

“Talk of the Township”

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

October / November / December 2002

Salute to Our Soldiers

On June 16, 2002 our National Guard Unit CoA, 103rd Armor left for Fort Dix, New Jersey for training, to be deployed on July 17, 2002 for Italy. We need to keep the men and women of the military in our prayers. The brave soldiers will be away from their families from 6 months to 1 year.

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Here is a little bit about what went on at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

SPC Robert Derk and Staff Sgt. Ronald Derk are headed for a tour of duty in Italy after training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Their jobs will be a Force Security Mission lasting anywhere from 6 months to a year. Their grandfather, SFC Robert Derk and their father Lt. Col. (Ret) Ronald Derk, were all members of CoA, 103rd Armor in Ligonier.

We visited with them on July 14 and 15 before they left on July 17 from McGuire AFB in New Jersey. We spent time with several men from CoA, 103rd Armor and their families and found morale to be high. Although it was hard to leave their families behind, they were anxious to depart for Italy.

The men of CoA, 103rd Armor, headed for Italy, are good qualified soldiers, and we are confident they will do their jobs very well.

Veronica Derk

Any family member or relative who would like to submit a soldier's name and E-mail address who is in the Military, please call the Township Office and ask for Sue Kinsey at 724-238-2725.

TAX COLLECTOR

by Kaywin C. Shadron

The property Tax-/ Rent Program is one of the many benefits provided to Pennsylvania's older citizens through the Pennsylvania State Lottery. The final date to file for year 2001 was June 30, 2002, however, the deadline has been extended to December 31, 2002.

Check with your tax collector or any State office for a form to file or for any information you may need.

Township Tax Office hours are:

Monday and Wednesday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Telephone 724-238-2300

Congratulations to Michael Hart for coming up with the Official name of our Newsletter. The Township would like to thank you for all the great names we received and appreciates your support.

WATER AND SEWAGE

by Nancy Crowe

We are updating our computer system. In order to provide you with continued reliable service, our office is requesting that any changes be made in writing. This includes change in ownership, application for new service by a new property owner or tenant, turning water service on or off when you are leaving for extended periods of time, changes in address (including 911 changes when they become finalized), name changes due to marriage or divorce, final reading (sorry you're leaving us), etc. Please call Nancy to request a form at 724-238-7464 between 8:00 a.m and 4:30 p.m., or drop us a note. Of course we will need your name(s), property owner's name(s), if different, property location, your mailing address, if different than the property location, your account number, a phone number where you can be reached and the date the changes are to become effective.

NEWS AND NOTES

Leaf pickup will begin October 14 through November 21, weather permitting. After November 21 you are responsible for disposing of your leaves. Please take advantage of this service. After November 21 violators will be cited for putting leaves out along the road and in ditches.

Dumpster Day on Old Lincoln Highway West - October 5, 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.

Refrigerators with doors removed will be accepted.

Fees for tires: \$1.00 small tires \$5.00 for truck tires

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

by Police Chief Ron Dorazio

September is upon us, and school is in session. I would like to remind everyone to use caution when driving and to obey all school bus warning lights.

The Police Department recently purchased a new cargo van and are in the process of refurbishing the interior to accommodate the new weigh scales recently purchased. Two officers have just completed school in August and are now state certified to weigh commercial vehicles as well as non-commercial vehicles. This part of the Motor Carrier Enforcement Program will begin in mid-September.

Also in September, a new fifth grade D.A.R.E. Class will begin with approximately 115 students. Our conversations with some of the

students of the new fifth grade D.A.R.E. Class indicate they are anxious to get started in the program. Officer Matrunics, our D.A.R.E. officer, has had a positive response with the program since it started several years ago. Our K-9 Program will be finalized in September with contracts and scheduling. We expect to have an officer training the K-9 in mid-November. The K-9 dog will be in training in mid-September.

