

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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SPRING 2012

Its amazing how quickly 2012 seems to be flying by. Thankfully, after having dealt with so much wet weather during the fall last year, the winter season has been mild thus far. However, there were a few times when the roadcrew was forced to head out to combat the snow and ice that was received. The Board would like to express their appreciation to all of its residents for the patience and consideration shown to the roadcrew during those times.

As a reminder to all residents, the Board would like to remind everyone that the Lancaster County Treasurer's Department has been appointed as the tax collector for our Township. **ALL** payments, questions or concerns pertaining to your real estate tax payments should be directed to their office at 717-299-8222. Their office is opened Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tax statements for 2012 were mailed out in early February. If for any reason you have not received your statement, please contact the County Treasurer's office at

the number noted above previously to obtain it. Residents paying within the discount period, which continues through April 30th, are eligible to receive a 2% discount on their taxes. Homeowners who forward tax statements to an accountant or escrow department are encouraged to ensure the person you are entrusting with the timely payment of your taxes are clearly aware of who the check is to be may payable to and of the correct mailing address. Unfortunately, any payments received at the Municipal Building made payable to the Township must be returned.

Lastly, the Township recently received information pertaining to the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 that may be of interest to some of you. The Act states that paperwork must be completed by any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest (other than a security one) in agricultural property to the Secretary of Agricultural within 90 days of the acquisition or transfer. Additional information pertaining to this Act may be obtained at www.fsa.usda.gov.

2012 MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building located at 323 Green Lane, Quarryville and are open to the public.

The **Board of Supervisors** will meet on the following dates at 7 p.m.

March 13th	August 14th
April 10th	September 11th
May 8th	October 9th
June 12th	November 13th
July 10th	December 11th

The **Township Planning Commission** will meet on the following dates at 7:30 p.m.

March 20th	August 28th
April 24th	September 25th
May 22nd	October 23rd
June 26th	November 20th
July 24th	December 18th

The **Zoning Hearing Board** will conduct hearings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, as needed, starting at 7 p.m.

TOWNSHIP DIRECORY

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717-529-2373

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Office (529-2373 ext. 3) Cell (278-8118)

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SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Marvin Stoner (786-3205 Quarryville Office)
Hours 7:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. Mon-Fri

TAX COLLECTOR

Lancaster County Treasurer (299-8222)

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Fred Crider (529-2862)
Joan Deen (529-6372)
David Young (548-3507)
Willis Martin, Alternate (529-2035)
Dorothy Simpson, Secretary (529-2373)

ZONING OFFICER/BCO

Christine J. Jackson
Work (529-2373 ext. 2) Home (548-3044)

ZONING UPDATE

With the winter weather upon us, many residents are feeling the financial pressures of heating their homes. With the prices of home heating oil and electricity skyrocketing, many individuals are investigating alternative options. Wood, coal and geothermal are becoming ever increasingly popular. If you are considering switching to one of these alternative methods, please contact my office for additional information. Per the Pennsylvania State Uniform Construction Code, installation of a new home heating source, whether the unit is an in home, outdoor or underground unit, will require permits and inspections. Please note, if you are performing general maintenance to your existing heating system, this will not require permitting. The only exception to the system maintenance exemption is chimney work. If you need to replace the liner, rebuild or install a new chimney, permits must be obtained. This includes masonry and manufactured. A masonry chimney, which is the most common type, is constructed from block, brick or stone, has a clay liner and is considered part of the structure. A manufactured chimney is built in a factory and brought to the property for assembly and installation. There are several different types of manufactured chimneys, which are typically made of metal.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How do I obtain a copy of a deed, land plan or easement? All deeds, land plans, easements and much more are on file at the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds. Any person interested in searching these public records can go online to the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds at www.lancasterdeeds.com and click on "Search Public Records." From this screen you will be given the option to sign in as a guest or create a user account. Next you will be asked to acknowledge having read the legal disclaimer and prompted to click the word "Accept." The welcome screen will be displayed, again click "Search Public Records" and the search criteria screen will appear. Fill in the requested information, click search and a list of documents available will be displayed. Click on the desired document to view and print if necessary.

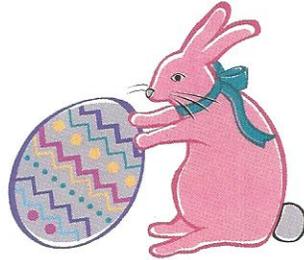


As everyone begins looking forward to Spring, here are a few annual events that we are sure no one wants to miss.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31st at the Township Park located on Green Lane. Activities begin at 1 p.m., with the egg hunt itself beginning promptly at 2.



Once again there will be face painting, guessing jars to be won, a free bike raffle and of course visits with the Easter Bunny.

Children up to 12 years of age may participate in the egg hunt. However this is a wonderful community event and all are welcome to come out and enjoy the festivities. You'll want to make sure to bring a camera along to capture all of the fun and excitement of the day.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

What would Spring be without house, garage, attic, basement, shed, etc. cleaning? Chances are the answer to that for many of you is cluttered. Perhaps that is why the Township's Spring Clean-Up day is always so eagerly anticipated.

If you are one of those who anxiously await the announcement of this annual event, please mark your calendar that the event will held this year on Saturday, April 28th from 8 a.m. to noon at the Township building

Once again, the Township will provide residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items in a safe, cost effective manner. If the items you wish to dispose of are anything other than regular household trash or hazardous materials, if you can haul it to the Township, it should be accepted.



The fee schedule for the disposal of items is as follows:

\$5 charge for up to a pick-up load of items (Furniture, toys, lawn mowers, etc)

\$15 charge for Large whites (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners)

\$3 charge for tires up to 15 inches, off of their rims

Batteries will be accepted free of charge.

NO CANS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR PAINT WILL BE ACCEPTED.

DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FROM FREEZERS & REFRIGERATORS.

If you have any questions regarding the acceptability of an item, please contact the Township office at 717-529-2373 prior to April 28th.

COMMUNITY PARK CLEAN-UP

Once again the Township is inviting any resident or group of residents to help out in preparing the Township Park for another season of use on Saturday, April 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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This event provides family and friends with an opportunity to contribute to their community in a pleasant and positive way. So grab a pair of gloves, perhaps a shovel or rake and come on out to the Park on April 28th to lend a hand.

Can You Unscramble these Words?

Hint: They all have something to do with Municipal Government

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Answer Key: Board of Supervisors, regulations, motions, taxes, meetings, newsletters, zoning, quorum, chairman, roberts rule, election, road projects, park reservations, snow removal, road signs, responsibility, hearings, budget