

Wheatfield Township Newsletter

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Public Meetings

Board of Supervisors
1st Monday of the Month 7:30
p.m.

Planning Commission
2nd Monday of the Month
7:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation Board
3rd Tues of the Month
6:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board
As needed

All meetings are held at the Township Building
located at 1280 New Bloomfield Rd.,
New Bloomfield

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Welcome to the Fall edition of the Wheatfield Township Newsletter

As the winter months are quickly approaching please keep in mind the township's snow and ice removal policy. Please do not shovel snow from your driveway into the street. You may be held liable for accidents that result after snow has been shoveled or plowed onto the roadways. After initial plowing with emergency access established, it is necessary to have the plow return to widen the path. Residents are asked to park their car(s) in a driveway if possible. It's almost impossible for the township equipment operators not to push snow into driveways that are already plowed. This is not done deliberately. Your cooperation in dealing with the winter weather is appreciated. Another reminder, residents are responsible for removal of snow from around the mailbox.

Monthly recycling continues to grow as well. Recycling is held the first Saturday of each month at the township building from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Perry County Recycling program has ended August 31, 2010. As a result of this Wheatfield Township Supervisors decided to continue recycling in the township and have contracted with Sharar's Recycling. Volunteers man the recycling center, having your recyclables separated and rinsed when you arrive at the drop-off is greatly appreciated. Volunteers are always welcome. Items accepted will remain the same. Glass of all colors is also accepted. Please note recycling is for Wheatfield Township residents only. It is paid for by taxpayers of the township and therefore should only be used by township residents. We ask that you please do not abuse the program.

The road project for 2010 has been completed. Martin Paving, Inc. was awarded this year's seal coat contract and seal coat has been applied to a portion of Linton Hill Road. No paving has been done this year.

Have you checked out the township website yet? The website contains a lot of information. The township newsletter is also posted on the website. If you prefer to view the newsletter on the website and not receive the hard copy by mail, please contact the Township Office by phone or email and you will be removed from the mailing list. If interested in having your business card advertised in the next Wheatfield Township Newsletter please contact the Township Office.

The Board of Supervisors has been reviewing the possibility of adjusting fire box lines in the township to better serve the needs of the residents with the relocation of the Duncannon EMS and the addition of the Duncannon Fire Co. Substation. Public workshops have been held between the Duncannon Fire Co., New Bloomfield Fire Co., Duncannon EMS, New Bloomfield EMS and the Supervisors. A lot of information has been received from all involved and county emergency management has also been consulted. Areas of concern in the Township are Paradise Trailer Park, Paradise Road, Windy Hill Road and Pine Hill Road. If you would like to learn more about this please plan on attending the next Township meeting which will be held on November 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.



Don't forget, Fall back!

Turn your clocks back one hour on
November 7, 2010.

Duncannon Fire Company Upcoming Events:

Now through October 31 tickets are on sale for their 2010 November Calendar Raffle (for tickets please see a member or go to www.duncannonfire.com)

December 11 – Santa Visits Duncannon

December 18 – Last Mile Run

****Help emergency responders find you.** Please clearly mark your address. If you live back a lane with multiple addresses, your address should be marked at the main road entrance to the lane and again at any splits in the lane. Your address should be marked in at least 3" numbers that are a contrasting color to the background. If you choose, you can purchase address markers from the Duncannon Fire Co. for \$20 and they will install them for you.

Use caution with any auxiliary heating units this winter. Make sure all heating devices are not obstructed by curtains, furniture or any other items that could pose a fire risk. Do not overload circuits with portable electrical heaters. Please use caution with any kerosene or other fuel heaters as they produce carbon monoxide and must be used in a properly ventilated area. If the power goes out, do not use generators indoors or directly outside an open window or vent. Make sure they are placed a safe distance from your home. Finally, don't forget to have your fireplace and chimney cleaned and inspected before using it this winter. Take a few minutes to make sure yours is safe to operate. It could save your home or life.



**Wheatfield Township
will hold Trick or
Treat on Saturday,
October 30th from
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

****Effective December 2010, Township Planning Commission meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month.**

The following Subdivision/Land Development Plans were approved between March 2010 and September 2010:

- Donald Myers Subdivision Plan, Dark Hollow Road
- Dittmar & Corl Subdivision Plan, Pine Hill Road

As of September 2010, the following Subdivision/Land Development Plans are pending:

- Chad Jumper Subdivision Plan, Dark Hollow Road
- Ida Smith Subdivision Plan, Newport Road

Subdivision Plans denied as of September 2010:

- Larry Brajkovich Subdivision Plan, Dellville Road

The Township Planning Commission is currently working on updating the Township Comprehensive Plan from 1974. Requests for Proposals have been requested and formal interviews will begin in January 2011.

2010 Planning Commission Members

The Township Planning Commission Board is comprised of the following five community volunteers, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Paul Finkenbinder – Chairman, David Mills, Robert Rhoades,
Barb Zeigler and Jennifer Wilson

Onlot Sewage Program - Home Buyers and Builders Guide

Many Pennsylvanians, particularly those living in rural areas, depend on onlot systems (also called "septic" systems) to treat the sewage from their home. Properly functioning onlot systems treat, distribute and dispose of sewage through a clean, economic and efficient process.

The Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537 of 1966, as amended) requires local agencies (local municipalities, group of municipalities or County Health Department) to administer a permitting program for the installation of onlot sewage disposal systems. The purpose of this permitting program is to ensure uniform standards of system design and installation and thus prevent outbreaks of environmental and public health problems from substandard or malfunctioning onlot systems.

Investigate Before You Invest

Planning to buy a lot that needs to have an onlot sewage disposal system installed? Be sure to investigate before you buy. Among other precautions, find out if:

- all state, county and local subdivision requirements, such as sewage planning, have been met and approved.
- all permit requirements, such as zoning and building, have been met.
- the lot you are considering qualifies for an onlot sewage disposal system permit from the local certified Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO). (The buyer needs to be aware that a subdivision approval does not guarantee that each lot in the subdivision will qualify for a sewage permit. The buyer may want to require the seller to obtain a sewage permit first as a condition of the sale.)

If you have any questions or doubts about the required permits or subdivision approvals for the lot you are considering, contact the local government officials where the lot is located. Be sure to contact the SEO.

Remember, what may look like the dream lot could lead to nightmares and, possibly, financial ruin. So, investigate before you invest!

Working With Your Local SEO

The onlot permit program is administered by a local agency. This organization may be a municipality, a multi-municipal organization, or a county or joint county Department of Health. An SEO is the local agency employee responsible for reviewing and approving permit applications and being knowledgeable about onlot systems. While the SEO is trained by DEP and certified by the State Board for Certification of Sewage Enforcement Officers, the SEO is actually an employee of the local agency, not DEP. To find out how to contact the local agency SEO, start with your local municipal office.

2010 Recreation Board Members

The Township Board of Recreation is comprised of the following six community volunteers, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
John Weldon – Chairman
David Mills – Vice Chairman
Robert Foltz – Secretary/Treasurer
Jeremy Potter
Shawn Fuller
Jeff Beinhower

**REMEMBER TO
VOTE
GENERAL
ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2010
7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
SNYDER'S UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

News and Updates from the Park and Recreation Board

Even now in the fall Wagner Park is still a busy place with football and cheerleading using the facilities.

Over the summer the Recreation Board along with the help of the Township installed drain pipe and ballast rock around the upper ball field. This should eliminate the swampy and muddy areas around the upper field, provide drainage for the new field, and hopefully help control the mosquitos.

Summer has passed quickly but we hope to start lying out and beginning on the new ball field before winter, or at least be ready to start first thing in the spring.

Along with the drainage ditch we also spread more bark mulch on the playground. Some work was also done on the hiking trail which included removing a large fallen tree as well as some brush cutting. Other items of interest are that, Wagner Park is a park in progress, any comments or suggestions are always appreciated. We also want to include that we are open to hosting any scouting or graduation projects for students in the community.

Any resident that would like to be a part of the Wheatfield Township Park & Recreation Board are encouraged to fill out a volunteer application at the Township Office.

Thank you from your friends and neighbors on the Recreation Board.



Young v Old Drivers - No Contest

Elsie, an elderly lady, stopped to drive into a parking space when a young man in his brand new red BMW drove around her and parked in the space that she had been waiting for. Elsie was so angered that she approached the young fellow and enquired, through gritted teeth, 'I was about to park there.'

The man looked at her with disdain and replied, 'That's what you can do when you're young and bright.'



This annoyed Elsie even more, so she got back in her car, backed it up and then she stamped on the accelerator and rammed straight into his BMW.

The young man ran back to his car and shouted in a stunned voice, 'What did you do that for?'

Elsie smiled at him and said, 'That's what you can do when you're old and rich.'

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Return Service Requested

Did you know:

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Dellville Covered Bridge?

There was an oil plant in Wheatfield Township? Tuscarora Pipe Line was laid from New Jersey to Ohio through PA and a Pumping Station was built in 1908 at Sulphur Springs, Wheatfield Township, with Earl (Squirrely) Thompson as chief engineer of the station.

Energy Saving Tips

Increase your attic insulation by 12 inches of R-30 insulation and your electricity consumption will decrease by 20 percent. It's the single most important step toward saving energy.

Install an Energy Star programmable thermostat and learn how to use it. By programming your thermostat to lower the house temperature by 10 degrees while you're asleep, you'll save 10 percent on electricity without sacrificing comfort.

Close hot-air registers and radiator valves in unused rooms with all types of heating systems, except if you have a heat pump system.

Consider using a water-saving shower head. Water heating costs for a family can be lowered by at least \$250 a year.

Check your furnace filter at least once a month during the heating season and clean or replace it as needed. Oil the motor and/or fan bearings of your forced-air furnace according to the manufacturer's instructions. A little regular maintenance on your furnace can save lots of money and help to prevent furnace mishaps.