Crews collected Christmas trees for the Township Residents January 4 through Friday the 15th. There were 924 trees collected during the two week period, and very few problems were reported by personnel.

The Cumberland County, horizontal grinding machine, showed up for work on January 19th. Maintenance Specialists, Mark D’Agostino, worked to grind up the pile of brush, along with the collected Christmas trees. He was hindered for a week, due to the snow storm, and will wrap up with grinding next month, as time allows. As a reminder, due to the increased costs for the County machines, dumping guidelines at the Public Works Facility, have been modified. Each residence within the Township, will be able to bring 4 pickup truck or single axle trailer loads of brush and 4 bulk items per calendar year, from their residence. After the designated amounts have been reached, residents can stop at the Municipal Service Center, to pre-pay for additional loads at $25.00 each. Penn Waste will pick up unlimited amounts of brush, curbside, April through November. (Must be bundled in six foot lengths that one man can pick up, or placed in the yard waste bins.) One bulk item per week may be placed curbside on the residents’ normal trash day. Please reference Penn Waste's website for guidelines. Residents, who have contractors working for them, are required to accompany any contract workers dumping yard waste. Contractors working in Lower Allen Township are required to purchase a brush dumping permit prior to using the facility, if not accompanied by a resident.

The Department of Environmental Protection is enforcing a law for recycling electronics that went into effect in January 2013. Residents are no longer able to drop off TV’s or computer equipment, including monitors and lap tops, at the Public Works facility, or put those items out for regular trash collection. Best Buy are the area’s largest recyclers when it comes to TV’s or computer equipment. Additional recycling information is available from the County Recycling Coordinator, whose contact information can be found at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Electronics Recycling. DEP's recycling hotline is: 1-800-346-4242.

Jonas, the blizzard of 2016, hit the region on January 22nd. Crews worked around the clock until the early hours of Sunday the 24th. While our crew is not large, we split our man power and started working 12 hour shifts with two crews on Monday the 25th. This enabled us to be able to address areas at night, which we could not get to during the daytime. Luckily we had very few mechanical problems, Fleet Maintenance did a great job with keeping the snow apparatus in working condition. I felt we did the best we were capable of doing and I’m proud of the service we were able to perform for our residents. Great job everyone!
On the Parks side, athletic field requests for the 2016 season have been received and the scheduling of reservations for LACP are ongoing. There are currently 11 weddings booked for the year and The Easter Seals Society will once again be holding its annual four week summer day camp in the lower barn. During January, Barry Zook took care of some maintenance and spot painting throughout the facility. The floors on both levels of the barn, were waxed during the month, and are ready for the upcoming festivities.

**During January the following projects were completed:**

- Tennis backboard work at Highland Park playground
- Trimmed low hanging vines on Sheepford Road
- Cleaned up Garden debris at Garden Plots
- Sign repairs/replacements (4 PA-One Calls)
- Storm water grate cleaning in selected areas
- Pothole patching
- Street sweeping
- Parks picnic table repairs and staining
- Made salt brine for ice control
- Playground equipment and bench repairs

**Meetings:**

- Safety Meeting – (Bob Nailor)
- Department Head Meeting (1) – Bob Nailor
- PW monthly meeting – (All PW employees)

Respectfully submitted,

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