



LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Frequently Asked Questions

By: Margaret DeCarolis

As Township employees, a large part of our jobs is being available to residents and assisting them in any way we can. That frequently involves answering questions or directing them to the correct entity or person to whom they need to speak. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions and their responses.

What regulations are there within the Township pertaining to stray dog?

The Township abides by the Pennsylvania State Dog Law, which is overseen through the PA Department of Agriculture and its Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, or dog wardens as they are commonly referred to. It is the responsibility of these officers to ensure the welfare of all dogs and puppies in kennels, regulating dogs classified as "dangerous" and overseeing annual licensure and rabies vaccinations for dogs.

Residents are reminded that all dogs over 3 months of age are to be licensed each year by January 1st. Dog owners should also bear in mind that all dogs must remain on a leash or be under the control of their owner whenever they are off of

the owners' property. Anyone with questions or concerns regarding stray dogs should contact the Lancaster County Dog Warden, Travis Hess at 717-805-3442.

Side Note: There are no laws pertaining to or agencies overseeing stray or feral cats.

Where do I register to vote?

Voter registration forms are available at the Township office. Residents may also register to vote or check their registration status through the Lancaster County Voter Registration website at www.co.lancaster.pa.us/164/Voter-Registration-Board-of-Elections. Anyone with questions about voting matters should contact the Voter Registration office at 717-299-8293.

May I bring electronic equipment to the Township for recycling?

Since the inception of ACT 108 in 2010 entitled the Covered Device Recycling Act, all electronic equipment which includes desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers), televisions and e-readers, as well as items termed as e-waste, which includes photo cameras, video cameras, cell phones and smart phones, cell phone peripherals (chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpiece, air cards, clips, cases), DVD and VCR players, MP3 players and iPods, PDA's, portable electronic game players, video game consoles, stereos and stereo peripherals (CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers) must be disposed of at a recycling center approved by the Department of Environment Protection. The nearest recycling center for Little Britain residents is at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management (continued on page 4)

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If An Emergency Occurred Today, Would You Be Ready?

If an emergency happens, it's important to have a plan of action for you and your family. Creating an emergency contact list, making a plan for your family and having an emergency kit on hand are the most important things you can do to be prepared.

How to Make a Family Emergency Plan

Your family may not be together when an emergency happens, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency. Below are tips to help you make an emergency plan for your family. Remember, your emergency plan should be looked at and updated several times a year.

1. Meet with family members and talk about the dangers of different emergencies, including things like floods, severe weather, nuclear accidents and flu pandemics.

2. Discuss how you and your family will respond to each possible emergency.

3. If your family is not together when an emergency happens, discuss ahead of time who will pick up the children or others who depend on you as well as where you will meet if an evacuation is ordered. You should plan to meet as far away from the danger area as possible.

4. Discuss what to do in case the power is out or someone is hurt.

5. Draw a floor plan (map) of your home. List escape routes from each room.

6. Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches in your home. If for any reason you turn off natural gas service to your home, call your gas company to have it turned back on when the emergency is over. Do not try to restore service yourself.

7. Put emergency contact numbers near all telephones. Pre-program emergency numbers into phones with auto-dial features.

8. Teach children how and when to dial 9-1-1 to get help during an emergency.

9. Teach children how to make a telephone call to a trusted friend or relative if they are not with you during an emergency. Because it is often easier to call long-distance numbers during an emergency than local numbers, one of your emergency contacts should be from outside your area.

10. Tell family members to turn on the radio, the weather radio or television for emergency information.

11. Pick two meeting places — a place near your home and a place outside your neighborhood — in case you cannot return home after an emergency.

12. Keep important family documents and recent photos (including photos of pets) in a waterproof and fireproof safe. Every year, photocopy the front and back of the cards in your wallet and place a copy in your safe and in your emergency kit.

Information obtained through READY.PA

Additional information may be obtained at their website

www.readypa.org

Zoning Matters

By: Christine Jackson

Welcome Fall!! With the change of season comes delightfully cooler weather and shorter days, as well as, corn chopping, bean picking and manure spreading. With this flurry of agricultural activity you are bound to encounter slower moving traffic and a few pungent smells, all part of the agricultural endeavor. Please, consider leaving yourself a few extra minutes of travel time to prevent unnecessary stress and traffic accidents.

In today's World the ever rising cost of living creates a real struggle for families to make ends meet. Many residents are trying to find ways to generate extra income to offset the ever growing expenses within the household. The most recent money making trend is puppies. Residents are breeding the family pet and selling the offspring. Within Little Britain Township's Zoning Ordinance the definition of a Commercial Dog Kennel is:

"The keeping of three (3) or more dogs that are more than six (6) months old for the purpose of boarding for pay, or the sale of three (3) or more adult dogs per year or the sale of more than one (1) litter of pups."

