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In this newsletter, we would like to give you a summary of what took place in 2002 and what is planned for 2003.

Our certified public accountants gave us an excellent report for the year 2002. Our expenditures were under budget. We implemented a number of technological changes at the beginning of 2002 which have enabled the supervisors to keep track of finances efficiently. For the first time we have a record keeping system that enables Latimore Township to function like a business.

Our police department is operating on several thousand dollars less than in past years because of procedural changes. These changes have enabled us to provide more on-the-road coverage, providing you with a greater level of protection at a lower cost. The police department and police commission are working together to provide affordable police protection. They are aware of the economic conditions that burden all of us and are working to keep costs under control. They have received a \$10,000 grant for a new vehicle and are actively pursuing future grants.

In 2002, we purchased a new John Deere backhoe under the state piggyback program, meaning that we were able to purchase it at a greatly reduced price. For years the township rented a backhoe. By saving enough money in our equipment fund, we were able to pay for it and still have several thousand dollars left for future upgrades. Because of the versatility of this machine, we are able to use it on many projects as well as protect some of our older equipment from extra wear.



There has not been an increase in taxes for Latimore Township for 2003. We are operating at 2.8 mills compared to 3.33 mills in the past. This can be attributed to our staff members who have worked with the supervisors to manage your tax dollars. The members on our Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Park Board, and Police Commission all serve voluntarily. These people donate countless hours of their time to help make our township a better place to live.

We have been working hard to protect and defend the township's zoning ordinance. Many people are concerned about the rapid growth taking place in Pennsylvania. This is also an important issue for Latimore residents. Land preservation and the protection of our open spaces is necessary if we are to pass along this heritage to future generations.

The road crew has been very busy this year, espewith the winter storms. They utilized every piece of township equipment this winter. During the blizzard, we had a full force of regular and parttime workers clearing the roads. We were fortunate that the snow did not drift, allowing all 42 miles of Latimore roads to cleared in one day. The road crew did an outstanding job. During the blizzard the crew immediately responded to an emergency call and cleared a road so that a baby could be born.

Our township website, Latimore.org has been visited over 6,000 times. If you have a computer, this is a good place for you to keep up with the latest news. This site will provide

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News From Lake Meade

Community Crime Watch

As the Community Crime Watch Program moves ahead in the Communities of Latimore and Reading townships, it also moves along in the Lake Meade Community. Over the next sixty days, blue reflective Lake Meade Community Crime Watch signs will be posted in key areas around the community. You may ask, what do the signs mean? Do we have a crime problem at Lake Meade? Is there a crime area where the signs are posted? Are the signs a crime alert? The answer is NO to all of those questions. We have a safe and secure place to live and we want to keep it that

September 11, 2001 changed our way of life for all of us here in the United States. Now we find we have to be a great deal more vigilant and watchful about our surroundings. The purpose of the signs placed by the crime watch program is simply to remind all of



us to be alert and observant at all times. Such vigilance and observance

is not a matter of being nosey or intrusive. On the contrary, it's a matter of good old-fashioned kindliness, citizenship, and being a good neighbor. Reporting unusual incidents, suspicious persons, or dangerous activity is not a mater of tattling but rather a matter of common sense and one's civic duty. So, when you see those Community Crime Watch signs, remember why they are there.

Lake Meade Fire & Rescue

There are two upcoming events:

Saturday May 17, 2003 10 AM to 4 PM

Will be observed as an EMS Day in observance of EMS week. The Lake Meade Fire & Rescue will host a celebration that will include food, games, ambulance demonstrations, ambulance rides and, a first for Lake Meade, a climbing wall. With supervision, a climber can get 30 feet off the ground. Sounds great for kids and young adults. The older folks might want to give it a little more thought. Sounds like a fun day.

Chicken BBQ Saturday May 24, 2003 11 AM to 4 PM

The meal includes half a chicken breast and leg, a baked potato, a dinner roll with butter and applesauce. Tickets can be purchased at the Lake Meade Gate House or from any member of the Fire & Rescue Company. Cost \$5.00 advanced purchase or \$6.00 on the day of the BBQ — if any tickets are still available. Meals can be picked up at the Lake Meade Entrance.

