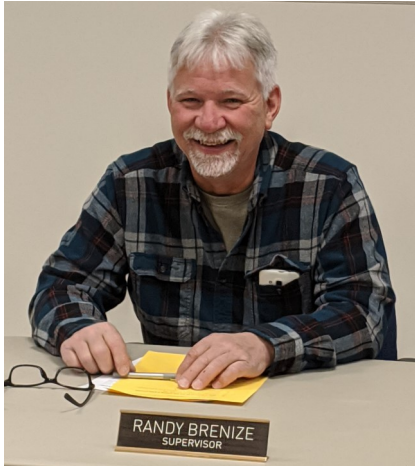




# SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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## Southampton Township Welcomes Supervisor Randy Brenize

Southampton Township would like to welcome Randy Brenize as a newly elected Supervisor. Randy is a life-long resident of Shippensburg, and has been a self-employed building contractor for the last 28 years. He has always been a strong supporter of high school and college athletics and enjoys volunteering within the community.

Randy will be using his contractor skills to help cut maintenance and improvements costs on Township properties and buildings as well as work with the roadcrew.

He is looking forward to being part of the Southampton team and working with residents. Feel free to stop in to say hello, or greet him if you meet him on the roadways.

## Southampton Township Acquires 226 Acres Adjacent to Michaux State Forest

According to the National Recreation and Park Association, NRPS, the typical park and recreation agency has 9.5 acres of park land per 1,000 residents and has one park for every 2,277 residents. As of 2018, Southampton Township had over 8,000 residents and one 2-acre park. So when New Enterprise Stone and Lime shut down operations in their quarry off of Lindsay Lot Road, the Township began to seriously look at the property for the benefit of its residents. The land has 226 acres comprised of 110 acres of transitional forest land with some steep slopes, 80 acres of relatively flat tillable ground and 22 acres of sand quarries, which were required to be remediated.

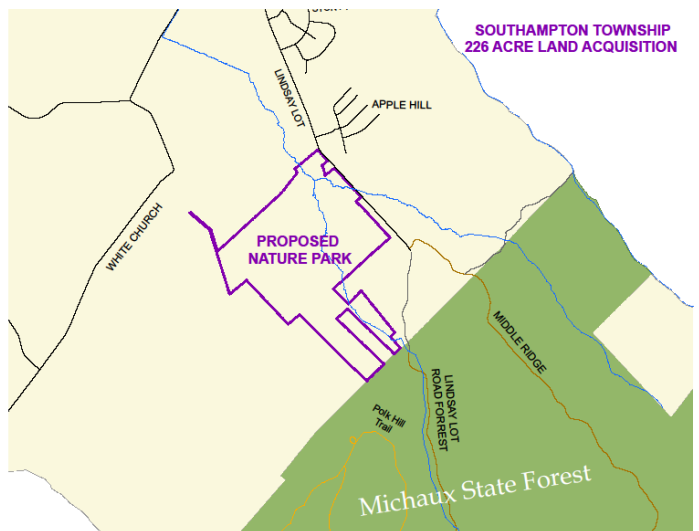
The land connects to Michaux State Forest which offers the Township an opportunity to combine and share resources as an added benefit. An old state forest road directly behind the property will make it possible to connect to the Appalachian Trail and Ridge Road.

With unique features, good location and broad support from Franklin County Planning Commission, the Commissioner's Office, Shippensburg Community Parks and Recreation Authority (SCPRA), and other interested parties, the Township applied for a Land Acquisition grant through DCNR for recreational purposes. In November of 2018, the Township was awarded

\$500,000 to put towards the property. It was one of the highest awards in the state!

Initial thoughts on the property are for passive recreation with trails, picnic areas and outdoor education. The next step will be to have a master plan completed and a steering committee appointed. If residents are interested in serving on a Park Steering Committee, please contact:

Maria Misner—[mmisner@southamptontownship.org](mailto:mmisner@southamptontownship.org)



## Referendum on the April 28<sup>th</sup> Primary Ballot for Southampton Township to Permit the Sale of Liquor

Currently, fast food and diners are about the extent of permissible restaurants in Southampton Township. Many residents have expressed their desire for quality restaurants to come to the area. In order for that to happen, the Township would be required to change from a “dry” to a “wet” Township. The PA Liquor Control Board (PA-LCB) determines the requirements that needed to be met for a Township to change their status.

