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SPRING CLEAN-UP

J. P. Mascaro & Sons was awarded the contract for this year's curbside clean up. Clean-up is scheduled to start on Monday, May 18th. Residents are asked to have items for pick up at curbside by dawn on Monday morning. Remember, the contractor goes through neighborhoods one time only since it will be impossible to revisit a street once they have been thorough.



Collection Item Reminders

- Carpeting and wood should be rolled, tied, bundled, and cut into 4 ft. lengths
- Mattresses and box springs must be sealed in plastic or a mattress cover
- Large items such as desks or shelves should be broken down, if possible, and the pieces tied and bundled
- Lawn mowers (push mowers only) must be emptied of oil and gasoline
- Propane grills must have propane tank removed
- Paint cans should be emptied or they can be dried up by pouring cat litter in them. Once they are dried, they can be taken for trash.

J. P. Mascaro Sons will **not pick up piles of unwanted items that are larger than the size of a pickup truck bed.**



Computers, laptops, monitors, printers, scanners, PC speakers, keyboard and/or mouse, battery backups and televisions will not be picked up during the clean-up. Pennsylvania law requires electronics must be recycled.

- **Tires will not be collected at this time.**



Roaring Brook Township Road Department will pick up the following:

White goods that do not contain freon such as washers, dryers, and water heaters. These items cost \$20 for disposal. Please call the Township office at 570-842-6080 to schedule a pickup and for payment.

White goods that contain freon or another coolant such as refrigerators/freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers. These item cost \$30 for disposal. Please call the Township office at 570-842-6080 to schedule a pickup and for payment.

Our newsletter is smaller than usual since information is changing quickly due to the Coronavirus. Check our website for up to date information.

2019-2020 SNOWMAN CONTEST WINNERS



Alexandra Johnson



Ella and Avery DeRenzis



Elieth Luckey

SEWER AUTHORITY REMINDER PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH BABY WIPES

The Sewer Authority has discovered various types of solids and semi-solid substances in the collection system and pump stations. Among the substances found were cooking grease, oil, **baby wipes, cleaning wipes**, (even if the manufacturer claims their wipes are flushable, they are not), paper towels, feminine hygiene products, and articles of clothing. These substances are harmful to the collection system, pump stations and treatment plant. They interfere with the proper operation of the collection and treatment facilities. This results in additional cost of maintenance to remove these types of items from the system. Over the past couple of years the Authority has spent thousands of dollars in repairs and pump replacements.

Please dispose of these items in the trash. The Sewage Enforcement Officer is attempting to narrow down the areas causing these issues.



TOWNSHIP AWARDED MULTI-MODAL GRANT FOR PAVING



Our State Representative Mike Carroll announced Roaring Brook Township is the recipient of a \$215,000 Multi-Modal Grant for the purpose of paving roads. The roads to be paved with the grant money are Griffin Road, Homestead Drive, Hazard Pond Road and a portion of McAndrew Road (Gardner Road to the Township line by Lake Hideaway). The Township will be taking out a loan to pave some additional roads.

RECYCLING

The Township recycling program is suspended until further notice since the Lackawanna Recycling Center will no longer accept certain recyclables during the COVID-19 outbreak.



CENSUS 2020

By now everyone should have received several requests to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire. If you have not responded, please do so now. People ask why is important to complete the Census form. The distribution of funds from the Federal Government for many projects and programs use population as a major part of their funding formulas. Since the Census is counted every 10 years it is very important to have an accurate count for Roaring Brook Township. Not responding results in an inaccurate count that will negatively impact the Township for the next 10 years.

A question that has been asked is "Why is the mailing address listed as Moscow PA 18444 and not Roaring Brook Township.?" The mailing address used by the Census to deliver correspondence to your residence (e.g. Blue Shutters Road, Moscow 18444) is not used to assign housing units to the proper political jurisdiction or census geography (e.g. Roaring Brook Twp.). Instead the Census Bureau uses the physical location of the housing unit to assign it the proper jurisdiction. Do not be concerned that when you go online and bring up your address that it's listed as Moscow and you live in Roaring Brook. Census officials have assured us that your physical location will be properly recorded as Roaring Brook Township. For more information check the Census Bureau website at www.2020census.gov.

NEW POLICE VEHICLE



Police Chief Don Hickey reports the Department added a new vehicle to it's fleet. A 2020 Ford Explorer was add in March.