



SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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Southampton Township Purchases Neighboring Property



Southampton Township has purchased the property next to the existing township facility on Municipal Drive.

In the 2008 budget, the supervisors allocated \$400,000 dollars for a new storage building. The addition of a street sweeper made it obvious that we are running out of room for equipment. We could still get everything in but it was extremely tight. This was causing concern that we would break-up and damage equipment in such close proximity.

On August 26, 2008, we opened bids for this new storage building on our current property. The low bid was \$850,000. Much of this was due to the mandatory prevailing wage requirements. All bids were rejected at that time.

Considering other options, the supervisors had the idea that maybe the owners of the property next door might be interested in selling. This property is adjacent to the current township facil-

ity, has two big buildings and plenty of open space.

Southampton Township supervisors approached the owners of the neighboring property and found that they were indeed interested. A price was negotiated and an agreement was reached. The township purchased the property on September 14, 2009 for \$700,000 dollars.

This property is 4.6 acres, has a six bay garage and shop, 5 offices and another 6,000 square foot pole building. Since the property is adjacent to our current facility it did not take long for the supervisors to decide to make the offer.

We have no immediate plans for the new addition except to heat and store equipment in it. We will take some time now and look at our future needs as our community continues to grow.



Trick or Treat
 Thursday, October 29th
 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

FBI FRAUD ALERT

According to just one branch of a local bank, it is a common occurrence for customers to try to cash fraudulent checks. The FBI has issued the following checklist to help you determine FRAUD. If you can answer “Yes” to any of the following questions, you could be involved in a FRAUD or about to be SCAMMED.

- Is the CHECK from an item you sold on the Internet, such as jewelry, car, boat, etc?
- Is the amount of the CHECK more than the item’s selling price?
- Did you receive the CHECK via an overnight delivery service?
- Is the CHECK connected to communicating with someone by email?
- Is the CHECK drawn on a business or individual account that is different from there person buying your item or product?
- Have you been informed that you were the winner of a LOTTERY, such as Canadian, Australian, El Gordo, or El Mundo, that you did not enter?
- Have you been instructed to either “WIRE”, “SEND,” or “SHIP” MONEY, as soon as possible, to a large U.S. city or to another country, such as Canada, England or Nigeria?
- Have you been asked to PAY money to receive a deposit from another country such as Canada, England, or Nigeria?
- Are you receiving PAY or a COMMISSION for facilitating money transfers through your account?
- Did you respond to an email requesting you to CONFIRM, UPDATE, or PROVIDE your account information?

If you are unsure about any “offer” or check you receive, please ask a representative of your financial institution for guidance.

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES EXISTING BUSINESSES

Rosenberry’s Excavating LLC.—8675 Pineville Road, Shbg. *Specializing in septic system installations and all types of excavating.*
Contact: Larry Rosenberry at (717) 532-5968 or (717)729-0053.

Cramer’s Bate & Tackle—3193 Orrstown Road, Contact: Sandi at (717) 532-2200.

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

Papa John’s Pizza—300 S. Fayette St. *Pick up or Delivery*—530-2800

Park’s Garbage—*Specializing in curbside garbage/recycling* 1-800-486-4490

Joe Pa’s Sports Grill—1065 Heritage Ave.—*Sports Grill, Ice Cream, Miniature Golf, Driving Range, Batting Cages, Arcade*-532-6868

What’s happening in Southampton Township?

HERE’S AN UPDATE FROM THE SPRING NEWSLETTER

Traffic Lights and Bridge Project – Construction started right on schedule this spring and the project is moving right along – we expect it to be complete before winter weather starts! The improvements involve widening the bridge over I-81 to accommodate turning lanes for traffic using Olde Scotland Road to access the interstate. To insure smooth traffic flow and to improve safety in the area, four traffic lights will be installed – one each at the northbound and southbound exit ramps, one at the intersection of Olde Scotland Road and Mt. Rock Road, and a fourth that will control traffic at a new entry point onto Olde Scotland Road in the area of Cressler Trucking.

Township Maintenance Building – In our last newsletter we told you that bid amounts for a new maintenance building far exceeded our expectations and that we were investigating other options to accomplish our goals in a more cost effective manner. Shortly after the spring newsletter was mailed we started pursuing an option that will meet our immediate need for a Maintenance Building and is an option that is well within our allocated budget amount. And, this is an option that also offers us additional acreage adjacent to our current facility that should accommodate township growth for many years to come.

Therefore, we have entered into a contract to purchase the land and buildings located between the township building and Orrstown Road – for less expense than we would have incurred for constructing a much smaller Maintenance Building alone! We expect the purchase to be complete by the time this newsletter is mailed!

