

# CAERNARVON NEWS

BERKS COUNTY

Spring/Summer 2023



3307 Main Street  
Morgantown, PA 19543-02



## Important Reminders

**Mower/Grass Clippings** – Please do not discharge mower/grass clippings into the streets. Please contact your trash & recycling carrier for yard waste disposal options, or contact the Republic Services Conestoga Landfill for options, their contact number is (610) 286-6844.

**Clean Up Pet Waste** - Pet waste presents environmental concerns. Left uncollected, pet waste pollutes rivers and groundwater. **Responsibly disposing pet waste in the trash is the right thing to do for the environment and for your neighbors.**

**Road Work** – 2023 Street Work will begin soon. Please watch for Road Work Signs, and drive safely! Please obey temporary traffic control signage when traveling.

### Roads under consideration for contracted road work:

2023 Construction Project:

- Valley Road – Main Street to Mill Road
- Hopewell Road – Red Hill Road to Elverson Road
- Quarry Road – SR 10 to Morgan Corporation driveway
- Joanna Road – Thousand Oaks Blvd to Elverson Road

2023 Maintenance Project:

- Harmony Road – Harmony Church to SR 10
- Ranck Road – Elverson Road to SR 10
- Hidden Court – Twin Valley Road to cul-de-sac
- Caernarvon Drive – Hidden Court to 800 feet from Red Hill Road
- Clymer Hill Road – Willow Glen Road to end

NEED TO REPORT A POTHOLE? CALL (610) 286-1016

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[www.caernarvon.org](http://www.caernarvon.org)  
Phone: 610-286-1010



Police Chief: Paul R. Stolz, Jr.

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

## Vacation Checks - Reminder



Please remember to contact the Police Department to let them know if you are going on vacation so they can keep an eye on your house. You can also download the form from the Township website, [www.caernarvon.org](http://www.caernarvon.org).



**CURFEW REMINDER** - Township Ordinance No. 63 calls for an 11PM curfew year-round for anyone under the age of 18 years old.

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](http://www.caernarvon.org).

Puzzles

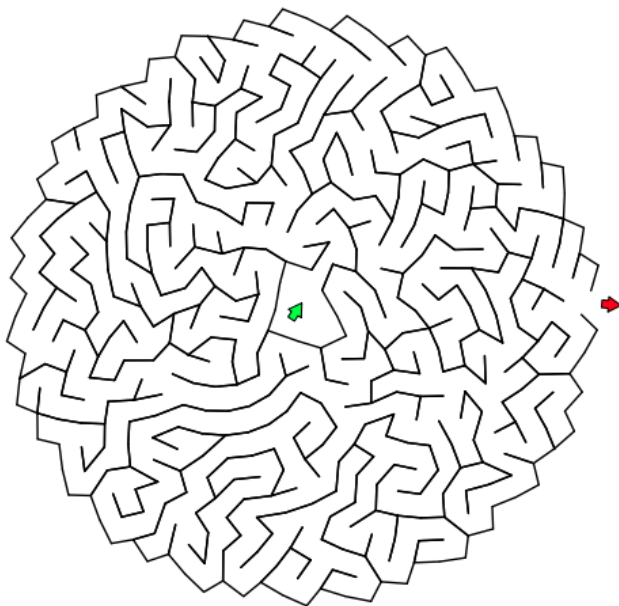
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### MAZE # 1



**Quote of the Day:**

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." —  
Winston S. Churchill

### Caernarvon Township Calendar of Events:



- \* June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – Morgantown Carnival
- \* June 21<sup>st</sup>– Summer Begins
- \* July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day Holiday
- \* September 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Holiday
- \* September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fall Begins
- \* September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fall Festival

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

**The public is welcome to attend**



Morgantown Community Carnival  
June 13 – 17, 2023

**FOOD VENDORS, GAMES, AND MORE!**

**FIREWORKS**  
**FRIDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> &**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**Fall Festival**  
Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Noon till 5:00  
**FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC, AND MORE!**  
Watch for updated information on the Parks &  
Recreation and Caernarvon Township  
Facebook Pages



## Morgantown History

### Grace Mines Sounds

By: Jere Brady



There are many folks in the area who worked at Grace Mines and are always happy to share their stories of their times there. Here's some ramblings from my memories regarding the sounds of trains and industries.

