



# "Talk of the Township"

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

April / May / June 2003

## ZONING DEPARTMENT

by Cindy Turley

The Supervisors are reviewing the following amendments to the zoning ordinance. The purpose of amending the zoning ordinance was to add definitions for uses permitted by the ordinance but not defined, to add uses that were defined but not categorized on the land use tables and to remove discrepancies and add clarification to items that were unclear.

The following definitions were added or amended:

Advertising Sign - Appliance Sales/Service - Car Wash - Church - Civic Use - Commercial School - Commercial Vehicle Sales/Service - Community Center - Community Club - Condominiums - Contractor Sales - Supply Yards - Drive-In Restaurants - Fast Food Restaurant or Fast Food Eating Establishment - Funeral Home - Golf Course - Gross Floor Area - Hotel - Kennel - Mini Storage - Motel/Hotel - Natural Resource Extraction - Nature Preserve - Nursery/Horticulture Use - Offices - Parks and Recreation - Public Use/Building - Restaurant - Retail - Retail, Large - Retail, Small - School - Social/Recreational Club - Two-Family Dwelling - Vehicle Sales/Service - Shopping Center.

Also proposed are provisions for Animals on Residential Land. These provisions do not pertain to farms which are provided for under Section 209 of the zoning ordinance.

Any use of residential land pertaining to the presence of, raising of, or management of animals, not usually associated with a residential use, and/or in conjunction with a hobby, recreational purpose, or for any other activity, whether used in, for, or as, a business or for profit venture, including, but not limited to, cows, pigs, horses, ponies, donkeys, chickens, geese, ducks, buffalo, reptiles and llama, may be permitted by the Ligonier Township Board of Supervisors, or their designated representative, if the use complies with the following provisions:

- (1) Such activity shall not be conducted within 150 feet of any property line.
- (2) Animals must be confined on, or within the owner's property and the setbacks established above at all times. Failure to so confine such animals shall be grounds for immediate suspension of the privilege of keeping animals on residential land.
- (3) No malodorous gas or matter shall be permitted which is discernable on any adjoining lot or property.
- (4) Storage or disposal of animal feces, waste or by products shall not be drained or discarded onto neighboring properties, nor shall such activity endanger the health, safety, or welfare of such adjoining property owners.
- (5) Noise from animals shall not be objectionable because of volume or frequency and shall be controlled during evening and early morning hours.
- (6) Such activity shall not endanger the welfare of the surrounding property owners and/or residents of the Township.

Please feel free to pick up your copy of the proposed amendments at the Township Office during office hours.

## Welcome Home Soldiers!

Welcome home soldiers of Co. A, 1st Battalion 103 Armor of Ligonier PA National Guard from a seven-month tour in Italy. Soldiers arrived home on February 2nd, 2003. We need to keep the men and women of our Military in our Prayers.

Sue Kinsey

## NEWS AND NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS to Linda Derkl She will be inducted into the Slippery Rock University Athletic HALL OF FAME on April 5, 2003.

Dumpster Day on Old Lincoln Highway West - April 26, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. ID will be checked by the Ligonier Township Police Department. Ligonier Township and Ligonier Borough residents only. Not accepted: Paint, items containing dirt and no pressure paint cans. Refrigerator with doors removed will be accepted. Fees for tires: \$1.00 small ties and \$5.00 for truck tires. Contributions are needed to help defray the expense and keep the program viable.

Consider placing an ad in the next issue; call the office for more information. 724-238-2725.

## SUPERVISORS

by Keith Whipkey

The Supervisors have spent a considerable amount of time during our past few meetings discussing the dangers which may result from people tampering with our signs - not only street signs but also traffic signs.

This is particularly a vulnerable time for us because of the name changes assigned to a number of our roads. Emergency personnel - whether police, fire, or ambulance - are going to need to rely more than ever on signs.

