

# ROBINSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## **Your Board of Supervisors:**

**Rodger Kendall, Chairman**  
**Term Expires 2019**

**Mary Donaldson, Vice-Chair**  
**Term Expires 2021**

**David Foley, Supervisor**  
**Term Expires 2023**

## **8400 Noblestown Road, McDonald, PA 15057**

- The Robinson Township Supervisors are pleased to bring you this latest newsletter with many updates, and exciting new changes. It is the desire of the entire Municipal team to bring an elevated level of service and courtesy and communication to the residents of the Township.
- We have joined the world of social media with our own Facebook page, Robinson Township, Washington County (Like us!)
- We are carefully maintaining our website, [www.robinsonpa.gov](http://www.robinsonpa.gov), where you can find meeting minutes and other important Township announcements
- We are now offering free and uncomplicated paper, glass, plastic, and cardboard recycling,
- We are working on more helpful services to make everyday life a little easier such as a prescription drug disposal unit and a retired flag collection box.

## **Southern Beltway, US-22 to I-79 (S.R. 576)**

Designed to connect us North and South, expediting our commutes, errands, and trips to the airport, and giving us an alternative to those tedious secondary roads...this is the Southern Beltway.

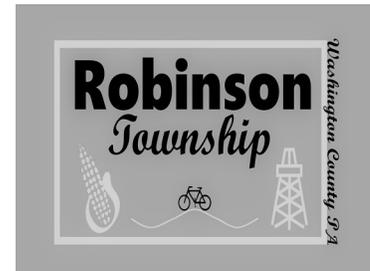
Officially known as State Route 576 and linking US-22 with I-79, this 13-mile project will cost approximately 700 million dollars and partially pay for itself with cashless tolling facilities when up and running.

Beginning at Route 22 at the Findlay Connector, the Beltway will ultimately end near Morganza Road near the Allegheny County line.

Sections 55A1 and 55A2 are those that most directly affect Robinson Township residents. Utility relocation and connector road construction is causing road closure and temporary inconvenience, however most see the advantage of the long-term gain. No project of this scale comes without some growing pains- section 55A1 alone includes 3 mainline bridge structures and one overpass structure.

In addition to the many common logistical challenges to erecting this type of massive infrastructure, early mining activities in our area present a unique challenge to builders. (over)

**724-926-8700**



**Logo  
courtesy of  
Emily  
Richard,  
Fort Cherry  
High School**



## **Office Information**

### **Township Manager-**

Crystal Brown

### **Admin. Assistant-**

Linda Bozic

### **Public Works-**

John Ramacker

Bernard Boocks

## Southern Beltway continued

According to Ed Blazina of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the area surrounding SR 980 and McDonald is riddled with mine openings or “voids”, leftovers from the many years of coal operations in the area. This presents a challenge when solid footing for overpass and bridge supports is needed. Identifying compromised areas is essential. The solution is a time-consuming process of probing, drilling exploratory holes, and making educated guesses with sometimes very inaccurate maps according to Steve Kutz, a construction manager for CDR Maguire, construction coordinators for the Turnpike. When voids (abandoned mines) are identified, a thick mixture of “grout”, which is a recipe of cement, fly ash, pea gravel and water, are mixed and pumped in to fill the void. So much has been required that a sub-contractor has set up a mobile grout processing facility above Reissing Road to meet the demand.

The unique challenges of our topography, weather, and ground conditions have not been easy, on either builders or local residents. The Beltway project is an example of the Pittsburgh-area tradition of engineering excellence.

Project updates, maps, photographs and news can be found at: [www.patpconstruction.com/southern\\_beltway](http://www.patpconstruction.com/southern_beltway)

Special thanks to Bob Kohlmyer , Turnpike Construction Manager for Source Direction at CDR McGuire

## Range Resources in Robinson Township



### **Representatives from Range Resources meet with staff and students from Fort Cherry School to present a donation to the Helping Hands Initiative**

In 2017, Range Resources spud twenty-seven (27) wells in Robinson Township, bringing the company’s total well count in the Township to fifty-nine (59). With those newly added wells, the Township will likely see an increase in the generated Impact Fee monies later this year. Those funds, issued by the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, can be allocated toward the Township’s roads, infrastructure, water, storm water, and sewer systems, emergency preparedness and public safety, parks and recreation, tax reduction, social services, planning initiatives, and much more.

## Range Resources continued

Range also recently announced a partnership with Fort Cherry School District by donating \$10,000 to help jump-start the District's new Helping Hands initiative. Thanks to Helping Hands, nearly 450 students will be provided food assistance. Range will participate in the District's 5k race which will also serve as a fundraiser for the initiative later this year.

Local fire departments and emergency management services organizations serving in and around Robinson Township will be able to apply for grants to the Washington County Community Foundation, thanks to the newly-established Range Resources Good Neighbors Fund. Range recently gifted the Foundation with \$75,000 to support emergency response organizations within the company's core operating area. Organizations interested in applying to the Range Resources Good Neighbor Fund can submit their requests electronically by visiting the Washington County Community Foundation's website: [www.wccf.net](http://www.wccf.net).

