

# CONOY TOWNSHIP

## News

SPRING/SUMMER 2023

**Conoy Township**  
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Bainbridge, PA 17502  
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www.conoytownship.org

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

### Board of Supervisors

Justin M. Risser - Chairman  
Gina R. Mariani - Vice Chairman  
Douglas L. Hawthorne - Asst. Sec/Treas  
Stephen L. Mohr - Member  
S. Jay Williams - Member

### State Representative

Tom Jones  
222 South Market Street, Suite 103  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
Phone: 717-367-5525 Fax: 717-367-6425  
tjones@pahousegop.com

### State Senator

Ryan P. Aument  
301 East Main Street  
Lititz, PA 17543  
Phone: 717-627-0036 Fax: 717-627-1389  
raument@pasen.gov

### Meeting Dates:

**Board of Supervisors Meetings**  
Second Thursday - 6:00 pm

**Planning Commission Meetings**  
First Tuesday - 6:00 pm

**Bainbridge Water Authority Meetings**  
Second Monday - 7:00 pm

**Parks & Recreation**  
Third Monday (Jan, May, Sept) - 6:00 pm

**Zoning Hearing Board**  
Fourth Thursday, as needed - 6:00 pm

**Agriculture Security & Historical Review**  
as needed

### The office will be closed on the following dates:

**Good Friday** Closed April 7  
**Memorial Day** Closed May 29  
**Independence Day** Closed July 4  
**Labor Day** Closed September 4  
**Columbus Day** Closed October 9  
**Veteran's Day** Closed November 10  
**Thanksgiving** Closed November 23 & 24  
**Christmas** Closed December 25 & 26

## Bainbridge Fire Department 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1923-2023

The Bainbridge Fire Department will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on Saturday, September 9, 2023, starting at 10 am with a parade that will travel down Second Street in Bainbridge and end at the Division Street Park.



Following the parade the celebration will continue with the Fire and Smoke Competition and a public celebration with bands, beer, wine, food, smash a car, corn hole tournament, raffles, vendors, fire engine rides and much more.

Gather your friends and family and don't forget to come out and show your support for this 100% volunteer organization!

## SUMMER PLAYGROUND

The Conoy Township Summer Playground program will run June 5th through August 4th. Participation is free for Conoy Township children. A non-resident fee of \$55.00 will apply. All participants are required to pay for elective trips and activities. Trips this year include Battlestar Nerf, Lake Tobias, Dutch Wonderland, Adventure Sports, Sturgis Pretzel/Park, Red Lion Splash Park, Go Bananas, Cherry Crest, Urban Air, Indian Echo Caverns, Dutch Apple - Legally Blonde (kids), Sky Zone, and Lazer Tag. Raffle tickets are available for you to sell to help cover the cost of the trips and activities. Purchasers have the chance to win great prizes. Registration forms can be picked up at the Township Office or online at:

<https://conoytownship.org/parks-and-recreation-commission/>.

Registration forms are due by May 12, 2023 to guarantee a t-shirt. A late registration fee of \$10.00 will apply after May 12th. Contact Gina Mariani at 717-278-8484 with any questions. You can also search "I Love Conoy Summer Playground" on Facebook.

### Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County (MESA) Update:

After a year-long cooperative process, eight municipalities in Northwest Lancaster County including Conoy Township have incorporated a first-of-its-kind regional municipal authority to address our local emergency medical services crisis. The new Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County will fund, manage and provide EMS services in the eight municipalities. The founding municipalities are Conoy Township, East Donegal Township, Elizabethtown Borough, Elizabeth Township, Marietta Borough, Mount Joy Township, Penn Township and West Donegal Township.

The authority will begin holding board meetings in March. Meetings will be advertised. A list of meeting dates and the meeting location is also posted at [SavingEMSforNWLancaster.org](http://SavingEMSforNWLancaster.org). A public hearing is expected to be held in late summer on the authority's emergency services and fee structure. The authority plans to be operational and begin providing services in 2024.

