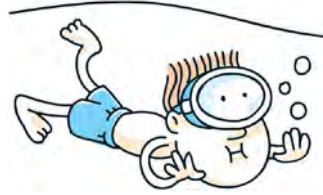




Summer



June, 2017

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA
“The Garden Spot of the Lebanon Valley”

Robesonia Borough Hall: 75 South Brooke Street Robesonia, PA 19551
Phone: (610) 693-3474 **Fax:** (610) 693-5799 **E-mail:** RobesoniaBorough@comcast.net
Website: www.robesoniaboro.org Like us on Facebook!
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

MAYOR: Randy Gartner

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(Simple zoning permits for sheds, fences, pools)

ROBESONIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY – (610) 693-3264

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM,

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Mike Palm

EMERGENCIES: 911

BERKS RADIO(Non-Emergency): 610-655-4911

Borough Council Meetings	1st Monday of the Month	7:30 PM at the Borough Hall
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*The officials of the Borough of Robesonia **WELCOME** all the new families that have chosen Robesonia as their place of residence. We hope you will support our Borough and use its many facilities.*

At the Borough Hall you can:

Pay your trash bills, apply for building and zoning permits, pick up voter registration forms, Borough maps and dog license applications. The Borough issues one recycling container per property. We do not replace stolen or lost lids or wheels. **If you move from the property, the recycling container must remain there.** **Trash pick-up is every Monday. Recycling pick-up is every Thursday.** **Large or bulk items may be contracted separately with County Wide Sanitation at 1-866-573-4893.**

**FROM THE
MAYOR'S DESK
MAYOR
RANDY GARTNER**

Robeson Street Fair will be held June 23rd and 24th. Music, food, rides and games every night. Friday night music by the Skidmarks, Saturday night music by the Rockers. Saturday night is also the best fireworks in Berks!

Don't forget: We are doing another round of Bricks for Veterans. They will be in HP Robeson Park but will be displayed on the ground instead of the wall. The criteria is you must live in the 19551 zip code now, or lived within that area when you served. Cost is \$40 per brick. We need to get your information and money as soon as possible. You can get a form at the Borough Hall.

**From the Desk of Council V.P.
Harvey Marshall**

Our Council takes great pride in this community. We try to make informed and intelligent decisions to keep our town clean, green and prosperous. We also put in our own time to help save taxpayer money by volunteering with various organizations and committees to make our town a nice place to live.

I, personally, take pride in seeing the pots along Penn Avenue are taken care of so when I see that someone feels compelled to remove the plants from them, I get upset. It not only takes time but also money to plant those pots.....so for someone to just take the plants is essentially stealing from all the taxpayers in this town. If everyone took a little more pride in our town and put in just a little more effort, this could be one of the best looking and well-maintained boroughs in the state.

If you have an issue with something, please feel free to let me know and I promise to look into it. We cannot always respond as quickly as some would like, but we try. Please keep in mind that we operate on a shoestring with a small staff to keep YOUR taxes down....so your patience is appreciated!



**NEWS FROM
STREETS &
HIGHWAYS**



Summer is coming and the grass is really growing! Just a reminder... **please do not blow your debris into the streets!** It can clog the storm sewers and create an unnecessary flooding situation or get into the storm sewers where it gets dumped into a waterway and creates a pollutive effect! Do your part to protect your environment!



**WESTERN BERKS
REGIONAL POLICE
NEWS
Chief Bill Schlichter**

Neighborhood Safety Tips:

We all want a safe neighborhood, so get out there and get to know your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. The reward is a safer, more friendly block and great place to live.

Planning a Vacation:

It's that time of year we all look forward to locking up the house, and getting away with the family. NO worries, no chores, just fun. But before you go, stop by and fill out a Vacation Security Form. It'll let the police department know that you're away, who is allowed on your property, which lights should and should not be on and when you'll return. It's a great idea to let your neighbors know too, but with the police keeping an eye on things, you will surely be able to relax!

Know where your children are: Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.

Help children learn important phone numbers. Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and

address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.

Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood. Do your children know where they can and can't go? Let them know what their limits and boundaries are in the neighborhood. Also, let them know who to go to if you aren't home. A backup parent or friend.

