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Denter Park Rental

Denter Park, located on Mount Rock Road, is available for rental for your family reunions, birthday parties or summertime picnics. The facilities have a pavilion, bathrooms, grills, picnic tables, volleyball, basketball, softball and a playground. The fee for the day is \$50. Call the office at 532-9041 to reserve the park.

Township Library Match Campaign a Success

In case you haven't heard the Shippensburg Public Library launched a Capital Campaign to remodel and expand the library. There have been no major upgrades to the facility since 1969.

A group representing the library came to the township asking for financial support for the project back in 2009. After some discussion your supervisors took the match approach. If citizens of our township felt it was a good idea for the township to support this initiative then show us with your wallets. The supervisors committed to a 2 to 1 match of any donations from citizens of \$10 to \$1,000 during 2010. There would be a cap on the commit-

ment of \$100,000.

At our October 26th Meeting the library folks came in to the meeting. They were having concerns with the \$1,000 cap for matching. They have enough interest and donations to meet the requirement if the cap was removed but may struggle if we limit our match for a few of the donors. Some of our citizens questioned why only a portion of their contribution would be matched.

After some discussion your supervisors, at the November 9th meeting, decided to match all our township donors up to the \$100,000 match regardless of their contribution total.

Eighty Three (83) households in the

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Township Budget in the Black for 2009 and 2010

We hear so much on the news about all the fiscal trouble government is in. Poor planning and pie-in-the-sky thinking is taking its toll on many governmental entities. We all will be held responsible for the state and federal malaise, but, how about some good news?

Your township is in good financial shape. The supervisors in Southampton Township have a history of excellent financial planning and costs justification. We fight unfunded mandates and strive to keep your local government small and fiscally conservative.

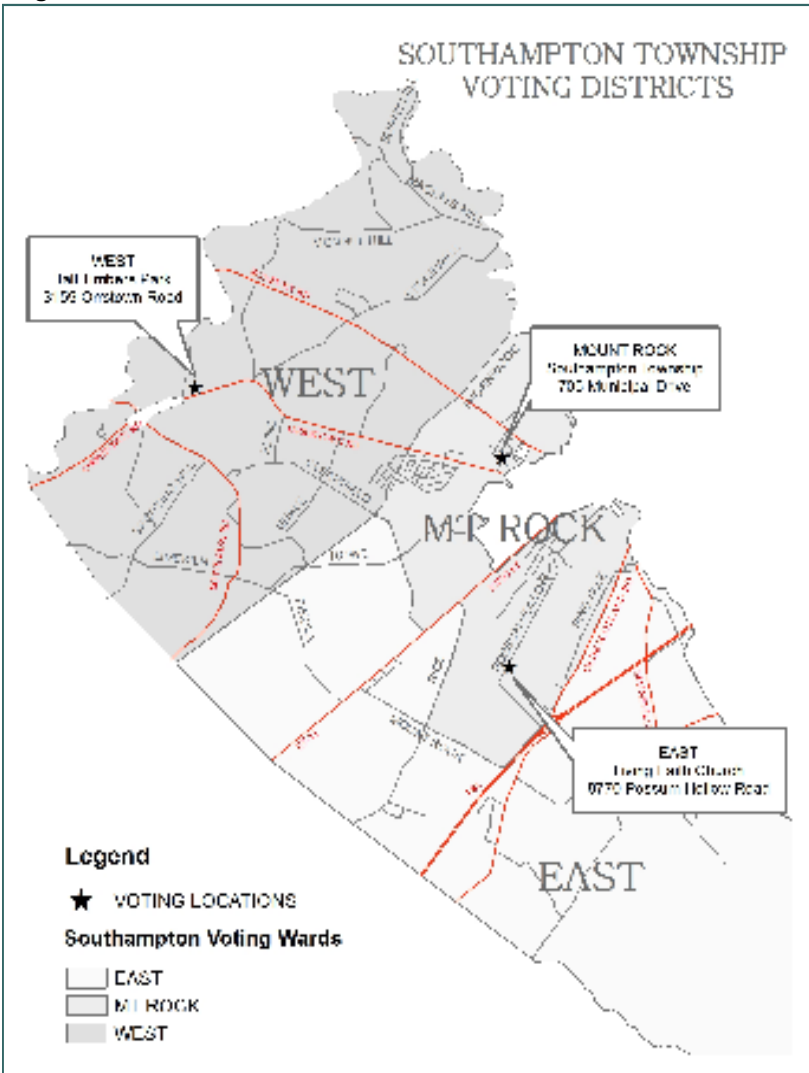
The last two budget years, 2009 and 2010, are examples of prudent management. Over that time, we have seen crisis after crisis in almost all levels of government. Your township levies *no*

property tax, so our major sources of income come from Earned Income Tax and Real Estate Transfer Tax. Even though both are down, we have done alright.

We have budgeted accordingly and reduced costs to maintain a good balance sheet. Depending how you slice it, we were \$6,000 in the black in 2009, and broke even in 2010, and we even had 100 tons of road salt dropped off at the end of the year. This is with a 1.25 million dollar budget.

