



SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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November 1st

- Change your clock
- Change your smoke detector batteries

It is hard to believe but our township's population in 2007 was 7,416 people. We expected growth in our community but did not fathom the speed at which it was going to happen. Our Comprehensive Plan that we updated in 2001 projected a 9% growth per decade up to 2020. Using those numbers we anticipated a population in 2020 of 7,101. As you can see we are growing at a much greater rate and speed than we originally thought possible. We are about to receive not only our first traffic light but four traffic lights this year.

Our goal has always been to protect the rural character of the community that we have all come to love while trying not to walk on the individual's personal

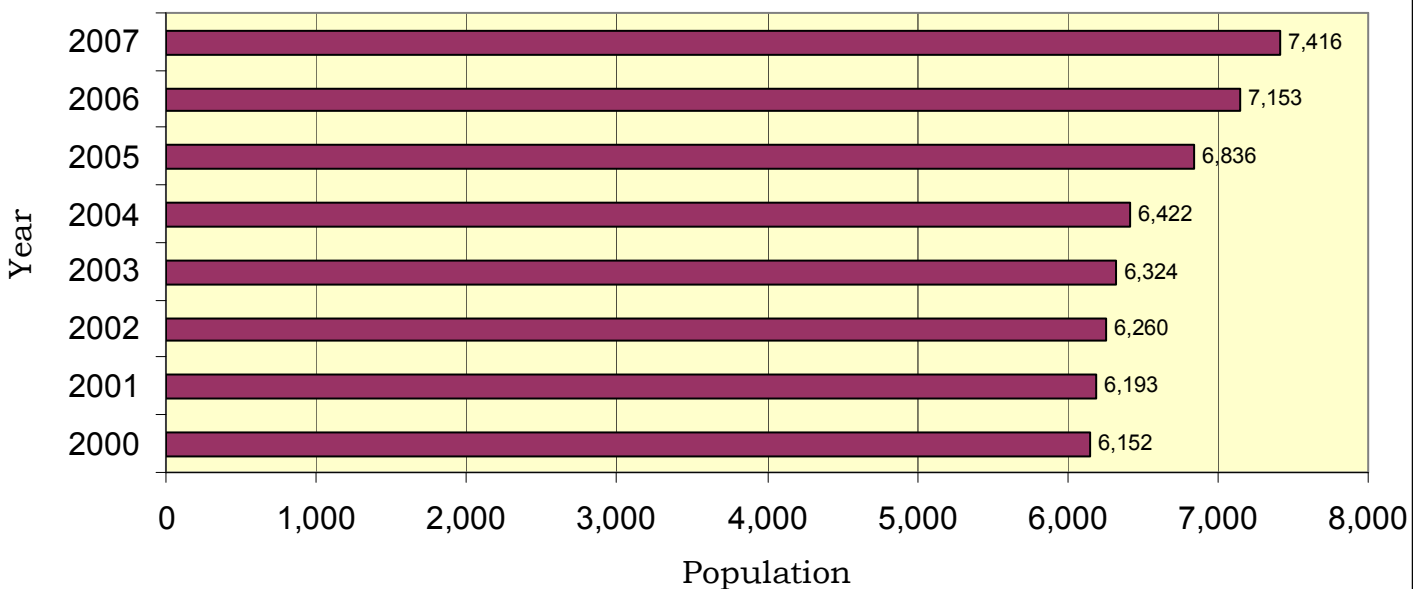
and property rights. A tough chore.

Zoning has helped direct some of the most severe impacts to the proper places but it is not perfect. We continue to promote participation in Ag Security Areas and Farmland Preservation. We have a large area of the township in the west and north that we are trying to conserve. The areas around the borough and the interstate are where the growth is concentrated.

