

CONOY TOWNSHIP

News

Spring/Summer 2025

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

Board of Supervisors

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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 18
Memorial Day Closed May 26
Independence Day Closed July 4
Labor Day Closed September 1
Columbus Day Closed October 13
Veteran's Day Closed November 11
Thanksgiving Closed November 27 & 28
Christmas Closed December 25 & 26



CONGRATULATIONS!

At the January 6, 2025, Conoy Township Board of Supervisors meeting, Chairman Mariani presented the first Outstanding Conoy Citizen Award to Ken "Sparky" Brosey for his commitment to Conoy Township and his community cleanup efforts.

Throughout Conoy's history, volunteers have donated countless hours to improve the quality of life in Conoy Township. These citizens help to make our town a great place to live. Do you know someone who should be nominated for the 2025 Outstanding Conoy Citizen Award? Stop by the Township office and fill out a nomination form today. Nominations will be accepted until November 1st.

Summer Playground

The Conoy Township Summer Playground program will run June 10th through August 1st. Participation is free for Conoy Township children. A non-resident fee of \$60.00 will apply. All participants are required to pay for elective trips and activities. Trips this year include Hershey Park, Lake Tobias, Whitaker Center, Adventure Sports, Go 'N Bananas, Indian Echo Caverns, Sky Zone, Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Lazer Factory, 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 9, 2025 to guarantee a t-shirt. A late registration fee of \$10.00 will apply after May 9th. Contact Gina Mariani at 717-278-8484 with any questions. You can also search "I Love Conoy Summer Playground" on Facebook.

36th Senate District Special Election

Due to the resignation of Ryan Aument, the 36th Senate District will hold a special election on Tuesday, March 25th from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm. This senate district includes all of Conoy Township. Conoy Township residents will vote at the Bainbridge Fire Co, 34 S Second Street, Bainbridge, PA.

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 bank account information: <https://conoytownship.org/sanitary-sewer>. Accounts incur a 10% penalty after the due date and 18% annum interest. For payments mailed the postmark determines if payment was received on time. 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.

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 for all ages starts Saturday, June 7. Join us and earn prizes as we read, play, and learn with programs including Touch a Truck, Mark DeRose Music & Art, Phredd the Ukelele One Man Band, Raven Ridge Wildlife Center, and much more.

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 3rd 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 uenroll.identogo.com.

Book Sales: The spring book sale will run from March 25-29. The first day of the sale is a preview. It opens at 2 pm and there is a \$10 entrance fee, or people with a Friend's membership get in free. The remaining days of 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, or 2 pm*
Saturday: 9am to 4pm, or 2pm*
*From Memorial Day to Labor Day

Upcoming Closures:

April 7 (In-Service)
April 19 (Spring Holiday)
May 24 & 26 (Memorial Day)
July 4 (Independence Day)
August 30 & September 1 (Labor Day)

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

CJs FREE Youth 15 & under **Fishing Derby** will be held Saturday, May 24th 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 Lutheran Church will host a **Yard Sale** on Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th from 7 am - 1 pm at St. Lukes Church located at the corner of Arch and Second Streets. Come out and find your next new slightly used treasure!

The annual **Memorial Day** parade will be on Monday, May 26th at 9:00 am beginning at the Bainbridge Elementary School. The parade will travel down Second St. to the Bainbridge Cemetery where a Memorial Day service will be held. The annual bicycle contest for kids will also be held. So dust off those bikes and get them decorated for the parade. 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 1st from Noon-4pm at the Haldeman Mansion on Locust Grove Road.



The **Conoy Lions Club** is accepting applications for new members. The Lions Club are groups of service-minded individuals who are interested in improving their communities. If you would like to join the Conoy Lions Club or have questions, please contact Gail Brinton at 717-381-7580.

Bainbridge Street Sweeping is scheduled for the week of June 9th. Please move vehicles and trailers from the posted streets so the sweeper can sweep as close to the curb and road edge as possible.



