



"Talk of the Township"

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

January/February/March 2005

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

by Nancy Crowe

We are continuing to work on the income surveys for the anticipated sewage projects in Darlington, Waterford, Wilpen, Oak Grove and Laughlintown areas. Mr. Schwartz, the RCAP Regional Manager in State College, advised me: Darlington has had an 83.1% response after the third letter with the second copy of the survey. Waterford has had an 83.2% response after a fourth letter with the third survey. Wilpen and Oak Grove have had an 82.4% response after a fourth letter with the third survey. A fourth letter with a third survey is unusual, but we were so close to the required 80% response that he asked us to try this so they could avoid coming to Ligonier to knock on a few doors. Thanks to some of you, it worked!

However, there was not time to send the fourth letter with the third survey to Laughlintown, so Mr. Schwartz advised us on Friday, December 17 that they are going to start knocking on doors in Laughlintown starting Christmas week.

The level of responses in Ligonier Township overall (78.8%) has been acknowledged by Mr. Schwartz as much higher than usual, and we have been commended by him.

To all of you who responded to the mailed surveys "Thank You" from Ligonier Township and Ligonier Township Municipal Authority.

Help Support our Military

Donations for Service Men and Women will be accepted at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building in Oak Grove between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or call the office if you have any questions 724-238-2725.

This is a list of items that are needed:

Chap Stick	Unscented Baby Wipes
Sweet Dry Drink Mixes	Hard Candy Individually Wrapped
Pringles	Toothbrush
Toothpaste	Slim Jims
Beef Jerky	Any other items that are individually wrapped
Crackers individually wrapped; Peanut Butter, Cheese, etc.	

Donations will be accepted to purchase mentioned items above. These items will be given to the Military personnel families, and they will send the items.

Phone Cards

Any American can now help troops in contingency operations phone from home. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is authorized to sell prepaid calling cards for deployed troops to any person or group.

Now, anyone can help deployed troops call home from one of the AAFES call centers in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

For service members to receive the best calling rates, senders should purchase the Military Exchange 550 Unit Prepaid Card with minutes that never expire and with no hidden charges or connection fees.

Helping service members stay in touch with friends and family has never been easier. Anyone can log onto <http://www.aafes.com> and click the "help our troops call home" link. Authorized shoppers such as retirees can purchase the calling cards through your regular on-line shopping pages or by calling 1-800-527-2345 or

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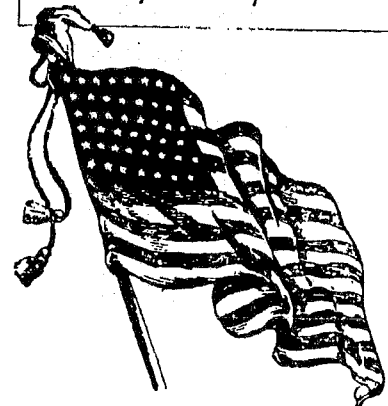
by Kaywin C. Shadron

Street Light/Fire Hydrant Taxes for Year 2005

For property owners who are liable for Street Light or Fire Hydrant taxes, this is to advise you the Township will be imposing these taxes again for the year 2005. There was no charge for these for the years 2002-2004. They will be billed with your County and Township taxes. For those who have escrow accounts through their mortgage companies, a separate bill will be issued to the taxpayer as the mortgage companies will not pay these.

Office hours: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 Noon; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m. till 12 Noon - 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. Telephone 724-238-2300

Please keep the Men and Women of our Military in your Prayers.



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visiting your local exchange. From there, those wishing to pay for troops to call home can send a prepaid calling card to an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. AAFES will coordinate distribution of donated cards addressed to "any service member" via the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or the Fisher House Foundation. AAFES operates 31 call centers in Iraq, 19 in Kuwait and four in Afghanistan.

There will be a Bulletin Board on display with pictures of the Men and Women serving our Country. If you have a picture for the display please stop by the office.

