



“Talk of the Township”

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

July, August, September, 2016

TOWNSHIP POLICE

By Chief of Police Michael W. Matrunics

We are pleased to announce that our K-9 handler, James Friscarella, has completed training with his K-9 partner, Kilo. The 15-month-old Belgian Malinois, was selected out of 6 potential K-9s on April 25, 2016. We were looking for a K-9 that was very social as well as good at finding drugs, has a strong bite and is an excellent at tracker. Kilo has all of these qualities and his training has been a success. We look forward to having these two on the beat soon.

We are hosting a Bike Run to fund the K9 program, on August 27. The event will be held here at the Township Municipal Complex and we are sure it will be a great time for all. We welcome residents of the Township of all ages to come out and show off their bikes, enjoy some great food, wins some prizes and meet the officers- especially our K9 force, Jimmy and Kilo.

If you are interested in donating a basket, please contact Laurel Ross 724-238-2725 x112, or via email 1ross@ligoniertownship.com. We will also have T-shirts available for purchase on the day of the event.

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:

Monday, September 5 for Labor Day

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

The Township has been very busy preparing to update the comprehensive plan for Ligonier Township and Ligonier Borough. We have put together a survey for residents to fill out and share their thoughts with us on how they would like to see their community take shape.

We have enclosed a hard copy of the survey for you to complete and return to the Township or there is another option available for you to be able to complete online.

You can find the online survey by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016LigonierSurvey>

Please note: only one survey can be completed per IP address.

Your feedback is important to us. We live and work in a wonderful community and a comprehensive plan helps to determine the roadmap for future growth or development of the area. The state definition of a “comprehensive plan” is: a generalized, coordinated land use map and policy statement of the governing body of a local government that interrelates all functional and natural systems and activities relating to the use of lands, including but not limited to sewer and water systems, transportation systems, educational facilities, recreational facilities, and natural resources and air and water quality management programs.

Past plans have stressed that conservation and natural beauty are important to those who live and work in the Ligonier Valley. And it is not the intention to change this. However, as our population grows, it is our goal to update and improve the infrastructure needed to sustain the growth and economic prosperity of the region.

Please, let us know your thoughts and comments on this. Fill out the preliminary survey and be candid. This is your community and we want to listen to what you, the residents, are saying.

Thank you-

Terry Carcella, Manager
Ligonier Township

TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township Fall Taxes (school) will be mailed out on August 1, 2016. If you do not receive your statement, please contact the Tax Office. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the taxpayers 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. When paying installments payments the last day to pay your 1st School Installment payment is September 30; last day to pay your 2nd Installment payment October 31; 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, 2016. If paying by mail or through the drop-off 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, 2016. After-hour, drop-off slot is available 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 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 September

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

LIGONIER VALLEY FIRE COMPANIES

Our municipality is very fortunate to have fire protection and other emergency services provided by a volunteer fire service. Historically, it's always been that way. But, what about the future? The trend across the Commonwealth is that there are fewer and fewer volunteers willing serve. State Fire Commissioner, Tim Solobay, ranks dwindling membership levels as the second biggest problem facing the volunteer fire service. (Funding is number one). Our local fire companies freely acknowledge that maintaining their membership rolls is a growing problem. New members would certainly be welcome at all the fire companies.

Fund raising - or more specifically the time devoted to it - is one of several factors which contributes to the declining membership problem. Fortunately, it is part of the problem that you can help resolve. When the opportunity presents itself, make a financial contribution.

Our local volunteer firefighters conduct an annual fund drive organized by the Ligonier Valley Fire Companies. They do this through the mail - not by telephone. Their mailing is made each year in late June or early July. When you receive their letter, think about the hundreds of times each year they are called upon for emergencies. Think how expensive it would be to replace them with a paid, professional fire service. Then, make a generous contribution to keep the priceless protection that we currently have. Everyone should try to do what they can. Even small contributions are better than none at all.

The Ligonier Valley Fire Companies' campaign raises money for all four local fire companies: Darlington, Waterford, Wilpen, and Ligonier. The annual campaign is run entirely by volunteers. Their track record is clear and it is impressive. Ninety-five cents of every dollar goes to the fire companies! That's yet another reason to be proud of how the volunteer fire service is conducted in our community. We encourage all township residents and businesses to show your support and contribute to this campaign.

"Ligonier Valley Fire Companies," P.O. Box FIRE, Ligonier, PA 15658

MUNICIPAL 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.

The 2015 Consumer Confidence Reports are available on our website and hard copies at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building.

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MEETINGS

JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

- Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725
- Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority**..... 4:00 p.m.
July 6 • August 3 • September 7
- Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session**..... 4:00 p.m.
July 27 • August 31 • September 28
- Ligonier Township Supervisors**..... 7:00 p.m.
July 12 • August 9 • September 13
- Ligonier Township Supervisors Work Session** 4:30 p.m.
July 26 • August 23 • September 27
- Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 7:00 p.m.
July 11 • August 8 • September 12
- Ligonier Township Planning Commission** 7:00 p.m.
July 28 • August 25 • September 22
- Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board** 7:30 p.m.
July 19 • August 16 • September 20

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