Newsletter

Hopewell Township

York County, PA

FALL - 2012

GENERAL ELECTION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Polls at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building are open from 7am-8pm. Meanwhile, Voter Registration forms and absentee ballots are available at the Township Office Mon-Fri., 8-4:00. The last day to register to vote or make changes is October 9th. The Election Office must receive absentee ballot applications by October 30th. The voted ballot must be returned by November 2nd. Remember to bring photo ID that is current. For voter information visit www.york-county.org.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS & CESSPOOLS MAINTENANCE

The PA Sewage Facility Act (Act 537) requires that every municipality within the Commonwealth develop and maintain an up-to-date sewage facilities plan. The Department of Environmental Protection recently approved Hopewell Township's updated plan. This plan includes new requirements for the maintenance of on-lot systems, such as installing a manhole/ access port with a 24-inch inside diameter and having septic systems pumped at least every four years. The Supervisors have decided to wait until January 2014 to implement this plan in order to allow time for us to advise affected homeowners of these new requirements. We plan to hold informational meetings at the township building and to send information to your homes. The next newsletter will include more about this new program.

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treat in Hopewell Township will be held on Wednesday, October 31st from 6-8:00pm.

4th ANNUAL STEWARTSTOWN FALL FEST, October 13, 2012 8am to 4pm

The Lions, Lioness Clubs and HARP (Hopewell Area Rec & Parks) are co-sponsoring a nonprofit festival to raise money for the nonprofit organizations of Stewartstown, PA. There is something for everyone, beginning with breakfast being served at the Presbyterian Church from 7-10:30am, an all day Fine Arts/Crafts show (featuring a chainsaw artist, stained glass art, pottery, jewelry, painted gourds, handcrafted wooden instruments, alpaca wool spinning, paintings & portraits, other fine arts), fire engine rides for the children from 9am to 12pm, live dance performance by MGM dance studio at 11, fire safety demo/talk at 12pm, gymnastics performance by the Hot Shots at 12:30pm and a visit from the Raven's mascot from 1-2pm. Live music featuring Frostbite (kid band) 8-10am, Ellis Woodward (guitarist) 10am-12pm, Blynd Ambition from 12-4pm with BlackJacks (kid band) playing for 10 songs at 1:30pm. Various

foods made & sold by our community groups including the Lions Club Chicken Barbeque and Pit beef, turkey & ham. Other fun/games for the kids include a fire safety house, fire truck rides, bounce house, Halloween morbid makeovers, kids costume mask-making booth, pumpkin painting, scarecrow stuffing, animal learning center, exotic birds and critters and various other fun/games. There will also be a raffle table. The event is located at the Stewartstown Community Fairgrounds, 16 College Avenue, Stewartstown, PA 17363. To preorder Lions club chicken BBQ, call 717-993-5900.For more information: www.Stfallfestival.com.

A BENEFIT FOR MELANOMA CANCER AWARENESS October 20, 2012

MY GOAL is to tell my story, bring awareness to the community and raise money to assist with research! It is NOT "just skin cancer," it's a killer! One person dies, in this country, EVERY hour of EVERY DAY.

Location: Naylor Wine Cellars, 4:00 - 10:00PM

Tickets: $25.00/person (Includes beer, wine tasting, raffles, door prizes, and great entertainment, featuring the Rock Candy Band.)

Vendors: Naylor Wine Cellars, Barcrawler Entertainment, Brocks BBQ and Catering.

All proceeds will be donated to the Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) for research and education.

Please contact Kelly Kinard at 717-858-1327 or kelkinard@gmail.com for ticket purchase or sponsor/vendor/raffle information. Thank you, in advance, for your interest in this cause!

Kelly Kinard, Melanoma Fighter

MyRuralRadio.com Fall Music Festival FOUR at Naylor Winery

The fourth annual MyRuralRadio.com Fall Music Festival is October 27, 2012 from 11.00 AM to 10.00 PM at Naylor Winery. Proceeds from this all-day benefit, with both music and vendors will be donated to Children's Miracle Network and Eureka Volunteer Fire Department.

Featured musicians include Widad, Dr. Slothclaw, Megan and the Wheelmen, Sarah Blacker, J. D. Sage, Darry Miller and the Veil, Lost Companion, Phil Freeman and the Lone Wolf Project, Trampas Ferree and the Highpoint Ramblers, The RJ Moody Experience, and American Jane.

General admission is $15.00; children 15 and under are admitted free. This is a rain or shine event.

FREE Pumpkin Painting for kids, Halloween Costume Contests for Adults and Children and MUCH MUCH MORE!!!

A FUN FILLED FAMILY FRIENDLY DAY!

For more information about the MyRuralRadio.com Fall Festival Four, please contact Michael S. Males, Station Director, by phone at 443.928.1940 or by email at mike@myruralradio.com or visit http://www.myruralradio.com/.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE EUREKA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Fire Prevention Week is Oct 7th thru 13th. Please remember to post your address on your mailbox and/or house...use numbers that are large enough to be seen and make sure to post them on both sides of the mailbox! Also prepare and practice fire drills in the home. Please know at least two ways out of the house.

The annual Santa Run will be held on Saturday, Dec. 22nd (Stewartstown Boro) and Sunday, Dec. 23rd (Hopewell Twp). Santa will start at 10AM to make the rounds in Stewartstown Borough and areas of Hopewell Township adjacent to the Borough.

RECYCLING BINS

We have plenty of the large and small bins available. Residents can have as many as they need at no charge. If you are not able to come by during office hours, give us a call or email and we'll leave one by the side door for you to pick up on the way home from work.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

Following are some suggestions to help alleviate problems experienced during wintry weather:

Check your mailbox now to make sure it is firmly secured in the ground and can withstand the weight of snow being tossed from a plow. The municipality is not liable for damaged mailboxes.

When winter weather is predicted, if possible, do not park on the streets or roads so the snowplows can get through safely and do a thorough job.

Do not shovel snow into the road.

Place snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction the plow will travel. This way, the plow will carry snow away from your driveway rather than back into it.

If possible, wait until the road has been completely plowed before cleaning out your driveway to avoid the plow closing your driveway.

Remove basketball hoops, soccer nets, trailers and any other apparatus from the public road. If damaged by the snowplow, the Township will not be responsible for reimbursement to the owner.

SLOW DOWN – DEER SEASON

Deer are very active in the fall, as this is their breeding season. When driving, keep in mind that a deer could jump out in front of your vehicle at a moment's notice. Be watchful of this and slow down so you can stop safely if this occurs. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE YOUNG DRIVERS IN YOUR HOME.

TREE/SHRUB TRIMMING

Around mid-October the road crew will begin trimming back tree limbs and bushes that are growing into the township's right-of-way. This is done each year to minimize damage to large vehicles such as school busses, farm equipment, trucks & snowplows. Most of the trimming occurs at intersections where a clear view of the road is obstructed by vegetation. If you prefer to trim your own property, let us know that you will be doing the work prior to mid-October.

PART-TIME POSITION

Mescal Wiley has announced her plans to retire by the end of October. She has been working for the Township almost 20 years as the Assistant Treasurer, handling payroll and accounts payable. Mescal has always done a great job and we'll miss her. Thank you, Mescal.

For those interested in applying for this position, please send a resume to: Pat Schaub, PO Box 429, Stewartstown PA17363 or email it to: patschaub@hopewelltownship.com by October 19, 2012. We are looking for someone with an accounting/payroll experience and extensive computer skills. Work hours will average 12 hours per week.