

CAERNARVON NEWS

BERKS COUNTY

FALL/WINTER 2023-24



3307 Main Street
Morgantown, PA 19543-029



www.caernarvon.org
Phone: 610-286-1010

Important Reminders

Fall and Wintertime reminder to residents:



- ❖ Please don't push or blow the snow back into the street. Where there are curbs, we try to push the snow back to the curb. It is advised to clear past your mailbox so when the plow comes past it empties out before the mailbox.
- ❖ With the season there also come potholes. Please feel free to advise us of one if you see it.
- ❖ Lastly, please help the fire department if you have a fire hydrant in front of your house - try to shovel out around it.



Police Chief: Paul R. Stolz, Jr.

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

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”.

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

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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.

Recycling Center Information



Do you have cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum, tin cans or plastic bottles to recycle?

Berks County Recycling Center, 1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA is a valuable resource. We recommend you call first for hours of operation: 610-478-6362. Please note: Hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. They are closed all other days.

**NEED EXTRA MONEY?
CRIME TIPS EQUAL CASH.**

CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY
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TEXT ALERTBERKS AT 847411 WITH A CRIME TIP OR CALL 1.877.373.9913

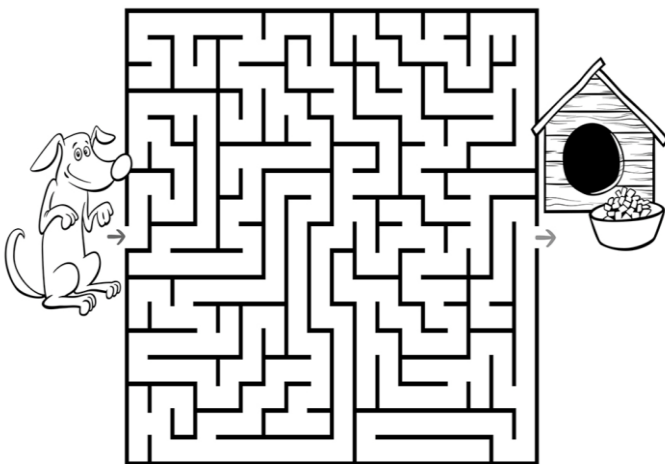
Our goal is to keep the Caernarvon Township residents well informed of upcoming events and important news through the quarterly newsletters. Copies will be distributed throughout the community at locations such as the Village Library, the Joanna Store, the Heritage Restaurant, Styer Insurance Agency,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

Puzzles

Sudoku

9				1	7			3
			5		2	4		1
	1	5				6		
		8	7	6		3		
	3						1	
		1		4	5	2		
		3				9	5	
5		4	2		9			
1			4	5				2

MAZE



QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." — Helen Keller

**Caernarvon Township
Calendar of Events:**



- * October 31st – Halloween Trick or Treat in Township
- * November 4th – Family Glow Dance Party (Social Hall)
- * November 5th - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- * November 7th – Election Day
- * November 11th – Veterans Day. A salute to Veterans!
- * November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day Observed.
Township Office closed, and the day after Thanksgiving.
- * November 25th – Tree Lighting Ceremony
- * December 21st- First day of Winter.
- * December 25th – Christmas Day. Township Office closed.
- * January 1st – New Year’s Day. Township Office closed.
- * January 15th – Martin Luther King Day
- * February 19th – Presidents Day
- * March 30th – Township Easter Egg Hunt Event
- * March 31st – Easter Day

Reminder - Township Supervisors’ meetings are held 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Township building, unless otherwise noted.

The public is welcome to attend.



Tree Lighting Ceremony
Saturday, November 25th, 2023
Friendship Park
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 30th
Friendship Park

Morgantown History

FRANK G. WITMAN

By: Jere Brady



Having a voice in local government is a privilege and citizens of Caernarvon Township of Berks County voted Frank G Witman to Township supervisor from 1969 through 1987. A total of 18 years.

Frank spent almost all his life living and serving the community of Morgantown.

