Crews collected Christmas trees for the Township Residents January 9th through Friday the 22nd. There were approximately 910 trees collected during the two week period, and very few problems were reported by personnel.

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. Currently Cumberland County does not have an electronics disposal plan. We are asking residents to hold onto their old equipment until Cumberland County has a disposal plan in place.

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.

Winter weather was at a minimum for the month. 3 events hit the area, causing small amounts of freezing rain, some ice and a storm with a dry dusting. Crews were called out for these small squalls, and used 225 tons of salt and 3230 gallons of salt brine, to ensure residents were safe on the roads.

On the Parks side, athletic field requests for the 2017 season have been received and the scheduling of reservations for LACP are ongoing. There are currently 11 weddings booked, at the barn, for the year. The Easter Seals Society will once again be holding its annual four week summer day camp in the lower barn, late July into mid-August. 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:

- Emptied and washed trucks – in between storm events
- Street sweeping
- Changed light bulbs in shop
- Sign repairs/replacements (4 PA-One Calls)
- Storm water grate cleaning in needed areas
- Trimming of overgrown brush throughout LACP
- Equipment maintenance - LACP
- Drain work on
- Made salt brine for ice control
- Playground equipment and bench repairs
- Wrapped leaf pickers in shrink wrap for storing outdoors

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

Respectfully submitted,

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