

SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear Residents,

June is gearing up to be quite an exciting month for South Heidelberg Township. First, our Summer Playground is set to begin on Monday, June 11th. More information on that can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Secondly, settlement on the new Municipal Office Complex is tentatively set for June 12th and work is already taking place in preparation of moving from our current location on North Galen Hall Road to the new building on Mountain Home Road. While certain municipal functions such as Police Services will continue uninterrupted, there may need to be some services that are temporarily curtailed or suspended during this period. Please keep these suggestions in mind until we have completed the move:

1. **All Police Emergency Calls should be made by using 9-1-1 to contact the County Communications Center.**
2. **Police Non-Emergency calls should be directed to the Communications Center by calling (610) 655-4911.**
3. While we are moving we will attempt to keep the Township Office open for other services but we may be required to close for one or two days depending upon how smoothly the move of our computer system and transfer of our telephone lines occurs. The Township telephone number will remain the same (610) 678-9652 as will the Township FAX (610) 678-9411.
4. All Township & Police business should be transacted at **555A** Mountain Home Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608 (which will be the new Township Office Address) beginning June 12, 2012. All public meetings of Township Boards & Commissions will also be moved to this location. Please use that address to contact us after that date. **555** Mountain Home Road will continue to be the address used by the Forino Company, who will be renting the lower level back from the Township.

A formal, "Public Open House" will be held sometime in September and you will receive a notice of that when it is set. We hope everyone will come out to see their new Township Office Facility, which is expected to serve the needs of our Municipality for the next 25 to 30 years. We will be using the Reading Eagle and possibly local radio stations for special announcements concerning the move, if necessary. We ask for your cooperation and indulgence during this time and promise that we will make the transition as painless as possible for our residents and apologize in advance for any inconveniences.

Sincerely,

Ronald R. Seaman,
Township Manager



Spring is a great time to explore and make use of the various recreational areas and facilities throughout the Township. A mixture of tennis, sand volleyball, baseball and basketball courts as well as playground equipment for different age groups can be found at the various locations.

South Mountain Park

North Galen Hall & Hill Roads

Spring Meadows Park

Butternut Court

Belle Alto Park

Slater Drive

Heidelberg Run East

*Mountain Home Road, North Sandy Lane,
South Sandy Lane*

Heidelberg Run West

North Arthur Drive, East Clearview Drive

Our parks are for the enjoyment and use by all, please be respectful of others, especially residents adjacent to these areas. Please take note of the following regulations which are in effect at all recreational facilities. Parks close at dusk. Pets, alcohol, firearms and the use of motorized vehicles are prohibited at all times. Facilities are inspected daily by Maintenance Staff and patrolled by Township Police Officers. Vandalism or foul or abusive language will not be tolerated. Anyone observing such behavior is urged to report it by calling the Communications Center at 610-655-4911.



Meeting monthly now that 2014 is approaching quickly, the committee is putting together events and dates, souvenir items, a parade and a book. Yes, we have an active committee. From the community we still need South Heidelberg Township logo ideas, ideas for items that just make the new township book (history and current industry) and encouragement!

Did you read the article in the Reading Eagle about the "Hain Mansion?" The large stone home on Route 422 between Joy Bookstore and the Sinking Spring YMCA branch was once part of a 140 acre farm which covered both sides of the highway. The house is now in a great state of disrepair. The YMCA is engaging the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County to help save the historic home. Better known locally in the last century as the Krick Farm, the house has "1815—Fasig" painted on a chimney wall in the attic. This property, at least the portion on the south side of 422 is within South Heidelberg Township.

Submitted by Bonnie Giammotti
100th Anniversary Committee



**BUILDING & ZONING
PERMIT
INFORMATION**



The Uniform Construction Code (UCC) administration and enforcement official for the Township is Tom Schultz of Technicon Enterprises, Inc. II (TEI). Tom can be reached at TEI by calling 610-286-1622, ext. 105 or at the Municipal Building on the first Thursday of the month from 2-4 PM. Permit applications are available from the Township Office, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM. Please be advised that a 15 business day application review period is permitted by the Code and no work shall begin until a permit has been issued. Inspections must be scheduled with TEI a minimum of 24 hours in advance. A permit becomes invalid unless authorized construction work begins within 180 days after issuance or if the work is abandoned for 180 days after its commencement.



**Western Berks
Fire Department
Company 18**
www.westernberksfire.org

This August will mark the three year anniversary of the official establishment of the Western Berks Fire Department. Since August of 2009, a number of changes have taken place in order to facilitate a more effective and efficient operation while at the same time continuously providing an extraordinary level of emergency services to the community.

