

# Newsletter

# Latimore Township



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### Special Points of Interest

- To see this newsletter in color, visit the township website at latimore.org
- Pictures of one room schoolhouses in Latimore Township are on p. 2-3 (provided by the Adams County Historical Society)
- There is a Latimore Park recreational survey on p. 5

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## Supervisors' Comments



**Larry Dost**  
Vice-Chairman



**Dan Worley**  
Chairman



**Woody Myers**  
Supervisor

Our auditing firm has complimented the township on implementing a number of procedures that have kept your township running like a business. Supervisors receive regular statements which help them track transactions and our staff is using the latest technology to provide accurate record keeping information.

Your supervisors are working as a team to provide the best possible services to everyone. In addition to our newsletter, the township web site, one of the first in Adams County, has been visited over 13,000 times and is an excellent source of information. Here you will see pictures of road and bridge projects, park functions, and a variety of other information.

Our township is becoming more effective at coordinating the various agencies within our local gov-

ernment. The zoning hearing board, planning commission, and park board are made up of dedicated volunteers who donate a lot of their time to make our community a better place to live. We are also fortunate to have a well-qualified police force and volunteer fire services that provide secu-



rity for our homes and families.

As township supervisors, we are always looking for ways to improve our services for you. We schedule road inspections and priori-

tize our findings. We have a new road crew which sees residents' satisfaction as a top priority. Having to maintain and repair 42 miles of roads in our township is a monumental task which requires an ongoing update of our five year road plan.

Latimore Township has seven bridges to repair, replace, or maintain. These can be very expensive projects, but the township has found that costs can be cut considerably by utilizing our own employees. For example, our township road department rebuilt the bridge at the intersection of Ridge and Latimore Valley Roads. Because we did not use outside construction services, we were able to save thousands of dollars of your tax money.

Peakview Road will be our major paving project this year in addition to placing tar and chip on

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## News From Lake Meade

The Lake Meade Fire & Rescue Company has been very busy over the winter months. On January 10 and 11 they hosted an ice and cold water rescue training session. Fire and Rescue companies in the surrounding communities were invited to join in on this important and difficult training exercise.

With the arrival of Spring, Lake Meade held their Annual Spring Yard Sale. Open to the larger Latimore and Reading communities, this event was held on the entrance road to Lake Mead on May 22. We would like to thank everyone for their participation in this event and we encourage people to attend future yard sales and events open to the public.

Another event that you might be interested in is the 4th of July Chicken BBQ sponsored by the Fire Company. Tickets will have to be purchased in advance and the meals can be picked up at the entrance. Watch for more detailed



and updated information on this event. The price is right and the meal is great.

Speaking of the 4th of July weekend, I would remind you of the annual fireworks display here at the lake, held on Saturday, July 3rd. This is the one and only time that the gate is open for anyone to come in to watch the fireworks display. All that we ask of those entering for this event is that they drive safely, ob-

serve the speed limit in the community, and respect private property. If you haven't been here before for this event there are any number of recreation areas around the lake where there is parking space and from which you can view the fireworks.

Hope you have a great, and safe, summer.

Gerald Streck

## Regional Police Department

Our police department has not had an acting police chief since the retirement of our police chief a few years ago. In January of this year, the Police Commission took action to rectify this situation by approving the promotion of Corporal Andy Hansen to Chief of the Latimore York Springs Regional Police Department. Andy has been with our department for more than a decade and his dedication is greatly appreciated by all. Since the departure of our former chief and the retirement of Sergeant Stiles, Andy has taken on a considerable amount of additional duties and responsibilities. He handles all administrative matters, correspondence, personnel issues and reports - in addition to his regular responsibilities as an officer. Chief Hansen's experience and background will serve our community well and there is no question that he is a



tremendous asset. His knowledge and expertise is well respected throughout the region.

Our police department continues to be fully involved with the teaching of the DARE program at the Bermudian Springs Middle School. This ten week program teaches our kids all about the dangers of drugs and how to resist peer group pressure to use drugs. We plan to continue our involvement in this dynamic youth oriented program.

With the help of Chief Hansen and Officer Michael Weigand, we participated in the May 2, 2004 Kids Health and Safety Day at the Allstar Sports Complex. This event was sponsored by the Gettysburg Hospital.

