



# SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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## Comprehensive Plan Update

In Pennsylvania, your township operates under the "Second Class Township Code" and the "Municipal Planning Code" or MPC. In the MPC it directs municipalities to plan for the future. That is done through a "Comprehensive Plan".

Your township completed the last Comprehensive Plan back in 2001. The projection for population growth in that plan was predicting that we would have 6,690 people by 2010 and 7,292 by 2020. The last census data for 2010 showed our township at 7,987.

With the population growth already well past our 2020 prediction and construction of some large industrial areas near the interstate, your supervisors decided to embark on an update to our plan. This plan is developed by the supervisors, township engineer, the planning commission and staff. Public hearings are held and ultimately the plan comes up for approval at a township meeting.

In the past, these plans were chapters based on broad topics and few specifics or action items. This time we are approaching the plan with a series of

prioritized issues. We are going to specifically look at identifying problems, developing solutions and implementing them in a timely and cost efficient manner. The end result will be an action-oriented document that is infinitely more usable and valuable to the township as we grow.

Land use and zoning, both current and future, will be evaluated. Transportation, both motorized and non-motorized, will be looked at and specific actions will be recommended. Recreation and quality of life are a priority. We can grow without destroying our rural character and heritage but, it does not happen without some guidance. Emergency services will also be evaluated.

We have citizens that want things to stay the same as they have always been and we have citizens that have just moved in with most folks somewhere in between.

Your supervisor's goal is to share as little impact as possible on everyone's daily life, while putting in place measures that help prepare us for the growth that continues around us.

## Volunteers Needed

### A Request From Shippensburg's Emergency Services

Our community is protected by dedicated and committed volunteer responders who do their job when called upon, even at three o'clock in the morning. Saving lives and protecting property is not an easy task. We do it willingly and without recognition. It is rewarding and feels good to help members of our own community.

Volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service providers are a special kind of people. We are looking for members to help answer the call of duty. We have begun a new campaign to recruit volunteer members to not just respond to emergencies but to help with fund raising and administrative tasks. Even if

you don't want to ride the fire truck, there are many other ways you can volunteer to make a difference.

As our community grows, our calls for emergency help increase. Today we respond to more than just emergencies, we support the community in many ways. For every new volunteer that joins a local fire company that saves the tax payers \$100,000. We need volunteers to continue with the proud volunteer tradition that our community has maintained for generations.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer member of your local emergency service please contact your local fire company for more information. **See Last Page for Contact Info.**

## Township Road Maintenance

Everyone knows that potholes are a common occurrence across Pennsylvania. Our heavily traveled roads and climate are a tough combination that stresses our roadways. Weather events such as freezing and thawing create small cracks in the roads. With continued expansion, contraction and vehicle use, pieces along these cracks begin to chip out eventually forming potholes.

Southampton Township's road maintenance program helps to keep potholes to a minimum. Each year roads are evaluated and those with minor cracks have "bar patching" done, where a strip of road oil is put along the crack and stones are spread on top to fill and seal the fissures.

Roads with more severe wear and tear receive full "seal-coating" where the entire road is oiled and chipped. In the heat of summer, the stones work their way into the oil to create a seal that protects the road.

One of the newer treatments is application of "Grip-Tight," a polymer-modified asphalt emulsion that is designed to be applied over roads that have been recently oiled and chipped. Grip-Tight acts as a sealant, gives the road an attractive appearance and keeps the chips from traveling. Within 15 to 30 minutes of application, traffic can begin to flow again.

Everybody loves a newly paved road, but due to the prohibitive costs, the township typically only paves a few roads each year. The cost to seal coat one

mile of road is less than \$20,000; whereas, the cost to pave the same stretch of road is almost \$90,000!

By using these methods the township can enjoy safe travel on our approximately 60 miles of roads while keeping the cost of maintenance to a minimum. However, if you do encounter a pothole on a township road, please contact the township office at 532-9041 and we will repair it as soon as possible.

