



Township News

CUMRU

Building a better community for you!

Township of Cumru  
1775 Welsh Road  
Mohnton, PA 19540

Township Offices  
Monday–Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Except Holidays  
Phone: 610-777-1343  
Fax: 610-796-0850  
CumruTownship.org

Board of Commissioners  
Meetings  
Third & Fifth Tuesday of  
each month at 7 p.m.

President  
Tony J. Sacco

Vice President  
Edward L. Gottschall

Treasurer  
Ruth O'Leary

Members  
Ruth O'Leary  
Sheri Hoover  
Lorri Swan

Solicitor  
Michael A. Setley, Esq.

Engineer  
Great Valley  
Consultants, Inc.

## MARCH 21, 2015 BUNNY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

We are very excited to kick off this year's spring programming with our annual Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt. These two programs have become two of our most popular and well attended events. The festivities will kick off at 9:00am on March 21, 2015 at the Warren Rec. Center (1775 Welsh Road) with our Bunny Breakfast. The breakfast buffet is being catered by Cloud 9 Cafe and we have eggs, bacon, hashbrowns, fresh fruit, bagels, and fresh baked pastries on the menu. Along with a great meal, we will have crafts for the kids, door prizes for all ages, and last but certainly not least, a visit from the Easter Bunny. Preregistration is required and registration is limited, so call soon to secure your seats (Adults \$9/Children \$7/U3 Free). We will follow up the breakfast with our Egg Hunt at 11:00am, which is free to attend and open to children ages 12 and under. We will be running four egg hunts; for ages 2 and under, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. We will have plenty of prizes on hand for everyone in attendance. We will also have refreshments and snacks available in the Warren Rec. Center. We ask that you please preregister, so that we have a rough head count, and that you arrive 15 minutes early to check in. You can register for the Bunny Breakfast in person at our Municipal Offices Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm; we accept cash or check. You can preregister for the Egg Hunt by contacting us at (610)777-1343 x.121. We cannot wait to see you all March 21st!



**SPRING 2015**

## INTERESTED IN SERVING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

We currently have vacancies on our Park and Recreation Board and Planning Commission. More details on our boards and panels can be found below. Call (610) 777-1343 for more details.

---

## MEETING SCHEDULES

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month and the 5th Tuesday, when applicable, at 7:00 pm.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Township Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. Except: September (2nd Monday). The Township Secretary is available to answer questions about the application for plan review and plan review fees; call (610) 777-1343.

### PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

The Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. The Park and Recreation Board is always looking for volunteers to help with our events and programs. Contact the Rec. Director for details.

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. A staff assistant is available to answer any questions regarding a Zoning Variance Application during normal business hours. Call (610) 777-1343.

### PENSION BOARD

The Pension Board meets whenever the committee deems necessary to perform its functions and responsibilities. A staff assistant is available to answer any questions regarding this Board during normal business hours; call (610) 777-1343.

### MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The Municipal Authority of Cumru Township is scheduled to meet on 4/9/15, 7/9/15, and 10/10/15 at 8:00am to discuss the sanitary sewer system.

\*A full listing of boards & commissions, along with a meeting schedule can be found at [www.cumrutownship.org](http://www.cumrutownship.org).

\*\*If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of our Boards with a vacancy, please contact the township at (610) 777-1343 for details on how to declare your interest.

---

## TOWNSHIP CLOSINGS

The Township Administrative Offices will be closed for the following Holidays (If the holiday falls on a week day, closed on a Friday if the holiday falls on a Saturday, and closed on a Monday if they holiday falls on a Sunday):

New Year's Day, President's Day, the Friday before Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Day after Thanksgiving, half the day before Christmas, Christmas Day, half of New Year's Eve

## TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION

### Sitting Dates and Times

March, April, July, and August hours:

- Tuesday & Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm
- Wednesday, 11 am to 4:30 pm

All other months:

