

“Talk of the Township”

Township of Ligonier • One Municipal Park Drive • Ligonier, PA 15658

A Newsletter For Our Residents

July • August • September 2013

TOWNSHIP NEWS

From the Desk of Chief Michael Matronics

Ligonier Township Police Department

Despite recent controversy over the signage of properties and residences, I would like to encourage all residents to properly mark their homes and/or their lanes.

This is not intended to be an invasion of our residents' personal information and privacy, but merely to better assist emergency responders in what could possibly be a critical situation where time is essential.

Ligonier Township Supervisors recently tabled the signage ordinance. However, this decision does not preclude private residents from taking the initiative to properly mark their homes. If your home is located at the end of a private lane or driveway, please mark the end of that driveway so that, should an emergency arise, we are able to find you as quickly as possible.

I have been continuously answering calls in Ligonier Township where lanes and houses are still not marked. One particular incident was an ambulance call where the patient was in critical condition, unconscious. All three emergency agencies: the police, ambulance and fire department had difficulty finding the exact house because the residence had not been marked. This was very frustrating for the responders and they all wished that the house had been marked.

In recent months all emergency services wrote the township supervisors a letter of concern expressing the issue of the lack of house markings. One concern for the supervisors is that they do not want to fine township residents for such an offense. In reality it is unlikely that without the threat of penalty, individuals will not comply. For example: speed limit signs. We all talk about police enforcing the speeding laws. When you see a police car along the road what is your first initial feeling? You probably hit the brakes if you were speeding. You also probably got a sick feeling in your stomach and looked into your rearview mirror to see if the lights were activated. My point is, if there were no consequences people would continue speeding and this is now a safety issue. It is not our intent to fine home owners, but think of the consequence if your house is not marked and emergency services could not find your house.

Please comply with the request from your emergency services and mark your homes and driveways - it may mean the difference between life and death.

Rails to Trails

It has been brought to our attention that the recent completion of the Rails to Trails Bridge has enticed youth to jump from the bridge railing into Millcreek. This is not only dangerous but may be considered disorderly conduct and a punishable offense. Any actors caught jumping from the bridge railing into Millcreek shall be cited and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We urge parents and trail users to remind their youth that this is dangerous and we hope that everyone will take a proactive approach to prevent this from happening.

TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township fall property taxes (school) will be mailed August 1, 2013. If you do not receive a tax statement, please contact the tax office. Failure to receive a tax statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of payment. Tax statements are no longer mailed to the mortgage companies for payment. Taxpayers are responsible for sending the tax statement to the mortgage companies. The last day to pay your 1st school installment payment is September 30; last day to pay your 2nd installment payment October 30; the last day to pay your 3rd installment payment November 30. If you pay after these dates on your installment payment there will be a 10% penalty added. The last day to pay school taxes (fall) at discount is September 30, 2013. If paying by mail or through the door slot, make sure to enclose the statement and a self-addressed stamped envelope with the payment if you wish to receive a receipt. Ligonier Township spring taxes (county and township) are at penalty until December 31, 2013. An after hour, drop-off slot is available at the tax collectors office to accept payments before or after normal business hours.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday thru Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

724-238-2300

Fire Companies Fund raising

The annual fund raising campaign of the Ligonier Valley Fire Companies is now underway. This effort raises funds for all four local volunteer fire companies: Darlington, Ligonier, Waterford and Wilpen, with each company receiving an equal share of the money raised.

By law, providing for fire and emergency services is a responsibility of municipal government. The Ligonier community is fortunate to have a volunteer fire service to ease the burden of government by providing emergency services on a volunteer basis. To sustain our volunteer fire companies, contributions must be raised each year to meet increasing operating costs as well as the costs associated with the purchase of necessary personal protective gear and other fire fighting and rescue equipment.

