



# TALK *of the* TOWNSHIP

A Newsletter for our Residents

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## **POLICE CONSOLIDATION - WHERE WE ARE NOW?**

### **We are currently in Phase 2 of the Police Regionalization Project**

Phase 1 was initiated in August of 2015 when a report from the DCED explaining the results of a Regional Police Study determined that it would be feasible and also beneficial for Ligonier Township and Ligonier Borough to consider a consolidated police department. This means that the police department will be responsible to a police commission consisting primarily of elected officials from each participating municipality. This board appoints the chief, evaluates the chief's performance, sets policies and adopts the budget. Ultimately, the Police Commission is responsible for the effective operation of the police department.

Intergovernmental cooperation in municipal policing is usually the most difficult to achieve than in all other areas of municipal service. Merging of departments through consolidation results in a better use of police personnel, and therefore the tax dollars are spent more effectively on the increasing costs and demands upon the community. Whether or not a regional police department will be accepted within a certain area is the degree to which government cooperation has occurred in the past. (Note Ligonier Borough and Township have an inter-governmental agreement now on sharing services and personnel.)

Consolidating police services opens the door to better training and efficiency. Properly trained police officers are much more efficient in their work and a higher quality police service results. This equates to consolidated departments operating on average at a 24% lower cost than traditional police departments. Part of this depends on the policy developed by the commission to delegate

complete authority and responsibility to the police chief to manage the police department within the parameters set. It would also require accountability to the commission and the individual municipalities for the efficient and effective operation of the department and the attainment of the goals established.

Merging of our police departments through consolidation would result in a better use of personnel. Now those tasks that in past practice were jobs of police officers i.e. collecting parking meter monies, raising and lowering the flag, running errands, can be taken care of by non-uniformed employees to be most cost effective. This also guarantees that the police force will be able to provide an atmosphere of personal safety and protection of property to the community that upholds the community's citizens' expectations that police will respond rapidly to any requests for police services.

The merging of two or more existing municipal police departments is a major undertaking and involves many complex issues. We have been working hard since August of 2015 to make police regionalization a reality, and we are looking to our elected officials in the Borough and the Township to propose and approve a Charter Agreement for the appointment of members of the Regional Police Department. The Commission will draft and approve a Cost Distribution Plan, Operating Budget and benefit programs for the officers, through contract negotiations which are currently underway.

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township Fall Taxes (school) will be mailed out on August 1, 2017. If you do not receive your statement, please contact the Tax Office. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the taxpayers of the responsibility of payment. Tax statements are no longer mailed to the mortgage companies for payment. Taxpayers are responsible for sending the tax statement to the mortgage companies. When paying installments payments the last day to pay your 1<sup>st</sup> School Installment payment is September 30; last day to pay your 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment payment October 31; the last day to pay your 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment payment November 30; if you pay after these dates on your 2nd and 3rd Installment payment there will be a 10% penalty added. The last day to pay school taxes (fall) at discount is September 30, 2017. If paying by mail or through the drop-off slot, make sure to enclose the statement and a self-addressed stamped envelope with the payment if you wish to receive a receipt. Ligonier Township Spring taxes (county and township) are at Penalty until December 31, 2017. Street Lights and Fire Hydrants for 2016, please pay Ligonier Town-

ship. After-hour, drop-off slot is available to accept payments before or after normal business hours. Change of mailing address protocol:

Address request forms are available at the tax office to be mailed to:

Westmoreland County Real Property  
Tax Division  
ATTN: Address Change  
40 North Pennsylvania Ave, Suite 440  
Greensburg, PA 15601

### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to Noon  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. to Noon

Last Saturday of September

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

724-238-2300

## Township Seal Coating Schedule Roads Set for Week of July 17th

The following roads: Jacob Miller, Old Lynn Run, Byers Lane, Weaver Mill, Nicely, Peters, Edgemont, Crossmeade, Presidents Lane, Freeman, Zion Church Road, Fairview School, Betz, Slater, Ross, Giesey, Robb, Murphy, Autumn Leaves, Mill, Swank, Kissell Springs, Ann Roberts, Valley View, Moss Haven, and Crystal Creek.

To be oiled signs will be put out a week in advance of coating of all roads.

All motorists please be advised.

## Bridge Project Delay

Last quarter, we let folks know that PennDot was planning to replace the bridge on 711 North spanning Mill Creek (near the former Farabaugh Chevrolet building). At this time, there has been a delay with the permit and the project has been postponed. Therefore, traffic in this area will not be affected at this time.

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:  
July 4 and September 4

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

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## FREE Summer Rec Program

The Wilpen and Laughlintown Playgrounds will be hosting the FREE Summer Rec Program this year beginning Monday, July 10th and ending Friday, August 11, 2017.

This program is free for residents of the Township and will be held at the following locations on the following days:

Wilpen: Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Laughlintown: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Ligonier YMCA Pool Day: Friday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Kids ages 1st- 5th grades are welcome and all activities and supervision is provided by the YMCA.



## 2016 Street Light and Fire Hydrant Fees

Are now overdue as of May 1, and have had a 10% penalty added to them.

These fees are being collected by Ligonier Township, and all payments should be made to: Ligonier Township.

