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Maxatawny Township

Berks County, Pennsylvania



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MAXATAWNY TOWNSHIP – DIRECTORY

127 Quarry Road, Kutztown, PA 19530

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police Emergencies	9-1-1	Township Office	610-683-6518
Fire Emergencies.....	9-1-1	Water & Sewer Authority	484-507-4718
Police Department (Non-Emergency).....	610-378-4011	Tax Collector – Jerilyn Wehr	
Topton Community Ambulance Company	610-682-4333	taxcollector@maxatawny.net	610-683-6518 Ext. 105
Kutztown Fire & Rescue	610-683-8703	Local Service Tax (LST) Collector –	
Lyons Fire Department	610-682-7936	H.A. Berkheimer	1-800-360-8989
Topton Fire Company.....	610-682-7600	Earned Income Tax Collector – Berks EIT	610-372-8439

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2nd Monday @ 6:30 pm

John Deplanque, Chairman, jdeplanque@maxatawny.net
Marcus Simonetti, Vice-Chairman, msimonetti@maxatawny.net
Heath Wessner, Supervisor, hwessner@maxatawny.net

PLANNING COMMISSION

3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm

Rob Reynolds, Chairman
Michael Berger, Vice Chairman
Laurel Burkhardt, Secretary
Dave Sobotka, Martin Kozlowski

ZONING HEARING BOARD

4th Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Ken Franke, Chairman
John Zima, Vice Chairman
Zak Helensky
Deon Marecheau, Alternate

HISTORIC COMMISSION

1st Monday @ 2:00 pm

Rob Reynolds, Chairman
Ethan Boyer, Vice Chairman
Brenda Winkler, Hermann Winkler,
Carl Peterson, Brendan Strasser,
and Tory Bieber

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (MTMA)

4th Thursday @ 6:30 pm

Michael Berger, Chairman
Steve Haring, Vice Chairman
Judy Daub, Secretary
Steven Moyer, Martin Kozlowski,
Steve Wehr, Joshua Tucker

STAFF DIRECTORY

TOWNSHIP OFFICE 610-683-6518

Jerilyn Wehr, Secretary/Treasurer – Ext. 102
jwehr@maxatawny.net

Chris Paff, Zoning, Code Enforcement Officer &
Sewage Enforcement Officer – Ext 104
cpaff@maxatawny.net

Robert Hauck – Assistant Code
Enforcement Officer
rhauck@maxatawny.net

Tricia Wessner, Office Assistant – Ext 101
twessner@maxatawny.net

Roy Wessner, Road Foreman or
Maintenance Garage
610-683-3898 or rwessner@maxatawny.net

Tricia Green, Municipal Authority Administrator
484-507-4718 or mtma6862@gmail.com

Statement by Board of Supervisors

Our township continues to be a great place to live and raise a family. We've heard from many residents who share this sentiment, and we truly appreciate your feedback and engagement.

There are many Land Development plans currently under review in the Township.

There are currently four large-scale warehousing plans proposed to be built in the Township, which include six warehouses totaling approx. 3.6 million square feet.

As required by the Township Zoning Ordinance, Conditional use hearings are currently being held for two of these proposals.

Additional projects currently being reviewed or approved by the Township include a commercial development along Kutztown Road, multiple solar projects and a few single family dwellings along with townhouse development.

Construction has started on a new roundabout at Route

222 and Long Lane, which will improve traffic flow and safety in that area.

Our township road crew continues to do excellent work maintaining our infrastructure.

In another step forward, our township engineer has completed a comprehensive assessment of all roads in the township. Each road has been rated based on its condition, and we're now working on a long-term strategy to improve overall road quality. Securing stable funding and planning responsibly will be key to maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure over time. We are considering a tax increase for 2026 of 1 mil to help make this plan a reality.

As always, We encourage residents to stay involved. Attend our public meetings and let us know what's on your mind. Your voice matters, and your input helps shape the future of our community. If you can not attend our public meetings, please feel free to contact us at 610-683-6518.

Thank you for your continued support.

