



Caln News

Year End 2009

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE COMMISSIONERS

Jill Kelly Hammond will be leaving the Caln Township Board of Commissioners following 3 years of service to the residents of Caln Township. In her own words, Mrs. Hammond describes her experience during those years:

"I have enjoyed being part of a great organization. My job has been made much easier because of the management and hard working employees of Caln Township. In addition to serving on the Board of Commissioners for the last 3 years, I have volunteered for the last 8 years on various committees and boards within the Township. Throughout my time on the Planning Commission, one of my main concerns has been the expansion of sidewalks throughout the Township. I am very proud of the Lincoln Highway sidewalk and street light project. I hope to continue to assist in the planning of the expansion of sidewalks throughout other areas in the Township.

During my term, the current Board of Commissioners has made a commitment to communicating to residents and listening to their concerns. Whether it was encouraging residents to attend meetings or sending surveys asking for their opinions about trash collection, the Board has stood by this commitment.
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James Mayrides will be leaving the Caln Township Board of Commissioners following 4 years of service to the residents of Caln Township. In his own words, Mr. Mayrides describes his experience during those years:

"My term as Commissioner has been fulfilling. It has been enjoyable to work with a very dedicated team of professional staff at all levels who work in the Township. It is a fine team, with an experienced and effective leader in Greg Prowant. I have worked closely also with our excellent Police Department capably led by Chief Brian Byerly. I appreciate the cooperation that I have received from everyone as well as the support and confidence given me by the Township electorate. It was a good feeling to give something back to the community in trying to serve all of our residents all of the time. I hope that I have been able to satisfy everyone who approached me with an issue or a problem. If I have not, I apologize.

I am very pleased with the way the five Commissioners have been able to work over the past 4 years. I found that we were able to develop a wonderful working relationship. It has been respectful, despite an occasional difference of opinion. It has been a productive and insightful process which has resulted in mutual respect for one another and for the Township staff, but as important, also in friendship. At all times, the Board has worked to seek solutions for the issues confronting our Township, rather than for any personal issues, likes or dislikes.
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The Board of Commissioners

President
Jill Kelly Hammond

Vice President
James Mayrides

Joshua Young
Jim Kruse
William Chambers

Members of the Board also Chair the following Committees:

- Administration and Fire Department*
Jill Kelly Hammond
- Police Committee & Golf Committee &
Code Enforcement*
James Mayrides
- Recreation & Highway Department &
Finance*
Joshua Young
- Engineering & Wastewater & Golf
Committee*
Jim Kruse
- Parks & Historic Commission*
William Chambers

MEETING DATES & TIMES

*Board of Commissioners
Work Session*
Second Thursday of month
7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Last Thursday of month
7:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board
First Thursday of month
7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
Fourth Tuesday of month
7:00 p.m.

Recreation Board
First Monday of month
7:00 p.m.

Townwatch
Third Monday of month
7:30 p.m.

Wastewater Authority
4th Monday of month
7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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Barry Luber

Treasurer
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Brian Byerly

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Andrew Reozek

Director, Parks and Properties
Michael Fowler

Highway Superintendent
Michael Fragale

Wastewater Operations Director
Scot Gill

Township Solicitor
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Fire Marshall
Steve Miller

Fire Chief
David Aberts

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Dave Lamb

Vice Chairperson

Eugene Spratt

David Pflugh

Jim Benko

Jill Kelly, Hammond

Secretary

Cheryl Lafferty

Board of Appeals

Joseph L. Mayer

Jack Peron

Harry E. Harvey, Jr.

Paul Zmich

Twining Committee

Bob Steele

Ilaria Steele

Vacancy Board

James P. Sacco

Civil Service Commission

Chairperson

Jay Hess, Jr.

Tom DeFroschia

Robert Hart

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This Board has worked so well together and everyone of us offered a different perspective on being a resident of Caln Township. I think it is one of the reasons we were so successful. I would like to thank my fellow board members for their patience and confidence in me as well as the Township staff for the expertise, advice and friendship". Mrs. Hammond, the residents and employees of Caln Township "thank you" for your service over the last 3 years.

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I hope that I was able to contribute some of my long experience in negotiating and managing as well as organizational skills along with attention to detail. I very much enjoyed working closely with Township staff to share my experience by providing guidance and mentoring. This has been a mutual growth experience and has resulted in additional friendships. My expectations are that these will endure. I look forward to it.