- ♦ A petition with a minimum of 730 signatures in favor of the liquor referendum must be signed by registered voters of Southampton Township. (That number is predetermined based upon previous general election votes.)
- ♦ All persons circulating the petition are required to be registered voters of Pennsylvania.
- ♦ All signatures needed to be obtained between the dates of January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> a couple dozen registered voters went door to door in Southampton Township collecting signatures for three weeks. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, petitions with approximately 950 signatures were turned in to the Franklin County Commissioner's Office. All signatures were checked by the Commissioners Office and 870 were verified, well over the 730-amount required to put it on the ballot.

### What Would it Mean for the Township to go “Wet”?

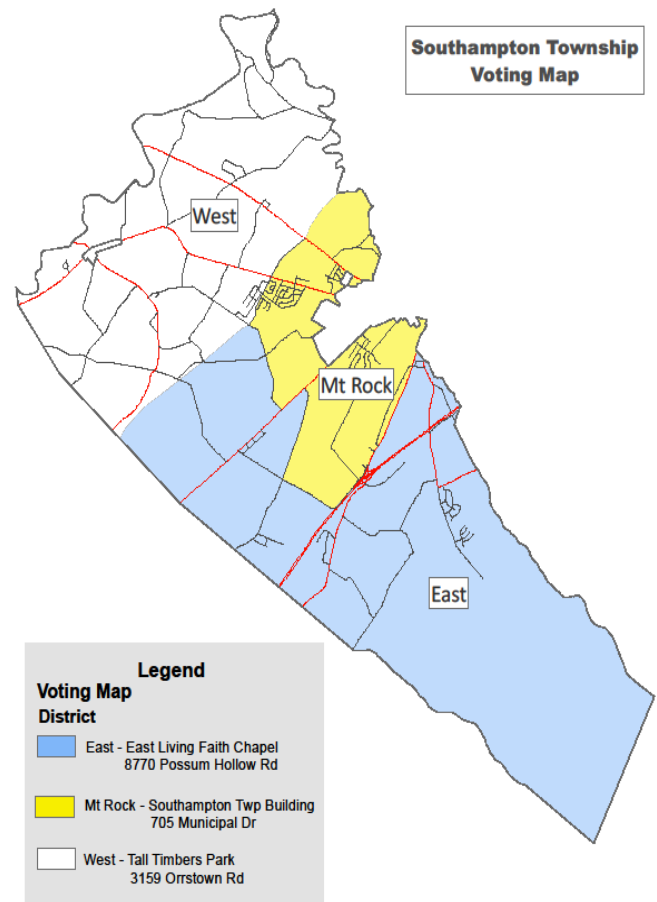
The PA-LCB has very stringent requirements that specify Restaurants, Eating Places and Hotels all must “be habitually and principally be used for the purpose of providing food to the public.” They must be able to seat and serve at least 30 patrons with dishes and silverware, have a functioning kitchen, and serve “real” food, not snacks. They must possess a

valid health license issued by the governing municipal authority. Only one license is permitted per 3,000 residents. Southampton Township currently has approximately 8,500 residents. Restaurants that serve alcohol are only permitted in the Retail Commercial or Light Industry zones.

### The Referendum

The referendum to grant liquor licenses for the sale of liquor in the Township will be on the April 28<sup>th</sup>, Primary Election Ballot. **All registered voters will be allowed to vote on the referendum including Independent and 3<sup>rd</sup> party voters.** It will read as follows:

*Do you favor the granting of liquor licenses for the sale of liquor in the Township of Southampton, Franklin County?*



## PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

**April 28th**

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

**Last day to REGISTER before the primary**

**April 13th**

**Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian  
absentee ballot**

**April 21st**

**If you are still unsure where to vote on April 28th please contact:**

**Franklin County Voter Information**

**(717) 261-3886**

pick up the items for you on Thursday, April 16th. 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 717-504-8002 no later than Wednesday, April 15th.

