

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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8400 Noblestown Road, McDonald, PA 15057

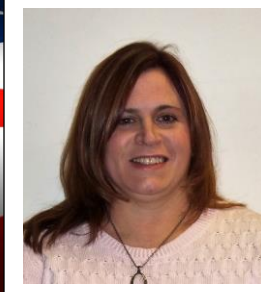
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Your Board of Supervisors:

Christopher Amodeo, Supervisor
Term Expires 2025

Mary Donaldson, Chair
Term Expires 2021

David Foley, Vice-Chair
Term Expires 2023



OFFICE INFORMATION

Township Manager:
Crystal Brown

Administration Assistants:
Gail Matus
Renee Szymanski

Public Works:
John Ramacker
Bernard Boocks

MANAGER'S MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS

As we bring 2019 to a close, I look around and all I can think of for Robinson is "growth". I mean that in only positive terms.

Change is never easy, and we all, residents, employees, and Supervisors alike experience the inconveniences of continual construction and closures. Living in community with others means compromise, and compromise means nobody gets absolutely everything they desire. The light at the end of the tunnel is improved, safer roads, shorter commutes and solid infrastructure that will spur the development of public sewerage and water where they do not currently exist.

Outside my windows here on Noblestown Road, I see the diligent efforts of Trumbull Corporation, contracted for Section 55A-2 of the Southern Beltway to execute a massive construction project in close proximity to residents, businesses, and motorists. Simultaneously, building the connector road from the foot of Fort Cherry Road to SR980 will allow us to zip overland, past the Sportsmen's Club and over the Montour Trail to 980/Robinson Highway. The newly completed Beech Hollow Road is a pleasure to travel and has made life easier for so many residents. It will eventually intersect the Southern Beltway.

The road projects represent the larger changes around us, but even the municipal complex is evolving to meet the needs of increased interest in our township business. New offices are under construction in existing facility space in order to make way for a larger, more comfortable public meeting room for residents who attend our meetings.

"Resilience and toughness are hallmark traits of those in western Pennsylvania. Historically our population is renowned for our ability to endure, and persevere, and we ask for your continued patience and support as we grow, and change for the better!"

Crystal Brown, Township Manager

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Below is a list of current Robinson Township positions and affiliated professionals. The Board of Supervisors meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., and the Planning Commission meets the fourth Monday of the month 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 Board meetings before attending.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP CONTACT LIST

SUPERVISORS

6 Yr. Term

Mary Donaldson

2021

David M. Foley

2023

Christopher Amodeo

2025

ENGINEER

Keith R. Straight, P.E.

Redcon Engineering

1100 Washington Avenue, Ste. 103

Carnegie, PA 15106

SOLICITORS

Strassburger, McKenna, Gutnick & Gefsky

Four Gateway Center

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

TOWNSHIP MANAGER/SECRETARY/TREASURER

Crystal Brown

ROAD CREW

Gretchen Moore

Alan Shuckrow

John Ramacker

Bernie Boocks

PLANNING COMMISSION

4 YR. TERM

Anthony Orlandini, Chairman

2022

Ken Glass

2023

Bonnie Moore

2023

Quintin Jones

2021

Robert Foley

2020

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Doug Baird

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

Mark Dorsey

APPEALS BOARD

3 YR. TERM

Quintin Jones

2020

Greg Kobalnicky

2021

Crystal Brown

2022

TAX COLLECTOR-(NON-SCHOOL TAX)

Alisha M. Kendall

ZONING HEARING BOARD

3 YR. TERM

Robert Cummins

2022

Keith Pfender

2021

Mary Duranti

2020

UCC/BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

Municipal Consulting Services LLC

Harold Ivery, Jr.

(724) 263-0377

Mcservices111@gmail.com

ZONING HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR

Thomas A. Lonich

AUDITORS **6 YR. TERM**

Cathy Lodge	2021
Tim Jones	2024
John Campbell	2024

COURT REPORTER

Kim Strnisa

MCDONALD FIRE DEPARTMENT

150 N. McDonald Street
McDonald, PA 15057
(724) 926-9190
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

(724) 503-4417 – Kym Secreet

OBSERVER REPORTER

(724) 222-2200

MCDONALD BOROUGH BUILDING

(724) 926-8711 – Marie Maximovich

MIDWAY BOROUGH BUILDING

(724) 796-8700 – Patti Baird

UTILITIES**Pennsylvania American Water**

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

R&K Disposal, Inc. – Residential Trash

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

Waste Management – Residential Trash

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

546 Wendel Road
Irwin, PA 15642
www.keystonecollects.com
724-978-0300
Earned Income Tax & School Tax Collector

Washington County Sewage Council – On-lot Sewage

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

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP BOARD AND STAFF ATTEND PLANNING SEMINAR

In a series of three evening classes in October 2019, the Robinson Township Supervisors, Zoning Officer, Manager, and Planning Commission received in-depth training on community planning, comprehensive plans, and zoning matters. This valuable set of seminars was presented by the Local Government Academy and was well attended by municipal staff and officials from Allegheny, Washington and Greene County.

Great emphasis was placed on a current and forward-thinking comprehensive plan, which ideally is consulted continually when projects are proposed to ensure consistency with community goals. Robinson was one of the more prepared communities, with an official comprehensive plan prepared in 2012.

