



DON'T MISS.....

Spring/Summer 2014

- Pennsylvania's 24th Senatorial District, Senator Bob Mensch, Contact Information
- Featured Community Events & Important Dates
- Check the Township's Website Frequently (www.longswamptwp.us) for Great Up-To-Date Information

~ a municipal community newsletter for enjoyment by residents and businesses of Longswamp Township ~

Longswamp Ledger

It is with pride in our community, its residents and businesses, and various organizations, that the Board of Supervisors of Longswamp Township present you with this latest issue of the Longswamp Ledger Newsletter. It is our hope that the information contained within this edition will be helpful and of value to you. It is our pleasure to provide it to your household.

It's that time of the year again... time to look forward to the sunny days of Summer by spending them at the Longswamp Township Municipal Park by registering for the 2014 Summer Playground Program. This year's Program will run week-days from June 16th through August 8th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Program is intended for children ages 6 to 11 years old. Registrations will be taken at the Township Municipal Office week-days from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Registration Fees for the eight-week Program is as follows:

\$50.00 per child for Longswamp Township residents

\$70.00 per child for non-Township residents

(there is no discount for additional family members)

PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 610/682-7388

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Pennsylvania's 24th Senatorial District

Senator Bob Mensch, and his Chief of Staff, Lisa Walter, held a Meet and Greet on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at the Longswamp Township Municipal Building. Senator Mensch hosted the Meet and Greet and answered questions posed by those in attendance.

You may subscribe to Senator Bob Mensch's e-newsletters and stay connected to updates on state and local issues by visiting Senator Mensch's website at: www.senatormensch.com.

You may also visit or call the District Office near you:

Lehigh County Office
1245 Chestnut Street, Unit #5
Emmaus, PA 18049
610/965-1466

~ LONGSWAMP TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION ~

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 2014 PUZZLE TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

January 17th Tournament: 1st Place \$50 Winners: "Team Kenneth" finished in 1-hour and 25 minutes
 2nd Place \$30 Winners: "Team Dougherty"
 3rd place \$20 Winners: "Team Sexton"

February 21st Tournament: 1st Place \$50 Winners: "Luke's Team" finished in 45 minutes
 2nd Place \$30 Winners: "Team Keeney"
 3rd Place \$20 Winners: "Team Dougherty"

March 14th Tournament: 1st Place \$50 Winners: "Team Sexton" finished in 1-hour and 12 minutes
 2nd Place \$30 Winners: "Team Keeney"
 3rd Place \$20 Winners: "Team Parks"

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun event, as well as for the generous monetary donation\$.

Township Park Pavilion Rental Information

Spring is here and picnic plans are in full swing. Longswamp Township has two pavilions available for rent from May 1st through September 30th. Both pavilions offer at least 16 picnic tables with bbq grills, as well as restroom facilities, water, and electricity, in addition to the use of the beautiful Park facilities from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The cost to reserve a pavilion is \$100.00 each... \$25.00 is a refundable cleaning fee/key deposit. All pre-paid reservations must be made in advance at the Township Office.

Please Make Note for 2015: Next year's pavilion rentals will be taken at the Township Office beginning on April 1st so that the bulk of wintery travel weather is long behind. Taking reservations after the worst of winter's wrath will help to provide more optimal travel conditions for everyone to make their booking. As always, please contact the Township Office if you should have any questions.

2013 PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH CLASS GRADUATION PARTY... Congratulations to all those who attended PA Dutch Class which was held at the Township Municipal Building each Thursday from September to December, 2013.

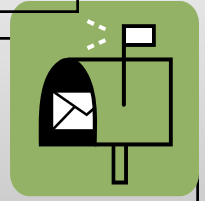
Instructors Fred Fritch and LeRoy Brown (sitting center, bottom row).



Township Public Works

The major responsibility of the Township Public Works Department is to maintain approximately 70 miles of roadways. This includes storm sewer inspections, cleaning roadways and intersections, road repairs and crack sealing, road improvements, and many other various construction projects through-out the Township. The Road Crew also maintains a fleet of equipment on a daily basis, in addition to performing routine building and park maintenance.

In accordance with the 2nd Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Board of Supervisors of Longswamp Township hereby notifies all residents and/or property owners that Longswamp Township will not accept responsibility for damage to any objects/items (mailboxes, planters, fences, plants and/or shrubs, etc.) placed within the legally defined right-of-way of its roads. Persons placing such objects within the right-of-way (16.5 feet from the center of the road) do so at their own risk, and must accept responsibility. The Township is obligated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to maintain its roads and byways entrusted to it, which are our primary responsibility.



We will try our best to avoid your mailbox, planter, fence, plants and/or shrubs. If you feel you have a complaint beyond the parameters specified above, please contact the Township Office by submitting a Resident Complaint Form. We will further investigate the situation and try to work out a solution acceptable to all parties concerned upon receipt of the necessary form.

