

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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For those residents asking if the Township Newsletter has been discontinued, please know that we have heard your questions and appreciate your feedback. Providing accurate, relevant information to residents in a time efficient manner has always been a major objective of the Board of Supervisors. In years past, newsletters were the primary method utilized by the Township in sharing that information. In more recent years, the Township website has been updated in an effort to provide residents with a central location where answers to frequently asked questions could be obtained. The website also provides an enormous amount of information on everything from the history of the Township, a calendar of events for Township, information on State and Federal officials to links for sites such as local libraries, the school district and sites that can be used for genealogy research. If you haven't visited the Township website, you may wish to take a moment to pull it up and familiarize yourself with the information you can obtain there. The site may be accessed at www.littlebritain.org.

With all of that being said, the Board realizes that all of our residents may not have access to computers or the internet and that other residents still prefer to receive their updates in written form. So in an effort to accommodate as many residential preferences as possible, the Township will continue to produce a newsletter. However, in an effort to control cost while ensuring that pertinent and useful information is being passed along, the newsletter will only be generated twice per year. Residents who wish to receive their newsletter electronically may sign up to do so on our website. There is a box on the home page of our site, "Join our e-mail list" that will allow you to sign up to receive various forms of information from the Township electronically.

Of course, the best way to remain up to date on what is taking place within your community is to attend the monthly meetings held by the Board of Supervisors and the Township Planning Commission. All meetings are open to the public and held at the municipal building located at 323 Green Lane. Lastly, please be assured that all Township employees as well as the members of the Board are here to assist you with anything we can.

Dates For Your Calendar

The Board of Supervisors meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Their meeting dates through the end of the year are as follows:

April 12th	May 10th	June 14th
July 12th	August 9th	September 13th
October 11th	November 15th	December 13th

The Township Planning Commission meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Their meeting dates through the end of the year are as follows:

April 19th	May 24th	June 28th
July 26th	August 23rd	September 27th
October 25th	November 22nd	December 20th

March 25th - Good Friday, Township Closed

April 9th - Spring Clean-Up, details on page 4

April 26th - Election Day

May 30th - Memorial Day, Township Closed

Taxes

Tax statements for your municipal and county taxes have been mailed and should have been received by this time. If for any reason you have not received yours, please contact our Tax Collector, Agnes Reeder at 717-955-0047.

In order to receive the 2% discount available on your taxes, your envelope must be postmarked no later than April 30th. In order to avoid the 10% penalty on your taxes your envelope must be postmarked no later than June 30th.

For those who prefer paying their taxes in person, Ms. Reeder will hold collection hours on March 29th, 30th, and 31st from 4 to 7 p.m. and on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd from 2 to 5 p.m. at her residence located at 165 onesuckle Road in Nottingham.

NEWS FROM THE ROADMASTER

Within Little Britain Township we maintain sixty-five (65) miles of Municipal Roadway. The work is never ending and the "To Do" list is extremely long. Unfortunately, the roads and right-of-ways in the Township have been damaged by the deposit of stone, mud, dirt, silt, corn fodder, manure or other debris and said damage has resulted in dangerous driving conditions. Road maintenance in the Township has also been made more difficult by the placement of fences, walls and the planting of trees and shrubbery within the Township's right-of-ways.

In order to protect our roads and right-of-ways Little Britain Township adopted Ordinance Number 3-13. The regulations are as follows:

- No person shall in any way disturb the surface of the land (except in common mowing) within six (6) feet of the road edge or within the right-of-way, whichever is greater. This includes plowing, cultivating and the planting of crops.
- No person shall erect, create or maintain a fence, wall or building, nor shall they plant, nurture or maintain trees or shrubbery within the Township right-of-ways.
- No person shall deposit field stone or debris within the Township right-of-ways.
- No person shall deposit or allow by excessive runoff earth, mud, silt, corn fodder, manure or other debris onto the Township roadways.

We have spent a tremendous amount of time cleaning roadways of manure and debris, as well as, trimming trees and shrubbery overhanging our right-of-ways and roads. This time could be better spent on other projects within the Municipality and should these problems continue, property owners may be billed for our services per the guidelines found within the Ordinance. Please note: In the past we have taken the time to distribute notices to each individual property owner prior to trimming their tree's. These notices gave individuals the opportunity to trim the trees themselves, prior to our arrival. It has been decided that no further notices will be sent prior to trimming. Every property owner is responsible for ensuring their trees and shrubs are cut and maintained at least two (2) feet behind the pavement edge and out of the clear line of sight for all intersections.

