



“Talk of the Township”

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

April • May • June, 2016

TOWNSHIP POLICE

By Chief of Police Michael W. Matrunics

We are pleased to announce that our K-9 program will resume under the direction of Sgt. James Friscarella. The Sergeant brings 12 years of experience to the department, most of which were served in the Derry Boro Police Department. He is looking forward to working closely with the Chief and the other officers in the department to foster strong community relationships with Township residents, as well as continue his work with the Task Force on the war against drugs.

As for his K-9 partner, we are anxiously awaiting their arrival. Sgt. Friscarella has been working with a few canines to train and he looks forward to having his partner by his side soon. You can find out any news on our new Facebook page *Ligonier Township PD K-9*.

On another note, we are looking forward to the warm weather that spring brings. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this time outdoors to be sure to check that your house and private lanes are properly identified. This has been an ongoing issue and it helps not just the officers in our department, but the other emergency responders in the area as well. If you have any concerns on where to purchase signage or how to properly identify your home, please do not hesitate to call the office to discuss this with me or any of the other officers on duty. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Westmoreland County Sheriff License to Carry Schedule:

12:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Township Building
April 26 • May 24 • June 28

TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

In March, residents who have fire hydrants and/or street lights near their property saw a new fee on their tax bill to account for these costs.

The Township has assumed these fees for the past 10 years, as the Supervisors voted to stop collecting these fees in 2006. In 2012, the Township taxes were raised to offset some of these costs.

Upon review of the 2015 budget, it was the decision of the Board to reinstitute fees for fire hydrants and street lights. This was not a new resolution, nor does it affect every Township Resident.

For questions or concerns about this tax, DO NOT contact the Tax office, please contact the Township Manager, Terry Carcella. To dispute your bill, you can pick up a petition form at the front desk or print one off of the Township website.

Ligonier Township Real Estate spring taxes were mailed on March 1, 2016. If you do not receive a statement, please contact the tax office immediately. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the Taxpayer of the responsibility of payment. If applicable, Taxpayers are responsible for sending the statement to their mortgage company for payment. A drop-off slot is available to accept payment before or after business hours.

Change of mailing address protocol: Address Request forms are available at the tax office to be mailed to:

Westmoreland County Real 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 month (April and September)

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Dumpster Day - April 9, 2016

Ligonier Township Municipal Complex • One Municipal Park Drive, Ligonier
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:

\$20 per dump trucks; \$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.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Supervisors has selected Russell Morgan as the Public Works Director for Ligonier Township. Russell comes to us with 25 years of service in the Navy and an extensive management background. We look forward to having him on staff. Welcome Russ!

Zoning has a new tab on our web page.
Residents can check out anything
about zoning at:
Ligoniertownship.com/zoning

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:

Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day

Monday, July 4 for Independence Day

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

WATER AUTHORITY

We are pleased that more and more of you continue to utilize our online site which provides you with balances, usages and ability to pay your bill online at www.ligtwpwater.com. Automatic draft is available by signing up in the office. If you have any questions regarding these services please call the secretarial staff between 7 – 3:30 Monday thru Friday at (724) 238-7464.

LTMA accepts the following forms of payment: American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa (**service charges apply.**) We still accept checks, money orders and cash. A lock box is available in the front door of the Township Building to drop any payments at any time.

Please remember to check our website for important announcements regarding your services and meeting dates.

Hopefully we are on the verge of spring but we request that you still please be mindful of freezing temperatures that could freeze lines and meters.



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MEETINGS

APRIL • MAY • JUNE

- Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725
- Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority**..... 4:00 p.m.
April 6 • May 4 • June 1
- Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session**..... 4:00 p.m.
April 27 • May 25 • June 29
- Ligonier Township Supervisors**..... 7:00 p.m.
April 12 • May 10 • June 14
- Ligonier Township Supervisors Work Session** 4:30 p.m.
April 25 • May 24 • June 28
- Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 7:00 p.m.
April 11 • May 9 • June 13
- Ligonier Township Planning Commission** 7:00 p.m.
April 28 • May 26 • June 23
- Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board** 7:30 p.m.
April 19 • May 17 • June 21

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:** Wade Thomas (Chairman), Paul Knupp (Vice-Chairman), Bruce Robinson (Secretary/Treasurer), D. Scott Matson, Gary Thistlethwaite
- Ligonier Township Manager** 724-238-2725
Terry Carcella
- Ligonier Township Financial Administrative Assistant/
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**..... 724-238-2725
Roxanne Shadron
- Ligonier Public Works Director**..... 724-238-2725
Russell Morgan
- Ligonier Township Administrative Assistant
Public Works/Police Depts.** 724-238-2725
Laurel Ross
- Ligonier Township Police** 724-238-5105
Chief of Police Michael W. Matrunics
- Ligonier Township Zoning Office**..... 724-238-3640
Richard Bell
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** 724-238-7464
Secretaries - Haidee Street, Joyce Zickefoose
- Ligonier Township Tax Collector** 724-238-2300
Sue R. Kinsey
- Ligonier Township Web Site**.....www.ligoniertownship.com
- Ligonier Township Fax Number**724-238-3711
- Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co** 412-828-2178
- Berkheimer Tax Administrator** 866-701-7206