Get to know your children's friends. Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.

Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists. Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.

Remember ... Call the Police at the time of any suspicious activity.

Be Safe and Enjoy The Summer!!



Library Happenings

What's Happening at Your Library

Summer 2017 Activities

Summer Reading Begins Monday, June 12th for children, teens and adults!

Children and Youth Programs:

STEM Party 1st Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Visit the library for fun, interactive projects involving science, technology, engineering and math. For ages 8 and up.

Art Attack 2nd Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Learn about a new artist each month and make your own masterpiece in that style. For ages 8 and up.

Color Therapy 3rd Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Stop by the library, relax and color. For ages 8 to 100.

Mark DeRose Concert Monday, June 26th at 6 pm. Mark fuses folk style music and art into fun, kid-friendly entertainment.

Family Movie Night Monday, July 24th at 6 pm. Featuring Boss Baby. Snacks will be available for \$0.25.

Construction Crew Story Time on Tuesdays at 11 am. June 13th through August 22nd. Grades 1 and up.

Tween Time every other Tuesday at 4 pm. June 13th & 27th. July 11th & 25th. August 8th & 22nd. Snacks, crafts and games. For ages 10-13.

Read to Monte Tuesday, July 18th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please sign up for a 10 minute time block to read to therapy dog, Monte.

Story Rider, Mama Patt visits Wednesdays at 9:30 am. June 14th through August 26th. Story Rider visits are geared toward preschoolers ages 2 ½ to 5.

LEGO Club every other Wednesday at 4 pm. June 7th & 21st. July 5th & 19th. August 2nd, 16th & 30th. At each meeting there will be a new theme to BUILD on! For ages 0-100.

Lil' Builders Story Time Thursdays at *11 am. Miss Jenn will be sharing stories, songs and simple crafts with little ones from birth to age 5. *New Time!

Touch-A-Truck Thursday, July 13th at 2 pm. Visit the library parking lot to see real construction vehicles. A food and an ice cream truck will be available to purchase refreshments. All ages are welcome!

Adult Program:

Medicare Educational Seminar Wednesday, June 21st at 11 am. Are you nearing Medicare eligibility? Not sure what to do? Please attend for an informative review of what you need to know!

Holiday Closures:

Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day

Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day

Monday, September 4th for Labor Day

ROBESONIA LIBRARY BOARD

The Robesonia Library Board currently has 2 openings
We meet 10 times a year (2nd Thursday @ 7PM except July & December)

We are a group of volunteers looking for ways to help our Library thrive!

Do you have an interest in the Library and a concern for its future?

AND

Are you a business owner?

OR

Maybe retired with a little free time?

OR

Do you have financial experience?

OR

Have ideas for fundraising?

OR

Want to get involved with a vital part of our Community?

Please contact the Robesonia Library for more information @ 610-693-3264

CW Rotary Club

Meeting dates are 1st & 3rd Tuesday

7:30 AM

Red Plate Diner

2nd & 4th Tuesday

12:15 PM

Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill & Bar



CHURCH NEWS



Trinity Lutheran Church

108 S. Robeson Street Robesonia, PA 19551
610-693-6062

www.trinityrobesonia.org

Rev. William H. Weiser, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jennifer Dee, Associate Pastor

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 28th:

Saturday Worship at 5:00pm

Sunday Worship at 8:00am & 9:30am, No Sunday School

Sundaes on Sunday after the late worship service on June 25th, July 23rd, and August 20th! Yum!! ☺

Prayer & Healing Service – last Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Lift up those in need of prayers for healing. Open to everyone. Summer dates – May 30th, June 27th, July 25th, August 29th.

Trinity's Music Camp

June 26th through June 30th (9am to 3pm) with performances at all worship services July 1st and 2nd. Open to all children having completed third grade and up. Minimal charge of \$35. Pre-registration is required.

Trinity's Vacation Bible School

July 17th through July 21st (9:00am to noon) - open to all children ages four through 6th grade. Registration by July 3rd guarantees child will receive a free T-shirt.

