



# “Talk of the Township”

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

April • May • June 2014

## TOWNSHIP NEWS

### From the Desk of Chief Michael Matrunics

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our community and to the organizations that donated money towards replacing our Tasers. The Taser is a less or non-lethal weapon used by this department. The Taser may or may not be familiar to you, but specifically is an electrical unit that fires electrical charged probes at actors who may be out of control physically or who fail to cooperate with commands from a Police Officer during an arrest. The unit controls the actor by overriding their muscle control called NMI (Neuro Muscular Incapacitation). This allows an officer to make an arrest without physically fighting with the actor which minimizes the possibility of hurting the officer and the actor and also minimizing liability for the department. In early 2008 this department received a grant to purchase Tasers. Since then, these units have been part of our equipment. I am proud to say that these units have not been fully deployed. That means no officer had to fire the unit in order to subdue anyone during a physical altercation. It has been deployed visually as part of the commands to an actor at which time the actor began to cooperate, de-escalating a potentially violent situation. This tool, therefore, has done its job.

In October of 2013 my Taser units began to fail in operation and, due to the age of the unit, they could not be repaired. It was my goal at that point to seek funds to upgrade these units. One unit alone cost approximately \$900.00, which does not include accessories that are needed, like holsters to carry the unit on our duty belts. My goal was to seek enough funds to buy at least one and purchase the second through budgeted funds. The ultimate goal was to eventually purchase 3. While seeking these funds from several local organizations, many other organizations graciously came on board and when it was all said and done I had enough money to purchase all 3 Taser units and all of the necessary accessories. The following list are all the donators who took part in this program. I would like to say thank you to those organizations and to all the individuals who take their time to be involved:

The Rotary Club of Ligonier  
 Ligonier Valley YMCA  
 Laurel Valley Golf Club  
 Ligonier Camp & Conference Center  
 Sue R. Kinsey, Tax Collector  
 Laurel Highlands Property Services LLC

Valley School of Ligonier  
 Bethlen Communities  
 Sons of the American Legion,  
 Squadron 267  
 American Legion, Byers Tosh Post 267  
 Thomas L. Nied Funeral Homes, Inc.

### Free Fill, Dirt and Woodchips

The Township is again offering Ligonier residents the opportunity to sign up for free fill, dirt and woodchips. While we cannot guarantee delivery to everyone, if work is being done in your area and you have filled out a request form, we will try to fill your request. Anyone interested should stop at the Township Municipal Building to sign a request form and your name will be added to the list. If you have any questions, please call the office at 724-238-2725.

## TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township Real Estate Spring taxes (County and Township) were mailed on March 1, 2014. If you do not receive a tax statement, please contact the Ligonier Township Real Estate Tax Office. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of payment. If applicable, taxpayers are responsible for sending the tax statement to their mortgage company for payment. A drop-off slot is available at the township real estate tax office to accept payments before or after normal business hours. Change of mailing address protocol: Address request forms are available at the tax office to be mailed to:

Westmoreland County Real Estate  
 Property Tax Division  
 ATTN: Address Change  
 40 North Pennsylvania Ave, Suite 440  
 Greensburg, PA 15601

### 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

Last Saturday of the months  
 April and September  
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
 724-238-2300

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## LWA to Coordinate Ninth Annual "Great Ligonier Valley Cleanup"

Due to the tremendous effort of over 2,200 volunteers from throughout the Valley over the past eight years, the Loyalhanna Watershed Association is pleased to announce the "Ninth Annual Great Ligonier Valley Cleanup" set for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

"In a great effort to do some much needed spring cleaning along several Ligonier Valley roadways, the event will be an all-inclusive effort of area residents, businesses, and environmental and civic groups to make a difference in our community by participating in a one day cleanup of local roadsides", adds cleanup organizer and LWA Project Manager, Josh Penatzer. "Several major roadways in the Valley are currently "adopted" through the PA

Department of Transportation and Westmoreland CleanWays programs, however, many more are in need of litter pick-up."

LWA is currently seeking cleanup sponsors and volunteers to clean up more than 50 miles of roads throughout the Valley, including roadways in Darlington, Wilpen, Waterford, Stahlstown, Bolivar, Laughlintown, Rector, and Ligonier Borough. Gloves, trash bags, safety equipment, refreshments, and commemorative gifts will be provided to all volunteers.

Help make this ninth annual event another great success by volunteering! Interested individuals or groups are asked to contact the LWA office at (724) 238-7560 to register by April 16.

## Dumpster Day - April 26, 2014 Old Lincoln Highway West from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

ID's will be checked by the Ligonier Township Police Department. Event is for Ligonier Township,

Ligonier Borough and Laurel Mountain Borough residents ONLY.

Fees:

\$10.00 per truckload, \$5.00 per carload

\$2.00 per regular-sized tires - tires on rims \$4.00

\$5.00 per large sized tires - tires on rims \$10.00

\$10.00 per appliances, no additional charge for freon containing appliances



Tires on rims require extra labor to remove rims. Our Tire Disposal Service will not accept tires on rims. For a small number of pieces, no charge will be made, but donations are always accepted and appreciated.

### *The following items will not be accepted:*

Paint, pressurized paint cans, hazardous materials, items containing dirt, concrete block, plaster, fiberglass insulation, shingles, household garbage, broken glass and grass clippings.

**The recycling area will be closed from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on April 26, 2014 due to Dumpster Day.**

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:  
Friday, April 18 for Good Friday  
Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day

## Upgrade to Billing Software

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority will be upgrading our billing software in the next few months. We will be offering a customer portal for all customer information as well as email billing and online bill pay. Please watch for changes and information on our website [ligtwpma.com](http://ligtwpma.com).

Consumer Confidence Reports will be out soon. These were previously mailed to all customers, however, due to changes in state policy, now you can either view them on our website or pick one up at the office.

## RABIES CLINIC

Ligonier Agway  
Saturday, April 5, 2014  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

\$9.00 for Rabies Vaccine  
Dogs and cats over 3 months of age

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BE RESTRAINED  
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## MEETINGS

### APRIL • MAY • JUNE

- Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 4:00 p.m.  
April 2 • May 7 • June 4
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session**.. 6:00 p.m.  
April 3 (3:30 p.m.) • April 15 • May 20 • June 17
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting**..... 7:00 p.m.  
April 8 • May 13 • June 10
- Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 7:00 p.m.  
April 14 • May 12 • June 9
- Ligonier Township Planning Commission** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
April 15 • May 20 • June 17
- Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
April 22 • May 27 • June 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  
Timothy R. Komar, D. Scott Matson, Paul E. Knupp
- Receptionist, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**  
Barbara L. Hollick
- Ligonier Township Treasurer**  
D. Scott Matson
- Ligonier Township Secretary**  
Bruce A. Robinson
- Ligonier Township Zoning Officer**  
Shelly Kaltenbaugh.....724-238-3640
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 724-238-7464  
Manager - Paul Knupp  
Secretary - Joyce Zickefoose
- Ligonier Township Tax Collector** .....724-238-2300  
Sue R. Kinsey
- Ligonier Township Police** .....724-238-5105  
Chief of Police Michael W. Matrunic
- Ligonier Township Code Enforcement** .....724-875-2785
- Ligonier Township Web Site**..... [www.ligoniertownship.com](http://www.ligoniertownship.com)
- Ligonier Township Email Address** ..... [ligsec@comcast.net](mailto:ligsec@comcast.net)
- Ligonier Township Fax Number** ..... 724-238-3711
- Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co** ..... 412-828-2178
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