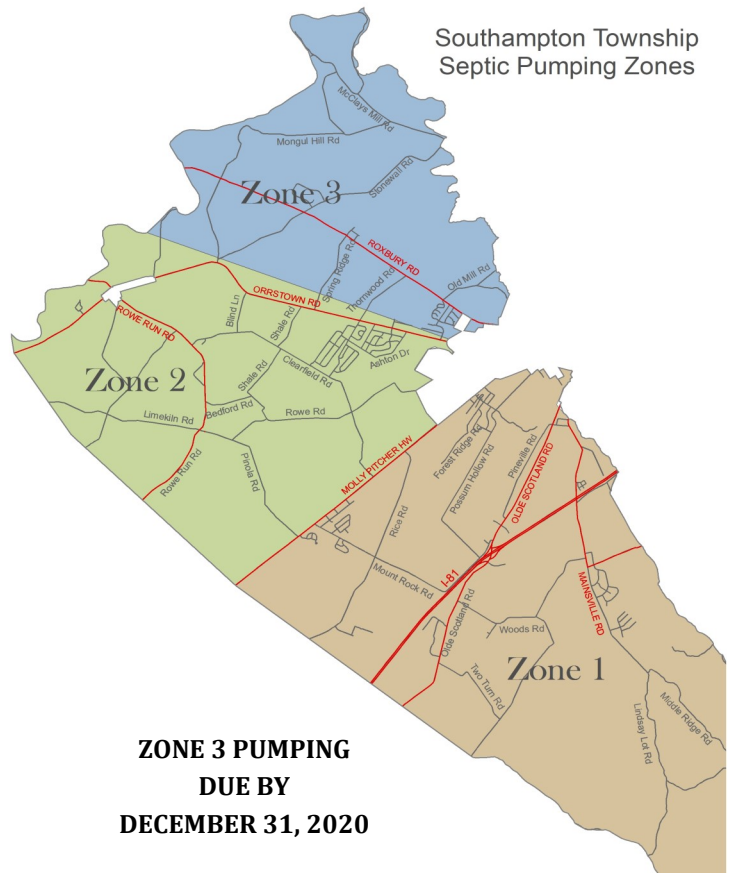
Items we DO NOT ACCEPT:

- The Township will accept up to 4 automobile tires from each household 15" or smaller free of charge. There will be a \$3/tire charge for each additional tire, and a \$4 charge for 16"-19" residential/light duty tires. **No heavy duty/commercial truck or tractor tires will be accepted.**

We will have big roll-off containers on site if you would like to self-unload. Otherwise, the employees will be happy to help you unload into the loaders.

As a free service to assist **elderly** and **handi-capped**, Lane Thrush of Keller-Williams Keystone Realty in Chambersburg is offering volunteers to

**ZONE 3 PUMPING  
DUE BY  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**



Call the Township  
with the address and  
we will take care of it  
for you.

**717-532-9041**



# **SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP**

## **FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Southampton Township  
705 Municipal Drive  
Shippensburg, PA 17257  
Phone: 717-532-9041

### **Your Supervisors**

- ◆ Paul Witter
- ◆ Samuel Cressler
- ◆ Randy Brenize

### **CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP**

Southampton Township Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. 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 our website at: [www.southamptontownship.org](http://www.southamptontownship.org). All are welcome to attend Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings, Planning Commission (PC) meetings and Park & Recreation meetings. The dates are as follows:

#### **Township Meeting Dates**

1st Thursday of the Month – 6:00 p.m. – Park & Rec.  
2nd Tuesday of the Month – 8:00 a.m. – BOS meeting  
3rd Tuesday of the Month – 6:00pm – PC meeting  
4th Tuesday of the Month – 5:00pm – BOS meeting

### **With Respect to Cats - Domestic and Feral**

#### **Summary of Township Ordinance 11-406**

**Sec.11-401 Definitions: *Cat Owner*** - Includes every person who keeps, harbors or feeds a cat or has it in his care or custody; and every person who permits a cat to remain on or about any premises for 24 hours or longer occupied by them.

#### **Sec.11-402.K.2.c Nuisance Declared Illegal**

With respect to cat(s), a cat(s) owner shall be presumed to have created or maintained a nuisance if he shall:

Permit his cat(s) to cause annoyance or discomfort to the citizens, residents or other persons lawfully in the Township, by emitting any offensive odor or smell whether from a cat, cat waste, cat box, cat kennel, cat run, or otherwise cat related odors.

#### **Sec. 11-406. – Violations and Penalties**

Should any cat owner (by the above definition) who has received a notice of violation and fail, neglect or refuse to correct or remove such condition to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors, may be subject to a proceeding before a District Magistrate and pay a fine of up to \$300/day.