

Jenkins Township Buzz

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The latest news story See what's new today

UP & COMING NEWS Pavilion in the Park

A Summer groundbreaking is anticipated for Jenkins Township. What better a place to put a pavilion then in Spadi Park?

Jenkins Township received grant money from Pennsylvania's Local Share Account (gambling funds), and also received a grant from Williams Company (*Williams/Transco Pipeline*). We are very grateful for the awarding of these monies and will definitely be putting them to good use.

Our plan is to construct a 40 x 60 pavilion to be used by our residents and the surrounding communities. After the main structure is completed, and through additional funding, we would like to add a fully operational kitchen, tables, chairs, handicapped accessible restroom facilities and additional parking.

The pavilion will serve an array of uses. The addition of a commercial kitchen and restrooms will enable the Township and community to hold family gatherings, wedding receptions, graduations, Veteran's Memorial Services, school/sports events, class reunions; and can even be utilized further for concerts and performances, farmer's markets or as a community kitchen to offer meals. The possibilities are endless and will provide flexible space for community engagement and cultural activity.

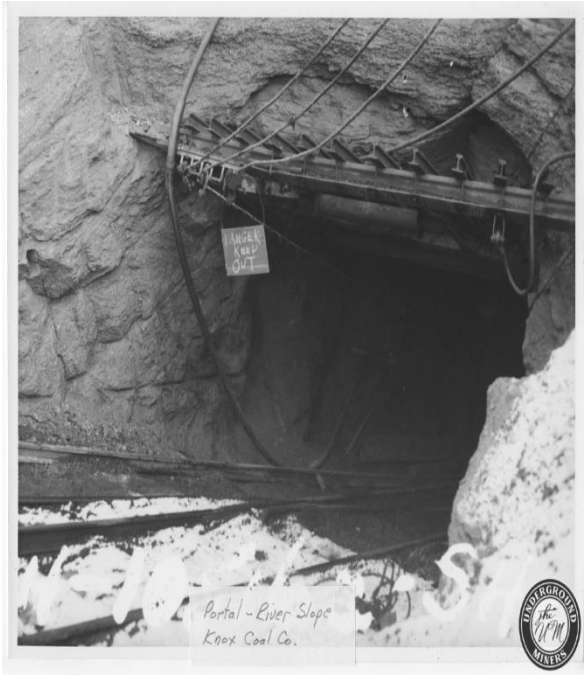
The intention of the pavilion project is that it will be built on a people-centered approach, catering to the needs of its residents. It will be designed to create networks within the community intended for the benefit of the people. The essence of social cohesion and community integration is vital. This will help to develop a vibrant Township and act as a catalyst for further reinvigoration within our community.

Picture: Jenkins Township Municipal Building

View Into the Past History Insights

Many of us live in our towns and know very little about how our towns came to be. A little history never hurt anyone! In the words of John Dalberg-Acton, "*History is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul*". So, let's talk about the history of Jenkins Township.

The first settlers in what is now Jenkins Township were Isaac Gould and Joseph Gardner. In 1794 Joseph Gardner owned a gristmill. I know, what the heck is a Gristmill? Well, a gristmill grinds cereal grain into flour. The flour business was one of the first businesses in Jenkins Township – which reminds me of a joke – What did the lady write at the bottom of her flour barrel? OICURMT! Let's get back to history.



Picture: Newspaper Article

Knox Mine Disaster

Cont. History Insights

Jenkins Township was formed from a section of Pittston Township on June 24, 1852 – it was a Thursday, 170 years ago. The township was named after Colonel John Jenkins, an officer in the American Revolution.

The area started out as a farming and logging business, but quickly expanded to coal mining with the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Port Griffith was named after one of the stockholders in that company. Port Blanchard, Inkerman, and Sebastopol played an important role in the mining industry.

On January 22, 1959, a tragic day, the Knox Mine disaster happened. Twelve lives were lost and that soon became the end of the mining industry.

Today, Jenkins Township is a bustling community of approximately 4,350 residents. It is the 659th most populated city in Pennsylvania, just above Danville. The average age of the people living here is 45 years of age, and the average household income is approximately \$47,000.00. Keep growing Jenkins Township!

Recycling Questions Debunked

As Jenkins Township has undertaken its own recycling this year, there seems to be a lot of questions residents wonder about.

