

Hopewell Township

York County, Pennsylvania

Newsletter

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LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS POSITIONS OPEN

If you're looking to become involved in your local community, consider becoming a member of your local board of elections. The positions of Judge of Elections, Majority Inspector and Minority Inspector are all up for election in 2013 for a 4-year term beginning January 1, 2014. You must be a registered voter and a resident of the township to be elected. Following are some of the basic duties of these positions:

The Judge is basically in charge of the local Board for election days (primary and general election). Some of the duties are:

- coordinating with the polling location for access to the building for election day
- contacting the other board members to make sure they are available to work
- setting up the election area and voting machines (with help from other board members) prior to polls opening
- making sure that all paperwork is filled out properly (both prior to opening poll and after polls are closed)
- handling various problems that might arise while polls are open (with help from County Election Office)

- making sure consolidation reports are run after polls close

- transporting reports and materials to the County Election Office at 28 E. Market St. on election night

The Majority and Minority Inspectors are generally in charge of handling the poll books – looking up the voters, getting signatures, etc. They also assist the Judge with various responsibilities as needed.

The polls open at 7:00 AM, so board members are required to be at the polling location by 6:00 AM. The polls close at 8:00 PM and board members must then do final reports and close out the voting machines prior to leaving – this takes at least another hour (most elections). Plus, the Judge MUST be the one who turns in all information at the County Election Office.

Special training is provided on all aspects of the positions. The pay for Judges is \$100.00 for Election Day, plus \$15.00 for attending training session(s). The Judge is also paid mileage for bringing the returns to the County Office on election night. All other board members receive \$95.00 for Election Day, plus \$15.00 for attending training.

If you are interested in applying, please contact: Sally Kohlbus, Assistant Director of Elections/Voter Registration, at 717-771-9604.

EUREKA NEEDS YOU!!!!

Eureka needs volunteers to help with **FUNDRAISERS** for Bingo, Carnival, Crab Feed, Shrimp Feed, Fish Fry, Craft Show, Basket Bingo, Yard Sale, Fire Company Operations, EMS & Auxiliary. Forms are available at the Township office or on our website: www.hopewelltownship.com under "Forms". Return the form to the Eureka Volunteer Fire Co. or the Township Office and receive a coupon for a FREE Pit Beef, Ham or Turkey Sandwich at Eureka's next sale. For more info, call 717-324-4696.

ATTENTION: OWNERS OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CESSPOOLS

As part of the PA Department of Environmental Protection Act 537 Plan, Hopewell Township is required to adopt a maintenance plan for all septic systems and cesspools located in the Township. This maintenance plan will require all of these systems to be pumped (septic systems) or inspected (cesspools) once every four years. The program will commence on January 1, 2014.

The Township has been divided into four separate "districts". Residences in the first district will receive letters in January 2014 advising them to have their septic system pumped or cesspool inspected by the SEO by August 2014. The second district will receive a letter in January 2015; the third in 2016 and the fourth in 2017. Those with septic systems that do not have a 24" inside diameter clean-out pipe will be required to have one installed. This will enable the septic hauler to clean out the tank more efficiently and thoroughly.

Once the tank has been pumped by a licensed pumper/hauler, they must fill out a "manifest report", which needs to be provided to the Township within 30 days of the date pumped.

Note: If your tank has been pumped within one year of the time you receive your pumping notice, you can provide written proof of such pumping and will not be required to pump that year.

If your home is served by a cesspool, you have the option to have the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Ethan Poe, do a visual inspection of your area rather than pumping the cesspool.

For more info on septic systems visit:

- DEP at www.depweb.state.pa.us/
- www.epa.gov/septicmart
- Ethan Poe, SEO, 717-858-3349

The next edition of our Newsletter will provide more information on "What is a Septic System?" and explain "What is Maintenance?". We also plan to have the engineer who prepared our Act 537 Plan speak at a Q&A public meeting at the Township Municipal Building in the near future.

EUREKA CARNIVAL

The Carnival will be held from July 15-20, with the parade on July 20 at 4:30. For carnival info call 324-2940, for parade info call 993-0131.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

This will be held at the Stewartstown Community Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 3rd starting at 9:30 PM. Rain date will be on Friday, July 5th same time.

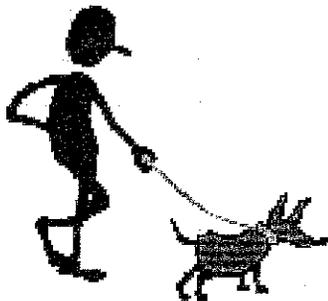
LICENSE PLATE FOR VETERANS

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs recently announced that new "Honoring Our Veterans" license plates have been created. The new Pennsylvania plate, which

features a bald eagle and American Flag, costs \$35, however, \$15 from each sale will "be used to support and assist Pennsylvania veterans and their families through grants to veteran's service organizations and other charitable organizations." Applications are available at the Township Office.

MEDICATION TAKE-BACK BOX

York County Solid Waste Authority announced there are 11 police departments in York County that have installed a take-back box for the public to discard unwanted medications anonymously. One that is located in our area is the Southern Regional Police Department, 47 W. High Street in New Freedom, which is open Monday thru Friday from 8-4. Medication collected is delivered by law enforcement to the Authority's waste-to-energy facility for safe destruction.



LEASHING YOUR DOG AT THE PARK

We are receiving complaints that there are people walking their dogs at the Hopewell Area Rec Complex along Plank Road without leashes. The complaints are coming from those who have dogs that are afraid of other dogs and become difficult to manage once they are approached by another dog. **USING A LEASH IS NOT OPTIONAL, IT IS A RULE AND SIGNS ARE POSTED.** If you do not wish to leash your dog, please walk your dog elsewhere.

Also, bags are provided at the site for dog owners to pick up after their dogs. This is also a rule and signs are posted.

ROAD SAFETY

The Township Supervisors appreciate reports from the public about potholes and/or damaged or missing road signs. We consider a missing STOP sign an emergency situation. Please contact the Township Office if you encounter any type of road problem.

RECYCLING ELECTRONICS

Based on inquiries we are receiving, a number of residents are confused about where to take electronics to be recycled. Some of this confusion stems from Stewartstown Borough routinely sending its newsletter to the Hopewell Township residences that are served by its public water/sewer systems. If you live in a development just outside of Stewartstown Borough, such as Stewartstown Station, Springwood Manor, Oak Tree South, Ebaugh's Creek and parts of Bailey Springs, you are a Hopewell Township resident, pay taxes to Hopewell Township and should bring your electronic recycling to our Municipal Building Monday thru Friday, 8 AM-4 PM.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Please refrain from dispersing grass clippings onto the public road. We have received calls from drivers, especially motorcyclists, requesting us to remind people about the dangerous situation this creates if it rains while this debris is on the road.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Johnson Controls announced its plan to locate in the Stonebridge Business Park in our Township. We are very excited about the construction employment this will generate (completion of the project should take about 4-5 years) and the increase in tax dollars it will provide for South Eastern School District now and in the future. Thank you for remaining in Pennsylvania, JCI!