

# Latimore Township



### Special Points of Interest

- Park Day is September 28, 2002 (page 4)
- A drought emergency is still in effect. (page 2)

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## The Board of Supervisors

Several projects have been accomplished since the last newsletter. For the first time in the history of the township, we have hired an outside independent auditing firm to evaluate and suggest ways to improve our finances and record keeping. Their expertise has enabled us to implement improvements that give us the necessary tools to run the township like a business. Organization of the filing system has improved noticeably and the computer system has been renovated to keep accurate records of finances and to improve the availability of information. The clerical and treasury duties at the township office are now separated for more efficient use of time in the township office.

We continue to promote our policy of protecting open spaces and improving our quality of life by successfully defending challenges to our township ordinance. At a time when the availability of ground water is on everybody's mind it is important to note that open farmland regenerates underground aquifers where developments, with sewer systems, deplete the water supply.

Currently we are working on the permitting process to repair Ridge Road

Bridge and replace the bridge on the upper end of Town Hill Road. Our present road crew has the skill and knowledge to complete both of these projects at a fraction of the cost of an outside contractor. As always we are looking for innovative and cost effective ways to save tax dollars.

Pondtown Road (1.6 miles) was paved this August, side gutters have been cut to keep water away from the roads, drain tile has been placed under sections of Baltimore Road where water had expanded and broken the road, calcium chloride was placed on dirt roads for dust control, and a maintenance program has been implemented to prevent costly repairs of township equipment.

Maintenance has been done around the municipal buildings as well. Using our skilled road crew, we replaced the roof on the township building. When the old shingles were removed, we discovered that many areas were rotten due to inadequate ventilation. Both the maintenance and salt sheds were painted, this being the first time for the maintenance building since it was constructed.

Our new backhoe, purchased under the state bidding program, has proven to be one of our most versatile pieces of equipment. It has

a wide range of uses and is taking the strain off our older equipment. Since its purchase we have used it for almost every project. We traded in an old boom mower that was costing thousands in repair.

Our website continues to expand and is being visited by more people all the time. There are pictures of projects, township minutes, and information about each area of the township. If you do not have a computer and would like to log on, you can go to your local library or stop in at the township building during regular hours and someone will be glad to help you.

In closing, we appreciate the many positive comments about our first township newsletter and we expect to keep you informed with more letters in the future. As always we are here to serve and help you with any problems.

Daniel T. Worley  
Chairman

Lawrence E. Dost  
Vice-Chairman



## News From Lake Meade



No doubt you've read something about the Community Crime Watch Program being organized in the area. We are always looking for new members to become part of the program. We are happy and proud of the fact that Myron Bird, a resident of Lake Meade, has taken a leading role in this program. This is yet another way that we at Lake Meade continue to reach out to serve the community beyond the boundaries of Lake Meade.

We're also happy to report that it was just about one year ago that Lake Meade Post #349 of the American Legion was organized. The post was organized with the required minimum number of fifteen members. Since then the membership has grown to forty.

Post 349 has taken on several service projects around the lake including litter clean up along Lake Meade Drive, spring clean up of the tennis courts and pool area, painting of the curbs at the entrance/exit

roads and re-staining the woodwork on the community Bulletin Board. Additionally the post has constructed two new horseshoe pits at the ball field, installed a new flag pole at the Community Center, and replaced several worn out flags. The Post is accepting worn U.S. flags for proper disposal and is considering a flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day 2003.

The Post sponsored the American Legion School Medal Award Program at Bermudian Springs Middle School. The winners, one boy and one girl, were honored with the Award Medal, certificate and a check for \$25 each.

Twenty-five service banners were given to families that have loved ones on active military duty. The Post was also able to donate \$50 to the Scotland School for Veterans Children, \$125 to the Lebanon VA Medical Center and \$20 to The American Le-

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## Drought Status

With groundwater and stream-flow levels reaching record lows in some areas, Gov. Mark Schweiker extended the drought emergency for 14 counties across Southcentral and Southeast Pennsylvania, and added seven counties to drought-watch status.

Fourteen counties, including Adams, remain in drought-emergency status and should continue to follow mandatory water restrictions and reduce water use by 15 percent.

"I must stress that the drought is not over and that 14 counties remain in a drought emergency," Gov. Schweiker said. "I urge residents in the drought-emergency counties to continue conserving water whenever and wherever possible.

"Record and near-record low stream flows were recorded... in four counties currently under the emergency declaration.... Low stream-flow levels are indicators of below-normal groundwater levels, which could lead to water-supply problems later this year."

