



DON'T MISS.....

Winter 2007

- Sewage Management Program Established
- Volunteers Needed for Zoning Hearing Board
- Spring Clean-Up Day—May 12, 2007
- Permit for Rental Units Required in Township
- Environmental Advisory Council Formed

## Longswamp Township Establishes Sewage Management Program

Following the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors has established a Sewage Management Program for Longswamp Township. In the interest of public health, it is necessary to implement a sewage management program to effectively prevent water pollution and hazards caused by improper treatment and disposal of sewage.

All residents having an on-lot sewage disposal system are required to have the septic tank pumped out by a registered pumper/hauler at least once every three (3) years. All residences in Cycle 1 will be required to pump prior to the pump expiration deadline of June 30, 2007. A copy of the Sewage Management Ordinance is available at the Township office. Complete information on the program will be sent to you in the near future or can be viewed on our website or at the township Office.

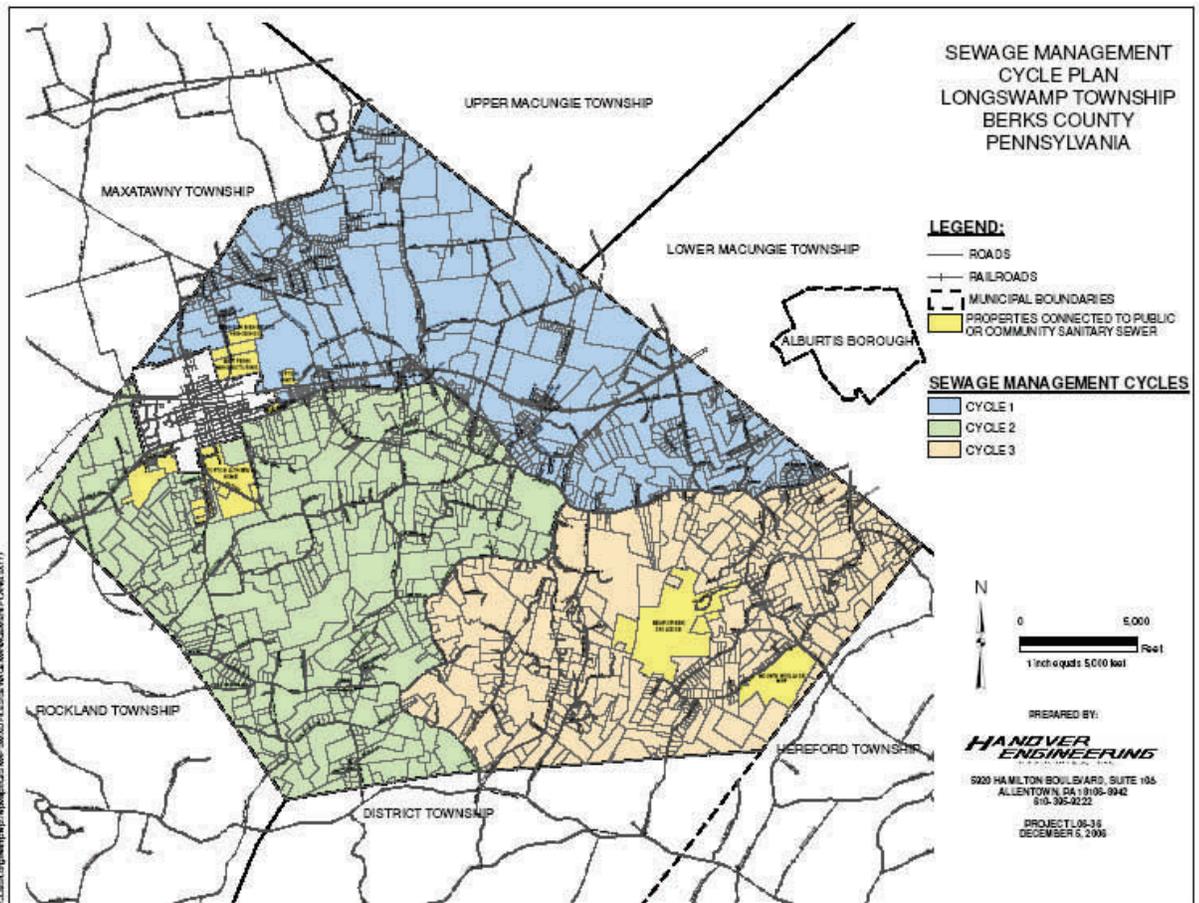
The Township has been divided into three (3) Cycle areas (map shown below):

Cycle 1 (Blue area of map) – January 2007 – June 30, 2007

Cycle 2 (Green area of map) – July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Cycle 3 (Tan area of map) – July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Repeat Cycles 1, 2 and 3 (One year per cycle July—June)



## PARK AND RECREATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We would like to welcome you to a new year at Longswamp Township Park. We have many activities planned for you to enjoy.