Township Roads



What a Winter!!!

The Township Road Crew certainly had their hands (and plows) full this Winter. The Township Public Works Department wishes to thank everyone for their patience and co-operation while the Road Crew maintained the safety of our area roadways through-out the treacherous winter conditions. The Road Crew undertook this winter with countless hours of snow plowing and spreading salt so drivers could navigate safely around the Township. The Road Crew wishes to thank those who took the time to say “thank you” for a job well done through this very busy season. Let’s hope for a well-deserved beautiful Spring!

Spring Car Care Tips...

These spring car care tips will help you stay safe and keep your vehicle running smooth. Each year cold temperatures, snow and ice, road salt, potholes, frost heaves, batteries, tires, brakes and suspensions put vehicles to the test. Most new vehicles have “smart” computer systems that alert you about this and that, there still can be some components that can make your vehicle unsafe if left unattended. Spring is the time to “thank” our hard-working vehicles for their great winter performance with a maintenance overhaul. A spring check-up which includes the following can help uncover winter damage:

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| 1. Test and replace weak batteries, plugs and wires | 6. Check fluid levels |
| 2. Check tire pressure | 7. Change out the engine air filter |
| 3. Inspect and replace worn belts and hoses | 8. Check windshield wipers for wear & cracks |
| 4. Inspect your vehicle’s brake system | 9. Clean the interior |
| 5. Check the suspension and wheel alignment | 10. Wash the exterior |

COMPLAINTS

All complaints must be submitted to the Township Office by completing a Resident Complaint Form. This form allows you the opportunity to describe the nature of your complaint or concern by being as specific as possible so that the appropriate Township personnel can attempt to resolve the issue in a timely manner. If your complaint or concern is related to an immediate threat or danger to public safety and/or welfare, it will be expedited to priority level for resolution; however, other issues may require extended work by Township Staff to resolve.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR COMPLAINT IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL.

MOVING & OCCUPANCY PERMITS

Moving and Occupancy Permits are issued at the Township Office and are required for anyone moving into, out of, or within the Township. Please contact the Township Office so that we may furnish you with the required permit form in the event a move is planned in your future.

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 taking them out for those much loved walks through-out our neighborhoods or while visiting the Township Park... and don't forget to pick up after them, your neighbors and fellow Park patrons will thank you!



Residents of Longswamp Township have a full year to pump their on-lot septic system. Experience has shown us that property owners who wait until the end of their designated cycle to pump, often run into unexpected difficulties. As a result, they end up violating the cycle's deadline. We encourage residents not to wait until the end of the cycle year to pump in order to avoid any unforeseen problems.

PLEASE NOTE CYCLE 2 FOR PUMPING ON-LOT SEPTIC IS NOW IN EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 2013 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2014

LONGSWAMP TOWNSHIP SEWAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

~ Reminder to Pump On-Lot Septic Systems for Residents in Cycle 2 ~

Property Owners who have an individual sewage disposal system are required to have the system tank cleaned out by a registered pumper/hauler at least once every three years.

CYCLE 1: July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

(North side of State Street & Mountain Road, East of Topton Borough)

CYCLE 2: July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

(North side of State Street, West of Topton Borough & South side of State Street, West of Centennial Road & Woodside Avenue)

CYCLE 3: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

(South side of State Street & Mountain Road, East of Centennial Road and Woodside Avenue)

Repeat Cycles 1 ~ 2 ~3

The 2014 Special Waste Collections information below has been supplied by the Berks County Solid Waste Authority.

Please visit their website for further details regarding the various recycling efforts through-out Berks County:

www.countyofberks.com/swa

2014 SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTIONS
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SPRING EVENTS- NEW LOCATION
Governor Mifflin Intermediate School
 600 Governor Dr.
 Shillington, Pa. 19607

Household Hazardous Waste April 19, 2014	Paper Shredding & Pharmaceutical Waste April 26, 2014
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FALL EVENTS
FirstEnergy Stadium
 Rt. 61, Reading

Paper Shredding & Pharmaceutical Waste October 11, 2014	Household Hazardous Waste October 18, 2014
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Electronic & Tire Recycling Center
 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, PA. (in Bern Twp)
 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday (year round) 8AM - NOON



For more information:
 (610) 478-6362
www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/swa



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Bethlehem, PA 18017-8944
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LTL Consultants, Ltd.
One Town Centre Drive, P.O. Box 241
Oley, PA 19547-0241
610/987-9290 or 610/682-7388 ext. 35
John "Butch" Yoder

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

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

LONGSWAMP TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1112 STATE STREET, MERTZTOWN, PA 19539-9101

Township Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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