

dates to remember

June 2024

5th—BOS 6pm
12th—Planning 6pm
18th—RecBoard 6pm
26th—Zoning 7pm
28th— Food Pantry 1pm

July 2024

10th—BOS 6pm
17th—Planning 6pm
16th—RecBoard 6pm
26th—Food Pantry 1pm
31st—Zoning 7pm

August 2024

7th—BOS 6pm
14th—Planning 6pm
20th—RecBoard 6pm
23rd —Food Pantry 1pm
28th—Zoning 7pm

September 2024

4th—BOS 6pm
11th—Planning 6pm
17th—RecBoard 6pm
25th—Zoning 7pm
27th— Food Pantry 1pm

October 2024

2nd—BOS 6pm
9th—Planning 6pm
15th—RecBoard 6pm
25th— Food Pantry 1pm
30th—Zoning 7pm

November 2024

6th—BOS 6pm
13th—Planning 6pm
19th—RecBoard 6pm
22nd —Food Pantry 1pm
27th—Zoning 7pm

December 2024

4th—BOS 6pm
11th—Planning 6pm
17th—RecBoard 6pm
18th—Zoning 7pm
27th— Food Pantry 1pm

Food Pantry

(New Hope Ministries)
Mobile Food Pantry at
Porters Fire Company
4th Fridays, 1 - 3pm
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The Heidelberg Herald

in the know

Spring/Summer 2024



Hanover Trolley Trail and Oil Creek Restoration!

New trail section officially opened near Spring Grove and work has begun in Heidelberg Township
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Cleatus Wentz Jr. honored for years of support to Heidelberg Township and it's residents



Cleatus Wentz, Jr
1941-2024

Heidelberg's Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to honor Cleatus Wentz Jr. for his unprecedented lifetime of service to Porters Fire Company, where he served as a firefighter for 65 years in many capacities. He was captain of the Fire Company for 25 years, trustee for 20 years, and fundraising coordinator for 40 years. He received numerous awards of recognition for his service including outstanding member, top fire responder, top medical responder, and was beloved and respected by many. Cleatus was known for his lead-by-example style, and mentored many junior firemen, helping them to become leaders in their community and profession.

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Employee Spotlight: the Hilberts



Paul and Phyllis Hilbert—groundskeepers and more for 35+ years

Heidelberg Township's Rec Park and other properties are kept in tip-top shape by Paul and Phyllis (Sterner) Hilbert, groundskeepers of the township's 25+ acre park and facilities for over 35 years. The Hilberts go above and beyond what is required, and are frequently seen hard at work keeping the park looking pristine. From keeping the grass tidy and trimming around fences, trees, and wooded areas; to helping maintain the ballfields; diligently weeding the beds, mulching, and planting beautiful flowers, they are also responsible for mowing the township cemetery on Hoff Road and cleaning the township building. Phyllis and Paul are dedicated to keeping our township properties looking their absolute best.

Municipal Park Board Members

Tara Wenzel	Chairman
John Johnstonbaugh	Vice-Chair
Gloria Fuhrman-Lear	Secretary
Sandi Stine	Member
Victoria Senft	Alternate

Meetings are held at the township building the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Meeting agendas & minutes are available on the Heidelberg Township website.

Late in 2023, the Heidelberg Board of Supervisors created an advisory recreation board and nominated its members in early 2024. When the first meeting of this newly-created board was held in March 2024, the members organized and started working right away! The members are all looking forward to hearing your ideas and input for our parks and recreation. The board will be advisors for fundraising/grant writing, park expansion, ball field schedules and park events.

Tara Wenzel I worked for the National Security Agency for over 37 years as a Senior Collection Officer and Master Instructor traveling to over 43 countries to support US and Allied operations. I also accompanied my husband on a 2 year assignment in Germany where I was the Director of Morale Support for the US Army (their equivalent of Parks and Rec). Since retiring in 2015, I have been heavily involved in our township as well as public speaking, substitute teaching, volunteering, and conducting leadership training. I am also currently writing a book on the memoirs of a local Spring Grove 100-year-old WWII Veteran. I have 2 children and 2 grandsons.