- Tuesday, 10 am to 2 pm (no Thurs hours)
- Wednesday, 11 am to 4:30 pm

### CLOSED ON THESE DATES:

- 7/27/2015 - 8/3/2015
- 9/21/2015 - 10/5/2015
- 12/21/2015 - 1/4/2016

### Important Notes

- ONLY FULL PAYMENT ACCEPTED. ONLY EXACT PAYMENT ACCEPTED.
- All payments payable to Kathleen Sonnen, Tax Collector.
- If remitting payment without bill, please note type of tax, current year & tax bill number.
- Refuse fee: After 12/31/2015, unpaid refuse charges are sent to collection agency for payment.
- Real estate taxes: After 12/31/2015, unpaid real estate tax bills are collected by Berks County Tax Claim, (610)478-6625. A fee of \$15.00 per bill is added when filed with Berks County Tax Claim. As of 2/1/2016, ¾% interest is added per month.
- Per capita taxes: Per capita tax is assessed for any person 18 years of age or older, working or not working. Bills dated July, if not paid by 12/31/2015, will be submitted to GH Harris collection agency, (570)639-5005. Bills dated November, if not paid by April 30, 2016, will be submitted to GH Harris collection agency.
- A drop box is available inside the Cumru Township Office Building at 1775 Welsh Rd., Mohnton, PA. DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE DROP BOX. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Township holidays are as follows: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Friday before Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Columbus Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, after 12:00 p.m. day before Christmas, Christmas Day, after 12:00 p.m. day before New Year. The office closes for 2015 on December 31, 2015, at 12:00 p.m.

## SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Over the past few years, the Township of Cumru has made it a priority to find better ways of reaching our residents with the information they need. This process started with a face lift of our website (cumrutownship.org) and a redesign of our biannual newsletter back in 2010. In 2011, we created a facebook page and have been encouraged by the reach of our posts. Since 2012, we have been packaging our Recreation Schedule with the Refuse and Recycling Calendars to maximize our mailings.

In 2014, we launched two new resources, ParksNFunFinder.org and our mass notification system. The first grew from a cooperative effort between the five municipalities in the Governor Mifflin School District (Cumru, Brecknock, Shillington, Kenhorst, Mohnton) and the Governor Mifflin School District. It was launched this past fall as the Governor Mifflin Parks N Fun Finder (parksnfunfinder.org). The Parks N Fun Finder is a comprehensive source of all of the area Park and Recreation facilities, providers, programs, and events. We look forward to this being a great resource moving forward. In addition to the Parks N Fund Finder, we have also added

the capability of generating mass email notifications to inform our residents about Park and Rec. Events, Administrative Advisories, Public Safety Advisories, and Public Works Advisories. You can sign up for these notifications from either of our websites. Sign up soon to make sure you don't miss the next road closures, recre-



## DON'T FLUSH THE FLOSS

Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as “disposable” but should not be flushed down the toilet. Items include: **disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, mop refills, paper towels, towelettes, dental floss, etc.**

These products don't dissolve. They clog pipes, causing expensive and time consuming repairs for homeowners. These products also clog public sewer pipes and pump station equipment, contributing to higher sewer rates. Save yourself and your sewer system from a pain in the drain, put wipes, rags and floss in the trash, not the toilet!

---

## TIPS FOR MAKING SEWER AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Cumru Township accepts cash, personal checks, and physical checks generated by on-line bill pay services. Cumru does not accept electronic funds transfers via ACH, debit cards, or credit cards.

- The consumer is responsible for monitoring the disbursement of funds from her/his account.
- The consumer is responsible for being aware of her/his bank's internal policies.
- The Township is not responsible for errors by on-line bill pay services.
- The Township assesses a fee of \$32.00 for deposited checks that are returned for insufficient funds. The consumer is then required to pay the fee and original bill in cash.

---

## HELP US MANAGE STORM WATER

What many people don't realize is how storm water collects debris, like yard waste and litter. Solid materials bundle together at storm drains and block the flow of rain into storm water pipes. This can result in localized flooding that could have been prevented. Solid materials that get through the storm water system flow directly into local creeks and rivers, often containing pollutants that are harmful to aquatic ecosystems. Like many other municipalities, Cumru Township is responsible for enforcing regulations to minimize yard waste, litter, and other debris in storm water. Accordingly, by Ordinance No. 658, as amended, Cumru Township prohibits the disposal of grass clippings and other material in streets, unless clippings are removed from streets by one hour after sunset on the day on which such clippings are deposited in the street. **When it rains, everyone is downstream of someone.**

---

## DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Permits are required to protect all people from the effects of the repairs, additions, or new construction which are in violation of codes and which could cause harm to life and property. Permits are also required to ensure that federally mandated building related requirements, such as energy conservation and accessibility, are complied with.

For spring, many people may be contemplating the purchase and installation of a shed, pole barn, garage, or home addition. Depending upon the type and size of project, permits may be needed. Looking forward to summer, many people may be contemplating the purchase and installation of a pool or pool-type structure. Any pool, spa, hot tub, or other similar structure that can hold more than 24 inches of water needs a building permit and a zoning permit.

Sometimes, it can be confusing as to whether or not a permit is needed. If you have a question about permits, or if you need one for your next project, please call a Building Inspector at 610 777 1343, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



## SEWER RATE INCREASE

### Why is the sewer rate increasing in 2015?

As has been widely reported, the City of Reading wastewater treatment plant at Fritz Island is mandated to perform certain upgrades. Some of those upgrades have already begun. Cumru Township sends 98% of its sanitary sewer effluent to Fritz Island. Sewer customers in all of the municipalities sending sewer effluent to Fritz Island, including Cumru Township, are responsible for a portion of the cost of these upgrades. Certain additional charges from the City of Reading will begin to increase over the next few years. Cumru Township's only source of income to pay these costs is the quarterly fee charged to its sewer customers.

