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# Conewago Township News

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## Township Comprehensive Plan 2007 Update

Conewago Township is a place where local history and culture are valued and celebrated by residents and visitors alike. The Comprehensive Planning Committee update has been in the works for the past two years developing a new plan that reflexes current, future, and past thinking. The last time this undertaking took place was 1981 under the leadership of then Township Supervisors Major Ed Gallagher, Jay Brandt, John Graybill and Secretary/Treasurer Dolores Kuntz. Members of the Planning Commission where David Coble,

Edward Gordon, John Hertzler, Ann Babb, Sara



**Why Comprehensive Planning is so important. Planning ahead!**

Koser, and Galen Hitz. Now as history moves forward the Supervisors are John Rochat, Galen Shelly, and Jay Brandt (yes that

makes 26 years as a Township Supervisor for Jay and still counting.) the current Comprehensive Planning Commission members are Kenneth Grubb, David Coble, Dolores Kuntz, Kent Bachman, Peter Czuday, Ralph Hoerner, and Harry Rozanski.

On June 12, 2007 a public community meeting was held at the Conewago Elementary School when well over one hundred residents of Conewago had a chance to voice and vote (remember the red dots). Since this time the committee

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## Road Improvements

A 1916 HANDBOOK PUBLISHED BY THE New Hampshire Highway Department Stated "Always remember and apply this most important rule: **Keep water OFF your road, OUT of your road, and AWAY from your road**" This statement is just as appropriate and as important today. When we look at all the factors that can affect our

roads, water has to be at the top of the list. This summer Conewago Township looked really hard at this issue and determined that this to is our number one problem in trying to maintain our roads. This is why before we sealed coat we tried to open our drainage along the right-of-way. The second cause of road breaking down is very much related to the first and that

is. Block cracking. Block cracking refers to large "Blocking" that form in the pavement due to age and shrinkage of the asphalt. Crescent shapes in asphalt. These are also called alligator cracks, they appear as many small interconnected cracks forming many small pavement segments resembling the back of an alligator. The attempt to repair would be so labor intensive

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# Conewago Standout

**Dolores Kuntz  
Conewago Township  
Asst. Sec/ Treasurer**



As we visited around the Township rather it is at one of many evening Township meetings, Township Office, the elementary school, one of the many events around the Township we have probably seen Dolores helping out, giving advice, recalling history of Conewago Township. Their is good reason for her in doing this, she believes this is her home and loves the Township like she has loved her family. Because they in many ways are the same.

Dolores was hired June 3, 1974 at a salary of \$83.00 per month as Secretary/Treasurer. Their were no set hours and working at home accepting Township calls at home day and night was just part of the job. This was Conewago Township then and now it was my home and I never really considered it as a job but my life working to help people.

Dolores also had 4 small children –ages 1 1/2 years old to 5 1/2 but in 1977 when her youngest child entered afternoon kindergarten started going into the Township building working every Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Back in these days all Township minutes had to be hand written in a bound book where the pages were numbered.

In June 1980 she felt the need to work full time so she started to work in a bank in Palmyra until August 31, 2006 when she retired from the bank. However during this time she keep the job as Treasurer while the Township hired a part-time Secretary .

The Best part of my time was when my children attended Conewago Elementary School. They were close by and I could help the People of Conewago Township as part of my family. MY LIFE HAS BEEN BLESSED.

# Park and Recreation

Park and Recreation would like to announce a trip: (Motor coach)

## New York City

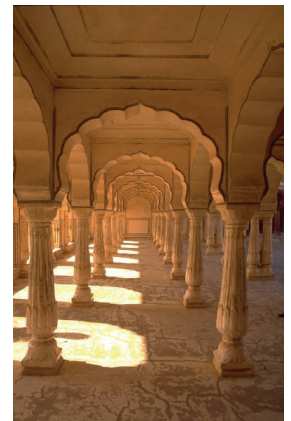
### “ A Day on Your Own”

Saturday December 1,2007 Leaving at 7:00 a.m. From West Hanover Twp 7171 Allentown Blvd. Cost is \$49.00 each. Return around 11:30 p.m. For more information call 717-652-

4841 West Hanover Park and Rec. dept .welcomes Conewago residents to join them . Please call by Nov 24.

members in the spring to help with this project. Call Jason Parmer chairman with any help you can give and additional details.

The \$5,000 Grant from DCED was granted and we are planning a Spring start for updating the Danny Fisher Memorial Field . Picnic area next to this field is what is plan. We welcome help in the spring to work along with the committee



## Road continued:



### Blocking

to try to keep water out. These cracks now are called working cracks that can be sealed, If you wait to long then the cracked pavement will begin to collect water and break away and sealing would not work and be short lived.