## ZONING & BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

### WHEN DO I NEED A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT and WHAT TYPE OF PERMIT?

#### Residential projects that require a permit(s):

- Carports, garages & sheds NOT attached to your house and under 1,000 square feet require only a Zoning Permit.
- Porches, patios, paver patios, sidewalks and walkways require a zoning permit. Decks that no higher than 30" above grade require a Zoning Permit. Decks higher than 30" above grade also require a Building Permit.
- Widening a driveway or parking area or adding new paving or stone requires a Zoning Permit.
- All grading changes, accessory structures, fences, signs or walls require a Zoning Permit. Walls over 48" will also require a Building Permit.
- Home additions, including garages, carports and porch roofs require a Zoning and Building Permit.
- Installation of doors and/or windows where the size of the opening is changing requires a Building Permit.
- Changes to the structural integrity of the house (exterior walls, floors, roof trusses, beams and the like) require a Building Permit.
- Installing a wood burning/pellet stove with a chimney requires a Building Permit.
- Swimming pools deeper than 24" (including concrete patio and/or decking and fencing) must have a Zoning and Building permit.
- Hot tubs and spa's must have a Zoning and Building Permit.
- Demolition of a structure must have a Zoning and Building Permit.
- Residential electrical upgrades must have a Building Permit.
- All work on commercial/non-residential structures require a Zoning and Building Permit.

*\*\*\*Stormwater Management is required on your lot for ANY and ALL new impervious surfaces (area that no longer allows the rain to seep through to the ground). Call the Zoning Officer to discuss your project and the options available.*

#### Residential projects that do NOT require a permit(s):

- Alterations and renovations when there is no increase in exterior dimension AND no change in use, including new facia, replacement siding, or roof shingles, shutters, etc.
- General maintenance work such as painting, carpeting, flooring or cabinetry.
- Crops, gardening and general landscaping, planting or removing trees or bushes, landscaping and ornamental ponds (including incidental structures such as flagpoles, birdhouses, ornamental windmills, etc.).
- Constructing terraces, landscape steps, non-commercial TV antennas or other similar features, as well as temporary signs.
- Resurfacing or seal coating existing driveway, parking areas, etc. as long as the work is conducted within the existing impervious footprint.
- Replacing doors and windows where the new and old are the same size.

*\*\*\*If you are not certain if a permit is required, PLEASE CALL. Failure to get a permit will result in a Notice of Violation.*

### COMPLAINTS

Anyone wishing to file a complaint regarding a potential township ordinance violation MUST fill out a Conoy Township Complaint Form. Verbal complaints will **not** be accepted. Forms can be found on the Township website [www.conoytownship.org](http://www.conoytownship.org) or picked up at the Township office.

All Zoning Permit applications and forms as well as further information can be found on the Township website [www.conoytownship.org](http://www.conoytownship.org) or picked up at the Township office during normal business hours.

**WE NEED YOU** - Conoy Township offers many great volunteer opportunities for persons looking to lend a helping hand and get involved in their community. At various times there is a need to find new members of the community for these positions. To get started, simply complete a Volunteer Application, which can be found on the Township website or at the Township office, and return to Conoy Township 211 Falmouth Road, Bainbridge PA 17502 or email your form to Shannon Sinopoli at [ssinopoli@conoytownship.org](mailto:ssinopoli@conoytownship.org). Below is a list of volunteer opportunities you could be a part of. Thank you for your interest in serving your community!

- Zoning Hearing Board
- Planning Commission
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Historical Review Commission
- Agricultural Security Advisory Committee

**New Zoning Officer** - Shannon Sinopoli has been appointed Zoning Officer for Conoy Township. All permits, zoning issues, and complaints are now handled through the Conoy Township Office. Shannon is available during regular office hours Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Conoy Township Office, 211 Falmouth Rd, Bainbridge or contact via email at [ssinopoli@conoytownship.org](mailto:ssinopoli@conoytownship.org)



Northwest EMS is proud to serve our community and we pride ourselves on delivering care to every patient as if they were our own family member. In 2022, we handled nearly 9,000 calls. By operating from four stations with both basic and advanced life support units in service, we maintain a level of readiness that ensures we consistently meet the demands of our call volume. In addition to our emergency services, we serve the community with safety and prevention education, and host several events throughout the year as part of our Community Outreach initiatives.