Come to the Circus

The *Lewis & Clark Circus* will come to Robesonia on June 10th & 11th. Shows are Saturday at 4:40 and 7:30pm and Sunday at 1 & 4pm. Purchase tickets in the Trinity church office. Adults: \$10 – includes two free kids' tickets. (More expensive at the gate!) Fun for all ages!!!

Trinity's Senior Group Bus Trips

We call ourselves ABO (Anything but Old!). This group is for adults age 55 and older. We like to go on trips to enjoy dinner out and some kind of entertainment. We like fellowship – spending time with our friends and making new friends. Join us in our travels; you do not have to be a Trinity member to participate.

Here are our upcoming trips:

June 15th – *Second Chances*, buffet Lunch and show at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Will also tour the National Watch Museum. (Transportation included for \$85 per person.)

Aug. 23rd – *Mennonite Girls Can Cook*, buffet Lunch and show at Bird-In-Hand. Will also shop at Kitchen Kettle Village and local farmer's market. (Transportation included for \$65 per person.)

Sept. 16th thru 22nd – New York State, West Point, Lake George & 1000 Islands: Seven-day bus trip of the scenic splendor of New York. \$1,250 per person with double occupancy. Contact the Trinity church office for a complete itinerary.

November 30th – Christmas Trip: 1st stop – Hershey's Chocolate World and then lunch in the circular dining room of the elegant Hershey Hotel. After lunch, we proceed to the theater for the annual holiday show at American Music Theatre. \$95 per person all inclusive.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Motz

301 West Penn Avenue
610-621-5770

e-mail: www.stpaul4secretary@comcast.net

website: www.stpaulsrobesonia.org

Off- street Parking

Handicapped Accessible

Summer Hours

We go to summer hours starting June 4th. Services will begin at 9:25. There will be no Sunday school during the summer months. We return to our 10:25 services and Sunday School the first Sunday in September.

Dates for **Soup and Such** for the summer are:

June 8th & 29th,
July 13th & 27th,
August 10th & 31st

Soup and Such is a free meal that is served twice a month. Meals are served from 4:00 to 6:00 All are welcome.

The **St. Paul's Clothes Closet** will also be on the same dates: The St. Paul's Clothes Closet provides free children's clothing to area residents. The closet is open from 4:00-6:00

One free bag per child (bag provided by church. Clothing, shoes and coats available.

Check out our website for more information.



Girl Scout News

We're off to camp! This year we will be exploring French Creek State Park and doing science experiments. Camping is the highlight of our year and we always look forward to it.

Look for us at the Memorial Day parade and Flag Day.

It's time for spring registration – reserve a spot in a troop for the next school year. Girls K to 12 welcome and adult volunteers too!

Any questions – Ann Reynolds 610-693-6640 AnnR40@comcast.net

Reminder to Taxpayers

Marshall Reynolds, Tax Collector

276 S. Church St.

Robesonia, PA 19551

610-693-6640

Hello everyone! School Real Estate and Per Capita tax bills will be arriving in the mail July 1st. The discount period runs from July through August followed by the flat rate period in September and October.

Hours this year –

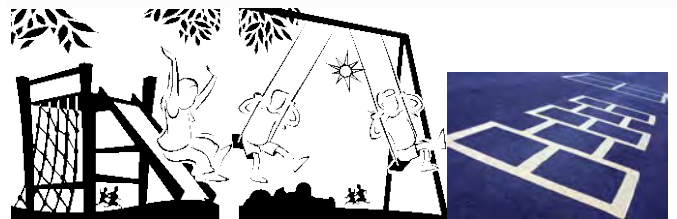
June 30	10 AM to Noon at my home
July 7	10 AM to Noon at my home
Aug 21	10 AM to Noon at the Boro office
Aug 23	10 AM to Noon at the Boro office
Aug 28	10 AM to Noon at the Boro office
Aug 30	10 AM to Noon at the Boro office
Aug 21	5 PM to 7 PM at my home
Oct 31	10 AM to Noon at my home

Dec 29 10 AM to Noon at my home
If the hours do not fit your schedule, you can also mail your payment to me –
Marshall Reynolds
276 S. Church St.
Robesonia, PA 19551

You can also drop off your payment at my house – I have a white lockbox next to my office door for tax drop-offs.