MAXATAWNY TOWNSHIP – 2025/2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS – 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm

2025:	September 8th	October 13th	November 10th	December 8th
2026:	January 12th	February 9th	March 9th	April 13th
	May 11th	June 8th	July 13th	August 10th
	September 14th	October 12th	November 9th	December 14th

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS – 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

2025:	September 18th	October 16th	November 20th	December 18th
2026:	January 15th	February 19th	March 19th	April 16th
	May 21st	June 18th	July 16th	August 20th
	September 17th	October 15th	November 19th	December 17th

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS – 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

2025:	September 25th	October 23rd	*November 18th	*December 16th
2026:	January 22nd	February 26th	March 26th	April 23rd
	May 28th	June 25th	July 23rd	August 27th
	September 24th	October 22nd	*November 17th	*December 15th

(*held the 3rd Tuesday due to Holidays)

HISTORIC COMMISSION – 1st Monday of the month at 2:00pm

2025:	September – no meeting	October 6th	November 3rd	December 1st
2026:	January 5th	February 2nd	March 2nd	April 6th
	May 4th	June 1st	July - no meeting	August 3rd
	September – no meeting	October 5th	November 2nd	December 7th

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm (as needed basis)

2025:	September 23rd	October 28th	November 25th	December 23rd
2026:	January 27th	February 24th	March 24th	April 28th
	May 26th	June 23rd	July 28th	August 25th
	September 22nd	October 27th	November 24th	December 22nd

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE MAXATAWNY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 127 QUARRY ROAD, SUITE 1, KUTZTOWN, PA 19530
Tentative schedule for 2026 – Final Schedule will be set and advertised in December

Maxatawny Township Fall Festival

The Township is happy to announce that we will once again hold the Maxatawny Township Fall Festival, which will be held at the William Delong Memorial Park in Bowers on Saturday, October 4th (raindate of Sunday, October 5th). This is a free evening of food, fun, activities and entertainment for residents of Maxatawny Township and our neighbors. This event is planned and hosted by the Maxatawny Township Recreation Committee and sponsored by Maxatawny Township. Additional information will be posted on Maxatawny.org as it becomes available



Do you have a street light out?

If you see a street light that is out, please call Met-Ed at 1-800-545-7741. All street lights should contain a pole number. Please try to obtain the pole number before calling Met-Ed as it is essential in resolving the issue. Thanks for your help!



Burning Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors has determined that open burning, and the air pollution threats, may be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Maxatawny Township. It also places an unnecessary burden and risk upon the Township's volunteer fire services personnel. **Therefore, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Burning Ordinance which regulates open burning within the Township. This ordinance took effect on May 3, 2006.**

PRIOR TO ANY BURNING (and for more information and details), YOU ARE REQUIRED TO contact the Kutztown Fire Marshal 484-955-6050 and the Township Code Enforcement Officer at 610-683-6518

MAXATAWNY TOWNSHIP: JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2027

SEWAGE MANAGEMENT SEPTAGE HAULER LIST

The Septage Haulers listed below have registered with Maxatawny Township to provide pumping services in compliance with Maxatawny Township Ordinance 2006-2. The pumping receipts from only these haulers will be accepted as meeting the requirements of Ordinance 2006-2.

LOGAN KIROPOSKI, INC
d/b/a KIROPOSKI & SONS, INC
8 N 2nd Street
Coopersburg, PA 18036
610-282-3780

ALLSTATE SEPTIC SYSTEM
5167 Berry Hollow Road
Bangor, PA 18013
610-498-3111

SONLIGHT SERVICES, LLC
54 Midway Road
Bethel, PA 19507
717-738-2149

CLIFFORD HILL SANITATION SERVICE/
LECK WASTE
P.O. Box 265, 780 Noble Street
Kutztown, PA 19530
610-683-7086

CHRISTMAN'S SEPTIC SERVICE
P.O. Box 714
Fogelsville, PA 18051
610-285-2563

BUSSER'S SEPTIC
2048 Jug Road
Dover, PA 17315
717-266-0985

PETERMAN BROS SEPTIC
141 Salem Road
Bethel, PA 19507
1-888-615-7725

MILLER'S SANITARY SERVICE
Potty Pumpers Elite Corp
32 Miller Road
Kutztown, PA 19530
610-683-3061