We are seeing a slight slowdown with the economic downturn, giving us a chance to further prepare for the upcoming growth. Our discussions include mapping the most probable locations for future roads and trails, emergency services needs and preparing for diverse housing types

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Southampton Township Population Growth



RECYCLING OPTION FOR SOUTHAMPTON RESIDENTS

Lurgan Township recently began a Recycling and Pay-As-You-Throw trash program. Lurgan has graciously opened the program to Southampton Township Residents. If you plan on taking advantage of this opportunity, here are a few things you should know:

Recycling Days are Always
2nd & 4th Saturdays
of the Month
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon



RECYCLABLES

Recyclables can be brought in any container you wish to dump yourself. (Help will be available for those unable to dump their own. (They may not be left in plastic bags.)

- Plastics #1 and #2
- Bemetal Food Cans
- Green, Clear and Brown Glass

These items can be co-mingled (put together). Please rinse them out.

- Aluminum Can (separate if you wish—it's not mandatory; but helps a little bit)
- Magazines (can be put in a box and then dumped when you get to the bin-they do not need tied)
- Newspaper (can be put in brown paper bag—they do not need tied)
- Paper—Non-shredded and shredded office paper
- Cardboard (please break down if you're able, if not, it can be done there. You may also add your grayboard or cereal-type boxes).
- Styrofoam—any type-peanuts too!

TRASH

You may choose to cancel your curbside trash pickup and elect to take advantage of Lurgan's *pay-as-you-throw* trash. This would include anything that isn't recyclable.

Up to 35 gal. Bags—**\$2.00**

39-55 gal. Bags—**\$4.00**

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GROWTH

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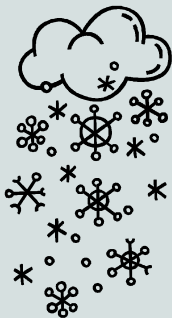
including single family houses, townhouses, duplexes and apartments.

Already there are additional large housing and apartment projects beginning to take shape in the township. Most likely this is only the tip of the iceberg.

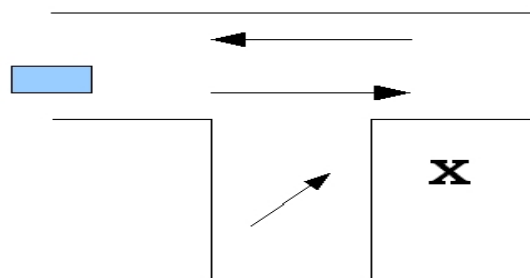
Your Supervisors will continue to strive to protect our rural character while understanding that the landowner should have the right to use their land. We will continue to look out for the well being of the township as a whole and try to direct growth to the proper areas. We are already the largest municipality in the Shippensburg School District and will most likely continue that distinction into the future.

Snow and Ice Removal

When the snow and ice begin to fall, township trucks are usually put to work quickly afterwards, salting, cindering or plowing. It is not uncommon, when we have snow, to have the trucks out after most people are in bed, and then have them back out before most people get up. Please go slow and be patient with our drivers as they work, especially as they clean intersections which can be dangerous.



There is a methodical approach to plowing, and that is main arteries are first, and then developments. So if you live back in a development and are not plowed out just relax and rest assured that when you do get out, the main roads will be passable.



Shoveling your snow to the right when cleaning off your driveway, will help to keep the snowplows from pushing it back in as they plow the roads.

What's happening in Southampton Township?

HERE'S AN UPDATE ON RECENT ACTIVITY

Dentler Park – The old wooden picnic tables have been replaced with shiny new metal tables. Restrooms have been installed and there is a new ceiling on the pavilion. Everything is handicapped accessible too! This is a great place to have a picnic with the family or reserve the pavilion for your special occasion by calling the township! There are recreational opportunities for kids of all ages too! Dentler Park is open daily during daylight hours.

Traffic Lights – In our last newsletter we told you that our first traffic lights were coming to Olde Scotland Road on the north side of I-81. Well, they are still coming – just not as soon as we expected! Three lights are still planned for Olde Scotland Road – one about a quarter mile south of Seibert Avenue, the second at the intersection with Mt. Rock Road, and the third at the southbound exit ramp from I-81. We will update you on the installation timetable in our next newsletter.