The main reason I decided not to run for re-election was to encourage new people to become involved in our Township. None of us are indispensable. Also, my wife Elayne and I intend to travel extensively while we are still able to do so safely and enjoyably". Mr. Mayrides, the residents and employees of Caln Township "thank you" for your service over the last 4 years.

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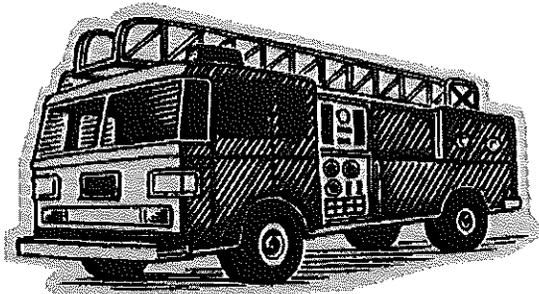
As the seasons change and we begin to move our activities indoors, we want to remind everyone of the need to have your heating devices properly serviced. The majority of fires that occur during the winter months are due to fire places and wood burning stoves not being properly cleaned and utilized. Avoid burning paper and other similar products as well as only using properly seasoned wood. We recommend having your chimneys cleaned at least annually by a professional service. In addition, it is recommended that you have your furnaces and flues checked before turning them on for the season. Make sure they are burning properly to avoid the possibility of Carbon Monoxide releases. Remember, Carbon Monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas that is not detected through our normal senses of sight and smell. Carbon Monoxide can be emitted from any fuel burning device such as stoves, heaters, and hot water heaters and can be lethal. It can also be caused as a result of furnaces not burning efficiently or from blockages in the flues. It's important to have the devices inspected and serviced by qualified individuals in an effort to proactively avoid emergencies.

As a reminder, if you have not changed the batteries in your smoke detectors or Carbon Monoxide detectors with the changing of the clocks please do so. If you do not have functioning smoke detectors we encourage you to purchase them. In the event you cannot afford a smoke detector and need one, please contact the fire department or Township codes office and we will make every effort to assist you in obtaining one.

As we move into the holiday season please keep in mind that Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company has a banquet hall that can be rented to help service your party needs. Whether it's for your company party or an individual get together we are available and offer reasonable rates and other amenities to make your party a success and enjoyable for all who attend. To rent the hall or learn more about the availability and pricing contact Kirk Smith at 610-269-2074.

It won't be long before we hear the sound of sleigh bells and that jolly HO-HO-HO. Our annual Santa Detail will be held on Saturday December 12th so look for Santa and all his helpers to be riding through your neighborhood.

To keep up on other activities that are happening with the fire company we invite you to visit our web site at www.thorndalefirecompany.com. And as always if you have an interest in becoming a member of the fire company please feel free to contact us at 610-383-4835 or 610-384-9802.



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Carol Puoc
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Kevin Schneider
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Kristin Camp, Esq.

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610-383-1821

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Questions and Answers Concerning Sewer and Trash Bills Issued by the Township:

Question: How often does Caln Township bill for sewer and trash service?

Answer: Bills are mailed out every two months for a total of six times per year.

Question: When is payment due?

Answer: Bills are mailed out around the first of the month during January, March, May, July, September, and November. Payment is due by the last day of the month in which the bill is mailed.

Question: What time period does each bill cover?

Answer: Each bill is for the previous two months of service. For example, bills issued in January are for trash and sewer service provided during the preceding two months - November and December.

Question: What methods are available to pay these bills?

Answer: All payments can be paid in person at the Township building or mailed to the Township building at 253 Municipal Drive, Thorndale, PA 19372.

Payment will also be accepted, by mail only, at DNB First. Payments should be sent to DNB First, PO BOX 1004, Downingtown, PA 19335. You can also elect to have your payment directly debited from your checking or savings account. By choosing this method, you will not incur any late penalties for submitting payments beyond the due date. This will also benefit you by not having a postage expense or having to take the time to write and mail checks.

Question: Is this payment method safe?

Answer: Yes. Your bank account number will be needed to set up the direct debit, but this information will only be used by the Township for this purpose. It will never be provided to anyone and only used by the Finance Department for sewer and trash payments. All forms will be maintained and locked up nightly in the Finance Department.

Question: How do I sign up for Direct Debit?

Answer: You can pick up an application in the Finance Department or download an application from our website: www.calntownship.org. On the left hand side of the page select "Applications Online" and then select "Automatic Debit Application". After completing the form, return it to the Finance Department by mail or in person.

Old Caln Historical Society HAS the Answers...

