

dates to  
remember

## November 2024

3<sup>rd</sup>—Clocks “Fall Back”  
5<sup>th</sup>—Election Day  
6<sup>th</sup>—BOS 6pm  
11<sup>th</sup>—Office Closed (VD)  
13<sup>th</sup>—Planning 6pm  
15<sup>th</sup>—Taxes 2-3:30pm  
19<sup>th</sup>—RecBoard 6pm  
22<sup>th</sup>—Food Pantry 1pm  
27<sup>th</sup>—Zoning 7pm  
28-29<sup>th</sup>—Office Closed  
(Happy Thanksgiving)

## December 2024

4<sup>th</sup>—BOS 6pm  
11<sup>th</sup>—Planning 6pm  
13<sup>th</sup>—Food Pantry 1pm  
17<sup>th</sup>—RecBoard 6pm  
18<sup>th</sup>—Zoning 7pm  
24-25<sup>th</sup>—Office Closed  
(Merry Christmas)  
31<sup>st</sup>—Office Closed  
(NYs Eve— Stay Safe!)

## January 2025

1<sup>st</sup>—Office Closed (NYD)  
2<sup>nd</sup>—Organizational &  
Supervisors' Mtg  
29<sup>th</sup>—Water 5:30pm

# The Heidelberg Herald

Fall/Winter 2024

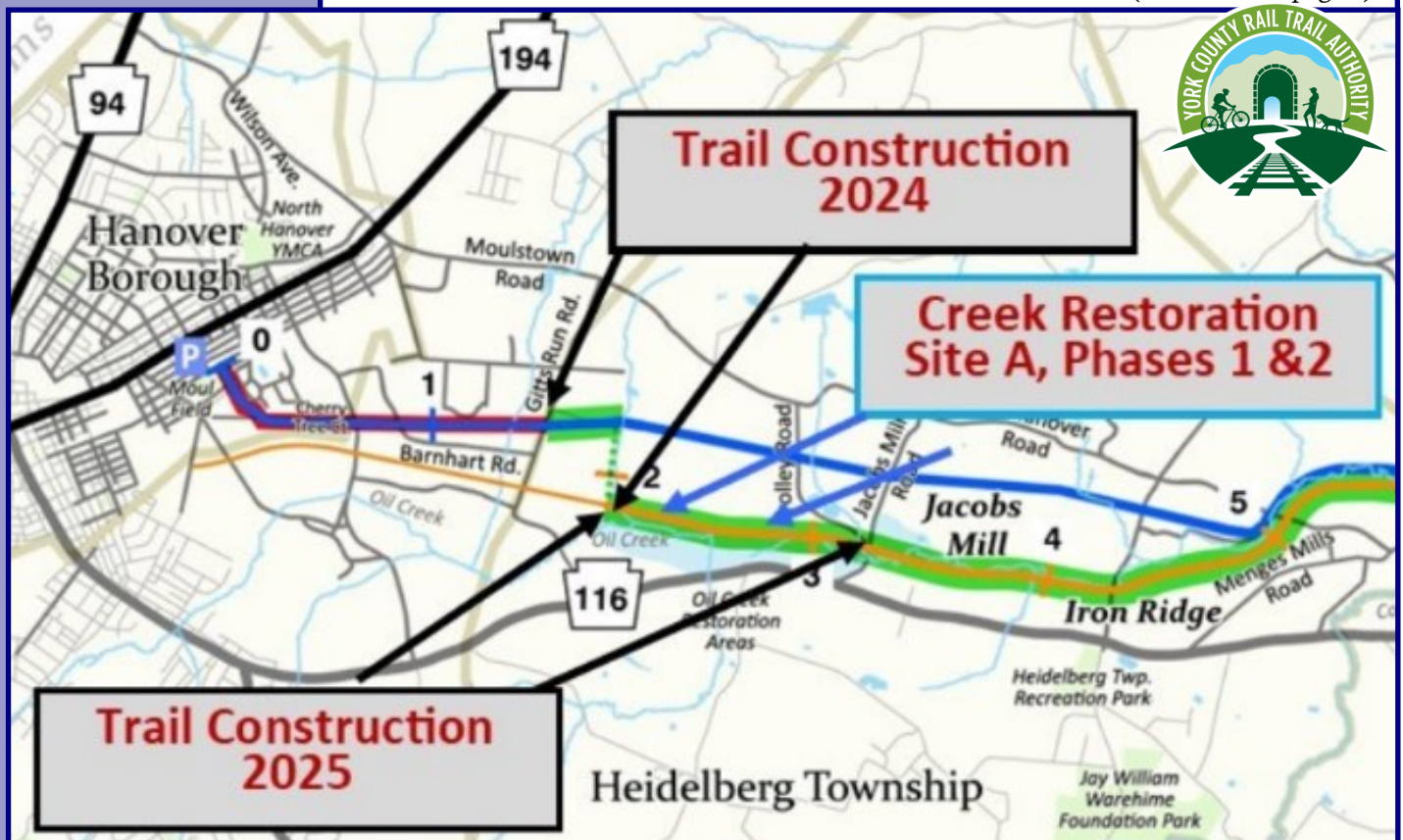
*What's been happening along York Road near  
Smith's Station Road? DID YOU KNOW... ?*