Bridge Project – Our first traffic lights may result from this project as it appears to be moving quickly! The project will not only see the installation of new traffic lights on Olde Scotland Road, on the south side of I-81, but will also result in the widening of the bridge over the interstate and other highway improvements to Olde Scotland Road. While Duke Realty has decided not to proceed with its plans to build warehouses on the nearby tract that is zoned for Highway Commercial/Light Industrial use, the upgraded interchange will allow us to be ready for growth in the area when it does occur. And, best of all, no Township funds will be spent on the project!

New Residential Development - After a well attended Conditional Use Hearing the Township Supervisors approved the request of 234 Associates to proceed with a plan to build over 700 dwellings of various types, from apartments to luxury homes, as a cluster development. The project is planned for development on 232 acres of land in an area zoned Residential that is located along Two Turn Road between Olde Scotland Road and White Church Road. No timetable or start date has yet been determined.

Township Maintenance Building – As our township grows our need to provide essential services to our citizens grows as well. In recent years we have purchased equipment for fall leaf collection, street sweeping, traffic safety, and additional equipment to maintain many new roads in residential areas. As a result, we have outgrown the space available in our existing maintenance building. Your supervisors proposed a new building, but when the bids were opened recently the bids were much more expensive than expectations. Therefore, the bids were rejected and your supervisors are “back at the drawing board”, working to find a cost effective solution to our maintenance needs.

Speed Limits – Since our last newsletter your supervisors responded to requests from citizens to establish speed limits on two roads. Traffic studies were completed and speed limits were established at 35 mph for Blind Road and 25 mph for Baldwin Boulevard.

AND WE ARE WORKING ON THESE ITEMS RIGHT NOW

Rental Ordinance – Some of our citizens have voiced concern about new rental properties in our township. And, as the township grows additional rental homes are likely to follow. Neighboring municipalities have found a rental ordinance to be an effective tool in insuring the safety, health, and welfare of all citizens as new rental homes are introduced into the community. The Township Supervisors have directed the township solicitor to prepare a Rental Ordinance for review and possible implementation.

Conditional Use Request – A Conditional Use Hearing was recently completed on the request of a property owner who would like to construct a recreational snow tubing slope on a parcel of land zoned Agricultural/Woodland Conservation. Supervisors have not yet taken action on this request.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Requests for Zoning Changes – This summer we have received requests for three changes to our Zoning Map and one language change to our Zoning Ordinance. The map changes requested are;

1. **Roxbury Treatment Center** has requested a change in zoning for its property on Roxbury Road from Residential to Highway Commercial/Light Industry District. This change is necessary to allow Roxbury Treatment Center to expand its existing facility.
2. **Volvo** has requested a change in zoning for a parcel adjoining its manufacturing facility. Volvo's plant is located in the Borough of Shippensburg; however Volvo would like to expand its manufacturing facility onto a parcel that is located in Southampton Township. Volvo is requesting a change in the zoning of this parcel from Agricultural/Woodland Conservation to Commercial/Light Industrial so it can expand its manufacturing facility.
3. **Maizefield Mobile Home Park** has requested a change in zoning that would allow the planned expansion of their existing mobile home park. Maizefield currently is zoned Residential. Since mobile home parks are not permitted in our Residential zone Maizefield has requested that the zoning of their parcel be changed to Retail Commercial/Professional Office District where mobile home parks are permitted.

The language change under consideration would modify the definition of "family".

Trick or Treat
October 30th
6:00 pm—8:00 pm

The supervisors would like to hear from you as they consider the many requests and projects that are brought to them for consideration. Each meeting of the supervisors includes a public comment period – so come to a meeting and let us know how you feel! The supervisors meet twice a month, on the Second Tuesday at 8:00 A.M. and on the Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.