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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

October/November/December 2012

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Photo ID Needed for November Election

ALL voters will be required to show a photo ID before voting at a polling place.

All photo ID's must be current and contain an expiration date, unless noted otherwise. Acceptable ID's include:

- ☑ Photo ID's issued by the U.S. Federal Government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
 - Pennsylvania driver's license or non-driver's license photo ID (ID's are valid for voting purposes 12 months past expiration date)
 - Valid U.S. passport (not expired)
 - U.S. military ID - active duty and retired military (a military or veteran's ID must designate an expiration date or designate that the expiration date is indefinite). Military dependents' ID must contain an expiration date.
- ☑ Employee photo ID issued by Federal, PA County or Municipal government (not expired)
- ☑ Photo ID cards from an accredited public or private Pennsylvania college or university (not expired)
- ☑ Photo ID cards issued by a Pennsylvania care facility, including long-term care facilities, assisted living residences or personal care homes (not expired)

If you do not have one of these ID's and require one for voting purposes, you may be entitled to get one FREE OF CHARGE at a PennDOT Driver License Center. To find the Driver License Center nearest you, and learn what identification and residency documentation you will need to get a photo ID, or for more information, visit www.VotesPa.com or call 1-877-VotesPA (1-877-868-3772). You can also learn how to vote if you have a religious exemption to having your photograph taken.

NO ONE legally entitled to vote will be denied the right to do so. If you do not have a photo ID or are indigent and unable to obtain one without payment of a fee, you may cast a provisional ballot, and will have six days to provide your photo ID or an affirmation to your county elections office to have your ballot count.

Sewer Line Project

The Ligonier Township Municipal Authority has begun the sewer line project in Darlington. Please be understanding as this work progresses. Digging in some areas is very close to the water lines and may cause breaks, resulting in water outages or low pressure. We suggest keeping some water on hand in containers for your use during these times. Our men work immediately to repair these breaks. We know this work can be inconvenient. Thank you for your patience.

House Numbers

At a recent meeting of the Township Supervisors, we were asked to pass an ordinance requiring house numbers be placed on all homes in the Township. This information is vital for emergency responders to find your residence. In addition, home deliveries are made by companies relying on these numbers, as well as guests trying to find your home. We have no desire to pass another ordinance to burden you with additional governmental requirements. But we do ask you to stop by a hardware store and pick up numbered stickers and place them where they are visible on your home or at your driveway. Emergencies, by their nature, are unanticipated. Please take this step in advance of a bad situation to protect yourself.

TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

County and Township (spring) taxes are now at Penalty until December 31, 2012. School (fall) Taxes for 2012-2013 can be paid at Face Value until November 30, 2012, then at Penalty until December 31, 2012. The last day to pay your 2nd Installment payment is October 30; the last day to pay your 3rd Installment payment is November 30. If you pay after these dates on your Installment payment there will be a 10% penalty added. If you do not receive your statement, please contact the Ligonier Township Tax Office. Failure to receive a tax statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of payment. A drop-off slot is available at the tax collectors office to accept payments before or after normal business hours. Tax statements are no longer mailed to the mortgage companies for payment.

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

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Notice is hereby given to all persons that the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority will hold its regularly scheduled meetings for general purposes monthly during 2012 beginning September 5, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., and thereafter on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m., applicable time. All of the regular monthly meetings will be held at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building, One Municipal Park Drive, Ligonier, Pennsylvania. The dates during 2012 on which said meetings will be held are:

October 3, November 7 and December 5

If for any reason the regularly scheduled meeting date is changed or special meetings called, due notice will be given of the time and location of the meeting, as required by applicable law, rule and regulation.

Local Income (Wage) Taxes and Local Services Taxes

Based upon legislation passed several years ago by the State, all new Wage Taxes and Local Services Taxes are now being collected by Berkheimer Tax Administrator for all municipalities located in Westmoreland County.

Employers and residents should continue to correspond, and deal with, PA Municipal Service for all Wage and Local

Services Taxes for prior years. However, all first quarter 2012 and beyond correspondence should be with Berkheimer. Following is the contact information:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator
50 North Seventh Street
Bangor, PA 18013
(866) 701-7206

Fort Days 2012

Save the date for Fort Ligonier Days, October 12, 13 and 14, 2012, which commemorates the battle of Fort Ligonier fought on October 12, 1758. Join us as we celebrate with approximately 150 arts and crafts booths, food booths around the Diamond, a great parade, sidewalk sales, live entertainment and a variety of activities.

Attention Laughlintown Residents

For those of you that have received Right of Ways for the proposed sewage project and have not signed your Right of Way yet, please contact our office as soon as possible. Our notary is available on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for your convenience.

If you have any questions about where the sewage will be going on your property, we do have maps available in our office at the township building, for you to review. For any other questions please contact us at 724-238-7464.

Leaves & Snow Removal

The Ligonier Township Supervisors would like to thank our residents for their cooperation during our road sealing that took place in late August. We would also like to remind residents that it is unlawful to burn or dispose of leaves in any township ditches or roadways. Please dispose of them in a proper manner. A reminder that during the winter months any on-street parking that interferes with snow removal will be cause for a ticket. It is also unlawful to deposit snow on any township roads or block ditches, which may cause ice hazards. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated because it makes our job easier and snow removal can be done in a more timely fashion.



Trick or Treat

The Ligonier Township Supervisors have designated Wednesday, October 31, 2012 as Trick or Treat in the township, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Please be extra cautious when traveling at this time and watch for children. Although the township designates October 31 as the observed Halloween date, we do not discourage or prevent anyone from going trick or treating on any other day. This is simply the date that we will have extra police on patrol in the interest of public safety. Please make sure that younger children are accompanied by an adult or older sibling and check all candy when they return home.

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:

Friday, Oct. 12: Ft. Days

Monday, Nov. 12: Veterans' Day

Thursday, Nov. 22, Friday, Nov. 23 & Monday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving

Monday, Dec. 24 & Tuesday, Dec. 25: Christmas Holiday

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

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MEETINGS

OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER

- Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** 4:00 p.m.
October 3 • November 7 • December 5
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session**.. 8:00 a.m.
October 5 • November 9 • December 7
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting**..... 7:00 p.m.
October 9 • November 13 • December 11
- Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 7:00 p.m.
October 8 • November 12 • December 10
- Ligonier Township Planning Commission** 7:30 p.m.
October 16 • November 20 • December 18
- Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board**..... 7:30 p.m.
October 23 • November 27 • December 26

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
William C. Penrod, Jr., Keith A. Whipkey, Timothy R. Komar
- Receptionist**
Barbara L. Hollick
- Ligonier Township Secretary / Treasurer**
Keith A. Whipkey
- Ligonier Township Zoning Officer/Assistant Secretary**
Cindy Turley..... 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. Matronics
- 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
- Berkheimer Tax Administrator** 866-701-7206

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