Do You Know Someone who has Everything? Does this make your holiday shopping difficult? Well, most of us do. What better gift idea than to give them a copy of *Spanning the Centuries: The History of Caln Township in the American Landscape*. Even if they aren't a "reader" this volume contains nearly 100 photos of places, people, and events of Caln Township. Everyone who looks at or reads this book will learn something new.

Books are available at the Quik Stop Pharmacy, Shear Professionals Salon, the Chester County Book Store, Caln Township office, and by contacting Doreen Jacoby, Project Coordinator, at 610-383-4891. Cost \$25. A limited number of author signed copies are also available. Don't delay - Shop today!

The *OCHS Annual Candlelight Christmas* program will be held at the Caln Meetinghouse on December 8, 2009 at 7 p.m. This will be a special evening to set the mood for the coming season. The Historical Society has arranged for the "Caln Elementary School Chorus", "The Daughters of Grace" from the Thorndale Methodist Church, and the "Meistersingers' Belltones and Redmen" to perform on this evening. Plan to attend and enjoy the singing, friendship and refreshments. You will be glad you did!

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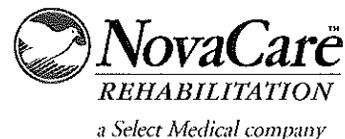
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FROM THE CODES DEPARTMENT...

The Code Enforcement office would like to remind the residents of Caln Township that plot plans are a required item for both building and zoning permit submittal. Plot plans should have the location of any and all structures including the house, driveway and any other accessory structures (shed, pool, fence etc.) with the dimensions of each listed. Setback distances are required from all newly installed structures to the adjacent property lines. We would also like to inform the residents that if there are any questions with regard to property corner locations, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to either provide a survey plan or accurate corner locations during the required site inspection.

A Use and Occupancy permit and inspection are required when transferring ownership of any residential or commercial property. Please note the Township has adopted Ordinance 2007-10 dated September 13, 2007 which outlines the expanded inspection criteria for the inspections of residential and commercial properties. A copy of this ordinance along with the permit application is available on line at www.calntownship.org.

With cooler weather approaching, please remember your fire safety in regard to portable heaters and wood stoves along with holiday ornamentation.

Housing rental bills will be mailed by the end of December with the annual rental fee due by January 31, 2010.



FROM THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT...

As we write this article, it is about 60 degrees in Caln Township; however, winter will soon be upon us and with that, unfortunately comes snow and ice. The following are some important guidelines we would like to share with you, so that we may effectively and efficiently clear the roads:

- Make sure your mailbox is erected out of the road right-of-way and securely fastened to its post. Due to the "wings" on the plows, it requires approximately 3 feet of clearance from the edge of the road to completely clear the road surface. Since mailboxes tend to be very close to the paving, the weight of the plowed snow as it comes to rest off the paving can be damaging. It is the Township's policy **not** to replace mailboxes that are hit by the weight of the snow coming off the plow.
- Please wait until the plow comes down your street before shoveling your driveway. Also, when clearing your driveway, do not plow or shovel snow into the street. After the initial plowing, it is often necessary for the plow to return to widen the path. This provides an area to plow additional snow should another storm arrive prior to the melting period.
- Do not park your car on the roadway, especially in cul-de-sacs. The equipment operators need the total area in a cul-de-sac to maneuver the equipment. Please park all vehicles in driveways, where possible. If vehicles are prohibiting plows from getting through, it will be requested the vehicles be towed at the owner's expense so the Highway Department can complete routes.
- If you are driving on the roadway and see a snowplow approaching, please SLOW DOWN and move as far to the right as possible to permit the plow to pass safely.
- Basketball nets and/or backboards in streets or right-of-ways also hinder the effectiveness of the crew clearing the roads. As with mailboxes, it is **not** the Township's policy to replace objects that are in the right-of-ways that may be damaged from the weight of plowed snow or a truck striking it as a result of it being too close to the roadway.

Oh Christmas Tree,
Oh Christmas Tree...

As has been the case in previous years, Waste Management will again be picking up Christmas Trees at the end of the Holiday Season.

You may dispose of your Christmas trees with your regular Wednesday trash during January.



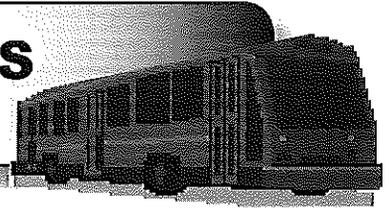
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**2009 WINTER
SPECIAL EVENTS**

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m.

Join the Park and Recreation Board for the 4th Annual Children's Holiday Party. There will be entertainment, craft making and a visit from Santa Claus.