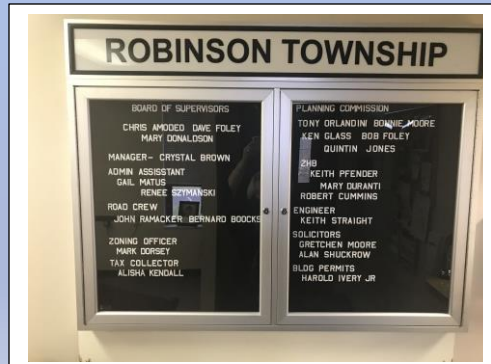


Pictured: Front row, Supervisor Mary Donaldson, Manager Crystal Brown, Planning Secretary Bonnie Moore. Back row, Planning Commission members Bob Foley, Ken Glass, Quintin Jones, Zoning Officer Mark Dorsey, Supervisor Dave Foley, and Planning Chair Tony Orlandini.

LOOKING FOR JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Are you a student between the ages of 15-19 and interested in seeing how your government and township work at the local level? Are you interested in what civic responsibility entails? Would you like to shadow a township employee to better understand what it takes to run your township? Would you be able to attend our Public Meetings? The Township is offering a four-week free course to interested young students. This would be a great opportunity to broaden your resume for college. The course will be offered in June of 2020.

You will have a chance to meet our township supervisors, planning commission, professionals and township employees. You will see how they interact and coordinate to form our Robinson Township team.





Alisha M. Kendall, Tax Collector
1055 Valleyview Road
Bulger, PA 15019
Telephone: (724) 809-5854
eMail: alisha.kendall@yahoo.com

2020 Robinson Township Real Estate Tax Payment Dates:

Property tax mailed to property owners	1 st week in April
Tax payment due for 2% discount of face value amount	May 31 st
Payment due date to pay at the face value amount	July 31 st
Payment dates subject to 10% penalty plus face value amount	After July 31 st
Delinquencies turned over to Washington County	After December 31 st

Tax Collectors Hours at Robinson Township, 8400 Noblestown Road, McDonald, PA 15057
ALL OTHER OFFICE HOUSE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

April – Monday 20, 2020	6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
May – Monday 18, 2020	6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 19, 2020	6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 20, 2020	6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
Friday 29, 2020	6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 30, 2020	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday 31, 2020	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
June – Monday 15, 2020	6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
July – Monday 20, 2020	6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
August – Monday 17, 2020	6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

Ft. Cherry School District and Earned Income Tax is contracted with Keystone Collections for School Tax.

PLEASE NOTE: Ms. Kendall nor the Township has records on these tax matters.

Keystone Collections
546 Wendel Road
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 978-0300
Earned Income Tax and School Tax Collector

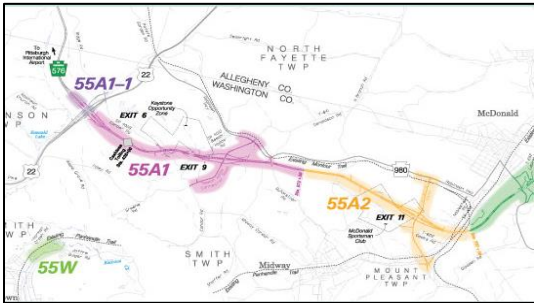
ONGOING PROJECTS

The Southern Beltway

U.S. 22 to Quicksilver Road S.R. 0576, Section 55A1: Adjacent to (East of) Section 55A1-1, is approximately four miles in length containing one full interchange and requires nearly five million cubic yards of excavation. The project includes three mainline bridge structures and one overpass structure. The mainline interchange will be constructed at Beech Hollow Road. Beech Hollow Road has been reconstructed to connect with the reconstructed “NEW” Beech Hollow Road. Two sections of the “OLD” Beech Hollow are now cul-de-sacs and have been turned over to the Township. The portion coming from Candor Road is now known as Pine Way, and the portion coming from SR 980 is now known as Champion Way. The third and fourth mainline structures will carry SR 0576 over Little Racoon Creek and Quicksilver Road. Contractor Trumbull Corporation continues their efforts on Section 55A2 from their field office located on SR 980.

Construction on the connector road from the foot of Fort Cherry Road to SR 980 continues, and upon completion will become a township road, as yet unnamed. Progress on this road can easily be seen from Cooks Road. More information is located at https://www.patpconstruction.com/southern_beltway/22to79/default.aspx

Pictured right is a view of the overpass and below a site map.



Local Road Improvements

Township roads were improved in multiple phases in 2019.

Phase 1 included completion of surfacing on Racoon Creek Road in early Spring. This improvement was made possible via a grant through the Washington County Conservation District's Dirt and Gravel Road Program. The Township is grateful for the assistance of the County for this project.

Phase 2 consisted of base repair and micro-surfacing on Taylor, North McDonald, Summit, Orchard, Pine and Second Street. Other treatments were employed to improve King, Shaffer and Meadow. The source of funding for the improvement was from allocated Township Funds received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania called “Liquid Fuels”.

Phase 3 consists PennDOT recommended improvements to bring Pine Way and Champion Way up to standards, including underdrain replacement, signage, and surfacing. The funds for this project were allocated to Robinson Township from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Phase 4 is repair to Fourth Street, which has been compromised by an adjacent slope failure. This has been improved using funds from Act 13/Gas Well Impact Fee that is collected by the Pennsylvania (PUC) and distributed to local governments.



