



# “Talk of the Township”

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

April/May/June 2012

## TOWNSHIP NEWS

### Local Income (wage) Taxes and Local Services Taxes

Based upon legislation passed several years ago by the State, all new Wage Taxes and Local Services Taxes are now being collected by Berkheimer Tax Administrator for all municipalities located in Westmoreland County.

Employers and residents should continue to correspond, and deal with, PA Municipal Service for all Wage and Local Services Taxes for prior years. However, all first quarter 2012 and beyond correspondence should be with Berkheimer. Following is the contact information:

Berkheimer Tax Administrator  
50 North Seventh Street, Bangor, PA 18013  
866-701-7206

The Township will continue to contract with PAMS to collect the Per Capita and Amusement Taxes and Sue Kinsey will collect the Real Estate Taxes.

### Free Fill, Dirt and Woodchips

The Township is again offering Ligonier residents the opportunity to sign up for free fill, dirt and woodchips. Berm work will be taking place in April and May in the areas of: Peters Road, Rector, Zion Church Road, Freeman Road, Giesey Road, Ramsey Road, Clifford Estates and Mill Road. 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 signed up, please stop in the Township Building to sign a request form and your name will be added to the list.

### New Hours

New hours for the Ligonier Township Municipal Building are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. A mail slot is available for any Municipal Authority (water or sewage) payments and real estate (property) tax payments after normal business hours. Please **DO NOT** deposit payments for the Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company or Berkheimer Earned Income Tax. To reach the office of the Ligonier Township Supervisors, call 724-238-2725.

### National Drug Take Back Initiative Saturday, April 28, 2012

Ligonier Borough, Ligonier Borough Police Department and the Loyalhanna Watershed Association are cosponsoring a drug take back initiative for area residents to properly dispose of unused or expired medication safely. The National Take Back Initiative is organized by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, and will be held at the Loyalhanna Watershed Association office located at 110 Andi Lane in Ligonier on Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact the LWA office at 724-238-7560.

## TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township Spring taxes (County and Township) were mailed March 1, 2012. If you do not receive a tax statement, please contact the Ligonier Township Tax Office. Failure to receive a tax statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of payment. If applicable, taxpayers are responsible for sending the tax statement to their mortgage company for payment. Ligonier Township Supervisors have suspended collection of Street Light and Fire Hydrant taxes for 2012. A drop-off slot is available at the tax collectors office to accept payments before or after normal business hours.

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday thru Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Last Saturday of the month  
April and September  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

724-238-2300

### Municipal Building Closings

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:  
Friday, April 6 for Good Friday  
Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day

Normal business hours are:  
Monday through Friday  
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Permits and/or Inspections 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. Maximum height for accessory structures and sheds is 15 feet.

### GARBAGE - RUBBISH BURNING QUESTIONS

Chapter 92 (solid waste) of the Township Code states:

It shall be unlawful to dump, burn, bury, destroy or otherwise dispose of refuse, garbage or rubbish within the jurisdictional limits of the Township of Ligonier except at the Township of Ligonier approved refuse disposal site, except that any person may dispose of such refuse, garbage or rubbish on premises from which it is collected if such disposal shall not constitute a nuisance or jeopardize the health and welfare of any other person.

### REMINDERS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. There is no longer a Ligonier Township refuse disposal site, each property owner must contract with a licensed garbage/refuse hauler.
2. This does not mean you can bury, destroy, dump or burn garbage on your private property. There are EPA and DEP restrictions on burning and burying items like tires, plastics, insulation, shingles, paint, treated/painted wood, mattresses, furniture, etc. The outdoor storage of garbage, rubbish, refuse, junk or discarded articles outside of a container is also prohibited under the zoning ordinance.
3. You may burn paper, untreated wood products, cardboard boxes, tree and brush trimmings and the like.
4. Permitted burning is prohibited only if the "Emergency Burning Ban Ordinance" is enacted. This is done during drought or dry conditions and done publicly. If the weather is dry, windy or there have been long periods of no rain, caution should be used if you wish to burn. Also be mindful and respectful of your neighbors. If your burning creates a nuisance to them, there are provisions for them to file a complaint.

For more information:

[www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/aq/openburn/openburn.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/aq/openburn/openburn.htm)

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

## Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank all those that jumped in to help find my grandfather a couple of weeks ago. It was a terrifying experience and I hope that no one ever has to go through what my family and I had to endure during the twenty eight hour search. But I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank Sandy Oslosky, Eric Eslary and Mike Matronics of the Ligonier Township Police Department for not only searching but for starting a national missing persons search which ended up being the reason that we located my grandfather. I would also like to thank the Ligonier Township Supervisors and their crews, the Ligonier Township Water and Sewage Department, the Ligonier Bus Drivers, the Ligonier Borough Police, John Whipkey (Laughlintown Garage), Bob McDowell, Paul Church and the local fire departments for taking the time to search.

You don't realize until something like this happens all the people that care about you and are willing to drop everything to help. Again my family would like to thank all those people that helped by searching themselves or by going out in the middle of the night to help us. We will never forget all of you for the help and support that you provided. In the end the power of prayer is an amazing thing and we are grateful to have him home safe and sound.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Clise and Judy Hoffer  
Ligonier, PA

## Dumpster Day - April 21, 2012

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.

**The Recycling area will be closed from 8:00 - 12:00 noon on April 21, 2012 due to Dumpster Day**

## 7th Annual Great Ligonier Valley Cleanup

April 21, 2012

Join your neighbors for the Seventh Annual Great Ligonier Valley Cleanup, set for Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The Loyalhanna Watershed Association is once again planning this community roadside cleanup event, and is in need of volunteers to help collect the abundance of litter from state and township roadsides in the Darlington, Waterford, Wilpen, Laughlintown, Stahlstown and Bolivar areas. In the past six years, over 1,800 volunteers have collected more than 3,000 bags of litter in this great community effort! For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, contact the LWA office at 724-238-7560.

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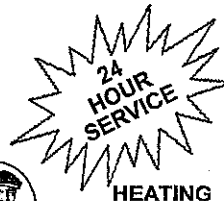
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## MEETINGS

### APRIL • MAY • JUNE

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

**Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
April 4 • May 2 • June 6

**Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session**.. 8:00 a.m.  
April 5 • May 27 • June 8

**Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting**..... 7:00 p.m.  
April 10 • May 1 • June 12

**Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 7:00 p.m.  
April 12 • May 10 • June 14

**Ligonier Township Planning Commission**..... 7:30 p.m.  
April 17 • May 15 • June 19

**Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board**..... 7:30 p.m.  
April 24 • May 22 • June 26

#### **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** ..... 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** ..... 724-875-2785

**Ligonier Township Web Site**..... [www.ligoniertownship.com](http://www.ligoniertownship.com)

**Ligonier Township Email Address** ..... [ligsec@comcast.net](mailto:ligsec@comcast.net)

**Ligonier Township Fax Number** ..... 724-238-3711

**Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co** ..... 724-238-9450

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