

CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP

A photograph of a wooden bridge over a river in winter. The bridge has a dark brown wooden structure with a lattice-like railing. The river is calm, reflecting the bridge and the surrounding trees. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. In the foreground, a wooden post stands in the snow. The sky is overcast and grey.

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DISPATCH

From the Chairman's Desk...

Looking back on 2025, I am very proud of the hard work and continued dedication the Cumberland Township staff shows year after year.

This year was especially busy with the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) for both the uniform and non-uniform staff, the continuation of the building renovation project and a very tricky 2026 budget. These three big items were in conjunction with the necessary everyday tasks that need completed throughout the year.

Through it all and while remaining fiscally responsible, the board and Cumberland Township staff continues to provide the high standard of services Cumberland Township residents value and have come to expect.

Shaun Phiel
Cumberland Township
Board of Supervisors

Chairman Shaun Phiel
Board of Supervisors

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From the Manager's Desk...

It is the season that a snow emergency may be declared. As a reminder it shall be unlawful, at any time during the emergency, for any person to park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked on any Cumberland Township Road or any Cumberland Township right-of-way in such a manner as to impede or obstruct the snow and ice removal efforts of Cumberland Township or to create a hazardous condition. Motor vehicles must be equipped with snow tires or chains. No snow shall be thrown or blown into the streets. We ask any residents who can shovel out fire hydrants and handicapped access ramps in the vicinity of their homes. Based upon snow accumulation Cumberland Township Maintenance Department has or will deploy all available personnel, plows, and contracted services to plow and cinder the fifty miles of roads, streets, and berms in the Township.

Any vehicle parked in violation shall be subject to towing at the owner's expense. The Chief of Police or those operating under his direction shall attempt to contact the owner of the vehicle to notify the owner of the impending towing. If within one hour of attempted notification, the vehicle shall be deemed as a hazardous condition to the snow and ice removal efforts of Cumberland Township and be subject to towing. If, at any time, during a period of snow emergency declared under § 21-201, a person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked anywhere on the roads or in the right-of-way in such a manner as to impede or obstruct the snow and ice removal operations of Cumberland Township or create a hazardous condition, that person shall be guilty of a violation, and upon, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs.



From the Manager's Desk continued...

We appreciate the cooperation of our residents and the traveling public. Do not forget Cumberland Township has the Savvy Citizen Communication platform that enables you to stay up to date with Cumberland Township news. Simply scan the barcode below or visit www.cumberlandtwppa.gov scroll down on our home page to the Township Online Services and click “Sign Up Today” under the Savvy Citizen Icon.

As we close out 2025, I want to take a moment to recognize our dedicated Township staff. Your tireless efforts and steadfast commitment to managing daily operations—from public services to essential infrastructure—are what make our community thrive. Your reliability and hard work ensure everything runs smoothly, and for that, you remain invaluable to every resident.

It is also with sincere gratitude that the municipal team and I thank everyone for their exceptional work on the beautiful renovation of our municipal building. The facility will stand as a testament to the countless, effort-filled hours of diligent planning, thoughtful collaboration, and unwavering commitment poured into this project. The foresight and dedication have provided our community with a space that is not only functional and modern but built to serve us for generations to come.

David Blocher
Cumberland Township Manager
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Township Manager

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From your Maintenance Department...

2025/26 Winter Maintenance Newsletter

Winter is an especially busy time for the Cumberland Township Maintenance Department. Not only are we prepared 24 hours a day 7 days a week in moment's notice to fight any winter weather Mother Nature throws at us, but the winter season is also a time that we perform maintenance on our equipment and prepare for projects for the upcoming season.

Crews will continue mapping the township stormwater facilities throughout the township using the GIS mapping system. These crews will be in an official township vehicle and will have official township identification. This mapping is being completed to comply with the Townships MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer) mapping which is required for state and federal compliances. Mapping is also used internally to track upgrades, age and capacities of the collection systems.

There will be various street name sign upgrades around the township in areas that projects were conducted this summer. These signs along with speed limit, roadway warning and directional signs will be utilizing a Hi-Viz material to help motorists identify the signs easily.

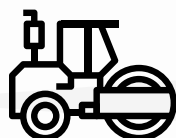
Also, a big part of the winter season is tree trimming and removal of dead or hazardous trees. This task helps with improving site distances and allowing sunlight to get to the roadways to help with thawing during winter weather.

