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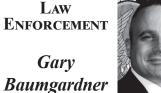
Snow's on the way: Keep it clear, throw it short

ing us a fair amount of snow so far this season. While the white stuff can fun to play in, skiing, snowboarding, sledding, it is not always fun to travel in, and even less fun to remove.

portation and our local road maintenance departments work many long hours to keep the roads clear and safe for travel. We also need to do our part to help facilitate those efforts.

Well, old man winter has been giv- ers across the region have snow and ice removal ordinances. In Conewago Township codes, under Chapter 130 – be beautiful to look at, not to mention Article III - Snow and Ice Removal, you will read the following: § 130-20 Prohibited acts.

No person or entity shall, either per-Pennsylvania Department of Trans- sonally or by others acting on his, her, or its behalf, deposit any accumulation of snow, ice, or other frozen materials upon the traveled section of any public highway, street, road, or alley located within Conewago Township, Adams relates to dumping of snow either by Conewago Township and many oth- County, Pennsylvania. This prohibition hand, by mechanical device, by motor





in effect, results in any accumulation of ecode360.com/CO1794. snow, ice, or other frozen materials on the traveled portion of any public highway, street, road or alley of the Township. The fact that the highway, street, road, or alley surface was not plowed at the time shall not be a defense to a prosecution based on this article.

§ 130-21 Violations and penalties. Any person violating any provision on us, let's keep it off the roadway of this article shall pay a fine of up to \$500, plus costs of prosecution.

These and other ordinances and wago Township chief of police.

vehicle or in any other manner which, others can be found at: https://www.

Throwing snow and ice back onto the roadway may seem to be without real consequence, but this can pose a danger to other motorist when the material creates additional slick or icy spots and hardens into frozen deformities that could cause another motorist to lose control.

So if winter keeps dropping snow while digging ourselves out.

Gary L. Baumgardner is the Cone-

Why, where and when I ride a bicycle

When and where did you first start riding? Okinawa, in 1968 or 1969. I was an Army brat.

How often do you ride now? Just about every day, except when the weather is a combination of below 40 degrees plus winds over 5 mph because I hate

Why do you like to ride? I'm not actually a committed cyclist.

I ride for three reasons, which dictate

First, because it is practical: It's faster to get around town than walking and often almost as fast as driving once you factor in finding a place to park. I usually commute via bike from home to work (Gettysburg College).

Second, for exercise, it's way more fun to go fast on the battlefield than it is to run (plus easier on my body, and easier to enjoy the scenery.)

Lastly, I started as a very novice mountain biker last spring, so once per week, weather permitting, I head into Michaux State Forest.

What bikes do you ride? I have a Trek hybrid that I got at Gettysburg Bike shop about 15 years ago, and last spring I got a Trek mountain bike there, too. Not enough of an aficionado to know exactly what kinds they are, other mountain biking. than the kind that work.

HABPI

Scott Hancock



How long have you been riding and how has your riding changed over time? I've been riding for over 50 years. First bike was a red banana seat chopper-style with a high sissy bar on the back in the early 1970s that my brother and I could both ride at the same time for fun, or, as one of few black kids in the neighborhood, to escape the older bullies when we were living in Dundalk down in Baltimore.

The first bike with gears I had was a 10-speed red Peugeot in Heidelberg, West Germany, in the mid 1970s, that I rode to soccer practice and school, so an early form of commuting. The only things that have changed is I don't ride to escape being beat up anymore and have added some very beginner-level

What interesting bicycle adventures club players.

have you had? Other than riding up the mountain just west of Dayton, Tennessee, for the fun of flying down it at 50-plus mph for fun, without a helmet, when I was in college (not something I'd do now), can't say I've had any particularly interesting adventures.

What tips do you have for other cyclists? I've never spent \$1,000 or more on a bike, and probably never will. However, after years of buying cheaper bikes (like \$100 or less) and constantly having them break down, we figured it was worth saving money and shelling out a few hundred for a bike that I could use daily and would last at least 10 years without needing constant repair.

Spending that on bikes at a local shop that you trust, which in our case meant Gettysburg Bike Shop, has been worth

What changes would you like to see to improve bicycling in Adams County? Not sure what the cause and effect relationship is, but if more bike paths encourage more people, especially kids, to bike, then I think they'd be worth it.

Scott Hancock came to Gettysburg in 2001. He teaches at Gettysburg College, which provides him enough flexibility to spend time at his real job, coaching soccer with Gettysburg High School and

A look at **Healthy Adams** County's past

HEALTHY ADAMS COUNTY

Bill Taft

This is part of Healthy Adams County's (HAC) 25-year anniversary monthly Gettysburg Times column special.

I have been given the opportunity to share a few thoughts about how Healthy Adams County came to be at a time when the notion of health status and quality of life seem to be under threat nationally. As the first executive director of this enterprise I will try.

In the mid-90s, Steve Niebler, formerly director of Adams County Office for Aging, approached Gettysburg Hospital, on behalf of Adams County Council of Community Services, with the request that the hospital participate and support their wish to conduct a community needs assessment for Adams County. At that time I was involved with strategic planning and physician recruitment activities at the hospital.

Adams County Council of Community Services (ACCCS) had been around since the 1950s and provided a regular forum for local human and health service agency leaders to share concerns and develop approaches to work together toward improving efforts to address social and health related issues affecting people living in Adams County.

Dr. Leah Maitland who had served as medical director for the hospital during that time as well as provided years of service to the migrant clinic, and Steve Renner, who became the hospital president, expressed keen interest in supporting the needs assessment. During the same period Pennsylvania Department of Health received a foundation grant designed to educate and encourage hospitals across the state to get involved in a movement designed to establish commu-

nity partnerships. Representatives from Gettysburg Hospital and ACCCS regularly discussed this idea along with the opportunity for sharing resources to conduct a needs assessment. They also attended key meetings sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health along with many other interested hospital and community leaders across the commonwealth.

It became clear that these activities should become natural next steps. There were several visits to communities where partnerships were already established, including Healthy York County Coalition, which was led by Mike Hady at York Hospital at the time.

The culmination of these collaborative and informational meetings and visits was a key moment when local health and social resource leaders agreed to forge a new entity, which was called Adams County Partnership for Community Health. At this time a mission statement was drafted and approved and the coalition was formed.

There is no question that Adams County citizens owe a continuing debt of gratitude to local healthcare and human services leaders, especially the late Dr. Leah Maitland, Steve Renner and Steve Niebler, for their foresight and commitment to making this community partnership, now known as Healthy Adams County, a reality. Much gratitude again to Steve Niebler who successfully led ACCCS. This group provided the hospital with the critical ingredient that has been the enduring key to identifying and addressing needs within our community.

I am proud to have been part of efforts that established the foundation for Healthy Adams County, and very happy to know that Kathy Gaskin, my successor as executive director, has done such a great job bringing this group to a higher level over recent years. Lastly, I owe special thanks to my personal partner and the person who continues to make this all work, Jennifer Gastley, administrative assistant.

Bill Taft if the past executive director of Healthy Adams County.

Why should you take the pledge?

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Distracted driving is an epidemic. Texting and other smartphone activities are estimated to be involved in 200,000+ vehicle crashes each year, often involving injuries and deaths.

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