Neighboring states are also continuing or increasing water restrictions because of the drought. With mandatory water-use restrictions in place, the city of Baltimore has cut pumping by two-thirds from the Susquehanna River because of low flow. Central Maryland remains under a drought emergency, as does all of New Jersey and part of Delaware.

In a drought emergency, mandatory water-use restrictions include strict limitations on the watering of lawns, athletic fields, golf courses and the washing of automobiles; not serving water in eating places unless requested by the customer; and closing down of indoor- and outdoor-ornamental fountains, waterfalls, and ornamental pools unless they are needed to sustain aquatic life.

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## Agricultural Symposium

I attended (at my own expense) the first Advanced Agricultural Institute conference held at the Landis Valley Museum near Lancaster on July 30, 2002. The purpose of the conference was to provide regional township officials with an understanding of how agriculture fits into municipal development planning.

Of particular interest was a presentation by a Dickinson law professor on how changes in Pennsylvania laws now clearly identify agriculture as a legitimate final land use. No longer is agricultural land viewed legally as a temporary condition waiting to be developed for the "highest and best use". This change in legal status will have significant impact on the relationship between development and agriculture.

A representative from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission described the way in which they analyze watersheds. The amount

of rainfall that percolates into the underground aquifer is calculated as the "recharge rate" and that rate is then compared to the amount of water used by the land owner. It is interesting to note that agriculture has a net positive recharge rate, while residential and commercial uses usually have a negative recharge rate. Because Pennsylvania has generous rainfall, this difference has not been an issue. However, some high development areas now find that there is insufficient water in the aquifer to support continued development. The speaker suggested that this is likely to become a more serious issue in the future.

Richard H. Lee  
Latimore Twp. Planning Commission  
Vice-Chairman



# Emergency Disaster Preparedness

## For People with Disabilities and Elderly Residents

We may not experience many extreme emergencies in Latimore Twp., however being prepared for emergencies can reduce the fear, panic, and inconvenience that surround a disaster involving people with disabilities or elderly residents. Natural and man made disasters are a common occurrence in Adams Co. and have become more frequent over the years.

During and right after a disaster, ordinary items in the home can cause injury or damage. Anything that can move, fall, break or cause fire is a home hazard. Check for items such as bookcases, hanging pictures, or overhead lights that could fall during windstorms, tornados, roof collapses or a flood which will block an escape path.

If you need to evacuate, it may take additional time to assist people with disabilities or elderly residents. Have a plan for getting out of your home or building (ask your family or friends for assistance, if necessary). Also, plan two evacuation routes be-

cause some roads may be closed or blocked in a disaster.

### Have disaster supplies on hand and ready to use.

- \* Flashlight with extra batteries.
- \* Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries.
- \* First aid kit and manual.
- \* Emergency food and water.
- \* Non-electric can opener.
- \* Essential medicines and medical supplies
- \* Cash and credit cards
- \* Sturdy shoes.
- \* Cellular phone with a spare charged battery
- \* Blankets
- \* Warm clothes

### Maintain a written list of important items for each person and store it with the emergency supplies.

Give a copy to another family member and a friend or neighbor.

- \* Special equipment and supplies required, e.g., hearing aid bat-

teries,

- \* Current prescriptions names and dosages
- \* Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of doctors and pharmacist
- \* Detailed information about the specifications of your medication regime
- \* Directions to their sleeping quarters

### Create a self-help network of relatives, friends or co-workers to assist in an emergency.

If you think you may need assistance in a disaster, discuss your disability with relatives, friends, and co-workers and ask for their help. For example, if you need help moving or require special arrangements to receive emergency messages, make a plan with friends. Make sure they know where you keep emergency supplies. Give a key to a neighbor or friend who may be able to assist you in a disaster.

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## Regional Police Report

The second quarter has been a busy one for our Police Department. Our Police Officers have been engaged in many activities in addition to their normal daily patrols and paper work.

In June a Health Fair was held at the York Springs Fire Company where Corporal Andy Hansen performed the Kid Card Program.

Officer Weigand attended the Bermudian Springs High School commencement ceremony.

Corporal Hansen and Officer Weigand demonstrated the 911 van at the Gettysburg Health Fair.

Sergeant Stiles, Corporal Hansen and Officer Weigand attended the first Latimore Park Day.

Sergeant Stiles attended the Bermudian Springs Elementary School track and field meet, where he spoke to the participants and cheered them on.