Winter weather events can be hazardous to the traveling public. When winter weather strikes, the Maintenance Department is out in full force striving to keep the roadways safe for the traveling public. Please use caution when approaching snow removal equipment. The township uses Savvy Citizen, along with various local news media and public service

Road closures, road work, and

road emergencies notifications are sent

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From your Maintenance Dept. cont'd...

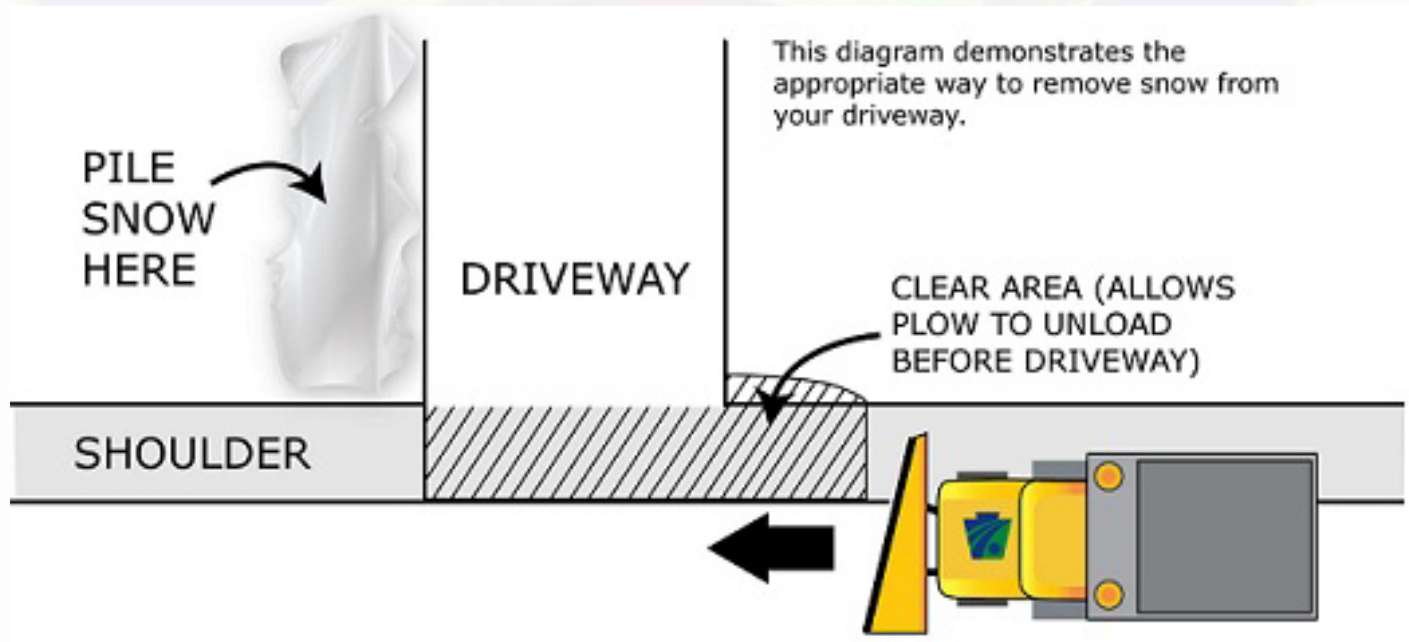
outlets to notify citizens and the traveling public of snow emergencies, closures, and delays. Also, on the bottom of this page, there is a diagram to show the recommended way for snow removal from residents' driveway areas to help prevent the plow from pushing snow into cleared driveways.

During this holiday season, the township will have a Christmas Tree Recycling Drop off at its 730 Chambersburg Road location. Trees should be unwrapped, with no lights, ornaments or bases attached. Please place the trees in the designated area in the orange fence adjacent to the entrance of the administration building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Walter
Superintendent of Roads
Cumberland Township

Recommended Driveway Snow Removal



From your Chief of Police...

Employee Spotlight



We would like to introduce one of our police officers, Patrolman Jordan Spidle. Patrolman Spidle was recruited from the Adams County Probation Department, started the academy in June 2024 and became a full-time active patrolman on January 3, 2025.

