

HAINES TOWNSHIP Newsletter

March 2026



Photo Courtesy of Heather Scully

Message from the Board Chairman

Hang on! Spring is right around the corner! It has been a colder and snowier winter than we have experienced recently but there are people in the community that help keep things moving regardless. Of course, the Haines Twp. Road Crew, Mark Hosterman and Julie Shaffer, have worked long hours when needed to keep the township roads safe and clear. In addition, the members of our two water authorities work at keeping both water systems functioning. Deep frost can play havoc with water systems. In the midst the coldest weather this winter, members of the Haines Aaronsburg Municipal Authority (HAMA) board were out with listening devices from 3 am to 7 am on a Sunday morning trying to locate a major leak. Listening devices work only when water use is at a minimum thus the early morning hours. Serving on a board requires more than a monthly meeting! Neighbors that noticed offered their homes and hot coffee to help the workers warm up.

I also want to thank Millheim Fire Co. and Penns Valley EMS volunteers for keeping our residents safe even during the worst weather. It all works when we work together. If you feel called to help your neighbors, contact the township office. We all have knowledge and skills that can be a valuable contribution to our neighbors and those currently serving can help you find a good place to fit in.

Darryl Schaefer

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Municipal (Water) Authority Highlights

HAMA

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority

Water Emergencies Call: Jodi Muthler - 570-660-7879

Project Update: Construction of the new water filtration plant is nearly complete.

We transitioned from the temporary mobile filtration unit to the permanent plant in late January 2026.

We are working closely with the engineers and subcontractors to ensure that all items are complete and meet our requirements over the next several days. We are very excited to mark this project complete and focus on future infrastructure projects. Stay tuned for photos of the new filtration plant in a future newsletter.

Spring Thaw: Thank you to the many residents who offered/provided warm shelter, beverages, and one very important piece of equipment to the operators and crew involved in finding the water main break that occurred in early February during the frigid temperatures. We appreciate the cooperation and support of all customers during that event. As warm weather approaches, please continue to keep us informed of any running water in or around storm drains, along the street, or near your service line curb stop.

Online Account Info & Bill Pay HAMA Customers: This service is convenient and secure while offering every customer the opportunity and convenience of receiving, viewing, and paying their water bill online. No more waiting for the mail. Make your life easier by receiving your bill online. Say goodbye to paper bills and hello to convenience and less clutter for the new year!

It's easy, go to: <https://pay.waterbill.com/login-hama-pa>

Board Members:

Derek Hart - Chairman

Ian Smith - Vice-Chairman

Tina Lamey - Secy./Treas.

Kody Orndorf - Member

Lyle Stover - Asst. Secy./Treas.

Kimberly Claar - Office Administrator

Monthly meetings are held at 6:30 PM, the third Wednesday of every month at 337 E. Aaron Square, Aaronsburg. Office Phone: 814-349-8193 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30am - 3:30pm unless otherwise noted on website.

HAMA & HWMA Alert Notification System: If you have not been receiving a call or text notification with important alerts or information in the last 6 months, please call or email to get registered free service.

Office Phone: 814-349-8193 or Office Email: hainestownship@verizon.net

HWMA

Haines-Woodward Municipal Authority

Public meetings held 2nd Monday every Month at United Trinity Church in Woodward @ 7:00pm

Water Emergencies Call: Jodi Muthler-System Operator - 570-660-7879

Board Members:

Julie Shaffer - Chair: 814-574-1455

Brian Stover - Member

Jen Krout - Vice-Chair/Secretary: 814-571-5717

Keith Feinour - Member

Peggy Huey: Treasurer

Community News

Hello Residents! I wanted to thank everyone for your support during my term as the Tax Collector. It was an honor serving Haines Township. My decision not to run again was based on changes in my full-time position and family responsibilities.

I continue to be involved with our community and look forward to serving in other areas as my time permits. I supported our newly elected Tax Collector, Lyle Stover, in his campaign and am personally training him to make sure the transition goes smoothly.

Respectfully, Andrea L. Vonada



Tax Collector Information is available here: <https://hainestwp.org/township-government/tax-collector/>

Reminder: Every bill includes the mailing address, phone, and office hours information.

There are 2 bills a year:

1. County & Municipal (Township) tax bills are mailed on or by March 1st.
(Paid or postmarked by April 30th 2% discount applied.)
2. School District tax bills are mailed on or by July 15th. (Paid or postmarked by Sept 15th, 2% discount applied.)

Bills are sent individually—if you own more than 1 parcel, you will get a bill for each one. They are on slightly heavier paper, which is PERFORATED on three sides—no envelope.