FISHER SANITARY SERVICE
482 E. Main Street
Kutztown, PA 19530
610-683-7776

F.W. REIFSNYDER INC
4865 Mt. Vernon Street
Temple, PA 19560
610-921-8644

A HONEYDIPPER SEPTIC SERVICE
P.O. Box 427
Douglassville, PA 19518
610-327-1699

WINDRIVER ENVIRONMENTAL
46 Lizotte Drive
Marlborough, MA 01752
1-800-499-1682

BERKS SEPTIC SERVICE
1112 Fairview Drive
Reading, PA 19605
610-621-6197

D & S SEPTIC SERVICES
78 Stone Road
Hamburg, PA 19526
610-488-5294

L & C SEPTIC PUMPING
2659 Geryville Pike
Pennsburg, PA 18073
267-379-3629

MAXATAWNY TOWNSHIP SEWAGE PUMPING CYCLES

As mandated by the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act 537, the Township is required to provide for adequate sewage treatment facilities and for the protection of the public health by preventing the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated sewage. The Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Maxatawny Township indicates that it is necessary to formulate and implement a sewage management program to effectively prevent and abate water pollution and hazards to the public health caused by improper treatment and disposal of sewage. To this end, the Township has adopted a mandatory sewage-pumping schedule, which requires all on-lot systems to be pumped every three years. Systems are required to be pumped according to the last digit of their address, as follows.

- CYCLE 1** – addresses ending in the digits 0, 1, or 2 must be pumped by **06/30/2028, 2031, 2034.**
- CYCLE 2** – addresses ending in the digits 3, 4, or 5 must be pumped by **06/30/2026, 2029, 2032.**
- CYCLE 3** – addresses ending in the digits 6, 7, 8, or 9 must be pumped by **06/30/2027, 2030, 2033.**

William DeLong Memorial Park

The William DeLong Memorial Park in Bowers is the Township's only park and is open all year round to the public. It has a ½ mile walking path, playground, basketball court, softball diamond, band shell, a bathroom (closed during winter months), three pavilions and a kitchen facility. These amenities can be reserved and rented for family gatherings for a nominal fee. To reserve the park, contact Tricia Wessner at the Township Office at 610-683-6518. The Township will begin taking reservations for the year at the beginning of that year. Park Ranger is Rick Luckenbill.

NOTES FROM THE TOWNSHIP ROAD FOREMAN - Roy Wessner

Road Crew: Casey Miller, Michael Stutzman, & Josh Greiss

BRUSH RECYCLING DROP SITE

As most of you know, the Township operates a brush recycling yard. The purpose of the program is to collect brush from **RESIDENTIAL** properties in the Township and recycle the brush into mulch. This service is for **TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY**. The bin is located at the rear of the property at 127 Quarry Road.

We accept any form of brush up to FOUR (4) inches in diameter.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

- firewood
- bamboo
- flowers/plants
- construction material
- bales
- concrete/cement blocks
- grass clippings
- large tree stumps/tree roots

****THE BRUSH DROP SITE IS
MONITORED BY CAMERA 24/7****



LEAF COLLECTION 2025

The Township will be doing leaf collection during the month of October and November. The leaf collection schedule will be posted on the Township website at Maxatawny.org. The Township will only visit each road once a week, so if you see them come through on a Monday, they will not be back on the road until the following week. Residents are asked to rake the leaves to the curb or gutter if they want the leaves collected. Only leaves at the curb will be collected. Please **DO NOT** place anything other than leaves at the curbside or gutter.

ALSO – Leaf collection **WILL NOT** occur on Miller Drive, Marion, Curtis Road, Commons Road, Clover Strip Lane, Luckenbill Road, and along Route 222 for safety reasons

Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.

TREE TRIMMING

The Roadcrew only trims to the right of way line. Any other tree trimming will need to be done by the property owner.

SHOULDER GRADING

The Township will be grading and cutting shoulders again this season in an effort to remove years of buildup and to allow storm water to exit the roadway. One of the major problems the Township roads face is damage from sitting water. This problem compounds during cold months when the temperature fluctuates above and below freezing.

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

The right-of-way width of most Township roads is 33 feet, or 16.5 feet from the centerline. Objects generally are not permitted in the right-of-way unless they serve an official highway purpose (utility poles and properly placed mailboxes are exceptions). Your cooperation is appreciated in removing any items within the roadway right-of-way. Any object placed within the right-of-way without permission may be subject to removal. Please maintain open lines of site at driveways and roadways by properly maintaining growth of plants and vegetation.

