2nd Quarter 2020

TALK of the TOWNSHIP

A Newsletter for our Residents

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A NOTE FROM THE MANAGER

The Municipal Building is closed to the public without an appointment, but our staff is here to support you. Most staff are working remotely with limited staggered coverage at the office. Please leave a detailed message and a member of our staff will return your call as quickly as possible. There is also a drop-off slot located at the front door.

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL DIRECTORY
(724) 238-2725

Manager
Terry Carcella.....ext 110
tcarcella@ligoniertownship.com

Administrative Assistant
Tracy Krowchak.....ext 111
tkrowchak@ligoniertownship.com

Community Development & Zoning Officer/Open Records Manager
Jim Nieusma.....ext 116
jnieusma@ligoniertownship.com

Public Works Director
Russ Morgan.....ext 139
rmorgan@ligoniertownship.com

Administrative Assistant/Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Bethany Caldwell.....ext 112
bcaldwell@ligoniertownship.com

Ligonier Valley Police
Chief of Police, John Berger.....724-238-5105 or 724-238-5611

Ligonier Township will be following the PA Department of Health and CDC guidelines.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

In the interest of public safety, the Board of Supervisors meetings are being conducted online via Zoom. If you wish to participate in a meeting, please contact Jim Nieusma, jnieusma@ligoniertownship.com for log in instructions. Residents may address the board by submitting comments / questions to tcarcella@ligoniertownship.com at least 30 minutes prior to the meeting's start. Mr. Carcella will read your emails aloud during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Agendas are posted online a few days prior to the meetings.

PRIMARY ELECTION RESCHEDULED

The primary election has been postponed to Tuesday, June 2nd. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The deadline to register is May 18, 2020. If you'd rather vote by mail-in ballot, applications will be accepted through Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Please visit VotesPA.com for more information.

TAX DEADLINE EXTENSION

The county and township have extended the spring real estate deadline to August 31, 2020. Taxes that are paid by this deadline are eligible for a 2% discount. Late fees have been waived for taxes that are paid by December 31, 2020.

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

We have three resources available to get information to our residents. Please visit the Ligonier website (www.ligoniertownship.com), our Facebook page, or download our newest tool, the Savvy Citizen app!

Because we have numerous tools available, printed copies of the quarterly newsletter will be mailed by request only. If you are unable to access the above tools or would like to receive the quarterly newsletter by mail, please complete the below form and mail or return it to the Township at the drop-off slot.

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER MAILING

Return to: Ligonier Township
One Municipal Park Drive
Ligonier, PA 15658

(please print)

Name _____

Address _____

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CLEAN UP DUMPSTER DAY

We do not have a rescheduled date for this year's Dumpster Day. Once a date is established, it will be posted on the Ligonier Website, Facebook, and Savvy Citizen.

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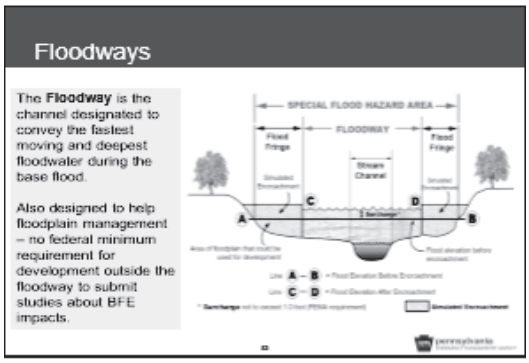
PUBLIC WORKS

Russell Standards was awarded the Township's fiber-reinforced seal coat road projects contract. Our Publics Work crew have been diligently working on road improvements - installing cross pipes and catch basins, and grading the roads in preparation for the sealing. The following roads are scheduled for work to begin in June, weather permitting. Please contact Russ Morgan, Public Works Director, 724-238-2725, x139, with any questions.

Barron Road	Idlewild Hill
County Club Road	Long Bridge Road
Fire Hall Road	Orchard Lane
Franklin Street Ext.	Summit Drive
High Acre Drive	Wild View

If a road is blocked and it's after regular business hours, please dial 911 to have a dispatcher notify our crew.

STORMWATER & FLOODPLAINS



The Township's Floodplain Administration was audited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Violations in the floodplain were discovered and need to be corrected. Non-compliance with these regulations could raise the premium rates for all residents or cause the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to be cancelled for the entire Township. Federal Floodplain Regulations require any development defined as "any man-made changes," to have a permit on record with the municipality. This includes fences, pools greater than 24 inches deep, sheds of any size, playground sets, raised gardens, landscaping walls, animal pens, or any other accessory structures. If this is something that would not normally require a permit, there is no fee. Floodplain Regulations also require any accessory structure in the floodplain be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. This includes sheds, playhouses, swing sets, or outdoor appliances and fuel tanks.

If you are in the floodplain, you can apply for a permit and anchor any structures in compliance with the regulations once they have been permitted, or you can remove or relocate out of the floodplain. If you feel your inclusion in the floodplain is incorrect, you have the right to apply for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA). The LOMA forms and information are available on the FEMA website. Please contact Jim Nieusma, jnieusma@ligoniertownship.com, 724-238-2725, x116 with any questions.