If you itemize for your income tax – the federal government requires a receipt for property taxes. Enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at 610-693-6640.



SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

June 19 thru August 4

Open to Robesonia and Heidelberg Residents

Ms. Angela Miller, along with Emily Hogan will be returning this year to lead our playground program starting on June 19! We also welcome Noah Moyer as our new leader. **Please PRE-REGISTER your children by going to <http://evgrfx.com/sites/robypark/playground/form.php?formID=3&orgID=25>**

This year, we will not be accepting any more children into the program after June 30th so be sure to get your children registered on time! There will be no exceptions.

All children participating must be at least 5 years of age (and entering kindergarten) and no older than 12 years of age. The kids will enjoy pool days at the Robesonia Swimming Pool and fun little field trips around town. All children ages 5 thru 12 are welcome to attend the program from 9AM to 1PM, Monday thru Friday. .



ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

It's never too early to start thinking about summer..... and a refreshing dip in your friendly neighborhood pool. The Robesonia Swimming Pool has been serving the community since the early 1960's and has been enjoyed by several generations of families in the Robesonia area.

The Robesonia Swimming Pool Association is a privately run organization. What that means is that the pool is owned by the members, operated by a board of volunteer members, and receives no formal financial support from any municipality. The Robesonia Pool is funded using membership fees, guest fees, fundraisers, and donations of time and money. However, in some years, it can be difficult to cover all of the operating costs, especially during cool or rainy weather patterns. **Please consider joining the Robesonia Pool today!**

Opening Day for the Roby Pool is Saturday May 27th!! Please come and enjoy the pool and consider joining our membership. The pool will be open weekends until school lets out and then regular summer hours will start.

The pool runs various fundraisers throughout the year. Please consider taking part in or supporting these. We are currently collecting sponsorships for our pool tee shirts and banner. Donors at certain levels will get their names on these items. Please check out this opportunity on our website.

The RSPA is also a qualified 501c3 entity under the IRS tax code. Contributions made to the pool may be tax deductible and would greatly benefit the pool. Please consider making a much needed contribution today!

Our community pool will only be successful if enough of the members give their time and effort to support it. Have you taken your turn? There are currently several open board positions that need to be filled. The board needs to be completely filled in order to manage the pool efficiently. There are also many other opportunities to help with events such as swim meets, fundraisers, splash parties, and "work" parties (we also have some fun doing these). Please call 484-269-0066 to volunteer or ask questions. **GET INVOLVED!!**

OTHER DETAILS:

Membership – Information is available on our website regarding membership fees. We offer several membership options including Family, Single, Guest Passes, and a variety of other options to choose from.

Swim Lessons - Swim lessons will again be held at the pool. Fees and dates will be announced in the spring after Memorial Day. Information will also be available on the website.

Parties - Consider holding your graduation, birthday, and other special parties at the pool.

Events - As always, the pool will be hosting various events throughout the summer such as Teen Night, Kids Night, and Holiday Game Days. Look for details about these and other events as the summer unfolds.

Please visit our website at www.robypool.org for other information.

The pool is located on South Freeman Street; come and enjoy the fun!!!



ROBESONIA STREET FAIR JUNE 23-24 FOOD, FUN, RIDES, MUSIC & THE BEST FIREWORKS IN BERKS!

**CAR SHOW FRIDAY NIGHT
STARTING AT 5PM!**

For more info call Joel at 610-396-7330.



2017 Free Band concerts at Phoebe Berks Village

Sunday, June 25 – 6-8 pm Exeter Community Band on the Village Green

Sunday, July 30 - 6-8 pm Wyomissing Band on the Village Green

Sunday, August 27 - 6-8 pm Pretzel City Dixieland Jazz Band on the Village Green
Take your lawn chairs and enjoy the music!
Canceled for inclement weather.