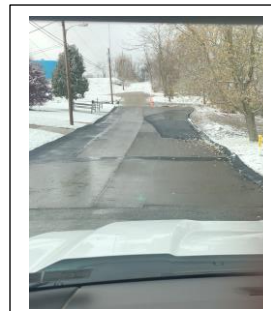
Racoon Creek Road



King Road



Champion Way



Fourth Street

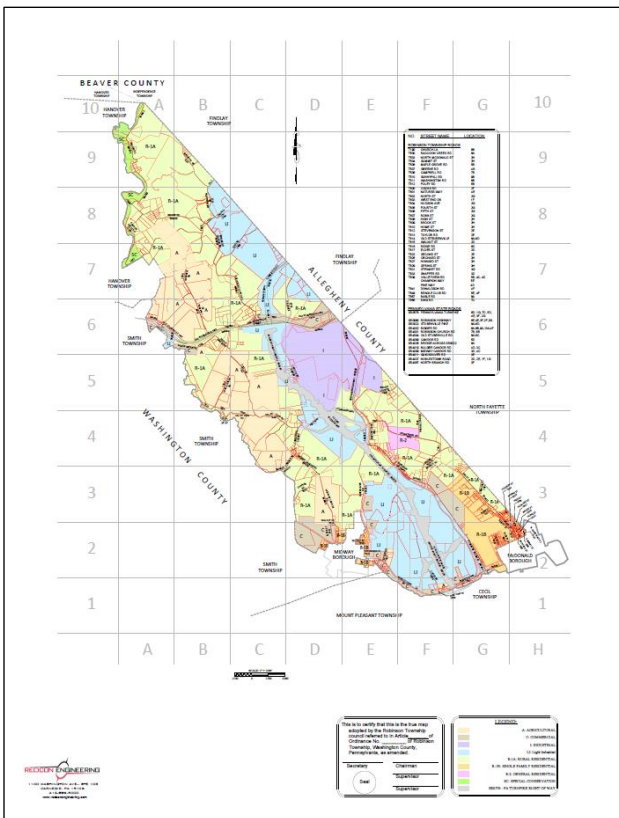
Municipal Building Renovation

The Public Works Department has moved into its new accommodations, making way for Phase 2 in our project. Work on this phase began in 2019 with the development of office space and a private conference room in the former Public Works garage. A new entrance for the offices has been installed. Relocation of staff offices into this space will make way for the eventual construction of a much larger public meeting room. Work on this building renovation is a combination of Township personnel efforts with assistance from local contractors as needed.



Zoning Ordinance

Changes were made to our Zoning Ordinance in 2019. Administrative language clean-up, zoning changes at the request of property owners, and tables for clearer interpretation were implemented. The IBD District was eliminated and Light Industrial District was substituted for all former IBD parcels. See the below new Zoning Map. <https://robinsonpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ZONING-MAP-2019.pdf>



NEW FACES IN THE TOWNSHIP

Robinson Township has added some new employees to their team. They have added two part-time administration assistants to fill the administrative assistant position left by the resignation of Julie Dotson. Gail Matus was hired September and Renee Szymanski was added in October. They have been busy organizing the file system and preparing for the transition into newly renovated offices.



FROM OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The snow is starting to fall and we are stockpiling salt and have our salt spreaders and plows ready. We are reminding residents to **NOT** park on the street. Our Public Works Department needs to clear the roads for your safety. It is a common misconception that the Road Department is responsible for all roads in the township. However, many roads are Pennsylvania State Roads, and their repair and maintenance are the responsibility of PENNDOT. Below are roads maintained by the Township.

ROADS MAINTAINED BY ROBINSON TOWNSHIP

STREET NO.	STREET NAME	START	END
857	Babble Road	1300	2300
849	Beagle Club	100	1200
609	Brook Street		
508	Campbell Road	100	1300
	Champion Way		
490	Church Lane	500	700
600	Cooks Road		
841	Donaldson Road	3000	3700
617	Elder Street		
606	Fifth Street	400	512
512	Foley Road	100	600
605	Fourth Street	400	505
	Greene Road		
608	High Street	109	126
610	Home Street	201	
827	Howard Street	191	209
604	Hudson Avenue	3000	3023
865	King Road	500	1000
506	Maple Grove Road	5100	6300
	Meadow Street		
Partial	North McDonald Street		
	North Street		
Partial 614	Old Steubenville Pike	8500	9500
825	Orchard Street	119	
	Pine Way		
500	Racoon 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
	Steven Street Extension		
504	Summit Street		
510	Sunnyhill Road	1900	2300
613	Taylor Road	20	200
839	Valleyview Road	1000	1900
511	Washington Road		

STAY SAFE OUT
THERE . . .



WHEN SHOVELING DRIVEWAYS

National Safety Council recommends the following tips to shovel safely:

- Do not shovel after eating or while smoking
- Take it slow and stretch out before you begin
- Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it's lighter
- Push the snow rather than lifting it
- If you do lift it, use a small shovel or only partially fill the shovel
- Lift with your legs, not your back
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion
- Know the [signs of a heart attack](#), and stop immediately and call 911 if you're experiencing any of them; every minute counts



Don't pick up that shovel without a doctor's permission if you have a history of heart disease. A clear driveway is not worth your life.



