

"Talk of the Township"

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

July/August/September 2004

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 at 724-238-4400.

The Township would like to put a list together for the next issue of Talk of The Township for Snow Plowing. If you would like to submit your Business' name and phone number, please call the office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The new Township Maps were mailed out recently. The section for Voting Districts in Laughlintown had Laughlintown Senior Center. It should read:

Laughlintown Community Center
122 Center Street
P.O. Box 453
Laughlintown, PA 15658

We apologize for the mistake.

D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. Class 2003-2004 has come to another successful end. This was D.A.R.E. America's 20th Anniversary Celebration. In D.A.R.E.'s 21st Season new curricula will be put to use. On May 12th and 13th I received a two day training on D.A.R.E. America's recently updated curriculum. The new curriculum has been shortened but generally the same information. The new information will be delivered to the students in a different fashion, but I believe it will be a benefit to them. I'm looking forward to next year already, and to all the recent D.A.R.E. graduates, congratulations and have a safe summer!

Officer Matronics

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

LANDLORD(S) who own property in Ligonier Township or Laurel Mountain Borough and are either Ligonier Township Municipal Authority or Ligonier Borough water customers or in the service areas, but with private water:

Please mail to LTMA, One Municipal Park Drive, Ligonier, PA 15658:

- a list of your tenants,
- their mailing address,
- the physical location of the property - 911 address, if different
- LTMA or Borough account number, if applicable, and
- the tax map parcel number from your property tax bill.

If you have public water, this information is needed whether the water bill is mailed to you, the landlord or directly to the tenants. Supplying this information at this time will NOT change who receives the bill, unless you request that in writing.

Whether you have public or private water, if the tenant(s) changes after you supply the current information, please keep us updated by mail.

This information is needed for various purposes including:

(1) You are selling or refinancing a rental property on which the tenant receives the bill. When we get a lien letter request from the closing agent, we must be certain of the status of the account or if public water is on the property, and need to match it with the tax map number. This is particularly important if you have more than one rental property.

(2) Some customers will be requested to supply information in the areas where the sewer line expansion is projected. The questionnaires that are being mailed in the near future must go to the resident.

Nancy Crowe, Ligonier Township Municipal Authority

TAX COLLECTOR

by Kaywin C. Shadron

2004-05 School Real Estate Taxes will be mailed August 1st and will be at 2% discount thru September 30th. Face amount applies thru November 30th and final date to pay in my office will be December 31st, 2004 for all taxes - County, Township and School.

If you have not obtained your 911 change of address or reported it to the tax office, please do so immediately. Failure to do so may result in not receiving your taxes and could also result in penalties.

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

ZONING DEPARTMENT

by Cindy Turley

Planning your summer yard sale? Please keep in mind the following state laws...

**Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
CRIMES AND OFFENSES (TITLE 18)**

PART II. DEFINITION OF SPECIFIC OFFENSES.

CHAPTER 65. NUISANCES

§ 6503. Posting advertisements on property of another.

(a) Offense defined. - A person is guilty of a summary offense if he pastes, paints, brands or stamps or in any manner whatsoever places upon or attaches to any building, fence, bridge, gate, outbuilding or other object, upon the grounds of any charitable, educational or penal institution of the Commonwealth, or upon any property belonging to the Commonwealth government, any political subdivision, or municipal or local authority, any written, printed, painted or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign or poster, or pastes, paints, brands, stamps or in any manner whatsoever places upon, or attaches to any building, fence, bridge, gate, outbuilding or property of another, whether within or without the limits of a highway, any written, printed, painted or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign, card or poster, without first having obtained the written consent of the owner, or tenant lawfully in possession or occupancy thereof.

(b) Exception. - Subsection (a) of this section shall not prevent the posting or placing of any notice required by law or order of court, nor to prevent the posting or placing of any notice particularly concerning or pertaining to premises upon which the same is so posted or placed.

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CHAPTER 69. PUBLIC UTILITIES

§ 6905. Nails and other hard substances attached to utility poles.

(a) Offense defined. - A person is guilty of a summary offense if he drives a nail or tack, or attaches any metal or hard substance to or into any pole of any public utility pole line.

