



Hopewell Township

York County, Pennsylvania

Newsletter

WINTER - 2013

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

As required, the Board of Supervisors met to organize for 2013 on January 7th. Aaron Manifold was appointed as the Chairman and David Wisnom as the Vice-Chairman. It was agreed to continue holding monthly public meetings on the first Thursday of each month, except in July, the meeting will be held on July 2 instead of July 4.

The public is welcome to attend the monthly meetings. The agenda for each meeting is posted on our website 48 hours prior to the meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER VACANCY

If you are interested in being appointed to serve on the Township's Planning Commission, please complete a Volunteer Application (found on the Township's website) and submit it to the Township Office. The Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. The Planning Commission reviews Subdivision Plans, Land Development Plans, amendments to the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The term is for four years.

TAX COLLECTOR POSITION OPEN

FOR 2014-2018

Current tax collector, Janet McElwain, plans to retire at the conclusion of her term of office on December 31, 2013. Candidates for the office will need to have their completed signature sheets delivered to the York County Election & Voter Registration Office by mid-February in order to be included on the May 2013 Ballot. Primary duties of the Office include the collection and accounting for real estate taxes levied by Hopewell Township, York County, and South Eastern School District; all tax data is managed in Excel. For additional information regarding the duties of the office, you may contact Janet at 717-993-5685 or the Election Office in York at 717-771-9604.

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 19 - First day to circulate and file nomination petitions

March 12- Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions

March 13 - First day to circulate and file nomination papers

May 21 - Primary Election

LAND DEVELOPMENT

Johnson Controls, a Fortune 500 diversified industrial company with \$40 billion in revenues and 162,000 employees at over 1,300 locations around the world, is considering building a new facility in the Stonebridge Industrial Park. JCI has been deciding between this location and a site in northern Maryland. The Supervisors are considering designating this property as a Tax Increment Finance District to encourage JCI to locate here. Not only will this create many jobs in PA for workers to build the facility but it is hoped other businesses will be interested in locating in Stonebridge and other industrial/commercial properties near I-83 in Hopewell. Industrial and commercial growth in the South Eastern School District will bring more tax dollars from industry, thus lessening the burden on residential properties.

2013 ROAD PROJECTS

In 2013, the Township plans to use our allocation of State Liquid Fuels funds to widen and repave Macks Road from Rt. 24 to Lowe Road and Five Forks Road from Ridge Meadow to Davis Valley Roads. If time and funds permit, an overlay will be applied to both Fairfield and Orchard Roads.

2012 PA PROPERTY TAX OR RENT REBATE PROGRAM

This rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. Applications for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2012 will be available in February 2013. If you received or qualified for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate within the past year, you will

automatically receive an application in the mail. If you did not receive a rebate this past year on property taxes or rent paid in 2011 but think you may qualify to receive a rebate in 2012, you may download the form at: <http://www.revenue.state.pa.us>. Forms will also be available at the Township Office in February. South Eastern School District no longer offers a property tax/rent rebate.

TRASH & RECYCLING

We have plenty of the large and small bins available for residents 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 your way home from work.

Please make sure your trash and recycling is secured so that nothing blows out. We receive calls from residents who are frustrated with their neighbors' trash and/or recycling blowing throughout the neighborhood. If it is a really windy day, you might consider postponing putting out your containers until the next pick up.

IMPORTANT: As of January 24, 2013, Penn Waste will be prohibited from picking up certain electronics, such as computers and televisions, due to the Covered Device Act of 2012 passed in PA. You can bring these and other electronic items to the Township Building for recycling at no charge during office hours. If you cannot come during office hours, call and we will schedule a time that is convenient for you. This includes: televisions, answering machines, compact disc players, fax machines, computer hard drives, laptops, mobile phones, modems, microwave ovens, pagers, personal computers, monitors, keyboards, mouse and peripherals, printers, printed circuit boards and cameras. **THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO HOPEWELL**

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ONLY.

For safety reasons, following are other items that must not be put in the trash: Hazardous waste, mercury thermostats, explosives, ammunition, propane tanks and radioactive waste. In recent months, one of the trash trucks almost caught on fire due to acid being thrown away.

SNOW REMOVAL - REMINDER

If there is icy or snowy weather, if possible, please do not park on the street, especially if you live on a cul-de-sac. This makes it very difficult for the snowplow driver to thoroughly remove the snow or to salt the road. In some cases, the plow driver has no choice but to leave without plowing/salting the area. Anyone living near or around a fire hydrant should take the time to clear the snow away from the hydrant if there is significant snowfall so that the fire department can quickly locate and use the hydrant if there is a fire.

RENT-A-KID

The Rent-A-Kid program, sponsored by the York County Area Agency on Aging (YCAAA) is a unique, intergenerational program bringing senior citizens and teenagers together. York County senior citizens, 60 years of age or older, who need help with household chores, odd jobs, and yard work are matched with a teenager in their area who can assist. The recommended payment is \$5.00 per hour, but is negotiable depending upon the job.

Don't wait until the snow is already on the ground! Arrange for help with your chores BEFORE you need it. Call (717) 771-9103 or 1-800-632-9073 for information on Rent-A-Kid participants in your area.

EUREKA ACTIVITIES

January 25 – Yearly donation mailings will be going out to residents. Please keep in mind that Eureka relies “heavily” on donations.

February 1 – Meat Bingo being held by the Stewartstown Lions Club (Eureka is hosting). The event starts at 6 PM. Call 993-5900 for tickets.

February 24 – Eureka Shrimp Feed. Starts at 12:15. Info call 717-577-4885.

March 9 – Fish Fry starts at 5 PM. Call Keith for details/tickets at 993-6424.

Visit Eureka's website for other information at www.eureka54.org.



A SAFETY REMINDER

Be mindful to wear reflective, or at least light-colored clothing, or carry a flashlight when walking at night, especially in rural areas.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

it is Pennsylvania law that when you have your windshield wipers on you are required to have your headlights on as well.

the flashing light at Stewartstown Elementary School is no longer blinking at midday because there is no half-day kindergarten.

your trash may be picked up by Penn Waste as early as 6:00 AM.