State Road vs. Township Road

The Maxatawny Township Roadcrew maintains all Township Roads in the municipality. There are multiple State Roads within the Township that the Roadcrew does not maintain, and certain State Roads that the Township has an agreement with PennDot to provide plowing services during a snow event. Please see the list of State Roads below:

Kutztown Road	Eagle Point Road*
Noble Street	Krumsville Road
Long Lane*	Millcreek Road
Crystal Cave Road*	Old Tipton Road*
Tipton Road	Farmington Road
Fleetwood Road	222
Bowers Road (From Fleetwood Road to Township Line)	

*State Roads that the Township provides plowing services during a snow event. All other maintenance is provided by PennDot.

Please note that if you have a road issue/complaint on any of the State Roads, you need to reach out to the local PennDot Office at 610-929-0766

SNOW REMOVAL – Tips for Residents



Vehicle parking: If at all possible, park vehicles, trailers, and boats off the roadway so that the plows can efficiently clear the roadways.

Driveways: The Township annually receives complaints about plowing driveways closed after a resident has spent hours shoveling them open. Unfortunately, during plowing operations snow is pushed to the right side of the road, regularly blocking driveways and parked cars. The best way to avoid having to clear snow from your driveway multiple times is to wait until plowing operations are complete before you clean up. If you would like to get a head start but don't need to get out of your driveway, consider not shoveling the last six feet toward the street until the plowing operation is complete (normally the plow will come through two times). If you need to clear your driveway before plowing is complete, you can minimize the amount of snow plowed into the driveway. Clear not only your driveway out into the street, but also all of the snow at least 10 feet along the street. This will allow plows to unload most of the snow before crossing in front of your driveway.

When there is snow on the ground, it is sometimes hard to tell exactly where the road ends and your yard begins. **Please place snow markers along the road** to help guide the plow driver from driving into your yard. The Township will not clean up yards after snow removal.

Do not throw or blow snow into the streets. This can cause hazards if the snow refreezes on the road.

Do not block fire hydrants with snow. If you live near a hydrant and you are capable of keeping the snow clear from around the hydrant, it greatly reduces everyone's risk should there be an emergency in the neighborhood.

If trees or branches come down in a storm, or at any time, **it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove the debris** in a timely manner. The Township will continue to provide a drop location at 127 Quarry Road for residents to bring their downed trees and limbs.

Above all, please be patient. The Township roadcrew works long hours during a winter storm. They all have a designated route that takes approximately 3 hours to complete. Due to the possibility of staff shortages, these routes could be adjusted and take additional time to complete. If you have a problem, call the Township office at 610-683-6518 or the Garage at 610-683-3898 during regular business hours. If you receive a recording, leave your name, address, phone number, and nature of your concern and someone will return your call as soon as we are available.

A NOTE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR – JERILYN WEHR

Residents receive a combined County and Township tax bill around March 1st of each year. The School tax bill is received around July 1st of each year. The tax rate for the School District and the County are set by the governing bodies of those two entities. The Board of Supervisors establishes the tax rate only for the Township.

A few items to make note of when paying your taxes:

- **Walk-ins will not be accepted.** To pay your taxes, either mail the payment or come to the Township Office during the sitting hours printed on your bill.
- Check or money order payments are accepted. No cash or credit card payments are accepted.
- When paying multiple tax bills, you can pay all bills with one check.
- Please review your payment before mailing. I do receive a lot of checks that have the incorrect amount written out, no date, or no signature.
- Please do not staple payments to bills
- When mailing your payment, if you would like a stamped receipt, please include both copies of your bill (instructions portion not needed) along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you do not include all required items, you will not receive a receipt.
- I understand that the tax bills are not the easiest to open. Please follow the instructions on the back of the bill for proper opening. Do not cut the bill open, as you might cut off important information

***Please note that I do work full time as well as collect taxes. I am not always available to return tax calls immediately. Please be patient. I will return your call in a timely manner.**

Jerilyn Wehr (Tax Collector) – 610-683-6518 Ext. 105 or email at taxcollector@maxatawny.net

RESIDENTIAL and COMMERCIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Maxatawny Township allows its residents/businesses to choose their own hauler for garbage and recycling services. However, the Township is a mandated recycling community. All residents are required to recycle and to have a hauler who offers curb side recycling. Below is a list of approved haulers. If you would like to use a hauler, or currently use a hauler, that is not listed below and they meet all the necessary requirements please have the hauler contact the Township Office at 610-683-6518 to register.