Exceptions. - Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to: the public utility or its licensee using the poles from affixing its metal or other markers or from otherwise using the poles in its public service; or the erecting of traffic signs and other signs similar thereto by a municipality when authorized by statute or by the owner of such poles.

Ligonier Township Volunteer Fire Department's House Numbering Project

The Ligonier Township Volunteer Fire Companies of Darlington, Waterford and Wilpen are still selling reflective mail box and house number signs. You can pick up a form at the Township office to place an order.

SUPERVISOR'S NOTES

Ligonier Township is in the final stages of establishing plans to provide sanitary sewers in the most populated and needy areas of the Township – Darlington, Laughlinton, Oak Grove, Waterford and Wilpen. Because our villages are so widely spread apart, we have special challenges in providing those services at a cost that is affordable to most people. We must pay for an \$18 million dollar system with a combination of grant money, low interest loans and tap fees.

For several years now, we have been meeting on an almost monthly basis with County, State and Federal sources of expertise and funding. Time and again plans have been established and have fallen through as the circumstances (particularly economic) surrounding us change.

At long last, we are ready to take the plunge. We seem to have a plan that is acceptable to all the State and Federal agencies, and we must now make a case to these people that we aren't all millionaires. As a result, we must perform income surveys in the areas listed above to prove that we qualify for the grants. Luckily, we will not need to survey everyone, only a random sampling of residents. However, it is VERY IMPORTANT that all those surveyed complete and return the form with all the requested information completed.

The information you provide will NOT be made available to any governmental taxing agency. This is a law. It will be performed by a non-profit agency called RCAP (Resources for Communities and People). Shortly, the Township will send a mailing to all residents who are likely to be serviced by the sanitary sewer system notifying them that the income surveys will be sent out. If one arrives at your home, please complete it immediately and return it as soon as possible in the return envelope provided.

Keith Whipkey, Chairman

Ligonier Valley Learning Center Inc. Marks 20th Anniversary

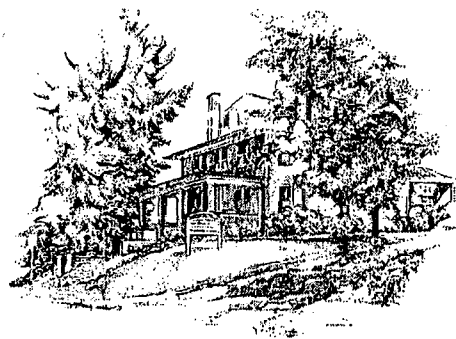
Ligonier Valley Learning Center (LVLC) was incorporated as a non-profit human service agency in 1984. The Learning Center was founded by Agency Director, Rebecca Faulk, who realized a need for additional quality services for children and families in the area. Licensed LVLC childcare sites are presently located in Ligonier and Latrobe. The educational childcare centers have enrolled hundreds of children over the years.

In 1995, LVLC expanded program services to include a Family Services Unit. LVLC is currently providing Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services to numerous families in Westmoreland and surrounding counties. In 2001, LVLC opened an Educational and Specialty store called "Connections" located on South Market Street in Ligonier. Recently, November 2003, LVLC did some renovation work at the Ligonier facility in Oak Grove to provide additional mental health counseling. The Counseling Center presently is staffed with therapists who provide individual, couple and family counseling. Art and Play Therapy is utilized with children who need assistance working on issues interfering with successful life functioning.

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MEETINGS

JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

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

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority 7:00 p.m.
 July 7 • August 4 • September 1

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session 8:00 a.m.
 July 9 • August 6 • September 10

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 July 13 • August 10 • September 14

Ligonier Township Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
 July 20 • August 17 • September 21

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board 7:30 p.m.
 July 27 • August 24 • September 28

Ligonier Township Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.
 July 7 • August 4 • September 1

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Receptionist
 Sue R. Kinsey

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 Keith Whipkey

Assistant Secretary
 Cindy Turley

Ligonier Township Zoning Officer 724-238-3640
 Cindy Turley

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 Manager Paul Knupp
 Secretary Nancy Crowe

Ligonier Township Tax Collector 724-238-2300
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 Lieutenant John Berger

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