Thank you for your support, Sue Kinsey

AFA Article

Ask any firefighter "What is the single most important, life-saving device you can install in your home?" and, without hesitation, he will tell you a smoke detector. Each and every year, countless lives are saved because the occupants of a home or other structure were alerted to a fire in time to safely evacuate the building.

It is highly ironic then that one of the growing problems facing emergency service providers is the number of "false alarms" triggered by malfunctioning alarm systems. These are not the battery operated detectors that you can buy at the hardware store. Rather these are the elaborate, hard wired systems installed in many up-scale homes. They automatically link with a central office where someone calls 911 to dispatch police and fire units. If Uncle Harry's pipe smoke sets off one of these systems, before you know it, several local fire companies are being dispatched as a result.

In a community that depends on volunteers the way we do, this is a particularly troublesome situation. Firefighters don't want to "not respond" but they can't be expected to drop what they are doing for an automatic fire alarm call that nearly always turns out to be a false alarm. In addition to wearing out the enthusiasm of volunteers, these incidents result in needless wear and tear on equipment, consume expensive fuel and create a certain level of hazardous conditions on the roadways as emergency vehicles are being moved.

This is not just a local problem. Here, in Pennsylvania, legislation was passed several years ago that make repeated instances of false activation a misdemeanor under the Crimes Code punishable by a \$300.00 Fine.

Local fire officials hope it doesn't come to that. The last thing they want to do is start prosecuting members of our own community. But, your help is needed if we are to avoid that situation. If you have a hard wired alarm system, please have it tested and maintained regularly. If it malfunctions, get it serviced immediately to find and correct the problem.

Beginning in January, fire companies plan to begin collecting additional data about automatic fire alarm calls. While this is not intended to be the first step towards legal action, it will officially document repeat offenders.

The bottom line is this: we all know the moral of the story "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." When a real emergency occurred, no one responded. You can help prevent this situation from happening here by having your alarm system properly installed and maintained. Our local firefighters will thank you.

Remember to recycle tree after Christmas

PA Clean Ways of Westmoreland County has the perfect solution for one of your post-holiday dilemmas — what to do with that once beautiful Christmas tree. Recycle it! PA Clean Ways recommends that all tinsel, ornaments and wire are removed from the tree.

Location: Ligonier - Loyalhanna Watershed Association, corner of West Main Street and Springer Road (Country Market location), open drop-off will begin December 26 to January 15. Please feel free to call LWA office if you have any questions at 724-238-7560.

SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

The Senior PGA Championship will be held at Laurel Valley Golf Club May 23-29, 2005. If you are interested in volunteering your help for the tournament, please contact the PGA Office in Ligonier Town Hall 724-238-4400.

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SAVE THE DATES!!

January 28th
 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Community Room,
 Town Hall
 (basement level)

January 29th
 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 Ligonier Township
 Building

Community Design Event
 VISION THE LIGONIER VALLEY

Ligonier Valley communities of Laurel Mountain Borough, Ligonier Borough, Ligonier Township and Cook Township invite you to participate in a day and a half community design event!

PROVIDE YOUR INPUT IN GUIDING THE FUTURE OF THE LIGONIER VALLEY!

Tell us what is important to you, what you like and dislike about living in Ligonier Valley and what your ideas are for making it an even better place to live.

COME HEAR THE RESULTS!
 Join us Saturday, January 29th at 4:00 for a special presentation revealing the results!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Pennsylvania Environmental Council, 717-230-8044, ext 12 or Loyalhanna Watershed Association, 724-238-7560

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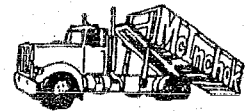


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MEETINGS
JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH

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

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority 7:00 p.m.
January 5 • February 2 • March 2

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session ... 8:00 a.m.
January 7 • February 4 • March 4

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 11 • February 8 • March 8

Ligonier Township Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
January 18 • February 15 • March 15

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board 7:30 p.m.
January 25 • February 22 • March 22

Ligonier Township Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.
January 5 • February 2 • March 2

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