Rather than imposing a sudden, steep increase in the sewer rate, Cumru Township endorsed a strategy in 2012 of gradually raising the sewer rate to pay for the estimated cost of Fritz Island upgrades and other charges by the City of Reading. Several municipalities have adopted this strategy, with a rate increase projected to be between 8% and 8.25% annually for 9 years. Each year, a certain amount of the sewer fund balance is designated for payment of the City charges described above. The sewer rate is reviewed each year as part of the annual budget preparation. This strategy was discussed at public meetings in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

The 2015 sewer rate increase will be 8.1% (rounded). A metered account will pay \$110.00 for a minimum charge on the first 7,500 gallons of water consumption and an unmetered (well) account will pay a flat rate of \$153.00 per equivalent dwelling unit, or EDU.

The Municipal Authority of Cumru, the advisory committee on sewer matters to the Board of Commissioners, is recommending a project in 2015 to meter the wells of those sanitary sewer customers with on lot water. After metering, those customers will be billed in the same way as customers on public water and many may experience a reduction in their sewer bills. More information on this project will be forthcoming as specifications are developed.

### Rate History

DATE	RATE	EFFECTIVE BILLING
11/2004	\$66.00 for 12,500 gal; \$.00528/gal over (wells \$92 flat per EDU)	February billing 2005
12/2007	\$83.00 for 12,500 gal; \$.00664/gal over (wells \$115 flat per EDU)	February billing 2008
5/2010	\$87.00 for 7,500 gal; \$.013125/gal over (wells \$120 flat per EDU)	May billing 2010
12/2012	\$94.00 for 7,500 gal; \$.0142/gal over (wells \$130 flat per EDU)	February billing 2013
12/2013	\$102.00 for 7,500 gal; \$.0136/gal over (wells \$141 flat per EDU)	February billing 2014
12/2014	\$110.00 for 7,500 gal; \$.0147/gal over (wells \$153 flat per EDU)	February billing 2015

### Comparison to other Municipalities that utilize Fritz Island for treatment

	CUMRU	MUHLENBERG	KENHORST	READING (5/8" METER)
<b>MINIMUM BILL</b>	\$110.00/QTR	\$162.62/QTR	\$100.00/QTR	\$28.93/MO (\$86.79/QTR)
<b>MINIMUM USAGE FOR SEWER RATE</b>	7,500 GAL/QTR \$.0147/GAL ABOVE MIN	1,600 CU FT/QTR (12,000 GAL/QTR) \$8.88 PER 100 CU FT ABOVE MIN	12,500 GAL/QTR \$.0072/GAL ABOVE MIN	2,000 GAL/MO (6,000 GAL/QTR) \$8.83 PER 1,000 GAL ABOVE MIN

## RESIDENT INFORMATION

### STREET LIGHTS:

If you experience a streetlight outage, call Met-Ed or PPL directly by using contact information on your electric bill. When trees block streetlights, the lights cannot be serviced. Property owners are responsible for having their trees trimmed so as not to interfere with streetlight maintenance.

### TREE TRIMMING:

Trees and vegetation must be trimmed to provide at least seven and one half feet (7'-6") of clearance above sidewalks and at least fourteen (14') of clearance above streets (Ordinance No. 137). Low branches can damage vehicles, impede sidewalk travel, and block signs. Property owners are responsible for having their trees trimmed. New trees shall be planted a minimum of 10 feet outside of the legal right of way of streets (Ordinance No. 690).

### POTHOLES:

The Highway Department fills potholes all year round. Please call (610) 777-1343 to report potholes and a crew will be dispatched.

### NO SEWER DEDUCTIONS:

For those sanitary sewer customers on public water, Cumru Township discontinued the practice of deductions for pool fill-ups or other water that does not go through the sanitary sewer system. Sewer consumption is based solely on water consumption, as required by ordinance.

### SEWER VENTS:

Sewer vents and clean-outs are a critical part of every building's sanitary sewer lateral. They provide access for repair, maintenance and inspection of the sewer pipes that convey sewage from a building to the Township's sewer collection system. The sewer vents and clean-outs are owned by and the responsibility of the property owner. The area around the sewer vents and clean-outs must be kept clear of vegetation, landscaping, and other permanent structures.