Chip seal coats are less expensive than asphalt overlays, and thereby becomes cost effective methods to be used as part

of an overall road maintenance program. However such treatment is not a “cure-all” Chip Seal coat can slow down the aging process. It can help to hold the cracked surface together until a more permanent treatment can be applied It reduces the amount of water which passes through the pavement. More importantly the seal coat reduces the clearance between the blocks preventing their displacement. This is only temporary condition in that with time the pavement will shrink further and again open the cracks. This year your Township spent over \$250,000 on road material alone.

Next year it is projected to spend over \$350,000. If the board approves the plan work . That represents approximately 40% of the Township budgeted income. And we haven’t even talked about bridge maintenance.

According to PENNDOT the average construction cost for local roads improvements 2” asphalt resurfacing 20’ wide road \$96,000 per mile. Single chip and seal the same road would be \$11,000. This just doesn’t let the Township money go to far. If we have to resurface to many miles. Preventive maintenance is the key to holding back cost.

## Comprehensive Plan cont.

has put those dots into words that represents the voice of Conewago residents. They heard clearly to maintain the rural agriculture heritage. To provide safe roads, issues with 743 corridor and limit commercial development, against encouraging high density development, tax increases and don’t want Route 39-type traffic congestion.

In 1981 Stated goals were as followed: 1. Protect individual prop-

erty rights 2. Prevent overcrowding and ensure orderly development. 3. control and minimize adverse impacts of development on the environment. 4. Limit oppressive size, height and number of buildings. 5. Preserve the agricultural industrial base of the community. The 1981 land use plan recognized the development pressure and sought to be reasonable and prudent in accommodating such growth. The 2007 plan will continue to relay

on the past to do the same in the future growth of the Township. Besides we only have the roots of our past to nourish us and lay the foundation for our future. The Comprehensive Planning Committee would still like to hear from the citizens of Conewago Township and you can do this by coming to one of their meetings or writing the Township Board.

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## Removing Snow from Township Roads

Removing snow from Township roads is one of the most important jobs performed by our Road Crews. The Township Road Crew will clean **Roads in priority order, beginning first with major arteries, then moving to secondary roadways, and finally cleaning residential streets.** The Township Road Crew and Supervisors makes every effort to keep all Township roads clean, but in cases of unpredicted or quickly falling snow it may take time for crews to make it to residential roads. The Township is responsible for 45 miles of roadway.

Conewago Township is **not** responsible for damage to mailboxes caused by snowplows since mailboxes are erected on the right-of-way at the property owner's risk. Mailboxes should be placed as far from the right-of-way as possible and still permit access by mail carriers. Mail-

boxes should be placed on a "firm support." PENNDOT WEB site offers suggestions to help reduce the possibility of your mailbox being damaged by routine winter maintenance operations.

During a snow event all vehicles should be removed from the streets in Conewago Township.

**Residents are reminded that they are not to shovel snow into the street. This is a violation of the PA Motor Vehicle Code and it creates additional traffic safety concerns.**



## Organization

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## Census 2010 is Around the Corner

[WWW.census.gov](http://WWW.census.gov)

2010 may seem like a long ways off, Think again. Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-430) has changed all of this. This Law has invited Local Governments to review the census addresses of their local jurisdiction to check all the addresses against the Census Bureau's address list. This does not just happen, it requires confidentiality agreement between the individual Township agent and the United States Census Bureau promising to protect and secure the information. This must be done by material having separate password and material kept under individual lock and key. Norman Miller as Director of Administration for Conewago Township will be the person handling this sensitive information. He will be assisted by Dolores Kuntz Township Treasurer and Shirley Bretz Township Secretary .

The timelines of 2010 census is as followed:

**Before October 31, 2007** Register to participate in the LUCA (Local Update of Census Address Program) attend training class 6 hours in your area.

**August 2007 to April 2008** LUCA review time. The Census will send you the material to review during this time with a guarantee 120 days to do the review.

**April 2008 to October 2008** Census Bureau reviews and processes participant submissions.

**Nov 2008 to May 2009** Address Canvassing Operation This operation is to validate updates and conduct field checks the Township gave as new addresses and locations are correct. This is done by Census Bureau employees.

**August 2009 to October 2009** Feedback materials sent to LUCA participants to show how submissions were processed.

**September 2009 to December 2009** Township reviews feedback materials and file appeals if they feel the new addresses are correct and locations are correct.

**September 2009 to December 2009** Appeal adjudication by Census Appeal Office

April 1, 2010 census gets mailed out. Seven Questions this time around.

**So what is the big deal?** Distribution of federal, state and local funds totaling more than \$300 billion annually. It is estimated that every person counted will receive a value back to the "local area" (state, county, township) of \$1,500 each year or \$15,000 until the next census in 2020 of dollars back to the "local area" This comes in many forms. Road dollars, fire protection, Representation by Congressional seats assigned, Education, Health and Human Services, Agriculture Department services, and the list goes on and on. **The Goal than is to count every man, women, and child once, and only once, and in the right**