

TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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Happy New Year 1999: No Tax Increase!

The 1999 Lancaster Township Budget was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 14, 1998. Following a tax decrease in 1997, this is the second year of no increase to property owners. Lancaster Township's tax rate remains at .4 mills. For example, a property owner with an assessment of \$100,000 will pay \$40 in taxes to Lancaster Township.

A 14% expenditure decrease from the 1998 budget is expected while revenues compare similarly. A major

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP 1999 BUDGET SUMMARY - all funds

CLASSIFICATION	BUDGET AMOUNTS	% OF TOTAL
REVENUES		
Taxes	1,745,975.00	56%
Licenses/Permits	89,400.00	3%
Fines/Forfeits	124,700.00	4%
Interest/Royalties	72,500.00	2%
Intergovernment	535,513.00	17%
Departmental Earnings	543,494.00	17%
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,700.00	1%
Total Revenues	3,114,282.00	
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	352,384.00	11%
Public Safety	1,242,619.00	37%
Health & Welfare	476,963.00	14%
Highways	958,887.00	29%
Recreation	98,692.00	3%
Misc/Ins & Benefits	190,659.00	6%
Total Expenditures	3,320,204.00	

cause of expense reduction in 1999 is the completion in 1998 of the Engleside intersection reconstruction. Some major projects for 1999 include:

- E. King St. & City Mill Rd. intersection widening;

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LANCASTER TOWNSHIP WINS PLANNING AWARDS

Two awards signify Township's progress toward goals.



Lancaster Township was the recipient of two prestigious awards in 1998. The Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA) presented the Township an Outstanding Planning Award for its 1997-2001 Strategic Comprehensive Plan. The PPA's objective is to increase the use of sound planning for the betterment of communities and land use, and the improvement of quality of life for residents. The plan was the result of a Township resident-driven process designed and facilitated by the Board of Supervisors, Rettew Associates, Inc., Township engineers, and Dostalick ET AL, management consultants. To be eligible for this award the written plan had to be a significant advancement to

SUPERVISOR HELEN S. ADAMS ACCEPTS CHESAPEAKE BAY PARTNER COMMUNITY AWARD.

the science and art of planning. Thanks to the involvement of residents, 80% of the goals were the direct result of their input.

The Chesapeake Bay Local Government Advisory Committee named Lancaster Township a Chesapeake Bay Partner Community for its efforts to protect the Bay. The Township was recognized for removing a low-head dam on the Little Conestoga Creek, passing laws to protect stream-side forest buffers, adopting an urban growth boundary to prevent sprawl, and publishing environmental educational information in its newsletter. ■

▶ DON'T MISS THE LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE'S INSERT IN THIS ISSUE.

A WORD FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Welcome New Staff

Debbi Robichaud, new Planning & Zoning Assistant, is a native of Massachusetts and comes to the Township staff most recently from Burnham Corp. where she was a Senior Advertising Secretary for 7 1/2 years. Her son, Jason, currently serves in the Navy on the USS Enterprise in the Persian Gulf. Debbi's interests include auto racing, reading, computer skills and Internet, and crafts. She fills her other spare moments with fiancé Harry and her two cockatiels, HomerLyn & Suki.



Betsy Way joins the Township staff as Receptionist. Her varied background includes being a licensed beautician and working in the restaurant field for 30 years. Betsy is the mother of three grown children, the grandmother of an 18-month-old little girl, and she's expecting another grandchild in February. She enjoys gardening, crafts, and volunteer work with children and senior citizens. Betsy is also a huge fan of football, basketball, and NASCAR. ■

