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TALK *of the* TOWNSHIP

A Newsletter for our Residents

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DUMPSTER DAY - APRIL 22

Location: Ligonier Township Municipal Complex

One Municipal Park Drive

Time: 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

Information: 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
\$20.00 per dump truck load
\$2.00 per regular-sized tires – tires on rims are \$4.00
\$5.00 per large-sized tire – tires on rims are \$10.00
\$15.00 per freon-containing appliances
\$10.00 per other appliances



THESE 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

LTMA NEWS

The LTMA is respectfully requesting that all sewer customers refrain from flushing articles such as rags, baby wipes or any non-biodegradable products down the toilet. This causes your pumping stations to become clogged with these articles. It becomes expensive to remove these articles from the pumping stations. We have seen an uptake in these articles being flushed, especially in the Oakwood Hills area. There is also a possibility of causing sewage backups into your homes when these rags or articles are flushed. So please, dispose of these articles properly, i.e., the garbage.

A reminder also that the LTMA will be flushing water lines the week of April 17 through April 21 from 8 AM until 3 PM. Some customers might experience low pressure and cloudy water for a short period of time. Please be patient while we complete this mandatory service.

Also a reminder that the LTMA board meetings have been changed to 7 PM to accommodate the public. These meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month. We invite everyone to attend.

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TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township Real Estate spring taxes (County and Township) were mailed on March 1, 2017. 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. The Tax collector's responsibilities for giving notice ends when this action has been taken. If Applicable, Taxpayers are responsible for sending the tax statement to their mortgage company for payment. Questions concerning Street Lights and Fire Hydrant, Please call Terry Carcella: 724-238-2725. A drop-off slot is available at the township real estate tax office to accept payment 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 through Thursday, 8:00 am till 12:00 noon
and 1:00 pm till 3:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am till 12:00 noon

Last Saturday of the month April and September
9:00 am till 11:00 am

724-238-2300

RECYCLING

Recycling Guidelines:

We are pleased to continue to offer Recycling for Township Residents. We have been seeing quite a few of you taking advantage of this service and we appreciate your help with placing your items in the appropriate bins. As a reminder, we are only accepting paper, cardboard, and aluminum cans at this time. We have noticed that the cardboard bins get filled up most often and we now have a total of 5 blue bins designated for cardboard. There are 3 yellow bins for paper, and the large green receptacle is for the cans. Again, we appreciate everyone following the rules by keeping items sorted appropriately and not dropping off glass or plastics, as well as not leaving items on the ground when the bins are full. Thanks so much for your cooperation!



Part Time Position Available:

Ligonier Township is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant to assist with a variety of tasks related to local government. An accounting background is preferred. The right fit for this position will have a flexible schedule and enjoy working within multiple departments.

Please send resumes to Terry Carcella, Township Manager, Ligonier Township, One Municipal Park Drive, Ligonier, PA 15658

Bridge Replacement

PennDot will be replacing the bridge on Route 711 North spanning Mill Creek (near the former Farabaugh Chevrolet Building) beginning 6/16/17 and is expected to open to traffic on 10/29/17. This bridge will have a traffic signal to limit traffic flow, so please anticipate delays when traveling in this area.

Westmoreland County Sheriff License to Carry Schedule:

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

at the Township Building

- April 26
- May 31
- June 28

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LIGONIER VALLEY TRAIL

The Ligonier Valley Trail has become very popular for walking and jogging along with some bicycle riders. We are delighted with the use it's getting and are working to add more trails, hoping to make it longer to give everyone some options concerning the amount of exercise they'd like to do or the direction they'd like to go.

Some home owners along the trail have informed us that the rules of the trail are not being adhered to and further, they are being negatively impacted by the misuse. The major issue is with people taking their dogs with them. While dogs are welcome on the trail, they must be on a leash and not allowed to run free. Some dogs are going into the yards homeowners who live along the trail and causing problems with their pets. Additionally, dog waste must be picked up. Some folks are picking up the waste but then throwing the poop bags out into the bushes or into the yards. There are dumpsters near the tennis courts where the waste bags can be deposited or you can dispose of them when you get home. We regret and condemn this behavior because it impacts everyone who uses the trail. We recently received a donated bench new waste receptacle to be installed near the bridge behind Weller Field. Please do not litter!

Additionally, the trail is closed from dusk until dawn. We've had several reports of people using the trail at night. Some people wear head lamps to see by while using the trail at night. It is worrisome to homeowners to see lights at night that shouldn't

be there. They are concerned about vandalism or fear of an attack of some kinds. According to one report, a car nearly hit a trail user at night when they met at Ligonier Camps Driveway. We ask users of the trail to be mindful of the rules and please abide by them.

Certainly most of the trail users are very thoughtful, respectful of others property and are delighted the trail exists for their enjoyment. We ask that everyone be aware that the trail runs through private property. All landowners have given permission allowing us to construct the trail on their property allowing everyone to use it. Please respect those owners and their property along the trail. Abiding by the rules will make for a better experience for everyone. We have worked hard to get the trail in place.....lets all pitch in and keep it nice for everyone.

Rules are posted on signs at both ends of the trail. The following is a review.