Please be sure to make your payment before December 31, 2017 to avoid liens being placed on your property.

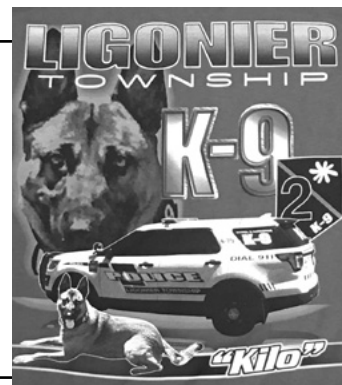
## Ligonier Township Municipal Authority

At the June board meeting, water rates were increased to .84 cents / 100 gallon. This increase will be effective starting on September bills.

Just a reminder that LTMA accepts the following forms of payment: American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa (service charges apply.) We still accept checks, money orders and cash. Additionally online payments can be made through our customer portal. A lock box is available in the front door of the Township Building to drop payments at any time.

## K-9 T-SHIRTS

The new K-9 shirts are here! T-shirts are \$20 and Sweatshirts are \$30 for sizes Small-3XL. Youth size S-L are also available, though quantities are limited. You can do so by contacting Jimmy via Facebook (Ligonier Township PD K-9) or stopping by the Township to see Roxanne.



# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Westmoreland Cleanways

113 Innovative Lane (Building F) • Latrobe, PA 15650

**HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS:** Oil Based/Latex Paint, Deck Stains, Flammable Liquids, Drain Cleaners, Pool Chemicals, Fertilizers, Antifreeze/Automotive Fluids, Putties, Adhesives, Glues, Wood/Metal Finishing Products, Water Sealers, Household Cleaning Agents, Herbicides/Pesticides.

### Details are as follows:

**Event Registration:** Pre-registration is required; no walk-ins will be accepted.

#### To register:

- call ECS&R at 1-866-815-0016, or
- visit <http://www.ecsr.net/services/household-hazardous-waste/>

**Cost:** A disposal fee will be charged to all participants, on a per-pound basis, payable at the event (cash, checks, debit/credit cards). Cost will be:

- \$.75/pound for general public
- \$.65/pound for Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling members (existing members only; memberships will not be sold on day of collection)

Residents of some Westmoreland County municipalities have the option to recycle their HHW curbside through their garbage hauler. As this service is built into the garbage bill, no additional fees apply, but certain materials may be restricted.

We **DO NOT** and **CAN NOT** take Hard to Recycle Items (electronics, scrap metal, Freon appliances or tires) at this collection. Just as we DO NOT and CAN NOT take Hazardous Waste at any other time at the Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling Center.

**JUST A REMINDER:** due to a fire at the Recycling Center, the collection of electronics is suspended until further notice at the Westmoreland County Recycling Center. Please do not dump electronics at our door when the recycling center is closed. It is considered illegal dumping and violators will be prosecuted.



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104 Jackson Lane

Ligonier, PA 15658

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- In-Home Companion Caregiver Services
- Ligonier Gardens Personal Care Home
- Independent Living Retirement Community
- Home Health and Hospice
- Graceful Aging Wellness Center

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- Backhoe Service
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## Township of Ligonier

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### MEETINGS

#### JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

- Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 4:00 p.m.  
July 5 • August 2 • September 6
- Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session**..... 4:00 p.m.  
July 26 • August 30 • September 27
- Ligonier Township Supervisors**..... 7:00 p.m.  
July 11 • August 8 • September 12
- Ligonier Township Supervisors Work Session** 4:30 p.m.  
July 25 • August 22 • September 26
- Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 7:00 p.m.  
July 10 • August 14 • September 11
- Ligonier Township Planning Commission** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
July 27 • August 24 • September 28
- Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
July 18 • August 15 • September 19

#### 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 ..... 724-238-6585  
Chief Michael DiRinaldo

### LIGONIER TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

- Ligonier Township Supervisors:** Wade Thomas (Chairman), Paul Knupp (Vice-Chairman), Bruce Robinson (Secretary/Treasurer), D. Scott Matson, Gary Thistlethwaite
- Ligonier Township Manager** ..... 724-238-2725 ext 110  
Terry Carcella
- Ligonier Township Financial Administrative Assistant/  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**..... 724-238-2725 ext 111  
Roxanne Shadron
- Ligonier Public Works Director**..... 724-238-2725 ext 139  
Russell Morgan
- Ligonier Township Administrative Assistant  
Public Works/Police Depts.** ..... 724-238-2725 ext 112  
Laurel Ross
- Ligonier Township Police** ..... 724-238-5105  
Chief of Police Michael W. Matronics
- Ligonier Township Zoning Office**.....724-238-2725 ext 115  
Richard Bell
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 724-238-2725  
Secretaries - Haidee Street.....ext 314  
                  - Gail Barnhart.....ext 340
- Ligonier Township Tax Collector** ..... 724-238-2300  
Sue R. Kinsey
- Ligonier Township Web Site**.....www.ligoniertownship.com
- Ligonier Township Fax Number** .....724-238-3711
- Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co** ..... 412-828-2178
- Berkheimer Tax Administrator** ..... 866-701-7206