Lyle Stover, Tax Collector Scheduled Office Hours:

- **ONLY during the DISCOUNT period, March & April, printed on every bill**
- TUESDAYS from March 3 – April 28 from 5:30pm – 8:00pm.
- End of discount period on WEDNESDAY, April 29 & THURSDAY, April 30 from 5:30pm – 8:00pm.
- Others by appointment, call 814-325-7599:
 - **Email:** HainesTaxCollector@gmail.com
 - **Phone:** 814-325-7599
- **Office Hours will be held at the Haines Township Office Meeting Room, Located at: 337 E. Aaron Sq, Aaronsburg, PA 16820**
- **Tax Collector (RED) Lockbox is also located at the Haines Township Office.**
- **Mailing address is the same: Haines Tax Collector, PO Box 101,**

Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Your patience is appreciated during the transition.

Thank you,
Lyle Stover
Haines Township Tax Collector



Aaronsburg Civic Club: *Wishing you a Happy Spring!*

- After School Art kicked off Monday, Feb 23 and continues through April 27 from 3-5:30PM!
- Member Meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:30PM.
- Hold your party at ACC! Building Reservation form on our website aaronsburgcc.org.

Powered 100% by amazing volunteers, members, and business partners.

Thank you!
The team @ ACC



MILLHEIM FIRE COMPANY CASH & GUN RAFFLE

APRIL 11, 2026

11:00 AM – 4:40 PM

AT MILLHEIM FIRE COMPANY

105 NORTH STREET, MILLHEIM, PA 16854

RAIN OR SHINE – Event to be held in a heated pavilion

25 Prizes on the Main Ticket

Guns, Cash, Scopes, Binoculars, Coolers

Additional special prize chance's will be available,
like a gun safe with 3 mystery firearms,
Games with firearm's as prizes.
Games with cash prizes. Rip-off games.

Tickets are available at these local retailers:

Winter Road Supply, Cedar Hollow Hardware, Kauffman's Store,
Breezy Acres Garden Center, Hosterman & Stover Hardware,
Frosty Hook, Centre County Vingl, Noll's Gun Shop,
Millheim Small Engine and Millheim Fireman's Club.

Tickets can also be purchased at registration desk, om the day of the event.

Details and Rules for the Event

Tickets: \$10.00 Each or 3 for \$20.00

Must be 18 or older to purchase tickets and attend. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets and prizes are non-transferable. Proof of age required to enter.

Food and Beverage included with Ticket.

Food available at 11:30am. No carry-out fod or bee beverages allowed.

No alcohoit beverages allowed to taave the premises,

No alcoholic beverages after 4:30pm.

Drawings start at 12:00pm and continue until 4:30pm.

Winners are responsible for PA Instant Check. Winners not passing sasing background check will forfeit their prize and receive \$100.00.

Prizes must be claimed within 60 days of notification or prize becomes property of the Millheim Fire Company.

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Community News, Continued

50TH DUTCH FALL FESTIVAL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2026

SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM & SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM

We invite you to join our team to help make year 50 the best yet!
Vendor registration is open.

To become a Festival Volunteer, Sponsor, or register as a Vendor/Youth Vendor.
Contact: Kimberly Claar at 814-349-8193 or kclaar.hainestwp@gmail.com
or go to our website: <https://hainestwp.org/dutch-fall-festival/>

As we approach the 50th year of the Dutch Fall Festival in October, this milestone would not be possible without the generosity of our family of supporters. We invite you to partner with us by becoming a sponsor of this year's festival. You are investing in our commitment to grow and improve the festival and to create memorable experiences. Together, we'll continue to celebrate the rich heritage that unites us, honor its original history with more demonstrations of PA Dutch traditions, and showcase the beauty of our community and our valley. All sponsors will be added to a leaf on our Festival Giving Tree!

Individuals and Businesses can scan the QR code to give securely online or go to our website for information to mail a check.



Ice Cream Social

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: AUGUST 7, 2026 (6:30PM - Dusk)

LOCATION: Don Wert Memorial Park
233 W. Plum St., Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Township News

A Few Reminders:

Once the weather breaks, the road crew will be out sweeping the roads.

The following are free services for Haines Township Residents ONLY:

Brush can be dropped behind the Township Bldg.

****NO Grass Clippings or Sod.**

Once the brush is chipped, the mulch pile is self-serve free to residents. **Mulch Pile Only.

Appliances and Electronics can be dropped behind the Township Bldg.

We Accept: Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Washers, Dryers, Furnaces, Electric Heaters, Water Heaters, Stoves, Ovens, Microwaves, Refrigerators & Freezers. (Please remove doors for safety reasons), Computers, TVs, Monitors, Printers, Battery Backups, Computer Peripherals (Keyboards, Mice, Speakers, etc.), Cables/Wiring

We DO NOT Accept: Tires, Propane Bottles, Gas/Fuel Tanks, Drums, Barrels, Paint Cans, Tar Buckets, Light Fixtures, Pipe / Boilers wrapped in insulation, or any Hazardous Waste Materials.



Happy Spring!

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