

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



Census 2020

The Decennial Census is conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce and is mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution. The first official census was conducted in 1790 and must be conducted every ten (10) years. Census data provides the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 **billion** in federal funds annually. These funds support vital programs impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy.

The 2020 Census will be the 23rd U.S. Census to take place. The accuracy of the information obtained today is as vital as ever to ensure communities are receiving their fair share of funding and for proper future planning. In order to obtain accurate information, it is important that all residents respond to the Census questionnaire.

In an effort to ensure accessibility for all residents, the Census Bureau will now provide three (3) options for people to respond to the 2020 Census: on-line, via the telephone or through the traditional use of a paper questionnaire.

Beginning in mid-March, invitations will be mailed to each residential housing unit within the Country. Those invitations will provide detailed information on how individuals are able to respond to the census. Any household that has not completed the census survey on-line or by phone by mid-April will receive a paper questionnaire. Should a resident not respond through one the methods noted above, Census takers will begin visiting households in late May to obtain the information in person.

Information obtained through the Census is used for statistical reporting purposes only. No personal identifying information is released. All census employees and contractors have taken

an oath that confirms all information obtained is confidential. Any breach of that oath carries a fine up to \$250,000.00 and/or up to five (5) years in prison.

Questions residents should expect to answer for the census includes:

- The number of people living in your home
- Whether the home is owned or rented
- The sex, age and race of each person in your home

Please note, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will **NEVER** ask you for:

- Your social security number
- Anything on behalf of a political party
- Your bank or credit card numbers
- For any money or a donation

The time required to complete the census questionnaire is minimal, yet the results will have an impact in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County and the State of Pennsylvania for 10 years.

More information on the Census may be found at 2020Census.gov

Please
do your
part to
ensure
an
accurate
2020
Census
Count

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Sewage Maintenance Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors passed an Ordinance at their November meeting adopting a Sewage Maintenance Ordinance. This ordinance is designed to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated sewage, thereby helping to protect the safety of ground water. While no Supervisors were happy about being obligated to adopt the ordinance, they are charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of township residents.

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions regarding this ordinance:

Can I use a hauler that is not on the letter I received?

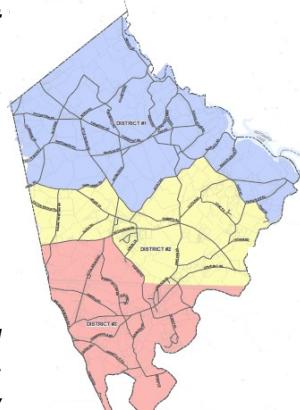
Absolutely. As long as the company is certified through DEP as an authorized septic hauler, you may use their services.

Must I have my system pumped again in 2020 if I just had it done in 2019?

Any resident who provides a receipt that their tank has been pumped within 12 months of their scheduled service year will be accepted.

May I have my management district changed?

Unfortunately, that is not possible. An engineering firm divided the township into 3 equal districts as shown on the map to ensure accurate record keeping.



There are only 2 people living in my home. Why do I have to have my septic pumped as frequently as my neighbor who has more people living there?

Septic systems are designed based on the number of bedrooms in a home, not the number of occupants.

How can I obtain more information about this ordinance?

The Ordinance in its entirety may be found on our website at www.littlebritain.org.

If I have questions, who should I contact?

You may contact the Township Secretary/Treasurer, Margaret DeCarolis at 717-529-2373 ext. 1



Zoning Matters

At this moment, writing the newsletter feels like a needed distraction from the mountains of work waiting for me when I arrive home. A house to clean, a meal to make and tables to be set for the big day, Thanksgiving. My mind is racing with a mixture of work and personal items that need to be taken care of. With each passing moment I check one thing off the top of my list and simultaneously add another to the bottom. It's like running in place and is a true example of how a Zoning Office operates. The work never slows, complete one task just as a new one arrives, all while trying to answer phone calls, respond to emails, meet with residents and diligently work to stay on top of the ever-changing regulations that govern us. At this time, I would like to provide you with several such updates.

Stormwater Ordinance Update: On May 13, 2014 we adopted The Little Britain Township Stormwater Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1-14. This Ordinance contained modified requirements for "small projects" that allowed a homeowner to design their own stormwater feature for regulated activities that involve up to 2,500 square feet of new impervious surface using our Small Project Workbook. On December 10, 2019 the Board of Supervisors will be reviewing an amendment to increase the small project impervious coverage allowance from 2,500 square feet to 5,000 square feet for small projects.

Zoning Ordinance Update: The current Little Britain Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted on August 13, 2013. Since that time, when changes are needed, the Board of Supervisors adopt specific amendments after they are discussed and reviewed at public meetings held by the Township Planning Commission, the Lancaster County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. After these meetings a final copy of the amendment again travels through the three Boards, gets advertised in the Lancaster Newspaper, official notice is posted inside and out at the Township Building and full copies of the amendments are available for review at the Township Office, Newspaper and Law Library. A public adoption hearing is then scheduled and again advertised in the Lancaster Newspaper and posted inside and out at the

Township Offices. Once adopted the amendment is again advertised and the Municipal Building posted notifying all persons the changes were adopted. Making changes to an Ordinance doesn't just take months, it often takes years. With that being said, we have been working on recompiling and amending our Zoning Ordinance since December 2018. Some of the changes include adding and revising numerous definitions, adding sections pertaining to limited wineries, event barns, and event venues. These changes are slated for public hearing and adoption on December 10, 2019.

Propane Tank Placement: Please remember, when placing a propane tank on your property you are required to not only address the propane regulatory setback requirements, you are also required to adhere to the accessory structure setbacks for your District found in the Zoning Ordinance. This has been an ongoing issue, and should a problem be discovered or reported, you will be required to relocate your tank if it does not meet the required setbacks.

Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Electrical Exemption Affidavit: This is a form that must be signed and notarized by a member of a recognized religious sect, that has established tenets or teachings which conflict with the electrical provision of the UCC. To be eligible for this exemption the applicant must adhere to the established tenets and teachings of the sect. If said individual receives an exemption and then subsequently desires to sell or lease the building to a non-sect member, the applicant shall bring the building into compliance with the UCC prior to sale or lease. If the applicant desires to lease or sell to a sect member, the new owner or lessee must file an affidavit with the Township. **Please note: If you receive an electrical exemption and later decide to electrify any portion of your structure, whether said power comes from PPL, inverted off a diesel or from a solar array, you are no longer eligible for the electrical exemption and you must bring your structure into compliance with the provisions of the Uniform Construction Code electrical requirements.**

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The Board of Supervisors Wish Each of You A
Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year

2020 Calender for Little Britain Township

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Dates in **BLUE** are Supervisors Meetings.

Dates in **GREEN** are Planning Commisio Meetings.

Dates in **RED** are holidays.