Did you know, 75% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen at home and 95% of victims die before reaching the hospital? Or that Trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 46? Those numbers are staggering. Northwest EMS knows that bystanders are the critical link to survival and that when a bystander provides basic life-saving interventions in those precious, few minutes prior our arrival, lives are saved. Through our education services, we are committed to positively impacting those statistics and teaching you the simple skills needed to save a life. Hands Only CPR® and Stop the Bleed® hemorrhage control are simple concepts that prevent unnecessary death. All of our bystander education topics are offered free of charge at Northwest EMS, including education on topics such as fall prevention, home safety, medication storage and disposal, poison prevention, and bicycle safety, and in some cases, through a grant from the American Trauma Society, we are even able to provide bike helmets at no cost for your child(ren).

Contact us to learn more about all of our services by emailing our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, at [lshenk@nwems86.org](mailto:lshenk@nwems86.org) or by calling 717-371-8282.

## AIR POLLUTION AND OPEN BURNING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 02-2023

On March 9, 2023 the Board of Supervisors discussed amendments to the 2011 burning ordinance to bring it into compliance with the PADEP Model Air Pollution Control Ordinance. The Board will continue discussions at its April 13th board meeting. Some of the highlights of the new ordinance are as follows:

- \*No person shall permit the burning of any material for monetary gain, profit, like kind exchange, or as a commercial activity, whether for profit or not.
  - \*No burning is allowed or permitted within fifty (50) feet of any building or structure, whether or not occupied, nor within fifty (50) feet of any property line.
  - \*All fires or burning must be completely extinguished and not permitted to smolder when not supervised by a responsible adult.
  - \*All fires must be kept under supervision at all times by a competent and responsible adult individual who shall be physically present and located within twenty-five (25) feet, with a clear line of sight, of the fire or burning.
  - \*All burning must take place in a burning container (as defined in the ordinance).
  - \*No fire shall be permitted to burn whenever drought or extreme weather conditions exist or when a ban on burning has been placed into effect by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or other competent governmental body. The Board of Supervisors may prohibit any and all outdoor fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
  - \*No outdoor fire shall be permitted to burn or smolder between sunset and sunrise on any day. This shall not apply to any fire set solely for recreational or ceremonial purposes, or solely for cooking food.
  - \*No burning of domestic refuse/garbage is allowed or permitted in the Village Center (VC), Suburban Residential (R-1), High Density Residential (R-2), or Local Commercial (LC) zoning districts.
  - \*The burning of prohibited waste is not permitted anywhere in the Township under any circumstances.
- A full version of the ordinance can be found on the Township website [www.conoytownship.org](http://www.conoytownship.org) or picked up at the Township office during normal business hours.

## ELIZABETHTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

**Thank you for your support!** The Library has many visitors throughout the year searching for all sorts of things from entertainment to education, from having a place to work to meeting with people and so much more. Thank you for helping us offer our materials and services to our visitors!

**Summer Reading Program** starts Saturday, June 3 and runs through Saturday, August 12. Readers will be working together in the spirit of cooperation, friendship, and kindness at Elizabethtown Public Library. Learning will take place in a fun and exciting way as we welcome storytellers sharing how to help save the Earth, magicians, dinosaur hunters, musicians, and area educators teaching us how to take care of our land and its creatures. It's a win-win as we learn, grow, make new friends, and earn some great prizes along the way!

**Youth Programming: Musik Time** takes place throughout the year on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 10:30am. This is an interactive music experience for young children, designed to target and promote healthy developmental skills, while still being fun and engaging.

**Storytimes** take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays also beginning at 10:30am. There are three different groups that meet. Check out our calendar for the current schedule.

**Varied Resources:** The Library has a wide variety of items for you to borrow, both in person and online. Check out our databases, including Flipster to read magazines online or Mango Languages if you want to learn a new language. You can also borrow eBooks via Libby. All you need is your Library Card number! Remember that the Library has more than books to borrow as well. We have cake pans, movies, and more!

**World Café:** Visit the Library and travel the world through our World Café program. Each month we feature a region of the world with interesting facts on our website, books to read for all ages, crafts for children, and a special drink in the Coffee Company. Get your World Café Passport the next time you visit so you can explore the world and earn prizes!