Gerald Strek



Regional Police Department

Grants

Corporal Andrew Hansen applied for a \$5,000 grant for digital cameras and a new computer. The department has received confirmation on a \$10,000 grant for a new vehicle. The department also plans on applying for another grant to put video cameras in each cruiser.

Dare

Sergeant Ronald Stiles has had another successful Dare program with the Fifth Graders at Bermudian Springs School District. All donations to the Dare program are welcome.

Meetings

We would like to see more people attend the community crime watch meetings. They are held the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM, alternating at the Lake Meade and York Springs Firehouses. The May meeting will be held at the York Springs Firehouse.

Events

On May 4, 2003, from 1 PM to 4 PM, there will be a Kid Health & Safety Day at the All Star Complex in Gettysburg. Our local police department will be participating in a 911 demonstration.

Park Day will be held on May 10, 2003. We hope to see you there.

On May 31, 2003, there will be a Safety Day at the York Springs Lions Park. It will be held from 10 AM to 2 PM and will be for young kids in the area.



The police department is running smoothly. If there are any comments or questions, please contact the department at 528-4121. Remember, if you have an emergency, call 911 first.

Latimore History

"The Carlisle and Hanover pike road built in 1810 runs through the western part of the Township. In 1833 John Walsh built a covered bridge over Latimore Creek for \$900. In 1853 John Finley built the Bermudian bridge on the Dillsburg and East Berlin Road, near Basermans Mill, for \$1,360...

Churches and cemeteries mentioned in this Township include the Mount Olivet Reformed Church (March 19, 1745), The Lutheran Society (organized in March 1745), The Union Church of Mechanicsville, The German Baptist Church (known as Latimore Church near Deardorff's Mill), The United Brethren In Christ (northeastern end of the Township), The Friends Meeting House (southeast of York Springs) and the Sunny Side Cemetery (established in 1878)...

York Sulphur Springs, the first summer resort in Adams County, was

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Supervisors' Com-

you with information about all aspects of the township including upcoming events. The website is designed, updated, and maintained free of charge.

We had our road crew replace the roof on our municipal building in the summer of 2002. This only took them a couple of days and saved the township thousands of dollars since we did not have to get an outside contractor. We also had the maintenance building painted for the first time in about 20 years.

Pondtown Road was motor paved and seal coated last year. This road has been nominated for a Penn Dot award. We have been replacing rusted culverts with plastic or aluminized ones that will last for more than 100 years. We have a number of projects scheduled for 2003 which include paving Peakview Road, re-



p a i r i n g bridges on Ridge Road and Townhill Road, rebuilding the surface

of Wright Road, cutting side gutters, and repairing many other roads that were worn down by the winter.

Using grant money, we built a large pavilion at Latimore Park. Pictures of this project are located on the Latimore.org website. The pavilion can be used for community or private use by contacting members of the Latimore Park Board. The Bermudian Springs Youth Soccer Organization is creating new soccer fields for its players. Another Park Day will be held on May 10, 2003. Proceeds benefit the Latimore Twp. Park. Yard sales, rides, food, and games will be on hand. We appreciate the various groups that use the park and give their support in making this a successful event. The park board will be applying for new grants to replace the playground equipment in the near future.

Finally, we would like to thank all of you for your continued support. We are looking forward to working with you and for you to make Latimore Township a better place to live.

Dan Worley Chairman

Larry Dost Vice-Chairman

Notice - Waste Management

No Bulk Spring Clean-up — Under the new Waste Management Contract, residents of Latimore Township may put out one large item per week. If the item contains Freon, such as refrigerators or air conditioners, you must call 1-800-634-4595 one week in advance of your regular pickup day.

News From The Emergency Management Coordinators

Hi folks, I'm sure by now everyone in Latimore Twp. is aware of the military actions in Iraq. Newspaper articles, TV news reports, and radio broadcasts have kept us informed of all the details. Even though Iraq is halfway around the world, it does not change our need for emergency awareness in our country and township. Public awareness is very important when preparing for manmade or natural emergencies.