## When, Where and How do You Get a Permit?

It never hurts to call the Township when you are planning on doing something around your house just to check whether or not you need a permit. You need to obtain a permit for any type of construction, reconstruction,

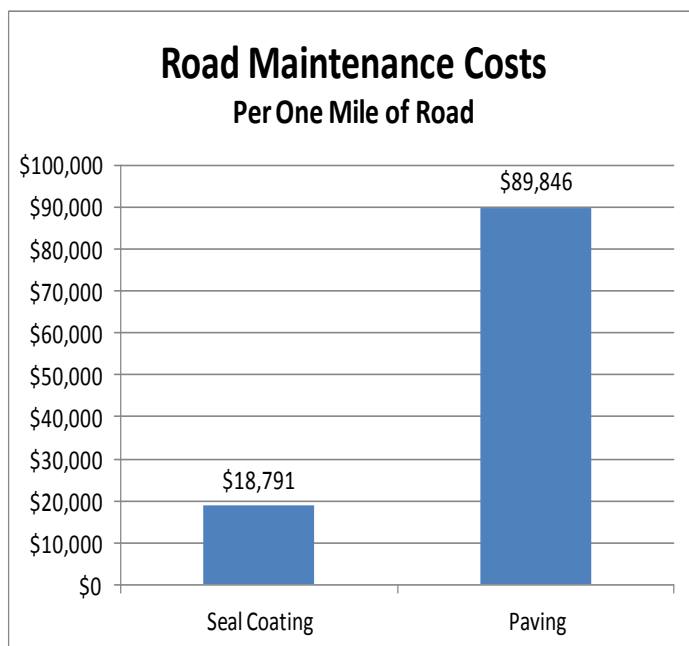
### What needs a Permit:

<b>New Home</b>	<b>Fence</b>	<b>Driveway</b>
<b>Garage</b>	<b>Shed</b>	<b>Road Cut</b>
<b>Addition</b>	<b>* Pool</b>	

tion, enlargement, alteration, or relocation of any building or structure.

To acquire a permit, you may stop by the Township Office and fill out a land use permit application. Make sure you have all information with you including the contractors name, address, phone number and the size of the project you are doing. You will be asked to sketch out your property to make sure that building setbacks meet the requirements. Setbacks will vary depending upon the project. Once the application is completed in full and the appropriate fees are paid, we will usually issue the land use permit to you that day, unless it's for a new home which requires some research. You are then required to call the Township office when building flags are in place so we can come out to check your setbacks.

A land use permit is issued by the Township. A building permit is issued through Commonwealth Code Inspection Services. You need to obtain a building permit for a permanent structure, a fence over six feet high, or \*a pool that is 24 inches or more in depth (this includes the blow-up type pools). Commonwealth Code will also have a fee required for their permit which you would need to contact their office for that information, 717-264-9191.



## Bulky Trash Days set for October 11th and 12th

Southampton Township will hold its semi-annual bulky trash days on Friday, October 11th, from 12:00pm until 5:00pm, and on Saturday, October 12th, from 7:00am until 12:00pm. 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.

We cannot accept 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. **NO TV's THAT ARE NOT FLAT SCREEN!**

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 and tires larger than 15" are \$10.00 each.

Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, 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 and handicapped, Lane Thrush of RE/MAX Realty Agency in Chambersburg is offering volunteers to pick up the items for you on Thursday October 10th. 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, 9th.

**It is now illegal to put the following in your trash: desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals and televisions.**

### Recycling E-Waste

On January 24, 2013, Pennsylvania 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. Items considered "Covered Devices" include: desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions. Your waste hauler is no longer permitted to collect any of these covered devices.

### So Why Not CRT TV's ?

We were fortunate to be able to accept your old TV's and monitors for free for the last two bulky trash days; however, because of this new law, the market has become saturated as literally tens of thousands of TV's have been collected across the state. Brokers are not able to find outlets for them so they have essentially stopped taking them. The few recyclers who would accept them required an extremely prohibitive fee.

**As a result, Southampton Township will NOT be able to accept any CRT TV's (not flat screen).** We ask that you simply hang onto them for now. Hopefully the market with rebound by our spring event.

We will continue to collect desktops, laptops, all computer monitors and peripherals. Please *gently* place your computers and peripherals under our equipment sheds. If you need help, pull your car down to the loaders and we will be happy to help you.

If your equipment is in good working order, you may wish to label it. The best method of recycling is reuse as is.

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## **SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY**

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### **Your Supervisors**

**Paul Witter**

**Samuel Cressler**

**Steven Wolfe**

### **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

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACT INFORMATION**

West End Fire & Rescue Company	532-5555
Cumberland Valley Hose Company	532-5353
Vigilant Hose Company	532-2345
Shippensburg EMS	532-6069
Pleasant Hall Fire Company	532-5155

### **OCTOBER FALL FEST**

Due to the success of “trick or trunk” last year. Southampton Township will host October Fall Fest on October 26th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Residents are once again asked to participate by bringing candy to distribute from the trunks of their vehicles.

Please check our website and facebook page as the details of this event unfold. ***WWW.SOUTHAMPTONTOWNSHIP.ORG***

If you would like to be involved in the coordination and development of this event, please contact Maria or Kathy at the township office 532-9041.