



# "Talk of the Township"

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

April/May/June 2010

## TOWNSHIP NEWS

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

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern about phone scams that appear to be on the rise again. I wrote some advice in past newsletters, and I would like to touch on this issue again.

Recently we have seen a rise in these phone scams where residents report receiving phone calls from someone stating that their loved one is in the hospital, and in order to give them proper treatment, they need to receive a money order of any given amount. Usually, they ask them to send the money order to an odd location, such as Canada. Fortunately, most people have not fallen into this trap. The elderly are especially at risk because they have concerns and tend to question themselves about it. At this point the person calling with the scam catches on and these elderly people then receive additional calls for different kinds of scams.

Questions have been asked by these complainants asking "How did they know my family's name?" The answer is simply that all kinds of information is available on the internet. In some cases these actors ask general questions and by these questions learn a tremendous amount about you. With that being said, please DO NOT provide any personal information such as family names and where they live, birth dates, social security numbers and most importantly your bank account information. I recommend just hanging up.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the police department and an officer will be glad to assist you.

### Blood Drive

The Township of Ligonier will be holding a blood drive at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building on Monday, May 3, 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 Barbara Hollick at the Township Building, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 724-238-2725.

### Free Fill, Dirt and Woodchips

The Township is again offering Ligonier residents the opportunity to sign up for free fill, dirt and woodchips. While we cannot guarantee delivery to everyone, if work is being done in your area and you have filled out a request form, we will try to fill your request. Anyone who signed up last year and is still interested should contact us at the office, 724-238-2725, and let us know. If you haven't already signed up, please stop in at the Township Building to sign a request form and your name will be added to the list.

### Ligonier Township Municipal Authority Customers

Just a reminder that not receiving a bill does not relieve your responsibility to pay. If you are unsure of when you should receive a bill, call our office at 724-238-7464. Payments are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you are mailing your payment, send it so we receive it before the 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid the penalty being applied.

We plan to flush the water lines April 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Expect low pressure and cloudy water. This will be done between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Water Authority Update

DEP is making it mandatory that we have access to emergency contact information for all of our customers by May 2010. As the deadline nears for emergency contact information updates to be done, we are still asking our customers to call or include with their payment any and all current phone numbers. Stop in or call our office at 724-238-7464. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township spring taxes (County and Township) were mailed March 1, 2010. If you did not receive a tax statement, please contact the Ligonier Township Tax Office. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the taxpayer 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. Ligonier Township Supervisors have suspended collection of Street Light and Fire Hydrant Taxes for 2010. A drop-off slot is available at the township tax office to accept payment before or after normal business hours.

#### 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

### Dumpster Day - April 24, 2010

There will be **NO Fall Dumpster Day** this year!  
Old Lincoln Highway West from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

ID's will be checked by the Ligonier Township Police Department. Event is for Ligonier Township, Ligonier Borough and Laurel Mountain Borough residents ONLY. Fees:

\$10.00 per truckload, \$5.00 per carload

\$2.00 per regular-sized tires - tires on rims \$4.00

\$5.00 per large sized tires - tires on rims \$10.00

\$15.00 per freon containing appliances \$10.00 per other appliance

Tires on rims require extra labor to remove rims. Our Tire Disposal Service will not accept tires on rims.

For a small number of pieces, no charge will be made, but donations are always accepted and appreciated.

**The following items will not be accepted:**

Paint, pressurized paint cans, hazardous materials, items containing dirt, concrete block, plaster, fiberglass insulation, shingles, household garbage, broken glass and grass clippings.

### Loyalhanna Watershed Association Spring Events

Spring is in the air, and the Loyalhanna Watershed Association is getting ready to host several upcoming community events, in addition to continuing popular programs for Ligonier Township residents.

**April 17:** Penn State Master Gardeners will host a workshop on Pollinators at the LWA office beginning at 10:00 a.m. Presenters will discuss the importance of pollinators, from honey bees to bats, and will lead a tour of the demonstration garden at the Ligonier Country Market to view the Pearl Blaney Daffodil Path, a new addition to the garden featuring all 13 Daffodil divisions, as well as tulips and grape hyacinths - come enjoy these signs of spring!

**May 1:** Fifth Annual Great Ligonier Cleanup will be held throughout the Valley. This event has become the most successful volunteer effort by LWA - in the past four years, over 1,000 people have participated! We are in need of volunteers to continue the effort again this year, as over 50 miles of roadsides throughout the communities of Darlington, Stahlstown, Waterford, Wilpen, Rector and Laughlontown are cleared of litter and other debris in this annual event. Cleanup supplies are provided to all event volunteers, and t-shirts and refreshments this year are sponsored by Ligonier Giant Eagle, Gooder Agency, Covington Investment Advisors, Janney Montgomery Scott, Bethlen Communities and J. Paul McCracken Funeral Chapel.

If you would like more information on any of these programs, or to sign up as a volunteer for the Ligonier Cleanup, contact the LWA office at 724-238-7560.

Ligonier Valley Recycling continues to run smoothly, although residents are asked to continue to abide by the following guidelines. Items that are accepted through the program include: Brown, Green and Clear glass bottles - bottles should be cleaned and all bottle caps, corks, wire, etc. should be removed before sorting them into the appropriate bin section by color. Paper is also recyclable at the facility, with the exception of any cardboard, including corrugated cardboard, cardboard cereal boxes or other food containers, phonebooks, colored paper and sticky notes. Illegal dumping is strictly enforced at the facility, and violators will be prosecuted.

Great News! The popular Electronics Recycling Program held at the LWA Office every Tuesday, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., is once again FREE OF CHARGE! Televisions are now being accepted through this program as well. The changes are a result of a new recycling hauler that has taken over the program - JVS Recycling, a local company out of Somerset, PA. Other items that are accepted include computer equipment, monitors, microwaves, telephones, stereos, printers/fax machines, ink cartridges, small kitchen appliances, and power tools, among several other items. Check the LWA Website at [www.loyalhannawatershed.org](http://www.loyalhannawatershed.org) for a complete list of items that can be recycled through this program.

## ZONING DEPARTMENT

### Floodplain Facts:

#### What is a Floodplain?

Any land area, such as the lowland and relatively flat areas adjoining inland and coastal waters, susceptible to being inundated by water from any source.

#### What is a Floodway?

The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

If you have questions about flood insurance call your local, licensed casualty or property insurance agent, or call the National Flood Insurance Hotline at 1-800-427-4661.

### Permits are required for:

#### Private/Residential Swimming

**Pools:** If your pool is an in-ground or an above-ground pool it requires a township zoning permit.

**Sheds:** 150 square feet and larger in size require permits and must meet the setbacks of the zoning district. Sheds under 150 square feet can not be located closer than five (5) feet to a side or rear property line and can not be located in your front yard. Accessory structures can not exceed 15 feet in height.

**Decks:** require a township zoning permit and a UCC permit and inspections.

### Municipal Building Closings

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on Friday, April 2 for Good Friday and on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# MEETINGS

## APRIL • MAY • JUNE

Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725

~~Ligonier Township Municipal Authority~~ .....7:00 p.m.  
 April 1 • May 6 • June 3  
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~~Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session~~ .. 8:00 a.m.  
 April 9 • May 7 • June 4

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
 April 13 • May 11 • June 8

Ligonier Township Recreation Board..... 6:30 p.m.  
 April 8 • May 13 • June 10

Ligonier Township Planning Commission ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 April 20 • May 18 • June 15

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 April 27 • May 25 • June 22

### 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 Code Enforcement ..... 724-238-2785

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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