### SEWER BACK-UPS:

Residents are encouraged to call the Township before they contact a plumber in the event of a clogged sewer. At no charge, the Township will investigate the problem and advise the property owner on the results. If you experience a sewer backup, do not flush your toilet or use water until the cause of the problem has been determined. The Township recommends contacting the Sewer Department at (610) 777-1343 Monday through Friday 8a.m.-4:30p.m. or after hours at (610) 607-1815. The Township will check the sewer main and sewer lateral. If the clog is in the main or in the Township's Section of the lateral the Sewer Department will clear the blockage. If the clog is on the property owner's section of the lateral or the building trap, the Township will advise the property owner to contact a plumber. There is no charge for this service.



## GOUGLERSVILLE RD PHASES 3 & 4:

As many area residents know, Gouglersville Road is a significant collector road, providing a transportation corridor between Cumru and Brecknock Townships. In 2013, Cumru Township embarked on a 5 phase reconstruction of Gouglersville Road. Part of the reconstruction project has involved the installation and upgrade of storm water facilities, to lengthen the lifespan of the new roadway.



The Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges the cooperation of all those who use Gouglersville Road, especially the residents in the Gouglersville area, during phases 1 and 2 of the reconstruction project. The entire project was originally intended to be accomplished by reconstructing one section per year from 2013 through 2017. However, in order to shorten the inconvenience to local residents by a year, the Board of Commissioners has authorized both phases 3 and 4 to be completed in 2015. Completing two phases in one year will also be more cost effective, with projected savings of \$60,000.



The area to be reconstructed in 2015 runs from approximately 1,500 feet north of Beavans Road to the PennDOT right of way at Mohn's Hill Road. The 2015 detour, depicted above, will be the same as in previous phases. Construction is anticipated to begin in June.

## HOLIDAY TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

Trash and recycling collections shall not be made on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. When a holiday falls on a Monday or a Tuesday, collection shall be made on the prior Saturday. When a holiday falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, collection shall be made on the following Saturday. These changes are reflected in the trash and recycling schedules. Residents are encouraged to place their items curbside on Friday evening.

## CURBSIDE BRUSH/YARDWASTE COLLECTION

There will be two curbside "brush and yard waste" pickups during 2015. The collection schedule is as follows:

If your trash day is Mon: pickup will be Sat., April 4, 2015 and Sat., Oct. 3, 2015

If your trash day is Tues: pickup will be Sat., April 11, 2015 and Sat., Oct. 10, 2015

If your trash day is Wed: pickup will be Sat., April 18, 2015 and Sat., Oct. 17, 2015

If your trash day is Thurs or Fri: pickup will be Sat., April 25, 2015 and Sat., Oct. 24, 2015

Please Note:

1. All brush/yard waste must be set out the night prior to collection. There will be no re-run routes.
2. All brush/yard waste is to be in kraft bags (biodegradable bags) or tied securely with rope or twine not to exceed two (2) feet in diameter, and three (3) feet in length. No wood over four (4) inches in diameter will be taken because of possible damage to trucks. No bundles or bags weighing over forty (40) pounds.
3. The limit per household is 12 bags or bundles.
4. No firewood, stumps, dirt, or rocks will be taken as part of this collection.

## INTERESTED IN RENTING OUR FACILITIES?

**CALL (610) 777-1343 FOR DETAILS**

Looking to host a birthday or graduation party? How about a bridal or baby shower? Don't have enough room at home for that family get together? Our Warren Recreation Center is the perfect solution! With ample space, affordable rates, and all the necessary facilities, make sure you give us a call before you make arrangements anywhere else. We may have exactly what you are looking for. We book quick, so do not hesitate to call!





## YARD WASTE FACILITY

Open ONLY on the Second Saturday of the Month, Yard waste will not be accepted on any other day. Normal Hours of Operation are 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Winter Hours (Dec-March) are: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The Facility is located off of Poplar Neck Rd.



The following items will be accepted:

- Leaves
- Garden Debris
- Brush and Bushes
- Tree Trimmings
- Weeds
- Flowers and Garden Plants
- Kraft Paper Bags

The following items will NOT be accepted:

- Stumps and/or stump grindings
- Grass
- Plastic Bags
- Root Balls
- Treated or Painted Wood
- Railroad Ties
- Tree Branches (larger than 5ft long & 6in wide)
- Glass
- Trash
- Dirt or Sod
- Concrete or Brick
- Rocks**

Fines up to \$300 will be issued for illegal dumping (Ordinance No. 676). Open ONLY to residents of Cumru. Identification will be required! No commercial vehicles are allowed. The site will be patrolled by police and is under video surveillance.

\*In order to comply with PaDEP regulations, items proposed to be dropped off at the yard waste facility may be declined at the Township's discretion.

