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SPRING CLEAN-UP DATE ANNOUNCED



J. P. Mascaro & Sons was awarded the contract for this year's curbside clean up. Clean-up is scheduled to start on Monday, May 17th. 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. They will not 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.
- No construction material (cinder block, sheet rock, bricks)

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 and not disposed of in landfills.



- **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 items cost \$30 per item for disposal. Please call the Township office at 570-842-6080 to schedule a pickup and for payment.

TOWNSHIP SHREDDING DAY — JUNE 19

Saturday, June 19th is the date the Township is offering the services of a professional shredding company. Shred-All will be available from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Township building on Blue Shutters Road. This service is available to Township residents only. **There is a limit of five (5) boxes (18" by 12") per household. Any boxes over the five box limit will be charged at a rate of \$9.00 per copy box size, \$12 per 24" banker box and \$20 per 30" banker box.**

Items not acceptable are wet papers, pens, pencils, scissors, keys, metal items, garbage or carbon paper.

SNOWMAN CONTEST

2020-2021

Gunnar Ankerway



Tristan and Rowan Munley



Ryan and Grace Pellis



Alexandra Johnson



The Morgan Family



Scott Sanderson



Victoria and Olivia Spano



Corey Kowalski



SEWER AUTHORITY NEWS

Roaring Brook Township Sewer Authority recently replaced two aging generators at the Circle Drive and Roaring Brook Estates pump stations. New control panels are being installed at these locations as well. Funding for these projects came from a PA Small Water Grant from Rep. Mike Carrol and former Sen. John Blake.



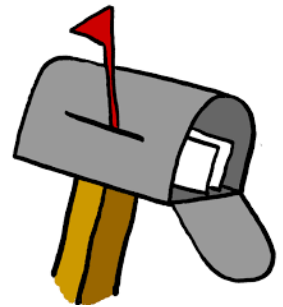
Just a reminder **never** to flush any type of wipes or dispose of grease into the sewer system or your septic system. This includes so called "Flushable Wipes". The warm grease quickly cools in your sewer line and the wipes get wrapped around the pumps which require constant maintenance and cleaning.

MAILBOXES

If you are planning any upgrades to your mailbox, please follow these guidelines:

The face of mailboxes shall be placed 12" behind a curb in areas that have curbs. In areas with no curbs, the face of the mailbox shall be 4 feet from the edge of the road. Mailboxes should also be placed on the side of your driveway away from approaching traffic.

Mailboxes should be installed 42" off the ground and mounted on a sturdy post not to exceed a 2" steel post or a 4"x4" wood post. Larger posts could become a deadly fixed object if someone hits one and they should not be placed in the Township Right of Way.



SUMMER ROAD WORK AND PAVING



Roaring Brook Township has applied for two grants and are hopeful that funding will be received for two road projects.

One grant is through the Center for Dirt and Gravel Roads to replace an undersized culvert pipe on Simerson Road. The other grant that was applied for is with Moscow Borough to finish paving McAndrew Road. We are also looking at paving Wilcrest Road and the 100 block of Jonslea Lane.

Crews will also be kept busy replacing drain pipes, blacktop repair and many other tasks needed to maintain the nearly 26 miles of township roads.

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TOWNSHIP PERMITS

Permits are required in Roaring Brook Township when there is a change to the structure or the topography on your property. The permits and the related inspections are in place for your protection. They assist in assuring the health and safety of you and your neighbor. They also maintain the infrastructure of your area. This in turn will maintain the value of your property.

Permit fees are established to pay for the cost of the inspections and processing. Roaring Brook Township does not realize a profit on the cost of permits. Please obtain a permit before work begins. Contact the Township office for any additional questions.



PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR:

Building Permit — new construction, additions, renovations involving structural changes (window and door openings, bearing walls), attached decks/porches/roof structures and accessory building/structures exceeding 1,000 square feet including garages & sheds. Swimming pools require a building permit.

Zoning Permits — sheds, wind mills, outdoor boilers, retaining walls over 5 feet in height, fences, signs. Sheds have no effect on your real estate taxes.

Driveway Permits — new driveways or having existing driveways repaved with a new layer of blacktop. Driveways being sealed by coating being brushed on or sprayed on do not require permits. Please call the day before work is to begin for inspection during the work.

Drainage Permits — when building a new home, drainage projects or disturbing more than one acre of land.

Sheds (Any Size)—Require Zoning Permits

Recycling News



We appreciate the cooperation of our residents who have chosen to participate in our one day a month recycling drop off program. This program is made possible by our dedicated group of volunteers and more volunteers are always welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you on recycling Saturdays between 9:30 am to 11:30 am. at the Township building

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SCHEDULE

May
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July
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August
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EMERGENCY SERVICES NEED YOUR HELP

Your local fire department, **Elmhurst Roaring Brook Volunteer Fire Company** is sending out a request by mail to all residents to appeal to your generosity to provide the financial help needed to give vital services to your family, other North Pocono communities and the travelling public. **The fire company is staffed 100% by volunteers.** The pandemic has taken a toll on volunteer organizations too. Please be generous.

The fire company hopes to have their annual picnic this year in June. As the date gets closer updates will be posted on the fire company's Facebook page and the township's website.

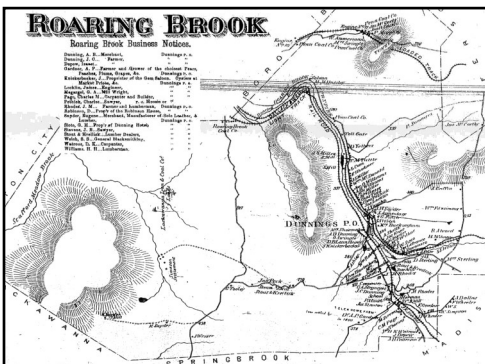
As the primary supplier of ambulance service to our township, soon the Moscow Hose Company will be sending out their annual subscription request for ambulance service. They are in need of additional funding to continue a valuable service to your family, other North Pocono communities and the travelling public. **Please subscribe.**

INTERESTING FACTS

We're Holding the Line

It was back in 2008 when Roaring Brook Township Supervisors last passed an increase in property taxes of 1.5 mills to be used for the purchase of road equipment. The tax rate has been the same for 13 years running

2008 was the year that Apple released the iPhone 3G, the New York Giants won the Super Bowl and The Philadelphia Phillies won the World Series.



A Little Bit of History

May 24, 2021 will mark the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of Roaring Brook Township, incorporated May 24, 1871 from parts of the Borough of Dunmore and the townships of Jefferson and Madison.

Distinguished Citizen in 7th grade

To learn more about the history of Roaring Brook Township please visit the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80OBBNcmeww> to the presentation to the Lackawanna Historical Society by Corey Kowalski of Roaring Brook Township, a Star Scout with pack 133 Boy Scouts of America of Jefferson Township. His presentation was in conjunction with a Citizenship in Community Merit Badge. Corey researched and documented the history of Roaring Brook Township. Corey is no stranger to the Township, he and his mother have attended township meetings, he participated with his fellow scouts in a Community Recycling Presentation and toured the township building, maintenance building and were briefed by a Township police officer.

Thank You Corey, you have represented Roaring Brook Township well.

Recently, other members of Pack 133 presented Corporal Michael Malec of the Roaring Brook Township Police Department with a Hero Award in conjunction with their work for a Building My Own Hero Adventure Pin. Pictured in the photo are: Craig Kowalski, Corporal Malec and Nicholas Butler

