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Meeting George Fluhr

By LA Guzda

Back in May of 2013 I wrote an article about the Round House in Lackawaxen. It is a significant structure that lay in ruins in what appears to have been a village, a community, something more than just a nice house for a wealthy family. With so many stories and photographs of an area rich in history, I am amazed that there is nothing about this complex.

I was told that it was a house of pleasure for lumberjacks or canal workers. I was also told it was a nudist colony as well as Al Capone's hideout when his brother Charles owned the property. In my search all I was able to confirm is that Al Capone did not have a brother Charles.

My quest led me to Walter Ungerer, grandson of Molly Staub, one of Lackawaxen's earliest residents. Walter was one of the foremost authorities on the area and yet he could not identify my roundhouse.

Recently, I met with George Fluhr, a historian most familiar with the Shohola area but also quite knowledgeable about Lackawaxen. George has written many books about the area. He is currently collaborating on a new book, Boarding Houses in Shohola.

George came prepared to our meeting with piles of pamphlets and books. Although he was unable to identify the round house, he did offer some possible leads.

In a letter written from former Superintendent Chester Dissinger to a teacher, Miss Smith, in 1968, Dissinger says: "Do you recall a 'free love' colony near Kimbles about 1924? Several women – free lovers – opened a place near Glen Eyre – their kids (fathers unknown) went to the Kimbles School – and an epidemic (skin rashes) broke out. I took the Co Med up there – all diseased – kids, mothers – and the place was broken up by the Co Med., Director and the Pike County District Attorney. Great school days. And then there was Agnes Haney at the Rowland School, an old thwarted old maid, hard on the 18 kids. She didn't have a smile for any poor kid."

I wonder if the "free love colony" could be the round house? I will continue to search for information. It never ceases to amaze me how many "free thinking naturalists" were attracted to this area; especially when the prominent attitudes of the time are reflected in Dissinger's letter. "Great school days" he writes in response to a complete upheaval of single mothers trying to create a home through communal living. I imagine it was anything

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS Are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

We approve minutes from the previous month at our regular meetings. Our Supervisor meetings are where the regular business of the township are conducted. Comments from the public are of value and often influence public policy and our laws. We encourage residents to attend regular meetings, hearings, and workshops.

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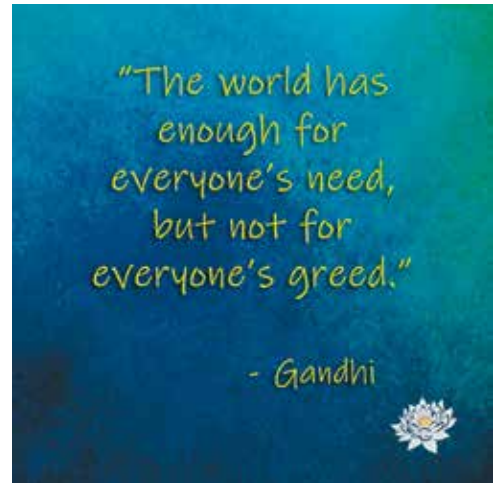
From your Supervisors...

As of Friday, March 20, 2020, your Supervisors have signed an Emergency Disaster Declaration Resolution. In the event that COVID-19 incurs the need to apply for Federal Relief funds or reimbursement of funds spent during this uncertain time. We here at the township stand with you, our residents, at the ready to serve. We ask that you call and check on your neighbors especially those that are homebound or unable to drive. Love, patience and kindness cost nothing, but is priceless to those you show it to. During these times of social (physical) distancing, it is more important than ever to have compassion for your fellow man/woman. We ask that we all do our part and practice good hygiene. Wash your hands often. Do the common-sense practice – if you do not feel good, STAY HOME. If you must go out, keep your distance from others.

We also ask that you take a moment to thank the people on the front lines continuing to serve, everyone working hard to keep us safe and as comfortable as possible: medical staff, first responders, cashiers, bank tellers, postal clerks, pharmacists, gas stations employees, delivery people, cooks preparing food for delivery, warehouse folks and stockers trying to keep the shelves full and the truck drivers keeping us supplied. We will get through this and we will be stronger because of it.

Sincerely, your supervisors:

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WHAT NOW?

By Jim Syre

Seventy-eight percent of American's live paycheck to paycheck. Many of you reading now, have unfortunately experienced how much it hurts to miss just one, not to mention several. What do you do now?

First, take a DEEEEP breath! It can be so overwhelming to experience your paycheck stopping suddenly, and even a minor change to your finances can incite fear without a financial cushion to fall back on (Baby step 3). If you find yourself asking, "What do I do now?", my advice is to very calmly...Start. Start your plan to attain Financial Peace.

In a world where so much is out of our control, there is peace in establishing a plan for the things we can control. This is the third article in a series addressing "Your Financial Fitness". It's a review of my previous articles with pertinent details for today.

The goal for this step is to get a clear picture of your current financial condition. Knowing your starting point is the first requirement in any journey-you can't go anywhere specific without first knowing where you are.