WINTER WEATHER SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

BEFORE A WINTER STORM

Before the storm strikes, make sure your home, office and vehicles are stocked with the supplies you might need if stranded in a winter storm. Know how to dress for varying degrees of cold weather.

AT HOME AND WORK.

- ✓ Your primary concerns at home or work during a winter storm are loss of heat, power and telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day. In either place, you should have **Home & Work Winter Storm Survival Kit**.

IN VEHICLES.

- ✓ Before you leave the house, call 511 for the latest traffic weather conditions. **TAKE IT SLOW IN THE SNOW.**
- ✓ Fully check and winterize your vehicle before the winter season begins. Carry a **Car Winter Storm Survival Kit**.

ON THE FARM, PET OWNERS.

- ✓ Move animals to sheltered areas or bring pets inside.
- ✓ Haul extra feed to nearby feeding areas.
- ✓ Have water available. Most animals die from dehydration in winter storms.
- ✓ Make sure pets have plenty of food, water, and a warm shelter.

DURING A WINTER STORM

When caught in a winter storm, there are life-saving actions you can take to protect yourself outside, in a vehicle and inside your home or office.

OUTSIDE

- ✓ **Find Shelter.**
- ✓ **When There Is No Shelter Nearby:** Build a simple temporary shelter or snow cave for protection from the wind.
- ✓ **Melt Snow for Drinking Water:** Eating unmelted snow will lower your body temperature.
- ✓ **Exercise:** From time to time, move arms, legs, fingers and toes vigorously to keep blood circulating.

IN VEHICLES

- ✓ Slow down!
- ✓ Make sure your vehicle is completely clear of ice or snow before starting the trip.
- ✓ Let someone know where you are going and what route you will take.
- ✓ Don't leave the house without the following: a fully charged mobile phone, car charger, and an emergency supplies kit in your car.
- ✓ If your car gets stuck during a storm, stay in the vehicle!
- ✓ Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat.
- ✓ Clear snow from the exhaust pipe to avoid gas poisoning. While running the motor, open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ✓ Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine.
- ✓ After snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate you need help.

INSIDE

Stay Inside: When using a fire place, wood stove, space heater, or other heating device, use fire safeguards and properly ventilate. If you have a gas furnace, make sure it is not blocked by a snowdrift. If you have an upstairs gas furnace that vents out the roof, you may need to turn off the upstairs unit the snow melts from your roof.

AFTER A WINTER STORM

Caution! Winter Storm Dangers Linger

When the snow and ice melt, it's tempting to relieve that cabin fever and hit the roads. But melting snow can cause floods, partially cleared roads may be icy or blocked, and creeks and rivers often overflow from the rush of melting snow and ice. Heavy snow may have knocked down power lines and caused gas leaks, both of which can be deadly, but are not obvious at first glance. Follow the tips below to stay safe.

- ✓ **Stay Informed.** Stay tuned to your local news or 511 for updated information on road conditions.
- ✓ **Avoid Flooded Roads and Heed Road Danger Signs.**
- ✓ **Check Your Home, Contact Family and Isolated Neighbors.**
- ✓ **Roadway Hazards.**

For more information, visit [weather.gov/safety/winter](https://www.weather.gov/safety/winter)

FAREWELL TO SUPERVISOR RODGER KENDALL

Your Service to Our Township is Appreciated

For the past six years, Robinson Township has enjoyed the leadership of Chairman Rodger Kendall, and we regretfully say goodbye to him at the end of 2019.

Mr. Kendall brought a tremendous amount of technical knowledge and expertise that proved valuable to the Township in many matters – from road repair and to equipment purchases, to contract negotiations. His vision and foresight, as well as hands-on construction ability has driven the multiple phases of municipal complex renovation with great success and exceptional financial savings to the Township. His direction to the staff was always to serve the residents to the highest level possible, and often gave of his own time and resources behind the scenes, unrecognized.

Township staff and employees wish Rodger only the best as he moves on to enjoy some well-deserved time-off.



VETERAN'S CORNER – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Major Loretta B. Kendall, Retired.

Major Kendall served as a traditional guardsman with 112th Tactical Fighter Group, Pittsburgh; as an E-1 Airman in Supply, thirteen years. She transferred to the 171st Airlift Wing in Pittsburgh as a Paralegal.

In 2000 Major Kendall was called to active duty by Presidential Call-up and was deployed to Budapest Hungary to serve in the Kosovo Conflict as the Law Office Manager.

In 2002 she was the first female to achieve the rank of Chief Master Sergeant an (E-9) in the legal career field in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

After completing law school in 2004, she was selected to be an officer in the Air National Guard JAG Corp. She was the first (E-9) Chief Master Sergeant to ever be selected as an officer in the Air Force and the Air National Guard history.

Major Kendall served with Pennsylvania Air National Guard for 22 years; before transferring to the West Virginia Air National Guard, where she was Deputy and Staff Judge Advocate, at the 167th Airlift Wing Martinsburg WV. She retired from there in December of 2014 after serving a total of 31 ½ years.

