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Turning the Page on Recreation

Parks & Recreation in our community is a critical part of our quality of life. Our neighbors, Southampton/Cumberland and Shippensburg Township have developed beautiful parks and programs since the millennium and we have supported them financially, such as sponsoring T-Ball, as well as in spirit. Memorial Park has always been a center piece of the community and Dykeman's Spring is a passive jewel in the Borough of Shippensburg

Your supervisors have chosen to refrain from duplicating these types of park and recreation activities so our neighbors could be successful without us trying to copy or compete with them.

Instead, your township has supported the Shippensburg Community Library, authorizing a small property tax (.04 mills) each year and in 2011 donating a matching gift of \$100,000 to support upgrades to the facility.

The Borough of Shippensburg approached us last year wanting to discuss the possibility of combining our resources on our side of town to breathe renewed life into Memorial Park, the public pool, improve Dykeman's Spring and discuss other possibilities. If you look at a map, these facilities are ideally located to support our citizens. The time was right for taking a fresh look at the possibility.

We formed a study committee with representatives from the Borough of Shippensburg and Supervisor Samuel Cressler and Staff member Maria Misner from the Township to determine the feasibility of establishing a brand new Community Park and Recreation Authority. After reviewing the financials, budgets, costs, needs and interests, it was determined that the possibilities of a joint Park and Recreations

Authority was not only feasible, but a prospect with a lot of potential.

We reached out to the township folks through print media, Facebook and our website to determine the interest level of the community. We received a lot of positive interest and even had seven people apply for two positions on the new Park & Recreation Authority. We interviewed and identified two citizens to be on the new board. They are Rick Yohe and Gerilee Davis. We are excited about the enthusiasm and skill set they will bring to this Authority. By the time of this printing we will have probably approved the joint creation of the Shippensburg Community Park & Recreation Authority with the Borough of Shippensburg.

This new authority is charged with taking recreation opportunities and facilities into the future. They will start with the existing places and programs and grow to meet the needs and desires of the community. Each year they will put forward a plan to your municipal leaders of what they have done, what future programs they will start and a long term facility review.



The implementation of this Park & Recreation Authority has been set up in such a way that it must perform. However, any good program can be a great program with volunteers who have vision and passion for improving the quality of life for our community. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of parks and recreation program, please contact the Township office at 532-9041. Your support is encouraged and appreciated.

Another Efficient Year with Your Tax Dollars

We could almost cut and paste the good financial results we talked about in last year's Spring Newsletter. Our expenditures were actually down from \$1,528,201 in 2013 to \$1,362,150 in 2014. That is 10% less, and all done with NO local property tax in Southampton Township! Government can be run efficiently and your Township has demonstrated that for many years now.

Your Supervisors have always focused on the essentials. They have historically believed the people want good roads, emergency services and a good quality of life. We want

negative impacts addressed but not to the level that Township officials are paid to be snooping around in your back yard looking for any type of code violation.

We had a legal battle with the new trucking company on Seibert Road about the definition of "Industrial Zone" and "Industrial Uses" but, through sensible negotiations, we have been successful in creating the installation of a tree buffer screening to help lessen the impact on residents of this neighborhood. There is no perfect system but we try to be fair to everyone.

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have good jobs nearby but these uses can create other issues. We have allocated Township funds and are continuing to work together with these companies to mitigate these negative impacts on all our residents.

Land Use Planning is a major concern for your supervisors. We directed all big commercial growth to the Interstate where its impacts to the community are minimized, while at the same time providing jobs and hopefully other amenities associated with it. This is why comprehensive planning is so important. It balances needs of the community such as jobs, roads, utilities, and safety, with quality of life issues such as recreation and controlling nuisances.

We have grown in population to over 8,000 citizens. Interstate 81, Exit 24 is growing and we are still protecting our farm land. Keeping your local government small and responsive is critical.

This balancing act can be achieved without taxing you to death while at the same time we can live a good quality of life together.

Primary Election Day—May 19th

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Branch Creek Place Opens

With great excitement, the new Shippensburg Senior Center, Branch Creek Place, will begin to move into its new home at 115 North Fayette Street on April 6th. The official opening date will be April 13th. With all of the renovations, the center will be a great place with lots of activities for anyone 50 years of age and older.



Branch Creek will be open from 9:00am—3:00pm, but with the new facility evening hours will be possible along with new activities, so check in frequently.

For more information, please call 717-300-3563.