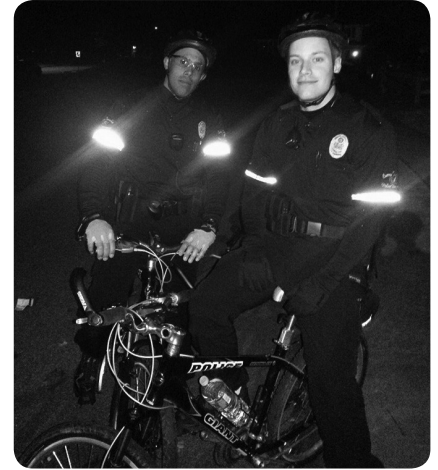
## PROJECT CHILDSAFE

The Cumru Township Police Department has partnered with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program, to distribute firearms safety kits, which include a free gun lock, to our residents. Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting sports Foundation (NSSF), has distributed more than 36 million firearms safety kits throughout the nation since 2003. To receive a free kit or for more information, stop in at the Police Department's office, 1775 Welsh Rd., during regular business hours, or call Sgt. Thomas Pinkasavage at (610)777-9595.

---

## BICYCLE REGISTRATION

With warmer weather just around the corner, it'll soon be time for the kids to put their sleds away and bring out their bicycles. The police department offers free bicycle registrations as a service to its residents. The registration process only takes a few minutes and consists of an officer obtaining a description, make, and model of the bicycle, as well as its serial number. A permanent sticker with a unique registration number is then attached to its frame. This way, in case of theft or loss of the bicycle, the CTPD will have the pertinent information on file to complete a police report and initiate a search for it. To schedule an appointment to have your bicycle registered, or for questions, please contact Sgt. Jay Steffy, Jr.



## KID'S ID CARD PROGRAM

The Police Department offers identification cards for children as a service to our community. These ID cards bear the child's name, photograph, a fingerprint, and physical descriptors. They are intended to be kept in a safe place by parents in case of an emergency that may require identification of the child. These cards can be made on an individual basis or in a group setting (Scouts, Day Care centers, etc.) and only take minutes to produce. To obtain a card for your child, or for more information on the Kids ID Card program, please contact Sgt. Kim Brown or Sgt. Tom Pinkasavage.

---

## CTPD FACEBOOK PAGE

The Cumru Township Police Department has a Facebook page! Please visit us at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for "Cumru Township Police Department."

## SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

The Police Department enforces snow emergency routes; all vehicles must be removed from these routes. These routes are essential transportation corridors for the Township and must remain clear in order to allow Public Works snow removal crews to clear the roads.

Traffic signs identify streets that are snow emergency routes. When a snow emergency is declared, vehicles abandoned or parked on snow emergency routes may be towed and fined. Snow emergency routes are designated with signs and include, but are not limited to:

Abercarn Drive, Brooke Blvd., Cedar Top Rd., Church Rd., Fairmont Ave., Flying Hills Drive, Freemansville Rd., Gouglersville Rd., Hain Rd., Hickory Rd., High Blvd., Hunters Rd., Imperial Drive, Lakewood Drive, Madison St., Maple Grove Rd., Montrose Blvd., Mount Penn Rd., North Church St., Mohns Hill Rd., Mt. View Rd., Old Fritztown Rd., Revere Blvd., South Summit Ave., Summit Ave., Valley Stream Rd., Vermont Rd., Welsh Rd., Williams St., Wyomissing Rd.

Check the township website, [www.cumrutownship.org](http://www.cumrutownship.org) or our facebook page for snow emergency updates.

---

## KIDS, COPS & FRIENDS TROUT DERBY

The Cumru Township Police Department, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, will be holding the annual Kids, Cops & Friends Trout Derby on May 9, 2015. The event is free to attend for children 12 and under; however,



registration is limited to the first 50 children. Food and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own tackle. Prizes will be awarded for tagged trout. The trout derby will begin promptly at 9:00am, please arrive early to sign in and to pick your spot. The event will wrap up around 12:30pm. Registration will begin April 6, 2015. Please contact us at (610)777-1343 for more information.

---

## “LEASH” LAW

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to fail to keep at all times such dog either:

- (1) confined within the premises of the owner;
- (2) firmly secured by means of a collar and chain or other device so that it cannot stray beyond the premises on which it is secured; or,
- (3) under the reasonable control of some person, or when engaged in lawful hunting, exhibition or field training.

All dogs must be under control. This means that when your dog is not on your property, it must be under reasonable control of you or a handler. The best way to control your dog is with a leash. Remember, dogs are personal property. You are responsible for any damage caused by your dog.



