

# CAERNARVON NEWS

## BERKS COUNTY



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“All of the homes in your community drain to a stream or lake. All homeowners need to do their part to maintain stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) in their own yard to protect streams and lakes for everyone”.\* Here are 2 helpful tips for managing stormwater on your property:

1. “Downspout Draining Maintenance - Ensure gutter downspout is turned and allowed to drain into the yard, the stormwater can be filtered by the grass”.
2. Splash Guard - A splash guard or small pile of rocks may be needed at the location where the water leaves the drain to slow the water down and prevent erosion”\*.

\*Source: DEP website, Homeowner’s Guide to Stormwater BMP Maintenance.

### 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**  
**Matthew Menna, Officer in Charge**

**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.

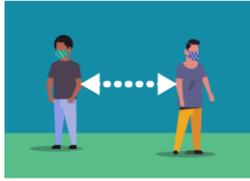
You see too many cars going down the road in bad weather without lights on even though the wipers are activated. They are hard to see and we all have experienced this. So, turn your headlights on to be as visible as possible. Why get in an accident because you can't be seen when it is totally preventable?



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, Brady’s Rock Shop & Art Gallery, 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).

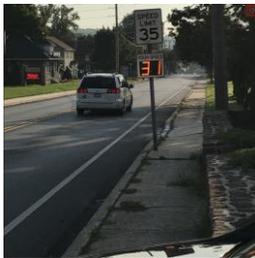
**Chief of Police Message - Continued**

Please continue to follow recommended social distancing, stay at home rules and the wearing of masks to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. We are all in this together and will get through this together.



**New Speed Radar Sign**

The Caernarvon Township Police received a new Speed Radar Sign from Berks AAA through a grant program. We are now able to use this sign to monitor traffic speeds and traffic patterns. The sign also displays the speed of passing motorists to show them what their current speed is compared to the posted speed limit. We are also now able to move this sign easily to areas within the Township in order to address citizen complaints. Be on the lookout for this new sign and please WATCH YOUR SPEED!



**PPL Street Lights**

If you happen to notice any non-working PPL street lights, please try to locate the silver plate with identification numbers and forward the information to the Township Office. That information is then forwarded to PPL for scheduling repair work. Thank you!



**Caernarvon Township  
Calendar of Events:**



**\*September 7th – Labor Day Holiday**

**\*September 22<sup>nd</sup> – First Day of Autumn**

**\*October 12<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day**

**\*November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Election Day ~VOTE~**

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

**Hometown Hero Banners**

The Board of Supervisors approved a Hometown Hero Banner program for Caernarvon Township. If you are interested in honoring a hero, you can either go directly to the Township's website for the application, [www.caernarvon.org](http://www.caernarvon.org), or contact the Township Office for more information.

**PARKS & RECREATION NEWS**



Unfortunately, due to restrictions, Parks & Recreation and the 250<sup>th</sup> Committees had to postpone the 250<sup>th</sup> Morgantown Celebration until next year. The dates and times will be announced at a later date. We are still looking for volunteers for the 250<sup>th</sup> event, our Anniversary Book and Parks and Recreation Committee. Contact the Township Office for more information.

Please go to the Caernarvon Township Parks and Recreation Facebook page for events information and updates.

**Stay Safe and Have a Great Summer!**



**Tri County Historical Society****Tri County Historical Society Article Continued****A Lady Who Lived at 3308 Main Street****Helen Louise Hart**

Article Submitted by: Jere Brady

**PART II (continued from Spring Issue)**

She was born amid the Great Depression to Pauline Schuez hart and Elmer Hart. She was proud to have grown up on a farm, a culture of hard work and practical frugality. She still had clothing in her closet from the 50's. She took care of it so it lasted, and it still fit, so why buy new ones! She attended Oak Grove School, a one room school full of friends and good memories, like the time she got hurt and an older boy carried her home. She could still recite poems she memorized there. She took pleasure in simple things. She could name all kinds of wild flowers and birds. Even on the afternoon of December 31, weary as she was, she wanted to go to the sunroom to watch the birdfeeder. She did not have the energy to stay long, but at least 24 sparrows brought her one last smile.

She was intensively proud of her family – their chickens, their produce, her father's woodworking and plastering. She lived at home and cared for her parents as they aged. She was often the family historian. She treasured this plate from Aunt Ollie, that cup and saucer from Aunt Sophie, this pitcher from Aunt Marie...Those were Grandpop Hart's glasses and Mom's tablecloth. Her apartment was full of her father's woodwork – stools, picture frames, the blanket chest, the sugar chest... Even this fall, Gail [niece] engaged her in a detailed description of the family tree – who married whom and when, their children, their homes and their occupations.

She greatly valued things from way back. She recently described the Phelps Mansion, where she once worked, in detail to share with the historical society.

Despite her simple lifestyle, she did have some adventures on her Indian motorcycle, powder blue

with a 240 engine. She would ride with a friend to the pagoda and to the races in Reading. She could fill you in about Tommy Hinnershitz. Kelley reminded me today that she sold it because she was afraid she was setting a dangerous example for her young nieces and nephews. She cherished memories of trips to Williamsburg and Yellowstone.

She was firmly committed to Native American causes. It weighed on her heart to know of their poverty. She also had a soft spot in her heart and her checkbook for animals and animal rescues. On the farm, there was always a dog and some cats.

She knew of the hard work of farm life and took pride in that wholesome lifestyle. She worked hard in the sewing factory under the intense pressure of piece work, but she did what she had to do each day. She also sewed much of her own clothing – no patterns needed.. She enjoyed dressing nicely with a perky scarf and matching gloves. When the sewing factories closed, she took work cleaning at Holiday Inn – strenuous physical work usually done by younger people. But once again, she gave it her best and did what she had to do to support herself and her parents, a matter of integrity.

She lived for the mail. She had two pen pals with whom she corresponded for nearly 70 years. She met them through Farm Magazine. At the apartment, she eagerly took her key to walk down to the mailboxes each day. When walking got harder, she still took walks for the mail. If she asked someone to bring her mail to her, you knew she was really feeling poorly that day! Even on her last night in her own apartment, she was searching for a card to mail to a sick friend. At the nursing home, she proudly counted all the cards she received. They were hanging by ribbons on the wall – 50 of them in 3 months, representing family and friends and relationships.

She greatly enjoyed painting. She usually did very detailed oil paintings on small pieces of wood her father had prepared. She spoke fondly of painting in the springhouse amid her dried flowers.

Most of her paintings were of chickens, flowers, bunnies, trees, fruit – rural life. She showcased many of them in her apartment, but most of them, she gave away. She did own one cherished painting by Ben Austrian, a painting of a chick that just hatched. We plan to donate it to the Reading Historical Society in her honor.

**Helen Louise Hart Article to be continued in the Fall Edition....**



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