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Zoning Changes – In our Spring newsletter we told you about projects that required zoning action – here’s an update:

Volvo – This expansion project is currently underway with a completion date as yet undetermined. The required road work on Rowe Road was completed this summer so the construction did not interfere with school activities. You will notice that Rowe Road in the area of the Volvo plant expansion is wider and straighter than it used to be so large trucks can now safely use this road. Also, the intersection at the entrance to the Volvo plant is now a three-way stop for improved safety in the area. Earth moving work is now underway at the facility but building construction has not yet commenced. The township would like to thank Volvo for funding the costs of the road improvements on Rowe Road.

Roxbury Treatment Center – Construction is currently underway for the addition to this facility.

AND THESE ITEMS ARE NEW SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

Zoning Ordinance Changes – We are working on improving our Zoning Ordinance in several ways, and as always we would like your recommendations and input as we progress with this project. We anticipate that a formal meeting to discuss the Zoning Ordinance changes will be scheduled in early fall this year – watch for announcements and notices in the local newspapers so you can attend this meeting and let us know your opinion. Several items under consideration include:

Signs – We anticipate improving the language relating to the size and placement of signs in the township.

Buffer Zones – Currently a 200 foot buffer zone is required between a Highway Commercial – Light Industry use and a Residential use. We are considering reducing the width of the buffer zone if an elevated earthen berm is also constructed as a screening feature.

Home Occupations - Several changes are proposed to the zoning guidelines that apply to occupations that are permitted in a residential area.

Zoning Map Changes – We have received one request to change zoning from Agricultural to Residential for one small parcel of property in the Township.

Rental Ordinance – We are continuing to work on a Rental Ordinance for the Township. A draft of a proposed ordinance was presented during a special public meeting recently and many good suggestions were received from several residents. We have incorporated most of these suggestions into a revised draft and have scheduled a formal hearing for this proposed ordinance. While the second meeting was held on September 14th – you still have time to let us know how you feel. A copy of the ordinance is available for your review and comment in the Township Building – stop in any time during normal business hours to look it over. We will not be taking action on this ordinance until after this newsletter has been mailed – so if you want to make a suggestion you still have time to do so ---- give us a call!

Raystown Crossing – Construction will start soon on a new rental community that will be located along Mainsville Road just north of Interstate 81. This community will be composed of fifty (50) residential dwellings located in nine (9) townhouse style buildings.

WANT TO VOICE YOUR OPINION?

Federal

- President—Barack Obama— (202) 456-1414
- Vice President—Joe Biden—(202) 456-1414
- U.S. Senator—Arlen Specter—(717) 782-3951
- U.S. Senator—Bob Casey—(717) 231-7540

Local—Southampton Township

- Paul Witter—Chairman (717) 532-9041
- Mel Wadlinger—Vice Chairman (717) 532-9041
- Samuel Cressler—Secretary/Treasurer (717) 532-9041

State

- Governor—Edward G. Rendell—(717) 787-2500
- Lt. Governor—Joe Scarnati—(717) 787-7084
- State Senator—Rich Alloway—(717) 264-6100
- State Representative—Rob Kauffman—(717) 264-3943

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labours of the people under the pretence of taking care of them.
 -- Thomas Jefferson

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SHIPPENSBURG SENIOR CENTER

GOOD MORNING CAFE

Every **Tuesday, from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.** the Shippensburg Senior Activity Center "Good Morning Café" is open. The Café is for those that would like a place to fellowship with a good cup of coffee and continental breakfast. Bring a friend and come out to enjoy some friendly conversation and a "cup of Joe".

EXTENDED LUNCH HOURS

We will have extended lunch hours to accommodate those of us on busy schedules and different lunching hours. **Lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. daily, Monday thru Friday.** You come and go as you please.

Please note that you must sign up no later than 24 hours in advance for the meal.

Please consult the monthly menu or online at www.seniors.southamptonwp.com. If you are under the age of **60** the cost for the meal is **\$3.70**. If you are **60** years of age or older, no charge but contributions are encouraged.

SENIOR CENTER FALL ACTIVITIES

PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT

Monday, **October 5th** beginning at 9:30 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. Call 717-530-8217 to sign up by October 1st. Lunch will be provided.

OPEN HOUSE/APPRECIATION DINNER

Thursday, **October 8th** beginning at 5:30 p.m. The evening includes a semi-formal dinner cost is \$9.00. Space is limited, sign up and pay no later than October 1st.

FALL WREATH MAKING CLASS

October 19th starting at 1:00 p.m. The Center will provide a wreath and decorating materials at a low cost of \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. You may also bring your own decorations. Be sure to sign up by October 12th

OKTOBERFEST AT DOUBLING GAP

Oktoberfest at Doubling Gap Church of God Center is scheduled for **October 23rd** beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. call 530-8217 or stop by and see Leslie.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Annual Shippensburg Halloween Parade on **October 24th** at 7:00. If you are interested in helping call Anne at 530-8217.