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.

2025 LCSWMA Vouchers - LCSWMA values the Conoy Township community and appreciates the ongoing support of their Lancaster Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Facility. To honor this partnership, LCSWMA offers Conoy Township residents a limited number of free disposal trips to its Lancaster WTE Facility each year. This program is limited to Conoy Township residents only. Residents can stop by the township office during regular business hours to pick up their free vouchers.



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. LCSWMA provides a disposal program for Conoy Twp residents which offers a limited number of free disposal trips to its Lancaster WTE facility located on River Rd each year with proper voucher cards. There are also several junk/junk car removal services available to assist you.

Brush Pile - The brush pile is no longer accessible via River Road. Residents should utilize Division Street and drive along the stone path, where SOFFD is held, to cross over the small bridge and leave in the same manner. Branches no larger than 6" in diameter and no longer than 8' are accepted as well as leaves & Christmas trees. Dirt, sod, landscape pavers, branches greater than 6" diameter, and rocks are not accepted. **The brush pile is for Conoy Twp residential properties only. It is not for commercial businesses including commercial businesses owned by Conoy Twp Residents.** Further changes to the brush pile will be forthcoming as we deal with unauthorized individuals and commercial businesses dumping brush at our site. As these changes are implemented they will be communicated via the township website, www.conoytownship.org.

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.

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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GriefShare, a support group for those who have lost a loved one is meeting February 10, 2025 through May 5, 2025. Monday evenings 6:30pm to 8:00 pm at the Community House Conoy Township, 2346 River Road, Bainbridge, PA. The 13 week video series followed by discussion is helpful to get through the journey of grief. Call Karen Schatz (717) 951-9000 or Tina Gruber (717) 344-1531 for more information. Sponsored by Word of Life Chapel Bainbridge.

The grief after a death is sharp and strong. It pops up at unexpected moments, even years later.

—Kenneth Sutton, *UU World*



OTHER CONOY TOWNSHIP EVENTS & INFORMATION



The board of the Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County (MESA) has approved MESA’s 2025 budget with no increase to annual fees. “MESA is committed to providing the highest level of ambulance services to our participating municipalities in the most fiscally responsible manner, all with the goal of ensuring EMS is available 24/7 on a sustainable basis,” said MESA Board Chair Debra Dupler. “We are pleased to maintain that commitment and exceptional service level with no increase to annual fees for 2025.” MESA charges an annual fee to property owners to fund its EMS operations and ensure 24/7 readiness to respond to EMS calls. 2025 annual fee bills will be mailed to property owners by mid-February with payment due by April 15.

Stay Steady: Preventing Falls

Falls are a serious concern, especially for older individuals. Falls can lead to broken bones (especially hips), head injuries and even death. Falls can also lead to a decline in mobility and a greater need for assistance. Here are practical tips to help you stay steady on your feet!

Strength Training – Regular exercise, especially strength training, improves balance and stability. Consider Tai Chi, yoga or resistance band exercises.

Home Safety Checks – Remove tripping hazards such as clutter, loose rugs and uneven surfaces. Install grab bars in bathrooms and near stairs for extra support.

Improve Lighting – Use brighter bulbs, nightlights and motion-activated lights.

Vision and Hearing Checks – Schedule routine eye and hearing exams, which are critical to identify issues that can impact your ability to navigate your environment safely.

Medication Review – Discuss potential side effects of medications with your doctor. Some medications can cause dizziness or drowsiness which can result in a fall.

Proper Footwear – Wear shoes that fit well and provide good support. Avoid slippers with slippery soles. If you have concerns about falling, reach out for help by talking to your doctor.

Join the MESA Team - MESA is a great place to work! The organization is actively seeking full-time paramedics and part-time EMTs to join its welcoming and family-like environment. MESA offers competitive pay, benefits and time off. For more information about career opportunities, visit mesalancasterpa.gov.

