

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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It is with great pleasure that the Board wishes you all a Happy Spring. After the long, cold, snowy winter, it is refreshing to see grass again, field work commencing and people enjoying time outdoors.

While homeowners may be preparing to service their lawn mowers, spread mulch, wash windows and get their gardens planted, the Township is preparing for road projects to ensure our roads remain safe for travel.

There are nearly 121,000 miles of public roadways located in the state of Pennsylvania. Of those, only one-third are owned and maintained by the State. The remaining two-thirds, or approximately 78,000 miles of public roadways are owned and maintained by the 2,500 municipalities of the State.

Here in Little Britain Township, we own 65 miles of roadway, approximately five of which are still dirt and gravel. The State owns approximately 15 miles of roadway. A majority of the funding used for road projects is received through the State from an account referred to as the liquid fuel fund. This funding is derived from a dedicated 14.5% share of gas tax revenue from fuel sold within the State.

The amount of funding received from the state is based 50% on population and 50% on road mileage. Due to the increased fuel economy of automobiles and the uptick in hybrid and electric vehicles, the funding received through this fund continues to decrease. This year, Little Britain is receiving \$221,513.00 in funding. Less than ten years ago the township received on average \$245,000.00 in liquid fuel funding each year.

Road projects the Township would like to complete this year includes the oil and chipping of Shady Road, King Pen Road (between Ashville and

Noble Roads), Green Lane (between 272 and Brown Roads), Balance Mill Road and Bluff Road. Skin patching, the placing of tar and stone on road cracks and weak spots will occur through the township. All of these projects should be completed between early July and the end of August.

Unfortunately, traffic delays and/or detours cannot be completely avoided when performing road projects. They will, however, be kept to a minimum. Your patience and understanding during this time will be greatly appreciated.

Now for some reminders, if you reside in District 1 for the Sewage Maintenance Ordinance, please know that your septic system is due for inspection/cleaning this year. Please confirm with your provider if they are submitting verification of their services to the Township or if that is your responsibility. The only way for the Township to keep accurate records is to receive documentation once these services are rendered.

The Board would also like to remind all residents that the Lancaster County Treasurer has been appointed as tax collector for our municipality. Due to this, additional payment options are available. You may now make payments online at <https://lancastercountypa.gov/2686/Pay-County-Tax-Bill-Online> or at any Lancaster County Fulton Bank office. Should you wish to continue mailing in your tax payment, please make sure to send them to the address on your tax statement: PO Box 3894, Lancaster, PA 17604. Payments cannot be accepted at the municipal office.

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Invasive Plants

Invasive plant species are not native to the state, grow aggressively, spread quickly, and displace native vegetation. These plants are environmentally destructive and in some instances toxic. The Department of Ag has categorized invasives into three groups based on their threat levels. You can view a complete list of Pennsylvania's invasives by visiting www.pa.gov, in the search bar that appears type noxious weeds and hit enter. A box entitled Controlled Plants & Noxious Weed List will appear. Click and it will direct you to a complete listing. For those that do not have access to a computer, we provide a handout in the Township lobby. If you have any of the invasive plants on your property, please take measures to prevent the spread. Below are just two examples of invasive plants that you will find locally.

Poison Hemlock - Often confused with Queen Anne's Lace which grows wild across the continental United States. An easy way to tell the difference is by examining the stalk of the plant. Poison Hemlock has purplish spots on the stalks. Hemlock is highly toxic, causes skin irritation and if ingested can be fatal.



Mile-A-Minute – is a trailing vine with barbed stems and triangular leaves. The dense foliage blankets and slowly suffocates the native vegetation. This vine spreads quickly, growing as much as 6 inches daily, so it is crucial that you remove it once discovered.



Zoning Matters

As I sit to write this newsletter, I must admit, I would much rather be outside doing yardwork. Today is the first day in quite a while that the sun is shining and the temperature is supposed to rise to 70 degrees!! What a drastic change from below zero temperatures, howling winds and the frozen white landscape of the winter.

