

# CONOY TOWNSHIP

## News

Spring/Summer 2024

### Conoy Township

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

### Board of Supervisors

Gina R. Mariani - Chairman  
Justin Risser - 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  
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[tjones@pahousegop.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 March 29  
Memorial Day Closed May 27  
Independence Day Closed July 4  
Labor Day Closed September 2  
Columbus Day Closed October 14  
Veteran's Day Closed November 11  
Thanksgiving Closed November 28 & 29  
Christmas Closed December 24 & 25

## Summer Playground

The Conoy Township Summer Playground program will run June 10th through August 2nd. 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 Hershey Park, Lake Tobias, Landis Valley, Adventure Sports, Red Lion Splash Park, Cherry Crest, Go 'N Bananas, Battlestar Nerf, Sky Zone, Tiny Town, Lazer Tag, and Urban Air. 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/>. Registrations forms are due by May 10, 2024 to guarantee a t-shirt. A late registration fee of \$10.00 will apply after May 10th. Contact Gina Mariani at 717-278-8484 with any questions. You can also search "I Love Conoy Summer Playground" on Facebook.

### T-Ball & Baseball Registration

Conoy Twp. Youth Athletic Association in conjunction with the Moose Lanco Team is now accepting T-Ball & Baseball Registrations. T-Ball ages 4-6, Baseball 8-U, 10-U, 12-U. Registration fee is \$50.00 and includes a T-Shirt & Hat. All homefield games will be played in Conoy. Go to <https://form.jotform.com/230297810920050> for registration information. For questions or more info contact: Sarah (T-Ball) 717-475-6161 or Mike (Baseball) 717-875-0211. Any other questions Contact Gina Mariani at 717-278-8484.

### Property Tax

#### Rent Rebate Program

The Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is open to state residents 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, or anyone age 18 and over who is 100% disabled.

New income limits for 2024 are \$45,000 a year for both homeowners and renters. Note: Only half of your Social Security income is included in calculations.

Senator Aument's office is available to assist you with the Property Tax and Rent Rebate forms in 2024.

For additional information please contact Senator Aument's Lititz office at 717-627-0036 or his Harrisburg office at 717-787-4420.



### TRASH & VOUCHER INFORMATION

Conoy Township residents have the option to select their own trash/recycling hauler. This allows our residents to negotiate with haulers to obtain the best price based off their individual need. Did you know, Lancaster County only recycles the Big 4? If you recycle as part of your trash service please follow the guidelines established by LCSWMA. If you currently do not recycle, we ask you to help protect our planets resources and start a recycling program today. LCSWMA offers a free recycling drop off container at their River Road location.

**2024 Vouchers** - The 2024 vouchers are available for residents to pick up. Please stop by the township office during regular business hours.

**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. Any account over four quarters past due will be sent to the solicitor for collections and/or the filing of a municipal lien against the property. All fees associated with collections will be the property owners responsibility and will be posted on the account. Currently 58 properties make up \$64,347.00 past due. This has a negative effect on all users of the sewer system.



**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.**

#### Elizabethtown Public Library Update

**Thank you for your support!** The Library is a place for all people to come explore. Whether you are looking for something new to learn, a skill to hone, a cake pan to bake, a passport to travel the world, to socialize with friends, meet someone for work, grab a cup of coffee, find a new book, attend a program, or one of the many other things you can do here, we are here to help make your dreams come true! Your support makes numerous resources available for everyone in our community, and for that we are grateful!

**Summer Reading Program** starts Saturday, June 1 and runs through Saturday, August 10. Join us and earn prizes as we read, play, and learn with programs including Touch a Truck, Chris Ivey's Juggling Show, Forgotten Friends Reptile Rescue, Drumming with Tammi Hessen, a visit with the animation artist Ed Klein, and much more. We also have a summer reading program for adults too!

**Youth Programming:** Storytimes take place frequently throughout the year beginning at 10:30am. On Mondays our youngest visitors meet, Wednesdays are for toddlers, and Thursdays are for families. Check out our calendar for the current schedule. **Musik Time** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Baby Musik Time starts at 9:50am and Preschool Musik Time follows at 10:30am. This is an interactive and engaging program where music is emphasized in promoting healthy developmental skills.