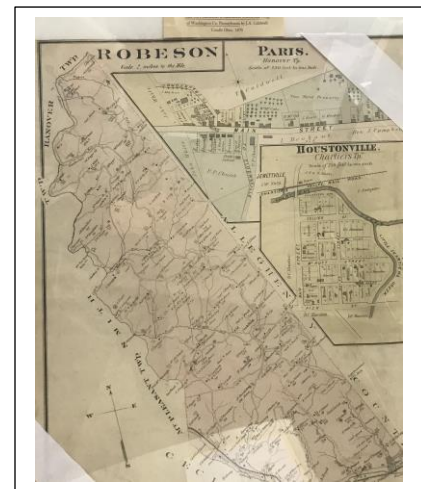
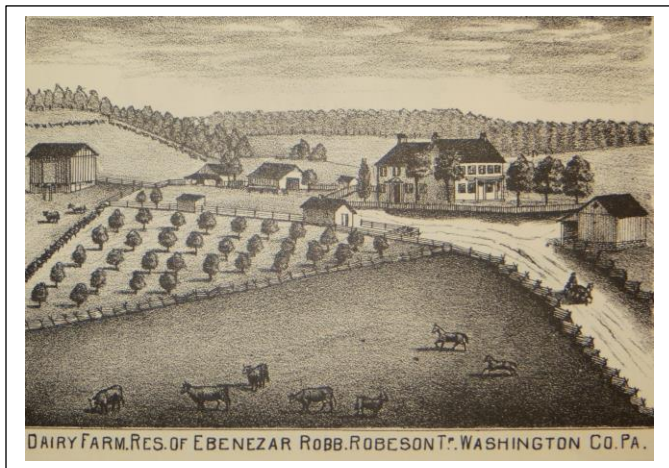
ROBINSON TOWNSHIP . . . A HOP THROUGH HISTORY

This Township is the eleventh in the original townships formed by the trustees appointed under the act erecting the County of Washington. It began its legal existence on the 15th of July, 1781. The territory comprising the original Township of Robinson was bounded as follows: "Beginning at the head-waters of the North Fork of Raccoon Creek; thence down the creek to its mouth; thence up the Ohio River to the mouth of Chartiers Creek; thence up the creek to mouth of Robinson Run; thence up the main branch thereof to the headwaters; from thence in a straight line to the head-waters of the North Fork of Raccoon Creek, the place of the beginning." The erection of Allegheny County in 1788 cut off that portion of the Township from the mouth of Flaherty's Run on the Ohio to the mouth of Miller's Run on Chartiers Creek, then Cecil Township. In 1786, when Allegheny County was enlarged by territory from Washington County, this Township was again reduced and the slight change in 1836 brought it to its present territory. Robinson Township as it now exists is bounded on the west by Hanover; on the northeast by the county of Allegheny; and on the southwest and south by townships of Cecil, Mount Pleasant, and Smith. The boundary between Robinson and the last-mentioned three townships is Raccoon Creek; and this stream and Robinson Run, which is the southeastern boundary of the Township are its primary waters. Small tributaries enter these streams from the east through the Township which is generally well-watered, undulating in surface, of good soil and excellently adapted to the purposes of agriculture.

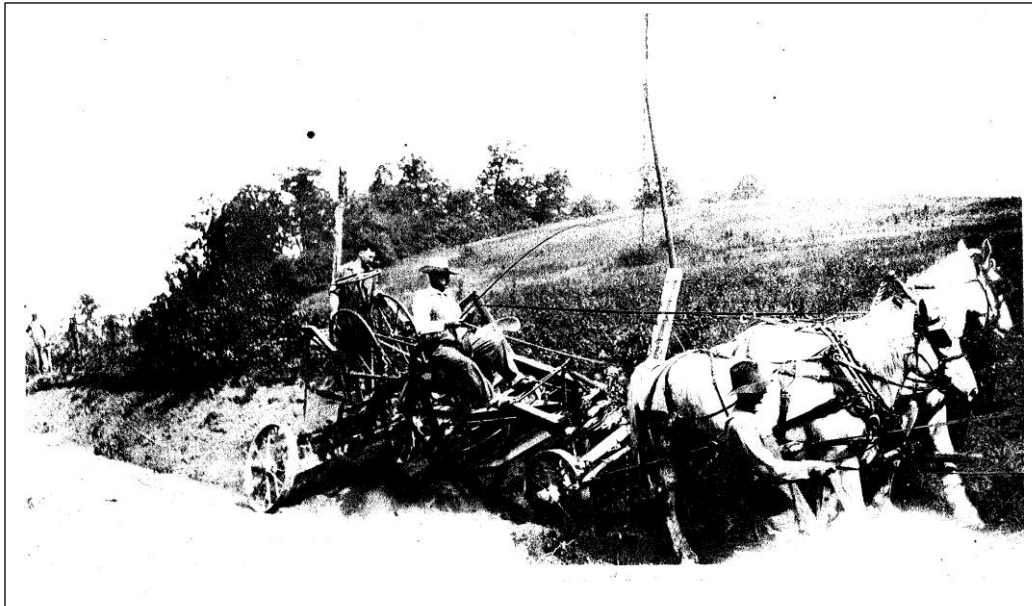
From the erection of the Township in 1781 it was an independent and separate district until May 4, 1803, when it became part (with Smith Township) of District No. 4, and so continued until 1838, when it again became a separate and independent district.