John Johnstonbaugh I was born and raised in Lock Haven, PA. Graduated from Lock Haven State College with a degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. I attended Western Maryland College where I earned a Masters Degree. Have been married to my wonderful wife for 52 years. We have lived in Heidelberg Township for 50 years. We have two children and two grandchildren. I am a firm believer in move or lose it. My vision is to develop a park that serves all age groups in Heidelberg Township. This is not going to be accomplished overnight. We need the cooperation of everyone. We welcome your suggestions. You may contact the Township office or attend the Recreation Board meetings.

Gloria Fuhrman-Lear I am the founder and owner of TANacious Sunless Tanning which is a naturally derived line of Sunless Tanning products that was launched in 2018. Along with that, I work part time doing Payroll, Accounts Receivable and Design work. My work experience includes working as a Phlebotomist, Wedding Sales, Event Planning as well as 19 years of Wedding Coordinating/Planning. I look forward to working alongside the other members of the Rec Board to bring more value to the park.

Sandi Stine I've spent thirty years in health care and my favorite part was helping the patients. Since retiring, my time has been spent working at a venue, working with a florist in the wedding industry and helping a few individuals in my community. I was on the original park board, and wrote grants for the Park. Most days I use the walking trail at the park but would like to see a variety of activities to encourage more people to enjoy our beautiful parks in other ways as well.

New PennWaste rates start July 1st

Quarterly Rates—2 options

Flat rate is \$103.35/quarter
(includes one large item per week)

~OR~

Per-bag is \$45.00/quarter
plus \$8.50/bag

Contact Penn Waste at 717-767-4456

If you have more than a single bag every other week, the flat rate option will be less expensive.



If you choose the per-bag service, you may purchase approved bags at the Township Office.

Fireworks Reminders *

While celebrating the Fourth of July, **keep in mind:**

Personal/home fireworks and sparkling devices may be used without a permit from **5:00-10:30pm ONLY.**



FOLLOW THESE RULES:

- Must be at least age 18
- Must be at least 150 feet from any occupied structure
- Must not be thrown from or into any motor vehicle or building
- Must not be used while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substance, or other drug

* For the complete Fireworks Ordinance visit the Township Website

Become a Savvy Citizen!

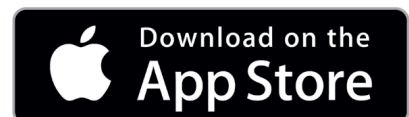


Want to know what's going on in Heidelberg Township?

Our new Savvy Citizen app will keep you better informed of important township news and happenings in our community.



- Sign-up for **Apple** and **Android** users is simple and free. Become more savvy and receive useful updates, community news, and event reminders by downloading today.



or visit **SavvyCitizenApp.com** for more info and download links

Board of Supervisors

(meets first Wednesdays @ 6pm at the Fire Hall)

Tim Hansen	Chairman
Matt Bollinger	Vice-Chair
Paul King	Member

Office Staff | 717-225-6606

(Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9am - 1pm)

Barb Krebs	Township Manager
Judy Mustard	Secretary

Park Reminder: Leashes & Bags Required

Let's keep
our rec park
safe and clean
for everyone's
enjoyment!

No pets without a leash and waste bag

Planning Commission *

(meets second Wednesdays* @ 6pm at Town Office)

Travis Laughman	Chairman
Phil Marks	Vice-Chair
Judy Tessem	Secretary
Andrew Warehime	
Doug Brodhecker	

Zoning Hearing Board *

(meets last Wednesdays* @ 7pm at Town Office)

Peg Moulton
Andrew Brough
Ellen Thompson
Gene Moorelock (Alt)

* Meetings are held ONLY if business is before the Board—check for cancellations on the website or Savvy Citizen

Ready to get Involved?
We Need You!

