



TALK *of the* TOWNSHIP

A Newsletter for our Residents

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A NOTE FROM THE MANAGER

Ligonier Township is following the PA Department of Health and CDC guidelines. The Municipal Building is open by appointment only. Please call ahead to schedule a meeting time, as staff are available but may be working remotely with limited staggered coverage at the office. Leave a detailed message and your call will be returned as quickly as possible. There is a black mailbox located outside by the front door of the Township to drop off correspondence, applications, payments, etc.

DUMPSTER DAYS RESCHEDULED!

(Ligonier Township residents only)

To maintain social distancing and protect everyone's health and safety, this year's Dumpster Days will be handled differently with multiple Saturdays scheduled in September.

September 12th, September 19th, September 26th

8:00 A.M. – Noon

You will need to choose a day and register either by filling out the form below and mailing or dropping off at the Ligonier Township Building mailbox, sending an email to tkrowchak@ligoniertownship.com, or calling the township directly at 724-238-2725, x111. Please notify the Township by September 1st the day you have chosen. If your date is full, you will be contacted for another date. In addition, it will be "self-service". Residents will need to pull up and empty their own items into the trash receptacles. There will be limited assistance for the disabled.

The following cannot be accepted: Plaster, concrete, rock, dirt, large tree stumps, grass clippings, paint, pressurized paint cans, shingles, fiberglass insulation, broken glass, liquids, medical waste, or any other hazardous/flammable material.

Fees:

Appliances \$10	Tires	per regular tire \$3.00
Appliances w/Freon \$20		per regular tire w/rim \$4.00
		per large tire \$15.00
		per large tire w/rim \$18.00

Form of payment: Checks only – cash will not be accepted

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

(Please check your preference)

September 12 September 19 September 26



RECYCLING

The Township operates a drop-off recycling program at the Municipal Complex. We need the public’s cooperation to continue this program. Place mixed paper (newsprint, magazines, high grade paper) in one of the four YELLOW bins. Flatten cardboard before placing into one of the four BLUE recycling bins. Do not mix paper and cardboard – these are processed separately. Do not litter (This includes stacking or leaving material outside the bins). Do not overstuff the bins so that the lids cannot close. Do call ahead to make sure there is room in the bins

If the materials get wet, they cannot be recycled

The recycling company we are working with has been hit hard by the pandemic and has very limited staff, so pickups are not as frequent.

STORMWATER

Residents can now report their stormwater issues on the Township’s website. There is a link on the website home page to an on-line survey where these issues can be mapped and up to five pictures can be uploaded. Your input is important – the responses we receive will help set our stormwater management priorities.


LIGONIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The office remains closed to the public with administrative staff having limited office hours. If you need assistance, please call 724-238-7464. The lobby is open during normal business hours, where envelopes are available if you would like a receipt mailed for the payment of your water/sewage bill. There is metal lock box on the building’s front door to drop off payments.

LTMA Personnel Directory (724) 238-7464


Manager/Operator
Anthony “Griff” Griffith.....ext 340

Secretary
Gail Barnhart.....ext 313
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NLC SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM

The Township has collaborated with the National League of Cities (NLC) to provide optional services to its residents. The NLC offers affordably priced emergency repair/replacement plans to address aging private sewer and water infrastructure. There are three plans – Exterior Water Service Line coverage - \$5.75/month, Exterior Sewer/Septic Line coverage - \$7.75/month, Interior Plumbing & Drainage coverage - \$9.99/month

Benefits:

Residents are Benefiting: residents are becoming more educated about their responsibilities with the water and sewer lines that service their homes. **Common and Expensive Problem:** Water and sewer line problems are common and expensive. Repairs to lines on homeowners’ property are typically not covered by basic homeowners insurance or by the Township of Ligonier and can be quite expensive. **Peace of Mind:** Coverage through SLWA offers Township of Ligonier homeowners peace of mind. SLWA is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including holidays. Repairs are given the highest priority and local, licensed, and approved contractors are dispatched to customers’ homes to make the necessary covered repairs — all with no callout fees or deductibles. **Trusted Partner:** The Township of Ligonier has partnered with SLWA, part of HomeServe USA offering a program that is used by over 700 cities, municipalities, and utilities around the US. SLWA has been in business since 2003 and is accredited by the Better Business Bureau with an A+ rating. SLWA and its parent, HomeServe, provide service to more than 4 million homeowners, and has performed more than 1.3 million repairs for customers over the last 3 years, and received high ratings from customers receiving service.

Key Contact information:

SLWA toll-free phone number: 1-866-922-9006
SLWA website for more information: www.slwofa.com

What is the relationship between SLWA and the Township of Ligonier?

Each agreement with a utility or municipality is a little different and is tailored to meet the needs of the community. The partnership allows Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) to offer customers competitive monthly fees on available services to residents. Importantly, the decision by residents to sign up for a SLWA service plan is completely optional.

Why did Township of Ligonier partner with SLWA?

The National League of Cities (NLC) has recognized and endorsed SLWA as the nation’s largest and most trusted source of utility line plans. An objective of the SLWA program is education because many residents are not aware that buried water and sewer lines on their property are their responsibility to maintain. A broken or blocked service line on the property can cost thousands of dollars to repair or replace and many times residents are unprepared for this unexpected expense. The City’s program with SLWA not only works to educate the residents but also provides a solution for residents that is entirely optional.