His professional duties include responding to calls and traffic enforcement. Patrolman Spidle shared that he enjoys interacting with community members and staying active within the township. Patrolman Spidel also shared that Sergeant Googling has inspired him through his professional journey with Cumberland Township. One of Patrolman Spidel's accomplishments this year includes qualifying as an expert marksman with a perfect score of 250/250 with his department issued handgun.

In his free time, Patrolman Spidel enjoys working out and traveling. His best professional advice for future police recruits includes, "You need to be comfortable with being uncomfortable."

Please join us in welcoming and congratulating Patrolman Spidel to the Cumberland Township Police Force.



Chief Matthew S. Trostel
Cumberland Township Police Department

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From your Cumberland Township Authority...



1270 Fairfield Road, Suite 9, Gettysburg, PA 17325

❖ Office: (717) 334-1526 ext. 201

❖ Fax: (223)255-8048

October 13, 2025 – Your Sewer Authority's New Home

After years of dedicated service and steady growth, the Cumberland Township Authority (CTA) has officially relocated its administrative office to a new space that better reflects our evolving needs and commitment to the community.

This move marks a significant milestone in our journey. Over the years, CTA has grown in both service area and responsibility, consistently working to fulfill our mission: *to responsibly manage and treat wastewater in a way that safeguards public health, protects our waterways, and preserves the environment for generations to come.* Our team has expanded, our infrastructure has modernized, and our service area has become more complex, all requiring a space that supports our operations and values.

The new office is now located adjacent to our Operations offices at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, a strategic decision that enhances collaborative efforts between our administrative and operational teams. This proximity allows for more efficient communication and support, ultimately benefiting our customers.

For decades, CTA operated as a tenant within the shared municipal building alongside Cumberland Township and the Cumberland Township Police Department. This arrangement led to many years of cooperation, though not without its challenges. Over time, it became increasingly evident that establishing a more independent space would better position us to serve our customers and fulfill our mission, free from the growing operational pressures that came with housing three separate entities under one roof. By establishing distinct spaces, both the Township and the Authority can now focus more effectively on their respective services and goals.

We are proud of the work we've accomplished in partnership with the township, and we remain committed to serving the residents of Cumberland Township with our usual high levels of transparency, professionalism, and care. Our new location provides the room and resources we need to continue improving our services and engaging with the community in a more direct and meaningful way.

We invite you to visit us at our new office at 1270 Fairfield Road (Suite 9) and see how this change supports our continued growth. We are just a hop, skip, and a jump down the road from our old office! Thank you for your ongoing support as we enter this exciting new chapter!

Let's Talk Storm Water!

Winter is here, so it is time to ensure that your property is ready for the snow, ice and the melting runoff. Effective stormwater management during winter months is necessary for the prevention of flooding, protection of infrastructure and reducing water damage. Some winter stormwater maintenance tips to assist in your keeping your property safe and your stormwater systems functioning properly include:

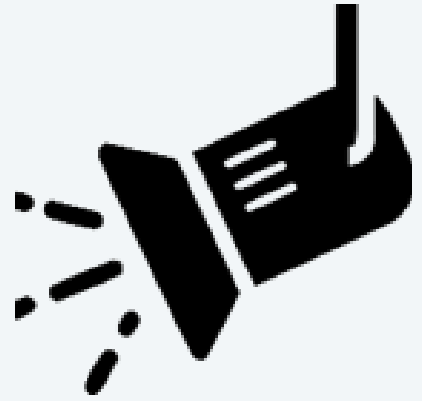
❄ Inspecting and clearing gutters, downspouts and drainage systems around your property. Accumulation of leaves, debris and ice can prevent proper drainage. Ensure French drains, swales and catch basins are free-flowing and free of ice to prevent flooding.

❄ While salt and de-icing agents are important to keep sidewalks and driveways safe, they can negatively impact stormwater runoff. Excess salt can contaminate local waterways and harm vegetation and aquatic life. Use de-icing agents sparingly and consider using alternatives such as sand or non-toxic ice melts. Remember - when the temperature drops below 15 degrees, salt is not effective. Also, shovel early as the more snow that is removed, the less de-icing agents will be needed. After storms, be sure to clear away any excess salt or de-icing materials to prevent them from washing into stormwater drains.