Little Britain Township requires driveway permits for the installation or expansion of driveways, as well as, the paving or repaving of same. These permits are required to ensure that side gutter swales are properly constructed/maintained, to verify the new design will not create adverse water flows which may cause damage to the roadways and hazardous driving conditions for motorists. All driveway expansions must comply with the Little Britain Township Driveway Ordinance, as well as, address the Stormwater Management regulations regarding coverage. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office for assistance.

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ZONING MATTERS

By: Christine Jackson

Change. For better or for worse, life is full of changes. As I sit contemplating this article I can't help but be amazed by how much change my office has seen since September 2000. My responsibilities have grown tremendously, well beyond my wildest expectations. I have experienced Zoning Ordinance amendments and rewrites, the rewrite of the Municipal Comprehensive Plan, map changes, the Building Codes (IRC & IBC), several new stand alone ordinances (Wells, Road and Street Opening, Right-of-Way Limitations, etc.) and most recently the Little Britain Township Stormwater Management Ordinance. With each of these changes comes new rules and regulations to be learned and implemented.

On March 29, 2016 at 7:30 PM the Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors will be holding a public hearing to review and adopt the two newest changes to the Municipal landscape. The first will be an amendment to the Little Britain Township Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Flood Plain District. FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) has adopted amended flood maps and regulations. After their adoption FEMA mandated that all Townships revise their Zoning Ordinances to contain these new regulations no later than April 5, 2016. The second item on the agenda will be the adoption of the Little Britain Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. On January 22, 2015 the Lancaster County Planning Commission notified the Township of a staff initiative to discontinue administration of the Ordinance and hand the responsibility down to the individual Townships. This decision was supported by the Lancaster County Commissioners who signed Ordinance Number 117 on October 7, 2015 repealing the Lancaster County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance in its entirety effective April 4, 2016. The adoption of this Municipal enforced Ordinance will be beneficial to the residents of Little Britain Township by allowing them a direct line of communication with the managing authority. The Lancaster County Planning Commission will still need to receive copies of each proposed plan and are granted a thirty (30) day window to comment, but all decisions and approvals now rest at the Municipal level. This change will be immense and I ask the residents of Little Britain Township to remain patient as we iron out the implementation of this new Ordinance.

With each of the changes that occur in Municipal Government I try to obtain literature to assist my residents in understanding their obligations under the new laws, as well as, provide pamphlets and flyers addressing agricultural and land management issues, listings of Professional Land Planners for Conservation/Nutrient Management planning, Manure Management Workbooks, Tenant/Landlord Rights

and Responsibilities Handbook, Township recycling packets, voter registration forms, etc. These informational items are located on the two tables in the lobby outside the Supervisors' Meeting Room. If you have taken a look recently they are full to capacity, with no room to grow. I have recently requested the Board of Supervisors purchase some display racks and a bulletin board so that I may continue to provide you with as much information as possible to improve communication between the Township and it's residents. By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox the new display area should be near completion, please feel free to stop in and take a look.

With the arrival of warmer weather everyone is getting the itch to start home improvement projects. Not all projects require permitting. For example: new siding, new roofing including shingles, tar paper and plywood, replacement windows and doors (same size / same location) and decorative/privacy fencing that does not exceed six (6) feet in height or protrude into the street right-of-way or line of sight. Almost all of your other projects: storage sheds, sidewalks, decks, swimming pools, additions, etc. do require permitting. Please plan ahead to ensure you have all the required permits prior to your desired construction start date.

Spring also stirs the urge to purge. For those who have items they need to dispose of remember Little Britain Township's Clean Up Day will be on April 9th from 8am-Noon (see the back page for details). For the items you consider junk, but to another would be a treasure a yard sale is the perfect way to recycle. Please remember, when placing yard sale signs be sure they do not block the line of sight at any intersection or adjacent driveway, if you put it up, be sure you take it down at the end of your sale.

For our farmers, a Spring cleaning item that needs to be addressed are the remnants of your agricultural storage bags. I have been receiving complaints about shredded pieces of these bags left blowing about the Township. These bags are a an inexpensive way to store feed and bedding, but please be courteous and ensure you are cleaning up after yourself.

Lastly, please remember when planting trees and shrubs you are required to set them back from adjacent lands use primarily for agricultural purposes. Shrubs should be setback no less than twenty (20) feet and trees no less than thirty (30) feet to prevent encroachment onto said lands when the vegetation reaches maturity.

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SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 9th
8 a.m. - Noon



\$5.00 Up to a truckload of items

\$3.00 All Tires up to 15" diameter

\$15.00 All large whites - doors must be removed

Batteries will be accepted free of charge

No hazardous materials or paint cans will be accepted.

No ash from household trash burnpiles or coal



Household trash is
NOT accepted.