## FIRE DEPT - HOW TO GET INVOLVED

### WHY VOLUNTEER?

Becoming a volunteer firefighter gives you a unique opportunity to serve your community while joining a select group of people few ever get to be a part of. Whether you choose to help out in a support role, become a fully qualified firefighter, rescue technician or apparatus operator, or pursue a path to becoming a fire officer, it requires hard work and commitment, but it can also be one of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have. If you want to be part of a close-knit team, have a desire to learn and keep on learning, and want to help people when they need it the most, then the volunteer fire service just might be for you.



### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I VOLUNTEER?

If you're new to the fire service, you'll start off with an orientation period in which you'll be taught basic skills needed to safely help out during emergency responses. Over the first year or two, you'll participate in department activities and emergency responses, filling roles suited to your level of training and ability, and complete the State Fire Academy training that helps you become fully qualified as a firefighter or function in your chosen support role. If you've already spent some time in the fire service, your initial duties will be matched to your level of training and experience. Either way, where you go from there is largely up to you.

### HOW TO JOIN

First, you must complete one combined application to the Cumru Township Fire Department, Cumru Township Volunteer Firefighters' Association, and Cumru Township Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association. You must then pass a criminal background check, complete an interview with the Membership Committee, and be accepted into probationary membership by a vote of the Firefighters' Association. Successful completion of the six month probationary period completes the full membership process. We take applications year-round at the Fire Chief's office in the Cumru Township Municipal Building at 1775 Welsh Road, or you can speak directly with a department officer. There is no cost to apply or to be a member of the department.

More information is online available at <http://cumrutownship.org/ctfdmembership.html>.



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Travel with Township of Spring Parks & Recreation. Friendly, fun and safe travel companions. Departure and return from Sinking Spring location.

The Best of Broadway at Doolan's Shore Club

Date: APRIL 15, 2015 • Cost: \$92.00 • Depart: 9:00 AM, Return: 5:30 PM

Enjoy Broadway tunes from the 40's to present, plus an amazing comedian.

Includes a full course meal, one hour open bar, wine and soda during dinner and motorcoach.

Victorian Cape May, NJ MAY 18-20, 2015

QUAD: \$250.PP • TRIPLE: \$282.PP • DBL: \$348.PP • SGL: \$568.

Two night stay at Congress Hall Resort that offers a private beach, pool, spa and full resort amenities, located within walking distance to shops and restaurants. Before we arrive, we will visit Cape May Winery and Vineyards for lunch and a wine tasting. The remainder of the trip is free time for you to explore historic Cape May.

On the road to St. Louis ~ Memphis, Nashville and the Biltmore!

11 Days/10 Nights—September 17-27, 2015 RESERVATION DEADLINE JULY 1, 2015

DOUBLE: \$2,056.00/PERSON • QUAD: \$1,574.00 • TRIPLE: \$1,710.00/PERSON • SINGLE: \$3,083.00

TRIP INCLUDES: Roundtrip motor coach transportation from Spring Township, all Lodging, 10 Breakfasts & 10 Meals, includes Dinner Cruise & Dinner Shows & admissions. Itinerary details on website: [www.springtwpberks.org](http://www.springtwpberks.org).

REGISTER: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm By phone with CC (610) 678-5399 or at the Township of Spring Parks & Recreation Dept., 2850 Windmill Rd., Sinking Spring.

Trip details at [www.springtwpberks.org](http://www.springtwpberks.org)

---

## HIRING: PLAYGROUND LEADERS

We are currently accepting applications for summer playground leaders, Applicants must be 18 years of age, and will be required to pass a pre-employment drug screen, a state police background check, a childline child abuse background check, FBI fingerprinting, a First Aid/CPR certification course, and 3 days of in house training. All job requirements must be completed by June 12, 2015.

Our program will run 6 weeks from June 22, 2015 to July 31, 2015. June 15, 16, and 17 will be mandatory training days.

A job description and application may be acquired at the municipal offices (1775 Welsh Rd.) during normal business hours (8:00am-4:30pm). Any questions or concerns can be directed to our Park and Recreation Director, Samson Gausch, at (610)777-1343 x. 121 or by email at [sgausch@cumrutownship.org](mailto:sgausch@cumrutownship.org).



## MIFFLIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Hours:  
Monday 9 am-8 pm  
Tuesday 9 am-8 pm  
Wednesday 9 am-5 pm  
Thursday 9 am-8 pm  
Friday 9 am-1 pm  
Saturday 9 am-4 pm

The Mifflin community library is hosting numerous programs and activities throughout the week, including a stitching circle, storytime programs, a lego club, and more. Of course they also have a fantastic selection of books, magazines, music, and more available every day. Stop in or check out their website for more information (<http://www.berks.lib.pa.us>).