Location: Thorndale Fire Company

Fee: FREE

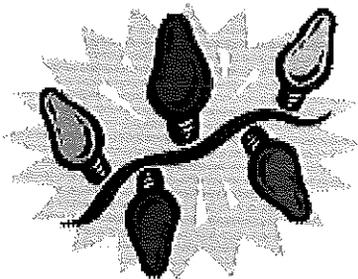
**CALN TOWNSHIP
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Sunday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Join the Caln Township Commissioners as they kick off the Holiday Season with their Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. There will be Caroling, a visit from Santa and more.

Location: Caln Municipal Building

Fee: FREE



**2009 HOLIDAY HOUSE
DECORATING CONTEST**

Participants are required to have their lights and animation in operation between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15th for judging purposes. Houses will be judged on overall exterior appearance. Prizes will be awarded to the three best houses as judged by a volunteer panel of judges.

For more information on any event
call 610-384-0600x148.

"New York City On Your Own"

**Saturday December 5 or Wednesday,
December 9, 2009**

Enjoy the day on your own in the Big Apple. A charter bus will pick you up from the Kmart parking lot in Thorndale at 7:30 a.m. and drop you off in Times Square. The day is yours to do as you please - shop, sight-see or see a Broadway show.

Fee: \$35.00/person (transportation only)



"Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty"

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Explore the story of the largest human migration in modern history at Ellis Island. Then admire the "Lady" who welcomed so many to our shores. The bus will depart from the Kmart parking lot in Thorndale at 7a.m. and return by 8p.m.. There will be a stop for dinner on your own on the way home.

**FEE: \$60.00/per person includes
transportation and admission fee**

"New York City On Your Own"

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Enjoy the day on your own in the Big Apple. A charter bus will pick you up from the Kmart parking lot in Thorndale at 7:30 a.m. and drop you off in Times Square. The day is yours to do as you please - shop, sight-see or see a Broadway show.

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2010 Pass Holder Options

2010 Season play plans are available in two categories. The "Weekday Plan" permits the holder of the pass to play eighteen holes per day throughout the year, Monday through Friday, less three holidays. The three holidays are Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. The "Seven Day" plan permits the holder to play eighteen holes per day throughout the year on any day all year long. Prices for single players and families are available. Applications and prices are available now at the Ingleside Golf Club Proshop.

2009 BIRD WALKS with Early Bird Tours

JOIN LARRY LEWIS AND KATHLEEN PILEGGI FROM EARLY BIRD TOURS ON MONTHLY BIRD WALKS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP. ALL WALKS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS SPECIFIED

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH - LLOYD PARK AND WEDGEWOOD POND - FALL MIGRANTS AND DUCKS
8a.m. - 10a.m.

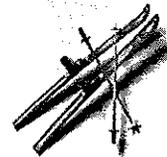
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Caln Senior Citizen News



Thanks to the "Caln News" the Privileged Citizens of Caln Township have had several inquiries into becoming members. All Caln residents over 60 years may become members. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month with refreshments held prior to the 1:30 p.m. meeting. Members are encouraged to attend meetings and participate as able or needed.

The November trip will be to the Fulton Theater in Lancaster to see "Dial M for Murder" on Wednesday November 4th. The guest speaker for the November 11th meeting will be Linda Love. The Privileged Citizens Christmas party will be held on December 9th at 12:00 p.m. at the Thorndale United Methodist Church with special music. Come to the 11/11/09 meeting to sign up for the party. The cost to attend the party is \$10.00 per person.

YOU CAN HELP CALN TOWNSHIP DETECT STREAM POLLUTION!

Caln Township, as well as many other communities in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region, recently was required to obtain a permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for its storm drainage system. This permit required Caln Township to locate and map all stormwater piping and drainage ditch systems owned and maintained by the Township. The permit also requires the Township to inspect these drainage systems periodically to detect any "illicit discharges" from the systems.

What in the world is an illicit discharge? Simply stated, an illicit discharge is something that is exiting a storm drainage pipe or drainage ditch that is not stormwater and potentially could pollute our streams. Examples of illicit discharges that would be typical for a community like ours are septic system overflows, sanitary wastewater, chlorinated pool water, paints, oil or other vehicle fluids, etc.

While the Township inspects its drainage system thoroughly, our Highways Department personnel can not be everywhere all the time. If you happen to see something exiting a storm pipe or ditch that looks, smells or feels like something other than stormwater, please contact the Township's Engineering Department so we can track it to its source and keep our streams as clean and pure as possible. To report an illicit discharge, call the Engineering Department or send an email to engineer@calntownship.org

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Caln TownWatch is a group of your fellow citizens who are dedicated to keeping our children, property, neighborhoods, and community safe from crime.