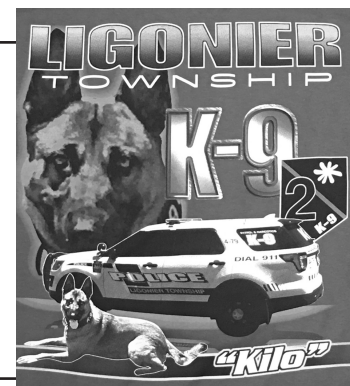
TRAIL RULES

- Please respect private property, stay on trail
- Trail open daily, dawn to dusk, no night use
- No motorized vehicles, except handicap scooters
- Keep pets on a leash, under control, pick up waste
- Littering prohibited. If you see litter, please pick it up
- Ligonier Borough prohibits bikes on sidewalks

Thank you,
Larry Shew, Ligonier Township Recreation
Board Project Manager

K-9 T-SHIRTS

The new K-9 shirts are here! T-shirts are \$20 and Sweatshirts are \$30 for sizes Small-3XL. Youth size S-L are also available, though quantities are limited. You can do so by contacting Jimmy via Facebook (Ligonier Township PD K-9) or stopping by the Township to see Roxanne.



TOWNSHIP NEWS

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Dear Ligonier Township Residents,

During the recent meetings that were held for the Comprehensive Plan, several residents questioned how they could be prepared for emergency situations that occur in our Valley.

The two most common emergencies that occur in Ligonier Township are flooding and trees down involving power/electrical lines due to storms and high winds.

Within the past month, emergency responders were called to rescue a car that was submerged in flood water covering a roadway. With all the information available in today's age telling people NOT to drive through standing water, this person chose to drive through a flooded roadway and became stranded and in need of an emergency rescue. Drivers are not able to tell how deep the water may be across a road and trying to cross can become a very dangerous situation in seconds. IF you come across a flooded road, in no circumstances should you try to drive through the water. Turn around and report the flooded area to 911 as soon as possible.

When a tornado struck Ligonier Valley a few years ago, one of the main concerns of emergency personnel was keeping people away from downed wires. If you see a wire that has fallen to the ground, NEVER assume it isn't electrified because it isn't sparking. Stay away from downed power lines and call 911 immediately. Live wires are extremely dangerous and can kill.

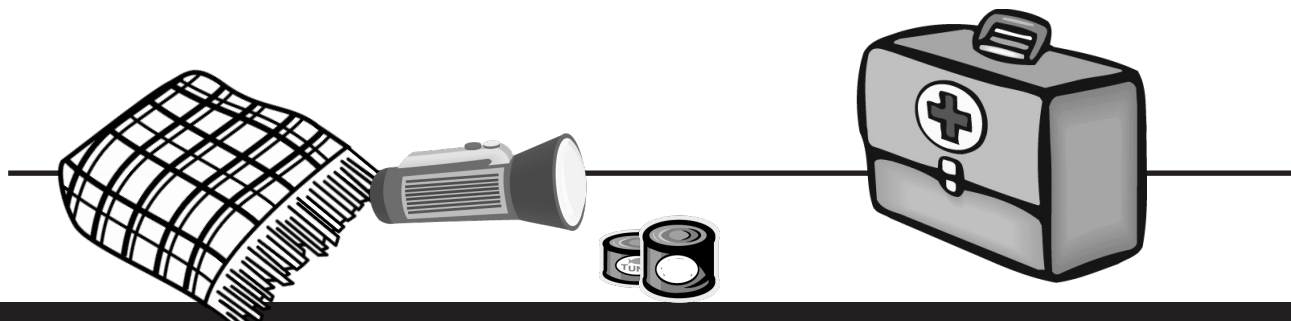
It is imperative to be prepared for an emergency situation that may arise with little to no warning. The Red Cross advises that you have the following necessities at hand in the event of an emergency:

- Water: one gallon per person, per day
- Food: non-perishable, easy to prepare items
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Medications: 7 day supply
- Multipurpose tool
- Family and emergency contact information
- Blankets
- Extra Cash

For a more comprehensive list and for additional tips on how to be prepared in the event of an emergency, please visit the Red Cross website at www.RedCross.org.

If you would like to help in emergency situations around our community, please look into volunteering at a local fire department. Our fire departments are always in need of men and women who want to volunteer their time and talents for the good of the community.

Sincerely,
John S. Beaufort
Ligonier Township Emergency
Management Coordinator



**The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:
May 29**

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

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MEETINGS

APRIL • MAY • JUNE

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

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority 4:00 p.m.
April 5 • May 3 • June 7

Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session..... 4:00 p.m.
April 26 • May 31 • June 28

Ligonier Township Supervisors..... 7:00 p.m.
April 11 • May 9 • June 13

Ligonier Township Supervisors Work Session 4:30 p.m.
April 25 • May 23 • June 27

Ligonier Township Recreation Board..... 7:00 p.m.
April 10 • May 8 • June 12

Ligonier Township Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
April 27 • May 25 • June 22

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board 7:30 p.m.
April 18 • May 16 • June 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 Department724-238-6585
Chief Michael DiRinaldo

LIGONIER TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Ligonier Township Supervisors: Wade Thomas (Chairman),
Paul Knupp (Vice-Chairman), Bruce Robinson (Secretary/Trea-
surer), D. Scott Matson, Gary Thistlethwaite

Ligonier Township Manager724-238-2725 ext 110
Terry Carcella

**Ligonier Township Financial Administrative Assistant/
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**..... 724-238-2725 ext 111
Roxanne Shadron

Ligonier Public Works Director..... 724-238-2725 ext 139
Russell Morgan

**Ligonier Township Administrative Assistant
Public Works/Police Depts.**724-238-2725 ext 112
Laurel Ross

Ligonier Township Police 724-238-5105
Chief of Police Michael W. Matrunics

Ligonier Township Zoning Office.....724-238-2725 ext 115
Richard Bell

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority 724-238-2725
Secretaries - Haidee Street.....ext 314
- Gail Barnhart.....ext 340

Ligonier Township Tax Collector 724-238-2300
Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township Web Site.....www.ligoniertownship.com

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Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co 412-828-2178

Berkheimer Tax Administrator 866-701-7206