

# “Talk of the Township”

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

January/February/March 2010

## TOWNSHIP NEWS

### From the Desk of Ligonier Township Police Chief Michael Matrunic

The Ligonier Township Police are proud to announce that “Blek” the new K-9 officer for the township is now on patrol. Since the passing of our first K-9 officer “Ando” in August, Lt. Eslary has been working many hours to bring the K-9 program back into operation. Eslary has trained with “Blek” since August and recently was state certified in narcotics and patrol.

At this time I would like to express my gratitude to all that supported the K-9 program. Without that support we surely could not have rebounded as well as we did. With all that support it showed us how important we are to this community which helps us strive harder to provide the best service that we can.



Above is Lt. Eslary with K-9 officer Blek

### Snow Removal

The Ligonier Township Supervisors would like to remind all township residents that during the winter months any on-street parking that interferes with snow removal will be cause for a ticket. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated because it makes our job easier and snow removal can be done in a more timely fashion. Also be reminded that it is difficult for truck drivers to see what is behind them, especially at intersections, and to minimize the risk of being backed into, we recommend you stay back a minimum of 500 feet.

### Blood Drive

The Township of Ligonier will be holding a blood drive at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building on Monday, January 11 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. The blood drive is being held through the Central Blood Bank. All blood donated through the Central Blood Bank stays in the Pittsburgh and outlying areas, including Westmoreland County. If you would like to sign up to donate, please contact Barb Hollick at the Township Building, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. till 3:30 p.m., 724-238-2725.

## TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township spring property taxes (County and Township) will be mailed March 1, 2010. Discount amount will be honored through April 30th, face amount through June 30th and penalty amount through December 31, 2010. Ligonier Township fall property taxes (School) will be mailed August 1, 2010. Discount amount will be honored through September 30th, face amount through November 30th and penalty amount through December 31, 2010. All payments must be accompanied with a tax statement. If a receipt is requested, please include a self addressed, stamped return envelope. Tax statements are no longer mailed to the mortgage companies. Tax statements are mailed to the taxpayer. If applicable, please forward your statement to the mortgage company for prompt payment. Failure to receive a tax statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of payment. If you do not receive a tax statement, please contact the tax office. Payments made December 1st through December 31st must be paid with a certified check, cashiers check or money order. A drop-off slot is available at the tax collectors office to accept payment before or after normal business hours. Please keep your addresses updated with the tax office.

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday thru Thursday  
8:00 am till 12:00 noon  
1:00 pm till 3:00 pm

Friday - 8:00 am till 12:00 noon

Last Sat. of the month April and Sept.  
9:00 am till 11:00 am

724-238-2300

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## 19th Annual Ligonier Ice Fest

The 19th Annual Ligonier Ice Fest will be held January 23 and 24 in downtown Ligonier. During the weekend watch as screaming chainsaws cut through 20 inch wide by 40 inch tall blocks of ice creating temporary masterpieces in ice that dazzle the human eye. Ligonier Volunteer Hose Co. #1 will host a spaghetti dinner beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the town hall community room. At 2:00 p.m. Commercial Bank and Trust of PA will sponsor a free concert by Graham Grubb Orchestra in town hall auditorium. Also Saturday at 2:00 p.m. the Ligonier Valley Library will host a free story hour with crafts for the young ones. Enjoy buggy rides by Bauer's Buggy (weather permitting), the Kettle Korn Man popping his delicious corn and Ernie DiMartino carving ice both days, Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday at 12:00 noon. Remember to wear your walking shoes or boots as area merchants offer indoor sidewalk sales and local restaurants serve up their Ice Fest specialties. Because the ice sculptures are illuminated at night they can be viewed 24 hours. Break away from the winter doldrums and attend the 19th Annual Ligonier Ice Fest as it celebrates the beauty of winter with snow and ice.

## Remember to recycle tree after Christmas...

Here's a perfect solution for one of your post holiday dilemmas - what to do with that once beautiful Christmas tree. Recycle it! Please remove all tinsel, ornaments and wire from the tree. There will be an open drop-off beginning December 26 and will continue until January 31, 2010 at the corner of West Main Street and Springer Road (Country Market location). Please feel free to call the Loyalhanna Watershed Association office at 724-238-7560 or the Ligonier Township Office at 724-238-2725 if you have any questions.



## Water Authority Update

DEP has mandated that we update our records to ensure that we can reach our customers with vital information, when necessary. If you have an account with us, please provide a current home phone, cell phone, or e-mail. Stop in, or call our office at 724-238-7464. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## News from the Ligonier Valley YMCA

The YMCA now has XRKade! Exer-gaming offers bore-proof technology-driven physical activities that involve action or role play in the form of a game. The workout requires participants to engage in creative motion, keeping the mind as engaged as the body. Imagine yourself on a snowboard racing a friend down a frosty mountain - dodging trees, jumping cliffs and riding trails - or racing a dirt bike through a challenging course full of steep ramps, sharp turns and dangerous off-road adventures. Maybe dancing is more your style - test your skills by stepping to the tune of your favorite songs, scoring points for staying on beat. Experience the new flavor of fitness...experience XRKade!

## Join the Resolution Revolution!

Become a YMCA Member in January

**\$0 Joining Fee!**  
**First month FREE!**  
Offer ends January 31, 2010

### 2010 Membership Rates

Classification	Down Payment	Future Monthly Payment
Youth	\$46.25	\$16.25
Adult	\$75.25	\$35.25
Single-Parent Family	\$80.75	\$45.75
Family	\$126.25	\$56.25
Sr. Individual (62+)	\$58.00	\$28.00
Sr. Couple	\$97.25	\$47.25

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# MEETINGS

**JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH**

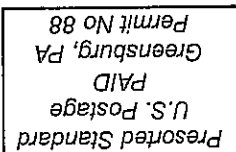
- Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
January 7 • February 4 • March 4
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session**.. 8:00 a.m.  
January 8 • February 5 • March 5
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting**..... 7:00 p.m.  
January 12 • February 9 • March 9
- Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 6:30 p.m.  
January 14 • February 11 • March 11
- Ligonier Township Planning Commission** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
January 19 • February 16 • March 16
- Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
January 26 • February 23 • March 23

## Volunteer Fire Departments Directory

- Waterford Volunteer Fire Department.....724-238-0471  
Chief Robert Beaufort
- Darlington Volunteer Fire Department.....724-238-4820  
Chief Robert McDowell Cell....814-242-3785
- Wilpen Volunteer Fire Department .....724-238-6845  
Chief Ron Markosky

# LIGONIER TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

- Ligonier Township Supervisors** ..... 724-238-2725  
William C. Penrod, Jr., Keith A. Whipkey,  
Timothy R. Komar
- Receptionist**  
Barbara L. Hollick
- Ligonier Township Secretary / Treasurer**  
Keith A. Whipkey
- Ligonier Township Zoning Officer/Assistant Secretary**  
Cindy Turley..... 724-238-3640
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 724-238-7464  
Manager - Paul Knupp  
Secretary - Anna Bills
- Ligonier Township Tax Collector** ..... 724-238-2300  
Sue R. Kinsey
- Ligonier Township Police** ..... 724-238-5105  
Chief of Police Michael W. Matrunics
- Ligonier Township Web Site**.....www.ligoniertwp.com
- Ligonier Township Email Address** ....ligsec@comcast.net
- Ligonier Township Fax Number** ..... 724-238-3711
- Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co** ..... 724-238-9450



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