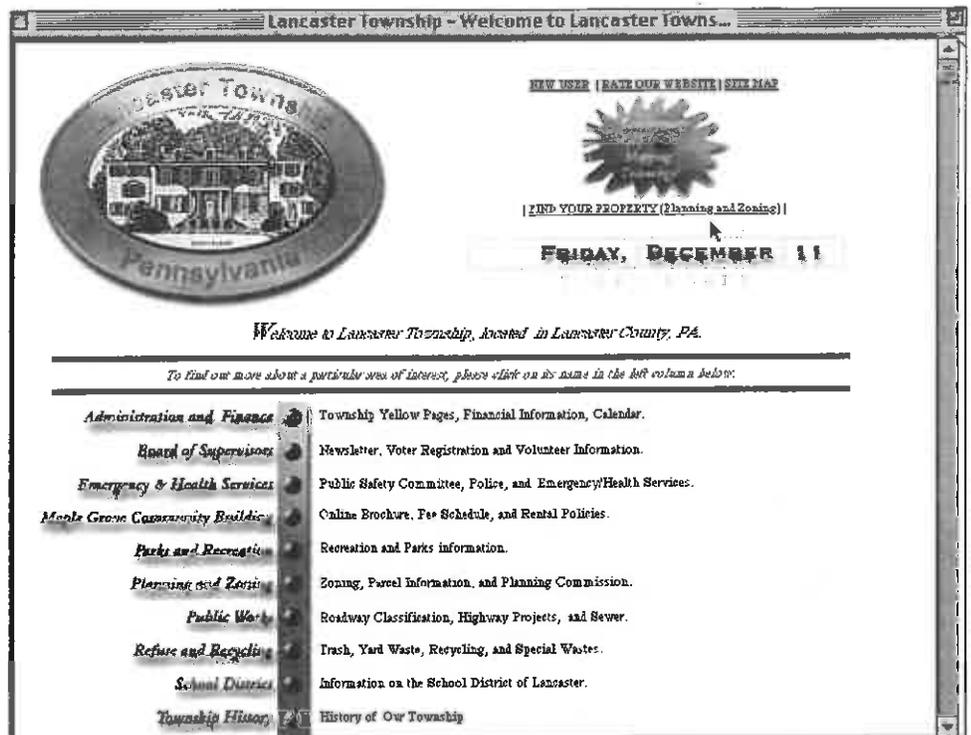


During June of 1998 I accepted the responsibility offered to me by your Board of Supervisors. It has been an exciting and challenging time thus far. Lancaster Township is a great place to work and I feel good about being your Township Manager. It is my hope that you feel Lancaster Township is a great place to live and that our service to you meets your expectations.

My career encompasses many years of public service and a look at, and experience with, many approaches to the *right way* of providing service to residents. Many policies and procedures exist in Lancaster Township regarding service, which I feel far exceed those of many other local government offices across this Commonwealth. Your elected officials and the staff have demonstrated to me that their concern for the best service to you is genuine.

During the search process, I said to all with whom I came in contact that I would always respond to your concerns in a timely fashion; I have attempted to do so and will continue. The staff and I pledge to you our best in all we do on your behalf. Thank you. ■

—Bill Adams



Don't Forget the New Lancaster Township Web Site

THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A NEW WEB SITE, WWW.TWP.LANCASTER.PA.US. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF USER SESSIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WAS 34 PER DAY. LOG ON FOR THE LATEST TOWNSHIP INFORMATION.

Legislative Update

The following ordinance has been passed since the last newsletter:

Ordinance No. 8 of 1998:

Amends Traffic & Parking Ordinance No. 1983-02 to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 mph on Gable Park Road from Friends Lane to Cold Stream Drive.

Office Closing:

THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:
JANUARY 1, 1999:
NEW YEAR'S DAY



Large Appliance Pick-up

THE NEXT LARGE APPLIANCE PICK-UP IS TUESDAY, MAY 5 AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 6. YOU MUST PURCHASE A \$12.00 BLUE TAG FOR EACH WHITE GOODS YOU WISH COLLECTED, AND A \$1.25 PURPLE TAG FOR EACH TIRE. ■

SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR TRASH PICK-UP

TO CHECK ON TRASH PICK-UP CANCELLATIONS, LISTEN TO WLAN-AM, FM 97, OR WARM 103. IF YOUR TRASH PICK-UP IS CANCELED, TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY. BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLABLES AT CURBSIDE ON FRIDAY EVENING. ■

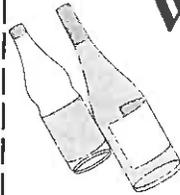
Why Recycle?