There are resources available for emergency preparedness which may be very valuable at both the national and local levels. The American Red Cross, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Dept. of Homeland Security provide this information.

The following letter by the American Red Cross was released on March 17, 2003. It contains some very valuable information you may need to use if a manmade or natural emergency arises. Please be aware, these recommendations are

appropriate for any emergency in our township.

WASHINGTON, DC, March 17, 2003— The American Red Cross is urging families and individuals across the nation to make appropriate preparations according to the Red Cross Recommendations for the Homeland Security Advisory System, available at www.redcross.org.

Each level of the Red Cross recommendations includes completing the identified actions at the lesser threat levels. Being alert to suspicious activity and reporting it to authorities, along with taking a Red Cross CPR/AED and first aid course, are recommended throughout the system. Specific to tonight's announcement, the following is a summary of recommended actions for "Orange" and lower levels:

Individuals

- •Review your Personal Disaster Plan.
- •Ensure your Disaster Supplies Kit is stocked and ready.

• Develop alternate routes to and from work or school and practice them.



- Exercise caution when traveling.
- Have shelter-in-place materials on hand and review the procedure in our flyer on "shelter-in-place".
- •If a need is announced, donate blood at blood collection center (1-800-GIVE LIFE).
- •Prior to volunteering, contact blood collection agency to determine their needs.

Families

- •Review Family Disaster Plan with all family members.
- •Check items in your Disaster Supplies Kit and replace items that are outdated.
- •If not known to you, contact your child's school to determine their emergency notification and evacuation plans.
- Ensure the emergency communication plan is understood and practiced

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Latimore Township Park Day



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.



Games:

Softball & soccer games by local teams and Bingo games.



Antique Tractors & Cars

Learn how machinery has changed over time.



Police:

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



Latimore Park News

The Latimore Township Park has a new addition since the last newsletter. A very spacious 30 by 60 foot pavilion was erected in September. It has 20 comfortable picnic tables and plenty of room for family and friends to enjoy an outing. There is plenty of parking for all, including special areas for those who need easy access to the pavilion.

The park is a nice place to visit on a summer evening when there are plenty of soccer games going on. The fields are populated with many of the area children practicing their skills and enjoying one another's friendly competition. All ages and levels of expertise are exhibited as coaches prepare the children for future competition. On Saturdays there are organized games and friendly competitions sponsored by the Bermudian Springs Youth Soccer Organization. Parents, grandparents, and other family members and friends join in the fun while cheering for their fa-

vorite player or team out on the field.

The Eastern Adams Little League Baseball Association practices and plays their games at the park. You can watch them practice on weeknights during the season. Fun filled excitement from the players can be seen on Saturdays in the park.

Our equipment coordinator, Vice Chairperson Elwood Myers, has notified us that it is time to replace the

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Roadmaster Report

This winter has been especially hard on all the roads. Many of our dirt roads have turned to mud and we have been putting stone on these. Fortu-



nately, we prepared for heavy snow last summer, allowing us to get through the unusual snowy winter. All of our equipment was in use to get the roads open. Since the last snow was declared a snow emergency by the governor, we are eligible to get about 75% reimbursement from the state and are working on getting this money.

Pot holes are a problem everywhere. Some roads such as Wright Road have cracked up. In this case, a whole new road bed has to be made. Peakview Road is one of many projects that we plan to do this year. We are replacing culverts and widening this road in preparation for paving this summer. We have secured a permit to repair the bridge at the intersection of Latimore Valley Road and Ridge Road and are currently working on a permit for the bridge on the upper end of Townhill Road. The permit for the bridge on Townhill Road is taking more time because this bridge requires a complete replacement. Except for the paving of Peakview Road, most work will be done by the road crew, eliminating the need for outside contractors. We also have the standard jobs of tar and chipping, cutting side gutters, grading, mowing, etc.

Les Adams, Roadmaster

Latimore Park News (Continued from page 4)

old and worn swings and sliding boards. The Park Board hopes to obtain a grant to purchase new playground equipment this year. We are planning to obtain modern equipment and place it in a safe setting for our children to enjoy.

