



Southampton Township

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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Park & Recreation Cooperation

In August, both Shippensburg Borough and Southampton Township took action to look at the idea of a regionally based park and recreation effort. The focus will be on partnering with Memorial Park, Dykeman Spring Nature Park and Dentler Village Park.

Gettysburg and Cumberland Township in Adams County have begun partnering in a park and recreational authority. Take a look at some of the great opportunities of what can happen when this type of cooperation occurs by checking out their website at www.gara-recpark.info.

Initially it looks like Shippensburg Borough and Southampton Township will be the only local municipalities involved, even though other municipalities have been invited to participate.

We would appreciate your comments, thoughts and suggestions. Find us on Facebook by typing in Southampton Township, Franklin County, and give us your ideas, or contact us through our website www.southamptontownship.org. You can always give us a call at 717-532-9041, or stop by for a visit.

Winter Weather Ahead

The temperatures will soon be dropping and that brings snow and ice. We all remember last year was a cold and wet winter. It seemed like our road crew was out about every three days in January, February and March. We went through over 600 tons of salt even with us mixing it 50/50 with anti-skid material for grip.

The NOAA/ National Weather Service winter forecast will not be online until September 15th so we are including the link here for anyone interested in checking it out.

www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/winter_wx.shtml

We will wait for the "Official" forecast but the initial indication looks like a possibility of another tough winter season. Sea surface temperatures, El Nino and the Quasi Biennial Oscillation (movement of the tropical stratosphere) are all preliminary signs of the potential for some ugly weather.

We will be out doing our best to open and keep the roads passable whenever a storm strikes, beginning with primary roads and working our way into developments. Most storms strike in the late afternoon and over night. This is the best scenario for us all because the township generally can have a pass or two done by 6:00am with the plows and salt/anti-skid application. Many storms are just ice. The same run by the road crew takes place, just not with plows down.

The daytime storms are the most unpleasant for everyone. When they hit everyone is trying to get to and from while our equipment is out trying to clear roads. Please remember to give plenty of room to all vehicles and pedestrians in bad weather and especially workers of all kinds, trying to clear things out.

We all have different opinions on how much snow and cold

weather we want to have but remember, "Safety First". Please take your time during bad weather, even rain, and keep it slow and always remember that it takes longer to stop and turn.

FAQ's for Snow Removal

How do you determine which Roads are plowed first?

Primary and most heavily used roads are plowed first. Less traveled and developments are plowed afterwards.

The Township snowplows push snow back into my driveway, who is responsible for clearing it?

During normal plowing operations, the snow is angled to the right to clear from the center of the road to the curb. A certain amount of snow will be deposited across the entrance to driveways. The Township typically goes back through to clear the full roadway. This is necessary to open melt-water drainage paths and for off-street parking. Sometimes we need to go out yet again to get partially melted slush off the roadway before it freezes and becomes dangerous. It is the resident's responsibility to clear the snow.

Can I blow the snow into the road with my snow blower?

It is illegal to blow or plow snow into the roadway. The piles of snow left in the road from blowing can be hazardous. If you have someone who takes care of snow removal for you, please let them know.

My mailbox is damaged, who is responsible?

Please make sure your mailbox is in good repair and ready for snow and ice. The vast majority of the time, mailboxes are damaged by snow coming off of the plow. The township is not responsible if your mailbox is knocked down, or damaged by the snow or ice.

Branch Creek Place

A New Building, A New Name, Lots of Great Activities for Residents

The Shippensburg Senior Activities Center, recently announced it's new name, Branch Creek Place. They are also getting a new home at 115 North Fayette Street, (the old Community Center). The group's sponsor, Messiah Lifeway's has entered into a 29-year lease agreement with the Borough for use of the building for recreational use.

The space will be great for area seniors, but before that can happen, a substantial amount of work needs to take place. In Phase 1, a new HVAC system needs installed, a new "drop ceiling", insulation and flooring. The kitchen and restrooms need rehabilitated. Fortunately, the PA Department of Aging has awarded Messiah Lifeway's a grant in the amount of \$112,381, \$14,150 from the Cumberland County Office of Aging, \$10,00 from Shippensburg Meals on Wheels and Shippensburg Senior Center fundraising has raised \$18,000. Local municipalities, including Southampton Township, Franklin County are contributing additional funds to help with the remaining funds needed for Phase 1.

Branch Creek Place is open Monday through Friday 9:00am—3:00pm. and offers a hot lunch from 11:00am-12:00 noon daily. For those under 60 years of age, the cost is \$5.00. For those 60 years of age and older, a \$2.00 contribution per meal is suggested.

There are lots of fun and interesting activities for anyone 50 years of age and older to participate in at Branch Creek Place.

