



SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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Exit 24-Bridge Widening and Traffic Signals Planned for Spring/Summer 2009

Last year we received the final plan for road improvements on Olde Scotland Road, State Route 696.

Two large tracts of land have been purchased near Interstate 81, exit 24. The goal is to deal with the anticipated increase of traffic, both cars and trucks. The developers of these parcels were required to do a highway occupancy study. In a previous newsletter we alerted you to expect these improvements in the future.

One of the improvements is the widening of the bridge over the interstate to three lanes. This would create a turning lane. Multiple traffic lights will be another improvement. There will be one on Olde Scotland Road about half-way to the interstate from town.

Another traffic light will be at Mt. Rock Road, and two more will be on the interstate ramps.

This is all scheduled to get started shortly. We opened the bridge construction bids on February 27 at the township building. Construction should begin in April. Construction of the new traffic lights will be concurrent with the bridge construction.

We would just like to give you a warning that we are going to see a lot of construction out that way this summer. By fall, the area will have a totally different look. The contractors will try to keep traffic moving as best as possible but we all know how it is traveling through road construction. Please be patient and respect the safety of the highway workers.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Does your home or business have an automatic fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system? Would you like to provide the emergency services (police, fire and ambulance) with a quick entry to your home or business in times of an emergency? If so, a Knox Box system is what you need.

The KNOX BOX® rapid entry system is a secure emergency access program developed for property owners and fire departments. When a fire breaks out or there's a medical emergency, Knox® products allow immediate entry into buildings and property without forced entry or damage or delay. Property owners store entrance keys access cards and floor plans in high-security Knox-Boxes mounted near building entrances. Each KNOX-BOX® purchased by a property owner is keyed to a single master key controlled by the fire department.

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ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Southampton Township would like to recognize and welcome new businesses that locate in the township. For all of our existing businesses, we are offering to include your business information in our special insert of the fall township newsletter. Please mail, phone, or fax the township office with your pertinent business information such name, address, type of business and contact information, by August 1, 2009.

Mailing Address: Southampton Township
 705 Municipal Drive
 Shippensburg, PA 17257
 Phone: 717-532-9041
 Fax: 717-532-7234

Recycling Option for Southampton Township 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
- Bi-metal Food Cans
- Green, Clear and Brown Glass

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

- Aluminum Can, Magazines, Newspaper, Paper,
- Cardboard, Styrofoam

TRASH

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

Up to 35 gal. bags
\$2.00
39-55 gal. Bags
\$4.00



187 Acres Added to Township ASA

In 2008, the township added three farms with a total of 187 acres to the Agricultural Security Area. This brings the total amount of farm land in the ASA to 7,869 Acres!

EMERGENCY SERVICES *(Continued from Page 1)*

The Shippensburg Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Medical Services use the KNOX-BOX® system. It has been used by the fire department for the past 10 years; allowing quick entry into businesses to investigate fire alarm activation. Recently, some homeowners have asked for the system on their residence.

If you are interested in this program or would like more information, please call 717-729-1237 or e-mail: chief@vigilanthose.com.

SPECIAL SITTINGS FOR COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES

Township Tax Collector, Debbie Heckman, will hold a special sitting for collection of County and Township Real Estate Taxes. She will be at Orrstown Bank in Orrstown on Tuesday, April 14th from 12:00 pm—3:00 pm. She will also be at the Southampton Township building, 705 Municipal Drive on Wednesday, April 15th from 12:00 pm—3:00 pm.

911 ADDRESS SIGN PROGRAM

Emergency service personnel recommend that all residents and business 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 them 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.



What's happening in Southampton Township?

HERE'S AN UPDATE FROM THE FALL NEWSLETTER

Township Maintenance Building – Bids for construction of this proposed new building exceeded the amount the Supervisors had budgeted for the project so the decision was made to reject the bids and investigate other options that may be available. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Zoning Changes – Three changes were made to our Zoning Map recently:

Volvo – The supervisors voted to re-zone 30 acres of land adjacent to the existing Volvo plant to Highway Commercial – Light Industrial which is required for Volvo to expand its facility. Volvo had requested that 50 acres be re-zoned, however the supervisors approved the re-zoning of only the land that Volvo was actually purchasing. The remainder of the tract will retain its Agricultural-Woodland Conservation zoning. Volvo submitted, and the Supervisors have approved, plans for plant expansion and for improvements to Rowe Road to accommodate large vehicles entering the west end of the new plant site.

