

CAERNARVON NEWS

BERKS COUNTY

Fall & Winter
2020/2021



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Winter Maintenance Very Important Reminders

Sidewalk Clearing – Residents are reminded that Township Ordinance No 167 contains information on sidewalk clearing requirements in the Township. Sidewalks are required by Township Ordinance #167 to be cleared of snow and ice within 48 hours after the precipitation stops/ceases. Also, the Ordinance states “depositing snow from any driveway or sidewalk into the street is prohibited”.

Trash/Recycling 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.

Basketball Nets – For safety reasons, please do not place basketball nets in the street. **When placed in the street they can be obstacles for buses, delivery drivers and Township snow plowing crews. Thank you for your assistance and attention to maintaining safety within Township neighborhoods.**



Let's have a safe winter!



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Officer in Charge: Matthew Menna

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

Welcome New Hires!

The Caernarvon Township Police Department recently hired two new Part-Time Officers. We would like to welcome Officer Matthew Yatsko who is currently a 14 year veteran with the Sinking Spring Borough Police Department. We also hired Officer Callan Cress who is currently a Part-Time Officer with Laureldale Borough Police Department. Welcome to Caernarvon Township, Officer Yatsko and Officer Cress!

Thank You to Generous Donors!

The Caernarvon Township Police Department recently applied for and was granted funding from the Energy Transfer First Responder Fund and the Kyle Pagerly Memorial Fund. The purpose of the request was to cover costs for the purchase of police body worn cameras and a server to hold all of the video files. Energy Transfer agreed to cover the cost of the body cameras and provided a check for \$9,955.00. The Kyle Pagerly Memorial Fund agreed to cover the costs of the server needed and provided a check for the amount of \$5,695.25.

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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, and Twin Valley Coffee. Copies can also be found on our website, www.caernarvon.org.

Police Department Generous Donors Article - Continued

If not for these generous donations our agency would not be able to have such a valuable piece of equipment at its disposal. This equipment is becoming more and more valuable in today's society. Some benefits of the cameras include:

1. Remedy for resolving issues of community trust, and increase police accountability.
2. Increased public confidence in local policing.
3. A reduction in the number of complaints and allegations made against police officers.
4. Reduced criminal justice costs due to an increase in early guilty pleas.
5. A reduction in the number of assaults on police officers.
6. Ability to deploy Body Worn Cameras in areas not covered by other forms of Closed Circuit TVs.
7. Officer skill enhancement through the review of performance at incidents.
8. Reduction in officer time spent on paperwork.

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 that effective November 1, 2020 the center will be closing at dusk each day.

PPL Street Lights

If you happen to notice any non-working PPL street lights within the Township, please try to locate the silver plate with identification numbers and forward the information to the Township Office, 610-286-1010. That information is then forwarded to PPL for scheduling repair work. Thank you!



**Caernarvon Township
Calendar of Events:**



- * February 15th – Presidents' Day
- * March 20th – First Day of Spring 
- * April 2nd – Good Friday
- * April 4th – Easter Sunday

Reminder - Township Supervisors' meetings are held 2nd and 4th 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 roof repairs?

A - Yes, if the work includes structural repairs/replacement. If you are simply replacing old shingles you typically do not need a permit unless it is for a commercial building.

Q – Is a permit required for electrical work that will be done in my home?

A – Yes, a permit is needed for electrical work.

Permit applications are available through the Township's website, www.caernarvon.org or visit the Township Office for copies of applications.



Tri County Heritage Society

A Lady Who Lived at 3308 Main Street



Helen Louise Hart (continued article)

Article Submitted by: Jere Brady

She found joy in Garden Club activities. She reminisced about trips to the Philadelphia Flower Show and to Longwood Gardens. She spoke of learning and sharing skills she learned. She was quite proud of the soup tureen she won as a prize for a particular arrangement. At family gatherings, she often brought the centerpiece, artfully arranged from things she gathered. Gail remembers Helen arranging altar flowers for Harmony Church and for church suppers from her own garden for years on end.

She was a member of Harmony Church with her family when she lived on the homestead. Friends today remember her in the choir and as a Sunday School teacher. She attended Fishburn United Methodist Church when she moved to Hershey. When she could no longer drive to church, she depended on her TV evangelist, Kenneth Copeland, Joel Olsteen, Charles Stanley and Joyce Meyers. She read Joyce Meyers books and Guideposts. She kept a journal of meaningful scripture and quotes about Faith. "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path." Psalm 27:11.

When she could no longer live in her apartment, she bravely moved to the nursing home, asking only once whether she could go back to the apartment. I hope I am that brave when I am old. Nursing home life is not much fun.

At Thanksgiving, she very much enjoyed being among the family and part of the celebration. It took the whole family to lift her wheelchair to get her in the door and meet her needs. A doctor asked her "If your heart stops, should we start it again or do you want to be with God?" She said, "I'll go home to be with God." She truly believed in the Gospel message of Hope and Salvation by Grace. And we truly believe that today she is whole, pain free, happy and at peace in the presence of Christ, her parents and her siblings, She's watching birds, painting, arranging heavenly flowers and reading her mail."

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(Tri County Heritage Society Article - Continued)

Many of her high school classmates have passed away but four of them made it to the funeral. She loved to attend high school reunions until she could no longer. Harmony church was along a Township road, but when Bethlehem Steel came into Morgantown area, the road was not maintained. The cemetery next to Harmony Church filled up, so another plot was fenced in across this road. Helen was buried in the cemetery across the path.

For the years she rented in Hershey, she lived on Chocolate Avenue. When they came around to inspect her apartment, she knew they would tell her to get rid of some of the things that crowded her apartment. When she learned of it, she would make trip after trip to her car and store it there. When the inspector left, she would take the elevator and go to her car and bring them back. What Helen had was not junk and she did work hard giving things away to those whom she knew would appreciate it.

Thank you to Jere Brady for this interesting article about Helen Louise Hart!

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS



The Parks and Recreation Committee is devoted to the successful use of our public parks and community interaction. Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted on meetings schedule), 7:00pm at the Township Building. We hope to see you there!

Currently, we have openings for Committee Members, please contact the Township Office if you are interested in becoming a Parks and Recreation Committee Member.



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.



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