

TOWNSHIP of LIGONIER

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A Newsletter For Our Residents

July / August / September

We're Kicking Off Our Newsletter!

Sometimes the hardest part of the local elected official's job is knowing how the residents feel about specific issues. Yes, we are expected to use good judgement, but often the answers to the questions aren't "right" or "wrong".

We also understand that people lead busy lives and are not always available to come to meetings. We want to know what you think, and we are trying to be more user friendly by being available at your convenience. We believe we can keep you better informed and receive responses back from you by using two tools together – this newsletter and a website.

The newsletter will be published quarterly and will provide you with a preview of road projects, events, and issues we hope to be addressing during the next three months. We will do our best to give a balanced view of issues we explore, so this will be a news sheet, not an editorial page.

The Township website is up and operating at www.ligoniertwp.com, and it will explore up-to-the-minute activity in your Township. We will post agendas and minutes of all meetings, current road projects (along with estimated beginning and completion dates), breaking news, and a calendar of events of interest going on throughout the Township. Also, there is a page dedicated to your communications to us. If you have suggestions to improve the newsletter and/or website, we would like to hear from you. If you belong to a civic group, and would like to include your events on the calendar, please call or email us and we will be happy to add them, as long as space permits.

Above all, we want you to know that we are here to serve you as best we can.

Keith Whipkey, Secretary/Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR

by Kaywin C. Shadron

Ligonier Township / County taxes are now at 10% penalty. School Real Estate taxes will be in the mail August 1.

A 2% discount will be allowed until September 30, at face through November 30 and a 10% penalty will be added December 1. Final date to pay all real estate taxes will be December 31, 2002.

Office hours are:

Monday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

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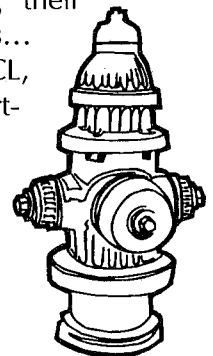
WATER AND SEWAGE

by Nancy Crowe

Manager Paul Knupp is pleased to announce that the water line replacement project in Darlington is now completed. This project replaced approximately 3,180 feet of 4" transit line with 6" plastic line, which increased the water flow. In addition, fire hydrants were installed on Forbes Lane, Martz Drive and State Route 2016 to improve safety in the area.

This project was paid for by a Community Development Block Grant thanks to endless hours of research by Janet Bell, Dale Shawley, Tim Leonard and Paul Knupp and through the help of Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development.

A "Certificate of Recognition" was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and given to both the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority and Waterford Waterworks recognizing "their outstanding efforts... for meeting all MCL, Monitoring, Reporting and Treatment Technique Requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Program during 2001".



POLICE DEPARTMENT

by Police Chief Ron Dorazio

Let's look at the inside of this Department. The Police Department is made up of 6 Officers, 3 are full time and 3 are part time. We provide 24 hours service 7 days a week. In addition to our daily police activities, this Department also provides commercial truck inspections by a certified officer, and soon two officers will be attending class to be certified in weighing commercial trucks. This is all part of our Motor Carrier Enforcement Program. This Department also provides an officer to teach the D.A.R.E. Program to the fifth grade students in the Ligonier School District. This program has been well received, and we believe it will have a positive effect in the community. At this time, we are

in the process of starting a K-9 Unit for drug enforcement and tracking. Once the dog is purchased, an officer will attend a three week class on handling and working the dog. We are planning to have this program in operation sometime in October. This K-9 Unit, if requested, will serve the Ligonier Valley and surrounding municipalities. This Department also is fortunate to have our own certified firearms instructor.

I would like to make mention that these programs are not free and without the support from local foundations, organizations and generous residents, these programs would not exist. The next several months are going to be busy for us, but we welcome the challenge.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

by Cindy Turley

How Will The Statewide Building Code Affect Me?

On or around January 2003, the state will enact the statewide building code. Here are the answers to some of the commonly asked questions:

1. *What structures will not be covered by the code?*

- New buildings or renovations to existing buildings in which the permit has already been issued prior to the effective date.
- Utility and some accessory structures under 500 square feet, including carports, garages, sheds and greenhouses.
- Agricultural buildings in which no agricultural product processing occurs.

2. *How will the new code affect alterations or additions to existing structure?*

- If there are no changes in use, only the new addition or section of building, which is being altered, must meet the code.

3. *What inspections will be required under the new code?*

- There are five inspections that will be required:
 - Foundation inspection
 - Plumbing, mechanical and electrical inspection
 - Frame and masonry inspection
 - Wallboard inspection
 - Final inspection

SUPERVISORS-ROAD MASTERS

by Grover T. Binkey and William C. Penrod Jr.

Road Projects for July, August & September

- Park Plan 2nd Street - Paving and putting underdrain in
- Old Route 30 - Bridge Project
- Mountain Road - Paving

Please use extreme caution when you come across a Road Project!

HELP the Ligonier Township Supervisors choose the name of your New Township Newsletter. Please call the office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. with your suggestions. The Township Supervisors will pick a name by August 30, 2002. Thank you for your help.

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Consider placing an ad in the Ligonier Township Newsletter, which will be sent out every quarter. The next issue will be for October, 2002. Please call the office for more information, 724-238-2725. Thank you!



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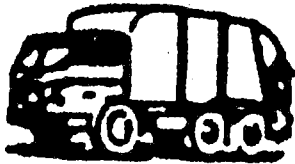
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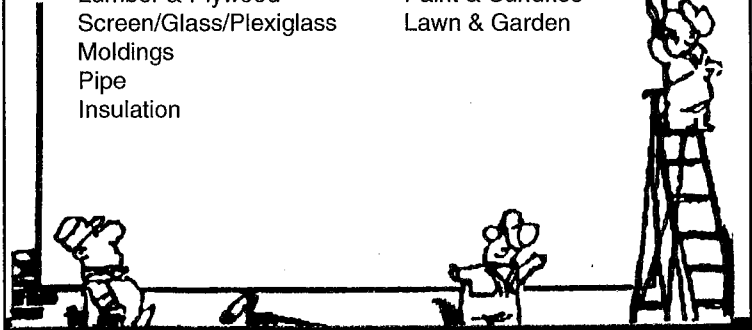
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JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority 7:00 p.m.
July 3 • August 7 • September 4

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session 8:00 a.m.
July 3 • August 9 • September 6

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
July 9 • August 13 • September 10

Ligonier Township Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
July 16 • August 20 • September 17

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board 7:30 p.m.
July 23 • August 27 • September 24

Ligonier Township Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.
July 25 • August 22 • September 26



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