**March 31st (11 a.m.)**

Easter Egg Hunt (w/Easter Bunny!)

**May 11 (7-9 p.m.)**

Sixth & Seventh Grade Dance

**June 15 (7-9 p.m.)**

"School's Out for Summer" Concert

**June 25-August 10**

Summer Playground Program

**July 1 (Raindate July 2)**

Fireworks

**July**

"Swampstock" All-day musical event

**August**

The Reading Philharmonic

**September**

Sixth & Seventh Grade Dance

**October**

Halloween Parade

"Halloween in the Park"

The Playground Program has requested donations of "lightly used" blocks, Lego, Matchbox and puzzles.

Please contact us if you are interested in Volunteering at any of our events!

Mary Beth Hendley  
Director of Park & Recreation

*Events are subject to change. Please contact the Township office for confirmation at 682-7388 x29*

**FOR EVENT UPDATES CALL:  
INFORMATION HOTLINE**

**610-682-9930**

Please show courtesy to all our neighbors and friends...

Respect the rights of all to use our roads.



### Topton Fire Company

Non-Emergency Service Calls  
for Assistance may contact  
610-655-4911

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Longswamp Township's **Zoning Hearing Board** is in urgent need of two members. You must be a Township resident, but no prior experience is required.

The Board hears requests for variances and special exceptions to the Longswamp Township Zoning Ordinance. Training will be provided.

*Members of the Zoning Hearing Board may not hold any other elected or appointed office within the Township.*



**Bear Creek  
Discount Tickets!  
Save \$6.00**

Bear Creek ski and snow boarding discount tickets are being offered at the Township offices.

**Weekend/Holiday - \$40.00**

**Weekday (M-F til 4:00 p.m.) - \$30.00**

**Evening (4:00-1000 p.m.) - \$20.00**

**CALL OR STOP BY THE TOWNSHIP  
BUILDING FOR DETAILS!!!**



## Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 12, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Longswamp Township Municipal Park  
1112 State Street, Mertztown, PA  
Township Parking Lot (Pavilion #2)



### ATTENTION

#### Longswamp Township Residents Needing Emergency Services for Fire, Police, or Medical Emergencies

When using a cellular telephone to request emergency services, please be sure to tell the emergency services operator that the site of the emergency is located in Longswamp Township, Berks County. There are many areas of Longswamp Township (and other neighboring townships) where your cellular calls may be "picked up" by cellular towers in adjoining municipalities or townships and inadvertently relayed to the wrong 911 Reporting Center. It is extremely important for you to **give your full address location, including your township or municipality**, to avoid any confusion for emergency response personnel and allow for the quickest response time. If you have any questions regarding this issue call your township or municipal office for further information.

### PAVILION RENTAL INFORMATION

Longswamp Township has two pavilions available for rental from May 1 through September 30. Each pavilion has at least 16 picnic tables, restroom facilities, water, electric outlets, and grills.

The cost to reserve the pavilions is **\$75.00** each. An additional deposit of **\$25.00** is also required for clean-up/key deposit (for use of restrooms and water faucet) that is refundable upon satisfactory inspection and return of keys to the Township office. All reservations for the pavilions must be made in advance, and must be pre-paid. The \$75.00 payment is not refundable.

Your reservation includes use of the pavilions and Park facilities from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Reservations can be made at the Township Office, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Regional Parks and Recreation

Longswamp Township has been meeting with representatives from surrounding communities to explore the opportunities for future joint recreational programs.