Leck Waste Service
(previously Clifford Hill)
780 Noble St
Kutztown, PA 19530
215-675-8000

Waste Management
2710 Golden Key Rd
Kutztown, PA 19530
1-800-869-5566

Whitetail Disposal, Inc
334 Layfield Road
Perkiomenville, PA 18074
610-754-0103

Jax Disposal
625 Columbia Ave
Temple, PA 19560
610-985-0118

Nester's Sanitation, Inc
142 Marion Street
Hamburg, PA 19526
610-562-7673

JP Mascaro & Sons
(Commercial only)
600 Neversink Rd
Reading, PA 19606
1-800-334-3403

Diamond Disposal, LLC
21 Baus Lane PO Box 327
Bechtelsville, PA 19505
610-845-1117

Additional recycling centers that provide services (fees may be included)

Cougles Recycling
1000 S 4th St
Hamburg, PA 19526
610-562-8336

**Berks County
Recycling Center**
1316 Hill Top Rd.
Leesport, PA 19533
610-478-6362

**Responsible Recycling
Services**
805 Tomahawk Dr
Kutztown, PA 19530
484-641-5156

Recyclables must be placed in a separate bin from trash and are picked up by your trash hauler. Bins are available at the Township Administrative Office.

CAN BE INCLUDED:



- **Metal**—aluminum beverage cans, steel food and beverage cans, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans
- **Glass**—clear, brown, and green glass food and beverage containers
- **Plastics**—All plastics #1-#7 accepted. All materials must be thoroughly cleaned before placing in your bin.
- **Paper, Paperboard, & Cardboard**—all sizes of cardboard boxes flattened, pizza boxes, food boxes (i.e., cereal & jello boxes), empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls, paperboard packaging, office paper, shredded paper (in clear plastic bags), newspapers and inserts, magazines/catalogs/brochures, envelopes and junk mail, paper bags, phone books and other soft cover books

CANNOT BE INCLUDED:



- Windows, mirror, ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Aluminum foil
- Scrap metal
- Tupperware
- Plastic tableware (knives, forks, spoons, etc.)
- Plastic grocery bags, plastic food wrappers
- All solvent, oil, and chemical containers
- Food-soiled materials
- Soaked and/or wet papers or cardboard
- Used paper towels or tissues
- Styrofoam, packing peanuts
- Pool chemicals
- Plastic bubble wrap
- **NEEDLES—DO NOT** place used needles with recycling! This is a serious health hazard to everyone!

KUTZTOWN FIRE AND RESCUE – TODD EVANS, FIRE CHIEF

Kutztown Fire and Rescue is looking for your help. We are looking for residents who have suitable water sources on their property, such as ponds, streams, or other accessible bodies of water, and are willing to have a dry hydrant installed. The installation process is minimally invasive, and the cost of the dry hydrant will be fully covered by the fire department. If you're interested in partnering with us to enhance fire safety in our area, please contact us to discuss the details. Your participation could make a significant difference in keeping our community safe.

What is a dry hydrant?

A dry hydrant is a non-pressurized pipe system that allows firefighters to quickly draw water from a reliable water source, such as a pond, lake, or stream, in areas where standard fire hydrants are unavailable. These hydrants are designed for rural or remote locations and provide a crucial water supply during emergencies. By having a dry hydrant installed, we can improve fire protection services and response times, which helps safeguard lives, property, and the environment in our community.



Have you ever considered volunteering with a local Fire Company?

Maxatawny Township is serviced by three local Fire Companies, which include Kutztown Fire & Rescue, Lyons Fire Company and Tipton Fire Company. All three fire companies are staffed by volunteers. If you have any interest in volunteering your time with one of our local Fire Companies, please contact them directly for information.

Smoke Alarm Safety at Home

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



SAFETY TIPS

- **INSTALL** smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need **ADDITIONAL** smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- An **IONIZATION** smoke alarm is generally more

responsive to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.

- Smoke alarms should be **INSTALLED** away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

AND DON'T FORGET...

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.





KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

70 Bieber Alley, Kutztown, PA 19530

610-683-5820

www.kutztownlibrary.org



Connect with Friends and Family at the Library

What better place to strengthen relationships with friends and family than the library, where an abundance of exciting activities awaits you?