A special note of appreciation to Corporal Andy Hansen for all the time and effort expended on obtaining grant monies for our Police Department.

The following are classes and training that our officers have attended during the second quarter of 2002:

- \*MCSAP – Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program
- \*CPR Class – Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
- \*AED – Adult Electric Defibulator
- \*Domestic Violence Class

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## Latimore History

"The number of tax payers (1886) is 401; value of real estate \$480,206; number of houses etc., 379; number of cows, etc., 423; value of money at interest \$83,569; value of trades and professions \$12,202; number of carriages 154; acres of timber land 1,613. (In 1807 the roll of taxpayers included the following activities - weaver, schoolmaster, wheelwright, blacksmiths, nailers, carpenters, hotel keeper, millers, saddletree-maker, distiller, cordwinders, tailors, coopers, saw-miller and a mason). The total assessed valuation was \$211,830 on which a tax of 10 cents per \$100 was levied..."

Comprehensive Plan for Latimore Township, Adams County  
Third Edition, 2000

# Latimore Township Park Day September 28, 2002



## Rides:

Available for children of all ages.



## Yard Sales:

Spaces Available  
(See Page 7 to reserve a space)



## Food:



Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chips, fries, hot sausages, soda

## Fire Equipment:

Fire Trucks and Ambulances from various fire companies.



## Music:

Bluegrass music by a local band.



## Police:

Latimore Township / York Springs Regional Police Demonstrations.  
Meet your local Officers.



## Games:

Softball games by local teams & Bingo games.



## Antique Tractors & Cars

Learn how machinery has changed over time.



## The History of Latimore Park

In the 1980's, Michael D. Juliana and Michael J. McHugh, two of Latimore Township's former supervisors had hopes for a township park. They had watched the changes in the township over the previous 20 years and wanted to do something before it was too late to acquire a piece of land.

By 1986, the idea of a park had been in the back of their minds for some time.

During 1986, over 100 residents signed a petition requesting the es-

tablishment of a park. Shortly thereafter, a developer purchased some 50 acres near the village of Braggstown. These 50 acres of land, which had been farmed for as long as anyone could remember, proved to be unsuitable for any type of residential, on-lot sewage systems. As such, the land was of no value to the developer. When Supervisors Juliana and McHugh approached the developer he was agreeable to a sale of the land to Latimore Township.

Then the major question came - where does a small, rural township find the money to buy parkland. McHugh and Juliana contacted Congressman Goodling's office and were referred to a grant program that was administered by the Department of Community Affairs. Over the course of several months and after completing volumes of required paperwork, the supervisors were informed of their eligibility for a grant to pay one-

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## News From Lake Meade

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gion National Emergency Fund (disaster relief).

The Post sponsored a Patriotic Rally following Sept. 11, as well as Veterans Day and Memorial Day Ceremonies.

We are happy to report that Lake Meade Legion Post #349 was honored at the Pennsylvania American Legion 2002 Convention by being awarded the Edward T. Hoak New Post Award, for having the largest membership for a new Post in 2002.

We're happy to report that a Cancer Support Group is getting organized in the Community. If you have any interest or questions, the contact person is Orin Stambaugh.

The Adams County Library System Bookmobile stops on the Latimore Township side of the community at the marina. They are planning a second stop point in the community in the afternoon at Meade Cove before proceeding on to the marina stop. We hope you will appreciate and take advantage of this great service.

Jerry Strek

## Regional Police Report

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### Community Crime Watch

Both Officer Weigand and Corporal Hansen have ably handled our monthly Crime Stopper meetings.

The public participation has been very good.

The September 26th meeting is scheduled to be held at the Lake Meade Fire Company.

If you have any questions please contact Sergeant Ron Stiles, Corporal Andy Hansen or Officer Mike Weigand at 528-4121.

Be concerned for the safety of your community. TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME – attend the next Crime Stoppers Meeting – Get Involved!

The following is a compilation of Latimore Township Police statistics through July of this year:

Incident Reports – 568

Traffic Citations – 268

Criminal Investigations – 76

Court Appearances – 24

Auto Accident Investigations – 29

The public is welcome and your input is always appreciated at our monthly meetings.

A special thanks to Police Commission member Gary Baker for the tremendous amount of time and effort he has been expending on Police related tasks. His dedication and energy are greatly appreciated by all.