From hearing the sounds of the trains from the W&N RR while living 8 years in Elverson and then moving to Morgantown in 1962, we were greeted by the sounds of Grace Mines. We heard the whistle of the changing of the shifts plus the locomotive engines and train cars on the spur that came off the W&N line from Birdsboro to Coatesville. The whistles, the clanking of train cars as they were coupled or uncoupled and as they rumbled on the tracks became sounds that over time, would lull one to sleep.

These were sounds I heard ever since I was born only a dozen miles from Morgantown in Scarlet's Mill in 1931. My father cleared the forest there in 1930 and built the house in which I was born. As a child, I knew the times that the trains were coming so would rush out to wave to the engineer Bill Zerr of Geigertown. He would wave back which was a big thrill to a child and was disappointed when the days he wasn't on duty. My father took a job at a brass factory in Hamburg, where we lived for two years and once again, we would hear the Reading Company trains which seemed to travel all night.

After I got married, I took a teaching position at Swatara Township. While living in Steelton, we could hear the sounds of the trains as well as the sounds of Steelton's Bethlehem Steel.

As for Bethlehem Steel in Morgantown. The mines were in full operation when we bought a home on Main Street. As a teenager in the late 1940's, we heard rumors of Bethlehem Steel considering starting mining iron ore in Caernarvon Township. In a recent visit from Mike Bernard,

### *Grace Mines Article Continued*

who attended the elementary school in Morgantown only a block from his home mentions his family had a clear view of the mine's buildings. He came across a letter mentioning that in 1950, Elmer Witman, the secretary of the Caernarvon School Board, corresponded with the Cornwall School Board as there was concern how an influx of population might affect the educational system. Cornwall, PA mining operated from 1742 to 1883. Elmer and Gertrude Witman lived on Main Street in Morgantown.

Ever since settlers came to this area, it soon became known that the area was super-rich in iron ore. David Jones of Caernarvon, Berks County owned one of the first forges in the early 1700.

Sadly, even though there is a vast amount of iron ore still here, Grace Mines mining operation ceased in 1977 and the sounds of the trains and the sounds of Grace Mines can't be heard anymore.



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Q – Do I need a permit to install a pool, spa or hot tub?**

**A –** Yes, any structure that contains water 24" or more in depth design.

**Permit applications are available through the Township's website, [www.caernarvon.org](http://www.caernarvon.org) or visit the Township Office for copies of applications.**

#### **Q - Do we need a permit to burn debris?**

**A –** Yes but currently, the Berks County Chief Operations Officer executed Resolution No. 151-2023 imposing an emergency temporary ban on outdoor burning in the County of Berks. The current ban is in effect until May 15th. Please see the county website for updated information. [www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Wildfire/BurnBans](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Wildfire/BurnBans)

#### **Q – Who is the contact for questions regarding Township water service and advisories?**

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



# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
 Sandra Styer, Chair (2026)  
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 Keith Fritz (2027)  
 Paul Whiteman, Sr. (2027)  
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 Administrative Assistant: Margie Bishop

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 Roger Keith  
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 Jeff Vickers  
 David Jakubek

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 John Malm (Alternate)

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 Dan Jeffery  
 Frank Payne  
 Greg Showalter  
 Erin McMullen

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 Matthew Menna, Sergeant  
 Chad Eberly, Detective Corporal  
 Thomas Brecker  
 Christopher Dunlap  
 William Reppert  
 William Smith  
 Kyle Tranovich  
 Melissa Karpovich (part-time)

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 Bill West, Part-Time Clerk

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 Keith Fritz (Seasonal)  
 Dominick Kennedy (Seasonal)  
 Ross Miller (Seasonal)  
 Cameron Whiteman (Seasonal)