



“Talk of the Township”

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

A Newsletter For Our Residents

July/August/September 2011

TOWNSHIP NEWS

From the desk of Chief Matronics

I first would like to comment and say thanks for paying attention to this newsletter that is distributed to the residents of Ligonier Township. I received a lot of responses from last months article encouraging Township residents to mark their homes, lanes and driveways. Several citizens called asking questions about marking their home. Again, thank you and please pass on this important information and support the idea of properly marking your property in case of that one emergency.

We all know that summer is here. I would like to bring your attention to some safety tips in reference to bicycle safety. Since it is summer, we are going to encounter more activity with bicyclists. This may be you, your kids or even another bicyclist just wanting to enjoy a ride on a nice summer day. Please keep in mind that bicycles are smaller and slower than motor vehicles. Cyclists need to be more alert than drivers. Don't assume that motorists or pedestrians see you. Cyclists need to communicate and negotiate with other vehicles. Using hand signals, making eye contact, smiling and waving (just to be courteous), all help keep the roads and trails safe for everyone. Please read the following list for some additional helpful biking tips and have a good and safe summer.

1. Wear a helmet
2. Follow the rules of the road
3. Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits and lane markings
4. Cycle single file and on the right side of the road (with traffic)
5. Signal in advance of a turn; use correct hand signals
6. Yield to pedestrians and other vehicles
7. Make sure your bicycle is the proper size and safely maintained
8. Never wear headphones; they hinder your ability to hear traffic
9. Wear bright colors, especially at night
10. Equip your bicycle with reflectors on front and rear, or even attach a light on the front, so drivers can see you at least 500 feet away

Road Sealing

Road sealing in the Township is scheduled to begin on August 29, 2011. The roads that are scheduled to be done are: Westview Drive, Oakview Drive, Tall Timber Drive, St. Clair Circle, Meadow Drive, Beech Drive, Ridgeview Drive, Hermitage Circle, Maple Drive, Forbes Drive, Hillside Avenue, Gregg Avenue, Laurel Drive, Second Street, Third Street, Walnut Street, Carey School Road, Peoples Road, Baltic Road, Myers School Road, Tosh Road, Woods Road, Baton Road, White City Road, Wineland Road, Windy Hill Lane, Hotel Road, Cavalry Street and Mallard Lane.

Press Release

Ligonier Township has been awarded a grant from PennPRIME for a fume extractor for their garage. As a municipal insurance trust offering workers' compensation and liability coverages, PennPRIME distinguishes itself by providing products and services tailored to meet the needs of local government throughout Pennsylvania. One of these services is the grant program which funded \$100,000 in 2011 in requests from its members to improve worker and public safety. Congratulations to Ligonier Township for its continued efforts to improve their operations.

TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township Fall taxes (school) will be mailed on August 1, 2011. If you do not receive your tax statement, please contact the Tax Office. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of payment. Tax payers who have mortgage companies, please mail your tax statement to your mortgage company as soon as possible for prompt payment. The last day to pay school taxes (fall) at discount is September 30, 2011. If paying by mail or through the door 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, 2011. Tax Office will be closed July 4th through the 8th.

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
September

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

724-238-2300

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church's Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 28, Noon until 5:00 p.m. For more information call 724-238-4541.

Updated Website

Recently, the Township has created a new and updated website. This website will be interactive and contain current information. It is located at www.ligoniertownship.com.

Among the advantages of such a site is that we intend to cut back production of our current newsletter to those who have internet access. We will save substantially in the cost of sending out copies to all local residents. Each quarterly newsletter will be archived onto the website so that you can easily go back to past publications for information. When the newsletter comes out, we will post a "What's New" memo so that you will know. Of course, we understand that everyone is not connected to the internet. For those who need to continue to receive the printed version, we request that you call our office at 724-238-2725 and let us know you still need the printed copy.

