

RALPHO TOWNSHIP

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570-672-2040

roadmaster@ralphotownship.org

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Mark Lyash

570-672-3844/570-898-0187

codeoffice@ralphotownship.org

Meeting Schedules

All meetings are open to the public and held at the Township Building

Board of Supervisors

2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday at 6:30



Photo by Larry Deklinski, Shamokin News-Item

New Police Officer, Tyler Bischof, takes the oath of office from Board Chairman, Blaine Madara Jr. at the March 12, 2024, Township Meeting.

Officer Bischof comes to Ralpho from the Shamokin Police Department and has almost 5 years of experience in law enforcement. He has been commended for working with youth and within his community.

Vanessa Major - Tax Collector

Phone: 570-486-5176

Email: ralphotaxcollector@outlook.com

Mail your payments to:

PO Box 4, Elysburg, PA 17824

Office Hours In Township Building:

Thursday 3:30 to 5:30

(During Discount Period Only)





RECYCLING

Our Recycling Program is in need of your help. We have a list of things all residents that use the drop off recycling center can help with:

- Please flatten all cardboard
- Please separate all glass by color
- Please remove lids from all glass containers and make sure the containers are completely cleaned out, no food residue should remain when recycled
- Please don't put plastic bags in the plastic recycling container or any other recycling container, they are not recyclable
- **MOST OF ALL** please be very careful to put all of your recyclables in the correct and appropriate container

We are sure as a community we can do our part and keep the recycling center successful.

Acceptable items are:

Aluminum cans, bi-metal, plastics #1 and #2, newspaper/office paper, cardboard; and clear, green and brown glass.

Hours:

Tuesday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday 12 noon to 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 to 11 a.m.

****Recycling area is under continuous camera surveillance ****

Please remember that keeping of chickens or other fowl is not permitted in the Township unless the property is in the Agricultural/Forest Zone.



DO I NEED A PERMIT??

A lot of things you do around your home may or may not require a permit. Before any work is started, please check with the township office to see if a permit is required. In most cases a permit is required for, but not limited to pools, additions, decks, sheds, fences, renovations, signs, driveway paving, concrete work, roofing, electrical and plumbing work. Please call 570-672-3844.

Pool Permit Requirements

As warm weather approaches and we begin to consider summer back yard projects, please be reminded that the Uniform Construction Code states any/all prefabricated swimming pools greater than 24 inches in height require a building permit to be issued and the Township requires a zoning permit. These requirements are for all swimming pools whether they are purchased from a big box store or installed by a pool contractor. To obtain the zoning permit please call Zoning Office 570-672-3844 and then the code officer will direct you how to obtain your building permit.



Motor Vehicle Registration

The Ralpho Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Section 102, requires that all motor vehicles, including trailers, **MUST BE** properly registered and inspected. This includes all vehicles maintained on private grounds.



WEEDS AND GRASS

Weeds and grass must be maintained below 8 inches at all times. While mowing your lawn, no grass clippings or garden waste shall be deposited on any public property, sidewalk or street. This is a violation of our ordinance and is hazardous to motorcycle drivers, it is like driving on ice. In addition, the grass will flow into the storm drains

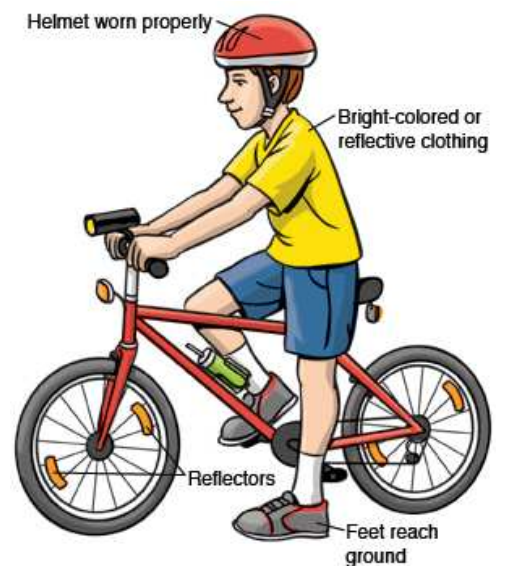
Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township