This Spring's Robesononia Townwide Yard Sale is **Saturday June 17th and Sunday June 18th**. This year will again be a 2 day yard sale. But this year I set up a separate event page for each day. I am making Sunday June 18th Day 2 or Rain Date hoping that helps buyers find you on Sunday if it rains Saturday. I noticed many of you set up again on Sunday last Spring but not many buyers showed up so hoping the separate event page helps buyers know you are set up Sunday as well. You will be able to post up your location and highlights again on the event pages. Event pages may be found now on Facebook Page at - Robesononia Townwide Yard Sale- Western Berks County, PA. Event pages are public so you may share them around to your family and friends or select invite them as well. If you are not on Facebook you may email me your Yard Sale listing with highlights. Email me at Robesonoiyardsale@hotmail.com. I will also again this year be using the Yard Sale Treasure Map App where buyers can find your location on the map with highlights of what you are selling with their smartphones. So make sure you post up on event pages or send me your location with highlights of what you are selling. Reminder for Town residents off of Penn Ave/Rt 422 to put up a sign on Penn Ave/ Rt 422 letting buyers know you have a yard sale down your street.

**HENRY P. ROBESON
MEMORIAL PARK
UPDATE
“BUY A BRICK”
CAMPAIGN HAS
RESUMED!**



If you are not already aware, we'd like to mention that orders are being taken for Veterans' bricks only for a small (75-100 bricks) patio area within the Henry P. Robeson Park.

Brick costs remain the same at \$40 each. This is a wonderful way to commemorate your vet's service! Consider purchasing a brick for a birthday, anniversary or holiday to honor your soldier, sailor or marine. Criteria for your veteran to have a brick included in this beautiful park are:

Any person with a current Robesononia 19551 mailing address or who had a Robesononia mailing address when he/she entered any branch of the U.S. Military. Order forms are available at the Borough Office.



LEWIS & CLARK CIRCUS!!!

Sponsored by
Trinity Lutheran Church
108 South Robeson Street

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH
SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH**

**Free kids tickets available
(must be accompanied by paying adult)
Camel & pony rides available
1 hour before each show!**

**STEWARTS ROOT BEER
21ST ANNUAL ANTIQUE & CUSTOM
MOTORCYCLE & CAR SHOW
LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 4**
(formerly
Kauffman's Annual Antique & Custom Cruise-in)
RAIN OR SHINE!



**Location: Robesonia Playground
West Ruth Ave., Robesonia, PA**

**All proceeds will be donated to:
Robesonia Fire Department
Knights of Columbus' Save the Christians**

**\$\$ Prize Awards!
Oldies Music by "New Energy" DJ Garry
Craft Show- Flea Market
Food- Refreshments
Door Prizes- 50/50 Drawing
....and more!**

Please pre-register your vehicle for \$10 before August 20th with check or money order. A \$15 registration fee will be collected the day of event in cash or money order.

Event day registration is open 7:30-11:30 am. To be eligible for an award, your vehicle must be registered.

Flea Market Vendors and Craft Show Vendors

All vendors must be pre-registered. Contact us.*

Sponsorship Opportunities and/or Prize Donations
Please contact us by June 1st

Bronze \$50-1/4 page ad **Silver \$100**-1/2 pg ad
Gold \$250-Trophy award sponsor recognition and full page ad in event program.

Lawn chairs are permitted. No alcohol, coolers, pets, bicycles, skateboards, tents or canopies. No burnouts. Show vehicles must be driven onto show grounds (parking provided for trailers). Please support our food and refreshment vendors as a portion of their proceeds are donated to the host non-profits.

Contact: Shawn Kelchner 610-334-1917
Email: stewartsrootbeer@hotmail.com

ORDINANCE REMINDERS!!

CURFEW: All minors under the age of 18 must be off the streets between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of such child.

GRASS & WEEDS: Grass and weeds cannot exceed 6" in height!

PETS:

Confinement: All dogs must be kept confined within the premises of the owner either by means of a fence or collar and chain. (The sidewalk is considered a public thoroughfare therefore dogs should not have access to the sidewalk unless under the control of the owner at the time.)

Cleaning up: It is unlawful to allow your pet to defecate upon any street, sidewalk, passageway, park or other public place, unless the owner immediately removes and disposes of, in a sanitary manner, all feces deposited by the animal.

The keeping of animals shall not create a serious nuisance (including noise or odor), a health hazard or a public safety danger.