In addition, our front page of the website contains current news. We no longer have to anticipate what will happen three months in advance or be left with no notification of last minute news that just misses the deadline.

A third major advantage of the new website permits us to include as many advertisers as have an interest in working with us. Our commitment to keeping the website a focal point for local news will be enhanced by our desire to give advertisers maximum exposure. Advertisements will scroll each time you move to another page on our website. If you have been waiting for a chance to advertise your business in our newsletter, please send an email to kwhipkey@ligoniertownship.com. We will be happy to set you up.

We are proud of this new opportunity to keep you informed what is going on up to the minute in our Township. We hope you will refer to our pages often.

PennPRIME Peak Performer's Award

Ligonier Township is one of only 14 recipients of the PennPRIME Peak Performer's Award. PennPRIME is a member-driven, self-insurance trust that works with and is owned exclusively by Pennsylvania municipal entity members.

Each year PennPRIME recognizes members of the Workers' Compensation Trust with Peak Performer Awards for those entities that excel. The awards are granted based on 3 main criteria. The member must have a 5 year loss ratio ($\$Losses/\$Contributions$) of less than or equal to 30%, a functioning State-certified Safety Committee and must be a member of the Trust for 3 years. Additional criteria include annual self-assessments, providing safety training to all employees and developing written safety procedures.

Improved employee safety can translate into savings for the entity and the entire community. The employees who serve on the safety committee, leading the effort, deserve congratulations for their hard work.

The entities recognized for their outstanding workplace safety are: Berwick Borough, Derry Borough, East Stroudsburg Borough, Edinboro Borough, Ferguson Township, Findlay Township (Agh), the City of Greensburg, Ligonier Township, the City of Meadville, Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority, Punxsutawney Borough, the City of Titusville, Uwchlan Township and White Township.

The award winners are recognized at PennPRIME's Annual Membership Meeting and Risk Management Conference with a distinctive statuette. In addition, the recipients are also awarded a financial benefit of \$1,000 to be used to further improve employee safety.

PennPRIME's uniqueness stems from the fact that they continually deliver added value through their specialized products and services including custom coverage, solutions that reduce their members' risk, and build member equity. The benefits of trust membership include broad coverages, personal service, input into trust operations, and a package of services that is much more specialized than those available from a commercial insurance company. Over time, trust members can expect stable rates, new services, and even the potential for dividends.

Pipe Installation

The Ligonier Township Municipal Authority reports that the pipe installation for the Ligonier East Sanitary Sewer Collection project is approximately 87% complete. To date over 54,000 lineal feet of pipe has been installed, however progress has been slowed by the wet weather conditions this spring.

Restoration has begun and will continue as weather permits. It is anticipated that pipe installation will be complete in June of 2011.

Initial customer tap in notices will be sent after the pump station start up on June 15, 2011. The collection notices will be sent on a staggered basis to allow contractors time to complete installation of the individual connections. Installation specs and information will be provided upon payment of the connection fee to the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority. The connection fee has been established at \$1,500.00. This fee is payable within 60 days of notification by the Authority.

Any questions regarding the lateral hookups can be addressed to the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority at 724-238-7464 or Gibson-Thomas Engineering at 724-537-4690.

Municipal Building Closings

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:

Friday, July 1 and Monday, July 4
for Independence Day

Monday, September 5
for Labor Day

The Township Building is open
Monday through Friday
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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MEETINGS

JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

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

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority 7:00 p.m.
July 6 • August 3 • September 7

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Work Session.. 8:00 a.m.
July 8 • August 5 • September 9

Ligonier Township Supervisors' Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
July 12 • August 9 • September 13

Ligonier Township Recreation Board..... 6:30 p.m.
July 14 • August 11 • September 8

Ligonier Township Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
July 19 • August 16 • September 20

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board 7:30 p.m.
July 26 • August 23 • September 27

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

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Ligonier Township Supervisors 724-238-2725
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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 Authority724-238-7464
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

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