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A Letter from your Supervisors: Land Preservation

When someone is visiting Adams County for the first time, they are immediately met by the lush and vibrant sights of its signature rural landscapes that stretch out into the horizon. Whether it's the sprawling farmlands, bountiful orchards, crystalline streams, or dense forestland, Adams County is filled with beautiful vistas that help bring in new visitors each year. With a large importance being placed on agriculture and tourism, the Rural Resource Division has been tasked with the protection of the orchards and farmland across the entire county.

The main component of the Rural Resource Division is the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. This program purchases agricultural conservation easements for Adams County, which preserves farmland for agricultural use. Of course, the Agricultural Land Preservation Program did not get started overnight. In 1987, a 100 million

dollar referendum was approved that established a funding source for a PA farmland preservation program. Two years later, the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ACALPB) was founded, with Tom Clowney as Founding Chairman. To date, 179 farms have been protected from development by the ACALPB, encompassing 21,818 total acres.

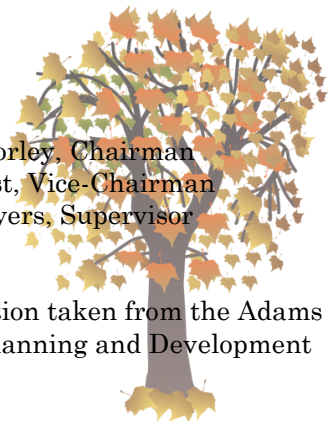
To further aid with the growing efforts of agricultural preservation, Adams County has Agricultural Security Areas (ASAs) in each of its townships, with Latimore's being established in 1982. Over 107,000 acres of farmland are encompassed within the Adams County ASAs, spread across 21 townships.

Over the last three decades, Adams County has profoundly advanced their efforts to protect the land that has allowed them to experience such success in the agriculture and tourism industries. Through the efforts of the Agricultural Land Preservation

Program and the Land Conservancy of Adams County, 62 parcels of farmland has been preserved in Latimore Township, adding up to 4,109 total acres. However, these successes are far from over, as Adams County is pushing for more land preservation projects each and every day that will help establish a bright and prosperous future for its citizens, along with the lands they call home.

Sincerely,

Daniel Worley, Chairman
Larry Dost, Vice-Chairman
Woody Myers, Supervisor



*Information taken from the Adams County Planning and Development

Latimore Township Police Department

MICHAEL E. WEIGAND, CHIEF OF POLICE

Pennsylvania Fireworks Law

The new PA Fireworks Law has created some questions. To clarify some of the questions that have arisen, Latimore Township has had a fireworks ordinance in place since 2009. At that time, the township ordinance allowed citizens to purchase and discharge fireworks in Latimore Township. The only difference with the new PA Fireworks Law is that you can now purchase fireworks without acquiring a permit from the township. However, you will still need to apply for a permit from Latimore Township in order to discharge fireworks in the township. Proof of liability insurance for at least 1 million dollars needs to accompany the permit application along with a \$10.00 cost for the permit. Prior to applying for a permit, be sure your discharge site is at least 150 feet from any structure(s). The property owner needs to apply for the permit and must be over 18 years of age.



Winter Weather Advisory

With winter weather arriving in the upcoming months, please watch for wet leaves and icy conditions on the roadways. It is a law in every state to have all of your vehicle lighting turned on during inclement weather or conditions with poor visibility. Not all vehicles that have automatic lighting will detect the reduced light during a daytime rain or snow. You will generally have to turn on your lights manually. Please check this so that other drivers can see you on the roads during inclement weather.



Watching Out for Crime

Illegal drug use brings unwanted crimes, such as thefts, to our area. You can help us avoid potential theft by keeping valuables locked up. We have had a series of thefts and break-ins over the last year, and we are able to report that we have made multiple arrests and were able to recover the majority of the stolen property. The community was very helpful in providing information leading to those arrests and recoveries. The importance of communicating with your officers and sharing vital information is what helps keep us safe and reduces the crime in Latimore Township.

As a resident, you can greatly assist the local police department or the PA State Police by calling 9-1-1 when you observe suspicious activity or a crime occurring. During our non-coverage times, the PA State Police will respond to crashes and active calls that need immediate response. Calls that are not active may have to be held and have a delayed response until an officer is available. You can also call the Adams County Control non-emergency number at 717-334-8101 to report an incident or request an officer. This number can also be used for calling in a controlled burn.

2018 Road Report

When it rains, it pours, as Latimore township has received a significant amount of rainfall this past year compared to prior years. Because of this, flooding has become more prevalent than ever. Roads have fallen victim to massive amounts of water, causing extensive damage. With the combination of heavy rains and numerous potholes, road repairs were imperative as ever. With all three township supervisors preparing and awarding the most cost effective road bid, hot mix was applied to a large area of old Route 15. Along with the aforementioned flood damage and potholes, the other main focus revolved on replacing culverts and opening side gutters.