Please review the article from fall about budgeting, found here:

<https://www.3efinancialcoaching.net/blog/your-money-working-for-you>

After determining your available funds from income (include savings if all income has temporarily stopped), focus intensely on the expenses part of your budget-The most important ones known as the "four walls"-what you really need to survive. In priority order, first is food, second utilities, third shelter, and finally fourth is transportation. This is conservation mode, especially for those staying home and not working now!

If your food supply is low and money is tight, don't pay your credit card bill (unsecured loans), or the cable bill. In tough times, if you aren't getting paid, someone else isn't getting paid by you. It's a harsh reality, but if you are looking to cover the four walls, well...drastic times call for drastic measures.

Do pay the utilities. Keep the lights on and your home heated. If needed, try to cut a deal with the landlord if you can't pay the rent: be honest and thankful. Keep your car insurance current so you are ready to go, especially when it's time to go back to work (currently looks like after April 30th).

Cut all unnecessary expenses. Cancel, downgrade, or pause "extra's" such as cable, Netflix, Hulu, take-out orders, new shoes, nails and beauty parlor, gym memberships, new toys and anything else you don't truly need. These items are easily picked up again after the crisis is over. Remember, sacrifices are temporary.

If in crisis, you know what the next step is. Tighten and solidify your budget, and know your starting point! Take care of your "four walls" first: you will live to fight another day.

Jim Syre is a Ramsey Solutions Certified Master Financial Coach and the owner of 3E Financial Coaching. As an independent coach, he is not employed by Ramsey Solutions. Jim has been the Lackawaxen Township Treasurer for the last two years, and is currently serving as Assistant Treasurer. He has also served as a Borough Treasurer, and is currently the Finance Chair for the Lackawaxen Township EMS Board of Directors. All three organizations became debt free during Jim's time there. To contact him send an email to: coach@3efinancialcoaching.net



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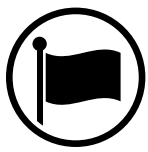
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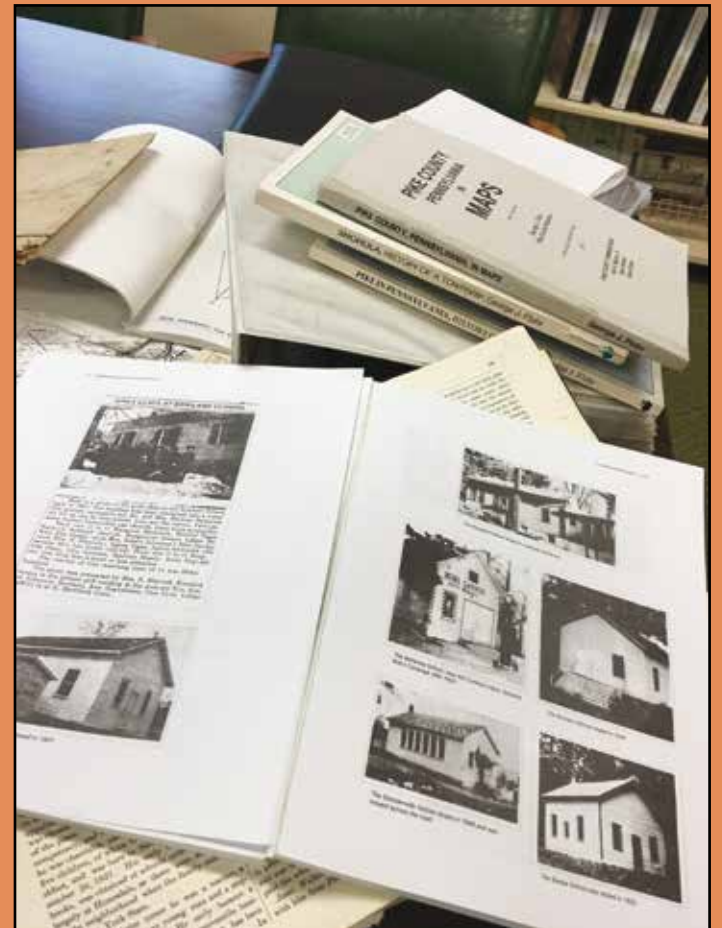
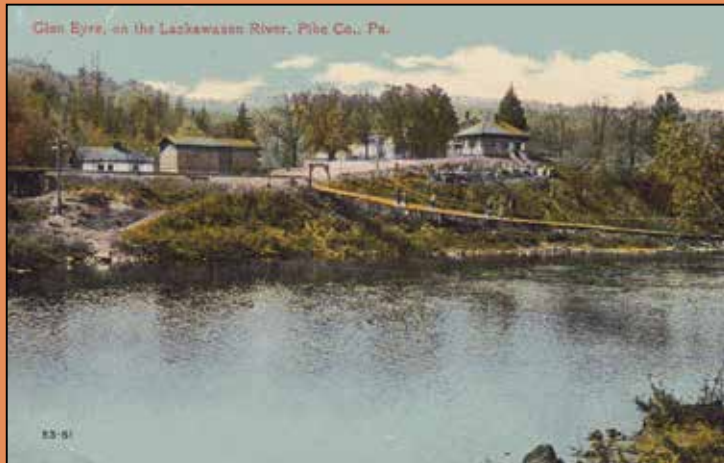
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but great for them. And poor Agnes Haney, she was not just an old maid, she was a “thwarted” old maid.

