

# RALPHO TOWNSHIP

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## EXCITING NEWS!!

The Township has received a DCNR Recreation Grant and will be doing some renovations to the Playground and Baseball Field this summer. Please be mindful of the workers that will help us with the project.



### Playground Pavilions

All of the pavilions in the playground behind the municipal building are for public use. They cannot be reserved. They are on a first come/first serve basis.

#### **Vanessa Major - Tax Collector**

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Mail your payments to:

PO Box 4, Elysburg, PA 17824

Office Hours In Township Building:

Thursday 2:00 to 4:00

*(During Discount Period Only)*



### **Board of Supervisors**

#### **Chairman**

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Blaine Madara Sr.

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Debra Olson

dolson@ralphotownship.org

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jspringer@ralphotownship.org

#### **Address:**

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#### **Office Hours:**

Mon, Tues, Thurs

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday by phone

#### **Roadmaster:**

Damion Beagle

570-672-2040

roadmaster@ ralphotownship.org

#### **Code/Zoning Officer:**

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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Planning Commission**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:30

# RALPHO TOWNSHIP RECYCLING



We ask that residents please use common sense and if a dumpster is full at recycling, please take your recyclables home and bring back at a later date. We have a great employee who takes care of the recycling and he should not have to clean up after people who don't follow these simple instructions and leave a mess outside of the dumpsters.

During the holidays the bins will fill up faster than usual and we can only get them emptied as the hauler is able to take them. There is quite an expense to having them emptied so we always want to make sure the bins are full when taken away. Taxpayer dollars pay for the recycling program.

We thank those who are careful to do the right thing with recycling within the Township.



This picture shows just a small part of a problem that took place during the Holiday Season at our recycling.

- **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**

#### **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 \***



## **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



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



# 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. The Authority will be continuing its Door-to-Door Inspection Program throughout the Township. The inspection will be a short 10-to-15-minute visit by a licensed home inspector to determine if there are any sump pumps, downspouts or floor drains that are illegally discharging water into the sewer system. If you receive a notice about scheduling an inspection, please contact the Municipal Authority Office at **570-672-9792** as soon as possible!

Please cooperate with any maintenance personnel you may see as we clean the right of ways, manholes, etc.

## B4 U DIG



Please call 811 before you or your contractor dig on your property--

*It truly could save a life!*



### PLEASE BE KIND PET OWNERS

All dogs must be restrained on any street or sidewalk.

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



# RALPHO TOWNSHIP BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

***Ralpho Township will be having a curbside brush collection for Township Residents in 2025***

<b>Dates for 2025:</b>	April 14 and September 15 (In the event of inclement weather, we will pick up on the next business day as conditions permit)
<b>What will be collected:</b>	Sticks, twigs and trimmings – all brush must have originated from the Township resident’s property only!
<b>What areas will be serviced:</b>	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.
<b>General Information:</b>	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



**\*\* Remember - this is how your brush needs to be put out so the Township Employees can pick it up for you.**

Thanks for paying special attention to this. It is much appreciated!

# National Night Out 2025

An annual community-building event, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th, aiming to strengthen police-community partnerships and promote safer neighborhoods.

Here's a breakdown of National Night Out:

**Purpose:** National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), aims to promote safer, more caring places to live, raise safety and drug awareness, strengthen community spirit, and enhance the partnership between citizens and first responders.

**Date:** The event takes place annually on the first Tuesday in August.

**Focus:** The event focuses on community building and raising awareness through camaraderie, with the goal of making neighborhoods safer.



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**Benefits:** National Night Out helps build relationships between neighbors and law enforcement, fostering a sense of community and safety.

**History:** National Night Out was founded in 1984.

*Please watch for more information in the near future on National Night Out to be held in Ralpho Township and come join us for a fun filled community evening.*



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