- To maintain a healthy environment
- To reuse limited resources
- To reduce overall waste disposal costs
- Because it's the law
- Because it's the right thing to do



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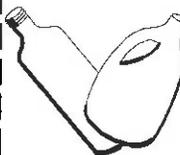
What to Recycle?



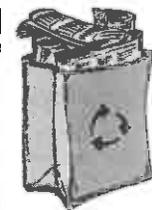
Glass: Clear and colored bottles and jars; rinse and place in green recycling bin (labels can be left on; remove lids and put with regular trash)



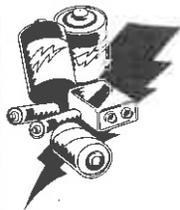
Cans/Metals: Aluminum, steel, and bi-metal food and beverage cans; rinse and place in green recycling bin (labels can be left on)



Plastics: Household containers designated with a #1 (PET) or #2 (HDPE) usually located on bottom of container; rinse and place in green recycling bin (labels can be left on/ remove lids and caps and put with regular trash)



Newspapers & Magazines: Place in paper bags or tie with string in bundles and place in or beside green recycling bin

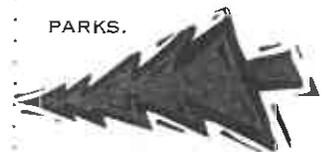


Batteries: Household batteries only should be placed in **orange battery bag** and put **next** to your trash, **not** in the trash and **not** in the recycling bin; (do not include automotive batteries, these must go to Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (397-9968))

If you have questions concerning the above, call Kelly Hurt at 291-1213, ext. 301. Kelly is our Recycling Coordinator and she is more than happy to help. Remember, you can always order extra refuse tags by mail. ■

Tree & Wreath Collection

TREE AND WREATH COLLECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1999. PLACE THESE ITEMS AT CURBSIDE ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 15. PLEASE REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS AND STANDS. NO PLASTIC TREE BAGS OR ARTIFICIAL TREES/WREATHS WILL BE COLLECTED. REMEMBER TO LAY THE TREE ON ITS SIDE SO IT ISN'T MISTAKEN FOR A GROWING TREE AND LEFT BEHIND BY THE HAULERS. THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS SERVICE AND THE TREES WILL BE MULCHED AND REUSED IN THE COMMUNITY PARKS.



Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of men.

-Gifford Pinchot

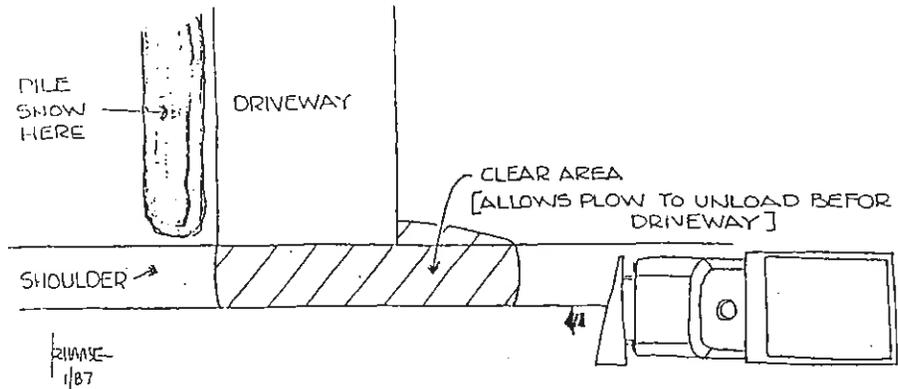
Public Works: Snow Emergencies and Removal

Snow emergencies will be announced on WLAN-AM, FM97, or WARM 103. Be sure to tune in and listen for any announced emergencies and procedures. If a Snow Emergency is declared, remember cars must be moved off the streets for snow removal.

Snow Removal Tips

We may have a mild winter like last year with very little snow, or we could have a bone-chilling, traffic-snarling blizzard. In that case the plows will be busy clearing the roadways. The road crew makes every effort to stay on the road surface itself, but sometimes it's impossible to determine exactly where the road ends and a lawn begins. It is recommended that property lines be marked with posts or small flags at least three feet high. The Township is not responsible for repairing damage in the public right-of-way which extends five to ten feet beyond the paved surface.