Mike McHugh

Commissioner

Latimore Township/York Springs

Regional Police Commission



## Township Solicitor Comments

### Zoning vs. Subdivision: What's the difference?

On a regular basis as a Township Solicitor I am asked to explain the difference between the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. Because there seems to be significant confusion on what each of these Ordinances attempts to do and what matters are covered and how they interplay, I will attempt in this short space to highlight some of the answers to these questions.

A Zoning Ordinance is promulgated by a municipality in order to regulate the uses of real estate by creating zoning districts throughout the Township. Typical of zoning districts would be agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial. Each municipality may also create hybrid districts where various uses could be utilized including multi-family dwellings, planned residential communi-

ties, etc. Within the Zoning Ordinance the municipality will also create certain types of spatial regulations which would set forth the minimum lot size, building setback lines, and other important matters to allow for consistent use of property within certain defined areas. Zoning Ordinances are designed primarily to create a harmonious blend of development such that a residential community will not be placed immediately next to an industrial park, an agricultural area will not be impinged by commercial or industrial development and, in general, that the municipality's vision of its growth and development will be maintained in an orderly fashion.

The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of a municipality has a very different focus. Essen-

tially the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance controls the ongoing subdivision of land so that certain regulations, requirements, and essential items would be put into place every time a piece of property is subdivided. Subdivision Ordinances typically require that the subdivider/developer identify all important topographic features of the property to be subdivided, note its zoning district and uses allowed, identify setback lines, possible well sites, all locations of septic system sites, easement locations and any other important item necessary to provide a developer or future purchaser information regarding the lot. The Subdivision Ordinance applies to all parcels of property throughout the municipality and consequently is not governed by the Zoning Ordinance. However, the Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance must be utilized together in order to create a harmonious growth

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## The History of Latimore Park

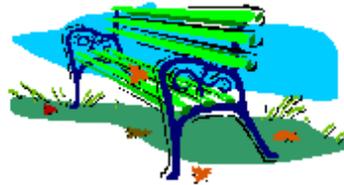
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half of the \$48,000 purchase price. At less than \$480 per acre, it was a buy that would guarantee open space for future residents for generations to come.

In May of 1987, when the land was officially purchased by Latimore, it was completely undeveloped with uncontrolled growth of multiflora rose, poison ivy, and old, rusty, barb-wire fencing. It was an ambitious project; one that would take years to reach the end result. Their feelings were summed up in the Letter of Intent written 16 years ago requesting grant money – "In recent years, we have witnessed an increasing deterioration in our quality of life. Scenic vistas, woodlands, farms, meadows, wild life habitat and open spaces have been replaced with housing developments. The acquisition of this land will allow us to preserve for future generations the natural beauty that was once so prevalent in our township."

Today, more than a decade and a half later, the Latimore Township Park is a resource that the community can take great pride in. It contains soccer fields, baseball fields, softball fields, grills and wide-open spaces that people of all ages can enjoy at any time of the year. It continues to be a work in progress with a pavilion (paid for from grant funds) soon to be erected and new attractions added yearly. This community asset can only expand for the benefit of future generations.

Sam Giardullo  
Park Board Chairman



## Recycling Can Tabs

The Latimore Township recycling center collects can tabs which go to individuals that are in need of special treatments. They do not go to large organizations, but go to individuals with those needs.

As most of us know, these tabs are accepted as payment for these treatments by charitable medical centers. Please save and turn in your tabs at the recycling center. The center is open every Saturday (except Holidays) from 10:00 A. M. until Noon.

Bob Descheemaeker



## Building Permit Procedure

1. Pick up your permit application(s) at the Latimore Township Municipal Building, 559 Old Rt. 15, York Springs, PA 17372. Each application will come with a packet of instructions. You may also download your application(s) and packet from our website. ([www.latimore.org](http://www.latimore.org))
2. Take completed application and required information to FPE Consulting Engineers in Dillsburg. Attention - John Shambaugh - Phone 432 - 2719
3. All applications and required information must be in Mr. Shambaugh's office one week before the Latimore Township Planning Commission meeting. This meeting is the fourth Tuesday of each month.
4. Mr. Shambaugh will submit your permit application(s) and documents to the Latimore Township Planning Commission for review. This commission is only an advisory committee. They will give their recommendation for approval, conditional approval, or rejection.
5. If your application is not rejected but has something missing, then it may be conditionally approved. Mr. Shambaugh will notify you if certain requirements have not been met and that you will need to complete these before your permit can have final approval.
6. The Latimore Township Board of Supervisors will consider your application at their monthly meeting. If approved, you may get your permit at the conclusion of the meeting. If not approved, you may re-submit your application following the procedure outlined above.

