

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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FALL 2011

So far we have only made it through three-quarters of 2011. In that time, we have dealt with over 20 inches of snow, a hurricane and tropical storm. Actually, we have had so much precipitation that we are currently over 11 inches ahead of previous years. One can only ask what will the remaining quarter of 2011 be like?

While the Board of Supervisors make absolutely no claims regarding their meteorologist abilities, they are responsible for establishing a budget each year that the Township must work within. Each year the Board of Supervisors must consider the projected income anticipated versus the expansive needs of the Township and it's residents. Obviously, this job has become much more difficult in recent years due to the economy. Between increased prices and decreased revenue, the Board must carefully consider each and every dollar it spends or allocates.

Decisions must be made annually pertaining to road projects, the upkeep of equipment, salaries of employees, maintenance of Township properties, donations made to the Fire Companies, Libraries, etc. Funding must also be designated for snow

removal expenses, monthly utilities and mortgage payments, phone, etc.

However, unlike your Federal, State or County governments, it does not appear that the Board of Supervisors are considering any tax increases for the upcoming year. Due to the continued vigilance of your elected officials, the Township has not seen an increase in property tax millage since 1997. As a matter of fact, the only changes that have occurred in your municipal taxes since 1997 were in 2005 when the millage was **decreased** from .42 mills to .39 mills to reflect the new property assessments that had been completed by the County and in 2002 when the per capita tax of \$5 per person over the age of 18 was **rescinded**.

However, its always good to be advised of what is taking place within your township, so please feel free to stop by the Municipal office between October 19th and December 13th while the proposed budget will be available for review and comment. Better yet, if you are available on a meeting night, try to attend a Board meeting to hear what is going on first hand. Remember that you elect your Board of Supervisors. They are here to serve you and are always open to comments, concerns or suggestions.

REMINDER:

School is back in session - Please drive carefully.
Watch for children as they walk to or from bus stops.



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Recycling



During the past 3 years, our recycling program has been fortunate to have a few, dedicated volunteers who have come out and helped several times. The Township is always grateful to those willing volunteer their time and energy for our community.

Starting with the next issue of the newsletter, we will be highlighting some of our recycling volunteers. Please consider the possibility of joining this wonderful group of people by agreeing to donate just 4 hours of your time one Saturday a year. If interested, please contact our Recycling Coordinator, Andrea Cook at 548-3235 for additional information.

Mark Your Calendars
of these dates you don't want to forget

Trick-or-Treat - October 31st from 6 - 8 pm
End of Daylight Saving Tims - Nov. 6th
Election Day - Nov. 8th (offices closed)
Recycling - Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

Meeting Dates for the:

Board of Supervisors - Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 13
Planning Commission - Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

While we can only hope that the severe weather for the year is over, it is always wise to be prepared in the event of an emergency. If you would like to make sure you are ready for the next storm, please check out the Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency (LEMA). Their website has tips and links on what you need to do to get ready, either to evacuate; or to stay at home when there is no power, or the roads are blocked. If a state of emergency is declared, whether for tornado, hurricane or snow, you should limit yourself to **NECESSARY** travel only. Be smart and be ready to wait it out! The website is: www.lemma.co.lancaster.pa.us

The federal government has a similar site at: www.ready.gov
These sites even have recommendations for preparing your pets and your important papers

When driving, remember-
TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN !

ZONING UPDATES

An earthquake, a hurricane and a tropical storm, all in Little Britain Township and all within the last month. During the past few weeks our Community has suffered through wind and water damage to our homes, crops, roadways and bridges. We have had residents go without power for as many as five days and numerous activities were postponed or canceled. Yet, oh how fortunate we were! Our neighbors along the Susquehanna River truly suffered. Mother Nature's brutal wrath was absolutely heart breaking. Watching entire towns being swallowed by the unforgiving power of water. Seeing devastated homeowners gathering in shelters with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. We should all take a moment to give thanks, as well as, say a prayer for those families who have lost everything.

While Mother Nature has been flexing her muscles outside, creating a tremendous amount of work for our Road Crew, we have been very busy inside. Below is a quick list of items we have been working on since our last newsletter:

REWRITE: The rewrite process of the Little Britain Township Zoning Ordinance continues. We have successfully drafted new ordinances pertaining to large and small scale solar, large and small scale wind, outdoor wood furnaces, methane digesters and geothermal systems, as well as, prepared proposed alterations to allowable subdivisions, well drilling, the list goes on and on. Remember, rewrite meetings are open to the public and are held at Little Britain Township Building. For a current listing, please check the posting board, the web site or contact our offices at 717-529-2373.

LEES BRIDGE PROJECT: Little Britain Township has had ongoing communications with Mackin Engineering regarding the replacement of Lees Bridge on Sleepy Hollow Road. Lees Bridge crosses the Octoraro Creek between Little Britain and West Nottingham Township. The bridge is State-owned and due to its narrow nature, will be closed during construction. The project is anticipated to begin in June of 2012 and end in November 2012. Detour routes have been planned and will be posted at the appropriate time. Any persons who may have questions or

concerns should contact Ken Nadler, Project Manager for Mackin Engineering Company at 717-774-8900 or Nexa Giboyeaux, Project Manager for PennDot District 8-0 at 717-705-6184 for assistance.

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD: In conjunction with landowners, local municipalities, the Lancaster Farmland Trust, as well as, the State the Agricultural Preserve Board has preserved 788 farms, totaling 67,823 acres. Each preserved farm is monitored to ensure continued compliance. Please be sure if your property has been preserved, or you are considering preservation, to contact the Board prior to planning or implementing any of the following: subdivision, add-on, land development, encroachments, easements, right-of-ways, residential construction, conveying or selling of farm, rural enterprises or operation of a business from the property. All of these items have specific criteria that must be met and approvals granted **prior** to the above listed changes being implemented. To contact the Agricultural Preserve Board you can call 717-299-8355, stop by their offices located at 150 North Queen Street, Suite #325, 3rd Floor, Lancaster PA 17603 or you can visit them on the web at www.co.lancaster.pa.us

MYTH BUSTER: Please remember the square footage of a structure **DOES NOT** determine if a Zoning Permit is needed. **All** structures require a Zoning Permit **prior** to the start of construction. This includes storage sheds, pools, decks, run-in sheds, etc. The square footage of a structure is used to determine the following: cost of permit and whether the State Uniform Construction Code needs to be applied.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: Does the Township enforce deed restrictions? **NO.** Deed restrictions are rules and regulations restricting property owners from certain uses on their land. For example: no above the ground swimming pools, parking restrictions for campers or boats, minimum square footage requirements for dwellings, etc. These restrictions are civil issue and enforcement falls to the developer, home owners association or designated legal representative.

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Now something fun for our young or just young at heart readers.

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The following words are located within the letters listed on the left. Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal. See how many you can find.

- Agricultural**
- Board of Supervisors**
- Community**
- Covered Bridges**
- Diary Farms**
- Historic District**
- Lancaster County**
- Little Britain**
- Octoraro**
- Pleasant**
- Residents**
- Solanco School**
- Township Park**