## New Real Estate Tax Collector

Welcome to Alisha M. Kendall, newly elected Collector of Real Estate, Per Capita, LST, Fire, Fire Hydrant, and Street Light Tax. Ms. Kendall can best be reached by email at [Alisha.kendall@yahoo.com](mailto:Alisha.kendall@yahoo.com). Her mailing address is: 1055 Valley View Road, Bulger, PA 15019 and her phone number is 724-809-5854. Ms. Kendall will maintain certain in-person collection hours, which are available on our Facebook page, our website, and are posted at the office. They can also be obtained by calling our office. She replaces Stacy Dunks Zeno who is enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

## Raccoon Creek Road Grant

Once again the Washington County Conservation District will come to the rescue of the greatly challenged Raccoon Creek Road. Although light in residents, "Creek" Road is a well-traveled short-cut for residents of both Smith and Robinson Township residents as well as a treasured wildlife viewing area. The Conservation District makes available a grant to qualifying projects to improve dirt and gravel roadways with drainage and road surface challenges. In 2016, the Township successfully obtained a grant for Raccoon Creek "Phase 1" to improve approximately 6,500 feet and install numerous culverts and drainage mechanisms to dramatically improve conditions. When construction was completed, the Township then paved this improved portion.

An application is now underway for Raccoon Creek Phase 2, which will improve the remaining 3,250 feet of Creek Road, taking it to the top of Bigger Road. Ultimately this improved road surface will be paved as the Phase 1 portion was, making Creek Road a much less treacherous drive. We anticipate that approvals will be completed this spring and construction can take place this summer.

The Robinson Township Road Department is comprised of two full-time employees dedicated to the maintenance of 21.3 miles of Township roads. John Ramacker is the Road Foreman, and Bernard Boocks is the Equipment Operator. Both work a schedule of 6 a.m.—2 p.m. Monday—Friday and are on call 24 hours a day for inclement weather.

Winter Maintenance—Roads are treated as necessary. In order to facilitate ice and snow removal, the Road Department requests that residents adhere to the following procedures:

- Do not park vehicles along the roadway
- Do not pile or throw snow onto the roadway
- Do not block turnarounds
- Do not park on turnarounds

Summer Maintenance—All roads are assessed for winter damage in early spring and are repaired as needed by paving, patching, or sealing. On the schedule for Spring/Summer 2018 micropaving are the following roads: Donaldson Road, Summit Street, Short Street, North Street, Valley View, Foley Road, Rita Drive, and Shaffer Road.

It is a common misconception that the Road Department is responsible for all roads in the Township. Please be aware that certain roads are State roads and therefore PennDOT is responsible for their maintenance. These roads include Bigger Road, Candor Road, Midway-Candor Road, Noblestown Road, North Branch Road, Old Steubenville Pike, Quicksilver Road, Robinson Church Road, Stevenson Street, and Valley Street.

The safety of our residents is very important to us. Please call us at the office if you see an emergency of any kind regardless of road ownership.

## Our First Responders



**McDonald Police Department**

**724-926-2105**

**Midway Fire Department**

**724-796-3141**

**McDonald Fire Department**

**724-926-9190**



*In case of emergency always call **911***

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Township Office              | Crystal Brown/Linda Bozic       | 724-926-8700   |
| Code Enforcement Officer     | Mark Dorsey                     | 724-587-5889   |
| Real Estate Tax Collector    | Alisha Kendall                  | 724-809-5854   |
| Earned Income Tax Collector  | Keystone Collections            | 1-888-328-0558 |
| Building Permitting Official | Harold Ivery, Jr.               | 724-263-0377   |
| Township Engineer            | HMT & Associates/Kevin Chappell | 724-916-0061   |
| Animal Control Officer       | Kym Secreet                     | 724-288-2345   |
| Pennsylvania American Water  |                                 | 724-746-6400   |
| Trash Collection             | R & K Disposal, Inc.            | 724-947-2428   |
| Trash Collection             | Waste Management                | 724-228-4200   |
| Columbia Gas                 |                                 | 724-416-6300   |
| West Penn Power              |                                 | 1-800-686-0021 |
| Midway Sewage Authority      |                                 | 724-796-5936   |
| Comcast                      |                                 | 1-800-266-2278 |
| PennDOT                      |                                 | 1-800-FIX-ROAD |

**Please Support the Library!**

**Heritage Public Library Hours:**

**Monday: 4 p.m.—8 p.m.**  
**Tuesday 10 a.m.—8 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 10 a.m.—8 p.m.**  
**Thursday 10 a.m.—8 p.m.**  
**Friday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.**  
**Saturday 9 a.m.—4 p.m.**  
**Sunday CLOSED**

The **Heritage Public Library** serves the communities of McDonald Borough, Robinson Township, Mt. Pleasant Township, and Midway Borough. It is located at 52 Fourth Street in McDonald. If you enjoy books and reading, please consider volunteering your time at this worthwhile institution. Libraries are more important than ever...information will never become irrelevant! Stop in and see what today's modern library has to offer.