## Township Solicitor Comments

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and development pattern for the Township. In addition, the land development portion of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requires that developers of certain parcels of land provide a land development plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval before actual construction can begin. This insures that all requirements and regulations have been met, that the proposed development meets the planning for the present and future of the Township, and that all appropriate building codes and regulations have been complied with.

While the above is a relatively simplistic explanation of the differences and interplays between the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, I hope that this short introduction will provide some information to the residents of Latimore Township as the Township moves forward in these two extremely important areas. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have questions regarding these matters.

Ron Turo, Esquire

## Reserve a 10x10 yard sale plot at Latimore Park for September 28, 2002 Park Day

Sign up for:	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> 10x10 Yard Sale Plot at Latimore Park	<b>\$5.00</b>
# of Plots: _____	
Total Price: _____	

**Method of Payment:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Check	Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	Address _____
	_____
	_____
	Phone _____

**Mail To:**

Latimore Township Park Board  
Park Day Yard Sale Plot  
P.O. Box 218  
York Springs, PA 17392

For information or questions contact  
Park Board member Bob Garlin at  
432-5506 or Elwood Myers at  
432-4182

**Or drop off at the municipal building  
during regular office hours**

# Roadmaster Report

We have been very busy preparing Pondtown road for paving. Wilson Paving had the lowest bid at approximately \$82,000. The final price came back at about \$80,000, a \$2000 savings. I personally supervised the project to be sure everything was done properly. I was pleased with the quality of their work.

We are looking forward to repairing and replacing two bridges after the permits are completed. The road crew has been working well together. We have been performing much needed repairs and maintenance on all township equipment. Bob Garlin, a part time worker, takes care of all our storm emergencies.

We will be continuing to cut side gutters to protect our township roads. This is especially important during winter so that water does not get under the roads and freeze, causing cracking. As always, feel free to contact the maintenance department for any problems or concerns.

Les Adams  
Roadmaster



## Emergency Disaster Preparedness (Continued from page 3)

Contact your local emergency information management office now.

Many local emergency management offices maintain registers of people with disabilities so they can be located and assisted quickly in a disaster. Register your disabled person with the Adams County Emergency Management Agency located in the courthouse in Gettysburg.

Wearing medical alert tags or bracelets to identify your disability may help in case of an emergency.

Know the location and availability of more than one facility if you are dependent on a dialysis machine or other life-sustaining equipment or treatment.

If you have a severe sight, speech, language, or hearing disability:

- \* When you dial 9-1-1, tap space bar to indicate TDD call.
- \* Store a writing pad and pencils to communicate with others.
- \* Keep a flashlight handy to sig-

nal whereabouts to other people and for illumination to aid in communication.

- \* Remind friends that you cannot completely hear, read or see warnings or emergency instructions. Ask them to be your source of emergency information as it comes over their radio.
- \* If you have a disability assist dog, be aware that the dog may become confused or disoriented in an emergency. Store extra food, water and supplies for your dog.

Planning for Evacuation

People with disabilities have the same choices as other community residents about whether to evacuate their homes and where to go when an emergency threatens. Listen to the advice of your Twp. Emergency Management officials. Decide whether it is better to leave the area, stay with a friend or go to a public shelter.

Each of these decisions requires planning and preparation.

If you need a wheelchair or mobility device:

Show friends how to locate and operate your wheelchair, beds and other mobility devices so they can move you if necessary. Make sure your friends know the size of your wheelchair and mobility devices in case it has to be transported.

Preplanning and assistance.

Your Latimore Twp. Emergency Management Agency is available to assist you with any inquiries or questions. Feel free to contact Ken Buohl or Bob Garlin through the Latimore Township Business office at 528-4614, fax 528-8281 or email [latimore\\_emo@latimore.org](mailto:latimore_emo@latimore.org).



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## Meeting Dates

### Board of Supervisors

Second Monday of each month starting at 7:00 P.M.

### Planning Commission

Fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 8:00 P.M.

### Zoning Hearing Board

Hearings held at the discretion of the Board

### Park Board

First Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 P.M.

### Police Commission

First Monday of each month starting at 7:30 P.M. (Alternate or additional meetings to be held the fourth Monday of each month starting at 7:30 P.M.)

### Community Crime Watch

Fourth Thursday of each month starting at 7:30 P.M. (Location alternates between Lake Meade and York Springs firehouses)

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