**Coffee Shop:** Did you know that the Library operates its very own coffee shop? We have responsibly sourced beans, which are roasted on site from a wide variety of coffee growing countries. Stop in to enjoy a single origin roast or one of our blends today. We also have teas, smoothies, and other drinks to satisfy your thirst when coffee isn't what you're after. Our Café is also the driving force behind our yearlong **World Café program**. Throughout the year we highlight a region of the world each month. You can pick up your World Café Passport at the Library and join us as we explore the world in which we live, learning about other cultures, traditions, and histories. As you complete tasks in the passport, you will try new recipes, read new books, learn fun facts, and create things all while earning prizes along the way.

**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 [uen-roll.identogo.com](http://uen-roll.identogo.com).

**Book Sales:** The spring book sale will run from April 2-6. The sale will be open during regular Library hours and be extended to closing at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday. You can also visit the Friends of the Library's bookstore throughout the year to find great books at great prices as well as artwork from local artists. The bookstore is located on the first floor of the Library, near the Market Street entrance.

#### Library Hours:

Monday: 9am to 4pm  
Tuesday: 9am to 7pm  
Wednesday: 9am to 4pm  
Thursday: 9am to 7pm  
Friday: 9am to 4pm  
Saturday: 9am to 4pm, or  
9am to 2pm during summer (between Memorial Day and Labor Day)

#### Upcoming Closures:

March 30 (Spring Holiday)  
May 25 & 27 (Memorial Day)  
July 4 (Independence Day)  
August 31 & September 2 (Labor Day)

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



**Bainbridge Community & American Legion Auxiliary YARD SALES!** Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8am – 12pm, Pony Rides 9am-11am, at Koser Park, Front Street Bainbridge. 12x12 Spaces available for rent \$15.00. Limited tables available for additional cost. Contact 717-725-3916 to reserve your spot now. Rental proceeds & additional donations benefit veterans & the community.

CJs FREE Youth 15 & under **Fishing Derby** will be held Saturday, May 25th 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!

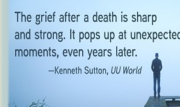


The annual **Memorial Day** parade will be on Monday, May 27th at 9:00 am beginning at the Bainbridge Elementary School. It will travel down Second St. to the Bainbridge Cemetery where a Memorial Day service will be held. A community picnic at the Bainbridge Fire House will follow. Conoy Township will continue the tradition of selecting a Poppy King and Queen. If you know or have a 5th grade student interested in being selected contact Gina Mariani at 717-278-8484 for more information.



The Haldeman Mansion **Strawberry Festival** will be held on Sunday, June 2nd from Noon-4pm at the Haldeman Mansion on Locust Grove Road.

The 2024 Falmouth Goat Races have been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 28th at Governor Stable Park.



**GriefShare**, a support group for those who have lost any loved one, meets February 19 through May 13, 2024 at the Conoy Community House on Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

GriefShare is a 13 week video series followed by discussion in a relaxed, friendly setting. Sponsored by Word of Life Chapel. Call Karen Schatz 717-951-9000 for more information.



**Deadline: October 31, 2024**

### GENE CAPALDI LENS ON LITTER PHOTO CONTEST

An annual statewide photography contest rewarding amateur photographers who snap unusual or eye-catching images of litter across the Commonwealth, bringing awareness to how litter threatens public health & safety, scenic beauty, property values, the environment and wildlife.

Prizes (adult & student categories): \$500 first-place; \$250 second-place & \$100 third-place  
Additional information, guidelines and an online submission form: [prc.org/lens-litter](http://prc.org/lens-litter)

Sponsors: The Capaldi Family & Sheetz & Wegmans



## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

- ◆ The storage, accumulation or depositing of any abandoned or junked vehicles or parts thereof is **prohibited**. Abandoned or Junked Motor Vehicle is described as any vehicle in non-serviceable condition or without having both a current inspection sticker and current registration plate.
- ◆ The storage, accumulation, or depositing of any damaged motor vehicles or parts thereof, whether or not having a current inspection sticker and/or a current registration plate, which are leaking automotive fuels or liquids is **prohibited**.
- ◆ The storage, accumulation or depositing of garbage, ashes, rubbish or other refuse matters, including unusable or abandoned building materials is **prohibited**.
- ◆ The maintenance of any dangerous structure including buildings or parts of buildings in a state of dilapidation or disrepair or abandoned or unoccupied buildings or parts thereof that represent a risk of harm to people is **prohibited**.
- ◆ Except in the Rural and Agricultural Zoning Districts, the permitting or allowing the growth of



