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Changes in Local Tax Filing

The Pennsylvania State Legislature enacted a new Local Tax Reporting System. ACT 32 of 2008 took effect on January 1st, 2012. Before this ACT, there were 560 separate tax districts in Pennsylvania. With the passing of this legislation there are now 69 tax districts. Philadelphia is exempt. In most cases the districts are based by county.

There are exceptions and, yes, we are one of them. If a school district is in more than one county then the county with the highest population in the school district determines where the citizens of all municipalities in the district report.

The majority of Shippensburg School District's population is in Cumberland County, so Southampton Township/ Franklin County is lumped in with Cumberland County.

There is a weighted system in place to give the voting power to your municipality for running the new local tax system. As many of you are aware, the majority of Cumberland's population is all east of Carlisle. In the new law, your township was given .7% of a vote on matters of local tax collection. Regrettably we have very little ability to effect how the system works. We have appointed Steve Oldt, a Shippensburg Township Supervisor, as our delegate. Between the two municipalities we have just over a 1% vote on policy. On the good side Mr. Oldt is on the new Cumberland County Tax Bureau's Audit Committee.

If you have any questions about the new system, either as an employee or employer please contact the Tax Bureau directly. Here is their contact information:

Cumberland County Tax Bureau 21 Waterford Drive, Suite 201 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 717-590-7997

taxpayerservices@cumberlandtax.org

NOTE: Even though you are in Franklin County please be careful not to throw out correspondence from the Cumberland County Tax Bureau. That is the agency responsible for local earned income taxes in Southampton/Franklin.

Are you in Compliance with Pennsylvania's Manure Management Requirements?

All operations that have animals need to **develop and implement a written Manure Management Plan.** This includes the backyard owners of horses, goats, sheep, etc.

Animal concentration areas (ACA) refer to uncovered bare areas such as: barnyards, feedlots, exercise lots or other similar animal confinement areas. Clean water should be diverted away from the bare area. The contaminated water should be collected and treated by establishing a grass buffer area. This buffer area should be established between the ACA area and

streams, wetlands, sinkholes, or any other environmental sensitive areas.

If you pasture your animals either a Pasture Management plan is needed <u>or</u> the pasture area needs to maintain a 3 inch dense grass cover throughout. Bare spots should be reseeded.

The Franklin County Conservation District is willing to assist small livestock landowners in developing their manure management plan. If you are interested in assistance or a workshop, please call Mary Ann Shaffer at 717-264-5499.

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Denter Park Rental

Denter Park, located at 25 Mount Rock Road, is available for rental for your family reunions, birthday parties or summertime picnics. The facilities have a pavilion (capacity 65), bathrooms, grills, picnic tables, volleyball, basketball, softball and a large playground apparatus. The fee for the day is \$50. Call the office at 532-9041 to reserve the park.

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 23th 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Southampton Township Building

Wednesday, April 24th 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Tax office hours at 9028 Pineville Road

MONDAYS * THURSDAYS * FRIDAYS 4:00PM to 7:00PM

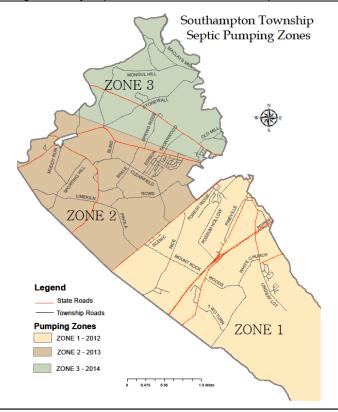
SATURDAYS 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Or by appointment, call Debbie at 532-3602

2013—Zone 2Septic Pumping Required

If you have an on-lot septic system and live in Zone 2, please make sure to have your septic tank pumped by December 31, 2013 by one of our licensed haulers below.

Name	Phone
Art Beidel Enterprises LLC	349-7028
Chamberlin & Wingert	530-9741
Oaktree Environmental Services	249-5056
Premiere Septic Services	530-0582
Superior (Rosenberrys) Septic Service	532-4026
Young's Sanitary Septic Service	432-3514



Primary Election Day – May 21st

Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Respective voting locations are:

- 705 Municipal Drive (Municipal Building)
- 3159 Orrstown Road (Tall Timbers)
- 8770 Possum Hollow Road (Living Faith Chapel)

*Remember to bring your photo ID to vote.

For further assistance regarding any Election inquiries, please call the Franklin County Court House Voter Registration Office at 717-261-3886.

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Bulky Trash Days set for April 12th and 13th

Southampton Township will hold its semiannual bulky trash days on Friday, April 12th, from 12:00pm until 5:00pm, and on Saturday, April 13th, 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.

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.

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, April 11th. 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 10th.

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

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.

Southampton Township will continue to collect all of these items at our semi-annual bulky trash day and have them recycled properly at NO CHARGE to our residents.

Please *gently* place your computers, peripherals and televisions under the equipment sheds. If you need help, pull your car down to the loaders and we will be happy to help you.



Southampton Township Franklin County

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road closings, weather conditions, community events and more! Help us spread the word to your family and friends.

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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

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASSES

Changes in hearing, vision, and reaction time can affect your driving ability.

Safely retain your driving mobility. Sign up for AARP Driver Safety at Southampton Township.

Two -Day 8-Hour Class

April 17- 18 8:00 AM to Noon Aug. 14–15 8:00 AM to Noon Dec. 4-5 8:00 AM to Noon

4-Hour Refresher Class

June 13 8:00 AM to Noon October 3 8:00 AM to Noon

To register for classes at the Municipal Building, call Shelly at Representative Rob Kauffman's Office at:

532-1707