Numbers: A maximum combined total of 6 dogs and cats shall be permitted to be kept by residents of each dwelling unit. Such limits shall apply to dogs or cats over 6 months of age. Any greater number shall need to be approved as a "kennel".

JUNK: It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to store or allow to be stored any scrap metal, including old, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles or vehicles not displaying a current registration sticker, safety inspection sticker and emissions control sticker (if required), or any excessive amount of scrap, refuse or rubbish, in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance or which tends to depreciate adjoining properties.

PARKING OF MAJOR/RECREATIONAL

VEHICLES: No major recreational equipment and major vehicles shall be parked or stored on any lot in a residentially zoned district except in a carport, or an enclosed building, in a rear yard, or on that portion of a private residential driveway not within the road right-of-way for a period in excess of forty-eight (48) consecutive hours. Major Equipment & Recreational Vehicles may be parked for purposes of loading and unloading along public streets for a period of time not exceeding 48 hours. Additionally, no Major Recreational Equipment shall be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored on a residential lot for a period in excess of 96 consecutive hours.



PROTECTING WATER QUALITY FROM URBAN RUNOFF

Clean Water is Everybody's Business

In urban and suburban areas, much of the land is covered by buildings and pavement, which do not allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground. Instead, most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry large amount of runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals and lawn fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they seriously harm water quality. To protect surface water quality and groundwater resources, development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff.

How Urbanized Areas Affect Water Quality

Increased Runoff

The porous and varied terrain of natural landscapes like forests, wetlands, and grasslands traps rainwater and snowmelt and allows them to filter slowly into the ground. In contrast, impervious (nonporous) surfaces like roads, parking lots and rooftops prevent rain and snowmelt from infiltrating, or soaking, into the ground. Most of the rainfall and snowmelt remains above the surface, where it runs off rapidly in unnaturally large amounts.

Storm sewer systems concentrate runoff into smooth, straight, conduits. This runoff gathers speed and erosional power as it travels underground. When this runoff leaves the storm drains and empties into a stream, its excessive volume and power blast out streambanks, damaging streamside vegetation and wiping out aquatic habitat. These increased storm flows carry sediment loads from construction sites and other denuded surfaces and eroded streambanks. They often carry higher water temperatures from streets, roof tops and parking lots, which are harmful to the health and reproduction of aquatic life.

The loss of infiltration from urbanization may also cause profound groundwater changes. Although urbanization leads to great increases in flooding during and immediately after wet weather, in many instances it results in lower stream flows during dry weather. Many native fish and other aquatic life cannot survive when these conditions prevail.

Increased Pollutant Loads

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers, and lakes. The pollutants include:

- Sediment
- Oil, grease and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns & gardens.
- Viruses, bacteria and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems.
- Road salts
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles and other sources
- Thermal pollution from dark impervious surfaces such as streets and rooftops.

These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant.

Managing Urban Runoff

What Homeowners Can Do

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks, and native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns. Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can use the materials to start a compost pile. And homeowners can learn to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on harmful pesticides.

In addition, households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. Households served by septic systems should have them professionally inspected and pumped every 3 to 5 years. They should also practice water conservation measures to extend the life of their septic systems.

Summer Show

AT ROBESONIA

August 19 & 20, 2017 • 8:00 am to 3:00 pm



FEATURING TRADITIONAL
& CONTEMPORARY ARTISANS

VISIT

FriendsOfTheRobesoniaFurnace.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Friends of the Robesonia Furnace
430 Freeman Street • Robesonia, PA



Along the Beach

To walk along the beach,
The sun against your face,
Feels every bit as sweet,
As the warmth of an embrace.

Author: Unknown



A Sweet Slice of Summer

Submitted By: [fleurdelisandflourishes](#)

A sweet slice of summer,
On a hot afternoon,

The perfect treat to eat outside,
You don't even need a spoon.

As you take a big old bite,
Feel the juice begin to run,

Be careful not to eat the seeds,
You spit those out, for fun!

A slice of watermelon,
Just can't be beat,

It is the taste of summer,
Juicy and sweet!

Author: Patti Weigel