



SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

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"The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything."
--Anonymous

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOWNSHIP DROPS REAL ESTATE TAX FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

While it seems as though we are paying more and more for absolutely everything, Southampton Township has voted to drop the real estate taxes for general purposes. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Second Class Township Code, Article XXXII, permits the township to charge up to 14 mills for general township purposes.

Township Supervisor, Linda Coover, motioned to eliminate the township property taxes for the year 2007, at the November 28, 2006 budget meeting. The motion passed unanimously with supporting votes from Paul Witter and Samuel Cressler.

By state law, the township is allowed to tax up to 14 mills. A property

assessed at \$24,000 would incur a tax bill of \$336 per household!

What Does This Mean for Your Taxes?

One mill means that for every \$1,000 in taxable value, a property owner will pay \$1 in taxation. The previous millage rate was .4, which means you were paying .40 cents for every \$1,000 your property is assessed at. The same property assessed at \$24,000 would pay \$9.60 annually. Through efficient operation of your township, your supervisors have been able to do away with this tax. The township will still continue to collect a .4 mill rate for the Shippensburg Public Library.

TOWNSHIP OFFERING TWO BULKY TRASH DAYS FOR 2007

There will be some minor changes to this year's bulky trash drop-off day. This year there will be one spring drop-off day on Saturday, April 14, from 7:00am until 3:00pm. A second day will be added in the fall on Saturday, October 13, from 7:00am until 3:00pm. Otherwise, township households can once again take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of any junk that they have collected over the year(s) that they cannot put into their regular trash. The drop off spot will be at the township building on Municipal Drive. When you

pull into the front parking lot at the township facility someone will greet you. We will get your name and address and answer any questions you have about disposal of your junk. There are certain items that we cannot take and others that we have to charge a minimal fee.

Items that we cannot accept are liquid wastes of any kind, including waste oil, paint, including insecticides, inks and solvents. Any aerosols or pressurized containers. Motors containing gasoline or oil; tanks-welding or cooking. Ammu-

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Swimming Pool/Hot Tub Notice

PA State Law now requires you to have a barrier around hot tubs, spas or a swimming pool that is in-ground, or above-ground and over **24 inches deep**. Pools between 24 and 48 inches deep require a fence, and pools over 48 inches require restricted access. Please contact the township if you plan to install any of these items and need more information.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Residents of Southampton Township can take advantage of the Borough of Shippensburg's compost facility on Avon Drive. Stop by the Borough Office at 111 S. Fayette St. for a \$20 permit which is good for the entire year.

Compost Facility Hours of Operation

March, April/October, November

Tues. & Thurs. 2:00-6:00 Saturdays 9:00-3:00

May, June, July, August, September

Tues. & Thurs. 2:00-8:00 Saturdays 9:00-3:00



Men at Work

You will be seeing a lot of the Southampton Township Road Crew as the weather begins to break. Our guys will begin with sod replacement and sweeping stones in developments. If you see the sweeper in your area, please try to keep your vehicle off of the main road so they can do a thorough job. They will be walking along roads to pick up trash that has accumulated over the winter. Mowing and general road work will continue all summer. Please slow down as you approach our workers to keep them safe. Give them a smile and a wave, it makes their day!

**Septic System Pumping Reminder
Zone 2**

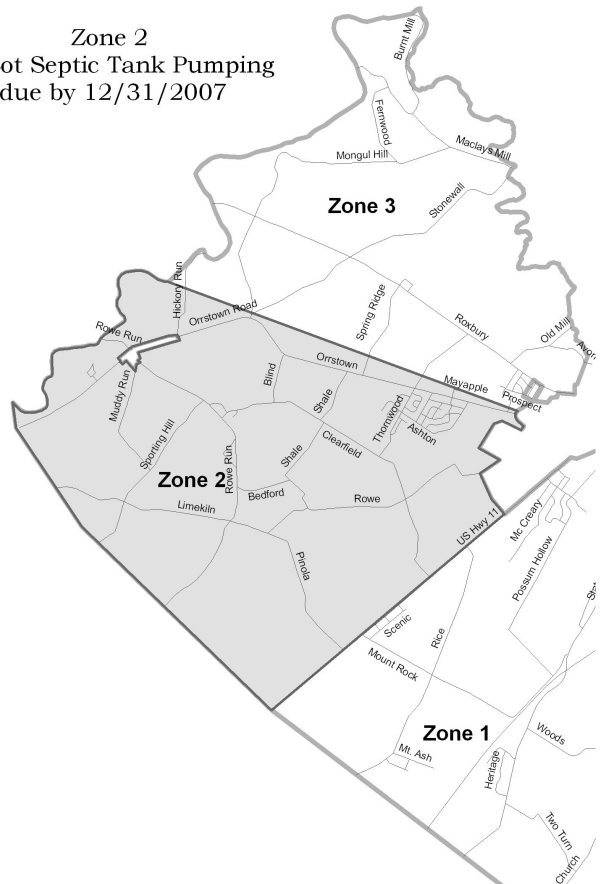
If you have an on-lot septic system and live in Zone 2 on the map, you probably have received a letter reminding you to have your system pumped. Please be sure to contact one of the township licensed pumper/haulers to have this done by December 31, 2007 to avoid legal action!