“Steer Clear” of Road Crews and Emergency Responders

PA has several statutes aimed at protecting road crews and motorists alike. The law requires motorists to turn on headlights when entering posted work areas. Move into the left lane and slow down when emergency responders, law enforcement, road crews, fire officials, tow truck operators or any emergency vehicle is along the road. Failure to move to the left, or slow down could result in fines and suspension of license.

Help Eliminate Litter and Illegal

Southampton Township Supervisors have partnered with Commuters to clean up litter and eliminate illegal dumping. The Supervisors are working with Commuter Services of Pa. to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful to stop illegal dumping in our community. If you are looking for a site to help clean, contact www.pacommuterservices.org



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 21st
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Southampton Township Building

Wednesday, April 22nd
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

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASSES

Classes are 8:00am - 12:00pm

April 15	October 14& 15
June 10 & 11	December 10
August 13	

AARP Members \$15 Non-members \$20

To register for classes at the Municipal Building, call Shelly at Representative Rob Kauffman's Office at: 532-1707

Street Sweeping Notice

By the time of this printing you will probably have noticed the Township beginning to sweep the gravel stones off of the roads. Some people rake excess stones out of their yards, which is fine; however, please make sure there are no sticks or sod clumps mixed in with the stones. If the driver notices sticks, he will pass the area due to clogging the machine.

set for April 10th and 11th

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annual
:00pm
until 5:00pm, and on Saturday, April 11th, from
7:00am until 12:00pm. Township households can
once again take advantage of this opportunity to dis-
card any junk they have collected over the year(s) 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 log 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, includ-
ing: waste oil, paint, insecticides, inks, solvents, aeros-
ols or pressurized containers. No motors containing
gasoline or oil, tanks-welding or cooking; ammunition
or anything explosive. No hospital/ biohazard waste,
industrial wastes of any kind, or anything containing
asbestos. No contaminated soil, 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. There
will be a \$2.00 fee for each additional tire. We do not
accept tires on rims. Automobile tires larger than 15"
are \$10.00 each. No tractor or large truck tires. We
reserve the right to refuse tires based upon size.

Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or any-
thing that has Freon in will also have a \$5.00 charge.

The township can accept automobile batteries in small
numbers.

Southampton Township will continue to collect desk-
top computers, laptops, monitors, computer periph-
erals, flat-screen TVs and other electronics at our semi-
annual bulky trash day. They will be properly recycled
at NO CHARGE to our residents.

We will have big roll-off containers on site. If you are
able bodied, you may choose to use the self-unload
zone. Please put metal in the trailers provided and
place electronics gently under the shed. You can oth-
erwise pull up to the loaders where Township employ-
ees will be happy to assist 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 Thurs-
day, April 9th. 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, please call Lane's office at
709-7063 by Wednesday, April 9th.

Changes to Bulky Trash Days

Prescription Drug Collection

To help keep unused prescription drugs from falling into
the wrong hands, we will have a representative from the
Franklin County District Attorney's Office present to col-
lect any unwanted prescription medications. Items that
WILL NOT be collected include needles, syringes, or any
unlawful drugs (marijuana, clandestine manufactured
methamphetamine, etc.)

Recycling CRT (Tube) TVs

Disposing of the CRT TVs continues to be a problem;
however, **the Township will accept one (1) CRT TV
from each household for a fee of \$10** for handling and
transportation to dispose of it properly.

If you would like to properly dispose of your own elec-
tronic waste at any time, (including CRT TVs) free of
charge, The Adams Rescue Mission Recycling in Gettys-
burg will recycle anything with a cord as long as it does
not contain any Freon, oils or fuels.

Adams Rescue Mission Recycling

2515 York Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-334-7502

Drop off between 8 am-8 pm. Monday through Saturday
(excluding holidays).

www.adamsrescuemission.org/your-recycling-center

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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**, or through our website. 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

www.southamptontownship.org

OUTDOOR BURNING

As springtime approaches, many residents will be cleaning up and burning residual yard waste. Township Ordinance 2002-002 regulates outdoor fires and burning. It states:

- Contained burning (“burn barrel” or other outside incinerator) must occur at a distance of 25 feet from the nearest point of any building or property line.
- An open fire must occur at a distance of 100 feet from the nearest point of any building and at least 50 feet from any property line.
- It is unlawful to burn any substance other than organic plant material such as tree limbs, brush, shrubbery, clippings, and household paper, cardboard and/or wood.
- All burning must be conducted under the supervision of an adult who shall be present at all times during the burning & must extinguish the fire completely when not attended.

Questions regarding burning may be directed to Southampton Township at 532-9041 or West End Fire & Rescue Company at 532-5555.