

CAERNARVON NEWS

BERKS COUNTY

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Reminders

Driveway Pipes - Please check your driveway drainage pipes for clogging caused by debris. Clogged pipes interfere with proper water flow which can lead to issues such as floods and icy roads. Driveway Ordinances can be found on the Township's website, or stop by the Township Office to review the information, Ordinances No 168 and No 225.



Trash/Recycling Receptacles – Please do not place trash and recycling receptacles in the street for pick up, they should remain behind the curb line or in residential driveways. **When placed in the street they provide another obstacle for crews plowing snow or performing street work. Thank you for your assistance to the road crew.**

Basketball Nets – The Township was recently informed about a school bus driver who was unable to safely pass another driver due to a basketball net that was impeding the flow of traffic. For safety reasons and to prevent damage to personal property, please relocate basketball nets that are in the Public Right of Way. Notices will be given out to residents who do not remove items in the Right of Way. Thank you!

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Sidewalk Clearing – Residents are reminded that Township Ordinance No 167 contains information on sidewalk clearing requirements in the Township. The Ordinance states “depositing snow from any driveway or sidewalk into the street is prohibited”.



Paul R. Stolz, Jr., Chief

FOR AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911
For Non-emergency, call 610-286-1012

Keeping Roads Clear – We need your help! Please be sure to move your parked vehicles off public streets during snowplow operations. This helps snowplow drivers with snow removal operations, and can prevent your vehicle from getting buried in snow and sprayed directly by salt. Also, parking on the street can make your vehicle more susceptible to damage from other cars and theft.

Parking on roadways during snow events is a violation and tickets will be issued if a vehicle is left on the roadway during snow storms.

Our goal is to keep the Caernarvon Township residents well informed of upcoming events and important news through newsletters. Copies will be distributed throughout the community at locations such as the Village Library, the Joanna Store, the Heritage Restaurant, Styer Insurance Agency, Inc., Clair's Family Restaurant, State Farm Insurance, Caernarvon Township Authority, Morgantown Coffee Shop, Doug's Pharmacy, Brady's Village Art Gallery, and Twin Valley Coffee. Copies can also be found on our website, www.caernarvon.org.

Chief of Police Message - Continued

Fireworks - What's Legal and What's Not

In Pennsylvania -

- Professionals with a permit can use display fireworks (including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials)
- Anyone over the age of 18 can buy and use "Class C" or "consumer-grade" fireworks
- Fireworks cannot be discharged on a public or private property without express permission of property owner, from or within a motor vehicle or building, toward a motor vehicle or building, within 150 feet of an occupied structure (whether or not a person is actually present), also cannot be discharged while the person discharging them is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

**Caernarvon Township
Calendar of Events:**



- * November 7th - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- * November 11th – Veterans Day. A salute to Veterans!
- * November 25th – Thanksgiving Day Observed. Township Office closed, and the day after Thanksgiving.
- * December 6th – Caernarvon Christmas Tree Lighting
- * December 21st- Winter Begins
- * December 25th – Christmas Day. Township Office closed on Friday, December 24th.

Reminder - Township Supervisors' meetings are held 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Township building, unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

Medication Drop Box Program



Don't forget the Medication Drop Box that is located in the lobby out front of the Police Department. This is a safe and secure way to get rid of old medications that might be lying around. You don't have to be a Township resident to use the drop box program. The first week that the boxes were in use over 65lbs of old medications were collected across all of Berks County.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q – Who is the contact for questions regarding Township water & sewer services and advisories?

A – You need to contact the Caernarvon Township Municipal Authority for any questions about your water & sewer services. Their phone number is 610-286-1017.

Township History

Article by: Jere Brady

Morgantown's Irene Montgomery



Blessed with 107 years of life on this planet was Irene Fosnocht (Monday, September 21, 1908 - Thursday, January 28, 2016). Irene was born to Ralph L. Fosnocht and Alberta (Livingood) Fosnocht on Sept 21, 1908. Irene's mother died when she was quite young. Fosnocht and Livingood were butchers along Cherry Lane next to the Morgantown Hotel at the corner of Main Street Route 23 and Cherry Lane (Route 122 - now Route 10). They later moved the butcher shop to Mill Road behind the Village Inn at the corner of Main Street and Mill Road. It had been Petersheim's well drilling building before that.

A short time Irene's family had lived on Best Road and then moved to Goosetown (Willow Glen) where Irene walked to Valley (Pike) School along route 23 just west of Morgantown Village. When they moved to Main Street in the Village in 1914, she walked to the school built in 1905 just across the street.

As a girl, she learned to crochet and knit. These works of art provided beautiful gifts to distribute for wedding, birthday and Christmas gifts. When she married, her husband Roy would make beautiful frames to hold her artistry. She also learned to play the piano which came in handy when she became a school teacher.

When she was age 13, the fire hall next door was dedicated. The Morgantown Methodist Church had a stand there and she helped take care of that table.

There was a big celebration when she was 16.

Morgantown, at Christmas, would put up a huge tree with lights in the center of town. She and her mother decided to walk from their home in Goosetown to see this display. That night it was pitch dark and as they walked back, they missed the bridge and before they knew it, they were knee high in the stream.

She graduated from Caernarvon High School in 1925, but since it only went to 11th grade. Then she took the train from Joanna to Birdsboro and walked up the hill to Birdsboro High School (The Washington Building in Brooklyn in Birdsboro). She graduated from there in 1926 and West Chester Normal School in 1928.

A friend, Roy Montgomery graduated from Pottstown High School. Enamored with each other, they married May 5, 1933.

They had one daughter, Shirley Ann who spent her years growing up and living in Morgantown. Hannah Zook kindly gave Shirley Ann a fist of some baby peeps. It was winter, so the chicks were housed in the kitchen until they were older.

Irene and Roy loved to dance as there was the Morgantown Ride Hall that had a great room for all sorts of activities. Irene loved sports. Many remember when there was a Sunday School picnic at the Methodist parsonage at Goodwill Methodist Church near Loag's Corner when Creed Coulson was running to first base and collided with Irene who was then age 70 knocking her over. She picked herself up and continued to play the game. They built a beautiful gray stone home along Mill Road one block from Main Street overlooking the meadow, forest and stream of the Conestoga. Later, they built a home along Pine Grove Road. This had a beautiful panoramic view of the Conestoga Valley all the way from Elverson to Morgantown. They erected a huge cross every Easter season that was lit at night which shone brightly to be seen from miles around. At Christmas, they erected a huge tree with lights.

Irene Montgomery Article to be continued in Spring Newsletter

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS



Community Christmas Event



Join us for the annual Community Tree Lighting Event! This event will take place on Monday, December 6th, at 6PM. Please check the Caernarvon Township Parks and Recreation facebook page for more information.

Township's 250th Anniversary



Anniversary Books for Sale!



250th Anniversary books are still available, get your copy for just \$25.00, while supplies last. Copies may be purchased at the Township Office.



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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 Bill West, Part-Time Clerk

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