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A Newsletter For Our Residents

January/February/March 2011

TOWNSHIP NEWS

From the desk of Ligonier Township Police Chief Michael Matrunic

Since I took over the department, I always like to take this opportunity to provide information to the residents of the Ligonier Township. For this quarterly newsletter I would like to fill you in on what has been going on in the Police Department.

In the year of 2010 the department was very busy. The department is still actively patrolling the streets 24 hours a day, seven days a week. On average officers handle between 300 to 400 calls a month, racking up approximately 5000 miles a month responding to these calls and actively providing patrol. Even though we are on active patrol around the clock we still need help from the community when they see something that needs reported to the police. You may question yourself, "How do I call for a police officer". Well, that answer is "Call 911". Yes, it is okay to call this number even though there may not be an active emergency going on. In cooperation with our Westmoreland County 911 Center, they understand being a rural type community we do not have the resources to provide man power to answer a local non-emergency phone number 24 hours a day. Please call 911 if you need to speak with a police officer. There have been cases when 911 should have been called versus leaving a message. This could mean the safety of an innocent victim.

Parking and 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 Ligonier Township Supervisors will be holding a blood drive at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building on Monday, January 17 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. 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. You may also sign up online at www.centralbloodbank.org.

Municipal Building Closings

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, January 3, 2011 for New Year's Day and on Monday, February 21 for President's Day. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township spring property taxes (County and Township) will be mailed March 1, 2011. Discount amount will be honored through April 30, face amount through June 30 and penalty amount through December 31, 2011. Ligonier Township fall property taxes (School) will be mailed August 1, 2011. Discount amount will be honored through September 30, face amount through November 30 and penalty amount through December 31, 2011. 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 1 through December 31 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 payments before or after normal business hours. Please keep your addresses updated with the tax office.

OFFICE HOURS:

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

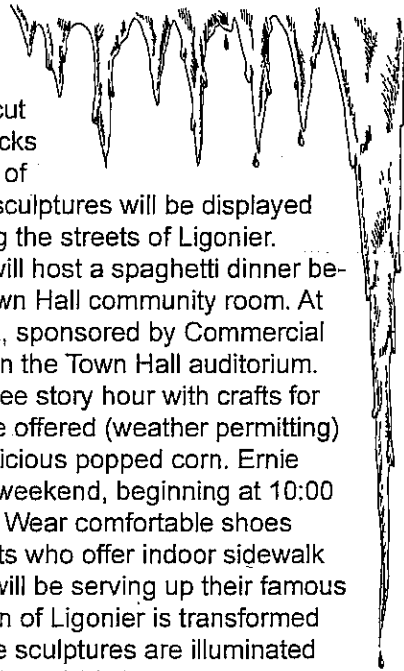
Friday - 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Last Saturday of the month
April and September

724-238-2300

20TH ANNUAL LIGONIER ICE FEST

The 20th Annual Ligonier Ice Fest will be held January 22-23 in downtown Ligonier. Throughout the weekend, visitors can watch as chain saws cut through 20 inch wide by 40 inch tall blocks of ice creating temporary masterpieces of art in ice that sparkles and shines! Ice sculptures will be displayed throughout the Diamond area and along the streets of Ligonier. Ligonier Volunteer Hose Company #1 will host a spaghetti dinner beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Ligonier Town Hall community room. At 2:00 p.m. the Graham Grubb Orchestra, sponsored by Commercial Bank & Trust of PA, will hold a concert in the Town Hall auditorium. The Ligonier Valley Library will host a free story hour with crafts for children at 2:00 p.m. Buggy rides will be offered (weather permitting) and the Kettle Korn Man will sell his delicious popped corn. Ernie DiMartino will carve ice throughout the weekend, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Wear comfortable shoes so you can visit all of the area merchants who offer indoor sidewalk sales, eat at the local restaurants who will be serving up their famous Ice Fest specials, and watch as the town of Ligonier is transformed into a sparkling, icy wonderland! The ice sculptures are illuminated at night so they can be viewed all night long. This is a great opportunity to bring some fun into the long months of winter! Come to Ligonier to celebrate the beauty of winter with snow and ice at the longest running Ice Fest in Pennsylvania!



LIGONIER YMCA

The Y is strengthening the foundation of our community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. We are doing this through the following programs.

At the Y we offer a Child Development Program for ages 6 weeks to 12 years from 6:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each child is provided stimulating age appropriate activities; a positive group experience and swimming instruction for all preschool and pre-kindergarten. Contact Sarah Bryne-Houser or Kathi Betton for additional details.

In an effort to fight childhood obesity and encourage a healthy lifestyle, Ligonier YMCA offers a variety of youth development programs that teach respect, honesty, caring and responsibility to our youth. Interested? Our youth soccer programs for ages 4-12 with all levels of experience and ability start in March 2011. Pee-Wee basketball will be starting in January 2011 for ages 4-6, along with T-Ball ages 4-7 and Preschool Sports Intro I ages 3-5. So kick away those winter blues, call to register!

Kids need a safe, nurturing place to be after school. In response to the community's need, the Y offers "A Get Active" after school program including Dodgeball, Floor Hockey, Flag Football and more. Programs will start in January - March 2011.

Get ready for summer now with swimming lessons at the Y. Lessons are open to all ages and skill levels starting in January 2011. Lessons run for an eight week period, please contact the Y for times.

Spending time together as a family is important. The Y wants to help the community with providing more family events. Every month we will sponsor a FREE family movie night at the Y. Check us out each month for the movie date and time.

Your YMCA is working hard to meet your needs. Stop by or call today to see what's happening at your Y, 724-238-7580.

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority

To Our Customers,

The Board of the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority has made a determination that will no longer permit the establishment of accounts by tenants of property. This measure was undertaken after careful study by the Authority and a determination that it would be in the best interest of all concerned if the accounts are established in the name of the owners of the real estate who will collect from the tenants as part of the landlord tenant relationship. We realize that this may cause some inconvenience, but in the long run, will result in lower administration costs for the Authority.

This will be in effect beginning January 1, 2011.

Christmas Tree Recycling

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, 2011 at the corner of West Main Street and Springer Road (Country Market location). Please feel free to call the Loy-ahanna Watershed Association office at 724-238-7560 or the Ligonier Township Office at 724-238-2725 if you have any questions.



The Ligonier Township Recreation Board is accepting letters of interest from residents interested in serving on the Recreation Board. Please submit your letter of interest to the Ligonier Township Supervisors, One Municipal Park Drive, Ligonier, PA 15658.

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MEETINGS

JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH

- Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725
- Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** 7:00 p.m.
January 5 • February 2 • March 2
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session**.. 8:00 a.m.
January 7 • February 4 • March 4
- Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting**..... 7:00 p.m.
January 11 • February 8 • March 8
- Ligonier Township Recreation Board**..... 6:30 p.m.
January 13 • February 10 • March 10
- Ligonier Township Planning Commission** 7:30 p.m.
January 18 • February 15 • March 15
- Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board** 7:30 p.m.
January 25 • February 22 • March 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.....724-238-6585
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.ligoniertwp.com
- Ligonier Township Email Address** ligsec@comcast.net
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