

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP



Spring 2025

Maidencreek Township has always recognized the importance of ambulance service. Unfortunately, many EMS Agencies throughout Pennsylvania, have shut their doors in recent years. A crisis is developing throughout our communities and in 2024, the Berks County Commissioners took the first steps towards recognizing there was a problem by having Albright College perform a study of the seventeen remaining ambulance providers in Berks County. The results of that study were alarming and while many municipalities still have not increased funding to support EMS services, the Maidencreek Township supervisors recognize how important it is for our residents to be able to depend on an ambulance arriving when an ambulance is needed. A half mill EMS tax was implemented for 2025. This will show up as a separate line item on your real estate tax bill. Further meetings will be held with Northern Berks EMS to determine how this extra funding will impact billing and the annual membership program. Look for future updates in the summer newsletter.

There are three key factors creating challenges for our EMS community.

1. **Staffing Crises**: Recruiting and retaining qualified, certified personnel has become increasingly difficult. This crisis of personnel availability places a substantial burden on the remaining staff, leading to increased stress, fatigue, and ultimately affecting their personal lives.

2. **Low Insurance Reimbursement**: In recent years, there has been a gradual decline in insurance reimbursement rates. Many misconceptions about EMS are that they can bill for services, but unfortunately the money received from Medicare and Medicaid only covers a small portion of the actual costs. Because insurance companies send the ambulance payment to the insured instead of the ambulance company, many people never pay their bill, and the average collection rate is approximately 30% of what the ambulance is owed.

3. **Increased Costs**: Alongside the decline in insurance reimbursements, ambulance services have faced a surge in costs associated with operating an EMS agency. Medical supplies, equipment, training and technology have become significantly more expensive, while the general cost of living and utilities have also risen exponentially.

To read the full Albright College report on the state of EMS Service in

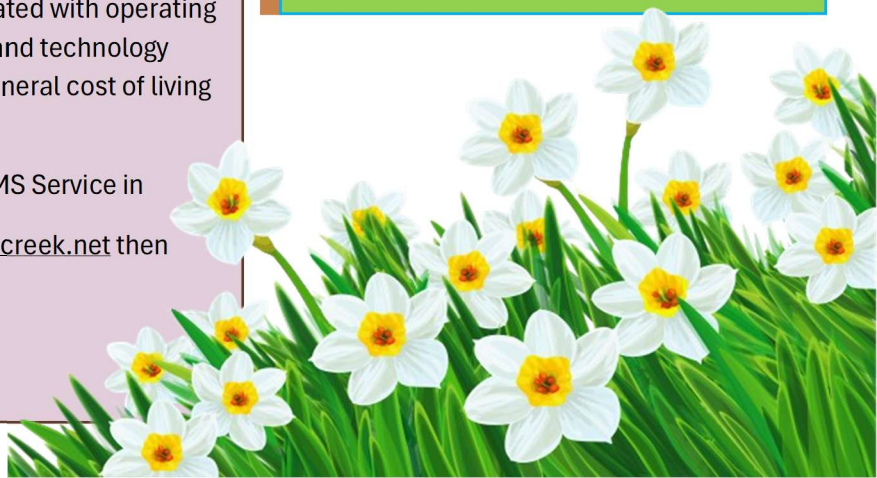
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Understanding Source Water Protection

The source water for the Maidencreek Township Authority is from several groundwater wells. Your water system has volunteered to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program.

The Goal: Prevent contaminants from entering waterways that serve as sources for our drinking water.

The Benefits: Protects our drinking water supplies, ensures a healthy habitat for countless species and decreases the need for costly, complex treatments to remove pollutants.

A plan was developed to guide Maidencreek Township Authority's source water protection efforts. More information will be posted on the Authority's website in the future.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection will be held Monday, March 24, 2025

Please do not bag leaves. Leaves should be piled by the side of the road by 7am. Please do not park vehicles on or in front of leaf piles. If it rains/snows road crew will pick up the next nice day.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION

Brush collection will be held Monday, March 31st, April 21st & April 28th

Please do not put out the following for brush pick up: ornamental grass, garden plants (will be picked up with leaves), trees or brush with a diameter greater than 12", or anything with dirt & roots attached.

