

27 Skyline Trail, Carroll Valley, Pennsylvania 17320  
Email: MayorRonHarris@comcast.net (301) 606-2021

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Radar for Municipal Police Moves a Step Closer
- 1 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- 2 Adams County Building Permit Required?
- 3 Real ID Update
- 3 ACTPO Update Report
- 4 Community Conservation Partnership Program Grants
- 4 Funding for Sidewalks, Lighting, or Pedestrian Safety Projects
- 4 Reminders for Your Schedule

## Radar for Municipal Police Moves a Step Closer

The House Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on Senate Bill 251 on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Senate Bill 251 will authorize municipal police to use radar to enforce the maximum speed limits for motor vehicles travelling on Pennsylvania roadways. Senate Bill 251 passed the Senate by a vote of 46-3. The Radar Coalition, whose members are every major law enforcement and municipal association in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are eagerly anticipating testifying at the upcoming hearing. Here is what Jim Nowalk spokesperson for the Radar Coalition communicated to Representative John Taylor the Chair of the House Transportation Committee.



It has come to our attention that the House Transportation Committee will be holding hearings on radar for municipal police in early April. Please know that the Radar Coalition, representing every major law enforcement and municipal association in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, welcomes the opportunity to talk with the members of the House Transportation Committee about Senate Bill 251. Senate Bill 251 will give municipal police the law enforcement equipment that they need to end Pennsylvania's distinction of having the worst record for speeding-related fatalities in the United States of America. At the same time, Senate Bill 251 will address all of the concerns of the members of the House of Representatives, irrespective of the Radar Coalition's agreement with those concerns.

As you know, the Radar Coalition has been pursuing the passage of Senate Bill 251 for a long time. In the last legislative session, a similar bill passed the Senate overwhelmingly and then died in the House Transportation Committee due to the insufficient time to consider that bill. In this legislative session,

Please see *Radar a Step Closer* page 2

## Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders” (FASD) is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy. Prenatal exposure to alcohol can cause permanent brain damage, as the developing brain can be harmed anytime. If pregnant females do not drink alcohol, FASD will not happen. That's right: 100% preventable. It's that simple. There is *no known safe amount, no safe time, and no safe kind* of alcohol to drink when pregnant. Unfortunately, most women don't know the facts.

FASD effects may include physical, mental, learning, and/or social-emotional behavioral disabilities that have lifelong implications. These effects and disabilities may include but are not limited to:

Please see *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders* page 2

*Radar Step Closer* from page 1

Senate Bill 251 passed the Senate by a vote of 46 to 3. The Speaker, the Majority Leader and the Majority Whip of the House of Representatives have all stated their support for this bill. We are confident that Senate Bill 251 will pass overwhelmingly in the House as it did in the Senate if the members of the House Transportation Committee report the bill to the full House for a vote.

The Radar Coalition respectfully asks that you allow two panels of presenters and one individual speaker to represent the Coalition at the upcoming hearings. Representing the Chiefs of Police and the rank and file in a law enforcement panel will be Chief Steven Junkin of the Hampden Township Police in Cumberland County and Joseph Regan, Recording Secretary and Legislative Committee Chairman of the Fraternal Order of Police, Pennsylvania State Lodge. Representing all of the boroughs, cities and townships of Pennsylvania in a municipal government panel will be elected officials or staff of each of the respective municipal associations. Finally, I will represent Mayors and other elected executives who are charged by law with oversight of municipal police departments.



Because the members of the Radar Coalition have the most at stake with respect to the subject matter of the upcoming hearings, we ask to be placed last on the agenda. In that way, we will be able to address the concerns raised by any previous speakers. Furthermore, it has been rumored that there may be speakers who will question the reliability of radar and lidar equipment. If this is true, the Radar Coalition would like the flexibility to add a speaker who is a member of the Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police rely upon this equipment to enforce motor vehicle speed and if a speaker is going to challenge the reliability of their equipment, the State Police should have the chance to rebut this testimony. The Radar Coalition looks forward to the hearings and ultimately to having the necessary equipment to enforce the public safety standards promulgated by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania in the Motor Vehicle Code. The House Transportation Committee presently has the awe-inspiring opportunity to save the lives of Pennsylvanians or to continue to cringe every time the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration releases its statistics on speeding-related fatalities across the nation.

*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders* from page 1

- Abnormalities of the heart, eyes, ears, kidneys, and skeleton; low birth weight.
- Signs and symptoms of various mental health disorders that in many cases can go unrecognized or misdiagnosed.
- Intellectual disabilities ranging from learning disabilities and memory deficits to mental retardation.
- May have difficulty understanding “cause and effect” principles, have poor social skills, and have problems with impulse control, which put the individual at high risk for becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

**According to the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, “FASD is more prevalent than Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, SIDS, Cystic Fibrosis, and Spina Bifida combined.” CDC reports up to 1 in 20 USA school children may have FASDs. FASD is preventable. Please, help pass the word!**

## Is a Adams County Building Permit Required?

“It is important to remember to remind property owners seeking to obtain municipal building permits to contact the Adams County Tax Services office to inquire whether or not an Adams County Construction permit is required for the project that they are applying for, as the requirements for municipal County permits may be different. The County’s permit helps to ensure that all property owners are in compliance with Pennsylvania Assessment Law, which requires those owners to notify the County of improvements to



Please see *Building Permit* on page 3

*Building Permit* from page 2

their properties; ensures that all property owners are paying their fair, equitable share of real estate taxes as they make improvements to their properties; and that the municipalities are able to realize the additional tax revenue generated from those projects. Furthermore, the boroughs are also reminded that to further comply with Pennsylvania Assessment Law, municipalities are required to furnish copies of all building permits obtained in their jurisdiction to the Tax Services office on a monthly basis.