The following Collector Roads are plowed and maintained by PENNDOT: Millersville Pike, Millersville Road, Marietta Avenue, Columbia Avenue, New Danville Pike, and East King Street. The Township's first priorities for snow removal are roads with emergency services (fire departments, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.) as well as other Collector Roads: East Orange Street, Riverside Avenue from East Orange to East King, Wabank Road from the city line to Millersville Road, North President Avenue, West End Avenue, School House Road, Wilson Drive between Columbia and Marietta, Atkins Avenue, Spencer Avenue, Abbeyville Road, Gable Park Road from Cold Stream to the Township line, and Charles Road. Local



PLOW OR SHOVEL YOUR SNOW TO THE SIDE OF YOUR DRIVEWAY, AWAY FROM THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. CLEARING SNOW FOR A DISTANCE PRIOR TO YOUR DRIVEWAY ALLOWS THE PLOW TO "UNLOAD" BEFORE REACHING IT. BY PILING SNOW AWAY FROM THE DIRECTION OF ONCOMING SNOWPLOWS, THE BULK OF THE SNOW WILL NOT BE PUSHED BACK ONTO YOUR DRIVEWAY.

Access Road maintenance will occur after the major and minor collector roads are plowed.

In addition to the regular Township road crew, independent contractors are hired to assist with snow removal. It takes quite a while to plow every road in the Township. Your patience and your assistance are requested in following some simple guidelines:

- Wait to clear your driveway until after the street has been plowed. The minimum number of passes for a plow to clear the road is two, but the roadway may need four passes depending on snowfall.
- Deposit your snow on the side of the driveway away from the flow of traffic (see diagram). Clearing snow for a distance before your driveway allows the plow to "unload" before reaching your driveway. Piling snow away from the direction of oncoming plows, prevents the bulk of snow from being pushed back onto your

shoveled driveway.

- Eliminate high snow piles at the driveway entrance which can obstruct vision when exiting and prevent oncoming motorists from seeing you.
- Please do not throw snow onto roadways at any time. This practice creates hazardous driving conditions and violates Ordinance No. 3 of 1987.
- Park all vehicles in driveway so plows can reach to the curb line allowing for a safer, cleaner roadway. It also prevents the possibility of having to shovel your driveway again if the plow has to make another pass after the vehicle is moved from curb.
- Trim branches and shrubs. Snow and ice will make them hang lower resulting in blocked roadways and damage to your trees. Limbs should hang no lower than ten feet above the roadway.
- Fire hydrants and storm drains must be kept clear. Please lend your assistance by shoveling and clearing debris from both. You may be protecting your own home from fire or flooding. ■

School District of Lancaster Updates

SDL School Board Meetings, 7PM: Jan. 7 & 19
Feb. 4 & 16
Mar. 4 & 16

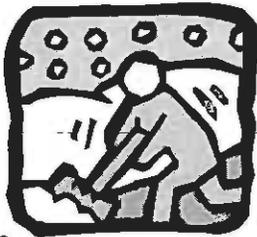
School Calendar: Jan. 1 & 18 - Schools Closed
Feb. 15 - Schools Closed
Mar. 18 & 19 - No School
Apr. 1 & 5 - Schools Closed

**Planning & Zoning:
Winter Safety**

If we have a winter like last year, maintaining sidewalks won't take much time. But, if that white stuff starts falling from the sky, get out your shovels! Lancaster Township Property Maintenance Code, Section 303.3, requires that all

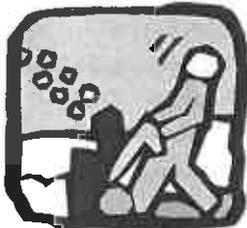


sidewalks be kept in a proper state of repair and maintained free of hazardous conditions. Snow and ice are hazardous conditions which, if left unattended, can result in a fine of up to \$1,000. If you'll be traveling, please make arrangements for the maintenance of sidewalks during your absence. It's also important to remember to take your time while shoveling making sure not to overexert yourself.



