



# OLEY TOWNSHIP

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**SPRING/SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER**



## **MESSAGE FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

All public roads are located within land which is referred to as the road right-of-way. The land within the road right-of-way is reserved for the use of the traveling public and maintenance of the road system in the Township. Regulation and control of activities and work in the road right-of-way is necessary to provide efficient and safe operations of all public roads in the Township. Township road right-of-way's are regulated by Township officials; State road right-of-way's are regulated by PennDOT.

Please do not place any stones, signs, fences, retaining walls, landscape rocks, berms, filling of roadside ditches, trees, shrubs, bushes, lighting, structures, drain fields, wells, or any other items in the road right-of-way area that may affect traffic and/or sight distance, alter drainage, or create an obstacle for the Township road crew. Road right-of-way distances may vary. Therefore, before proceeding with any activity in or near a Township or State roadway, please contact a Township or PennDOT official to verify the right-of-way width for any specific road.

Keep in mind the following activities in or near the road right-of-way typically require a permit and/or approval in advance:

- New driveway installations or modifications to existing driveways.
- Adding stormwater to or improving a roadside drainage system (including the modification or diverting of any drain or ditch).
- Grading or excavation, landscaping, tree planting, tree trimming, or tree removal.
- Any construction activity that impacts stormwater runoff into or around the road right-of-way area.

As winter comes to an end and warmer weather approaches, the Township road crew will be out patching pot holes, mowing street right-of-way areas, paving streets, etc. Please be patient and alert, **OBEY WORK ZONE SIGNS AND ROAD CREW FLAGGERS**, and **TURN ON YOUR HEADLIGHTS** when you are traveling in or around a **WORK ZONE**.

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## **OLEY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The Memorial Day Parade will again be sponsored by Oley Post 878 American Legion which will be held on May 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting) beginning at the Oley High School and proceeding west on Main Street to Frieden's Cemetery for the services.

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## **SACRED OAK OF THE OLEY VALLEY**

A public viewing of the Sacred Oak Tree will be held Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (weather permitting) There will be a designated area where individuals can park their vehicles. This tree is located at 3098 Friedensburg Road on private property and it is requested that all visitors to this tree respect the privacy of the property owner. Entering the property outside of this date and time will be considered trespassing.

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## **HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS**

It is that time of year again where many residents may be thinking about projects around the home. Oley Township's Historic District Ordinance requires the submission of a Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) application if you own a home built prior to 1940 and you plan for changes or alterations to any exterior features of your home or outbuildings. This also is required for new additions and newly constructed buildings and/or homes. You are not required to submit an application if you replace "like-in-kind" for repairs and replacement of features that replicate the exact detail, profile, and configuration of the original or existing features with the same type of materials. An application can be found on our website or contact the Township office for the application, the filing fee for this application is \$25 and the application would need to be submitted to the Township office at least ten (10) days prior to the HARB meeting date. The HARB meetings are generally held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Oley Township Municipal Building. If you are unsure of your project's scope and would like to discuss it with the HARB prior to submitting an application, we encourage you to attend a meeting for further direction and recommendations. The HARB members can only make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the HARB applications. The actual approval or Certificate of Appropriateness is issued by the Board of Supervisors at their monthly meetings which are generally held the second Monday of each month.

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## **PEACH FESTIVAL**

The Oley Fire Company will hold their annual Peach & Ice Cream Festival on the Oley Fire Company Fairgrounds at 26 Jefferson Street on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Plenty of food, entertainment, games and a huge Chinese auction!! For more information, contact Kevin Bieber at 484-256-8009.

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