

ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP FALL—WINTER NEWSLETTER



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No Parking on Township Roads is in Effect



Whether the sun is shining or snow and ice are accumulating, no vehicle shall be parked on any road, street, or public right-of-way within the township between October 15, 2023 to April 15, 2024. Township Ordinance # 1-2009 requires any vehicle parked in violation of the Ordinance may be ticketed, removed or towed away by the Police Department. The Ordinance also states no person shall

throw, shovel, or otherwise move, pile or dump snow or ice removed from sidewalks, driveways, or other areas, into roads, streets or rights-of-way.

Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense punishable by a fine not less than \$35.00. A new and separate offense shall be deemed to have been committed for each day said violation exists. Please do not leave **portable basketball goals and garbage cans in the roadway or shoulder**. The Road Department cannot clear the roads effectively unless everyone co-operates.

New Flagpole for War Memorial

Elmhurst Township resident, Heather Schield spearheaded a project to restore the war memorial located on the triangular piece of land between Route 435 and Memorial Drive in Elmhurst Township. Mrs. Schield approached both Roaring Brook and Elmhurst Township Supervisors for support in the project.

A little history about the memorial. The original area was dedicated on May 30, 1963 to residents of both Elmhurst and Roaring Brook Townships who fought and died during WW1, WW2 and the Korean conflict. The granite monument was purchased with funds collected by a house to house campaign by members of the Elmhurst Roaring Brook Volunteer Fire Company. The land was made available by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways.



The Roaring Brook Township Supervisors are proud and honored to be able to donate the new flagpole for this memorial. Thank you to the RBT Road Department for the installation and Edwards Concrete for the concrete.

New Wood Chipper for Road Departments

Back in 2021, Roaring Brook Township and Moscow Borough submitted a joint grant application to the state for a wood chipper. A chipper would be useful for both municipalities road departments. The state approved the grant request in the early summer of 2022 and the chipper was ordered. Because of supply chain issues, the chipper was finally delivered in late September. Thank you to Moscow Borough for submitting the application to benefit both municipalities.



Recycling News

Roaring Brook Township Recycling Program has just completed 33 years of service to the residents of our township. We began shortly after Lackawanna County established a Recycling Program. Some of the original volunteers are still active in our program .

The Supervisors will continue to offer a drop-off Recycling Program on the third Saturday of each month at the township building for 2024. We are grateful for our volunteers, without them the program would cease to exist.

Three containers will be manned to receive recyclable materials.

One container for cardboard

One container for paper

One container for comingled bottles and jars

In January our road department personnel collected 2.8 tons of wood waste from Christmas trees.

During 2023 we recycled **7 tons** of unwanted electronics from the E-Recycling Day and recycled **1 ton** of paper during our Shredding Day. We will work to secure vendors for both programs in 2024.

We appreciate the effort to recycle whether you drop off at our building or contract with your waste hauler.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE 2023

November 18

December 16

RECYCLING SCHEDULE 2024

January 20	July 20
February 17	August 17
March 16	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Road Department has scheduled curbside Christmas Tree pick up on the following dates:

Mondays, January 8, 15 and 22

Please have your trees near the curb and visible. Remember to remove all ornaments, tinsel and tree bag from the tree. If there is inclement weather on any of the dates, pick up will be the next day. Artificial trees are not accepted.



Santa to Make an Early Visit

Arrangements have been made for Santa Claus to ride on an Elmhurst Roaring Brook fire engine throughout the Township in early December. His schedule will be found on the Fire Company's Facebook site as well as the township's website and Facebook site.



Holiday Lights & Snowman Contest

The Township is looking for homes with the best Christmas spirit! This year we will be awarding prizes to homes for "Most Traditional" decorations and "Christmas Vacation" award. Send photos of your entry via email by December 19th to roaringbrooktwp@comcast.net.

Children may enter the Snowman Contest. Photos must be submitted by March 31, 2024, to roaringbrooktwp@comcast.net.

Please include your name, address and phone number for contest entry. **Only entries from Roaring Brook Township residents will be considered.**

WINTER DRIVING TIPS FROM PennDOT

- Keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Do not use cruise control while driving on snow-covered roads
- State law requires you to turn on your headlights when your wipers are on.
- Remove ice and snow from the hood and roof of your vehicle. State law states that if snow or ice from your vehicle strikes a vehicle or person and causes death or injury, you can be ticketed.
- Do not pass or get between trucks plowing in a plow line (several trucks plowing side by side).
- If you become stranded, it's better to stay with your vehicle until help arrives. Run the engine every hour or so, but make sure the tailpipe is clear and keep the downwind window cracked open.

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"Don't Be Scammed"

People lose a lot of money to phone scams — sometimes their life savings. Scammers have figured out countless ways to cheat you out of your money over the phone. In some scams, they act friendly and helpful. In others, they might threaten or try to scare you. One thing you can count on is that a phone scammer will try to get your money or your personal information to commit identity theft. Don't give it to them.

While crooks use many scenarios, here are 10 common phone scams currently making the rounds.