We will be holding Park Day on May 10 of this year, starting at 9 A.M. and continuing until 5 P.M. This newsletter contains a list of the events and other attractions. Your continued support for Park Day events helps to fund projects that the Park Board has planned. I would like to thank the members of our board, Vice Chairperson Elwood Myers, Secretary Bob Garlin and members Lynn Schoppaul, Bob Descheemaeker and Mike Juliana, for contributing their time to make our park activities a success.

The Park Board invites all the residents of the township to visit our beautiful park and to enjoy its many features. We hold our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Latimore Township municipal building. If you have any suggestions or requests, feel free to attend the meet-

ings.

Sam Giardullo Park Chairperson



Emergency Management Coordinators

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by all family members.

•Discuss children's fears concerning possible terrorist attacks.

Neighborhoods

- •Check on neighbors who are elderly or have special needs to ensure they are okay. Review their disaster plan with them.
- •If a need is announced, contact nearest blood collection agency and offer to organize a neighborhood blood drive.

Schools

- •Review the school's emergency plan that was developed using the Red Cross Emergency Guide for Business and Industry.
- Ensure all emergency supplies are stocked and ready. See the suggested list of supplies for schools.
- •Offer Masters of Disaster "Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal with Terrorism and Tragic Events" lessons in grades K-12.
- •Prepare to handle inquiries from anxious parents and media

Businesses

- •Review the emergency plans, including continuity of operations and media materials on hand.
- •Ensure that the emergency communication plan is updated and includes the purchase of needed emergency equipment as detailed in the Red Cross Emergency Management Guide for Business and Industry.
- •Determine any need to restrict access to the business or provide private security firm support/reinforcement.
- Consider providing "workplace disaster supplies kits" to all employees.
- •Contact vendors/suppliers to confirm their emergency response plan procedures.
- •If need is announced, contact nearest blood collection agency about organizing a blood drive.

To download the full versions of the Red Cross Recommendations for the Homeland Security Advisory System, visit www.redcross.org where you can also find a wide variety of free publications in a variety of languages to help citizens prepare for terrorism and natural disasters. You may also call our local Red Cross chapter in Gettysburg at 334-1814.

If you have any questions about our Township Emergency Operations Plan, feel free to contact us through the Latimore Twp. office at 528-4614.

Be Prepared, Be Safe, Ken Buohl & Bob Garlin Latimore Twp. Emergency Management Coordinators



Latimore History (Continued from page 2)

patronized by persons from Philadelphia and Baltimore who came to the resort by stage coach...



The land upon which the Springs was built was a tract owned by the Wiermans. When first settlements were made, the original building conformed to the plan of many of the older taverns and housed only fifty guests. The later building was erected partly on the old foundation about 1790. A cross wing or section in the rear made a perfect T formation. A colonnade extended along both sides of the main building, forming delightful balconies. The hotel was beautiful, most attractive and symmetrical. The lawns, walks, rustic bridges and arbors were kept in perfect condition. Not only the lawns but the nearby woods were swept with brooms...

Arnold Gardner and Charles

Kettlewell first leased and later bought York Sulphur Springs from the heirs of Robert Oliver and it was during their nine years of ownership that the place reached the height of its popularity. One-hundred-fifty guests could be accommodated, but at times the hotel was so crowded that rooms had to be secured at nearby farm houses for guests...

From records of the Hamilton and Dill families, we find that General George Washington and his wife Martha did spend some time at the Springs during the summer of 1799 when John Hamilton was proprietor of the place. This was the last summer of the old General's life as he died the following winter...

Bowling, croquet playing, dancing, and drinking from the famous spring were the amusements for the guests. The water was very unpalatable but highly medicinal in value. An analysis showed that it contained 20 parts Epsom salts, 6 parts gypsum, 4 parts common salt, and the

balance sulphur. This sulphur vein extends as far as Wierman's Mill and is especially noticeable in very warm weather.

The first balloon ascension in Adams County was made from York Sulphur Springs for the entertainment of its many guests...

The main building survived the others for some years but was finally destroyed by fire January 8, 1896.

