

Wheatfield Township Newsletter

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Public Meetings

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

Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday 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 Spring edition of the Wheatfield Township Newsletter

Township Supervisors have adopted the budget for 2015. There will be no tax increases this year. Township taxes remain the same at .199 mills on all real estate assessments, 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax (.5% twp. & .5% school) and a 1.8% earned income tax (.5% twp. & 1.3% school).

The Township has completed the addition to the office and in the spring will be paving the parking lot and installing a handicap ramp. The Township also plans to replace the roof on the shop, purchase a new mower and a trailer to haul the lawn mowers, roller, etc. The Supervisors at their February meeting discussed the proposed road projects to be completed this year. The road being considered for paving this year is Windy Hill Road and the roads being considered for seal coat this year are Grandview Drive, Cornfield Circle and Creek Road from Hunkey Hollow Road to Linton Hill Road. Road projects will be placed on the township website under the bridge and road project section.

The road crew has had a busy winter so far, no big storms yet, just many nuisance storms. The township each year participates in the Department of General Services Statewide Contract for Sodium Chloride (road salt). Wheatfield Township estimated it would use approximately 200 tons for the August 2014 – July 2015 season. So far the township has received approximately 215 tons. As part of the COSTARS contract you must take 60% of your estimation and you may purchase up to 140% of your estimation. The plowing of snow is an imperfect process and certain inconveniences are unavoidable. Township plows must operate at a minimum rate of speed in order to create enough momentum to remove snow from the road. Most mailboxes, if properly placed and installed will withstand heavy slush. Old, unsecured or plastic mailboxes are prone to damage because of the weight of the snow. During a storm the road crew works long hours and will try to do their best for the benefit of all.

The township is currently looking for an Assistant Zoning Officer (part time as needed), a Deputy Emergency Manager Coordinator (volunteer) and a Zoning Hearing Board member (volunteer). The township is also looking for part time summer help to assist the road crew and Park and Recreation Board; approximately 24 hrs./week for 16 weeks. If interested please contact the township office.

Due to holidays, there has been some date changes made to the Board of Supervisor’s meeting and recycling. The September meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held Tuesday, September 1, 2015 and the recycling date for July will be July 11, 2015 and the September recycling will be held August 29, 2015. All meeting and recycling dates are posted on the township website.

Littering continues to be a problem in the township; tires, trash, plastic and glass bottles, etc. Whether it’s littering or illegal dumping, any improper disposal of trash is against the law in Pennsylvania. Violators can be and are prosecuted by a number of state agencies under laws enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Please don’t litter and create trash for other’s to clean up. There are many opportunities to dispose of things through the township’s monthly recycling program and spring cleanup.

Spring Cleanup

Wheatfield Township will hold a Spring Cleanup drop-off at Wagner Park on Paradise Road beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015 and concluding at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a drop-off clean up. If you have any questions, please call the Township Office. The following items are being accepted:

furniture (sofa, chairs, tables)

mattresses and box springs

doors, windows, frames

wood (bundled, boxed, bagged) with 50 lb. maximum weight limit, no more than 4 feet in length

white goods/appliances (washers, dryers, stoves)

electronics - tv's, computers, printers (limit 2 per household)

metal items such as hand lawn mowers (free of gas, oil and batteries)

bicycles

automobile tires (limit 8 per household)

CFCs (refrigerators, air conditioners)

***No shingles**

***No household refuse will be accepted**

***Wagner Park facilities will be closed to the public during the spring cleanup**

***Wheatfield Township residents only – proof of residency required**

***Limit of 2 drop offs per household**

***Additional volunteers to assist are always welcome**

Monthly Recycling

Recycling is held the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The recycling program has been and continues to be a huge success. Thank you to all who participate in the Township's monthly recycling program. You do make a difference! Additional volunteers to assist with recycling are always welcome. Please contact the Township Office if you are interested. Please see the township's website for items accepted.

Litter Pickup

The Township will be having a township wide litter pickup along township roads in conjunction with the spring cleanup. If interested in helping or if you know of any organization's looking for service hours please contact the Township Office. Thank you to those who pick up trash along the roads all year long!

Township Schedule of Holidays

<u>Date</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
April 3, 2015	Good Friday
May 25, 2015	Memorial Day
July 3, 2015	Fourth of July
September 7, 2015	Labor Day
November 26, 2015	Thanksgiving
November 27, 2015	Office
November 30, 2015	Road Crew
December 25, 2015	Christmas
January 1, 2016	New Year's Day

WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION:

As of February 2015, there are no Subdivision/Land Development Plans pending.

The Township Planning Commission Board is comprised of the following community volunteers, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Robert Rhoades – Chairman, David Mills, Paul Finkenbinder, Dave Jenkins and Wayne Russell.

2015 News and Updates from the WTP&RB

As the days become longer and with Spring on the horizon the WTP&RB is preparing for various projects around Wagner Park.

With the help of volunteers and the Township we will be repairing or replacing the spring toys at the playground, cleaning the equipment, and fixing some of the boards around the border. Also planned, are grading and seeding below the railroad bed, and clearing an area below the restrooms to relocate the pavilion from across the creek. Other plans include installing steps and a small foot bridge on the Creek Loop trail.

As always we want to encourage any individuals or groups interested in serving the community to contact the Township for a list of projects that are needed. These are both small and large projects and any help or input would be greatly appreciated. The Recreation Board will furnish any supplies that would be needed to complete these.

Recreation Board members and volunteers are at Wagner Park every Wednesday evening doing maintenance and upkeep throughout the summer. Help, along with suggestions or concerns are all needed.

Have a Great Summer,
The WTP&RB

The Township Board of Recreation is comprised of the following community volunteers, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. John Weldon – Chairman, David Mills, Robert Foltz, Shawn Fuller, Jeff Beinhower and James Fuller.

<p>REMEMBER TO VOTE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY MAY 19, 2015 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM SNYDER'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p>
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Emergency Management

Included in the Fall 2014 newsletter there was a Notification Form and a Resource List Form. If you have not completed yours yet please do so and return to the Township Office. The forms are available on the home page of the Township's website. The information is for Township use only and will help in preparing the Township's Emergency Plan. Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

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SMILE!

"Hearing Better Now"

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

"LIVE WELL, LAUGH OFTEN, LOVE MUCH"