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

### Oil Creek Restoration in Two Phases

Final inspection of the **Oil Creek Phase 1 restoration** was conducted in early October. YCRTA representatives, engineers, and contractors waded through the waters to inspect the site's stabilization and water flow. Squawking killdeer circling overhead, small fish darting underfoot, and water percolating up from underground springs

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## Employee Spotlight: Township Office Staff

### Judy Mustard, Our New Town Manager



Hi. I'm Judy Mustard and I'm the new Township Manager. In my previous lives I've managed a surgical center and a travel agency. While managing local government is a whole new world for me - I'm looking forward to digging in and working with the residents of Heidelberg Township. I've been with Heidelberg as the secretary for just a little over a year and I've enjoyed meeting the people who call this Township home. When I'm not at work-I'm at home with my husband, children and dogs. For the last 20 plus years I've spent my free time on the soccer fields, basketball courts, wrestling matches and track and field events. Stop in and see us at the office-we'd love to meet you and hear your concerns. If you have a complaint, just bring chocolate...it butters us up. (I'm kidding of course) Just remember-the road to success is always under construction.

### Katie Holmes Returns to Our Office



Hey there, Heidelberg! Many of you already know me but for those of you that don't, my name is Katie Holmes. I live in Spring Grove with my husband, Chris & our 2 children, Sydney & Colton. Most nights you can find us on a ball field but in our free time we love to go to the beach! I look forward to continuing to build relationships with all of the residents in the community and to be a part of a team that creates an environment where everyone feels seen, heard & appreciated! I'm very happy to be here with you all and I'm excited to meet some new faces in and around the township!

### Our Thanks to Barbara Krebs, Retiring After 2 Years



The Supervisors and staff, as well as many residents, are wishing Barb Krebs a very happy and well deserved re-retirement. She came out of retirement to help Heidelberg Township in late 2022, bringing decades of experience from her service with other municipalities. Among her many accomplishments during her service to Heidelberg Township, Barb modernized the office and enhanced regulatory compliance. She looks forward to more time with family and other endeavors! **Thank you, Barb!!!**

## Other Important Resources

**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

# resident involvement

Fall/Winter 2024

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## Office Staff | 717-225-6606

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

Judy Mustard | Township Manager  
Katie Holmes | Secretary/Asst. Treas.  
Chris Walker | Code & Zoning Officer

## Board of Supervisors

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

Tim Hansen | Chairman  
Matt Bollinger | Vice-Chair  
Paul King | Member

## 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)

Andrew Brough | Chairman  
Peg Moulton | Vice-Chair  
Ellen Thompson | Secretary  
Gene Moorelock | Alternate

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

## The Heidelberg Township Rec Board is pleased to introduce itself to the community.

The Rec Board plans to propose a 2025 Event Schedule at the next BOS Meeting, on November 6, 2024, and would like the community's support at this meeting.

**Tentatively, the next meeting will be 11/19/24 at 6:00PM at the Township office.**

## Parks & Recreation Board

(meets third Tuesdays @ 6pm at Town Office)