## Real ID Update: Did You Get Your First License After 2003?

If you want to get a REAL ID beginning next year, PennDOT may already have some of your information on file for more efficient processing. This month, PennDOT began sending to customers who received their first driver license or ID card after September 2003, inviting them to visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website to confirm their documents are on file. Once a customer has completed the pre-verification application process, PennDOT staff will review the customer's record, verify which documents are on file and follow up with the customer regarding the status of their application. Customers are not pre-verified until they have completed the online pre-verification process and received confirmation from PennDOT that all documents are on file. If they are, PennDOT will mark the customer's record as "verified," and after REAL ID products are available in spring 2019, the customer can opt into the REAL ID program online, pay the one-time \$30 fee, plus their renewal fee (the REAL ID product will include any time left on the current license plus the period of renewal) and their REAL ID product will be sent through the mail, eliminating any need for this customer to visit a Driver License Center. Under Pennsylvania law, residents may choose whether or not to obtain REAL ID from the Commonwealth. Under federal law, people with a need to access certain federal facilities or fly domestically will need a REAL ID or other compliant form of identification, such as a passport. Pennsylvania residents may still use their current driver license and ID through Oct. 10, 2018. (Additional extensions through 2019 are expected.)

## Adams County Transportation Planning Organization Update

At the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization:

- Bob Gordon was elected Chair and David Bolton was elected Vice-Chair.
- The board heard staff updates concerning:
  - ◊ Eisenhower Blvd (McSherrystown By-Pass) project: Environmental Clearances pending.
  - ◊ SR116 Road Safety Audit: New Safety Manager on team.
  - ◊ HOP/Traffic Study project: Route 116 (truck/merge lane), Freedom House (Freedom Valley Church) @ Coleman Road, Renn Kirby (Expedition Trail) possible connection to Rt. 30 (merge concerns).
  - ◊ US 15/30 Interchange Project: later prioritization for completion on 2019-2022 TIP.
- Board supported state-established targets through the FAST Act to reduce highway deaths/injuries by 2% with approved methodology (other option was to establish our own targets/methodologies, which was extremely labor intensive).
- Board approved Unified Planning Work Program for 2018-2020 with a top priority of transitioning from an RPO (Rural Planning Org.) to an MPO (Metropolitan Planning Org.) to compete for more state and federal funding and work with York County MPO on collaborative efforts.
- Board heard updates from PennDOT on the 2017-2020 TIP and continued discussion on prioritization of large-scale projects.
- Board heard discussion of the Beaver Creek bridge over Country Club Road, its current SCOUR requirements and request for bridge to be added to County project list

Next meeting is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm at the Emergency Services Building.

## Community Conservation Partnership Program Grants

Applications for the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) will be accepted through April 11. Available through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, these grants can be used for land acquisition and conservation, rehabilitation and development of public parks, recreational facilities, and more. For more information or to apply, visit <https://brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov> or call 800-326-7734.

## Funding for Sidewalk, Lighting, or Pedestrian Safety Projects

Boroughs can apply for grants available through the Commonwealth Financing Authority’s Multimodal Fund for the development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets, and transit-oriented development. Visit [www.newpa.com/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund](http://www.newpa.com/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund) to apply or for more information. **Applications are due July 31.** Note: This Multimodal Fund is separate from the PennDOT Multimodal Fund.

## Reminders for Your Schedule

Date	Time	Organization	Place
March 20	8:00 am	ACCOG: Legislative Committee	Senator Alloway’s Office
March 28	1:00–3:00 pm	ACTPO Meeting	911 Center
April 24	6:30 pm	YATB Board of Directors Regular Meeting	York Office

### Next ACBA Meeting...



May 21, 2018

#### ACBA Association Staff

Mayor Ron Harris.....President  
 Councilor David Bolton.....Vice President  
 Sandy Conrad.....Secretary  
 Charlene Westcott.....Treasurer

#### Special Interests

PSAB Liaison..... Councilor David Bolton  
 ACBA Legislative Committee..... Councilor David Bolton  
 AC Transportation Planning Org... Councilor David Bolton  
 AC Transportation Planning Org... Mr. David Hazlett  
 AC Transportation Planning Org... Councilor Susan Naugle  
 AC COG..... Mayor Ron Harris  
 AC Land Conservancy..... Mr. Bill Chantelau  
 ACTCC..... Mayor Ron Harris  
 YATB..... Supervisor LuAnn Dille  
 AC Water Resource Advisory..... Mr. Bill Chantelau  
 Penn State Cooperative Ext..... Ms. Judy Chambers