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Dallas Township
NEWSLETTER

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What is an MS4?

Are you familiar with MS4? If not, MS4 is a municipal separate storm sewer system. MS4 refers to the network of pipes, storm drains, and channels, within a community that collects and conveys stormwater to a local water source. The Back Mountain formed a community partnership in 2008. The BMCP is a group of 7 municipalities from the Back Mountain region of Luzerne County, who joined together in an effort to share resources and improve their communities. Those included in this partnership are: Dallas, Franklin, Jackson, Kingston and Lehman Townships; and the Boroughs of Dallas and Harveys Lake. The BMCP is dedicated to environmental sustainability and one of their goals is to achieve MS4 compliance.

Did you know Sediment is the #1 source of pollution in our waterways?
What can you do? Utilize rain barrels for watering plants, plant trees – this helps slow down stormwater runoff, plant an area with native grasses and wildflowers that will absorb more water during rain events, eliminate fertilizers and pesticides as they pollute waterways, and finally picking up pet waste helps reduce pollution into water. For more information on MS4, please visit dallastwp.org - more information can be found under the Municipal Separate Stormwater System/ MS4 Tab in the menu on the homepage.

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Stormwater runoff can impact our homes and communities. During heavy rainfall events, flooding and erosion can occur. Stormwater also contributes to the pollution in our waterways. As rain falls, it picks up various contaminants along its path. Pet waste, motor fluids, fertilizers, and soil are just some examples of the pollutants that enter our waterways through stormwater.

Dallas Township 2020 Census

It's important to be counted! Our Dallas Township Supervisors would like to remind the community to please fill out your census information! Also watch out for the Billboard! Coming soon to the Back Mountain!

www.2020census.gov

DALLAS TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

Contracted milling and paving of sections of Harris and Lincoln Streets are now completed. The Supervisors approved a third contracted milling and paving project. Reservoir Road between Overbrook and Huntsville Road has been selected. The project has been advertised and the deadline to submit bids was Tuesday, September 29th. At the September 29th Special Supervisors meeting four bids were opened and American Asphalt was the lowest bidder. Work will start in October.

Kunkle Fire Company to Host BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

Support your local fire company! Kunkle Fire Company will hold a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser on Saturday, October 3rd from 11:00am-1:00pm. Chicken halves will be sold for $6.50.

Upcoming Events:
ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

- **October 6, 2020: Supervisors Meeting at 6:30PM**
- **October 13, 2020: Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00PM**
- **October 19, 2020: Zoning Hearing Board Meeting at 6:30PM**

REMINDER: Supervisors meetings have moved to the first Tuesday of every month. The meeting time will continue at 6:30PM.

If you would like access to Township meetings via phone call, please request log-in information by submitting a request using: meetings@dallastwp.org. Meeting access requests must be made by 2:00PM the day of the scheduled meeting.

Planning Commission Solicitor Retirement

Attorney Benjamin Jones is retiring from his practice and will be stepping down as the Township Planning Commission Solicitor. We want to sincerely thank Attorney Jones for his service and wish him the best in his retirement. Attorney Bill McCal will be returning as Planning Commission Solicitor and will start with the October Supervisors meeting.