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Township of Ligonier
One Municipal Park Drive
Ligonier, PA 15658

~~~TOWNSHIP CLOSED~~~
Call for an appointment!

To: Our Neighbors At

WHERE TO GET HELP

Local Food Pantry
Ligonier Valley Association of Churches
Holy Trinity Church at 342 W Main St
Saturday after the 3rd Friday, 8:30-10 AM
Donna Kiser, 724-593-2437

Meals-On-Wheels
107 South Market Street
Peg Marshall 724-238-7250

Ligonier Valley School District
Bagged breakfasts and lunches will be provided for any child under 18 years of age on days school is in session. Children must accompany their parents/guardians to receive the meals. Meals will be available for pickup during the school closure at the following locations and times through May 29:

Ligonier Borough Fire Hall 10:30 -11:30 A.M.
Waterford Fire Hall 10:15 -11:15 A.M.

If you are interested in picking up a meal, please call 724-238-5696, extension 109, or email rshafron@lvsd.k12.pa.us, with the number of children that will accompany you and the site location.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
PUA provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits to individuals not eligible for regular unemployment compensation or extended benefits, including those who have exhausted all rights to such benefits. Please visit www.uc.pa.gov to file a claim.

Public Welfare
There are programs that offer assistance through the Westmoreland County Public Welfare department (medical assistance, help paying utility bills, food stamps, etc.).

Crisis Intervention Hotline
1-800-836-6010

HOW TO GET TESTED

Start with calling your doctor. At this time, only the Rite Aid in Monroeville is conducting COVID-19 testing, without requiring a doctor's order. Free self-swab testing is available to first responders, healthcare workers AND individuals 65 or older. Patients must be symptomatic to qualify for the self-swab test. Visit RITEAID.com to complete the on-line screening information and schedule an appointment.
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FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Volunteer Fire Departments Directory

Darlington Volunteer Fire Department.....724-238-4820	*Chief Robert McDowell*
Waterford Volunteer Fire Department.....724-238-0471	*Chief Robert Beaufort*
Wilpen Volunteer Fire Department.....724-238-6585	*Chief Michael DiRinaldo*

HOW TO GET TESTED (cont.)

The self-swab test is a drive thru process, and no lab orders are required. Test results are delivered directly to the patient. The Rite Aid in Monroeville is located at 4111 William Penn Highway, Monroeville, PA 15146.

PARKS & REC

Ligonier Beach – The community participation meetings are on hold. The DCNR Grant has been submitted to enhance accessibility (upgrade parking lot, repair and extend walkway down to the creek, and build new ADA compliant public restrooms).

LIGONIER VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

When you receive your letter from Ligonier Valley Fire Companies (LVFC) in early July, please remember that our volunteer fire fighters continue to serve the Ligonier community through this stressful period. COVID-19 prohibitions against group gatherings forced the cancellation of several of our normal - important - fund raising events. Please, do what you can to support our volunteer fire companies with your contribution to the LVFC campaign. Thank you.

LIGONIER VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Ligonier Valley Police Department is open and serving the community. We would like to remind everyone as the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact society, phone scammers have seized the opportunity to prey on consumers. The Federal Communications Commission has received reports of scam and hoax text message campaigns and scam robo-calls offering free home testing kits, promoting bogus cures, selling health insurance, and preying on virus-related fears. A text message scam may falsely advertise a cure or an offer to be tested for coronavirus. Do not click on links in texts related to the virus, and check cdc.gov/coronavirus for the most current information. Some text scams are impersonating government agencies. These are "phishing" attempts to get banking or other personal information from victims.

LIGONIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The administrative staff have limited office hours; however, the operators are working their normal schedules and have been working hard to ensure there is no interruption in your water service during this time of crisis. We also understand that not everyone is considered an essential employee and many have been impacted financially. With that in mind, the LTMA is not shutting water service off for non-payment, and we are not issuing late fees at this time. We do not wish to add more hardship during this time of need. While we can't waive costs, we can work with you on a repayment plan. Please call the office to make arrangements.

If there is a water line break or other emergency after normal business hours, please dial 724-238-7464 to hear a listing of personnel and their phone numbers.

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- **Trauma**
- **Grief/Loss**
- **Support/Training for Families**

2 Convenient Locations:

Ligonier Center
117 Juniper Lane
Ligonier, PA 15658

Latrobe Center
326 McKinley Avenue
Latrobe, PA 15650

Call *724-238-5556* to schedule an appointment

LTMA Personnel Directory
(724) 238-7464

Manager/Operator
Anthony "Griff" Griffith.....ext 340

Secretary
Gail Barnhart.....ext 313
Haidee Street.....ext 314

LIGONIER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

John Beaufort (Chairman) **Paul Knupp (Vice Chairman)** **Stephanie Verna (Secretary/Treasurer)**
Dan Weimer **Scott Matson**

Ligonier Township Supervisors Monthly Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
May 12 • Jun 9 • Jul 14

Ligonier Township Supervisors 2nd Monthly Meeting....4:30 p.m.
May 26 • Jun 23 •Jul 28

MEETINGS
MAY • JUNE • JULY

Meetings held at the Township Municipal Building unless otherwise noted.
Meetings dates subject to change.

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority.....4:00 p.m.
May 6 • Jun 3 • Jul 1

Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session.....4:00 p.m.
May 20 • Jun 17 • Jul 15

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board.....7:00 p.m.
May 19 • Jun 16 • Jul 21

Ligonier Township Planning Commission.....7:00 p.m.
May 28 • Jun 25 • Jul 23

Ligonier Township Recreation Board.....7:00 p.m.
May 11 • Jun 8 • Jul 13

Ligonier Joint Plan Steering Committee.....7:00 p.m.
TBD - check our website for the latest information

The Township is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

However the building is closed to the public, call ahead to make an appointment.

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