Projects & Permits

To start a building project, you can find permit forms on our website or at the Township Building. Once you fill out the application and plan the project, the Township will send your permit to Systems Design Engineering where they will review the permit. After it is complete, the permit will be returned to the Township and we will contact you that your permit is ready. Please visit our webpage at www.maidencreek.net then click on Zoning and Permits

EVENTS

April 18th

Good Friday – Township Offices Closed

April 19th

Blandon Fire Co. Egg Hunt

May 3rd

Craft Show & Flea Market

(May 10th rain date)

May 10th

Blandon Fire Co. Fish Rodeo

May 20th

Election Day – Township Offices closed.

May 26th

Memorial Day –

Township Offices closed.



Have you Considered a Rain Garden?

Stormwater runoff can easily be polluted by various chemicals and wastes that are in our yards from pet waste, herbicides, pesticides, or are washed away when washing a car or changing motor oil. Before stormwater returns to the watershed, it is important to try and clean as much as possible. One awesome way to do this is a rain garden! Create a trail from your storm gutter that leads to a garden. When stormwater enters the soil, it naturally filters out the chemicals and waste in the water. Altogether, it makes for a garden that helps our community and helps the wildlife.

Yard Waste Site Instruction

The township provides a yard waste drop-off site at 61 Lakeshore Drive, adjacent to the Township building. To receive access, fill out the Yard site form which can be found on the recycling page of the Township website. Physical forms can also be obtained at the township office. You will receive a keycard for the site when turning in the form.

Use the keycard to open the gate to the yard waste site. Make sure to take the key in with you in case the gate closes while you are inside. The gate can also be held open by leaving a car between the gate or bringing the car in and reopening the gate with the pressure sensor.

Fire Chief's Message to the Community

It is an honor to serve as Chief of Blandon Fire Department at this time in history, when so many departments are faced with difficult challenges. Like most departments across the country, Blandon Fire Department faces new challenges each day to provide efficient and effective services to our community and surrounding communities as budget constraints become more prevalent. However, we remain focused on our mission of: Unselfish dedicated service to the Citizens of Maidencreek Township.

As the Chief of Blandon, I have been extremely privileged that the Blandon Fire Department consists of a group of highly trained, caring, and compassionate professionals who place the interests of our citizens and community stakeholders before their own. This is exhibited through our quick response to emergency calls along with our extensive training and our community outreach and community risk reduction efforts. The Blandon Fire Department members are proud of their service to the community and demonstrate their commitment to success by researching new ways of providing the most efficient and professional services possible to those who reside in, work in, or visit our community.

We look forward to serving the community for many years to come, implementing our core principles of: Education, Training, Health & Safety, Effective Communication and Quality Customer Service that will enhance excellence in public safety.

Sitting Dates for Tax Collector: Tammy Gilfert

Wednesdays March 12th to April 30th (5pm to 7pm)

Saturdays March 15th to April 26th (9am to 11am)

Monday, April 28th & April 29th (9am to 11am)

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NOTICE TO MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY WATER CUSTOMERS:
Customers can view the annual water quality report online at http://maidencreektwpauthority.org/latestccr. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call 610 926 4173 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

AVISO A LOS CLIENTES DE LA AUTORIDAD DE AGUA DE MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP:
Los clientes ahora pueden ver su reporte de anual de la calidad de agua en línea a través de la línea web http://maidencreektwpauthority.org/latestccr. Este reporte contiene información importante sobre la fuente y la calidad de su agua potable. Por favor llame al 610-926-4173 si deseas que le mande por correo su reporte en papel a su casa

Sign up to receive emergency alerts and notifications from the Water Authority by scanning the QR Code below.