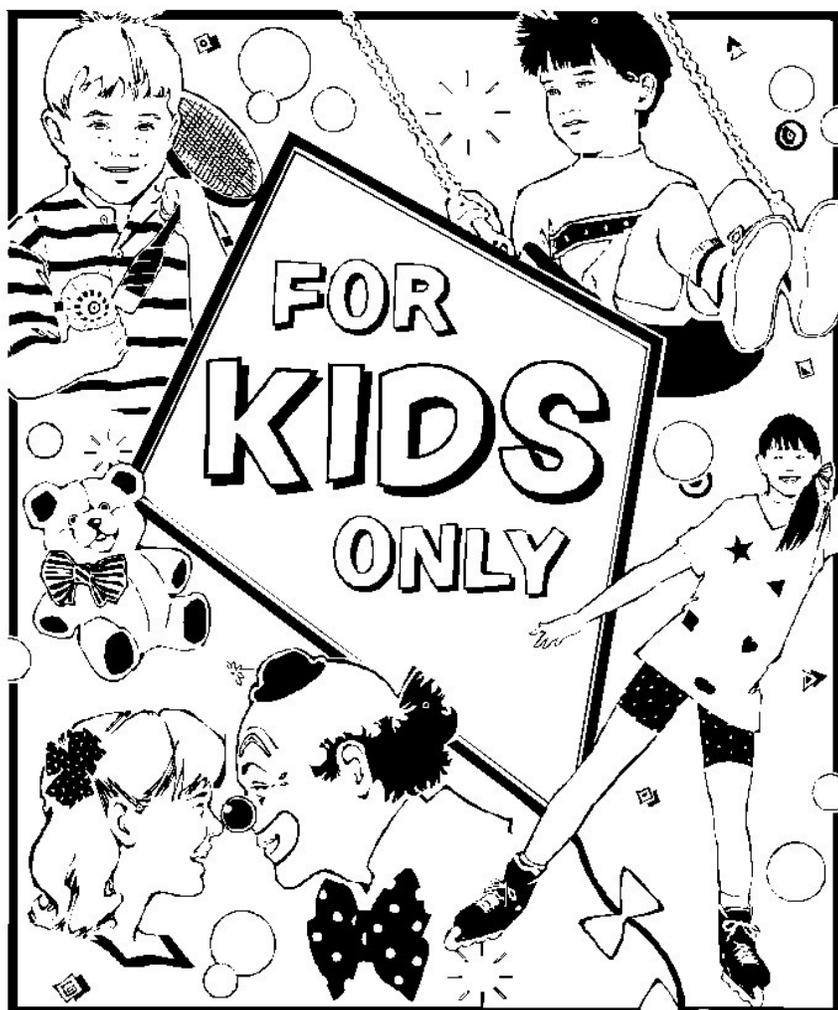
In mid-2011, the department advertised to hire four career firefighters to supplement our volunteer coverage at times when manpower was low. Throughout 2011, a committee reviewed over thirty applications and interviewed eight potential candidates for the positions. After much deliberation and discussion, the committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that two firefighters be hired immediately and two additional firefighters in July 2012. In February of 2012, Career Firefighters Chad Mundell and Steve Noll started with the department. These individuals work Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm which are the department's times when volunteer manpower is low. In addition to providing supplemental coverage to our volunteer staff, the career firefighters are also tasked with equipment and facility maintenance, fire prevention demonstrations, pre-incident analysis planning and other tasks as assigned.

Other significant projects completed include standardizing and upgrading equipment at each of our four stations, enhancing the training offered to our members and eliminating duplicated equipment. Future projects include enhancing our fire prevention program, developing a long range plan to address the future of the department and bolstering our volunteers by developing a recruitment and retention program.

More information on the Western Berks Fire Department is available by visiting our website, <http://www.westernberksfire.org> or stopping by one of our stations.



PPL Electric Utilities owns and maintains the public street lights serving the Township. Malfunctioning lights may be reported directly to PPL Electric Utilities at 1-800-DIAL PPL (800-342-5775) or you may advise the Township Office and the staff will make a report to PPL. It will facilitate reporting the problem to have the location of the light and the pole number, if available. Pole numbers can be found on two metal plates affixed to the poles.



Summer Playground June 11th - August 3th South Mountain Park North Galen Hall & Hill Roads

It's that time again! Planning is underway for our 2012 Summer Playground Program and Township children ages 4 through 13 are encouraged to register. Participants can enjoy summertime at South Mountain Park, our scenic recreation area located at North Galen Hall & Hill Roads with a variety of outdoor activities. Our staff is putting together a packed schedule of themed activities, arts & crafts projects, games, contests, field trips and more! Please join us beginning June 11th. We need **YOU** to make this year's program a success!