Please join us in taking a measure of responsibility for the continued health of our community. The frequency, length and area of patrols are yours to define.

- Cruise the Township for an hour or so, one or two nights a month
- Stroll your neighborhood with friends once a week
- Keep an eye out at community softball, soccer and other sporting events
- Be alert while taking your dog on an evening walk
- Organize a neighborhood specific patrol
- Help with the child fingerprinting effort at community events
- Simply observe the street from the window over your morning coffee

All such activities are possible and very much valued.

If you would like to join TownWatch, please download an application at www.calntownwatch.org and drop it off at the Caln Police Department, send us an e-mail at volunteer@calntownwatch.com, or stop by and visit us at the TownWatch tent at community events.

Caln TownWatch volunteers hold an administrative meeting at 7:30 pm on the third Monday of every month. Please visit the website for the meeting location and feel free to join us.

Caln TownWatch – IT IS IMPORTANT!

Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company Mourns A Past Chief

On Saturday October 24, 2009 Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company along with other members of the fire and police community said farewell to Past Fire Chief Fred Eckenbach. Chief Eckenbach succumbed to a lengthy illness on Tuesday October 20, 2009.

Chief Eckenbach started his firefighting career with the Downingtown Fire Department as an engineer with the Alert Fire Company. In 1979, Fred joined Thorndale Fire Company and was appointed Deputy Chief shortly thereafter. In January 1980 he was elected as the Fire Chief of Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company; a position he held until 1992. As Fire Chief, Fred quickly realized the growth occurring in Caln Township and with the number of emergency calls the company was responding to annually, he worked closely with township officials to institute a full time emergency responder. Chief Eckenbach was hired to fill the position and retired in 1997. Following his retirement, he re-located to West Caln Township with his wife Diane, where he was appointed Fire Marshall; a position he held until his recent illness.

During his tenure as Fire Chief, he was instrumental in helping the Fire Department grow in stature and the services provided to Caln Township. Chief Eckenbach helped the fire company secure the necessary funding for the purchase of a 1981 Sutphen custom pumper. During the mid 80s Chief Eckenbach pursued the need to provide rescue services within the Township and encouraged members of the fire company to expand their skills by becoming Certified Vehicle Rescue Technicians (VRTs). While members were busy obtaining the necessary training, Chief Eckenbach was actively spearheading a committee for the purchase of the first heavy rescue truck in the Township from Clearfield Fire Company in Clearfield Pennsylvania.

Fred's love of the fire service kept him busy in several venues. Besides the time he spent at Thorndale Fire Company he was an active member of the Chester County Fire Chief's Association where he was a lifetime member. He was a past president of the Chief's Association as well as an instructor with the Chester County Fire Training Services. Chief Eckenbach was a mentor and a friend to many and will be missed by all.



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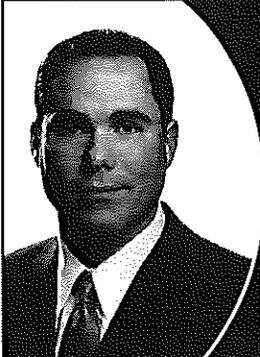
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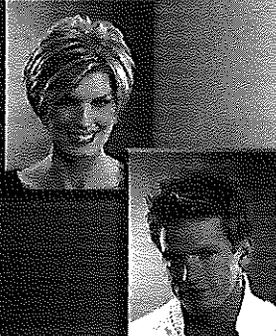
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FLIP DOWN STOP SIGNS:

Recently, the Township installed flip-down stop signs at the various signalized intersections within the Township. When a power outage occurs that affects a signalized intersection, the state law requires motorists to treat the intersection as a multi-way stop. Practically speaking; however, most motorists fail to obey this law. In an effort to increase safety, these flip-down stop signs will be utilized as needed in the event a power outage occurs at a signalized intersection.

DETOUR ROUTES:

Recently, PennDOT, in conjunction with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) installed Black and Green Detour signs in the Township. These detour routes were developed by PennDOT and DVRPC, and are intended to assist the motorists in the event a detour on the US 30 Bypass is necessary. The detour routes are designed to get the motorists from one interchange to the next interchange. The Black Detour route is for westbound traffic, and the Green Detour route is for eastbound traffic.

You can contact the Township Engineer, Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, for more information on either of these two items.

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