This means if you are breeding and selling more than one litter of pups per calendar year, you are considered a commercial dog kennel. Commercial dog kennels with less than twenty (20) dogs, this includes pups and adults dogs, are considered a permitted use within the Agricultural Zoning District. Commercial dog kennels with more than twenty (20) dogs, including pups and adult dogs, are considered a Conditional Use within the Agricultural Zoning District. A Conditional Use Hearing is a public hearing held before the Board of Supervisors. **ALL** commercial dog kennels, regardless of the number of animals housed, must also meet all the specific criteria listed below:

1. The property must be a minimum of ten (10) acres in size.
2. All facilities shall be located a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from any residence and two hundred (200) feet from any property line in separate ownership.
3. If the distance from the dog kennel to any property line is less than five hundred (500) feet, a landscaped screen or other Township Board approved barrier which provides a minimal filter for visual and audible effects of the animal facilities shall be required.

4. A plan for waste disposal shall be provided by the owner, as well as, a plan for odor and noise control.

If you receive approval to operate a commercial dog kennel from Little Britain Township, you must then obtain the appropriate licensing from the Department of Agriculture and abide by any and all rules, regulations and inspections required by their office.

Please note: Commercial dog kennels are a use provided for within the Agricultural Zoning District, NOT within the Residential and Commercial Zoning Districts.

Another popular way to generate some extra income, as well as, clean out attics, garages and storage sheds is the yard sale. As the famous saying goes, "one person's junk, is another's treasure." A successful yard sale hinges entirely on good signage, bringing the customers to your front door to spend their money on the "treasurers" you wish to part with. These signs are driven into the ground or stapled/nailed to utility poles throughout the Township. Please be aware PPL wants residents to know that attaching items to utility poles can cause potentially serious safety issues. These signs are attached using nails or staples which can injure linemen who need to climb the poles to make repairs. These items can also puncture critical safety gear, such as, rubber gloves and sleeves. Even a tiny hole in their protective gear can present a serious and potentially deadly threat. Pennsylvania State law considers it a summary offense to drive nails, tacks or staples into, or attach any metal or hard objects to utility poles. If you have placed any of these items to one of their utility poles, they have asked that you please take it down.

Recently, my office has been receiving numerous telephone calls and emails requesting information pertaining to deeded acreage, copies of subdivision, land development and add on plans, easements, right-of-ways, etc. All of this information is considered public record and can be easily found on the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds website. The site address is **www.lancasterdeeds.com**. From the home page place your cursor on "Search Public Records" and a drop down menu will appear. Click on "Search Public Records." From this screen you can choose to login as a guest or create an account. Once within the program you can search a multitude of items using the individual's name. Not only will you be able to view these documents, but if necessary it will allow you to print them. Happy Searching!!

Dates For Your Calendar

Monday, Oct. 31st

Trick or Treat from 6 to 8 pm

Sunday, Nov. 6th

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Tuesday, Nov. 8th

Township Closed for Elections

Thursday, Nov. 24th

Township Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 25th

Township Closed for Thanksgiving

Monday, Dec. 26th

Township Closed for Christmas

Monday, Jan. 2nd

Township Closed for New Year's

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd

Supervisors Reorganizational Meeting

Board of Supervisor meetings are held on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Township Planning Commission meetings are
held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Recycling is held the 1st Saturday of every
month from 8 am to Noon.

Authority (LCSWMA) located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. Residents are allowed to dispose of up to 10 electronic or e-waste items per day, free of charge.

Other items accepted at the LCSWMA include Adhesives, Automotive fluids (5 gallon container max) Batteries (automotive and household) Chemistry sets, Cooking and frying oils (5 gallon container max) Fire extinguishers, Floor and furniture polish, Fuel (kerosene, gasoline and propane) Household cleaners, Lawn treatments, (herbicides and pesticides) Mercury containing items (max of 30 per month) Ballasts, Fluorescent bulbs, Thermostats and Thermometers, Paint, Rust inhibitors, Stains, Turpentine and Thinners, Photographic and Pool chemicals.

How do I know if the road I live on is owned by the State or the Township?

The following roads are owned by the State: Black Barren Road, Little Britain Road, (North and South) Noble Road, Nottingham Road, Robert Fulton Highway, Spruce Grove Road and Wesley Road. If you live on any of these roads and have a concern or complaint, please contact the Lancaster County PennDOT maintenance office at 717-299-7621.

Canterbury Court, Howard Lane, Londonderry Lane and Sunset Drive are private roads. All other roads within the Township belong to and are the responsibility of the Township. Any concerns or complaints pertaining to these roads should be directed to our Roadmaster, Dan Risk at 717-529-2373 ext. 3.