For the entire year of 2003 our police department responded to a

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## Latimore History

### One Room Schoolhouses of Latimore Township



Plainfield School



Mechanicsville School



Church School

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## Supervisors' Comments

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other roads. Preparing a road for a paving project takes many man hours cutting side gutters, ensuring a uniform width for the length of the road, replacing culverts, and cutting brush. We are looking for this road to be completed during the summer months.

The Department of Labor and Industry is requiring all municipalities to conform to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Although the permitting process will be modified, these new regulations will not be a big change for Latimore residents since we have had most of these provisions in effect under the present code. The purpose of this is to ensure that construction is done correctly.

As always, if you have any concerns or problems, feel free to contact the township office so that we can serve you better.

Dan Worley  
Chairman

Larry Dost  
Vice-Chairman

Woody Myers  
Supervisor

## Notice to Township Residents Regarding Township Right-of-Way

The Board of Supervisors is asking all residents of Latimore Township to please keep gardens, flower beds, and trees out of the township right-of-way. When the road crew has mowing or other work to do along the roads, your plantings could get destroyed. It is the responsibility of the road crew to maintain the roads and the right-of-ways.



If you already have flower beds or trees planted in the right-of-way, you might want to put up signs marking the area so they don't get mowed down by accident. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

## Latimore History

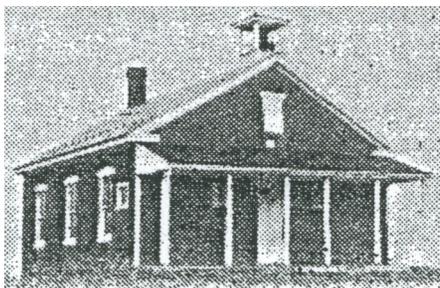
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State Road School



Harbold's School



Wolford's School

Bushey's School



"This school located in Latimore Township had these students' photograph taken Nov. 8, 1920. Front row (from left): John Hinkle, Mabel Trump, Elizabeth Hoopert, Dorothy Hinkle, Zora Day, Beulah Day, Marian Coulson, Evelyn Coulson, Evelyn Reaser, Dorothy Prosser. Second Row (from left): Hazel Hoopert, Mabel Eurich, Elsie Brough, Mildred Lehman, Esther Trump, Estella Day, Edith Trump, Ruth Prosser. Back row (from left): Charles 'C.B.' Gardner, teacher; Paul Brough, Ralph Trump, Glenn Prosser, Raymond Smith, Resta Brough, Beulah Mummert, John Fogle, and George Fogle."

All pictures and text are from the Adams County Historical Society, located in folders '180 Latimore Township Schools' and '104 Latimore Township.' Available specific cites are below:

"Bermudian Springs School District," 1970, np.

"Remembering," np.

"Church School, Latimore Township," *The School Directory*, p. 28.

## Regional Police Department

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total of 1,046 incidents. In addition, 516 traffic citations were issued.

As of the end of April 2004, the Police Department has responded to 366 incidents and has issued 142 traffic citations.

A special thanks to Police Commission member Gary Baker, who dedicates many hours of his time and energy to police matters. Gary is a dedicated individual who takes his civic duty very seriously. All of his efforts and input are appreciated tremendously by all.

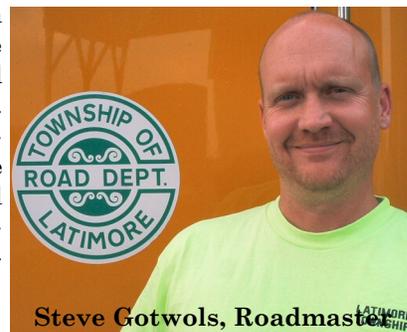
Our Police Commission meeting is open to the public. It is held the first Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Latimore Township municipal building. All are welcome to attend and contribute.

Please feel free to contact the Police Department at any time, concerning any issue, by calling 528-4121.

