



# LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Fall/Winter Preparations

Welcome to Fall. Following a hot and wet Spring and Summer, it appears Fall has finally arrived. Leaves are beginning to change colors, pumpkins are visible in fields, as well as on front porches and the evenings are cooling down enough that some folks are actually reaching for a sweater or jacket.

As with each change in season, people begin thinking ahead to the tasks they need to complete to ensure a smooth transition from one season to the next. So as you begin drafting your list of tasks, please take a few moments to consider the following items:

- According to the Pennsylvania State Department of Health, Lyme disease rates have continued to increase dramatically over the last several years. The state reminds residents that the first line of defense against Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses is the avoidance of tick-infested habitats, such as areas dense with shrubbery or tall grass. Do you have areas around your home that needs a little attention before the winter weather arrives?

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- All of Lancaster County is considered to be a high risk area for West Nile Virus. This virus is most commonly spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water. Getting rid of standing water on your property can help decrease the mosquito population and your risk of getting a mosquito-borne disease. Please make sure you cover or empty containers such as trash cans, wading pools, wheelbarrows and pots, turn containers upside down when not in use, get rid of old tires laying around and make sure that roof gutters are cleaned annually.
- When winter weather does occur, the Township road crew will be out plowing and/or cindering the roads. Please keep in mind that the major roads or main arteries are cleared first. Secondary roads are cleared next followed by dirt and gravel roads. When shoveling driveways, the snow should be moved to the right-side of the driveway to allow the plows to move the snow further along the road and not back into your driveway. No snow should be shoveled, plowed or blown onto the roadway.
- Anyone with special needs that the Township should be aware of, either medically or physically, should contact the Township office. A restricted and confidential listing is kept on file to allow the Township to assist those residents that may require their help in an emergency or snow storm.

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# Recycling

Recycling began in Pennsylvania in the late 1980's. Its purpose was to reduce the amount of items being placed in landfills and "save our earth." In the beginning the only recyclable items were paper, glass, cans and plastic. Over the years, more items became recyclable and many communities mandated that all residents recycle.

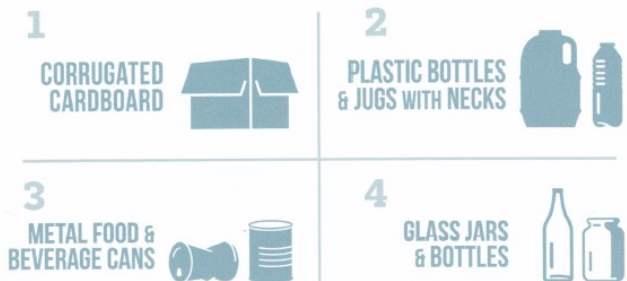
Sadly, with the increase in the number of items that could be recycled and the amount of regular trash that was mixed in with the recyclables, the items became contaminated and less marketable.

A majority of the recyclable items were being sold and shipped to China. However, in January of this year, China dramatically cut the number of items they would accept as recyclable. That action has forced recyclers to seek out other outlets for this material.

Based on this, the County of Lancaster has reverted back to the basics of recyclable materials and are only accepting what they are terming the "Big 4".

## BIG 4

We belong in the recycling bin!



Due to this, those residents who participate in the Townships recycling program are urged to refer to the updated list of items that may be brought in on recycling days. All other items should be placed with your regular trash. In Lancaster County 1 in 5 area homes are powered with trash due to the County's advanced waste to energy process that converts other materials into renewable energy.

Additional information on this matter can be found at [recyclerightlancaster.org](http://recyclerightlancaster.org).

# Zoning Matters

A Zoning Officer/Building Code Official's job is to enforce rules, regulations and ordinances enacted by Township, County, State and Federal Agencies, as well as, educating residents about how these rules and regulations effect their projects. While working with the resident's of Little Britain Township, one question rings out repeatedly, "why are there so many rules?" To be honest the answer is quite simple, conflict resolution. Whether its conflict generated by incompatible uses, landowner's who neglect to properly manage their property (lawn height, septic failures, stormwater, trash/debris, etc.) or builder's who cut corners and refuse to stand behind their builds. All of these problems create conflict and in an effort to resolve the conflict, as well as, protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, laws are created.