Imagine for a minute that you are driving in an unfamiliar place. You are unaware that an intersection is coming up because the stop sign is missing. You fly through and broadside another car. Maybe someone's life has come to an end because you didn't know any better because someone thought it would be funny to steal a sign. Maybe this is a graphic description, but it could easily happen.

In many cases, we know where signs tend to disappear more often. We are considering various options, such as surveillance cameras to be moved from site to site in trying to identify those who choose to deface or destroy these signs. We would ask each resident in the Township to notify us if they see signs that have been damaged or destroyed. If you notice it, please let us know. If you happen to come upon someone committing this crime, please come forward to help us.

We may be talking about a childish prank, but we also might be talking the difference between life and death, and is it worth it? Our community has been saddened several times in the past couple years because needless tragedies occur. Unfortunately, this is another one waiting to happen.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### A Message from Officer Matrunics:

Another successful semester of DARE came to an end on January 17, 2003 for the Ligonier Valley Middle School, 5th Grade class. Each year I experience new personalities and wonderful thoughts and ideas from our local 5th graders. It truly is a great experience. On February 26, Graduation T-shirts were given to the 5th grade class for their hard work and completion of the program. So, a message to our citizens, when you see these T-shirts being worn by students please congratulate them for all their hard work in learning how to resist drugs and peer pressure situations.

Currently the program is being conducted at Laurel Valley Elementary School and Holy Trinity School of Ligonier. These students seem to be learning a lot and enjoying the program. They all are working hard, SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK 5th GRADE!

I wanted to give a Thank You to the 5th Grade Teaching Staff at the Ligonier Valley Middle School and Holy Trinity School for all their cooperation and help in making the program a success. Without their help, I could not have been so successful nor could our students.

THANK YOU, Officer Matrunics

### A Message from Lieutenant Berger:

At last, winter is over and spring is here. This means that children will be outside playing and riding on their bicycles. So, please remember to drive safely and use caution through the residential areas.

Until the next newsletter, be safe and remember to always wear your seatbelts.

**LIGONIER TOWNSHIP HAS SIGN DAMAGE. Continuing acts of vandalism involving properly posted Ligonier Township road and street signs are creating safety hazards for motorists and residents and danger for Emergency Personnel and Fire Companies. The cost of street signs and labor could cost up to \$100 or more; Township officials advise that those responsible will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law when caught.**

## WATER AND SEWAGE

by Nancy Crowe

As of the writing of this article, March 18th, Ligonier Construction is making good progress on the Oakwood Hills sewer line replacement project which is more than half-way completed, despite the rough winter weather. Many of the manholes and sewer lines which are being repaired or replaced were at least 40 years old. Because of cracks and leaks leaving rain water infiltrate into the sewer system, the DEP required this maintenance to be done.

Hopefully, the project will be completed in a month or so, including returning the rights-of-way and streets to their original condition as close as possible, if only the weather is co-operative from now on...



## TAX COLLECTOR

by Kaywin C. Shadron

County and Township taxes for 2003 were mailed March 1, 2003. If you have not received your statement, please contact your tax collector. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of payment.

School Real Estate taxes for 2003-04 will be mailed August 1, 2003. The School District adopts their budget June 30th and millage will be set at that time.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms are available at the tax office or any State Office for the year 2002. Total annual income allowed is \$15,000. Final date to file is June 30, 2003.

## LAUREL HIGHLANDS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

*Presented By*

Ligonier Township Vol. Fire Department No. 1 Waterford

Friday Night — June 20, 2003

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Saturday Night — June 21, 2003

11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$12.00 At Gate \$10.00 Pre-paid

For more information call 724-238-8646

Location: Waterford Vol. Fire Dept. Fair Grounds

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

**Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
April 2 • May 7 • June 4

**Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session** ..... 8:00 a.m.  
March 28 • May 9 • June 5

**Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
April 1 • May 13 • June 10

**Ligonier Township Planning Commission** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
April 15 • May 20 • June 17

**Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
April 22 • May 27 • June 24

**Ligonier Township Recreation Board** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
April 24 • May 22 • June 26

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Cindy Turley

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