We budgeted conservatively again in 2011. The only increase was in emergency services funding. We looked at our fleet of equipment and felt we could get another year out of everything. We have a good long term road maintenance program in place and can adjust those costs if necessary.

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Residents, if you live in the:

- East District** — Vote at Living Faith Chapel
8770 Possum Hollow Road
- Mt. Rock District**—Vote at the Southampton
Township Building
705 Municipal Drive
- West District** — Vote at Tall Timbers
3159 Orrstown Road

SWIMMING POOL/HOT TUB

****NOTICE****

Before you run out on a hot summer day and purchase a blow-up pool or a quick install equivalent, please be aware that PA State Law requires you to have a barrier around hot tubs, spas or a swimming pool that are 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. Any pool over 24 inches deep needs to be inspected by PA State Code. Please contact the township if you plan to install any of these items and need more information.

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township contributed to the library campaign in 2010. Many others committed to a five year schedule. The contributions ranged from \$10 to \$10,000. We had three contributions of \$4,000 or more and 25 of \$1,000 or more.

Our citizens contributed a total of \$55,436 to the library campaign in 2010. This was enough to max out the township 2 to 1 match of \$100,000.

As of this printing the township is preparing to reward the match to the Shippensburg Public Library. This campaign will continue for some time and if you would like more information on how you can help the library please contact them at (717)532-4508 or www.shippensburglibrary.org

Census Results	2000	2010	% Increase
Southampton Township	6,151	7,987	30%
Franklin County	129,313	149,618	15.7%
Pennsylvania	12,281,054	12,702,279	3.4%

Southampton Township has grown at almost 2x the rate of Franklin County, and almost 10x the rate of the state of Pennsylvania!

Special Sitting for Local Tax Collection

Debbie Heckman, tax collector for Southampton Township, will have special tax collection sittings at:

Orrstown Bank, Orrstown

Tuesday, April 19th
12:00PM until 3:00PM

Southampton Township Building

Wednesday, April 20th
12:00PM to 3:00PM

New tax office hours at 9028 Pineville Road

Mondays/Thursdays/Fridays
4:00PM to 7:00PM
Saturdays
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Or by appointment, call Debbie at 532-3602

Bulky Trash Days set for April 8th and 9th

Southampton Township will hold its semi-annual bulky trash days on Friday, April 8th, from 12:00pm until 5:00pm, and on Saturday, April 9th, from 7:00am until 2:00pm. 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. Drive *behind* the township facility where 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, insecticides, inks and solvents, aerosols or pressurized containers. No motors containing gasoline or oil, tanks-welding or cooking; ammunition or anything explosive. No 55-gallon drums, hospital/ biohazard waste, industrial wastes of any kind, or anything containing asbestos. No contaminated soil or yard waste, or dead animals. 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 on rims. There will be a fee charged for any more than 4 tires or any tires larger than 15".

Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or anything that has Freon in will also have a \$5.00 charge. Computer monitors will now 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, those who have no other means to transport bulky items, or those who just need special help, township resident, Lane Thrush of RE/MAX Realty Agency in Chambersburg is offering volunteers to pick up the items for you on Friday, April 8th. You will still be responsible for any fees that may be associated with the junk. If you need help and want to schedule a pickup, just call Lane's office at 709-7063 by Wednesday, April 6th.

Please keep our township clean of junk by getting rid of it properly.

Last year Recycling figures:

- ◆ Steel and Bimetallic from Bulky Trash Days—36,000 lbs.
- ◆ Tires collected from Bulky Trash Days—235
- ◆ Fall Leaf Collection—216,000 lbs.
- ◆ Private Residential Hauler Recycling (Parks)—100,000 lbs.

E-Waste Recycling Law Enacted in PA

Pennsylvania recently enacted an e-waste recycling law in order to keep millions of tons of contaminants such as arsenic, lead, mercury and other heavy metals out of our landfills. Televisions and computer monitors, hard drives, keyboards, mice and printers are all covered under the law and will be banned from PA landfills effective January 23, 2013. Southampton Township will continue to accept your used televisions at our spring and fall bulky trash days free of charge in 2011.

For those of you who desire to have your televisions recycled now, the Township will work in cooperation with The Computer Barn to recycle televisions for a fee. Televisions under 36" will be \$10 and 36" or greater will be \$20. We cannot recycle console televisions. All computer monitors will be charged \$5.00 as before. All computers and peripherals and other electronics will continue to be recycled for free as usual. You can pay your fees when you check in, and you will be directed to the drop off zone.

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

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What we won't sacrifice is service to you, the resident. We strive to answer questions and address problems as quickly as possible. We believe in person to person contact, either on the phone or in person. You are not just a number or a statistic to us. You have a name. Our goal is to satisfy your needs and help you comply with whichever rules apply.

Now keeping the budget under control does require that we do costs and benefit analysis before we expand the size of your local government services. So we can never be all things to all people.

The township is in good financial shape and we have a decent reserve if things get difficult. We strive to run local government as a business. You the Citizen are a customer. You the Taxpayer are a stockholder. We strive to balance service to the customer and costs to the stockholder.