### Upcoming Events:

Mondays: 9:30 AM Storyrider Storytime - 6:30 PM Evening Stitching Circle  
Tuesdays: 9:30 AM Preschool Storytime - 10:45 AM Toddler Storytime  
Wednesdays: 9:30 AM Brilliant Beginnings Baby Lapsits - 1:00 PM Afternoon Stitching Circle  
Thursdays: 3:30 PM Magic:The Gathering Club for Teens - 6:45 PM Thursday Evening Storytime

## MIFFLIN AREA YMCA

<http://www.ymca-berkscounty.org>

The Mifflin Area YMCA offers a state-of-the-art fitness center, interactive youth center, gymnasium, and child-watch area. Youth and adult programs are running year round and the gymnasium is available for rentals. Financial aid is available, call for more information.



## 2015 Summer Adventure Camp



- Immediately after the end of your school-
- Camp begins August 21st (Monday-Friday)
- 6:30 AM (New start time) – 6:00 PM
- Pricing as low as \$23.00 per day
- Includes weekly field trips
- Includes swimming twice a week

**Join us for a summer full of fun!**

Mifflin Area YMCA  
140 Chestnut Street, Mohnton  
Call: 610-750-5036

Team Building • Water Activities • Sports • Field Trips • Fitness • Character Development

[www.ymca-berkscounty.org](http://www.ymca-berkscounty.org)

## BERKS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE & EASTER EGG HUNT

Grab your kids and grand kids and come to the ARL for our Open House & Easter Egg Hunt! The shelter opens at 11 am and guests can check out our adoptable animals, pick up a snack from our Volunteer Auxiliary and bake sale, or peruse our Chinese auction! The proceeds from the bake sale will be in support of our Grey Muzzle program. You can also take your favorite items home from our vendors, Scentsy and Nettie Price's Sparkling Art.

Venue: Animal Rescue League  
Start: March 28, 2015 11:00 pm  
End: March 28, 2015 3:00 pm  
Address: 58 Kennel Rd, Birdsboro PA, 19508

Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available from 11am-1pm. Developed photos can be picked up after 2pm. The Easter egg hunts starts at 1:00 sharp! There will be three age groups: 1-3 – inside the dog park, 4-7 – roped off area on our grounds, 8-12 – roped off area on our grounds. Two prize baskets per age group (1 male & 1 female).

### PETSMART ADOPTION EVENT - MARCH

Come out on the last Saturday of every month and meet a few of our adoptables. Find one you love? We can complete an adoption on site! If you have dogs at home, be sure to bring them along for a meet and greet and don't forget to bring their rabies certificate as well.

Venue: PetSmart  
Start: March 28, 2015 11:00 am  
End: March 28, 2015 1:00 pm  
Address: 1183 Berkshire Blvd. Wyomissing, PA, 19610

## NOLDE FOREST EEC

Nolde Forest encompasses more than 665 acres of deciduous woodlands and coniferous plantations. A network of trails makes the center's streams, ponds and diverse habitats accessible to both students and visitors. Teaching stations offer places for students to work and benches for those who wish to sit and enjoy the sights and sounds associated with the natural world. ADA accessible trails are located by the mansion and sawmill.

The Nolde mansion houses offices for the center staff. A garden featuring native wildflowers is adjacent to the mansion. The C.H. McConnell Environmental Education Hall near the mansion is the indoor site for year-round programming.

Please visit <http://dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/noldeforest/index.htm> for a full listing of upcoming programs and events.

# TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU

## A TOUCH OF CLASS - ADULT DANCE CLASSES

2nd YEAR TAP CLASS (6:00 pm - 6:45 pm)

Students must have at least 1 year prior experience.

DANCE AEROBICS (6:45 pm - 7:30 pm)

Wear your sneakers, comfortable clothes, and bring a water bottle!

BELLY DANCE (7:30 pm - 8:15 pm)

Learn basic steps and routines!



Wednesdays Beginning March 25, 2015 thru May 13, 2015(8 Weeks).

Each class is \$40/per person. \*SPRING SPECIAL!!!! SIGN UP FOR 2 CLASSES FOR \$75/per person. ALL REGISTRATIONS AND FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY MARCH 20, 2015.

Instructor Kate (Epler) Maue has been dancing since the age of 3. Her dance experience includes: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Baton, and Middle Eastern Dance. This is Kate's 10th year with Cumru Township!

## ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES

ZUMBA®

Thursday evenings from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm at the Warren Recreation Center

The cost is \$5.00/class at the door. Please contact the instructor, Chantel Palermo, at (484) 797-3167 for details.

## PAINT SOME POTTERY - APRIL 12, 2015

Class held at Warren Rec. Center at 1:00pm. All ages are welcome. (\$13 - MUG / \$15 - BOWL / \$19 - PLATE) Pieces will be fired and available for pick up about a week after the event. Call for additional details. To register, Mail a check (payable to "Township of Cumru") or stop by our offices at 1775 Welsh Road Mohnton PA 19540.