For toddlers and preschoolers, we invite you to join us for **Weekly Storytimes** and **Wiggly Wednesdays**, perfect for little ones along with their caregivers. Experience outdoor fun with the **StoryWalk® at Kutztown Park**, a magical blend of reading and nature that everyone can enjoy. **Teen Tuesdays** provide after-school activities like card games, painting, and social gatherings for young adults.

Become a member of our **Adult Book Club** for stimulating discussions held every fourth Friday at 10 a.m., where you can explore new book genres in a welcoming environment. Discover **"Better with Age,"** a monthly initiative for adults aged 55 and older, focusing on valuable topics such as decluttering and estate planning. This program aims to equip participants with useful skills, foster community connections, and ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Explore a diverse range of programs suitable for all ages, including **Dungeons & Dragons** and **Crochet What!?** Throughout the year, we also offer numerous activities, from crafting to new experiences that enrich your life. Stay updated on all the library's events by signing up for our free e-newsletter at kutztownlibrary.org.



Caregivers and children bond while reading at the library.

Admission Passes

Are you searching for an exciting family outing? Our library offers complimentary passes for you and your loved ones to explore nearby museums, zoos, and local attractions.

Imagine the joy of visiting the Reading Public Museum, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, or the Berks History Center with your family. These passes open doors to educational adventures and treasured memories for both children and adults.

Have you considered a day at the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown? This welcoming spot is brimming with animal exhibits, delightful shows, and engaging activities like feeding giraffes and bison.

What about embarking on a journey through history aboard the Battleship New Jersey? As our nation's most decorated and largest battleship, now a floating museum in Camden, it offers a vivid glimpse into its storied past from World War II to the Persian Gulf War.

Finally, why not discover the blend of nature and art at the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art in Chadds Ford? The Wyeth collection, picturesque hiking trails, and native plant gardens promise a day of inspiration and togetherness.

Support the Kutztown Community Library Through Fundraising Events

The Friends of the Kutztown Community Library are thrilled as they organize fundraisers to enhance our cherished library.

Mark your calendars for our annual Bingo game on Sunday, October 5, hosted by the Lyons Fire Company. Participants can win amazing prizes such as local gift cards, trendy designer purses, charming gift baskets, or tickets to KU Presents and the Allentown Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, don't miss the opportunity to win one of our fabulous raffle baskets showcased at the library – you don't even have to be present to claim your prize! Visit the library for details and secure your tickets to be part of this exciting event.

Explore a treasure trove of stories at our Used Book Sale, featuring bestsellers, paperbacks, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and puzzles for all. We accept gently used donations during operating hours. Join us for sales on Thursdays (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) and Saturdays (9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.) to support our library's mission and enjoy being part of our community journey.



Volunteer paints faces at Plant Sale.

Kutztown Community Library Receives Prestigious Award

Kutztown Community Library won the prestigious Chet Hagan Memorial Public Relations Award, which is jointly presented by Berks County Public Libraries and the Friends of the Berks County Public Libraries. This recognition highlights the library's outstanding public relations efforts related to the Better with Age programs. This program is designed specifically for patrons aged 55 and older. Its purpose is to teach valuable skills, foster community connections, and ensure that our patrons have a great time! The program meets monthly on the third Friday at 10 am. Tara Sanders accepted this award on behalf of the library.



Hotspots

Get ready to surf the web like a pro! The library's wireless hotspots, powered by T-Mobile data, give you unlimited internet access whenever you need it. For just \$45 a month or \$15 a week, these portable hotspots are your ticket to endless browsing during road trips or while cheering on your favorite team at sporting events. Adventure awaits—connect and explore!

Your Ultimate Resource for All Passport Needs!

Whether you're setting sail on a cruise, traveling abroad, or planning a road trip to Canada, our library is here to help with everything related to passports! Consult with our experienced agents to understand the required documentation. Need a passport photo? We've got you covered!

With a remarkable track record of processing over 18,000 passports, we are true experts in this field. Schedule your appointment six days a week, including evenings and Saturdays! Call 610-683-5820 to reserve your spot.

Safe travels!

Kutztown Community Library's 75th Anniversary Year-long Celebration

To mark our 75th anniversary, Kutztown Community Library has planned a variety of exciting events throughout the year to honor this important milestone.

In April, we held the Chapters Through Time Tea Party, a charming event that included tea, light snacks, and wonderful company, which created a delightful experience for guests of all ages.