SESSIONS BY AGE:

Junior Playground

M-F

9 AM -11 AM (4&5)

9 AM-1:30 PM (6&7)

Senior Playground

M-F

9 AM-1:30 PM (8-13)

T & TH

6:30-8:30 PM (8-13)

PLAYGROUND FEES:

Residents

\$25-1st Child

\$20-2nd Child

\$10-Each Additional Child

Non-Residents

\$35-per child

- *Juniors must have turned 4 by June 1st.*
- *Juniors turning 6 during the season and attending 1st grade in the fall may attend the entire 4 1/2 hour session.*
- *7 year olds entering 3rd grade in the fall may attend as seniors.*

Registration will be held in the basement of the Municipal Building, 68A North Galen Hall Road on Wednesday, May 30th between 6PM and 8PM. Staff members will be on hand to assist you and answer questions about the program. If you are unable to attend registration, forms are available by calling 610-678-9652. Please note: registration forms **must** be completed before a child may participate in the program.

Bridge to Daisy Summer Program



**Welcome girls
entering K & 1st
grade who are
not registered
Girl Scouts.**

**This program will be
held at the same time
as Twilight Camp.**

If more information is needed call:

Heather Schoener	484-866-4143 hschoenen@gsep.org
Ann Reynolds	610-693-6640 reynolds40@comcast.net
Blu Degler	610-678-0641

Programs available for all age girls
(k-12th grade) www.gsep.org

Twilight Camp "The Four Seasons"

Build and fly your own kite; wind your ribbon around the maypole; design your own flip-flops; make & eat your own ice cream; go geo-caching; enjoy a Harvest Festival; have a snowball fight in June!! Enjoy an All Seasons celebration on Friday...These are only few of the activities that await you at Twilight Camp!

When: Monday through Friday
June 18th—22nd
6:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: On the lawn behind the
Conrad Weiser Middle School
347 E. Penn Ave. in Robesonia

Who: All Daisy, Brownie, & Junior Girl Scouts

Fee: \$50 fee for the week includes all activities and a fun patch. Non-registered Girl Scouts will also have a \$12 GS Registration fee. Any adult who volunteers for the week will receive a rebate worth half-off one child's camp fee. Baby sitting is available for volunteers with younger children.

Questions may be directed to Maria Palumbo
610-670-2468 or mcrottypalumbo@yahoo.com.

Space is limited—sign up today!!

*Summer
Reading 2012*
June 13 - July 26
Wednesday mornings
10:00 - 11:00



**From the
Police
Department...**

Curfew for Minors

Pursuant to ordinance No. 72, a year round curfew of 9:30 PM is in effect for anyone 17 years of age or younger unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Parents: Make sure you know where your children are, who they are with and when they are out of the house. As summer approaches, it becomes common place for our officers to find juveniles out at all times of the night. Often, they will have snuck out of the house without anyone's knowledge, leaving through a bedroom window or basement door after parents have gone to bed.

As always, we ask for your help in keeping our community safe. As you drive to and from your home, make an effort to observe what is normal for your street. This way you be able to recognize when something appears to be outside the norm or just "not right." Be aware of your surroundings; at home, take time to look out your windows and doors at your street and your neighbor's homes and familiarize yourself with how the neighborhood typically looks. If you are not sure if something you observe is suspicious or does not look normal to you, do not hesitate to contact the Police Department by calling 610-655-4911 to make a report.

- June 13 Campfire
- June 20 Night Birds
- June 27 "Click, Clack,
Moo-Cows that Type,"

Presented By: The Yocum Institute

Off July 4

- July 11 Bedtime Stories
- July 18 Fairies
- July 25 Shadows
- July 26 Grande Finale!

**Grand Finale
Reading
Planetarium**

- * All children who participate will be given a free ticket.
- * Parents will need to purchase their own ticket.
- * Showtime 6:30



WEED CONTROL

A reminder to residents to keep weeds and grass cut to a height of less than 6 inches, in compliance with Township Ordinance No. 42. You may report suspected violations to the Township office.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY**
100 North Reber Street
Phone: 610-678-8771 Fax: 610-678-3025

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Wernersville, PA 19565

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Fax: 610-678-9411

Office Hours: Mon-Fri. 8 AM-5 PM

Board of Supervisors

Richard E. Hummel, Chairman

Dennis E. Mulally, Vice-Chairman

David A. Schaeffer, Secretary-Treasurer

Township Manager

Ronald R. Seaman

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors

General Business 2nd Thursday

Subdivision Business 4th Thursday
(as needed)

Planning Commission 1st Tuesday

Recreation Board 1st Wednesday

Municipal Authority 1st Thursday

Zoning Hearing Board as needed

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building & begin at 7PM unless otherwise advertised.



Family Movie Night

Did you know August is Family Fun month?

Come out and join other families from South Heidelberg Township in celebrating **Family Fun** month with a movie night sponsored by the South Heidelberg Township Recreation Board

MOVIE: TBA

WHEN: Friday, August 24th @ 8:00 PM
(Rain date Saturday, August 25th @ 8:00 PM)

WHERE: South Mountain Park
North Galen Hall & Hill Roads, Wernersville

★ *Be sure to bring your favorite snack / (non-alcoholic) beverage!*

For questions or more information, call (610) 678-9652