**Complete a volunteer application
available on our website!**

www.heidelbergtwpmunicipal.com/wp-content/uploads/Volunteer-Application.pdf

Other appointed positions

Sam Myers	Roadmaster, Vacancy Board
Phil Smith	EMA Representative
Chris Walker	Zoning Officer, Asst. Roadmaster
Doug Stambaugh ..	SEO (alternate Reg Baugher)
CS Davidson	Engineer

PA Representative
Seth M. Grove (R)
717-767-3947

Magisterial District Judge
Jeffrey A. Sneeringer
717-632-0618

York County SPCA
TNR & spay/neuter
717-764-6109

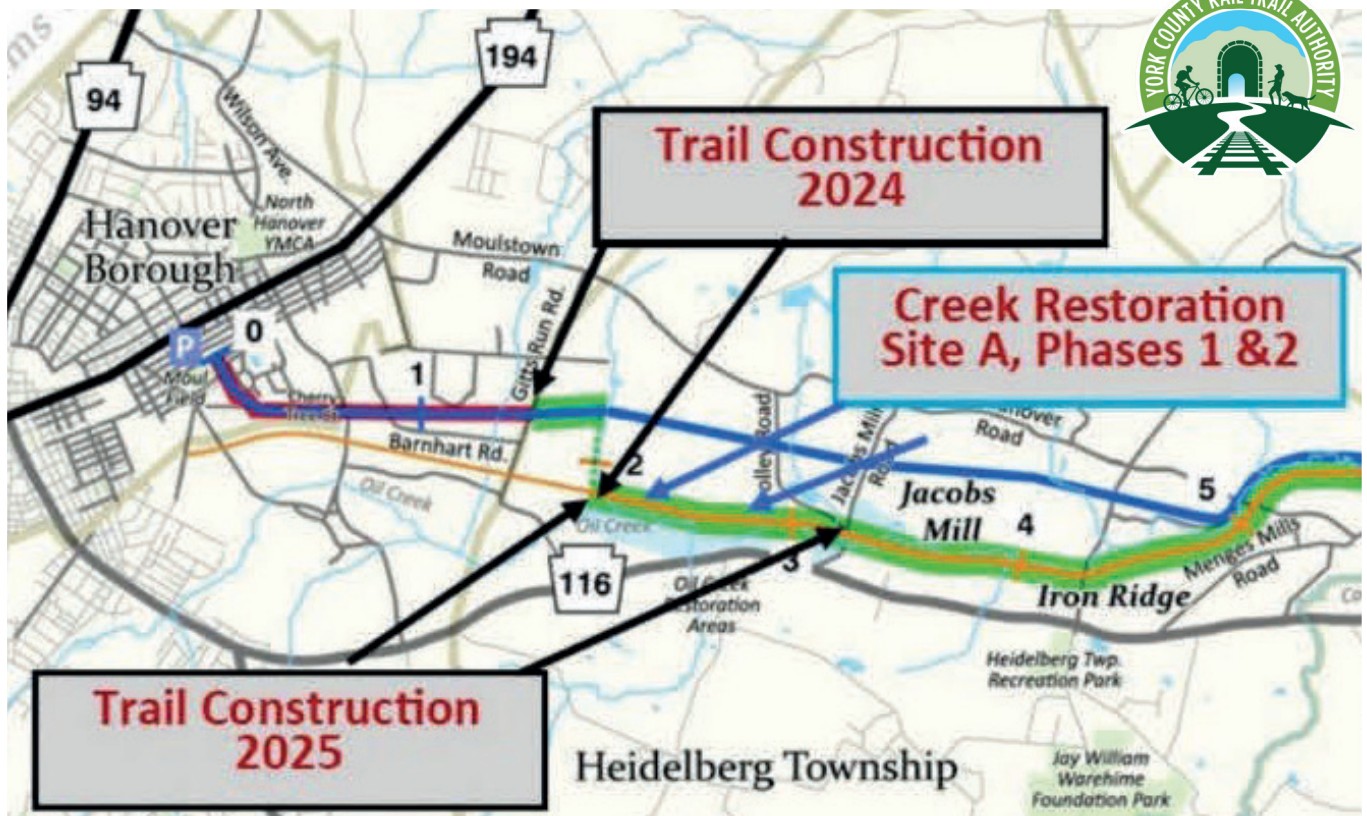
PA Senator
Kristin Phillips-Hill (R)
717-787-7085

**Northern York County Regional
Police Department**
(717) 292-3647

Animal Control
Klugh Animal Control
(contact town office first)

