



# “Talk of the Township”

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

October/November/December 2011

## TOWNSHIP NEWS

### From the desk of Chief Matronics

I would like to begin by reminding all township residents to please mark their homes with proper and visible house numbers. For those who live on private lanes, please erect a lane name sign. This will help all emergency services find your residence in case of an emergency.

The second topic I would like to discuss is our school students. Now that school is in, drivers need to be cautious and drive accordingly during school bus hours. School has been in since the end of August and I have received several complaints about motorists passing school buses while their lights are activated. Since these complaints, I have scheduled an extra officer to provide traffic enforcement during school bus hours in an attempt to make the bus stops safe. If anyone observes a violation, please call 911 to report the incident. If you call 911, please provide as much information as possible. Passing a school bus while red lights are activated carries a pretty stiff penalty. The penalty consists of a \$250.00 fine, 5 points and a 60 day license suspension.

### Reminder about Newsletter

The Township recently created a new and updated website. This website is interactive and contains current information. It is located at [www.ligoniertownship.com](http://www.ligoniertownship.com). Anyone interested in continuing to receive the “Talk of the Township” newsletter by mail is asked to contact the Ligonier Township Office, 724-238-2725, and let us know. We understand that not everyone is connected to the internet and some residents will still need to receive the newsletter by mail. Beginning January 2012 we will only mail to those residents who have contacted us to make this request.

### 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 Monday, October 31, 2011 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.

## TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

County and Township (spring) taxes are now at Penalty until December 31, 2011. School (fall) taxes for 2011-2012 can be paid at Face Value until November 30, 2011, then at Penalty until December 31, 2011. If you do not receive your tax statement, please contact the Tax Office. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of payment. A drop-off slot is available at the township tax collectors office to accept payments before or after normal business hours. Tax statements are no longer mailed to the mortgage company. Taxpayers are responsible for sending their tax notice to their mortgage company for payment. Please forward statements to your mortgage company as soon as possible for prompt 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

### Municipal Building Closings

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:

October 14, Ft. Ligonier Days

November 11, Veterans' Day

November 24, 25, & 28

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 26

Christmas Holiday

The Township Building is open Monday through Friday

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## From the Desk of Supervisor Keith Whipkey

In these trying economic times, your Supervisors take stock in how we will continue to provide all that you have come to expect of us. At the top of our list we see a vital service that is provided to us for free.

Thank God for the volunteer fire companies!!! As well as anyone, your Supervisors recognize the value, in dollars, that these departments provide us. In Pennsylvania, we have long had the tradition of volunteer fire companies, and we can only be thankful for what they do. Many of us only consider them as a protection for our home and property should we have a fire. But they are involved in our community, in many other ways: vehicle accident response, hazardous material spills, traffic control, cleanup of "acts of God" including flood damage, pumping flooded basements, cats in trees, and the dreaded false alarms for fire.

In the Ligonier Valley, we are doubly blessed because our four fire companies have joined forces to assure that emergencies in all areas are covered, organized to respond efficiently, and they plan together when acquiring new equipment to ensure that the function of the vehicles are not unduly duplicated. We read often in the newspapers of individual fire companies closing or combining with other departments due to a lack of manpower and/or funding. When new pieces of equipment cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, it is truly essential that fire companies be properly funded. Some municipalities found it necessary to add a tax to the real estate specifically designated for fire protection.

Ligonier Township has always relied on the residents of the Township to recognize this valuable asset we have and support it through annual donations. Annually, the combined fire company's organization sends out a single request to all residents of the community to contribute to the fire services. We do this ourselves, without a third-party fundraising expert to pay. 100% of your contribution goes directly to the fire companies so that we can be prepared to better protect you.

To those who give faithfully, we are grateful. To those who have not yet made a contribution this year, please consider doing so now. Contributions are divided equally among the various fire companies. By making this contribution, you are contributing to all companies likely to respond to your call. The address is as follows:

Ligonier Valley Fire Companies  
PO Box Fire  
Ligonier, PA 15658



## Fort Ligonier Days

Fort Ligonier Days will take place October 14, 15, and 16 this year. While many parts of Fort Ligonier Days remain the same, the Committee added a new craft lot at Commercial Bank. This brings the total to 4 craft lots, and all are full. We also have a new lot on the lawn at the former Surgicenter (McGinnis Hospital). The booths will consist of buy/sell items and a variety of different types of booths. Many exciting acts are lined up for the parade, which will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Visitors cannot line chairs along Main Street before 6:00 p.m. Friday evening. The entertainment scheduled for the weekend will give visitors plenty to enjoy. The band scheduled for the Streetdance Saturday evening is the "Original Fantasys", an oldies band. They will perform from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All of your favorite foods will be back on the Diamond, and we added a few new ones. Come hungry!

## Ligonier East Sewer Customers

We are in the process of sending out your tap-in letters. You will have 60 days once you receive your letter to pay your tap fee of \$1,500 and connect your lines. Tap fees may be mailed to us. Please make your checks payable to: LTMA. Also, please include where you want us to send the packet of information for your contractor. The contractor may pick your information up in our office.

Please leave the sewage account number section blank on your permit. We will complete this information with your NEW account number.

**It is very important that your contractor contact the Municipal Authority at 724-238-7464 (24 hours) before digging. Our inspector needs to be notified before you start to dig.**

## Darlington Area Customers

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority is in the process of sending Right of Ways out for your signatures. If you have received a Right of Way and have any questions please feel free to call us at 724-238-7464. We can either have our inspector call you to discuss your concerns or make an appointment to meet at the township office to review our sewage maps.

We also have a notary on staff for your convenience. Please call ahead to make an appointment because she is not in our office everyday. She will be available by appointment only for evening or Saturday hours.

We are hoping to have all the Right of Ways signed by October 1st, 2011 so that we can secure the lending for this project.

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# MEETINGS

OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER

Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority ..... 7:00 p.m.  
October 5 • November 2 • December 7

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session.. 8:00 a.m.  
October 7 • November 4 • December 9

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
October 11 • November 8 • December 13

Ligonier Township Recreation Board..... 6:30 p.m.  
October 13 • November 10 • December 8

Ligonier Township Planning Commission ..... 7:30 p.m.  
October 18 • November 15 • December 20

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board ..... 7:30 p.m.  
October 25 • November 22 • December 27

## 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](http://www.ligoniertownship.com)

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Ligonier Township Fax Number ..... 724-238-3711

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