

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

724-926-8700

8400 Noblestown Road, McDonald, PA 15057

Rodger Kendall, Chairman
Term Expires 2019



Your Board of Supervisors:
Mary Donaldson, Vice-Chair
Term Expires 2021



David Foley, Supervisor
Term Expires 2023



Manager's Message,

The last year has gone so fast, and changes are happening and visible in Robinson Township! It is my goal that service from the Township office remain at the highest level possible. All members of the staff are committed to doing their best to respond to questions and challenges affecting our residents and developers.

We are witnessing an enormous feat of engineering right in our midst as Trumbull Corporation heads up the construction of SR 576 section 55A2. Bid award took place in early December, and work is visible in the Primrose / Noblestown / Cooks Road area, with utility relocation, construction yard establishment, ground clearing and tree grubbing to be seen. Some single lane closures are in effect on Noblestown Road. Excellent maps, photographs, and news updates can be read on-line at www.patpconstruction.com/southern_beltway. More information on road construction can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Development of a new, easier-to-navigate website is in the works. Our web address will stay the same: www.robinsonpa.gov All relevant Township forms, ordinances, resolutions, and meeting minutes should be easily accessible. Look for this change in the next few months. For those wishing to make applications in person, please stop in-no appointment is ever necessary.

We continue to offer free, uncomplicated, no-sort recycling here at our 8-yard bin in the front parking lot. Although the expense of this service has increased, the Supervisors are dedicated to keeping this service available to the residents. A locked prescription drug collection box is in place in the building, and is collected regularly by the McDonald Police Department. Consider this safe method of disposal for your own, or even pet, unwanted prescription drugs. Our Facebook page is Robinson Township, Washington County. I attempt to post meeting reminders, community events, and local photos to stay connected with residents on social media. Thank you to our many supporters who have responded to the changes we have implemented.

Interacting daily with Robinson Township residents and those who serve them is a joy to me. We are a very special community, in an important position. While major changes are coming, we will work through the growing pains together. My personal slogan for Robinson Township is: respecting our past, working toward our future.

Sincerely,
Crystal Brown
Township Manager



Office Information:

Township Manager-
Crystal Brown

Admin. Assistant-
Gail Matus

Public Works-
John Ramacker
Bernard Boocks
James Margerum

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Dear Residents,

Below is a list of current Robinson Township positions and affiliated professionals. The Board of Supervisors meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M., the Zoning Hearing Board on the third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., and the Planning Commission the fourth Monday at 7:00 P.M. Please note the Zoning and Planning Boards only meet if they have business to review. Please contact the office if you wish to confirm those two Board meetings before attending.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

SUPERVISORS 6 Yr. Term

Rodger Kendall	2019
Mary Donaldson	2021
David M. Foley	2023

TOWNSHIP MANAGER/SECRETARY/TREASURER

Crystal Brown

ROAD CREW

John Ramacker
Bernie Boocks
James Margerum

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Doug Baird

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

Mark Dorsey

TAX COLLECTOR-(NON-SCHOOL TAX)

Alisha M. Kendall

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL TAXES

Keystone Collections Group
(724) 978-0300

EARNED INCOME TAX

Keystone Collections Group
(724) 978-0300

UCC/BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

Municipal Consulting Services LLC
Harold Ivery, Jr.
(724) 263-0377
Mcservices111@gmail.com

ENGINEER

Keith R. Straight, P.E.
T3 Global Strategies
10 Emerson Lane, Ste. 808
Bridgeville, PA 15017

SOLICITORS

Strassburger, McKenna, Gutnick & Gefsky
Four Gateway Center
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Gretchen Moore
Alan Shuckrow

PLANNING COMMISSION 4 YR. TERM

Anthony Orlandini, Chairman	2022
Ken Glass	2019
Bonnie Moore	2019
Quinten Jones	2021
Robert Foley	2020

APPEALS BOARD 3 YR. TERM

Quint Jones	2020
Greg Kobalnicky	2021
Crystal Brown	2019

ZONING HEARING BOARD 3 YR. TERM

Virginia VanVoorhis	2019
Keith Pfender	2021
Christopher Amodeo	2020

ZONING HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR

Thomas A. Lonich

AUDITORS 6 YR. TERM

Cathy Lodge	2021
Tim Jones	2019
John Campbell	2023

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL (continued)**COURT REPORTER**

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MCDONALD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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McDonald, PA 15057
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mcdf@comcast.net

MCDONALD POLICE DEPARTMENT

151 School Street
McDonald, PA 15057
(724) 926-2105

MIDWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 548
Midway, PA 15060
(724) 796-3141
midwayfire@midstream.net

ANIMAL CONTROL

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OBSERVER REPORTER

(724) 321-0289

MCDONALD BOROUGH BUILDING

(724) 926-8711 – Marie Maximovich

MIDWAY BOROUGH BUILDING

(724) 796-8700 – Darla Protch

UTILITIES**PAWC**

300 Galley Road
McMurray, PA 15317
(724) 746-6400

R&K Disposal, Inc.