❄ Avoid piling snow near storm drains, catch basins and drainage systems. Piled snow on top of drainage infrastructures can block water flow and contribute to ice formation or flooding as snow begins to melt. Place snow piles in areas that will not block water runoff or drainage systems and have the best opportunity to be absorbed into the ground.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



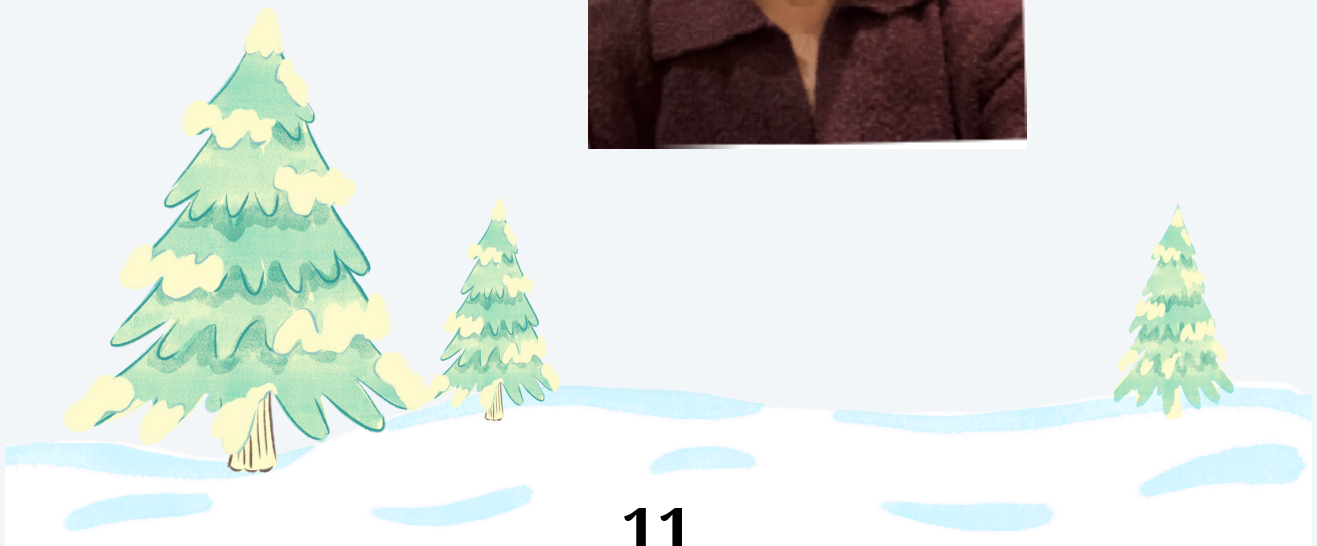
Meet Anita!

What is your role in Cumberland Township?

□ As the new office assistant, I answer the phone, greet visitors and complete basic office tasks. I am responsible for the quarterly newsletter and other communications for the township.

How do you like to spend your free time?

□ I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my grandchildren and learning new skills. I also enjoy volunteering when I am not working for Cumberland Township or mentoring student teachers.



Community Bulletin Board

Christmas Tree Recycling for Cumberland Township Residents

The Christmas Tree Recycling Drop off is at the temporary office located at 730 Chambersburg Road. Trees should be unwrapped, with no lights, ornaments or bases attached. Please place the trees in the designated area in the orange fence adjacent to the entrance of the administration building.



Community Bulletin Board continued

Cumberland Township Office

MODIFIED OFFICE HOURS

DEC 24	CLOSED
DEC 25	CLOSED
DEC 29	ADMIN OFFICES BY APPT ONLY
DEC 30	ADMIN OFFICES BY APPT ONLY
DEC 31	ADMIN OFFICES BY APPT ONLY
JAN 1	CLOSED

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Cumberland Township Residents, Savvy Citizen® is now available!



Cumberland Township would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the township to send information about important township news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app, visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.



For more info:
SavvyCitizenApp.com
Sign up and become a savvy citizen!



We want you!

If you'd like to be featured in our next Dispatch, please reach out! You can submit articles, topics you'd like to learn more about, or photographs from around our beautiful township! Please send all correspondence to ashank@cumberlandtwppa.gov with NEWSLETTER in the subject line. We appreciate you!

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Get Involved!!

