

January 2022



Mark Your Calendar

**January 24th
Municipal Authority
Meeting
7:00 PM**

**January 27th
Board of
Commissioners
Meeting
7:30 PM**

**February 3rd
Zoning Hearing - 3205
Lincoln Highway
(signage)**

**February 4th
Final Christmas Tree
Collection Date**

**February 7th
Parks and Recreation
7:00 PM**

**February 10th
Board of
Commissioners
Meeting
7:30 PM**

From the desk of Raymond Stackhouse, Director of Building and Life Safety:

The catastrophic residential fires that occurred this month in Philadelphia and the Bronx have been stark reminders that fire safety cannot be taken for granted. Tragically, there were no working smoke detectors in the Philadelphia dwelling unit, reports of possible overcrowding and limited exits, while The Fire Department of New York has released that a space heater was responsible for that deadly fire. To help prevent tragedies like these from taking place, Caln Township maintains a Rental Housing Program. Each property that is a known rental in Caln Township is licensed and inspected by the Department of Building and Life Safety every three years, and each time a tenant changes. Living conditions of the rental unit are noted as part of the rental inspection. Any unsafe condition or safety concern that is found during the initial inspection requires a follow-up inspection to ensure that the concerns have been addressed and the occupants have a safe living environment. The number of occupants living in a rental is verified during the inspection to make sure that there are no overcrowding conditions. Caln Township enforces the International Property Maintenance Code and the occupancy limitations contained within are enforced, including inspecting each sleeping area to ensure that there is a functional door in place, along with a secondary means of emergency escape from the room.

It is a priority of the Department of Building and Life Safety to ensure the safety of every individual that resides in a rental property in Caln Township.

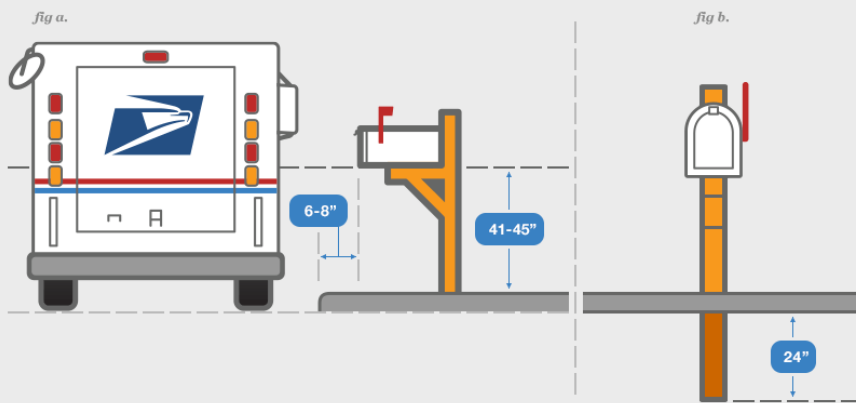
Whether you are a renter or home owner, please test your smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries at a minimum annually. You should also follow these winter fire safety measures:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed

Christmas Tree Recycling Collection

Please remove all lights, tree stands and decorations from your tree and place it out at your trash and recycling point by 5:00 AM on the following days. Christmas trees in plastic bags will not be collected.

Collection Schedule:
Friday January 21, 2022
Friday January 28, 2022
Friday February 4, 2022



Snow Plowing

Our plow drivers are instructed to take necessary precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the wing of their plow truck. Please remember that any improvements within the Township's Right-Of-Way including mailboxes, shrubbery, fences and other property enhancements are placed there at the owner's risk. Municipalities

are not responsible for any damages caused during snow removal operations. In most cases, mailboxes are damaged by the weight of the snow and not from direct contact from plow equipment.

Residential property owners are advised to place these structures at the maximum allowable distance beyond the paved area of the roadway.

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb.

For more information, refer to United States Postal Service Guidelines at www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.

Volunteer for a Township Board or Commission!

Volunteer boards and commissions serve our community by advising policy makers and providing essential support to township programs and activities. Participating is a great way for residents to provide input on the policies that shape our community.

If you are interested in applying to be on a board or commission, please complete the application form at www.CalnTownship.org/Volunteer.

Current vacancies include: Historical Commission (7), Parks and Recreation (2), and Zoning Hearing Board (3).

New Trash and Recycling Hauler



A.J. Blosenski Inc. has been awarded Caln's Solid Waste and Recycling Collection contract and has taken over collection for township residents beginning in the new year. Your collection day won't be changing, but please note that yard waste collection will return to our usual schedule - every other Friday, depending on your trash/recycling collection day, beginning on March 25th. Please note that Blosenski primarily uses automated trucks, so ensure that your cart is placed

close to the curb and at least two feet away from mailboxes, walls, and vehicles. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please call us at 610-384-0600 x139. The solid waste newsletter is available at www.calntownship.org/trash--recycling

Caln Municipal Park Riparian Buffer Planting



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

April 2 at 12:00



Caln Township is thrilled, once again, to have the opportunity to improve our parks and the environment by planting a riparian buffer along Valley Run. Riparian buffers are vegetated strips along streambanks which helps protect the stream from pollution and erosion. They also provide important habitat for wildlife and shade which helps keep stream water cool for fish. A variety of native tree and shrub species will be provided through the Chester County Conservation District and the Keystone Ten Million Trees initiative.

Sign up to volunteer at: <https://bit.ly/3GNxCKR>
or contact Abbey at 610-384-0600 x148



2022 Caln Township Board of Commissioners (pictured from left to right) Jane Kennedy, Joshua Young, Paul Mullin, Mark Evans, and Lorraine Tindaro.

Commissioners Young, Tindaro, and Kennedy were sworn in to begin a new term on January 3rd. Commissioner Mullin was elected to serve as President of the Board and Commissioner Kennedy was elected to serve as Vice President.



Caln Township Police Department News

Please join us in welcoming Officer Travis Fischer (right) to the ranks of the CTPD. He was sworn in on 1/4/2022 by Magisterial District Judge Ann Feldman. Officer Fischer underwent an extensive hiring process and met all state certification requirements. We wish him much success!

Congratulations to Corporal Joshua Whisler (below - right) who was recently promoted to Sergeant, and Officer Drew Schiller (below - left) who was promoted to Corporal. Sergeant Whisler will supervise the department's Community & Special Services Division. Corporal Schiller will serve as a squad supervisor in the Patrol Division



Community and Special Services Division

The Community and Special Services Division (CSSD) was created pre-pandemic to augment and support the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigation Division in an effort to proactively address public safety in general, with an emphasis on our anti-crime efforts, selective traffic enforcement to address and prevent crashes particularly in locations with a higher incidence of traffic violations and motor vehicle accidents, to conduct warrant service, to assist in managing citizen complaints or quality of life concerns, and to conduct programs to enhance police-community relations; e.g., Coffee with a Cop, Identity Theft events with local banks, etc. At the start of the pandemic we modified operations consistent with COVID-19 protocols and law enforcement best practices, and the CSSD was temporarily absorbed back into the Patrol Division, and not reinstated due to staffing shortages during 2021. As we anticipate a return to full staffing in 2022, we foresee the operational benefits to the

community in reinstating the CSSD, which will be supervised by Sergeant Joshua Whisler. Sergeant Whisler joined the CTPD as a patrol officer in 2008. He was promoted to Corporal in 2018 and Sergeant in 2021.

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