Threatening calls from the IRS.

Technical support calls.

Fake charity appeals.

Lottery scams.

Family members in peril.

Bank fraud calls.

Insurance, health care and debt scams.

Website password requests.

Fake customer requests.

Other urgent requests.

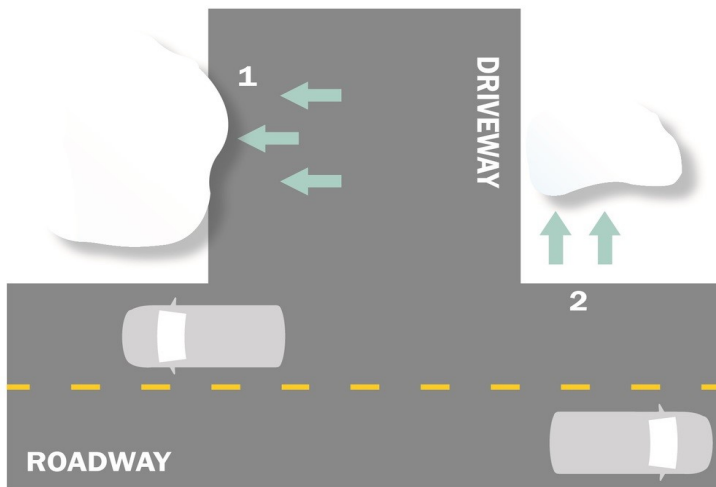


Should you find yourself the victim of a phone scam, it can be difficult to recover money. However, you should still file a police report and contact your bank. What's more, if your Social Security number has been compromised, contact the three credit-reporting bureaus of Experian, Equifax and TransUnion to request fraud protections be placed on your credit reports.

WINTER REMINDERS FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL

Recommendations from the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities



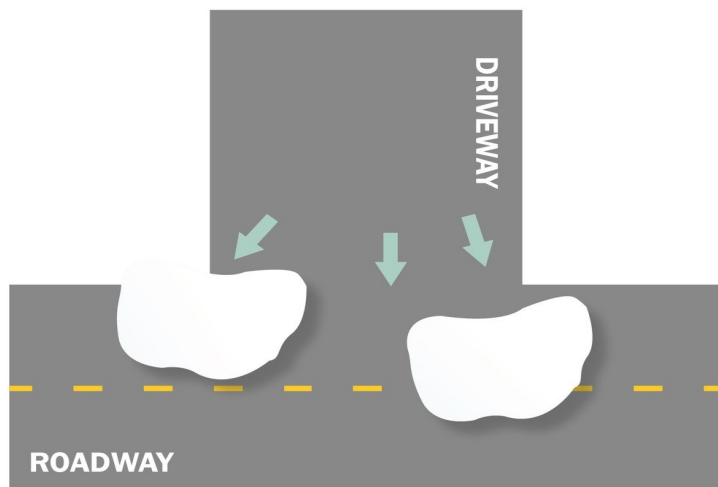
DO this

- 1 Move snow from your driveway onto your property:** Standing, facing the road, move snow over to the right side of your driveway.
- 2 And clear the area by the road on the left side of your driveway.** This gives plows a place to unload snow and helps reduce the chance of a snow berm being created across your driveway.

NOT this

Move snow from driveways into the road or right-of-way:

It's illegal to push snow into or across roadways and rights-of-way. This can create a hazard for people traveling the road, such as drivers, bikers and snow removal equipment operators, and can create liability issues for the property owner.



DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL

Removing snow from driveways: Removing snow from driveways is the responsibility of the property owner. It is illegal to push snow into, or across, the road or right-of-way. Doing so creates hazards for those using the roadway and could create liability issues for the property owner.

Snow Removal Around Garbage and Recycling Totes

Please remember to place the totes away from the roadway edge. Do NOT place the cans in the road or on the shoulder. The collection truck can reach 10' from the road into your property. Our recommendation is to place the cans in your driveway 5' behind the road edge or existing snow banks. Roaring Brook Township Ordinance 1-2009 prohibits placing any objects in the right of way that may interfere with snow removal.

Here are some examples of properly placed totes.



And some totes that are NOT PROPERLY placed.



SNOW REMOVAL MAILBOX POLICY



Efficient and effective snow removal is a top priority of Roaring Brook Township. The Road Department takes every precaution to avoid damaging mailboxes during snow removal operations. Proper placement of your mailbox at the curb edge can help avoid damage. Some helpful tips to avoid mailbox damage are: mailboxes should be set back a minimum of four feet from the edge of the pavement or 6" from the curb to provide adequate clearance. Place mailboxes in an area where snow plows do not need to pile snow in cul-de-sacs, and away from approaching traffic to lessen the likelihood of a plow strike. The Township does not replace or reimburse for custom mailboxes or ornate posts and is not responsible for damage caused by snow or ice that is thrown by the snowplow blade. If a mailbox or post is damaged by a snowplow x-tra space blade hitting it, the Township will replace with a standard mailbox or post.