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LICENSED SEPTIC HAULERS PHONE NUMBERS

- Premiere Septic Services (Formerly Wadels) - 532-0582**
- Chamberlin & Wingert Sanitary Services - 530-9741**
- Rosenberry's Septic Tank Servcies - 532-4026**
- Rosy's Wastewater Removal - 369-4809**
- Young's Sanitary Septic Service - 432-3514**

Zone 2
On Lot Septic Tank Pumping
due by 12/31/2007



"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond to it."
Lou Holtz

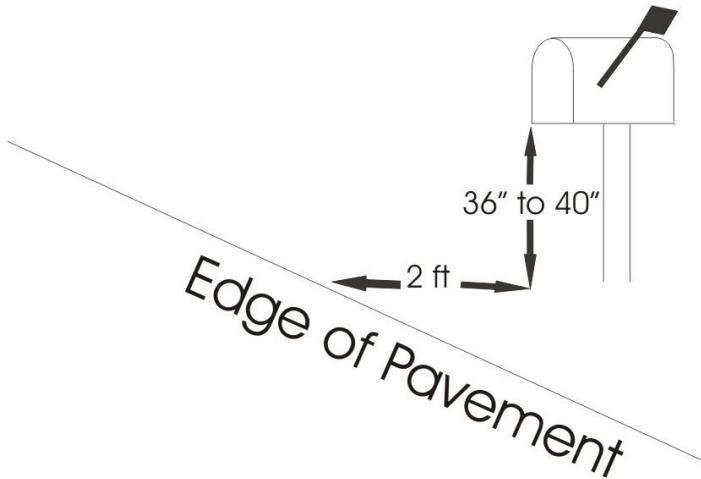
RESERVING DENTLER PARK

To reserve Dentler Park Pavilion for your family reunions and special events, stop by the office to pick up a Rental Agreement Form. The fee for the pavilion for the entire day is \$50. There is also a \$30 deposit for the key and trash removal.

Mailboxes need to be kept *at least two (2) feet off of the township roadway*. If your township road is widened, you may be required to move your mailbox back accordingly.

Basketball Hoops, Trailers, Campers, Vehicle etc. must be kept out of the cartway at all times. Snowplows and leaf gathering are impeded by these obstacles and it is a safety issue.

Snow must never be blown or shoveled into the road.



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BULKY TRASH

nitiation or anything explosive, dead animals. No 55 gallon drums, hospital/ biohazard waste, industrial wastes of any kind, or anything containing asbestos. No contaminated soil or yard waste. Computer screens cannot be accepted. Of course, the township must reserve the right to refuse anything that it thinks is a hazard.

The township will take up to 4 automobile tires from each household 15" or smaller free of charge. We do not accept tires with rims on. There will be a fee charged for any more than 4 tires or any tires larger than 15".

Refrigerators, air conditioners or anything that has Freon in will also have a \$5.00 charge.

The township can accept automobile batteries in small numbers.

We will have big roll-off containers on site. If you are able bodied, you will be directed to a self unload zone to help keep things moving. If you need help we will direct you to an area where we will be happy to help you.

As a free service to assist elderly, handicapped, and those who have no other means to transport bulky items, or just need special help, a group of volunteers, directed by township resident Lane Thrush and the gang from Point of Difference Team @ RE/ MAX Realty Agency will pick up the items for you. You will still be responsible for any fees that may be associated with the junk. If you need help just call Amy Eckenrode at 709-7063 by Monday, April 9th to schedule their help. Please keep our township clean of junk by getting rid of it properly.

Tax Collection April 18

Tax Collector, Debbie Heckman will be at the Southampton Township Building on April 18, from 9:00 am—12:00 pm for you to pay your taxes in person.

Senior Citizen Rebate

Many older citizens are eligible for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate. The new law increases the income limit from \$15,000 to \$35,000 for homeowners and increases the maximum rebate for both homeowners and renters from \$500 to \$650. If you would like more information on how to apply for this, please contact Representative Kauffman's Office at 532-1707.

COMING SOON

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

FORMS, MINUTES, ORDINANCES AND CODES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT:

WWW.SOUTHAMPTONTOWNSHIP.ORG

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REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGN

Emergency service personnel recommend that all residents and business located within Southampton Township should be identified with their respective address. This insures a faster response by emergency service personnel. Time is of the essence when you are waiting for emergency service personnel to arrive. There have been several delays in the past in getting an ambulance or fire apparatus to a residence. Having your residence or business identified will help provide a much faster response time. The West End Fire & Rescue is offering reflective signs that will help assist us in finding your home in a timely manner. The cost is only \$ 10.00 per sign, this could be the best money ever spent. You may order a reflective sign by calling the fire station at 532-5555 or stop by the fire station at 49 Lurgan Avenue Shippensburg. If you have any question regarding the reflective sign program please free to check out our Web Site for additional information.

www.wefr15.com

Seconds count during an emergency!

NEED TO CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP?

Southampton Township Office hours are from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. The office is closed on Holidays and the Friday after Thanksgiving. The facility is also used for primary and regular elections. Our office must be closed those days as well.

You may contact us by phone at **717-532-9041**. Our office is open to the public and you may stop in during regular business hours for questions or concerns.

All are welcome to attend Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings and Planning Commission (PC) meetings the dates are as follows:

Township Meeting Dates

2nd Tuesday of the Month—8:00am—BOS meeting

3rd Tuesday of the Month—7:30pm—PC meeting

4th Tuesday of the Month—7:00pm—BOS meeting