There have been some changes in the Department since our last newsletter. Officer Berger was promoted to Lieutenant, and Officer Eslary was moved to Full-time and will be the K-9 Officer. I believe these changes will enhance the operation of the Department.

SUPERVISORS

by Keith Whipkey

Darlington Sewer Project Depends on Income Surveys

As the drought deepens, we are more and more reminded that the beauty of our community is being threatened by the fact that we still don't have sanitary sewers through vital portions of our Township. Apart from the nearly unbearable smell many people are forced to live with, there are potential health risks as well.

The Township plan provides for service to be provided in three stages, known as: Area 1 - Laughlintown, Area 2 - Darlington, and Area 3 - Waterford/Oak Grove/Wilpen. Through the past half dozen years, Supervisors have met with Department of Environmental Protection, Congressman Murtha, Westmoreland County Commissioners and Planning Department, PennVest and Rural Utility Service - all in the hope of securing grants to help lower the cost of the new system. Grants are only available if we are able to submit a plan to keep the monthly cost around \$40 or less.

Our difficulty is that our villages are widely separated. Much of the connection network runs through areas no one inhabits to get from where people are to the connections to the service systems. This is extremely expensive.

Currently, the only area that comes in line with the allowable costs is Darlington. The plan is to build a plant in the vicinity of Long Bridge to service the area - including Idlewild Park. We may be able to further lower costs by applying for a Community Block Development Grant through the County. This money is only available to low to moderate income areas. As a result, we must do income surveys to qualify. Please be aware that, though Township personnel will help to prepare and send out the forms, you will return them directly to Westmoreland County so that no one here will see the results. Based on the results, we could qualify for an amount up to \$500,000 to help offset the cost of the entire project. This will have a substantial effect on lowering your monthly cost for service! We strongly urge you to take just a few minutes to answer some basic questions, and return the surveys in the addressed envelop that will be provided.

Plans for the other areas will continue until they are complete, and we will continue our search uninterrupted to find enough grant money to build a system that our people can afford.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

by Cindy Turley

When Do I Need a Building Permit?

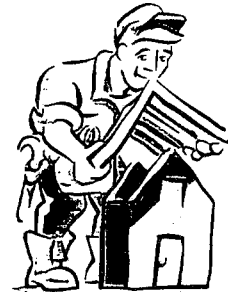
You need to obtain a building permit for:

Fences - however, if you are repairing an existing fence, you may not need a permit.

Alterations or additions to your home or structure - this includes major repairs to the exterior of your home, the addition of porches or decks, and whenever you add additional living space to your home.

Sheds - over 150 sq. ft. (1-x15) require a permit and must meet the setback requirements of the zoning district. Sheds under 150 sq. ft. do not require a permit but must be located in the side or rear yard and can be no closer than five (5) feet from the property line.

New Structures or Buildings - Any new construction, garages/carports, accessory structures (greenhouses, storage buildings), and pavilions.



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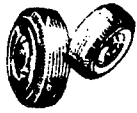
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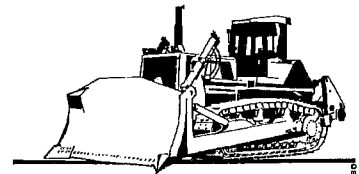
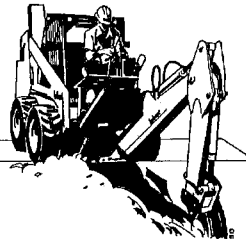
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MEETINGS

OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER

Ligonier Township Municipal Building 724-238-2725

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority 7:00 p.m.
October 2 • November 6 • December 4

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session 8:00 a.m.
October 4 • November 8 • December 6

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
October 8 • November 12 • December 10

Ligonier Township Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
October 15 • November 19 • December 17

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board 7:30 p.m.
October 22 • November 26 • December 17

Ligonier Township Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.
October 24 • November 21 • December 26

Township Offices will be closed:

October 11, 12, and 13, Fort Ligonier Days
November 28 and 29
December 2 and 25

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