On a side note, according to George, Al Capone’s brother did own property on Route 6. Al Capone stayed at the Germanhill boarding house between Lackawaxen and Shohola. During one of his visits the Hawley Bank was robbed. Although he was suspected, he was never convicted. Jake Watson was caught and convicted for the robbery.

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US Census 2020

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Ambulance Service

A letter written by Jon Tandy

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As talks to establish a paid ambulance service for parts of the area continue there has been some backlash against what some people call “double-dipping”, that is, a service funded by tax revenue that also charges on a per use basis. The term implies some sort of nefarious scheme to defraud taxpayers by making them pay for a service they have already paid for. That idea is not just unhelpful, it is flat wrong.

To be of value to the community an ambulance service needs to be available 24 hours a day. When call volumes were very low we could find volunteers to man ambulances, and donations supplied the money for equipment and supplies. But two factors have made all-volunteer ambulances a thing of the past. Training and certification requirements have increased, and the aging population in the area made it harder to find volunteers willing and able to serve. Paid crews are necessary to man ambulances.

Ideally, ambulance services would be able to support themselves on fees charged on a per-use basis. Reimbursements from Medicare and private insurance companies are based on services rendered. Total reimbursements depend on the number of calls.

While reimbursements generally cover the cost of an ambulance, crew and supplies while on the call, who pays for the ambulance and crew that is standing by for a call? In an urban area where the treatment facilities are close by, crews can make more calls per shift. That added revenue pays for the standby time (which is also lower because there are more calls).

In rural areas the increased time to transport patients to treatment facilities means fewer calls covered per shift per crew (when the demand is there). There isn't enough revenue to cover the standby expenses.

In rural areas we are now stuck between two arrangements to provide ambulance services. We have too many calls to expect a volunteer service to cover them, but we don't have enough calls to pay for a paid ambulance service with only fee per-use. Ambulance services need additional income in order to provide the service.

Neither tax revenues nor fee for service alone can pay for an ambulance service. No one wants the tax burden required to fully fund an ambulance service in this rural area. And present experience shows it is not possible to run a rural ambulance service on fees per use. There have been four ALS ambulance providers in the last fifteen years who have started service in the area, only to find they could not sustain their operations here.

It is unfair to the tax payer to not charge a fee for service. The vast majority of the population does not use the ambulance service, but there are some who use it frequently. There are those with legitimate health problems who require frequent use of the ambulance. Per use fees assure that those who use the service more support it more. Then there are some who don't understand the nature of emergency services and use 9-1-1 as a means to summon help when they don't really need an ambulance. Fees per use discourage that kind of abuse.

So think of the ambulance tax as paying for the time the ambulance and crews are waiting for a call, and fee for service as paying for the ambulance, crews and supplies while providing ambulance services. Stop using the pernicious term “double-dipping”, and accept the reality of today's world. Essential services cost money, and we all need to support them. It is part of the cost of civilization.

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STAY CONNECTED | DEVELOP A ROUTINE | STAY ACTIVE

As the COVID-19 situation evolves and unfolds, please know that we are closely monitoring the situation and relying on the guidance of medical experts to mitigate the potential impact this can have on our clients, our team, and the communities we serve.

At this point, different parts of the United States are experiencing different levels of COVID-19 activity. The Centers for Disease Control is still reporting that immediate risk of being exposed to this virus is low for most Americans. However, as the outbreak expands, that risk will increase.

The complete picture of COVID-19 is not fully known. Although anyone can contract the virus, current information suggests that older adults and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions seem to have a higher risk of developing serious illness.

To that end, we are recommending that all residents stay present, remain calm, and use caution while making decisions regarding COVID-19.

It is important to be prepared and proactive. As the situation unfolds, we need to take this one day at a time and make informed decisions based on the recommendations of the CDC, state health departments, and local authorities.

Current guidelines recommend the following to limit the impact of the disease and prevent rapid spread that could overload our healthcare system:

- **WASH YOUR HANDS**
- **CLEAN SURFACES REGULARLY**
- **AVOID SICK PEOPLE**
- **AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL**
- **CALL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS**

We are here for you and doing everything in our power to help you navigate this COVID-19 situation.

Additionally, we'd like to share the following free, reliable, and up-to-date communications resources with you as you prepare to communicate with your constituents:

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:







<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/index.html>

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:





<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

WHEN TO CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

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 ARE CONFUSED, DISORIENTED OR DIZZY	 HAVE DIFFICULTY SPEAKING, WALKING + SEEING	 HAVE SUDDEN, SEVERE PAIN

DO NOT CALL 911 IF YOU:

 WANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19	 NEED A RIDE TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE	 WANT TO GET TESTED	 HAVE MILD SYMPTOMS*
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For more information about COVID-19:
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What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath



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What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

cdc.gov/COVID19



Lackawaxen Township Ambulance The Secret To The Success!