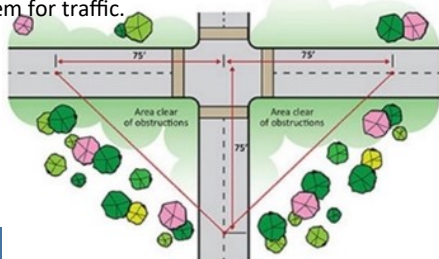
any vegetation not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to exceed a height of ten-inches is **prohibited**.

These are some of the problems that arise as the weather gets warmer. By staying on top of these issues you can avoid letters from the Township (which could result in fines). As a reminder, LCSWMA provides a disposal program for Conoy Township residents which offers a limited number of free disposal trips to its Lancaster WTE facility located on River Road each year with proper voucher cards. There are also several area junk/junk car removal services available to assist you.



## CLEAR SIGHT TRIANGLE

A clear sight triangle is defined as a triangular shaped portion of land (see graphic) which is established at the intersection of streets in which nothing is erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow, which limits or obstructs the view of motorists entering or leaving the intersection. Please ensure that all bushes and trees are kept trimmed within all clear sight triangles so as not to cause a visibility problem for traffic.



## PERMITS

For a complete breakdown of when permits are needed, the permit process, applications and links to township ordinances, please refer to the Zoning/Permit section on the Township's website, [www.conoytownship.org](http://www.conoytownship.org).

### Fences and Walls

A permit is required to be obtained prior to the installation of a fence or freestanding wall. *Livestock fencing is exempt from this requirement.* Here are a few of the requirements for fences and freestanding walls:

- ◆ No fence or freestanding wall shall be erected to a height of more than forty-two inches in any front yard, with a few exceptions.
- ◆ No Fence or wall shall be erected to a height of more than six feet in any side or rear yard, with the exception of properties located in the Local Commercial District and Industrial District.
- ◆ Fences along side or rear lot lines are not subject to yard or setback requirements. Freestanding walls shall be setback five (5) feet from side and rear lot lines.
- ◆ Fences or freestanding walls within the front yard shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet behind the required street right-of-way. All fences shall be located completely within lot boundaries and no fence may coincide with any lot line. If you are unsure of where your property lines/boundaries are, it is highly advisable to obtain the services of a professional surveyor.
- ◆ No fence or freestanding wall shall be erected within any clear sight triangle, within any area which blocks or limits visibility for driveways on adjacent properties, or within a public right-of-way or other rights-of-ways or easements.

### Swimming Pools

Any pool with the ability to hold water deeper than twenty-four (24) inches requires a permit and inspection from Conoy Township. This includes "big box store" pool kits (Blue Wave, Intex, etc.). Consider the following building permit guidelines BEFORE you make a pool purchase:

- ◆ Swimming pools must be completely enclosed by a four (4) foot high fence or wall with a self-closing locking gate. This does not apply to above ground pools having a minimum solid wall height of four feet and having a retractable ladder, or those having less than twenty-four (24) inches of water. The fence or wall must be erected and inspected before the pool is filled with water.
- ◆ All pools shall be set back ten (10) feet from side and rear property lines measured either from the wall of the pool or any associated decking or concrete aprons.
- ◆ No water from a pool shall be discharged onto any public street or alley nor onto any adjoining property.
- ◆ Pools MAY NOT use extension cords to connect the pump. A single twist-lock receptacle may be located between five and ten feet from the pool. A 120-volt convenience outlet shall be located within ten feet and twenty feet of the pool. All receptacles serving the pool and all outdoor receptacles shall be GFCI protected.