## COED VOLLEYBALL - BEGINS APRIL 2, 2015

Thursday evening from 5-8:30pm at the Warren Recreation Center Court (1775 Welsh Road). Water and volleyballs provided, indoor restrooms available. All skill levels are welcome, and the program is free to attend. Facilities include two playgrounds and a basketball court, so bring the kids along.



## ADULT COED KICKBALL - TENTATIVE START APRIL 7, 2015

Games will be on Tues/Thurs afternoons. The cost is \$180/team and includes a minimum of 6 games and playoffs, as well as, referee fees, shirts, and kick balls. Roster may include 8-11 players. Please contact us at (610) 777-1343 x. 121 for details.

### Day Playground Program

Ages: 4 years old thru 6th grade

Locations: Warren Recreation Center or Gouglersville Playground

Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm Daily

(Jr. program for ages 4-6 at Rec. Center only)

### Cost (Warren Rec. Center):

Cumru Residents: One Child \$70

Two children or more: \$65/child

Non-Resident: \$130/child

Daily Guest Fee: \$10/child per day

### Cost (Gouglersville): FREE

\*Sponsored by the the Gouglersville Fire Company, call for details

## SUMMER PLAYGROUND

### JUNE 22, 2015 - JULY 31, 2015

**\$10 Early Registration Discount if registered before May 16, 2014**

### Evening Playground Program

Ages: 4 years old thru 6th grade

Location: Gouglersville Playground

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm Daily

### Cost: FREE

\*Sponsored by the the Gouglersville Fire Company, call for details

**Pre-registration required. For more information call (610) 777-1343.**

## MEN'S BASKETBALL - STARTS JUNE 28, 2015

Men's 17+ Basketball League starts June 28, 2015, Sunday afternoon's 3-6pm, \$400/team. Fees cover jerseys, referees, score/time keeper & admin fees. Minimum 6 games plus playoffs. Registration begins May 1, 2015. All games will be played at the Warren Rec. Center Court.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - STARTS JUNE 28, 2015

Women's 17+ Basketball League starts June 28, 2015, Sunday afternoon's 3-6pm, \$400/team. Fees cover jerseys, referees, score/time keeper & admin fees. Minimum 6 games plus playoffs. Registration begins May 1, 2015. All games will be played at the Montrose Manor Court.

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS - JUNE-AUG 2015

We will show a PG rated new release at 8:30pm on the third Friday of each month, June/July/Aug. Popcorn & drinks provided. These events are free to attend.

New programs may be added throughout the year. Check our website for information on our most up to date schedule.



# Township of Cumru Program Registration Form

## Program Registration Form

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost/Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Received: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*Make Checks payable to the "Township of Cumru"\*\*\*

Name of Participant (and parent if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent if Participant is a Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Registration in a program constitutes an agreement between the participants and the Department to allow photographs or video of the Participant(s) to be published for promotional use. The undersigned, understand that the listed activity (ies) may involve certain risks, and in consideration of admittance to this activity, does hereby for myself, my minor child, successors, and assigns agree to release, waive, and forever discharge from all liabilities and further agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Township of Cumru, its Commissioners, servants, agents, and employees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs which may be incurred due to participation of this activity.

## Two ways to register:

1. Come visit us at the Township offices
2. Download a registration form online & mail it in



# Township of Cumru

Berks County, Pennsylvania

1775 Welsh Road

Mohnton, Pa 19540

[www.cumrutownship.org](http://www.cumrutownship.org)

Non-Profit Org  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Lancaster, PA  
Permit #23



governor mifflin area

**sparks'n fun  
finder**

## Trash/Refuse Collection

Collection shall be once a week for everyday household refuse.

## Spring Cleanup

If your trash pickup is Mon ..... Spring Cleanup is Mon, May 4, 2015

If your trash pickup is Tues ..... Spring Cleanup is Tues, May 12, 2015

If your trash pickup is Wed ..... Spring Cleanup is Wed, May 20, 2015

If your trash pickup is Thurs ..... Spring Cleanup is Thurs, May 28, 2015

If your trash pickup is Fri ..... Spring Cleanup is Fri, May 29, 2015

## Recycling Collection

Recycling collection shall be every other week.

\*Our recycling program is a single-stream program. This means all recycling materials can be mixed in the recycling container.

\*\*Please see the Refuse/Recycling Calendars for exact dates of collection, available online at [CumruTownship.org](http://CumruTownship.org).

If you experience any problems with your trash or recycling collection, call the Township Office during the next business day at (610) 777-1343.

**VISIT US AT**  
**CUMRUTOWNSHIP.ORG**