P.O. Box 115
Joffre, PA 15053
(724) 947-2428

Waste Management

200 Rangos Lane
Washington, PA 15301
(724) 228-4200

Columbia Gas

501 Technology Drive
Cecil, PA 15321
(724) 416-6300

Emergency 1-888-460-4332**West Penn Power**

P.O. Box 3615
Akron, OH 44309-3615
1-800-686-0021

Emergency 1-888-544-4877**Midway Sewage – Public Sewage**

304 Noblestown Road
P.O. Box 600
Midway, PA 15060
(724) 796-5936

Comcast

P.O. Box 3002
Southeastern, PA 19398-3002
1-800-Comcast (266-2278)

Keystone Collections

214 2nd Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
1-888-328-0558
Earned Income Tax & School Tax Collector

Washington County Sewage Council

550 Washington Road
Washington, PA 15301
724-223-0504

On-lot sewage permitting & planning

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**FIRE SERVICE**

Robinson Township currently enjoys the protection of both Midway Volunteer Fire Department and McDonald Volunteer Fire Department. In late 2018, Robinson Township entered into a 5-year agreement with each department for service.

POLICE PROTECTION

The McDonald Police Department provides Robinson Township with 24-hour protection, with at least 4 hours per day active patrol. In addition, the department attends magisterial court hearings of behalf of Robinson Township and assigns an officer to be present as necessary in meetings held in Robinson Township. In 2018 we said farewell to longtime Chief Mark Dorsey and welcome our new relationship with incoming Chief Dennis Ahlborn. Robinson Township signed an amended 5-year police contract in 2018 which included annual contribution toward the purchase or updating police cars.

WHAT'S UP WITH MY TAXES?!

EARNED INCOME TAX

Pennsylvania state law Act 32 of 2008 took the collection of Earned Income Tax out of the local municipalities and put it into the hands of third-party collectors. This is also recognized as the "1%" tax on our earnings. Most of us are now accustomed to this process. In Washington County, the designated collector is Keystone Collections Group in Irwin, Pa. It is withheld from paychecks automatically and remitted to the Township electronically from Keystone. The Township does not have access to any record keeping on who paid, or what was paid individually.

REAL ESTATE TAX

Decisions out of the control of Robinson Township Board of Supervisors have altered the method by which Real Estate Tax is being collected in our Township.

Ft. Cherry School District made a decision in early 2018 to cap the compensation they were willing to pay local tax collectors. This resolution drastically reduced the income of the local collectors, who do a tremendous amount of record-keeping and administrative work in the execution of their duties. It prompted the resignation and/or retirement of several local people who provided a much-needed personal service to the residents. It was the wish of Ft. Cherry School District to contract with Keystone Collections Group to collect School taxes, and presumably the Municipal Real Estate Taxes.

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors were committed to keeping a local collector available to its residents, with in-person collection times, and resisted the third-party collection process. Therefore, Robinson is one of the few municipalities that has split its Real Estate Tax Collection and School Tax Collection. Residents receive bills directly from Keystone for their School portion, and Alisha M. Kendall for the Municipal Real Estate taxes. Ms. Kendall will have in-person collection times at the Township Building in 2019. Ms. Kendall is the collector for Municipal Real Estate, Per Capita, Local Service Tax, Fire Tax, Fire Hydrant Tax, and Street Light Tax.

TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL RENOVATION

Phase 1 of our municipal complex renovation has been completed, with the construction of a five-bay maintenance building which will house our Public Works Department. The Robinson Township Public Works moved into their new accommodations, making way for Phase 2 in our project. A much larger, modern, and more comfortable meeting room, ADA compliant, is a high priority for the Supervisors. Work on this phase will commence in 2019, with Phase 3 coming later, perhaps the following year, consisting of office staff space renovation and relocation, the addition of private caucus room, and a dedicated office to house our Zoning Officer.

Constructed by Swede Construction Corporation.



TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Robinson Township Public Works Department is comprised of three full-time employees dedicated to the maintenance and repair of 21.3 miles of township roads. John Ramacker, Foreman, Bernie Boocks, and Jim Margerum work a schedule of 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and are on call 24 hours a day for inclement weather and emergencies.

It is a common misconception that the road department is responsible for all roads in the township. It is the source of many frustrated calls to the Robinson Township Office. However, many roads are Pennsylvania State Roads, and their repair and maintenance is the responsibility of PENNDOT.

Please see the list of Robinson Township vs. PENNDOT Roads below. If your complaint is about a State Road, you may call 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If your concern is a Township Road, please call our office and it will be handled as quickly as possible. If you have any confusion, or see an emergency, please feel free to call us right away, regardless of ownership.

TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE (continued)**ROBINSON TOWNSHIP ROADS**

STREET NUMBER	STREET NAME	START	END
857	BABLE ROAD	1300	2300
849	BEAGLE CLUB ROAD	100	1200
SR 4010	BEECH HOLLOW ROAD	1400	1900
609	BROOK STREET		
508	CAMPBELL ROAD	100	1300
490	CHURCH LANE	500	700
600	COOK'S ROAD		
841	DONALDSON ROAD	3000	3700
617	ELDER STREET		
606	FIFTH	400	512
512	FOLEY ROAD	100	600
605	FOURTH STREET	400	505
512	GREENE ROAD		
611	GREENHOUSE ROAD		
608	HIGH STREET	109	126
610	HOME STREET	201	
827	HOWARD STREET	191	209
604	HUDSON STREET	3000	3023
865	KING ROAD	500	1000
506	MAPLE GROVE ROAD	5100	6300
601	NATURE'S WAY		
503	NORTH McDONALD STREET	408	510
614	OLD STEUBENVILLE PIKE	8500	9800
825	ORCHARD STREET	119	
500	RACON CREEK ROAD	2300	2800
616	RIDGE ROAD		
	RITA DRIVE		
607	ROBB STREET	0	50
823	SECOND STREET	1200	1320
833	SHAFFER ROAD	500	900
829	SPRING STREET	1000	1200
	STEVENSON STREET EXT.		
831	STEWART ROAD	1550	1554
504	SUMMIT STREET		
510	SUNNYHILL ROAD	1900	2300
613	TAYLOR ROAD	20	200
839	VALLEY VIEW ROAD	1000	1900
615	WALNUT STREET		
511	WASHINGTON ROAD		
603	WEST END DRIVE		

STATE ROADS

STREET NUMBER	STREET NAME	START	END
SR 4002	BIGGER ROAD		
SR 4009	CANDOR ROAD		
SR 4009	MIDWAY-CANDOR ROAD		
SR 4037	NOBLESTOWN ROAD		
SR 4067	NORTH BRANCH ROAD		
SR 4004	OLD STEUBENVILLE PIKE		
SR 4011	QUICKSILVER ROAD		
SR 4001	ROBINSON CHURCH ROAD		
SR 4013	VALLEY STREET		

LOCAL ROAD REPAIR

Township roads were repaired in multiple phases in 2018.

Phase 1 included microsurfacing of a portion of Raccoon Creek, Donaldson Road, and Beagle Club Road. A new material and technology called fiber seal was employed on Summit, Meadow, Howard, Home Street Extension and North Street. If this material is considered successful, it will be a great savings and durability improvement over tar and chip.

Phase 2 consisted of base repair and microsurfacing on Bable, Washington, and Sunnyhill. These roads are being repaired with voluntary assistance from Range Resources, Markwest Energy Partners, and ETC. These producers directly contracted the repair and resurfacing of Valley View, Maple Grove, Shaffer, Foley, Campbell and Washington Road at no cost to the township.

Phase 3 is repair and improvement of a portion of Raccoon Creek Road, the portion not addressed in a previous improvement project. Our source of funding on this is a grant obtained from the Washington County Conservation District, Dirt and Gravel Road program. We are grateful for the assistance of the County in this endeavor.

WELCOME TO GUARDIAN ANGELS MEDICAL SERVICE DOGS, INC.

Robinson Township is excited to announce the pending arrival of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc. This organization plans to locate a training and education campus on a 102-acre lot on Beagle Club Road for the purpose of raising and training Medical Service Dogs to partner with individuals possessing specific medical needs and challenges such as: Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury, Mobility, Diabetic Alert, and Seizure Alert.

Guardian Angels is a 501 (c)(3) organization that relies on grants, sponsors, fundraising and other donations to offset the cost of training each canine. A dog may require up to 2,000 hours, or two years to be considered fully trained to partner. The dollar value of each dog may reach up to \$22,000, but the Guardian Angels donates each dog to qualified recipients, the majority of whom are military veterans. Statistics show that veterans partnering with Medical Service Dogs have a reduction in medications, improvements in activity level, fewer anxiety attacks and flashbacks, better sleep, and overall the rate of suicide drops dramatically.

There are many other programs offered by the Guardian Angels, such as Foster Pairings (early placement for qualified recipients), Pets Evaluated and Trained for Service (which will evaluate your own pet who may be exhibiting partnering tendencies), Foster Families who simply acclimatize the dogs to social living, as well as other community outreach programs.

Guardian Angels currently have one other campus, located in Florida. More information can be seen on the organization at their website: medicalservedogs.org



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.

NOTE: New regulations ask you to please keep plastic bags out of the unit.

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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*A Newsletter From Your Robinson
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We hope you find it informative!*