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**211 FALMOUTH ROAD**  
**BAINBRIDGE, PA 17502**

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STANDARD  
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LANCASTER, PA  
PERMIT NO. 1746



Please clean up after your pets in public areas. Especially the township parks. Our park fields are used for sporting and recreation events. The children do not deserve to be stepping in dog poop when they are playing soccer, baseball, & t-ball. If you are caught not cleaning up after your pet you may held responsible. Thank you for your understanding.

The Bainbridge American Legion Post 197, located at 213 N. Front Street, Bainbridge, is accepting new memberships. If you would like to join the Bainbridge American Legion please contact 717-468-6214 or email them at bainbridgelegion@yahoo.com.



The Board of Supervisors would like to thank Chris Geesey for his dedication and volunteering his time over the last several years to the Sewer Plant Reed Bed Project. His contributions have been instrumental to the success and completion of this project which is expected later this year. Thank you for going above and beyond for your community.

## OTHER CONOY TOWNSHIP EVENTS & INFORMATION

### CONNECT

#### BAINBRIDGE YOUTH PROGRAM

*Gather for fun ~ food ~ fellowship ~ prizes*

CONNECT is a youth program for young people in Grades 5 - 12 sponsored by some of the Conoy Township churches. Each Thursday evening (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) features activities, prizes, refreshments and a devotional time.

#### SPECIALLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

- ~ **September 23 (Saturday)** Mini-Golf
- ~ **October 21 (Saturday)** UNTO Service Project
- ~ **December 14** Christmas Caroling and Fruit Basket Distribution
- ~ **January 26-28** - Winter Retreat (must have attended at least 5 Connect Meetings)
- ~ **April 21 (Sunday)** Hike at Governor Dick
- ~ Other Events as Scheduled ~ Updates will be emailed ~ Permission slips will be needed
- ~ Meetings held at **Bainbridge Elementary School**. On non-school days at Word of Life Chapel
- ~ Youth **must** stay and participate from 6:00 thru 7:30 pm **unless** picked up early by their parents
- ~ **First-time** participants are encouraged to have parents accompany them to registration
- ~ Phones should be for emergency use only

#### 2023-2024

<b>September 23 (Sat. Mini golf 5:30-6:00)</b>	
<b>October 5 (Pizza night)</b>	October 19
<b>October 21 (Sat. A.M. activity)</b>	
November 2	November 16
December 7	December 14
January 4	January 18
<b>January 26-28 (Retreat @ Mohr Lodge)</b>	
February 1	February 15
<b>March 2 (Sat. Bowling)</b>	March 7
March 21	April 4
April 18	<b>April 21 (Sun. Hike)</b>
May 2	May 16

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

#### Mission Statement

To offer opportunities for the youth of our community to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to grow in relationship with Him and each other.

Connect youth outreach was started September 7, 2004. It is a youth program for middle school and high school age young people in Conoy Township. Each evening meeting features an activity, refreshments, prizes and a Christian message.

Scan the QR Code to receive more information about CONNECT



#### 2024 County/Municipal Tax Bills

During the 2024 budget process last year, the Board of Supervisors approved a 0.5 mill Real Estate tax for Conoy Township. Residents will now notice this on their County/Municipal Real Estate Tax bill. The real estate tax is expected to generate \$119,556.00 to help balance the General Fund Budget. The Board of Supervisors also sold the rental property located at 215 Falmouth Road in January 2024. The sale proceeds will also be used to help balance the 2024 budget. With the real estate tax and the sale of the rental property, the General Fund Budget is still projected to have a deficient of approximately \$87,978.00. More information on the approved budgets and the real estate tax impact can be found on the website [www.conoytownship.org](http://www.conoytownship.org).



**Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County (MESA) is now providing 911 EMS Ambulance Service.** Unlike ambulance agencies that generate revenue through voluntary contributions, which leave them deeply underfunded, MESA charges property owners and employers a mandatory annual fee to fund its operations and ensure 24/7 readiness to respond to EMS calls. Annual bills for 2024 were mailed in mid-February. Payment is due by March 15, 2024. For payment methods and to view a sample bill, please visit the "Pay Bill" page of MESA's website at [mesalancasterpa.gov](http://mesalancasterpa.gov).