With the warmer weather there are a few things to keep in mind when making your “to do lists” and planning your spring and summer activities:

Permits: Please remember, all structures regardless of their size, or whether they are affixed to the ground, require permitting. Permits are to be obtained before placement or construction to avoid serious penalty permit fees.

Front Yard Setback: Your front yard is the area between the house and street. This area, with very few exceptions, is considered unbuildable, meaning no structures can be placed in that area. Lately, we have been seeing individuals placing hoop structures, racking, and other accessory structures in their front yards. When brought to our attention we will be reaching out to have the unpermitted and unlawful structures removed.

Vegetative Setbacks: When planting shrubs and bushes you must maintain a setback of twenty (20) feet and when planting trees you must maintain a setback of thirty (30) feet from all property lines adjacent to lands used for agricultural purposes. This setback eliminates encroachment when vegetation reaches maturity, prevents shading of crops and obstruction of farm equipment.

Weed Ordinance: Please remember that it is unlawful to allow your grass to exceed 12” in height.

Driveway Permits: If you are planning to install a new, alter an existing, or pave/re-pave a driveway, please be sure to contact the Township Roadmaster, Dan Risk, prior to the start of your project to obtain the necessary permits.

Junk/Wrecked/Abandoned/Untagged

Vehicles: If you have vehicles(s) that fall into one of the above categories, please either dispose of the vehicle or place it in a garage/shed. Leaving them parked about your property is illegal and it drives your neighbors crazy. Disposal is as easy as calling your local junkyard, who will pick-up the vehicle(s) if you have your title ready. **Please note**, the same rules apply to household trash, old appliances, equipment and debris.

Yard Sale Signs: Please be sure to promptly remove all yard sale signs at the conclusion of your sale as well as be careful when posting signs to ensure they do not interfere with the line of site at intersections and driveways.

Crop Destruction: Farmlands should not be considered public open space to be used for recreational purposes. Each year I am notified of crop destruction and property damage stemming from 4-wheelers, horseback riders, off-roading, and litter (bottles, cans, trash, household items). Please remember those fields contain the farmer’s financial security and the feed source to sustain their livestock. Entering a property without permission is trespassing and can be costly when you are required to pay fines as well as restitution for crop and property damages

Protect Yourself From Deed Fraud

Deed fraud is a type of identity theft. Criminals will locate a property they wish to “steal,” typically a second home, such as a vacation, rental or vacant home. They will then conduct internet research on the property owner to glean personal information in order to assume their identity or claim to be the property owner’s paid representative. Some thieves use a fake identification, while others falsify a notary signature or even work with unethical notaries. They will forge the true owner’s signature on the deed and “sell” the property to themselves or a third party. Once they have the deed in their name, they can take out loans against the property, refinance the mortgage to cash out the equity, rent it or resell the property to an unsuspecting buyer.

The Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds has created a program to assist in preventing homeowners from becoming victims of property theft called Fraud Notify. To register, please visit their website at www.lancasterdeeds.com. Across the top of the page in the dark blue bar, you will find the Fraud Notify tab at the far right. Click on the tab and a full set of instructions will appear to assist you with registration. Once registered, when a document is recorded in your name a notification will be sent directly to your email, alerting you immediately that property fraud is being committed in your name. Please note, you can use the same website should you need to pull and review not only your recorded deeds, but also easements, clean and green agreements, operation and maintenance agreements, mortgage documents and land plans.

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Does your attic look like this?



If you answered yes to these questions, then you'll want to start preparing now for our Annual Spring Clean-Up Day. It's only held once a year and **YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS IT.**

Does your garage look like this?



SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, MAY 2nd 8 a.m. to Noon

\$5.00 Up to a truckload of items

\$3.00 All tires up to 16" diameter

\$15.00 All large whites—doors must be removed

Batteries will be accepted free of charge

No electronics (computers, printers, TV's) will be accepted.

No hazardous materials or paint cans will be accepted.

No ash from household trash, burn piles, coal or plastic ground cover.