DID YOU KNOW it's illegal to have a sump pump, floor drain or downspout connected to the sewer system? Not only is it illegal to have these devices connected to the sewer system, it puts a tremendous strain on the operation of the sewer plant as well as increasing treatment costs to treat rain water. Presently, the Sewer Authority is under a sewer connection moratorium by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. We need to get our flows down. Please do your part and disconnect any sump pumps, floor drains or downspouts connected to the sewer system. In the coming months, the Authority will be doing door-to-door inspections to verify compliance in our overall efforts to reduce flows and their impacts.

BIKE SAFETY FOR SUMMER

Remember to:

- **Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet. Protect your brain, save your life.**
- **Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit. Stand over your bicycle. ...**
- **Check Your Equipment.**
- **See and Be Seen.**
- **Control Your Bicycle.**
- **Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards.**
- **Avoid Riding at Night.**



DOG LEASH/FECAL MATTER

All dogs must be restrained on any street or sidewalk.

All fecal matter deposited by dogs must be cleaned up immediately.





NEW RALPHO TOWNSHIP BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

Ralpho Township will be starting a curbside brush collection for Township Residents in 2024

Dates for 2024:	May 6 and September 16 (In the event of inclement weather, we will pick up on the next business day as conditions permit)
What will be collected:	Sticks, twigs and trimmings – all brush must have originated from the Township resident’s property only!
What areas will be serviced:	This collection will mirror our leaf collection areas – we will collect in Village Center and Residential areas that do not have a place to discard these items.
General Information:	We will not walk across your property to collect brush. Please have the area around the brush clear of animal feces and other items that may affect the pickup. If you have small sticks or trimmings, they can be placed in an un-lined container for pickup. Please have this container clearly marked that it is meant for pickup.

Brush Must:

- ✓ Be placed curbside by 7 AM of the scheduled day. We will only make one pass per street so please have your brush ready for pickup
- ✓ Be kept back from the edge of roadways and sidewalks due to the possibility of weather postponement
- ✓ Be less than 6ft. long
- ✓ Be no larger than 8 inches in diameter
- ✓ Be NEATLY stacked with cut ends all facing the same direction

Brush Must Not:

- ✗ Be bagged - it will **NOT** be picked up if it is in plastic bags
- ✗ Include stumps, vines, grass clippings, sods, roots, or root balls
- ✗ Include any type of trash, nails, building materials, concrete, dirt, or rocks
- ✗ Be tied with string, twine, wire, or any other material
- ✗ Be located where it restricts drainage, such as in gutter line or blocking / covering a storm inlet grate or in an area that impedes vehicular or pedestrian traffic in the street or sidewalk

902 RECYCLING GRANT



The Township received a 902 Municipal Recycling Grant in the amount of \$297,135. We thank Roadmaster Damion Beagle and Manager Joseph Springer for their hard work and determination to make this possible. The Township will also be required

to match the grant with 10%. The Township has purchased a New Bandit 12XP Brush Bandit, New ODB LCT Debris/Leaf Collector and a 2023 F600 Ford Truck Dump Truck. The Truck is still being fitted with all necessary equipment and will be delivered in the near future. You will see on the next page a picture of the new shredder and leaf collection machine along with a very important picture of how the branches and brush need to be piled by the roadway for pickup on collection days in the spring and fall.



Township Street Department cleaning up the trees limbs/brush around the municipal building with shredder purchased with 902 Recycling Grant.

When putting out branches for brush collection program please take note in picture below of how to put them for the crew to pick them up.



Debris/leaf collector purchased with 902 Recycling Grant.

If you would like this newsletter emailed to you in the future, please email your request to: dolson@ralphotownship.org

Community Development Block Grant funds have allowed the Township to have the municipal gymnasium bathrooms refinished and be made ADA handicap accessible. It is the hope that phase two will include a ramp or other method to make the entrance handicap accessible as well. This should take place in the near future.

