

CAERNARVON NEWS

BERKS COUNTY



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Tip #1 - Clean Up Mower/Grass Clippings

Please do not discharge mower/grass clippings into the streets. Caernarvon Township is in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and any debris discharged into the street will end up as fertilizer for the negative growth occurring in the bay. It is also a Federal violation of the Clean Water Act.

Additionally, per Township Ordinance #296 grass clippings and yard waste are not permitted to be dumped/disposed of in Township rights-of-way, easements, open spaces and common areas. There is a designated area for such at the landfill.

Tip #2: 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.** Consider recycling newspaper baggies and other plastics to scoop up your pets waste.

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John Scalia, Chief

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

Wipers On Headlights On Law

Pa. Vehicle Code Section 4302 requires that if your wipers are on due to inclement weather then you are required to have your headlights on also. This includes times of precipitation or other atmospheric moisture, including snow, sleet, mist, fog.

You see too many cars going down the road in bad weather without lights on even though the wipers are activated. They are hard to see and we all have experienced this. I think it is only common sense to turn your lights on and be visible as possible. Why get in an accident because you can't be seen when it is totally preventable?

So, how about turning those lights on during bad weather?

Hey, this law is meant to save lives and is easy to follow. Might even save the life of a friend or family member. Pass it on!

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.

Chief of Police Message - Continued

**PORCH PIRATES STRIKE
IN CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP**

The police department received a couple of reports of packages being stolen from front porches of resident's homes. This type of theft is occurring all over the area and country. If you observe any suspicious activity or suspicious persons in your neighborhood please call the police while it is happening. We would rather come out to prevent a crime in progress than investigate it after the fact.

If you are a victim of package theft here are 7 steps to take:

1. **Track your package from the shipper.**
2. **Check that a well-meaning neighbor does not have it.**
3. **Contact the seller or retailer.**
4. **File a claim with the shipping company.**
5. **Check your credit cards for purchase protection.**
6. **Claim high value items with your home owners insurance.**
7. **Contact the police and file a report.**

~Coffee With A Cop~

On Sunday, July 28th, officers from Caernarvon Township Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

Community members are welcome to drop in between 12:00pm and 2:00pm on July 28th at Morgantown Coffee House (4997 North Twin Valley Rd, Elverson, PA 19520). Please contact Det. Cpl. Chad Eberly with questions: 610-286-1012, ceberly@caernarvon.org.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Morgantown neighborhoods. *(article continued on next column)*



**Caernarvon Township
Calendar of Events:**



***July 28th – Coffee With A Cop 12pm-2pm
Morgantown Coffee House**

***September 2nd – Labor Day Holiday**

***September 22nd – First Day of Autumn**

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

~Coffee With a Cop~ Continued.....

The majority of contacts law enforcement have with the public happen during emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

We hope that members of the community will stop by and get to know our Officers.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members "one cup of coffee at a time".

~ Park & Recreation Committee Opportunities ~

Do you have an interest in serving your community? Currently the Park & Recreation Committee has openings for volunteers. Please contact the Township Office for more information regarding membership eligibility.

**Tri County Historical Society
From Morgantown, PA to Korean Prison**



James Calvin DeLong

Article Submitted by: Jere Brady

PART II -

In February 1949, he (James Calvin DeLong) was shipped to Japan enduring a typhoon along the way. In Japan, he was on occupation duty in the 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Division in Camp Crawford on the island of Okido in Northern Japan with nearly four feet of snow. In addition to bivouac training in these harsh winter condition, he also learned how to ski to the point he became an Army Ski Instructor. Snow shoes and skis enabled the army to advance more quickly over the snow.

The Korean War broke out. Jim was a corporal and 18 years old. About 5000 were sent on a troop ship to Korea. On the way, Jim became 19 on Aug. 10, 1950 was promoted to sergeant and became squad leader for the 4th squad of K Co, 31st Infantry, 3rd Battalion. He knew at once when he was in Korea that "War is hell." Hungry Korean kids would come for food which the soldiers would give them. Jim knew all was serious when men near him were getting killed. It was bitter cold and in the Chosin Reservoir battle between the Chinese and Americans continued constantly.

Jim was captured on Hill 1221 on December 1, 1950. The soldiers were lined up single file with their hands tied behind their backs and made to jog. A Chinese shot the head off the young soldier next to Jim. Then they were put in ditch and made them stay there for an hour. They then had their hands untied and had them march in the freezing cold. Jim noted a sleeping bag along the road, left the line to grab it, but was brutally beaten, but still hung unto it and he shared it with another soldier that night. They held them there for three days and then had them march again, then held them in individual houses. The small house Jim was in was about 14'x14' and there were 20 POWs in it. When they built a fire, the heat came from the floor and then the half inch long blood sucking lice became active. They were mostly fed soupy rice, but never meat or fruit resulting in bad health for the prisoners.

James Calvin DeLong article continuation...

One in the group had been studying to be a doctor and gave good advice to help keep them alive. They would have to relieve themselves outside. For those that died, they took them outside and dug what they could in the frozen ground and then piled rocks on them. They took clothing from the dead that would help keep them warm. They never knew if they would be the next to die. Jim said he never thought he would die. Jim was able to keep his little New Testament, part of his survival which he read over and over. **Article to be continued .. Fall Edition**

MORGANTOWN CARNIVAL NEWS

By: Pauly Whiteman, Carnival Committee Chairperson

The Morgantown Carnival Committee would like to thank all of the residents and businesses that donated to this year's event. With your continued support we were able to do numerous upgrades to the community grounds along with being able to bring you bigger named live entertainers and the biggest fireworks display to date. Giving back to the community is what this event is all about!

Mark your calendars for the 6th annual carnival. The dates are Tuesday, 6/16/20 through Saturday, 6/20/20. For more information, or if you would like to donate, contact us at:

morgantowncarnival@gmail.com.

Thank you to the following businesses for fireworks donations:



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