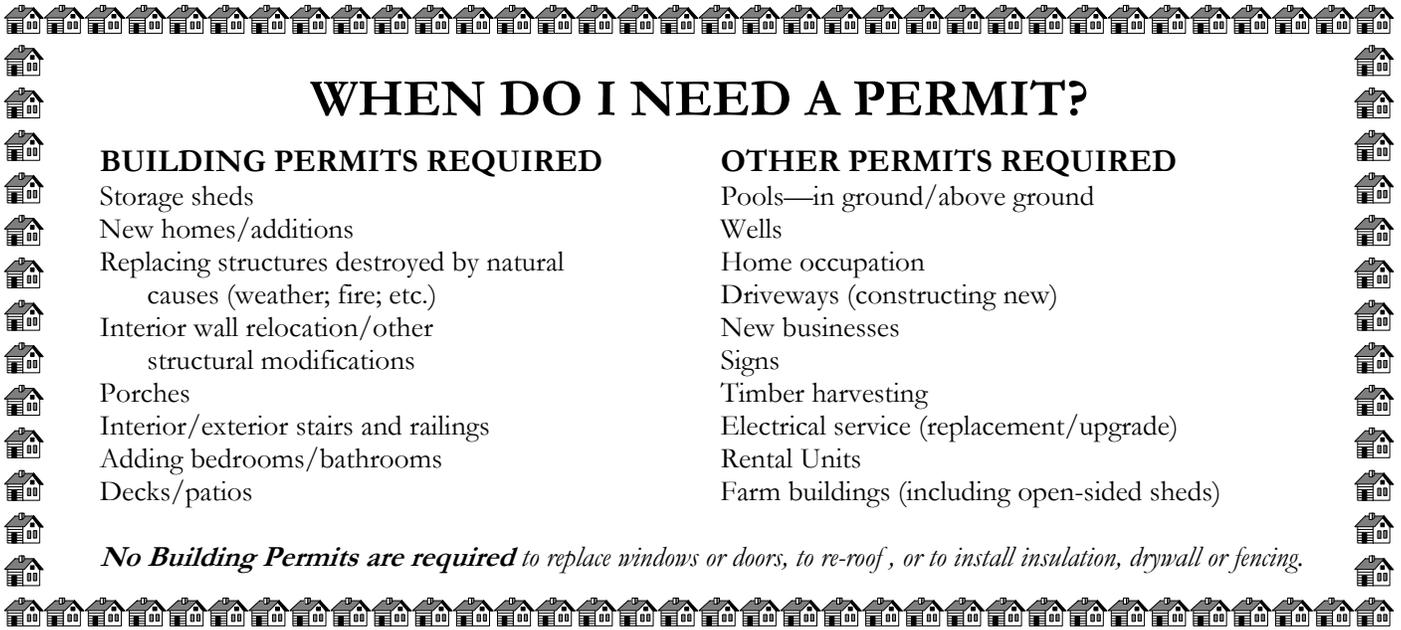
If you are interested in participating or have suggestions for this group, please attend the next meeting scheduled for May 30, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. or contact the Longswamp Township Municipal Office at 610-682-7388.

### KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

*All of us who have dogs know how important they are to our lives. For their safety it is always a good idea to keep them on a leash when we take them out for those much loved walks!*

*...and don't forget to pick up after them, your neighbors will thank you!*





# WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

## BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

- Storage sheds
- New homes/additions
- Replacing structures destroyed by natural causes (weather; fire; etc.)
- Interior wall relocation/other structural modifications
- Porches
- Interior/exterior stairs and railings
- Adding bedrooms/bathrooms
- Decks/patios

## OTHER PERMITS REQUIRED

- Pools—in ground/above ground
- Wells
- Home occupation
- Driveways (constructing new)
- New businesses
- Signs
- Timber harvesting
- Electrical service (replacement/upgrade)
- Rental Units
- Farm buildings (including open-sided sheds)

*No Building Permits are required to replace windows or doors, to re-roof, or to install insulation, drywall or fencing.*

### Tax Collector—Lorraine Meck

#### 2007 Sitting Hours at the Longswamp Township Building

Thursday, March 8 & 15— 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17 & 24— 6:00p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19 & 26— 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21 & 28— 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Thursday, June 28— 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Other times by appointment (No hours in May, 2007)

## NOTES FROM OUR ZONING OFFICER

### Address Numbers

All Township homeowners are required to have their street address number mounted on their homes so that it is plainly legible from the road fronting their property. This is to enable emergency responders, postal employees, township employees, electric and phone company employees to quickly identify your home. (Section 304.3, International Property Maintenance Code).

### Keeping Intersections Clear of Obstructions

It is vitally important that Township residents keep hedges, bushes, and trees trimmed, or remove them entirely when those plants pose a hazard to traffic by obstructing the view of motorists. Section 619 of Longswamp Township’s Zoning Ordinance states, “Clear sight triangles shall be provided at all street intersections. Within such triangles, nothing except street signs, traffic lights or signs, utility poles, and mail boxes, which impedes vision between a height of two and one-half feet

and ten feet above the center line grades of the intersecting streets shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow. Such triangles shall be established from a distance of seventy-five (75) feet from the point of intersection of the center lines of the intersecting streets, except that a clear sight triangle of 150 feet shall be provided for all intersections with arterial highways.”