**Passport Services:** Passport services are available by appointment on multiple days during the week. Please call 717.367.7467, ext. 224 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Fingerprinting Services:** Fingerprinting appointments are available Monday through Friday from 10am – 1:50pm and Saturday from 9am – 1:50pm. Walk-ins are encouraged to come between 9am and 10am, Monday through Friday. All people must pre-register at [uenroll.identogo.com](http://uenroll.identogo.com).

To stay up-to-date on Library hours, services, programs, and closures, be sure to visit our website [www.etownpubliclibrary.org](http://www.etownpubliclibrary.org) and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ElizabethtownPublicLibrary/>.

**Sewer Payments** - Sewer bills are mailed quarterly: January 15, April 15, July 15, & October 15. Sewer payments can be made online with a credit card or your banking account information. Go to <https://conoytownship.org/sanitary-sewer> for more information.

## LICENSE YOUR DOG IN PA

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year. Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs. An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the animal is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities.

The small license fee helps the millions of dogs in the state by funding the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. Dog licenses are available from your local county treasurer and other licensing agents.

Reasons for dog licensing:

- **It's the law.** All dogs three months and older must have a current license.
- **If your dog gets lost, a license is the best way to get him back.** A license helps animal control and shelters identify your dog and get him back home safely.
- **The cost of a license is less than the penalty for being caught without one.** Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog.
- **License fees support animal control.** The annual fee you pay to license your dog helps keep shelters running and supports the work of the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which is responsible for ensuring the welfare of dogs, regulating dangerous dogs and overseeing annual licensing and rabies vaccinations.





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**2023 Vouchers**

*“LCSWMA values our relationship with the Conoy Township community. In response to a few requests, LCSWMA would like to increase the number of vouchers allocated to residents. Please enjoy **eight** free disposal trips to the Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility each year.”*



**OTHER CONOY TOWNSHIP EVENTS & INFORMATION**



The Falmouth Civic Association will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1st, 1:00 pm, at the Governor Stable Park. Rain date is April 8th.

Bainbridge Community & American Legion Auxiliary **YARD SALES!** Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, from 7am – 2pm, at Koser Park, Front Street Bainbridge. Spaces still available for rent! 12’ x 12’ spot \$15.00. Limited tables available for additional cost. Rental proceeds & additional donations benefit veterans & the community. For more information or to rent a space contact 717-725-3916.



CJs FREE Youth 15 & under Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, May 27th from 8:30 am - Noon at Conoy Park East Strickland Field off Rt 441 - bait fishing only. Contact Steve Mohr, 717-278-8542 for more info. Free door prizes will be given!

The annual Memorial Day parade will be on Monday, May 29th at 9:00 am beginning at the Bainbridge Elementary School. It will travel down Second St. to the Bainbridge Cemetery where a Memorial Day service will be held. A community picnic at the Bainbridge Fire House will follow. Conoy Township will continue the tradition of selecting a Poppy King and Queen. If you know or have a 5th grader interested in being selected contact Gina Mariani at 717-278-8484 for more information.

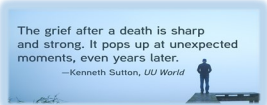


Mark your calendars now for the 2023 Falmouth Goat Races sponsored by the Falmouth Civic Association. The Goat Races will be held on Saturday, September 30th at the Governor Stable Park. Search Falmouth Goat Races on Facebook for more info.



Please remember to clean up after your pets. Conoy Township Residents can search “We Love Bainbridge” on Facebook. There is also an “I Love Falmouth” Facebook page for residents in the Falmouth area of Conoy Township. These pages are utilized for lost animals and is another way of communication between residents. Conoy Township has an official Facebook page as well - search Conoy Township.

**GRIEFSHARE** a 13 week video series with support group discussions began February 6th and continues Mondays through May 1st for those who have lost a loved one. Meetings are held from 6:30PM - 8:00PM at the Conoy Community House, 2346 River Road. For more information residents can call Karen Schatz at 717-951-9000.



**Brush Pile** - Township residents may utilize the brush pile located off River Road. Branches no larger than 6” in diameter and no longer than 8’ are accepted as well as leaves and Christmas trees. Dirt, sod, landscape pavers, branches greater than 6” diameter, and rocks are not accepted. **The brush pile is for Conoy Township residential properties only. It is not for commercial establishments including commercial establishments owned by Conoy Township Residents.**