By Jeffrey A. Shook

The truth is, there is no secret. It is you, the residence of this township! By a resolution, you have voted to increase taxes in the past to allow for a paid service. And because of that, now we are getting looked at by our surrounding municipalities as a model of success.

For the last 4-5 years the entire Pike and Wayne counties have been experiencing a major shortage in an ambulance service of any kind. We here in the township have a BLS (Basic

Life Support) service, which is a 24 hour 7 days a week. ALS (Advanced Life Support) service is a paramedic unit with the training and ability to administer pain medications and other life saving techniques in the advent of severe trauma or cardiac arrest.

We here in Lackawaxen, really have NO idea how lucky we are that our prior administration along with the members of the EMS service had the foresight to bring this to a resolution.



For the last couple of years I have been taking part in many meetings with county officials and surrounding townships & boroughs. I have to admit until I became a member of your Board of Supervisors, I took the Lackawaxen Ambulance service for granted. I had no idea how bad the condition was in the surrounding townships. Not only do some townships have an all volunteer service that is only available nights and weekends, some townships have NO Ambulance at all and depend on other municipalities to provide it.

The state LAW is pretty clear on this! It is the responsibility of your municipality to provide for their residence; Emergency Services. There is right now an effort in Harrisburg to pass legislation allowing the Counties to have the ability to create a tax for an ALS service. This is such a process that it could be so many years before we see the advantages. Pay close attention

to the media in the near future. There is an attempt by several municipalities surrounding us to form a regional service where everyone will contribute financially. We are taking part in the discussions for informational reasons only in order to assist in the process.

Some day we may be able to charge when our service has to go into another township for mutual aid. If this group of local leaders are able to provide or contract with an ALS service, what a huge benefit this would be to us.

No one wants to see taxes go up, but when it's for the direct wellbeing of the tax payer and resident it only makes good sense. We have one of the BEST emergency service ever! They are very proactive, highly efficient and fiscally responsible. I do not sit on their board of directors, but I have made it a point to make their meetings and listen to the business at hand. I have to say that I am very impressed!

Going forward it will be up to you, Lackawaxen Residence to consider the value, security and peace of mind knowing that when you have to call 911, someone will respond. The truth is the only way to guarantee this is to raise taxes. It has been almost 10 years since the last increase and it's time again to start considering it.

To continue into the next 10 years we will have to ask for an increase in a year or two. For some of you that may seem like the wrong thing to do! On average, most will see a \$20-\$40 dollar a year increase, larger parcels, myself included will see a \$90-\$120 a year increase. A .38 cents to \$2.31 cent increase a week in 10 years, isn't bad! A small price to pay for what you get in return.

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Jeffrey A. Shook

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TREX Plastic Film Recycling Challenge

By Marianna Quartararo

OK Lackawaxen! Are you up for a challenge?

TREX composite lumber company will give us a FREE park bench if we can collect 500 pounds of recyclable plastic film within a 6 month period. Here's how it works:

We have placed collection bins in several locations in Lackawaxen, all you have to do is gather your recyclable plastic film and drop it in the bin! A member of Growing Lackawaxen will collect the plastic, weigh it, and bring to a collection point as determined by Trex. The collected plastic film weight will be reported to the TREX monthly. If we meet the 500 pound goal, they will send us a FREE PARK BENCH!



The first 6 month period runs from February 1 through July 1 2020. The following is a list of recyclable plastic film: Grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, Ziploc and other re-closable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwraps (on cases of bottled water), pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pellet bags, and produce bags. All must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

If you have questions about an item, write a message on the Lackawaxen Garden Club FB page and I will respond. These benches will be placed in Veteran's Park and at the Care Cabin. Present locations of collection bins are Lackawaxen Township building, Woodloch Market, Masthope office, and Lackawaxen Inn.

Come on Lackawaxen, let's do it!



NexTrex

plastic film recycling challenge info sheet

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

1 How does the challenge work?

- Determine a six-month collection time period.
- Collect a minimum of 500 lbs. or 40,500 plastic film and bags.
- Weigh and record amount of film recycled each month.
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling.
- Report recycling totals to Stephanie Hicks, shicks@trex.com each month.

What can be recycled? All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

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Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags	Cereal bags	Case overwrap	Salt bags	Pallet wrap & stretch film	Wood pellet bags	Produce bags

2 What does Trex provide?

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3 Award

- If goal is met or exceeded, group will receive a Trex bench.

register on the website: trex.com/recycling

Space Invaders!

