

# CAERNARVON NEWS

## BERKS COUNTY



3307 Main Street  
Morgantown, PA 19543-0294

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Phone: 610-286-1010



### ~~ Driveway Maintenance ~~



**Residents, we need your help!** Please check your driveway drainage pipes for clogging caused by debris. Clogged pipes interfere with proper water flow. 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. Thank you.

### -Trash 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 performing street work or plowing snow.**



**Autumn Leaves - Please do not blow leaves out into the street, they are both a safety hazard to motorists and may block drainage and cause roadway flooding.**

**~~REPORT ANY ROAD/MAINTENANCE ISSUES TO: ~~  
(610) 286-1016**

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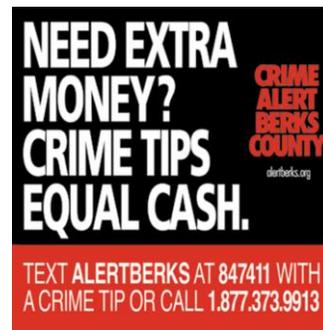


**John Scalia, Chief**

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

### ~~ Crime Alert Berks Website ~~

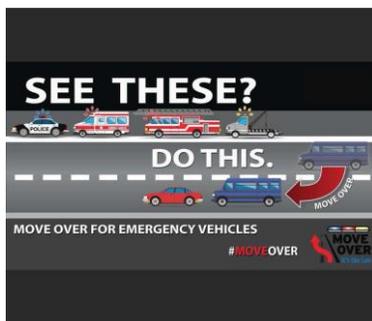
Everyone is encouraged to visit the Crime Alert Berks website and sign up for this free service. You will be able to view crime information for Caernarvon Township such as types, dates, and streets to be able to keep you safe and aware of what's going on in your neighborhood. There is also a link to Crime Alert Berks to provide an anonymous tip about crimes.



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, State Farm Insurance, Caernarvon Township Authority, Morgantown Coffee Shop, Doug's Pharmacy, and Twin Valley Coffee. Copies can also be found on our website, [www.caernarvon.org](http://www.caernarvon.org).

**Chief of Police Message - Continued****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.

**~ THE STEER CLEAR LAW (MOVE OVER) ~**

The Steer Clear Law (Pa. Vehicle Code 3327) requires drivers to move over to slow down when they encounter an emergency scene, police traffic stop, or disabled vehicle. This law was passed in the hopes of preventing injuries and saving lives, but only if drivers follow the law and use common sense.

As a general rule of the law, a driver approaching or passing an emergency vehicle or an emergency response area must pass in a lane not adjacent to the emergency response area (in other words move over), if possible. If moving over is not possible then the driver must reduce speed and safely pass the emergency response area.

So how about moving over if possible or reducing your speed for emergency and road workers! Save a life. Too many people are killed on the side of the road every year because of reckless driving.

**Reminder: Lock Your Car Doors to Prevent Thefts!**

**Caernarvon Township  
Calendar of Events:**

- \* November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- \* November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day. A salute to Veterans!
- \* November 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day Observed. Township Office closed, and the day after Thanksgiving.
- \* December 7<sup>th</sup> – Caernarvon Christmas Community Event
- \* December 21<sup>st</sup>- First day of Winter.
- \* December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day. Township Office closed.

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

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q – Do I need a permit for building a deck or fence?**

**A - Yes, a permit is needed for building a deck or fence. Permit applications can be found on the Township's website, [www.caernarvon.org](http://www.caernarvon.org), or you can visit the Township Office and pick up a copy of the permit application.**

## Tri County Heritage Society

### From Morgantown, PA to Korean Prison



**James Calvin DeLong**

Article Submitted by: Jere Brady  
**PART III - Final Part**

In March of 1951, that camp was closed and they took about 65 prisoners and marched them south. One prisoner from New York was told he would be released so Jim asked him to contact his parents to tell them he was OK. When he returned he drove from his home in New York and drove to Pennsylvania to give the message. They were marched from camp to camp for 7 months and were forced to carry 50 pound bags of rice. Some were too weak to carry it, but Jim felt it kept his muscles in shape and because it was rice, he would eat some on the way to keep up his strength. Their shoes and socks were worn out, so they put their bare feet in boots although they later gave them sneakers.