**Upcoming Library Events:**

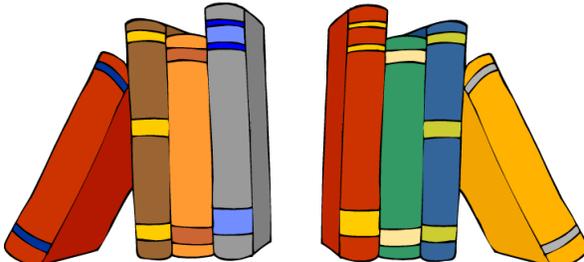
**Income Tax Preparation Assistance for Seniors/Low Income**  
 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 —10 a.m.

**Income Tax Preparation Assistance for Seniors/Low Income**  
 April 5, 12 — 10 a.m.

**Book Discussion Group**  
 April 10 — 1 p.m.

**Earth Day Celebration**  
 May 21 — 6 p.m.

**Book Discussion Group**  
 May 8 — 1 p.m.



MarkWest continues to grow to meet the needs of our local producer customers. We continue construction of our Down Homes compressor station on Sunnyhill Road and will soon begin construction of our administration building on Quicksilver Road. Additional pipelines in Robinson Township will be constructed to support the growth as well.

**How do I get rid of...**

**Televisions?**

Contact: Ellen at Westmoreland Cleanways (724) 879-4020

**Tires?**

Used Tire Collection Event at Washington County Fairgrounds

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

- small disposal fees apply

**Churches in our Area**

Robinson Presbyterian Church

521 Church Lane

Bulger, PA 15019

724-899-3199

Services at 11:00 a.m.

Midway United Methodist Church

104 Jefferson Street

Midway, PA 15060

724-796-3971

Services at 11 a.m.

Raccoon Presbyterian Church

858 Candor Road

Bulger, PA 15019

724-565-4463 [www.raccoonchurch.org](http://www.raccoonchurch.org)

Services at 9:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Midway

210 Front Street

Midway, PA 15060

724-796-3381 [www.fbcmidway.com](http://www.fbcmidway.com)

Services at 11 a.m.

St. Alphonsus

219 w. Lincoln Ave.

McDonald, PA 15057

724-926-2984

Masses: Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.,

M, W, F—8 a.m.

Center United Presbyterian Church

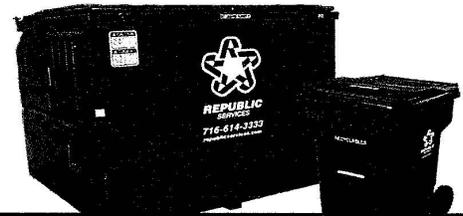
110 Washington Avenue

Midway, PA 15060

724-796-3351 [www.centermidway.com](http://www.centermidway.com)

Services at 10 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors is proud to announce the installation of an 8-yard recycling unit right here in the Township building parking lot for the use of all residents. Its use is effortless, please see the general guidelines below. Please stop by and do your part to keep a lot of waste OUT of the trash!



## All-in-One Recycling™

**One Container → No Sorting → No Kidding**

One container, many benefits.

We believe that recycling should be effortless. All you have to do is place your recyclables in the container, and we'll do the rest.

Our advanced sorting equipment ensures that your recyclables are processed responsibly and reliably.

From efficient curbside pickup to thorough sorting systems, we're making our planet better.

## How Does It Help The Environment?



*Each TON (2000 lbs) of recycled paper can save:*

- 17 Trees
- 380 Gallons of Oil
- 3 Cubic Yards of Landfill Space
- 4,000 Kilowatts of Energy
- 7,000 Gallons of Water

## What Can You Recycle? What Is Trash?

### RECYCLE

What You CAN Recycle:

- Metal: Aluminum, Bi-Metal, Steel Food Cans
- Plastics: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7
- Glass: Clear, Green, & Brown Glass Containers
- Paper: Magazines, Advertising Inserts, Junk Mail, Phone Books, Newspaper, Envelopes, Catalogs, Paperback Books, Coupons/Receipts, Computer Paper
- Paperboard Boxes: Cereal, Juice and Tissue Boxes
- Cardboard & Cardboard Boxes: Just fit it in the bin!
- Cartons: Milk, Almond/Soy Milk, Cream and Orange Juice Cartons
- Shredded Paper: Only if it is bagged in clear plastic bags and tied off.



### TRASH

Please Do Not Recycle The Following:

- NO Garbage, Food Waste, or Hazardous Waste
- NO #6 Plastics
- NO Plastic Bags  
(Use Grocery Store Drop-Off Area for these Bags)
- NO Styrofoam or Fast Food Wrappers
- NO Pizza Boxes
- NO Lids - Plastic or Metal
- NO Pie Pans - Aluminum or Foil
- NO Ceramics
- NO Light Bulbs or Ceramics
- NO Tempered or Plate Glass

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Township Supervisors and Staff.  
We hope you find it informative!*

