

Mahoning Township, the richest agricultural district of Carbon County is located in the west central area of Carbon County. The name Mahoning is corrupted from “Mahonanne” which in the tongue of the Delaware Indians meant “a stream flowing near a lick.”

The township encompasses 24.6 square miles. It is bordered on the east by the Borough of Lehighton and the Lehigh River, the northeast by the Borough of Jim Thorpe, the northwest by the Borough of Summit Hill, the west by the Schuylkill County line and on the south by East Penn Township. The Mahoning Creek flows east through the Township to the Lehigh River. There are 43.74 miles in the Township road system and 29.26 miles in the state highway road system for a total of 73.00 miles of road.

HISTORIC MILESTONES

YEAR	MILESTONE
1786	The occupations of the early settlers included lumbering and limited farming.
1800	Early post offices began at Centre Square, New Mahoning and Pleasant Corn
1830	The first school was built at Normal Square, prior to the State School Law of
1842	Mahoning was created from part of East Penn Township and previously form
1850	The population of Mahoning Township was 1,253.
1862	Lehigh Valley Railroad Company began operation at Packerton.
1866	Lehighton was incorporated as a borough and the township was reduced to it
1872	Until this time the school district of Mahoning Township included Packerton a

1900	The population of Mahoning Township was 2,501.
1903	The area was served with rural free mail delivery from the Lehighton Post Office.
1914	Asa Packer School was built.
1948	Mahoning Drive In Theater opened and is still in operation today.
1950	The population of Mahoning Township was 2,649.
1955	Mahoning Township Elementary School was opened.
1959	Mahoning Township became part of the Lehighton Area School District.
1960	The population of Mahoning Township was 2,852.
1970	The population of Mahoning Township was 3,177.
1977	The Mahoning Township Municipal Park was dedicated on Memorial Day.
1980	The population of Mahoning Township was 3,853.
1990	The population of Mahoning Township was 4,198.
1992	Ground breaking began for an addition to the Mahoning Elementary School.
1996	Mahoning Valley Cinema opened with eight screens on April 18. Mahoning Township began a voluntary recycling program.
2000	The population of Mahoning Township was 3,978.
2002	Central Carbon Wastewater Treatment Plant opens.