One of the biggest eyebrow raisers is ... what, no glass? Although glass is absolutely recyclable, it is becoming more difficult to recycle it. This is a very complex issue. Glass breaks and can often contaminate paper streams, endanger workers, and it’s just really heavy to transport to glass recycling facilities. Many of the facilities that handle glass aren’t even operating anymore.

Another question is ... what, now I have to wash my recyclables? Your recyclables don’t have to be absolutely spotless, but they need to be relatively clean so when all of those products are turned back into raw materials the businesses who buy them will be buying a quality product. These are the same products you will eventually buy. A nice rinsing is sufficient. (Continued to Page 3).



Independence Day Fun Facts



Also called the Fourth of July, we all know that on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was ratified by the Second Continental Congress, announcing the colonies separation from Great Britain. This was the beginning of the United States of America.

With that being said ... how about a little Independence Day fun facts you might not have known about.

How many times does the Liberty Bell ring on Independence Day?
Thirteen times for the original thirteen colonies.

Which bird did Benjamin Franklin propose should be the National Bird?

The Turkey – “The bald eagle...is a bird of bad moral character. He does not get his living honestly...[he] is too lazy to fish for himself.”

What other Country celebrates the Fourth of July?
The Philippines – They were recognized as an independent nation on the same day.

Where was the first Fourth of July celebration?
Philadelphia – on July 4, 1777, while the Revolutionary War was still going on.

Which Superhero was born on July 4th?
Captain America, of course!

What did George Washington give to his soldiers to celebrate the Fourth of July?
A double ration of rum!

What televised contest occurs on every Fourth of July?
Coney Island, New York’s famous hot-dog-eating contest, sponsored by Nathan’s Hot Dogs.

How many versions of the United States flag have there been thus far?
There have been 27 versions. Each new flag represented the addition of one or more states.

I hope you learned a few fun facts that you didn’t already know. So...when you’re out barbequing this holiday, just remember that on July 4, 1776, John Adams and his wife Abigail sat down for a celebratory meal of turtle soup, New England poached salmon with egg sauce, green peas and boiled potatoes. Still hungry??



RECYCLE CONT.

Picture: Friend Street Park/Jenkins Township Little League

Let’s talk about paper. We assume many items are 100% paper, and many items we put in our recycling bin are not. For example, to-go coffee cups are rarely 100% paper. They usually include a plastic lining that isn’t welcome in the paper pulping process. The same goes for freezer boxed goods like fish sticks. Similarly, cartons (milk, juice, etc.) are difficult to recycle due to the plastic or wax coating on the interior. The same is true for other wax-coated products such as wax paper.

When we mix the wrong materials in our recycling bins they cannot be effectively processed at recycling

centers and whole batches may be rendered useless. For example, when plastic grocery bags are put in plastic recycling, they can clog up machines costing time and money.

Now, what am I going to do with that pizza box? While an unused pizza box is perfectly fine to recycle, the oil, grease and food scraps in a used pizza box can cause some serious trouble. Dirty pizza boxes can’t be recycled because the grease can’t be separated from the wood fibers, so it contaminates the final recycled product.

There are many more questions that can be answered with regard to recycling. This merely touches on the prominent ones. It’s important to understand that any municipality is subject to the rules their haulers have. Although Jenkins Township is picking the recyclables up ourselves, those recyclables eventually go to a hauler who takes them to a recycling facility.

I know that all of us strive to try and make our world a better place. Good recycling practices are one way we can help. In closing, might I ask: Have you hugged your recycling bin today? Be the change you want to see in the world!





First Edition Feedback
How'd we do?



So, this is Jenkins Township’s First Edition Newsletter. We’d like to do this at least 3-4 times a year. We want to keep you up to date on what is happening in our Community.

We would also like you to participate.

Do you have something you’d like to talk about? Do you have a special talent or skill? Do you like to write? Are you a good cook and want to share a recipe? Are you a keen gardener and want to offer some seasonal tips?

Articles, thoughts, and general comments from the Community are welcome. You can contact us by phone at (570) 654-3315 or email us at:

coordinator@jenkinstownship.org.



Jenkins Happenings

Jenkins Township Municipal Building will be closed July 4, 2023

Crime Watch – July 6th/August 3rd

Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors Meetings – July 12th/August 9th

Sanitary Authority – July 13th

Planning Commission – July 20th/August 17th

Paper Shred Event – Thursday, July 20th – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Three box limit per resident.)

Electronics Recycling – Saturday, July 29th – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pavilion in the Park Groundbreaking Ceremony – TBD

Storm Sewer/Storm Drain Project on Gaffney Drive – TBD

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