We arrive at Huntington Meeting House. William Penn gave land all the way across the State of Pennsylvania to be used for meeting houses, almost exactly ten miles apart. The



first, Huntington Friends, was a log church built prior to 1750 - the present structure in 1790. Usually one religious meeting is held annually in the sixth month, an arrangement which has continued to the present day.

Below Huntington Friends Meeting House to the right, is Trostle's Quarry which was opened to provide material for road building. Workmen found many interesting fossils, sloth and dinosaur tracks on many of the flat stones. Many slabs crumbled in removal, but quite a number remained whole. These were divided between the State and the Nation. Half were sent to the Congressional Library and the other half to the State Museum in Harrisburg."

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

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)
- 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 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 resubmit your application following the procedure outlined above.

Reserve a 10' x 10' yard sale plot at Latimore Park for May 10, 2003 Park Day

Sign up for: 10x10 Yard Sale Plot at I	Price Latimore Park \$10.00
Method of Payment: Check Cash	# of Plots:
	Name Address Phone

Mail To:

Latimore Township Park Board Park Day Yard Sale Plot P.O. Box 181 York Springs, PA 17372

For information or questions contact Park Board members Bob Garlin at 432-5506 or Elwood Myers at 432-4182 or Lynn Schoppaul at 486-4249

Or drop off at the municipal building during regular office hours

Laumore Park Bus Trips Sign-Up Form						
Sign up for:		# Attending	Price	Subtotal		
June 1, 2003 Baltimore On Your C	Own					
; i i	# Attending:		\$26.00 per person	\$		
July 20, 2003 Family Time						
1 1 1	# of Adults:		\$42.50 per adult	\$		
	# of Children:		\$39.00 per child	\$		
			Total Price:	\$		
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Latimore Townsh Latimore Park Bu P.O. Box 181 York Springs, PA	s Trips	Par	information or questions k Board Chairperson Sar rdullo at 528-8833.			

Or drop off at the municipal building during regular office hours

Latimore Park Bus Trips

The Latimore Township Park Board announced at its April meeting that it will be sponsoring planned bus trips for your recreational enjoyment. The Board is offering scheduled trips at various times throughout the year. All funds above the cost of the trip will be used for park improvements.

June 1, 2003 "Baltimore On Your Own"

Visit Inner Harbor, or buy tickets to a baseball game (Orioles vs. Rangers, 1:35 P.M.) or take in the sights. Starting at Wolf's Bus Lines, York Springs, at 9 A.M. and leaving Baltimore at 7 P.M. The price for "Baltimore On Your Own" is \$26.00 per person.

July 20, 2003 "Family Time"

First stop Whitaker Center — see a movie at the IMAX (Coral Reef). Next you will take a 1 hour cruise on the "Pride of the Susquehanna" starting at 4:00 P.M. This cruise includes old-time Riverboat music and custom made-to-order banana split or hot fudge sundae complete with whipped cream and a cherry. Starting at Wolf's Bus lines, York Springs, at 12:30 P.M. and leaving Harrisburg at 6:30 P.M. The price for this trip is \$42.50 per adult and \$39.00 per child.

All Bus Trips depart from Wolf's Bus Lines, 200 Old U. S. Rt 15, York Springs, PA.

Reservations for each scheduled trip must be made in advance. Reservation forms must be completed, signed, and accompanied by your payment (check or money order) as well as a signed Hold Harmless Agreement (see below). All reservations must be mailed to Latimore Township Park Board P.O. Box 181 York Springs PA, 17372 or dropped off at the municipal building during regular office hours and must be received no later than 14 days before each advertised event. People from outside Latimore Township are allowed to participate in these events.

All participants in the Latimore Park Bus Trips must sign a hold harmless agreement and, if under 18, a parent or guardian must sign.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Notwithstanding	any	other	agree	ment
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to hold harmless Latir	nore To	wnship, I	Latimore	Park
Board and all its repres	sentativ	es thereof	from all	liabil-
ity in respect to bodily	injury, c	death and	property	dam-
age that may result f	rom pa	articipating	in the	event
that is part of this agre	eement.			

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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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