Examples of Weekly Activities

Discussion Groups

Low Impact Aerobics

Tai Chi

Board Games/Cards

Examples of Seasonal Activities (regularly scheduled every few days)

Yard Sale/Bake Sale

Day Trips

Scavenger Hunt/Harvest Party

Holiday Meals

Driver Training Classes

If you are interested in more information, please contact:

Anne Marie Hinkle, Director
ahinkle@messiahlifeways.org

Liz Robinson, Assistant
lrobinson@messiahlifeways.org

Telephone: 717-300-3563

Streets Do Not Make Good Playgrounds

The flat, paved surface of a road may seem like the perfect place for kids to play basketball, hockey, ride skateboards, jump rope or any other activity. Please do not be lulled into thinking that this is a safe place for your children to play. For children 5-9 years old, being hit by a car is the third leading cause of death.

Our roads are designed and intended for travel, whether it be by automobile, bicycle or walking. All those who use the roads should understand traffic laws and be responsible and aware of their surroundings; however, accidents still happen. Let's not leave our children's safety in the hands of others.

Some may say that a cul-de-sac is safe because traffic is slow. Children are small, cars are big, a vehicle backing out of a driveway may not see a small child behind them. Always instruct your children not to play or hide in leaf piles along the road.

Please teach your children that a road is an unsafe place to play and remove basketball hoops and toys from the road right-of-ways.

Bicycle Safety on the Roads

If your child is riding a bicycle on the road, here are some basic rules for beginner bicyclists:

1. No playing in the road.
2. No riding on busy streets.
3. Stop and look before entering a roadway to cross or for any other reason.
4. Bicycles ride with traffic regardless of whether it is on the road, on the shoulder or on a sidewalk.
5. Stop for all stop signs and obey all other traffic signs and signals.
6. Make your own decisions (don't do something just because a friend is.)
7. Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times -- two is better.
8. No riding at night -- even in broad daylight bright clothes are good.
9. A bicycle helmet is required in Pennsylvania for children 12 years of age and younger.

Ref: www.ibike.org

A bicycle helmet can reduce your risk of serious head injury by 85 percent.

PA Department of Transportation

Trick or Treat
October 30th
6:00 pm To 8:00 pm



LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Begins: End of October

Ends: November 26th

Leaf collection will run Mondays through Thursdays. Collection will begin on the following Monday where it left off the previous week. With more than 60 miles of roads, and inclement weather, it may not be possible for your leaves to be collected every week.

- Leaves must be raked into a row running parallel with the road.
- Leaves must be raked away from mailboxes, poles, cars and other obstructions.
- Twigs and branches must be kept out of leaf piles as they clog the machine.
- Be careful not to rake up stones, they are hard on the leaf machine.
- Leaves must not be raked within 50 ft. of a stop sign, this creates a dangerous situation.

Unless absolutely necessary, it is preferable that your leaves not be collected into trash bags and left by the roadside. Proper return/disposal of the bags is time consuming and trash bags are frequently passed by assuming they are garbage.

If your leaves are not being collected, it may be because one of the above items are not being followed.

Special Sitting for Local Tax Collection

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

Orrstown Bank, Orrstown

Tuesday, September 16th, from 9:00am—12:00pm

Southampton Township Building

Wednesday, September 17th from 9:00am—12:00pm

Tax office hours at 9028 Pineville Road

MONDAYS * THURSDAYS * FRIDAYS

4:00pm to 7:00pm

SATURDAYS

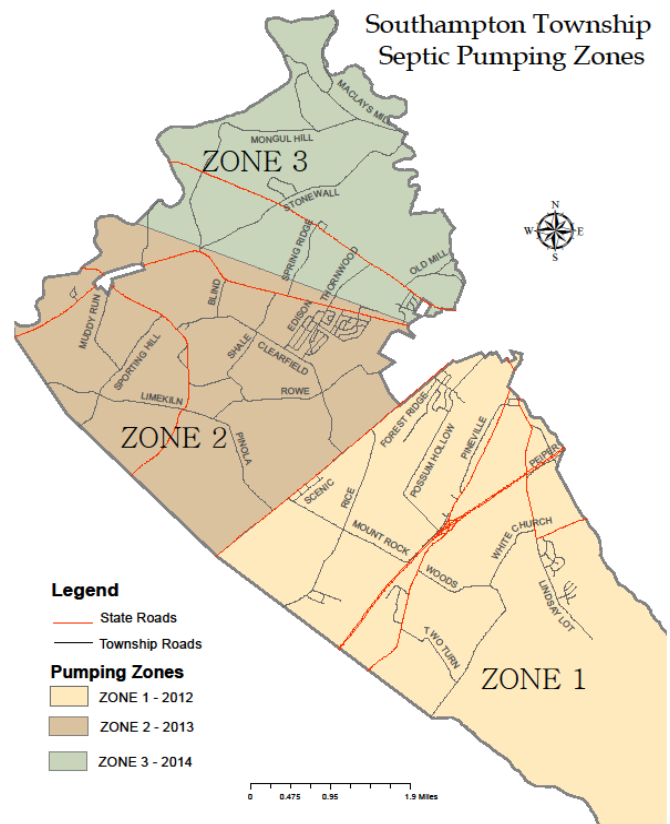
9:00am to 12:00pm

2014—Zone 3

Septic Pumping Required

If you have an on-lot septic system and live in Zone 3, please make sure to have your septic tank pumped by December 31, 2014 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
Rosenberry's Septic Service	532-4026
Rosy's Wastewater Removal	369-4809
Witter's Septic & Sanitation	369-0083
Young's Sanitary Septic Service	432-3514