John Johnstonbaugh | Chairman  
Vicky Senft | Secretary  
Dan Wilmot

~~~ 2 open seats ~~~

The Rec Board is currently looking for two residents interested in becoming new members.

## Water Committee

(meets last Wednesdays\* @ 5:30pm at Town Office)

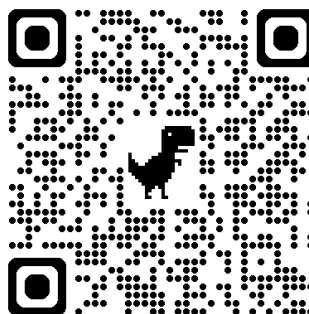
Travis Laughman | Chairman  
Alan Miller | Vice-Chair  
Heather Altland | Secretary

## Other appointed positions

Sam Myers ...Roadmaster, Vacancy Board  
Phil Smith ... EMA Representative  
Chris Walker ...Asst. Roadmaster  
Doug Stambaugh .. SEO  
CS Davidson ..... Engineer

Supervisors rely on citizen volunteers to fill seats on our various boards and committees.

Ready to get involved?  
Complete the volunteer form in the office or online!





## Burning Do's and Don'ts\*

### DO NOT:

- Bring any items to a site to be burned
- Burn garbage, refuse, rubbish or trade waste
- Create hazardous or other objectionable condition

### DO:

- Use an approved container with wire mesh cover (limited exclusions)
- Keep fire at least 25 feet from any structure & 15 feet from property line
- Monday-Saturday only, sunrise-sunset
- Stay and attend the fire until embers are cold (must be age 16+)
- Obey any local or county burn bans
- Alert Porters Fire Company about your plan to burn ~ (717) 225-3509



**\*Our burn ordinance** permits the burning of combustible or flammable materials such as dry leaves, paper, and other items which will burn and not smoulder or emit offensive odors. A full copy of the Burn Ordinance is available on the Township website, and gives full details.

## Message from the Fire Chief:

I would like to send this reminder as we are in the midst of fall wildfire season combined with a high wildfire danger level due to very dry conditions at this time.

Please read this page carefully and we also ask that anyone intending to burn be mindful of current weather conditions. Breezy or windy days with low relative humidity can, and do, contribute to rapid and uncontrolled spread of fire.

If a Burn Ban is enacted, it will be posted on the Township website, as well as the Porters Fire Company website and Facebook pages. It will also be posted on the Fire Company signs at the firehouse and at the intersection of York Road (route 116) and Porters Road.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe! ~Chris Walker

## Uh-oh, can't burn that— What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) includes common products used in homes that are hazardous in nature but not regulated as hazardous waste under federal and state laws. These products can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances, and/or can be corrosive or toxic. Examples include oil-based paints, bleach, and weed killers.

## How to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste in York County

For a link to the York County Solid Waste Authority's website, visit the Township's website homepage under "For Residents ~ Helpful Links". The YCSWA's Website has information on how to dispose of different household hazardous waste materials.

**Spring Grove Community Tree Lighting \* December 5th**

Parade @ 5:45pm  
Santa and Tree Lighting @ 6:15pm  
Festivities until 8:00pm

**Santa Run! \* December 7th**

Porters Fire Hall, Porters Sideling and surrounding areas

**Winter Wonder Trail \* Weekends Nov. 24th through Dec. 23rd**

(on the grounds of Kim's Krypt Fri/Sat/Sun from 6 to 9pm)  
(this is a private entity not associated with Heidelberg Twp —courtesy posting)

**Porters Fire Company Social \* March 7th, 2025**

Porters Fire Hall, Porters Sideling



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

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proved that these wetlands are coming alive. Work will now begin to create a section of the Hanover Trolley Trail to introduce visitors to this wet world.

## **Oil Creek Phase 1 transformation is complete**

While most of the York area is bone dry, Oil Creek's newly established wetlands, in Heidelberg Township, are truly wet! This project is made possible through a generous grant from the J. William Warehime Foundation and an easement from Warehime Enterprises, Inc. York County Conservation District and Planning Commission, as well as PA DEP, National Fish and Wildlife Fund, and the PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grants support this project.

## **Hanover Trolley Trail Extension**

York County Rail Trail Authority marked the beginning of a 2.1-mile expansion of the Hanover Trolley Trail on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 with a photo session attended by state, county and local elected officials and representatives of key local funding agencies.



*Holding shovels, PA Senator Kristen Phillips-Hill (center left) and York County President Commissioner Julie Wheeler (center right) are joined by municipal officials, funding partners Explore York and Memorial Health, and members of the Rail Trail Authority to mark the beginning of a 2.1-mile expansion of the Hanover Trolley Trail.*

*(Photograph by Tim Senft.)*

*Peg Moulton gives updates at the monthly Supervisors' meeting. Come see her map!*

**For more wonderful pictures, more E-Trail News, and to pre-order the 2025 York County Rail Trail Calendar visit the York County Rail Trail Authority's website at <https://www.yorkcountyrailtrails.org>.**



## Election Information

Register to vote, check your voter registration status, apply for mail-in or absentee ballot, and more at [www.PaVoterServices.pa.GOV](http://www.PaVoterServices.pa.GOV)

Voting is your **right**, your *privilege*, and civic duty



## Important Dates:

- October 21 Last day to REGISTER before the November election
- October 29 Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot
- November 5 Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)
- November 5 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
- November 12 Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 4)



## Support Porters Fire Company as they support us!

- ◇ 40/40/40 Raffle Final Drawing.... November 8th!!  
40 prizes over 40 weeks for \$40 per ticket. Prize list in 2024 included billies, shotguns, handguns, and cash. Plan on buying your 2025 tickets early!
- ◇ Santa Run..... December 7th  
always a favorite, Santa rides through Porters and surrounding areas!
- ◇ Company Social ..... March 7th, 2025  
small games of chance, good food, good friends, soda and beer! Watch for details!

## Mobile Food Pantry

New Hope Ministries Mobile Food Pantry comes to the Porters Fire Company the 4th Friday of each month! (Nov/Dec are rescheduled –see calendar for dates)  
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!



## Park Reminder: Leashes & Bags Required

**NEW!!**

**Waste bag dispensers at the Park!**

**No pets without a leash and waste bag**



## Pet Waste Stations at the Park!

The Supervisors approved our Park Charity's proposal to install two pet waste bag dispensers at trail entrances. If you've forgotten your pup's bags, take what you need for your walk. You can drop your bag into a trash receptacle at the park.  
Do your part to keep our rec park safe and clean for everyone's enjoyment!

Heidelberg Township

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Spring Grove, PA 17362

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