How common are utility line breakages and what are the common repair costs?

Each year, SLWA, together with its parent HomeServe, performs tens of thousands of water and sewer service line repairs for customers nationwide. It is very difficult to determine when a pipe may fail, with key contributors being the type of piping material, age of the service pipe, soil conditions and installation quality. Water line repairs can be costly – a replacement averages \$2,500 nationally. With the modest cost of SLWA’s service plan, homeowners would still see financial benefit if the service line didn’t break for another few decades – versus saving the monthly fee at current rates.

Doesn’t my homeowner’s insurance already cover these repairs?

Typically no. Most homeowners are surprised to learn that they are responsible for the repair and replacement of broken or leaking utility lines if they are on their property. While most basic homeowner policies will pay to repair the damage created by failed utility lines, they typically do not cover the cost of the repair of the line itself. SLWA encourages residents to call their insurance company to determine your actual coverage.

Why does SLWA use the Township of Ligonier’s logo in its marketing materials?

The Township of Ligonier’s agreement with SLWA allows the company to use the City’s logo in communications to indicate that there is a formal relationship in place and to let residents know that the offering is legitimate, it is for the residents benefit and has the approval of the City. All of the mailings SLWA sends to Township of Ligonier residents are first reviewed and approved by the City prior to use. SLWA is committed to transparency in all of its communications. All SLWA materials clearly state that the services the company offers are voluntary and that they are offered by SLWA, a private company that is separate from the city.

Isn’t it unethical/unseemly for cities to partner with a private entity?

It is not a new idea for the public and private sectors to work together; it is about bringing Township of Ligonier residents a solution to a real problem facing homeowners around the country. SLWA brings the best of the private sector, including efficiency and expertise, to relieve the burden on homeowners facing expensive repairs. At the same time, SLWA supports communities by helping us, as local decision-makers, tackle the problem of making sure all of our community’s water and sewer infrastructure is maintained. It is good practice to bring together the best of what public and private entities have to offer.



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**~~~~TOWNSHIP CLOSED~~~~
Labor Day September 7th**

To: Our Neighbors At

ROADSIDE LITTER CLEAN UP HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES!

The Ligonier Township is partnering with the Loyalhanna Watershed Association to organize a fall "Great Ligonier Valley Clean-up event." The goal is to schedule the clean up on a Saturday in September to coincide with the Township's Dumpster Days event. The Watershed has coordinated this roadside cleanup for 15 years and together with the community's help over 50,000 pounds of garbage has been removed from our Valley's state and township roadways. They work with the state to secure the required supplies— garbage bags, safety vests, gloves, etc. and coordinate the volunteer assignments. This year the Township's Public Works crew will assist by picking up the bagged garbage along the roadsides. Please watch for more information regarding the official event date and how to sign up via our website, Facebook page, or Savvy Citizen app. You can also contact Josh Penatzer, LWA's Project Manager and cleanup organizer directly to volunteer at (724) 238-7560, ext. 2# or via email at josh@loyalwater.com.

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LIGONIER VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Your local volunteer firefighters would like to thank the many individuals and businesses who have made contributions to this year's Ligonier Valley Fire Companies campaign. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not made a contribution or if you did not receive our letter, please remember contributions can be made at any time of the year and sent to "Ligonier Valley Fire Companies" P.O. Box FIRE, Ligonier, PA 15658. Thank you!

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

LIGONIER VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The LVPD has a couple reminders for residents... Despite living in a relatively low-crime area, you are encouraged to lock your vehicle to prevent cars from being broken into. Also, with school potentially starting the end of August, please be cautious and stop for the buses.

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL DIRECTORY

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Manager

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tcarcella@ligoniertownship.com

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Jim Nieusma.....ext 116
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Russ Morgan.....ext 139
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Administrative Assistant/Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Bethany Caldwell.....ext 112
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Ligonier Valley Police

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

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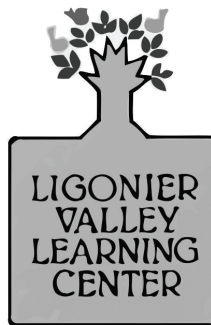
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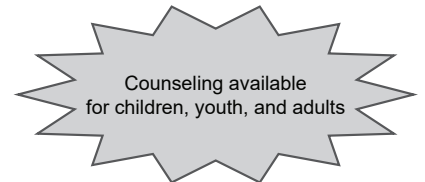
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LIGONIER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

John Beaufort (Chairman)

Dan Weimer

Paul Knupp (Vice Chairman)

Scott Matson

Stephanie Verna (Secretary/Treasurer)

Ligonier Township Supervisors Monthly Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
Aug 11 • Sept 8

Ligonier Township Supervisors 2nd Monthly Meeting.....4:30 p.m.
Aug 25 • Sept 22

MEETINGS AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

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

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority.....4:00 p.m.
Aug 5 • Sept 2

Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session.....4:00 p.m.
Aug 19 • Sept 16

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board.....7:00 p.m.
Aug 18 • Sept 15

Ligonier Township Planning Commission.....7:00 p.m.
Aug 27 • Sept 24

Ligonier Township Recreation Board.....7:00 p.m.
Aug 10 • Sept 14

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

**The Township is open by appointment Monday through Friday.
The Township will be closed on September 7th.**

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