We have filled out the necessary paper work and applied for federal money to receive reimbursement for flood repairs in Latimore. After months of continuous maintenance, the roads are in good shape, however, potholes can form at any time. Feel free to contact the Latimore Township maintenance department at 717-528-7013 for any problems or concerns. Please give your name, address and telephone number and we will get back to you as soon as possible. As a reminder, state roads are the responsibility of the state maintenance department and not the township. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Dan, Larry and Woody



Recycling Center

559 Old US Route 15 ♦ York Springs, PA 17372

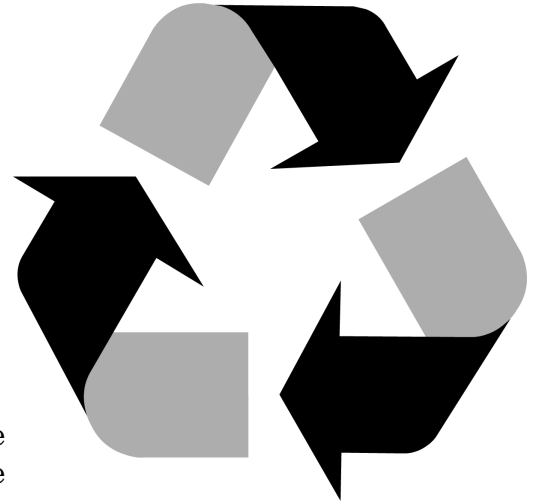
Latimore Township continues to offer residents a free recycling program on the municipal grounds at 559 Old US Route 15, York Springs. The recycling center is open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. It will be closed, however, on the following dates:

November 11: Veterans Day weekend

November 25: Thanksgiving holiday

December 23: Christmas holiday

December 30: New Year's holiday



A list of accepted recyclable items can be found on the Township website www.latimore.org. Regrettably, we **cannot accept any electronics** or glass at this time. The following information on electronic recycling is provided for use at your own discretion:

J and S Computing ♦ 900 State St, Lemoyne, PA 17043 ♦ 717-975-8595

Affordable Computers ♦ 120 Frederick St, Hanover, PA 17331 ♦ 717-646-0880

Washington Twp ♦ 1275 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro, PA 17268 ♦ 717-765-6577

If you have any questions regarding the recycling center, please contact the coordinator, Sam Giardullo, at 717-528-8833.



Historical Notes ♦ Fruit Growing in Adams County

The variety of fresh fruit available in our area is a wonderful benefit of living in Adams County. Those of us in northeastern Adams County are particularly close to, if not in, the orchards of the “Fruit Belt”.

The commercial fruit industry we are familiar with today, did not always exist in Adams County. Prior to the Civil War, it was common practice for each family farm to have their own small assortment of fruit trees (mostly apple) to supply the family’s needs, perhaps with a little surplus to sell. There were a few nurseries that supplied trees to local farmers. William Wright (a Quaker and conductor on the Underground Railroad), operated Plainfield Nursery in Latimore Township in the mid-1800s. One could purchase an apple tree for .08, 100 trees for \$5, and 1,000 trees for \$40.

Following the Civil War, the United States went through a period of rapid industrialization. As the population of cities increased and the division of labor intensified, urban dwellers became more dependent upon others for many things, including their food. The explosion of the railroads after the war, made it possible for food to be transported long distances relatively quickly. Here is where Adams County entered the picture.

With the favorable soil and topography of the area we today call the “Fruit Belt”, improved transportation, and ready markets, the stage was set for the development of commercial fruit production. This change in the county’s agricultural production occurred between 1865 and 1920. By 1920, Adams County ranked first in the state in apple production, second in peaches and fifth in cherries. As of 2016, there were approx. 20,000 acres of fruit growing in Adams County on 120 farms. Latimore Township has played a part in this development. Family names associated with early commercial fruit production in Latimore Township include: Brough, Cashman, Lerew, Lory, Starry, Weiser, Williams and Worley. Some of these families are still involved in fruit production today.

As the production of fruit increased in the county, there was a need to develop efficient, cost effective ways to process and/or market the fruit to get



it to the consumer. The fruit growers of Latimore Township were involved in these developments. A.B.C. Williams was one of the founding members of Mountain Orchard Cooperative in the 1930’s. The cooperative was formed to pack and ship fresh fruit, as a way for farmers to get better prices for their fruit than they could from a cannery. Mr. Williams also had a hand in the creation of The Cooperative Fruit Growers (1930’s), as well as in Knouse Foods (founded in 1947), where he was one of the original stock holders. Knouse Foods gave farmer members a place to sell fruit for processing. Norm Starry was also a founding member of Knouse Foods.

This article is by no means definitive. Individuals are encouraged to share their personal histories connected to commercial fruit production with YOSSHS. Write your story down, or visit the museum and share an oral history. We would love to listen to you!

Ye Olde Sulphur Spa Historical Society’s (408 Main Street, York Springs) currently featured exhibit is “Merchants, Mills and More” showcasing business and industry in northeastern Adams County. The museum is open Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. and the first Sunday of most months from 2-4 p.m. Check the website for up-to-date information.

***Information provided by YOSSHS. www.yosshs.org.**

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Latimore Township Board of Supervisors

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Meeting Dates

All meetings are held at the Latimore Township Municipal Building unless otherwise specified.

Board of Supervisors

Second Monday of each month (except January), starting at 6:00 PM

Planning Commission

Meetings held as needed on the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting at 8:00 PM

Park Board

Meetings held as needed. Some meetings may take place at the park pavilion.

Community Crime Watch

Meetings held as needed.

Zoning Hearing Board

Meetings held as needed.

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