General Election Day – November 4th

Polls are open from 7:00 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, please call the Franklin County Court House Voter Registration Office at 717-261-3886.

Is Your Home A Mystery To Find?

Can it be found quickly?

- In an emergency?
- When every second counts?
- Especially at night?

Unfortunately, emergencies can, and do happen. When precious seconds can mean the difference between life and death, you want to be sure you've done everything you can to put the odds in your favor. For \$10, the price of a delivered pizza, reflective address signs can help. These signs are highly reflective and very visible. It will be easier for emergency services, visiting friends, family, and repair and delivery persons to find your home, especially at night. In addition, it looks great and is inexpensive.

Reflective address markers offer these benefits:

- Better visibility. Especially at night, when reflected by headlights and when it counts the most. Help 911, fire, and law enforcement find your home quickly.
- Low cost and peace of mind. An inexpensive way to help ensure home safety and security.

Please Continue to Support Your Local Fire Department!

Fee: \$10 (Make checks payable to West End Fire and Rescue) Phone: 717-532-5555

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Circle: Vertical or Horizontal

Fill in boxes with Address

Mail to:

West End Fire and Rescue
49 Lurgan Ave.
Shippensburg, Pa 17257

For Fire Department Use Only:

Place in Lt. Holtry's Mailbox

Date received: _____

Paid: Form of Payment: Check Cash Check #: _____

Pleasant Hall Fire Company also offers these reflective signs with blue background, you may contact them at 532-5155

Southampton's Fire Suppression Rating Improves

Recently, Southampton Township was evaluated for fire protection by an Insurance Services Office (ISO). This is an independent group that evaluates fire protection in local communities for insurance companies. We are pleased to report an improvement in Southampton Townships ISO rating. Communities receive a rating 1 through 10, (With "1" being best.) based on Fire Department Capabilities, Water Distribution System and 911 capabilities. Before the evaluation, Southampton Township had a rating of 5 for areas with fire hydrants and a 9 for areas with no fire hydrants. After the completion of the evaluation, ISO reported

a rating of 4 for areas with fire hydrants and an 8B for areas with no fire hydrants. This is a significant accomplishment for our emergency services but also for the community. With the reduction in our ISO rating this may show a reduction in insurance cost for both home owners and for industry. Emergency services have reviewed the evaluation and are excited about future changes and updates that may improve our score at the next evaluation. This rating also demonstrates the fire protection that Southampton Township receives from is all volunteer firefighters.

Bulky Trash Days set for October 3rd and 4th

Southampton Township will hold its semi-annual bulky trash days on Friday, October 3rd, from 12:00pm until 5:00pm, and on Saturday, October 4th, 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. **TV's THAT ARE NOT FLAT SCREEN WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

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 2nd. You will still be re-

sponsible 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 264-4653 by Wednesday, October 1st.

**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.

CRT TVs are Still Not Accepted

We are very disappointed to report that we still cannot accept CRT TV's (Big Box Style). The market continues to be 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.

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. We are aware that this is becoming a huge inconvenience for our residents and apologize.

Thank You!

The Computer Barn—for collecting our electronic waste at no charge to the Township.

Remax Realty—for helping our disabled and elderly get rid of their bulky items.

* TIP: If you have paint cans with a small amount of wet paint in, open the cans now and put some kitty litter in. This will absorb the liquid and get hard. We can accept them at this point.

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Your Supervisors

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Samuel Cressler

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CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP

Southampton Township Office hours are from 7:00 am until 4:00pm 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

OCTOBER FALL FEST

Southampton Township is hosting its 3rd annual fall fest on Friday, October 24, 2014 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Township building. If you are looking for a great social gathering, candy for the kids, family fun activities and a dress up atmosphere, this night is for you! This free community event is a safe, fun Halloween alternative for families. Everyone is invited to come in costume and bring some candy for trick or trunk, small games for children, coffee/hot chocolate will be served and local Fire Companies will be here with fire trucks! Prizes for best costume and best trunk decoration will be awarded. We would love some community support for this event. If you would like to bring a game, help with a game, donate candy or even just give us some suggestions, please do so! You can contact Maria or Kathy at the office, message our Facebook page or use the contact us form on our website.