By now most of you will have noticed spaceships appearing throughout Lackawaxen. Are we being invaded? Yes, by Art! The Spaceships were part of a city-wide installation in Stamford, CT. Usually the art is auctioned off at the end of the exhibit. This year offered several competing events that had Stamford Downtown cancel the auction. They offered the spaceships - there are three forms: spaceship with a beam, rocket ship and a crashing flying saucer - back to the artists. Some accepted, others had no way to move them or nowhere to put them. Over the years, Stamford and Lackawaxen have developed a strong friendship. Woodloch has been a key player in growing that relationship. The forms and the artist stipend amount to approximately \$5,000 per piece. The spaceships were donated to Lackawaxen. A big thank you to Jeff Shook who picked up the sculptures in Stamford. Jay Knapp and the road crew for installing the pieces. They created an enjoyable self-guided art tour to view all ten spaceships. There is also a children-friendly scavenger hunt with Art the Alien available online. We hope you enjoy these pieces. These days, we can all use some humor and anything that lifts our spirits, even if we simply drive by and smile. Art is the indicator of a healthy community. We are rich in compassion and caring. We look out for each other. And that is the commitment and philosophy of Growing Lackawaxen.



Spaceships in Lackawaxen

A special thank you to...

Stamford-Downtown in Stamford, CT for donating these beautiful sculptures.

Lackawaxen Township Supervisors

Jay Knapp and the Township Road Crew

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Citizens Supporting Art in Lackawaxen (CSAL)



UFOVER EASY

By David Macharelli

Located on the corner of Routes 6 & 590 on the lawn in front of Mr. B's Minit Mart, across from Brick House Garden Center.



RETRO RIDE

By Tina Fino

Located between the ball fields at Veterans Park, across from the Lackawaxen Volunteer Fire Department.



STAINLESS STEEL UNIDENTIFIED SCREW

By Eddie Niño

Located on the Towpath across from Kelly Road.



FLYING SAUCERS ATTACK!

By Michael Callahan

Located at the Rowland Cooperative Store, Towpath and 590.



ROCK-N-ROLL ROCKET

By Susan Carson

Turn onto Williams Rd., located at the entrance to Fantasy Island.



ONE WAY TICKET OUT OF HERE

By Pat Piscopo

Along the Towpath at Field Bend, in front of the river siren. Please be careful when pulling out onto the Towpath Road.



EGGSTRATERRESTIAL

By Eddie Niño

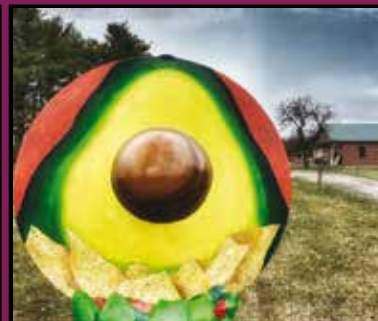
Located on the corner of the Towpath and Route 590 at Forest Fire Department.



SUGAR CRASH

By Lawrence Cassidy

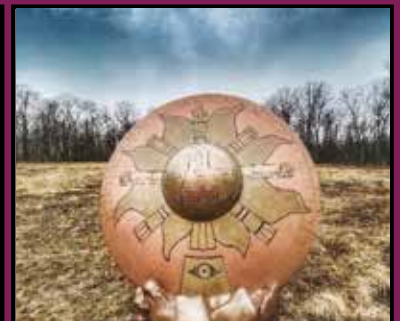
Located on the "S" curve at Vanderbeek Farm, Route 590.



A UFO-CADO SMASH

By Leah Saccoccio

169 Urban Road, The Township Office Building. On the center mound just before the Care Cabin. (Maybe bring a can or two of food to donate - can be left inside the front door of the office building).



INTI SUN & MAMA QUILLA

By Angelica Gorrio

The Township's beautiful new Sunrise Park located behind the office building. You will need to park and walk to this one. It's worth it.



Recycle Correctly

Wayne County Recycling Center operates on a 'source separated' system. This simply means that the items to be recycled are separated by category by the individual(s) delivering the articles to the WCRC.

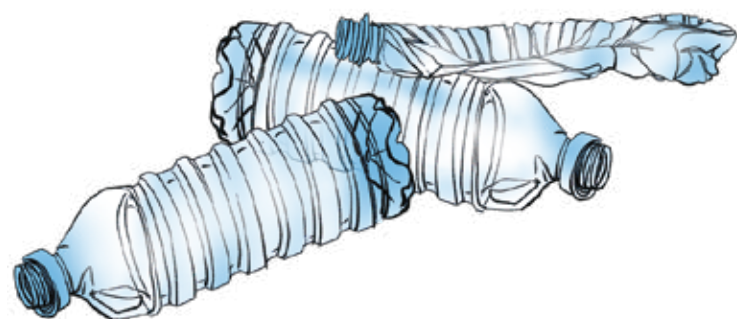
There are a few differences between 'source separated' and 'single stream' recycling. One difference is quality of materials. Single stream is a system where all acceptable types of materials are put into one container together. They are then sent to a processing facility where items are separated by expensive, automated machines.

The advantage to single stream is that it has a higher participation rate with the public as it is much easier for them to just throw everything in together and not take the time and effort to separate it. The disadvantage is a much higher 'contamination' rate which reduces the quality of the materials therefore resulting in a much lower compensation rate for these materials.