The Board of Supervisors is pleased to encourage your support of this campaign. We know the value to the community of our system of volunteer fire companies. Furthermore, contributors should know that the entire campaign is managed by local volunteers, so 95% of every donation actually gets to the fire companies. We encourage all township residents to contribute whatever amount you can. Donations can be mailed to Ligonier Valley Fire Companies, P.O. Box FIRE, Ligonier, PA 15658

Electronics Recycling Program

Loyalhanna Watershed Association

110 Andi Lane, Ligonier, PA 15658

Hours of Operation - every Tuesday, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

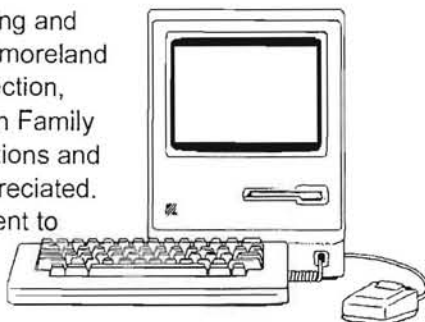
Recyclable Items

Answering machines	Compact disc players	Copiers
Duplicators	Electric typewriters	Fax machines
Hard drives	Laptops	Mainframe computers
Mobile phones	Modems	Microwave ovens
Pagers	Printers	Printed circuit boards
Radios	Remote controls	Stereos
Tape players	Televisions	Testing equipment
Transparency makers	VCR's	
Uninterruptible power supplies		
Telephones and telephone equipment		
Personal computers, CPU, monitors, keyboards, mouse and peripherals)		

Non-recyclable Items

Dehumidifiers
Disassembled TV's - TV taken apart; screen removed
White Goods: Refrigerators, Ovens, Washers/Dryers, Freezers
Products containing freon (A/C's) or mercury (electronic thermometers)
Batteries from automobiles or bagfuls of miscellaneous batteries

This program is made possible through funding and assistance provided by PA CleanWays of Westmoreland County, PA Department of Environmental Protection, Ligonier Valley Endowment and the R.K. Mellon Family Foundation. While this is a free program, donations and gifts toward the program are welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your support and your commitment to recycling. If you have any questions please call the LWA office at 724-238-7560.



Ligonier Twp. Municipal Authority

The Darlington and Laughlontown sewer projects are substantially complete. Residents will soon begin to receive connection letters. Sixty days from the date of the letter the tap in fee must be paid and the connection completed. In Darlington, the letters will be sent out in groups. Not everyone will receive a letter at the same time. Installation instructions will be supplied when the tap in fee is paid.

Road Sealing

Road sealing in the Township is tentatively scheduled to begin on August 26, 2013. The roads that are scheduled to be done are: Austraw Road, Red Arrow Road, McCurdy Trail, Berkley Road, Jinks Trail, Claycomb Road, Harvey Road, Umhey Road, Turkey Inn Road, Ann Roberts Road, Valley View Drive, Mosshaven Way, Crystal Creek Drive, Minute Man Lane, Melville Road, Rose Road, Solomon Temple Road and Hudock Road.

The Ligonier Township
Municipal Building
will be closed on:

July 4 & 5 - Independence Day

September 2 - Labor Day

The Township Building is open
Monday through Friday
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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MEETINGS

JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

- Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** 4:00 p.m.
July 3 • August 7 • September 4
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session**.. 8:00 a.m.
July 3 • August 9 • September 6
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting**..... 7:00 p.m.
July 9 • August 13 • September 10
- Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 7:00 p.m.
July 8 • August 12 • September 9
- Ligonier Township Planning Commission** 7:30 p.m.
July 16 • August 20 • September 17
- Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board**..... 7:30 p.m.
July 22 • August 27 • September 24

Volunteer Fire Departments Directory

- Waterford Volunteer Fire Department..... 724-238-0471
Chief Robert Beaufort
- Darlington Volunteer Fire Department..... 724-238-4820
Chief Robert McDowell Cell....814-242-3785
- Wilpen Volunteer Fire Department 724-238-6585
Chief Michael DiRinaldo

LIGONIER TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

- Ligonier Township Supervisors** 724-238-2725
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- Receptionist**
Barbara L. Hollick
- Ligonier Township Secretary / Treasurer**
- Ligonier Township Zoning Officer/Assistant Secretary**
Cindy Angelo 724-238-3640
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** 724-238-7464
Manager - Paul Knupp
Secretary - Anna Bills
- Ligonier Township Tax Collector** 724-238-2300
Sue R. Kinsey
- Ligonier Township Police** 724-238-5105
Chief of Police Michael W. Matrunics
- Ligonier Township Code Enforcement** 724-875-2785
- Ligonier Township Web Site**..... www.ligoniertownship.com
- Ligonier Township Email Address** ligsec@comcast.net
- Ligonier Township Fax Number** 724-238-3711
- Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co** 412-828-2178
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