He was born in near Churchtown on October 17, 1924 to Walter Amos Witman (10-27-1903 – 9-29-1954) and mother Edna Glass Witman (1901 - 1991) but his family, including his twin sister Marie, moved to Morgantown in 1927. He started school in 1930 in Morgantown in the “Alamo” building built in 1905. His teachers were Dora Stoltzfus for first and second grade, Florence Zeiders for third and fourth grades, Anna Peck for fifth and sixth grades and Arthur Sigmund for seventh and eighth grades. As a 12 year-old, he delivered the Reading Eagle. Nearly all doors in Morgantown were not locked and Frank placed the newspaper inside the doors. He did this until he was 16. During the summer of 1941, he worked at New Holland Silk Mill filling shuttles. In summer of 1942, he worked in the shipping department at Milberg and Milberg garment factory. Later in the shipping department at Lukens Steel Co. in Coatesville.

At 16, Frank had his driving license and borrowed the family car to take friends to the Geigertown Grange Hall where there was a weekly dance held with a jukebox.

After WWII began, Frank enrolled in aircraft Instrument repair. He was drafted on June 1943 receiving his uniform at New Cumberland Induction Center. He received basic training at Gulfport, Mississippi, then to Fresno, California, then to Denver, Colorado and then to Tonopah, Nevada, then to Ephrata, Washington, then to Tacoma, Washington,

Frank G. Witman Article Continued

and finally received an honorable discharge at Fort Lewis, Washington. Interestingly, when visiting San Francisco on a 3-day Pass, he stayed with Commanding Officer of Letterman General Hospital, Dr. Charles Duttonhoffer and his wife. Dr. Duttonhoffer practiced medicine in Churchtown, Pennsylvania for many years. When on passes, Frank took advantage to visit many places including The Grand Coolie Dam. The High Sierras, Yosemite National Park and Mt. Rainier.

After Frank’s military service, he returned to Morgantown and enrolled in Business Administration at Elizabethtown College graduating in 1950. In his senior year he had a 1940 Plymouth which he later traded in for a 1946 Buick at El-Mor Garage in Morgantown. Frank met a nurse named Marilyn Dehart. He dated her from 1948, and they married in June 1951. They had a wonderful marriage of 46 years. Marilyn was born July 13, 1927, and died June 29, 1997.

He served as the Democrat Committeeman for Caernarvon Township from his father’s death in 1954 until 1958. Frank was always fascinated with Morgantown’s history. He compiled a wonderful slide presentation and video of Morgantown which he donated to the Tri County Historical Society.

He was president of the Reading Chapter of Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accounts in 1967/68. He was active in Boy Scouts. As a child, he received a Lionel Electric Train for Christmas and continued a life-long hobby with trains. He belonged to the Train Collectors Organization. Frank died April 29th, 2008.

Frank and Marilyn had two sons. David was born July 30, 1952. He graduated from Lehigh University and had a master’s degree in Chemical engineering. William was born March 28, 1955. Bill graduated from Penn State and had a degree in Civil Engineering and has his own consulting engineering firm right here in Morgantown. Both boys attended Twin Valley Schools from which they graduated.





TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sandra Styer, Chair (2026)
 Paul Whiteman Jr., Vice Chair (2026)
 Jeff Vickers (2024)
 Keith Fritz (2027)
 Paul Whiteman, Sr. (2027)
 Alternate Supervisor: Jere Brady

Administrator/Secretary: Joan Bair
 Administrative Assistant: Margie Bishop

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean Zerbey (Chair)
 Roger Keith
 Allen Styer III
 Jeff Vickers

ZONING HEARING BOARD

David Anspach (Chair)
 Eugenia Papst
 Timothy Dutton
 Taylor Billman
 Jessica L. Zeiglar-Cihlar
 Kimberly Long (Alternate)
 John Malm (Alternate)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Erin McMullen, Chair
 Margie Bishop, Vice-Chair
 Dan Jeffery, Member
 Paul Whiteman, Sr. (Pro Tempore)
 Sandy Styer (Pro Tempore)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul R. Stolz, Jr., Chief
 Matthew Menna, Sergeant
 Chad Eberly, Detective Corporal
 Thomas Brecker
 Christopher Dunlap
 William Reppert
 William Smith
 Kyle Tranovich
 Andrew McCloskey

Teresa Peifer, Administrative Asst.
 Bill West, Part-Time Clerk

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Keith McGowan, Public Works Director
 Tom "Pete" Hornberger
 Scott Remolde
 James Koger
 Darryl Romig (Seasonal)
 Keith Fritz (Seasonal)
 Dominick Kennedy (Seasonal)
 Ross Miller (Seasonal)
 Cameron Whiteman (Seasonal)