In August, community members gathered to celebrate the library's 75th anniversary at the Barn at Walnut Grove. This event featured a buffet, live music, and a fantastic chance to reconnect with friends while reminiscing about the library's rich history.

Family Fun Day brought families together for a joyful August afternoon filled with festivities! Attendees enjoyed bounce houses, balloons, face painting, an entertaining performance by KooKoo the Magician, and a range of activities suitable for all age groups.

Help the library celebrate this achievement. Join us in celebrating our 75th anniversary by taking part in the Lawn Signs of Legacy initiative. For \$25, you can display a commemorative sign on your lawn to show your support for the library and its impact on the community. Signs are available at the library—be a part of the celebration!



Board president Linda Foulke addresses attendees at the tea.

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2024 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

is now available online at:

<http://MAXATAWNY.ORG/forms/drinkingwaterqualityreport.pdf>

If you would like to receive a paper copy, please call 484-507-4718 OR email MTMA6862@gmail.com
MTMA is pleased to report that the drinking water meets ALL federal and state requirements.

MTMA WATER / SEWER URGENCIES OR EMERGENCIES

CALL 484-507-4718 TO REPORT AN URGENT OR EMERGENT ISSUE.

If you receive a voice mail: For any **URGENT** Maxatawny Township Municipal Authority Water or Sewer issue, leave a voicemail message or email at mtma6862@gmail.com -

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE IN THIRTY MINUTES, CALL 610-823-7376.

For any Maxatawny Township Municipal Authority Water or Sewer EMERGENCY, a situation that cannot wait, please call 610-823-7376 immediately.



SEWER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE . . .

If you plan to use a large amount of water; such as filling a pool or hot tub, watering NEW grass(sod), pressure washing or any other excessive use of water that will NOT enter the sewer system - you MAY be eligible for a ONE-TIME sewer discount.

YOU MUST CONTACT THE MTMA OFFICE PRIOR TO SUCH USE - NO EXCEPTIONS!!

The waiver is only intended to accommodate water use that does not reach the sewer system. The fee adjustment is NOT intended for leaks, other malfunctions or ongoing excessive water use. This adjustment is granted ONCE per calendar year per the MTMA Resolution and at the discretion of the Authority.

PAY YOUR WATER / SEWER BILL ONLINE:

WWW.MAXATAWNY.ORG

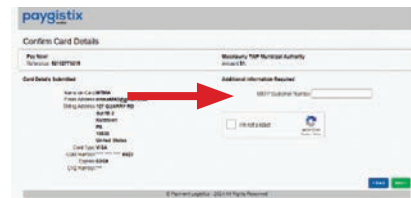
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Please be sure you supply your **ACCOUNT NUMBER** in the **MXTP CUSTOMER NUMBER** box to be sure **THE PROPER** account is credited in a **TIMELY** manner.



Leaking toilets and dripping faucets are money down the drain!

Check your toilet and faucets!

Is your toilet leaking? It's easy to check!

1 Remove the tank lid.

2 Drop several drops of food coloring into the toilet tank.

3 Wait about 15-20 minutes.

4 Check the toilet bowl. If the water is colored, you have a leak.



DO FLUSH

The following can be flushed down the toilet.



Toilet paper

DO NOT FLUSH

The following cannot go in the toilet as they can clog pipes and septic systems.



Paper towels



Cigarette butts



Disposable diapers



Wipes
(Baby or flushable)



Feminine hygiene
products



Plastics



Medications



Cotton
(Cotton swabs or balls)



Dental floss



Toxic Substances

DISPOSE THESE ITEMS IN THE TRASH.

SEASONAL REMINDER:

Frozen Pipes: If you experience "no water," during the cold months, check all faucets before calling our office. It could be related to a frozen pipe which is the property owner's responsibility. To avoid this situation and costly repair bills, we suggest:

- Wrap/insulated pipes in unheated areas of the home (ie: basements, attics, etc.)
- Caulk, cover, or repair broken windows that are near water meters or pipes
- Located and tag your master valve in case pipes freeze or rupture
- If subzero temperatures are expected, turn a faucet on and let the water drip just enough to keep the water moving through the pipes to avoid a freeze



INSULATE

Ensure that pipes, especially those in unheated areas, are well-insulated to protect them from the cold.



