

# Guilford Township

Fall 2019

A warm summer greeting from the Supervisors and Staff of Guilford Township. It has been another great spring and summer here in Guilford Township. Planned growth continues in the township and we are grateful for the local and national economic strength that we are currently enjoying.

Just an update on a few projects the township is anticipating in the near future, Exit 12 interchange at Guilford Springs Road continues to proceed. The engineering phase is moving forward with a possible proposed Let date as early as 2023. Guilford Township has also received a grant to connect Archer Drive to Lighthouse Road in accordance with our official map and thus closing a deemed dangerous at-grade rail crossing near the Rt.11 end of Lighthouse Road. That work is in the final engineering phase and construction will begin late 2019 or early 2020

We have once again seen a very wet spring with the abundant growth of grass and sometimes weeds. All have been inundated with the constant mowing that this moisture has created. We want to thank all for their extra effort in keeping your properties maintained. We continue to encourage all to keep sight distances maintained, at intersections on their properties to help ensure the safety of the traveling public.

Fall cleanup of branches and leaves will soon be the focus of many in the Township. A reminder that tree limbs and brush may be dropped off at the Township maintenance facility located at 4480 Guilford Springs Road. Drop offs are accepted Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Grass clippings and leaves that you collect may be dropped off at our friend Wade Benedict's farm located at 4100 Spring Road. We truly appreciate the partnership we have with Mr. Benedict and his willingness to accept these items from our residents at no cost. The leaves and grass clippings are mixed with his animal waste and composted to create a very usable product, that is a stable nutrient applied to his farmland. Thank you for respecting his request of Monday through Saturday drop-offs.

The waters of the Commonwealth is a top concern of both state and federal regulating agencies. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) is a term that we will all be hearing much about for a long time to come. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with pressure from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is mandating massive "clean up" projects costing each municipality across the Commonwealth millions of dollars. We are currently working on our first five-year cycle, which requires 10% reduction in sediment and nutrient from our urban area to the Conococheague Creek. We are making progress on our Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) to DEP in an effort to meet DEP'S requirements in this MS4 saga. More information and education on this topic will be forthcoming in future publications.

\*Let's Finish 2019 Strong!\*

Sincerely,



Don Clapper  
Chairman