Fireplace or stove

Do you love nestling up with a good book next to the fireplace? Do you use a wood, coal, or gas stove? If the answer is yes, make sure the flues are properly cleaned on a regular basis. The build-up of creosote in the flue can be extremely hazardous even after the actual fire has died down. Remember to open and close dampers and never leave combustible materials around the fireplace or stove. ■



**Lancaster Recreation
Commission: School-Age Child
Care Offered**

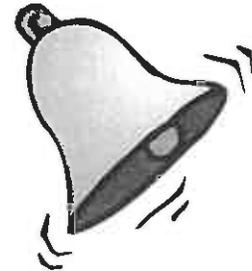
Did you know the Lancaster Recreation Commission offers school-age child care programs before and after school in every elementary school in the School District of Lancaster? While parents are at work, children can enjoy time with friends playing games, making crafts, or participating in many other activities without ever leaving their school. As always, help with homework is available.

School-age caregivers are carefully chosen and trained professionals whose main goals are to listen to and meet the individual needs of each child and to help each child develop confidence and a positive self-image.

Daily and weekly rates are very reasonable with reduced rates available to qualifying low-income families through the Child Care Management Agency.

Once their children are registered, parents are asked to provide a weekly schedule (Monday-Friday). Children can attend one afternoon or five days, whatever is needed. Before-school care operates from 7AM to 8:45AM with breakfast available at each location. After-school care operates 3:15PM to 6PM and a nutritious snack is provided. This program begins at 2PM on Wednesdays in order to accommodate regular early dismissal times.

All-day care is offered at the IRC, 525 Fairview Avenue, on in-service days, holidays, school vacations, and throughout the summer. Half-day care is offered to kindergarten students at Hamilton Elementary School. Call 392-2115, ext. 138, for registration information. ■



**Lancaster Community Park
Preparing for Spring**

Lancaster Community Park is just about ready for Spring activities. Water is now connected to the concession stand and a sewerage system is fully installed. This will allow for the use of the concession stand to sell refreshments, plus men's and women's restroom facilities. ■

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT LANCASTER COMMUNITY PARK.



WHEATLAND TAPESTRY: A LABOR OF LOVE

Winter Vacation? Take Some Precautions

by John P. Wertz

With many Lancaster Township residents taking extended winter vacations, the crime of burglary can take on a seasonal significance. It would be a mistake to think that criminals are not aware of your midwinter escape. A few common-sense precautions can greatly reduce the chance that your house will be burglarized or that you'll be the victim of a crime.

- Adequately secure all doors and windows. The right kind of hardware, properly installed, is essential.
- Trim back trees and bushes. Overgrown shrubbery allows for secluded hiding places.
- Tell your neighbors when you'll be away and ask them to report anything suspicious.
- Advise the Police Bureau of your vacation plans and supply them with names and phone numbers of persons who can take charge of your property in your absence. If requested, the patrol officer assigned to your neighborhood will do periodic exterior checks. Call 291-4911 and request a vacation check.

If you feel you could benefit from a Police Security Survey, call Officer John P. Wertz, 291-4896, he'll provide you with ideas for improving home, business, or personal security. Officer Wertz is available for group or individual meetings.

Finally, anything we do to strengthen the bonds of community in our own neighborhoods serves to reduce all types of crime and improve the quality of life for all residents. Many citizens have found that forming Crime Watch Associations is an effective way of reducing crime. If your block is not yet organized and you'd like to take the lead in getting started, call Officer Wertz to discuss forming a Crime Watch Group in your neighborhood. ■

The Board of Supervisors recently honored five needlepoint enthusiasts for their faithful pursuit in completing the Wheatland Tapestry designed by Ellen Franklin. Elaine Barr, Margaret S. Hall, Paul W. Harnish, and Josephine K. Heilbron are the talented people who worked on this project at various times over several years. The beautiful finished product was unveiled at the October



Supervisors' meeting. Stop by and view this amazing labor of love hanging in the public meeting room. ■



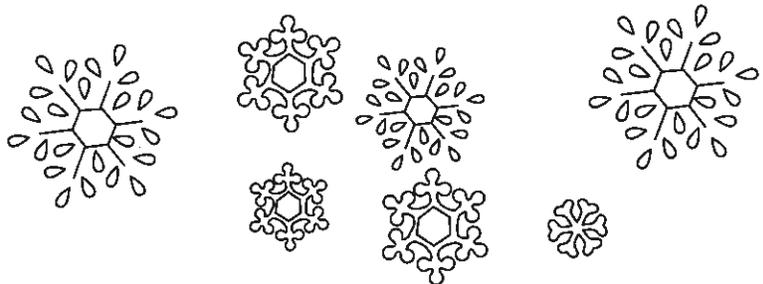
UNVEILING OF THE WHEATLAND TAPESTRY AT A RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.