In 'source separated' recycling, all plastics and cans are supposed to be empty and rinsed out well, resulting in no contamination from leftover food particles. Materials also are to be separated into the following categories into separate containers: Cardboard & chipboard, aluminum and tin cans (we have a can separator), glass bottles separated into browns, clears and greens (labels may remain on the bottles), paper/magazines - catalogs, junk mail, soft cover books, & phone books. (Hard cover books need to be kept separate as we need to remove the covers and put them with the cardboard.), and #1 and #2 plastic bottles separated by number. Plastics include milk, soda, water and detergent bottles (empty and rinsed). A rule of thumb is if the plastic container has a neck and screw lid with the exception of coffee and sugar containers, etc. (lid may be left on). The number of the plastic is located on the bottom of the container inside a triangle. Source separated materials produce a much lower contamination rate ultimately bringing higher prices for these materials and a higher amount of materials qualifying for recycling and resulting in much less chance of recyclable materials ending up in a landfill.

For additional information visit the website at <http://waynecountypa.gov/330/Recycling>

And, Thank YOU for recycling!



Plastic Resin Identification Codes

1 PETE	2 HDPE	3 PVC	4 LDPE	5 PP	6 PS	7 OTHER
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Recycled products: clothing, carpet, clamshells, soda & water bottles	Recycled products: detergent bottles, flower pots, crates, pipe, decking	Recycled products: pipe, wall siding, binders, carpet backing, flooring	Recycled products: trash bags, plastic lumber, furniture, shipping envelopes, compost bins	Recycled products: paint cans, speed bumps, auto parts, food containers, hangers, plant pots, razor handles	Recycled products: picture frames, crown molding, rulers, flower pots, hangers, toys, tape dispensers	Recycled products: electronic housings, auto parts,

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- Do I dispose of everything I have used (from plastic bottles to refrigerators to cars) properly, so it can be recycled?
- Do I know my municipality's policies on recycling and do I follow them?
- Do I know what happens to my recyclables once they are taken away by my local municipality?
- Do I, my family and my friends, mend, repair and reuse in order to sustain the usefulness of the items around us for as long as possible?
- Am I committed to producing as little waste as I can?
- Do I know how, and do the brands that I buy make it easy for me, to make the right 'recycling friendly' purchasing decisions?
- Am I sufficiently aware of my government's recycling legislation, or should I be demanding more?

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Ramp Plants

Description

Allium tricoccum is a North American species of wild onion widespread across eastern Canada and the eastern United States. Many of the common English names for this plant are also used for other *Allium* species, particularly the similar *Allium ursinum* which is native to Europe and Asia.

Wild ramps are a delicacy! They are available in Pike and Wayne Counties as well as in the nearby Catskills. Their bright green fronds give away their location among the hills. With a little digging effort, one can unearth the bulbs hidden beneath the surface. The outer skin peels similar to an onion, revealing the creamy white bulb of delicious flavor.

Wild ramps have the flavor of onion, garlic and shallots combined. The entire plant is edible including the green leaves. They can be grilled, used in creamy wild ramp soup, eaten raw in salads, made into cheesy baked tarts, dehydrated for later use in stews or other dishes, or ground into delicious, spicy pesto for use in dip, as sandwich spread or any other creative way.

Ramps are available for a short window usually during the month of May.

Toasted pine nuts combined with olive oil, garlic and ramps whipped into spicy pesto!





Lackawaxen Outdoors

By Ron Tussel

When spring arrives in the northeast corner of Pennsylvania, trout fishing is tops on the minds of many. Among the many waters available for trout fishing, the Lackawaxen River stands out as a gem among the list.

Voted DCNR River of the Year in 2010, the Lackawaxen was made famous years ago by the well-known western novelist, Zane Grey. Grey spent much of his time out west, but it was in the village of Lackawaxen, Where the Delaware and Lackawaxen Rivers converge, that he spent his recreational time. It was here that he penned the famous “Lord of Lackawaxen Creek”, written for the May, 1909, issue of Outing magazine. The tale is of a smallmouth bass that repeatedly taught the young angler the many thrills and frustrations of freshwater fishing.

The Lackawaxen River gets its start at the southern end of Prompton Lake in Wayne County. From there it flows almost thirty miles to its confluence with the Delaware in Pike County with many oxygen rich tributaries adding to its value along the way. According to Zane Grey, “It is a little river hidden away under gray cliffs and hills black with ragged pines. It is full of mossy stones and rapid ripples. All its tributaries, dashing white-sheeted over ferny cliffs, wine-brown where the whirling pools suck the stain from the hemlock root, harbor the speckled trout”. A freestone stream, the Lackawaxen offers up an abundance of excellent trout habitat that includes stone and boulder structure, undercut banks, deep pools and oxygen-rich rifts.

In the Wayne County town of Honesdale, the Dyberry Creek dumps into the Lackawaxen creating an excellent spot to hook into some nice fish among the northern stretch. There is a parking area a walkway to get to the hole. I fish here often with my son, and we do really well on salted shiners. We run the bait onto a tandem rig with number eight bait-holder hooks. If the water is high we will add a split shot or two to get the offering down close to the bottom. We cast cross current and slightly upstream, then set the bail and hold the line in one hand to facilitate “feeling” any takes. If a brownie runs out from behind an eddy, the take is often one solid smack. On the other hand, brookies usually offer up a tell-tale “tap-tap-tap” to announce their intentions.

