County Residents

York County Now Has New Electronics Recycling Locations! Reworld and Goodwill Keystone Area have joined forces to provide free electronic waste recycling locations in central and southeastern Pennsylvania. This program utilizes Goodwill's network of stores and donation centers as designated collection points for residential electronics. Reworld then takes the electronics and responsibly recycles them. Reworld is a proven provider of e-waste recycling, recovery and environmentally responsible disposal, having recycled more than 135 million pounds of e-waste. York County residents can take advantage of this service at the following Goodwill locations:

- 965 Loucks Road, York
- 1120 Roosevelt Ave, York
- 450 Eisenhower Drive, Hanover
- 535 S. Main Street Market Square Center, Shrewsbury

Free electronics recycling is also available at the York County Resource Recovery Center, as well as Fairfield Township and Penn Township Recycling Centers. For additional information, visit www.ycswa.com/services/recycling/



Yard Waste

Grass clippings and leaves can be used as garden and lawn mulch! York County Solid Waste Authority's website provides a list of local mulch processors as well as hours, rates, and directions to the York County Resource Recover Center complex (www.ycswa.com/disposal-of-household-waste/yard-waste).

BASIC RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES

- Trash, recycling, one bulk item, and yard waste must be curbside the evening before the scheduled collection day.
- Waste must fit inside the mobile cart provided by Penn Waste.
- For customers generating a small amount of material, you may switch to the low volume service. Contact customer service to switch.
- Bulk items that are too heavy to be lifted into a truck by two people will not be accepted.
- Call Penn Waste to schedule collection of appliances containing Freon (air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc.)
- No construction debris will be accepted curbside (tiles, drywall, bricks, etc.)
- Large item pick up must be scheduled online at www.pennwaste.com or by calling 717-767-4456

To stay up to date on collection updates, consider signing up for E-News Updates at www.pennwaste.com



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