The mountains were treacherous so the sneakers soon wore out. Jim had frostbite on his feet which always gave him problems. Infections were common. In August of 1952, they were moved to a village where they were kept behind barbed wire. Because of the army discipline, the prisoners organized, worked hard to get rid of the lice, built bunk beds, even boiled their clothes, swept the camp clean and this kept everyone more healthy. The captors has classes to brainwash them to communist ideas.

They got 600 of the POWs onto a large field and told them an armistice was signed. Jim was released September 3, 1953. They were flown to Inchon. They were offered a good choice of food, but, since they hadn't had good food for 3½ years, most of them threw it up shortly after they ate so the plane was covered in vomit. Jim only ate ice cream and a lot of it, but he couldn't keep it down, either. They kept them at Inchon for a few more days and it helped their stomach adapt. They got paid and Jim bought some gifts for his family and had them shipped home. They were then sent on the USS Brewster from Korea to San Francisco. Jim was the only soldier on the plane to Philadelphia where his parents met him. Continued on next column.....

(Tri County Heritage Society Article - Continued)

Jim got discharged October 28, 1953 at Camp Kilmer, NJ. He decided to re-enlist, but the options were nothing that appealed to him, so he went back to civilian life. The Col. Jacob Morgan American Legion bought Jim a new car. His adjustment was difficult as he went to drinking to erase the disturbing memories. He lived with his parents and worked in a blast furnace.

He was invited to a Sunday School Picnic and met Audrey Kerper. They were married in 1955 and were active in the Lutheran church. Mr. Elbert U. Eberts, Morgantown's High School principal, helped Jim to get his high school diploma. Jim and Audrey had a daughter Renee and a son Bruce and four grandchildren. He worked 35 years for Brush-Wellman until retirement in 1990. He died February 5, 2019 at his home in Leesport, PA. The funeral service and interment were at the Lutheran church of the Holy Trinity in Leesport, Pennsylvania.

His mother Clara S. (Beam) DeLong's brothers Grant and Jay Beam are in a book published by the Tri-County Heritage Society entitled Honoring World War II Veterans of Caernarvon Township, Berks County c. 2017.

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## PARKS & RECREATION NEWS



**The Gift of Giving** - The Township Office has been selected to be a drop off location for the Toys for Tots program. The drop box is located in the Township Building, 3307 Main Street. **New, unwrapped gifts** can be dropped off during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm. Campaign date ends December 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Community Christmas Celebration



Join us for the Community Christmas Celebration! Come see Santa and model trains on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 noon in the Social Hall of the Township Building. Bring your camera for pictures with Santa!



Plans are underway for the 2020 Morgantown/Caernarvon Township 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. This event will be celebrated during the 2020 Morgantown Carnival, June 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are welcome to join the planning committee for this event, please feel free to contact the Township Office for more information, 610-286-1010.



## TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Allen Styer III, Chairperson (2022)  
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 Sandy Styer (2020)  
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 Terri Payne  
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 Chad Eberly, Detective Corporal  
 Thomas Brecker  
 Melissa Seidel  
 William Smith  
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 Joseph Carboni (part-time)  
 Kyle Bohn (part-time)  
 Ryan Barr (part-time)  
 Teresa Peifer, Administrative Asst.  
 Bill West, Part-Time Clerk

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Keith McGowan, Road Foreman  
 Tom "Pete" Hornberger  
 Jeffrey Suchomelly  
 Darryl Romig (Seasonal)  
 Keith Fritz (Seasonal)  
 Thomas Laraia (Seasonal)  
 Dominick Kennedy (Seasonal)