The upper stretch of the Lackawaxen runs a bit warmer than the tail end. Below Hawley at Kimbles, a large flume pipe brings water from the hydroelectric turbines of Lake Wallenpaupack. Managed by PPL of Allentown, the plant can drastically alter ambient water temperatures.

Beginning in May of 2010, plans were put in place to help preserve the Lackawaxen River as a cold water fishery. The program is a cooperative effort between PPL and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to enhance river conditions for trout maintenance, growth and survival. The program consists of managing power generation from PPL’s Lake Wallenpaupack hydroelectric plant during the summer to keep water temperature downstream of the plant below 75 degrees. The cooler water provides a more beneficial habitat for wild trout as well as the trout stocked by the commission.

PPL installed temperature gauges, meteorological stations and other communication equipment along the river in 2007 and has been gathering data about stream and weather conditions and river flows to maintain the best possible trout habitat along a six-mile section of the river below the Wallenpaupack plant.

Not only water comes down that pipe from the big lake. Tons of alewives and other food arrive with each release as well. Trout take advantage of the smorgasbord and gorge themselves to trophy proportion, creating the perfect scenario for those wishing to fish live bait, salted shiners, wobbling spoons or streamers.

Early season on the Lackawaxen usually sports some pretty cold water, often with snow flurries still in the air. Spoons and live bait perform well under these conditions.

Thomas Lures are made in the town of Hawley and offer some of the top producing spoons for the Lackawaxen. The Buoyant is probably my favorites of the line and it has produced many good trout for me and my children. Last season, I smiled from ear to ear when my young daughter hauled an eighteen inch brown trout to the net, having duped it with the slow, tantalizing wobble of the Buoyant. These spoons imitate the actions of a wounded and dying baitfish that trout find tough to resist.

If spinners are your favorite lure to toss, you will find that Rooster Tails produce well on the Lackawaxen. These lures offer a variety of blade sizes and feather trailers that come in all colors. Yellow seems to be a really good producer and chartreuse is one of my all-time favorites. One tip I would offer is that when you are looking at a piece of water, try to envision where a trout would be holding. If you think like a trout, food is high on your list of priorities. Getting that food with the least amount of energy expended is also critical to survival. So holding in an eddy behind a large rock or tucking up under a bank or behind a log or brush pile will let you see potential prey passing by while providing shelter from the force of the current. Repeated casts to such places are a must. Many times I have tossed a lure to such a location and been unwilling to believe that there is not a trout there. Often on the third or fourth cast, luck rings true and the fish is antagonized into a strike and the fight is on!

Those tossing flies will do well with streamers and Woolly Buggers as well as nymph imitators. Next month the river will come alive with the emergence of multiple species of Mayflies, Caddis, and Stoneflies, giving you the chance to “match-the-hatch” with your best dry fly imitations.

It is important that you know your insects in order to be successful, or visit one of the local fly shops located along the river for some assistance. These experts can tell you what is hatching and when, and will have on hand the imitations you will need to match the hatch. It’s not uncommon to see multiple hatches coming off at the same time on a given evening.

The Lackawaxen is well stocked by the Fish and Boat Commission both before and during the seasons. Recent years have also seen supplemental stocking of giant trout by local businesses as a way to enhance the lure of taking a lunker trout while taking advantage of the many services offered along the river.

Anglers coming to fish the famous Lackawaxen River need to be aware that much of this river is posted as private property with no trespassing allowed. You would do well to visit ahead of the season to contact landowners, locate areas open to fishing and find convenient parking.

Shad in the Delaware

By Ron Tusnel

From across the Commonwealth and surrounding states, anglers will flock on an annual trek to the reaches of the Upper Delaware River. There is a unique and special event that draws them only at this time of year, similar to the object of their intentions. This is the time of the annual spawning migration of the American shad. The Susquehanna and Delaware Rivers are the only two waters in the Commonwealth that see a shad movement, and the attraction is real.

The sheer excitement of hooking into one of these formidable opponents and hanging on for all your gear is worth is enough to make some dedicated anglers lose sleep.

The American shad or white shad is the best known of the six species of shad and herring that swim in the Chesapeake Bay.

It is a beautiful fish, with a metallic blue-green back that lightens to silver along its sides and a black spot at the shoulder, with several smaller spots behind. The American shad can reach a length of 30 inches and is the largest—and considered the most delicious to eat—of all the shads.

The anadromous American shad is indigenous to the Atlantic coast from the St. Lawrence River to Florida and spends most of its life at sea in large schools. It only enters the freshwater river in which it was born to spawn. Shad spend the summer and fall in the Gulf of Maine and overwinter in deeper offshore waters. During an average life span of five years at sea, the American shad may migrate more than 12,000 miles.

They enter Chesapeake Bay from January to June between the ages of four and six, and then make their way into the freshwater of the Susquehanna and Delaware Rivers to spawn.