Early frontier forts in the township were as follows: Captain Samuel Beelor's (Sr.) Fort was located in Robinson Township circa 1774-1789 near Candor, a two-story house located about 100 yards southwest of the present Raccoon Presbyterian Church, on Raccoon Run (not Raccoon Creek). Also used by the local militia. Also erected in Robinson Township was Beelor's Fort (2) along Raccoon Creek between Murdocksville and Bavington.¹

Captain Samuel Beelor and his son Samuel were settled in 1774 upon land where the Village of Candor now stands, as recited in a Virginia certificate granted in February 1780. An additional tract of land of four hundred acres adjoining this was granted to Samuel Beelor, July 17, 1782, "to satisfy the said grain right" on the survey accompanying this statement is shown a house two-stories high and situate on a road from Dillo's Fort to Turner's fort. What was known as Beelor's Fort was his own house, two stories high, made large and strong. The survey of 1782 shows no other. Capt. Samuel Beelor and his family, and Samuel Beelor, Jr., and his family lived on this place until 1789, when they sold and removed. The area now is Candor Village. It must have been some years of Mr. Beelor's settlement before the Baileys, McCandless, Shearers, and other early settlers came to this section. Beelor's house was the rendezvous for all people of the vicinity in time of danger.²



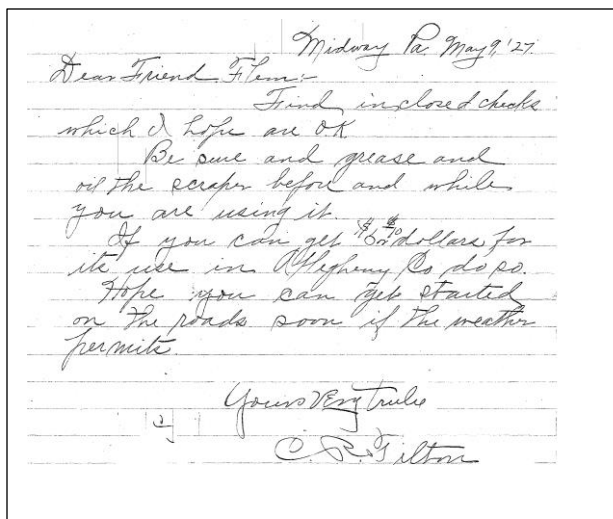
The above photo of the Ebenezer Robb Dairy Farm and the Caldwell map dated 1876 both refer to Robinson Township as Robeson Township. Various spellings of "Robinson" are found throughout the early history of the township. When the Township was chartered, the township name was spelled. "Robison" later spellings were found as "Robeson".



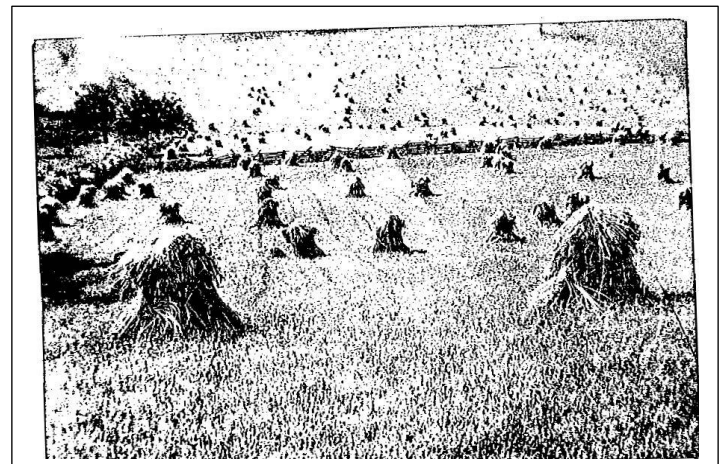
William Herman Covert (center, sitting)
Robert Fleming Vance (front)
??? Man in back standing.
Left corner (one, m & b)
William Donaldson Vance
Working a country road in Robinson Twp.
Washington County, W.

The above note explains who is in the picture. In front guiding horses is Robert Fleming Vance. Sitting driving horses is William Herman Covert. We are unsure of the man behind working the cutter. Far left corner is William Donaldson Vance.

Robinson Township Early Road Crew cutting grass along road.³



A letter from C. R. Tilton selling Robinson Township Equipment for \$5 or \$10. (1927)⁴

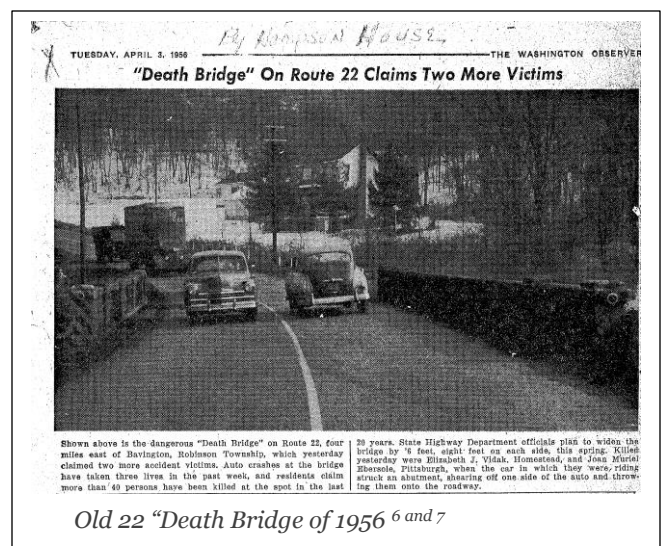


Jeanette Bigger Farm 1948 hay stacks on now what is "Sunny Hill" 1948⁵



Candor High School — 1914. First row, left to right: John Neal, Olive Wilson, Louis Bertram, Edna Wilson, Sara Bamford, Grier Kerr, Sara Moore. Second row: Sam Matchett, Ida Culley, Ken Yoltan, unidentified, Rolle Wyke, Eleanor Bailey, unidentified, Given Hibbs, Minnie Kuhn, Mr. Moore (teacher). Photo courtesy of Lucille Berthold. 5-1-91