Likewise, Section 4.E of Longswamp Township’s Driveway Ordinance 1998-192 states, “A clear sight triangle of a minimum of forty (40) feet shall be provided at the intersection of all driveways with streets. Such clear sight triangles shall be measured from the intersection of the centerline of the driveway and the centerline of the street, along the centerlines of the street and driveway. Within such clear sight triangles, no vision-obstructing object shall be permitted which obscures vision above a plane at a height of thirty inches or below a plane at a height of ten (10) feet, both measured from the centerline grades of the intersecting driveway and street.”

## New Ordinance Establishes Standards for Rental Property Permits and Inspection

On December 12, 2006, the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance #239 which establishes standards for rental property permits and inspection criteria. This ordinance will assist the Township in ensuring that an appropriate level of maintenance of rental properties is maintained and to ensure the safety of tenants of rental properties within the Township.

**Rental permits will be required before any resident of the Township can rent to any other for occupancy.** Mobile Home Parks will not be required to pay rental permits, but are required to submit a list of residents to the Township. In addition, no permit fee will be required of an owner or operator of a Rental Unit who is representing either a government agency or an organization operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes (non-profit agencies); all other rules and regulations included in the ordinance shall apply.

Permits will be effective as of January 1 of each year and will be in effect for that calendar year. A new permit will be required for each subsequent year. Permits must be maintained upon the premises, and multiple dwelling units must post the permit in a conspicuous place where it can be seen at all times. Permits are not transferable in the event of a change in ownership of the premises.

## Longswamp Township Forms Environmental Advisory Council

Ordinance # 234 enacted September 12, 2006 by the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors formed an Environmental Advisory Council that will have the following powers:

- Identify environmental issues affecting the township, the areas surrounding the Township, and the Township's residents.
- Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas within the Township.
- Promote a community environmental program.
- Keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, flood prone areas, swamps, and unique natural areas.

To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by the Board, and/or to propose environmental issues that the Council considers to be significant to be undertaken within the community.

Five (5) residents of the Township have volunteered and been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the Council: Diana Erney, Dale Fandl, Maryann Lantz, Mike Sacks, and Judy Sechler.



## Recycling Drop-Off Program

### Recycling Schedule—2006

Boyertown—Hereford—Tipton

January 6	May 26	October 13
February 3	June 23	November 10
March 3	July 21	December 8
March 31	August 18	
April 28	September 15	

### Recycling Locations

Boyertown—Borough Garage, rear of S. Reading Ave.  
 Tipton—West Barkley and South Cherry Street  
 Hereford—Township Building, 3131 Seisholtzville Rd.

**Acceptable materials include:** clear glass, green glass, brown glass, aluminum cans, bi-metal cans, newsprint, cardboard, plastics (PET #1 & HDPE #2), magazines, catalogs, phone books, junkmail, and mixed office paper. **NO plastic toys, storage boxes, five gallon buckets, or any plastics other than detergent or food containers. No scrap metals, vinyl siding or construction waste or paint.**

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P.O. Box 37  
Mertztown, PA 19539  
Phone: 610-682-7388  
Fax: 610-682-9067  
Email: lngswmp@ptd.net  
www.longswamptwp.us

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## LONGSWAMP TOWNSHIP REFERENCE LOG

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Donald C. Siegfried, Chairman  
Bruce E. Hall, Vice-Chairman  
Steven C. Wyka, Supervisor

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Richard N. Meier, Chairman  
Michael Radcliffe, Vice-Chairman  
Cathi Kratzer, Secretary  
Bruce Godfriaux  
Stanley Bauman  
David Q. River  
Frank Karoly

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DAYS

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DAYS

1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

Robert Friedly, Chairman  
Karl Fenstermacher  
Preston Boyer

### ENGINEER

Hanover Engineering Associates  
5920 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 108  
Allentown, PA 18106-8942  
(610) 395-9222

### SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT

Hanover Engineering Associates  
252 Brodhead Road, Suite 100  
Bethlehem, PA 18017-8744  
(610) 691-5644

### TAX COLLECTOR

Lorraine A. Meck  
9540 Longswamp Road  
Mertztown, PA 19539  
(610) 641-9119

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

American Inspection Agency, Inc.  
342 Miller Road  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608  
(610) 678-4336

### ZONING OFFICER

CODE ENFORCEMENT  
ASST. SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT  
Edmund W. Bender  
(610)682-7388 x35

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