Reminder: If you need police assistance be sure to call 664-1180, the Lancaster County-Wide Communications agency. In the case of an emergency please call 911.

NO NEW TAXES, from page 1

- E. King St. & N./S. Conestoga Dr. intersection traffic signal;
- E. King St. & N./S. Conestoga Dr. intersection widening.

Additionally, there is a four-year capital improvement budget with the major areas including parks, public works, and public safety. This long-range planning tool will be used to prepare for major financial impacts on Township funds and aid in the decision making process which helps ensure financial stability in future years. ■



STAY WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER

Safety Tips for Everyone

by Glenn Usdin, Fire Chief,
and Michael Pickard, Emergency
Management Coordinator

The colder months, which are upon us, represent the worst time of the year for fires in the home. All residents should be aware that the first line of defense in home fire safety is the homeowner. Even though the fire department is well-equipped and staffed, the sad fact is that most people who die in dwelling fires do so long before the fire department arrives on the scene.

Carbon monoxide is another killer! It is generated wherever combustion occurs: gas generators, engines, fuel or wood-burning fireplaces, oil or natural

gas furnaces, stoves, hot water heaters, etc. Because the symptoms are often mistaken for other common illnesses (flu-like symptoms, vomiting, disoriented, loss of consciousness), this killer can work without being suspected. Unborn babies, infants, senior citizens, and those with heart or breathing problems are especially at risk.

Everyone has a responsibility to protect themselves and their loved ones. Call 291-1213, ext. 308 if you have questions about home fire safety. If you have a fire emergency, call 911 and ask for the Lancaster Township Fire Department.

Below is an extremely important safety checklist. Please go over it carefully. ■

Winter Safety Checklist

Be sure:

- Smoke detectors are installed on each level of the home.
- Smoke detector batteries are fresh.
- All flues are cleaned once a year.
- Heating system is serviced annually; making certain all gas and oil lines are tight and the flue connection is not leaking.
- Carbon monoxide detectors are installed and batteries are changed once a year; carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, invisible gas which kills many people every year.
- All flammable materials are kept away from heating devices and open flames.
- All electrical devices have proper connections; extreme care is taken when using extension cords and portable heaters; fuses or circuit breakers are operating properly.
- Kerosene heaters and electric heaters are used only with extreme caution and they are at least 12 inches away from walls of other surfaces/items.
- During power failures, candles, lanterns, or other heating devices are used with extreme caution; stock up on flashlight batteries.

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Solicitation Note

From time to time the Board of Supervisors issues permits for canvassing and solicitation in order to keep track of these kinds of activities in the Township. However, the issuance of a permit is in no way an endorsement or recommendation of the product or service. Lancaster Township does not sponsor these activities, nor should residents feel obligated to participate.

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LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

	Board of Supervisors: 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.		Planning Commission: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.			
				Building Code Board of Appeals: 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.		
	Public Safety Committee: 3rd Monday, 5:30 p.m.				Zoning Hearing Board: 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

All meetings are held at the Township Office, 1240 Maple Avenue.

Community Get-Togethers

Our Community Get-Togethers, which replace the Supervisors' second monthly meeting, will continue during 1999. These informal sessions focus on particular neighborhoods and areas in the Township. All residents are invited to attend any of these neighborhood meetings, but the focus of each meeting will be on that particular neighborhood in which the meeting is held. The next two Get-Togethers will be held January 25, 1999 for the Millrace/Honeysuckle/Wedgewood/Windolph Landing neighborhood at Hamilton Elementary School, 1300 Wabank Road, and March 22 for the Gable Park/Bausman/Chadwick neighborhood at a site to be announced. Each meeting is scheduled for 7-9PM. ■

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