Hazel Covert (Vance) graduated from here. I think she started in 1915... Betty Anderson (Eckstein) taught here. Mulrose, Ireland had her.



Old 22 "Death Bridge" of 1956^{6 and 7}

Construction of the bridge over
Route 980.¹⁰

SUNI-HILL TEXACO SERVICE
D. L. BARKHURST, Prop.
TIRES - TUBES - ACCESSORIES
U. S. Route 24

R.D. # 1, Robinson, Pa. 4/24 1966

Name *Mr. Vance*

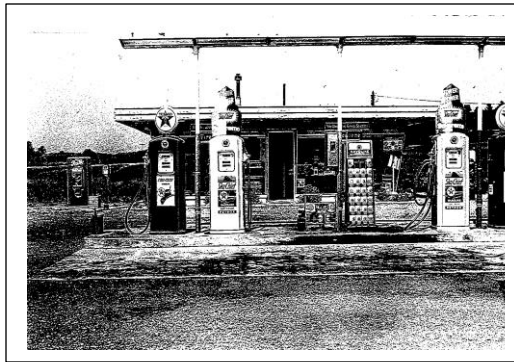
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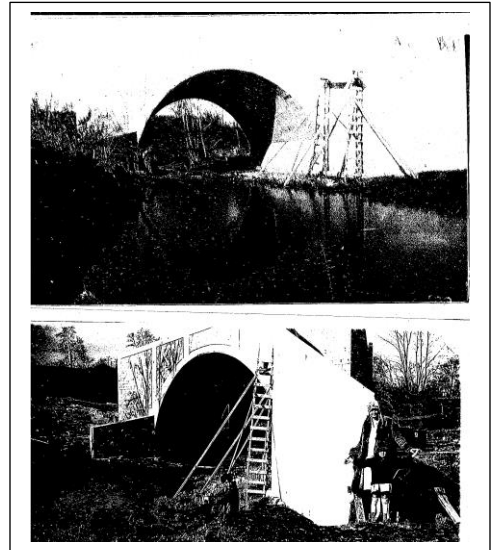
69	Gals. Gas @	2.00
	Qts. Oil @	
<i>W. H. Vance</i>		
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Rec'd By _____
Your account stated to date. If error in-folio return at once

1960 Robinson Twp. Gas Bill ⁸



1956 Suni-Hill
Texaco Service
Station. ⁹



As Robinson Township reflects, we cannot discuss our immediate past without talking about a Robinson Township legend, Mr. Gerald Runtas. Mr. Runtas first worked for the Township in 1963 as a police officer and in 1974 joined Robinson Township as a Supervisor. When asked what was the most significant improvement he achieved for the township, he said,

"I didn't achieve anything alone, there were other Supervisors, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board members and we worked as a team."

In 1974, there were no paved roads, township building nor was there a police contract. Under the leadership of Mr. Runtas, the Township obtained grant money to build a township building, pave roads and contract for Police from McDonald Borough.

THANK YOU, GERALD RUNTAS, FOR YOUR NEARLY 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWSHIP

Throughout the history of Robinson Township has persevered through many changes and growth. Our current expansion can only be good for our residents. These changes can be seen a positive reflection of how Robinson Township will endure and improve for future generations. This has always been a great place to live and always will be.

Credits for Robinson Township . . . A hop through History:

Early Forts ¹ www.northamericanforts.com

Early History of Western Pennsylvania ²

<https://digital.library.pitt.edu/islandora/object/pitt%3A31735054854686/viewer#page/8/mode/2up>

Historical Photos and News Articles ⁽¹⁻¹⁰⁾ Bonnie Barkhurst Moore and Washington Observer

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP GIVES A SHOUT OUT TO OUR LOCAL HEROS.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) report there has been a significant decline in volunteer firefighters across the country. Robinson Township is very fortunate to have two volunteer fire companies serve our residents. We want to extend our gratitude to those men and women who give their time to make our community safer. Both McDonald Volunteer Fire Company and Midway Volunteer Fire Company have a long history of protecting the community.



MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

At our February 10th Board of Supervisor's Meeting, Robinson Township was presented with this certificate of participation from the Midway Volunteer Fire Department. We commend the men and women who devote their time and energy and enhance their skills to protect our community.