Porters Fire Company
(717) 225-3509

YORK COUNTY RAIL TRAIL AUTHORITY INVESTING OVER \$2 MILLION FUNDED BY NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY SOURCES



Oil Creek Restoration Due to the cost of this project, construction has been divided into several phases. This spring, Site A Phase 1 construction will begin between Gitts Run Road and Jacobs Mill Road, Heidelberg Township, to restore approximately 1,300 linear feet of stream and create approximately 7.5 acres of new wetlands. Through a public bidding process, Aquatic Resource Restoration of York, PA, was selected to perform this phase of creek restoration. Funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Fund, PA Department of Environmental Protection, Governor's Office of Budget, and York County Conservation District combine to meet the expected cost of over \$1.2 million.

Trail Construction Later this spring, construction of 1.07 miles of trail from Gitts Run Road to the dormant rail line is scheduled to begin. State funding from the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and the Governor's Office of Budget and local funding from York County Marcellus Shale Fund provide the estimated cost of \$824,000.

2025 and Beyond As additional funds are received Oil Creek restoration and expansion of the Hanover Trolley Trail in Heidelberg Township will continue into 2025. Work will include trail building to Jacobs Mill Road and creek restoration for Site A Phase 2.

Contacts for further information

York County Rail Trail Authority
PO Box 335
Seven Valleys, PA 17360

Telephone: (717) 428-0999
Email: info@yorkcountyrailtrails.org
Website: www.yorkcountyrailtrails.org

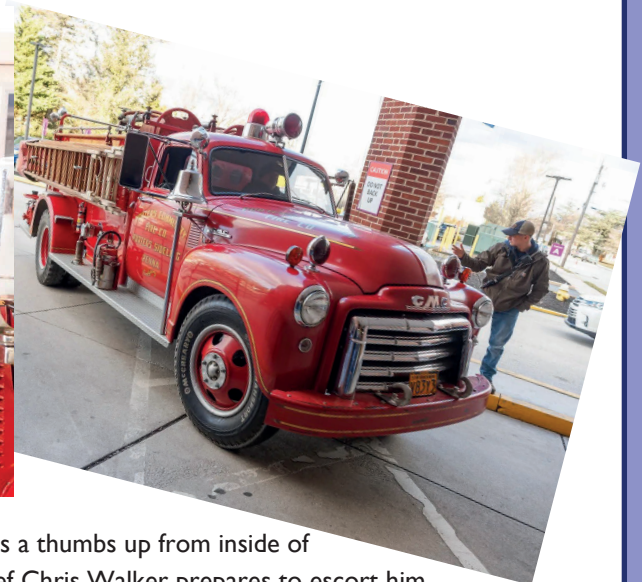
Mobile Food Pantry

New Hope Ministries Mobile Food Pantry comes to the Porters Fire Company the 4th Friday of every month!

It is open to everyone, no appointments necessary, simply show up during the scheduled times (from 1pm to 3pm) to get enrolled and receive food!



'round here we take care of our own



Porters Volunteer Fire Company life member Cleatus Wentz gives a thumbs up from inside of "the Jimmy," the department's 1952 antique fire engine, as fire chief Chris Walker prepares to escort him from UPMC Hanover Hospital, Monday, Jan. 29, 2024, in Hanover. -- Credit: Harrison Jones, The Evening Sun 1/29/24

~ Continued from front page ~ Cleatus Wentz Jr

Cleatus Oliver Wentz, Jr., 82, of Spring Grove, PA, passed away peacefully at his home and went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 10, 2024 surrounded by family who loved and respected him deeply.

Born on November 5, 1941, in West Manheim Township, PA, the son of Cleatus and Nadine Wentz, Sr, Cleatus and his family moved to Porters Sidling, PA, where he met and married Joann Wentz his wife of 64 years. volunteered as the Heidelberg Little League Baseball Coach for 10 years, and Cleatus attended grade school in Conewago Township before transferring to the Spring Grove Area school district. He worked at Voith Hydro (formally Allis-Chalmers) before retiring in 1999 with 35 years of service. Cleatus was a member of the Hanover Church of the Brethren.

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