Available appointments:

But how??

Have you seen this form?



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Citizen Interest Form

Thank-you for your interest in serving on a Commission, Committee, Authority, or Board with Cumberland Township. Appointments are made by the Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Pa. Second Class Township Code.

Please provide the following information:

Name:

Cumberland Township residence (address):

Phone #:

E-mail Address:

Position you are applying for:

Occupation:

Location of occupation:

Education:

Other information you deem pertinent (attach):

Date:

Signature: _____

Forward to: Michele Long, Township Secretary, 1370 Fairfield Road,
Gettysburg, PA 17325;
e-mail: mlong@cumberlandtwppa.gov

The Citizen Interest form can
be found in the Document
Center at

www.cumberlandtwppa.gov

Simply fill it out and email it
or drop it off at the
Municipal Office located at
730 Chambersburg Road!!

Planning Commission - an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors on issues and policies related to planning, land use regulation, and community development.

ZHB (Zoning Hearing Board) - a quasi-judicial board to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the zoning ordinance by hearing appeals on the zoning officer's determinations and by granting relief from the literal enforcement of the ordinance in certain hardship situations.

CTA Board (Cumberland Township Authority) - the governing body of the municipal sewer authority.

GARA (Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority) - within its mission focus, the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority has been established to organize year round programs and services to help sustain better health and wellness in our community.

HARB (Historical Architectural Review Board) - reviews and makes decisions regarding architectural design, landscaping, and signs for historic resources and buildings within historic districts.

Appointments generally take place at the reorganization meeting at the beginning of each year, but occasionally need to happen mid-year due to unforeseen circumstances.
We accept interest forms all year long!



Download Savvy Citizen to be the first to know of open positions and other ways to volunteer for your community!

EVENTS!

January

6th - Glass Recycling 9am

8th - Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 pm

12th - CT Sewer Authority Board Meeting 3 pm

27th - Board of Supervisors Meeting 7 pm

** 1- 15 - Christmas Tree Recycling Drop Off **

March

7th - Glass Recycling 9am

9th - CT Sewer Authority Board Meeting 3 pm

12th - Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 pm

24^h - Board of Supervisors Meeting 7 pm

February

7th - Glass Recycling 9am

9th - CT Sewer Authority Board Meeting 3 pm

12th - Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 pm

24^h - Board of Supervisors Meeting 7 pm

**BOS and Planning
Commission meetings are
held at 730 Chambersburg
Road. Sewer Authority
meetings are held at 1270
Fairfield Road.**



Adams County Library (ACL) event information can be found at adamslibrary.org

Adams County Historical Society (ACHS) event information can be found at www.achs-pa.org

Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP) event information can be found at nps.gov

Healthy Adams (HAC) event information can be found at healthyadamscounty.org

Gettysburg Foundation (GF) event information can be found at gettysburgfoundation.org

Gettysburg Heritage Center (GHC) event information can be found at gettysburgmuseum.com



Download Savvy Citizen and stay on top of fun events happening in and around our beautiful township!

Essential Township Contacts

For all your township needs...

Cumberland Township Municipal Building

717-334-6485
730 Chambersburg Road
www.cumberlandtwppa.gov

For all your sewer needs...

Cumberland Township Sewer Authority

717- 334-1526
1270 Fairfield Rd, Suite 9
Emergency line- 717-253-0122
www.ctapa.org

For all your garbage and
curbside recycling needs...

Waste Connections

717-709-1700
3747 White Church Rd, Chambersburg
www.wasteconnections.com

For all your large item recycling
needs...

Adams Rescue Mission

717-334-7502
2515 York Road
adamsrescuemission@yahoo.com
www.adamsrescuemission.org

For all your permitting, code
enforcement, and zoning
needs....

PMCA

717-496-4996 ext 99117
1895B York Road
www.pacodealliance.com

For all your water needs...

Gettysburg Municipal Authority

717-334-6738
601 E Middle Street PO Box 3307
www.gettysburgma.com

For all your electricity needs...
Adams Electric Co-Op

1-800-726-2324
1338 Biglerville Road
www.adamsec.coop

Met-Ed

1-800-545-7741
261 S Franklin Street
www.firstenergycorp.com

Adams County Department
of Emergency Services
NON-EMERGENCY
number

717-334-8101