Roxbury Treatment Center – The Supervisors approved the re-zoning of the parcel owned by Roxbury Treatment Center on the east side of Roxbury Road from Residential to Highway Commercial-Light Industrial. Their existing facility was built prior to the adoption of a Zoning Ordinance in the Township so it was a pre-existing non-conforming use (typically referred to as “grandfathered”). This re-zoning was necessary to allow them to expand their existing Treatment Center. Plans for the expansion were recently approved by the Supervisors.

Maizefield Mobile Home Park – The Supervisors approved the re-zoning of the Maizefield site to Retail Commercial – Professional Office which was necessary to allow the completion of the mobile home park. Following the re-zoning the Supervisors approved the plans for the completion of the park.

Conditional Use – The Supervisors approved the Conditional Use application of a resident for a recreational snow tubing slope in an Agricultural – Woodland Conservation zoned area of the Township. In granting approval the Supervisors attached conditions that address Noise, Lighting, Screening, Trash Collection, Parking, Hours of Operation, and Emergency Planning. A formal development plan for this project has not yet been submitted to the Township.

AND THESE ITEMS ARE NEW SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

New Equipment – In January the Supervisors purchased a new John Deere Loader to replace a similar unit that served the Township for nearly 30 years. Purchase was made via a piggy-back state contract at a price of \$122,624 with the old unit as trade in.

New Township Employee – Township resident David Gettle has been hired as a part time Township employee. David will help on many different projects including snow plowing, bulky item days, summer road maintenance, and many other tasks required in the day to day operation of our township. Welcome aboard David!

New Zoning Hearing Board Member – Township resident George Pomeroy has been appointed to a three year term on the Township Zoning Hearing Board. Previously, Dr. Pomeroy served the Township as an Alternate member of that board.

New Planning Commission Member – Township resident James O’Shea has been appointed to a full term on the Township Planning Commission.

THANK YOU – The Township sends it THANKS AND APPRECIATION to Township Residents Elmer Gruver and Derwood “Woody” Martin who have generously served the township for many years as volunteers on two important Boards. Mr. Gruver served on the Planning Commission and Mr. Martin served on the Zoning Hearing Board. Well done Gentlemen!

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**SHIPPENSBURG SENIOR CENTER HOSTS
ANNUAL COMMUNITY BALL**

Ball is open to all adults 16 and older

Theme: “Old Hollywood” has come to Shippensburg

Where: Shippensburg University—Henderson Gym

When: Saturday, April 4th—6:00-8:30pm

What: Semi-formal Dance

Live Music Provided by “Just Friends”

Light Refreshments & Valet Service Provided

Deadline to Register: April 1st, 2009

Cost: \$8.00 per person/\$15.00 per couple

For more information & tickets, contact Anne Hinkle
Phone: (717)530-8217 * Email: shipsenior@embarqmail.com

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

NEW LOW IMPACT AEROBICS CLASS

The Shippensburg Senior Activities Center is pleased to announce a new exercise class has been added to the weekly schedule every Wednesday at 9:00am. This low impact aerobics class is different from other traditional aerobics as it will not involve any jumping. The class is geared toward weight reduction and muscle toning. This class is designed for the senior who wants to step up the pace. There is no charge to seniors. However, donations are appreciated.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

The Shippensburg Senior Activities Center will be taking a car pool trip to see the Harrisburg Senators play on April 22nd. The cost for entrance to the park is \$6.00. We will be in reserved seating with the bonus of scoreboard recognition and in-game raffles for our group. After the game we will meet up with the Carlisle Senior Center for lunch at a local restaurant. Call 530-8217 to reserve your seat today!!