The annual run of shad has been celebrated for a very long time. The Lenape Indians of the Upper Delaware counted on the bounty of the shad for their families, and it is said that George Washington's troops were saved from starvation by the shad. Today the arrival of the silver-sided-slammers is still celebrated in festivals such as the Annual Forks of the Delaware Shad Fishing Tournament and Festival, held in Easton PA. Folks will gather 'round for a couple of days of fishing, eating and just plain fun, all centered on the arrival of the shad.

Shad fishing can be fun for almost anyone willing to give it a try, as they do not require a lot of specialized tackle. Shad can be taken with spinning gear, fly rods or even bait-casting equipment. Shad are notoriously soft-mouthed, and this must be considered when choosing your tackle in that you do not pick a super stiff set-up that will not provide enough play.

This well known "paper mouth" is the reason why many shad fishermen use medium to ultralight rods or flyrods to handle shad. Reels are usually strung with six-pound monofilament or even the zero-stretch braided lines, which provide maximum "feel".

Many anglers think of ultralight rods in terms of the 5- to 5 1/2-foot factory rods found at most sporting goods stores, but I have been having fun with one of my rods normally seen on the Great Lakes tributaries in the hands of the steelie anglers. A noodle rod is a super long and limber rod that can be rigged to an ultralight reel and four-pound test line and it will handle any shad, even a huge old roe. The action is what makes shad fishing so much fun, and so long as you don't play them until they are totally spent, the fish can go on to perform its task.

There are a number of shad "hot-spots" as you venture north along the Delaware River from the Delaware Water Gap. Here the river begins its natural narrowing, confining the run and making the shad more accessible to anglers. There are about 12 public boat launches in the region between Monroe, Pike and Wayne Counties.

One of the more popular in the lower stretch is Smithfield Beach. Maintained by the National Park Service, Smithfield Beach is five miles north of Shawnee. This is a gentle stretch of water and boat anglers here take a fair number of shad. Those willing to wade a bit or even those on the bank can also catch shad in this area.

Other launch sites in this region include one at Bushkill, Eshback, Dingman's Ferry, and Milford. A little farther up the river you will find one of my long-time favorites and a place I have been fishing for shad as long as I can remember. The Zane Grey pool is formed where the Lackawaxen and Delaware Rivers converge. The launch here is good, the water is deep and there is plenty of room for everyone.

Above this is another very popular launch, located at the village of Darbytown, adjacent to Narrowsburg New York. The pool at Narrowsburg is one of the deepest in the river, and shad are caught here in good numbers. Another popular launch is found in Damascus where Route 371 crosses the river, and this is another good stretch for wading so long as the water is not high.

Shad begin arriving at Delaware Water Gap by mid-April and spawning fish can be found from the Gap north through mid-June. If you come to give it a try, remember that these fish have come in from the ocean to follow a current to their place of origin. They do not eat once they enter fresh water and will smash a bait some say because they believe it to be a threat to their eggs. When you fish, look for the place where the current and slack water come together. Shad will hug this edge where they will not have to fight the current as hard but can still follow it.



The most popular lure selection is probably the old stand-by, the shad dart. These come in all colors and sizes, and the best bet is to bring a handful and keep switching to see what will work on a given day. I prefer hot pink and chartreuse, and select a size based upon current. Flutter spoons are gaining in popularity with spinning gear anglers, and shad flies are what most fly fishermen seem to prefer. Cast your bait slightly upstream and pump the rod as you retrieve. From an anchored boat, let one line out back about twenty yards to bounce in the current while you cast another.

Be sure that the drag on your reel is clean and working properly before you hook into a shad. A big roe can take a half hour to come to the boat and will test your drag along the way. A drag that hangs or binds will have you cursing a busted line. Most shad are lost at the net, when pressure is taken off the hook. Be sure to keep constant pressure on the line and the netter should back the shad into the net. Swiping at the front end will usually bump the fish off the hook.

The American shad is truly a unique resource and one we should all cherish. While one or two for the table are OK, catch and release is the norm here. Their meat is delicious when prepared properly, which includes everything from plank baking over open coals to oven baking and pickling them like other herring. Come and enjoy the opportunity to see some of the prettiest landscape in the region, while pursuing an ageless pastime.



Ron Tussel

There's a lot of work that goes into creating this newsletter. Collecting information of interest is a challenge. One person has stepped up to contribute to EVERY newsletter, Ron Tussel.

Ron is an avid outdoorsman with extensive knowledge and experience. He is a Lackawaxen native who attended WAHS, Penn State and Rutgers. He has studied and collaborated with the Army Corp of Engineers on the definitive course on wetlands.

Ron is a 25-year PA Game Commission instructor. He teaches a course for children as first-time hunters. He is a fervent fisherman living within an area rich with an abundance of streams, rivers and lakes. He is passionate about the relationship between people and nature.

Ron Tussel is now Lackawaxen's Sewage Enforcement Officer. We are fortunate to have Ron on board to ensure the protection of our vast natural resources. He will help you achieve your needs within proper accordance to local, DEP and federal standards. He can be reached at 570-237-6454.

Welcome Ron when you see him and thank him for his newsletter contributions. Ask him to share his favorite Squirrel recipe!

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