HEAT

Set your thermostat to at least 55° Fahrenheit to keep your property adequately heated.



LET IT DRIP

Allowing faucets to drip slightly can keep water moving through the pipes, reducing the risk of freezing.



OPEN CABINETS

Open cabinets under sinks and along exterior walls to allow warm air to circulate around pipes.

Township Building Permits - Rules and Regulations

For Zoning & Building Permits

Permits are required for, but not limited to, all new construction, additions, agricultural buildings, decks, pools, hot tubs, sheds, fences/walls, garages, driveways, outdoor furnaces, windmills, solar panels, rental units, any impervious additions including many patios, walkways, etc., electrical, plumbing and mechanical, any change of means of egress, any work within a flood plain.

Permits are not required for: re-roofing without structural alterations, replacement windows, doors, siding, non-structural alterations, except as they may affect means of egress or occupant travel pattern.

Before starting any work and if you are unsure if work requires a permit, please call the Township Office.

Fences and walls require a permit and shall be setback two feet (2') from the property line and shall not be placed in any easement or right of way.

Every impervious addition to any property requires storm water controls.

Maxatawny Township enforces the State Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Information is available at www.dli.state.pa.us for UCC information and www.maxatawny.org for local information and forms.

All residential building and zoning permit applications shall be submitted in TWO (2) sets of complete documents, a detailed plot plan, and sufficient detail to indicate compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances. As a general rule, the documents explain exactly what you propose in detail, so that anyone reviewing the documents would be able explain what you intend to build, including specific construction details.

All commercial building applications shall be accompanied by all documents in THREE (3) sets. All sets must be signed and sealed by a licensed design professional and in compliance with all UCC requirements.

Please remember the applicant or contractor needs to call to get inspections done when receiving a permit!! If you receive a permit and never called for inspections please give us a call so we may close out the open permits!!

We are here to help you navigate through the rules, regulations, and procedures and we look forward to hearing from you. **You can also check out the website at maxatawny.org for forms and ordinances.**



A LETTER FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CHRIS PAFF

The following items are common complaints registered with the Township Code Office:

- Property Maintenance Code providing rules for property upkeep including (but not limited to): Prohibiting weeds, grass, yards with growth in excess of 10", exterior storage of junk, accumulation of rubbish and garbage, general premises upkeep, dilapidated properties etc.
- Noise when excessive
- Outdoor storage control
- Solid and liquid waste management
- Air management (gas, vapors, odors, etc.)
- Ground water / water supply protection
- Stormwater control
- Keeping of animals in excess of limitations of property size
- Maintaining visibility at intersections
- Unregistered vehicles

If you have concerns with something a neighbor may or may not be doing, **we strongly encourage you to first seek discussion with your neighbor.** If the situation is appropriate, explain to them that you intend also to check with the Township to answer any of your concerns. Many times, concerns can be resolved amicably between neighbors. Gather as much information as you can, including a name, address and phone number for the person against whom you will be making the claim. (This way, we can make personal contact with them.) Most residents prefer to have a neighbor approach them personally instead of having the issues escalate to enforcement notices from the Township.

We can only process the complaints received in writing. Complaint forms are on the website or at the Township office.

When a complaint is founded, the Township must follow legal procedures in order to resolve the matter. At times, this process can be quite lengthy. The Township will do its best to keep the lines of communication open and resolve the matter as soon as possible.



Together **Maxatawny Township and the Municipal Authority's** Emergency Notification System REGROUP.

Regroup Mass Notification is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas, in the event of an emergency, or for sharing important information.

If you would like to be notified in the event of a situation in the Township, you will need to register on the Township website at: **WWW.MAXATAWNY.ORG**

If you are not able to access a computer to register- please call or visit the Township or Municipal Authority office at 127 Quarry Road.

If you have any questions about the system, please call a MTMA or Township representative at 484-507-4718 or 610-683-6518.

TOPTON AMBULANCE – MICHAEL RICHARDS, CHIEF



Topton Ambulance has been serving the citizens and visitors of Maxatawny Township Since 1953. We are a 501c3 non-profit that provides Emergency Advanced Life Support care 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Volunteers are always needed to help support this cause.

You do not need to be medically certified to volunteer as all help is appreciated. Please be on the lookout for the annual donation drive in the coming months as we cannot continue to provide the care we do without your support. Have a safe and healthy fall!

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