For more than a year Little Britain Township Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors have been holding public meetings working on revising the Little Britain Township Zoning Ordinance. These revisions are necessary to address changes in State law, as well as, an ongoing effort to resolve conflict. The changes include, but are not limited to: definition additions and changes, medical marijuana regulations for growers/processors and dispensaries, sawmill regulations, stationary power units/generator regulations and square footage limitations for farm related business. The Board not only added and amended sections of the ordinance, they also omitted several sections, including: 202.2.B relating to agricultural uses in the R2 (Village Residential) zone, 202.3.D relating to keeping of livestock in the R2 zone, 202.7.E relating to buildings housing livestock in the R2 zone, 204.2.B relating to agricultural, horticultural and forestry related uses in the C2 (Commercial/Industrial) zone and the removal of opening clauses throughout Article IV - Specific Criteria. The amended and restated ordinance was enacted at a public hearing on July 10, 2018 and took effect on July 17, 2018.

At this time I would like to draw everyone's attention to the new section entitled, "Stationary Power Units/Generators." This section reads: ***In all zoning districts, stationary power units are permitted as an accessory use, except that all stationary power units must exhaust a minimum of 40 feet from any property line and be muffled to 60 decibels at the property line. Units pre-existing the effective date of this provision (enacted in 2018) shall become compliant with this provision no later than May 1, 2023. The foregoing provision shall not apply to equipment***

***that is solely emergency generating equipment.***

The term stationary power unit includes, but is not limited to, diesel units. This regulation requires all new units to exhaust no less than 40' from a property line and be muffled and or insulated to ensure they are no louder than 60 decibels at any lot line. **All** existing units must meet these requirements by May 1, 2023.

Another recent change enacted by the Board of Supervisors and added to the Municipal Fee Schedule is the Occupancy Permit Penalty Fee. Currently, every permit issued is required to obtain an occupancy inspection and permit at the conclusion of the project, prior to use of the structure. The occupancy permit is issued free of charge at the final site inspection. This requirement is printed directly on the permit issued to the applicant, as well as, explained on the site inspection form signed by every applicant. Unfortunately, many residents are not calling for the required inspection and taking up illegal occupancy of the structure. The Board has decided any resident who fails to call the Zoning Officer for their required permit and illegally takes up occupancy of the structure, will be required to pay a Occupancy Permit Penalty Fee of \$100.

I would like to take a moment to discuss the filing of complaints. My office handles complaints relating to zoning, stormwater and development. I hear from residents regarding site distance issues at intersections, lawn height, livestock counts, illegal construction, illegal residency, barking/loose dogs, I could continue, but I'm sure you get the picture. Most residents talk with me in person or send an email that I can respond to. But, recently I have been receiving anonymous complaints via the US Mail. These complaints are not signed, nor do they contain a return address, email or phone number. They do however make some serious accusations against residents and sometimes their frustration causes them to accuse the Township of failing to do its duty. In some instances the individual is logging a legitimate complaint and action is taken, in other cases the complaining party is misinterpreting the regulations. Either way, there is no avenue of communication for this office to provide a compliance update or assist the resident in understanding the true intent or interpretation of the regulations. Lack of communication leaves the complaining party feeling neglected or slighted, causing additional resentment toward their neighbor or the Township and we would like to avoid both. Please, when you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to ask for assistance we are here to serve, but be sure to provide us with a method of response.

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## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

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<b>October 31st</b>	Trick –or-Treat from 6—8 p.m.
<b>November 6th</b>	Election Day (offices closed)
<b>November 13th</b>	Board Meeting 7 p.m.
<b>November 20th</b>	Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 p.m.
<b>November 22nd</b>	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
<b>November 23rd</b>	Offices Closed
<b>December 11th</b>	Board Meeting 7 p.m.
<b>December 18th</b>	Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 p.m.
<b>December 25th</b>	Christmas (offices closed)
<b>January 1st</b>	New Years Day (offices closed)
<b>January 7th</b>	Board’s Reorganizational Meeting 7 p.m.