THEIR HISTORY

One of the first organizations of the village was the fire department, the "Bucket Brigade." The Midway Volunteer Fire Department began in the late 1890's with a group of men who came together when an old feed mill and several houses caught fire. Immediately after the fire, that same group of men got together and started to organize a "bucket brigade". The local blacksmith shop always kept wooden barrels full of water on a wagon, and all they had to do was hitch up a horse and go. A schoolhouse bell would ring to gather the men and their buckets. The "bucket brigade" first met every Wednesday at a local dance hall. After the borough was formed in 1903, they combined a borough office and a fire department. Its early equipment, other than the well-known bucket brigade, was the hand pumper that was pulled by fireman. Some say it was in 1910 and some say it was in 1912, that the first piece of mechanical fire equipment was purchased. It consisted of a hand drawn hose reel and pump and two hand drawn chemical units.

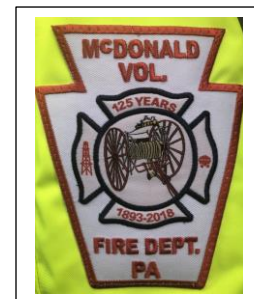


McDONALD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. HISTORY

In the late 1700s, after exchanging his horse and saddle with an Indian Chief for the parcel of land which became McDonald, John McDonald opened a trading post, becoming not only one of the first settlers, but the area's first businessman. McDonald was a political activist, officer of the courts and Indian agent. He was named to the County Commission for Peace in October 1776. He set the standards for the town bearing his name; began tradition which have continued through the years.

Nowhere is the continuation of that love and protection of the town more apparent than in the McDonald Volunteer Fire Department. Where John McDonald had his share of experiences forming the town into an active and safe business community, the volunteer firefighters of McDonald have had their share as well over the past 125 years. To see a fire hose twist and turn, struggling against the men who hold it, to see ice coat the ladder, truck and gear as flame and smoke roar up into the night, brings but small understanding of what volunteers undertake in their efforts to protect lives and property.

The McDonald Volunteer Fire Department began 125 years ago with 13 volunteers, 500 feet of hose and one men-drawn cart. The hose was loaded on the cart which firefighters pulled while running; others ran alongside. Early firefighters had reason to remember and thank John McDonald and other leaders for setting up the town not only with its own water company, but with an underground network of water "pipes." These were bored out logs through which water ran. Periodically, holes were bored into the top of the water pipes. Into each hole a wooden plug was inserted. When the plug was removed, water gushed up, filling troughs from which the firemen scooped buckets full of water to throw on the flames. From this very early method, only the term "fireplug" remains in use.





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February 2020

**Calendar of
Events**

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Feb 1st-14th Blind Date With a Book						
				10am-4pm Tax Prep Thursdays - Get Your Taxes Prepared at NO COST!*	10:30am-11:15am Storytime - Session #1 - Slow & Fast: Learning About Opposites	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Feb 1st-14th Blind Date With a Book						5pm-7pm Birthday Party
	1pm-2pm Book Discussion Group	10am-11:30am McQuilters Quilting Group	10am-4pm Tax Prep Thursdays - Get Your Taxes Prepared at NO COST!*	10:30am-11:15am Storytime - Session #2 - Love & Friendship - Celebrating Valentine's Day		
			6pm-7:30pm Girl Scouts Meeting			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				10am-4pm Tax Prep Thursdays - Get Your Taxes Prepared at NO COST!*	10:30am-11:15am Storytime - Session #3 - Pirates	10am-8pm PRIVATE PARTY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				10am-4pm Tax Prep Thursdays - Get Your Taxes Prepared at NO COST!*	10:30pm-11:15pm Storytime - Session #4 - Pets: Fur, Feathers, Scales, and More	

**BLIND DATE
WITH A BOOK**
Feb 1 - 14

For a small donation of \$5 you may find your new "dream date" for the future.

1040 Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
For the year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2019, or other tax year

**TAX PREP
THURSDAYS**

Senior Citizens and Low Income Families,
get your taxes prepared at
NO COST!*

From January 30th to April 9th,
sessions run every 20 minutes beginning at
10:00 am until 4:00 pm (last appointment).

2020 Preschool Storytime
Kicks Off February 7th

Mark Your Calendar - Fridays from 10:30 to 11:15 am

Sign Up Online at heritagelibrarypa.org

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Census Day is April 1, 2020

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. **When completing the census, you should count everyone who is living in your household on April 1, 2020.**

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL

On or between:

March 12-20

You'll receive:

An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census.
(Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)

March 16-24

A reminder letter.

If you haven't responded yet:

March 26-April 3

A reminder postcard.

April 8-16

A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.

April 20-27

A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.



This March, take 10 minutes to complete 10 simple questions.
It's easy, safe, and **IMPORTANT!**

RECYCLING OPTIONS

The Township is pleased to offer a single-stream (no sorting) recycling receptacle in the parking lot of the Township building. The unit accepts paper, most metals, plastics: #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, glass: clear, green, and brown, cardboard, milk cartons and more. If you are unsure, please call the office and we will clarify.

Please do NOT contaminate the unit with questionable items or trash. The hauler will charge us a contamination fee, which may eventually make this service impossible. If you have difficulty handling your items, please let the office know and we will assist you.

Thank you to all who recycle thoughtfully!

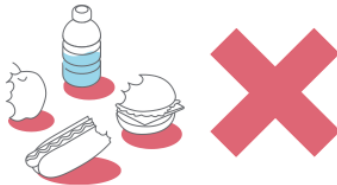


USE THESE THREE RULES TO RECYCLE RIGHT

It's time to get back to the basics. The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others. So please remember these three basic rules the next time you recycle.



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.