Mike McHugh  
Chairman - Police Commission  
Latimore York Springs Regional Police

## Road Department

The Latimore Township road crew is all new starting in 2004. The goal of the new road crew is to make the most of available township funds by increasing productivity and seeking grant monies for road improvements wherever available. A second full-time position has been added and the numerous part-time positions of the past have been eliminated. The road crew has just finished installing a new drainpipe on the west end of Peakview Road. Work will continue on Peakview in preparation for resurfacing this summer. Pending inspection of the drainpipe, DEP will begin reviewing the Township's application to replace the bridge on north Town Hill Road. To date, the road crew, in addition to routine maintenance, has completed prerequisite training to qualify Latimore Township for a dirt/gravel road maintenance grant. A grant proposal has been submitted to the Adams County Conservation District to improve north Town Hill Road before this winter. Residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to call Steve Gotwols, Roadmaster, at the maintenance office: 528-7013.



## Latimore Park News

The Latimore Township Park Board wishes to extend an open invitation to the residents of the township to visit the Latimore Park. The park is located on the northeast boundary of the township along Pondtown Road and is a wonderful place to visit and enjoy the activities provided by the Eastern Adams Little League and the Bermudian Springs Youth Soccer Organization. These athletic teams provide a valuable experience for our area youth. Many of the participants on the teams are from the township and are able to enjoy the park through the support of its residents. The residents of the township have shown continued support for park projects which has allowed it to develop to its present state. Latimore residents can be proud to have a park for today and for the future.

We can thank the residents of the township for the foresight they exhibited when the decision was



made to embark on the creation of the park nearly 20 years ago. This action has paid off in recognition to the community for a fine facility by those who use it and for the agencies that help us support it. They can take pride and satisfaction in knowing that the initiative they took to establish this facility has benefited our children, our community, and the environment.

The park offers an assortment of opportunities for its users. Children are secure in knowing that the playground is intended for

their use and enjoyment. The new pavilion offers a scenic view of the park and is available for picnics and gatherings and offers a place to relax and enjoy nature.

The Latimore Township Park Board is working to secure its Master Plan for the park. The Master Plan is a requirement for the Pennsylvania State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and other institutions for use in future grants. Those grants will be necessary to upgrade our playground, develop unused areas, add walking trails and volley ball courts, and improve the arboretum area. The grants offer a helpful way to continue development of the park and to meet our commitments to the community.

The park continues to enjoy the support of the community through its Annual Park Day which is held in late September of each year. Many in



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# Latimore Park Recreational Survey



Dear Latimore Township Residents,

Latimore Township is developing a Master Site Plan for Latimore Park. One of the important elements of this plan will be community recreational facilities. Please take a few minutes to answer a recreational survey. We'll use what you have to say in developing the plan.

Thank You,  
Latimore Township Park Board

## Recreational Survey Questions

**1** Please indicate your need or desire for yourself or members of your household for the following recreational and leisure facilities (multiple choices can be made).

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paved walking/biking trails  | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth baseball fields                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Football fields                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature centers/natural areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor basketball/multi-use courts        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landing Strip for Model airplanes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical sites and museums | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth softball fields                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer maintained gardens      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small neighborhood parks     | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-leash dog parks                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Stations on trails       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large community parks        | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, roller/in-line hockey parks | <input type="checkbox"/> La Crosse fields                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic shelters/areas        | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor volleyball courts                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor swimming pool                      | Please specify:  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts                | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor swimming pool                       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf course                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor hockey rink                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Fields                | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult softball fields                      |  |

**2** What parks or recreational facilities do you or members of your household use most in the area in Latimore Township or the surrounding area? Please list names and locations.

**3** How often do you or members of your household use one of the parks in Latimore Township or the surrounding the area?

- Almost daily
- Weekly
- Once a month
- Once or twice a year
- Never
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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LATIMORE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
P.O. Box 218  
York Springs, PA 17372

Mail or drop off in mail slot  
By JUNE 18th, 2004



## Latimore Park News

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our community have recognized the importance of this fund raising event and support it wholeheartedly. We encourage you to take an active involvement in your park and help to ensure its future growth. Your support will continue to help in the development of the park so that we can offer first rate facilities which we can all be proud of. Thank you, on behalf of the members of the Latimore Park Board, for your continued support.

Sam Giardullo  
Latimore Park Chairperson



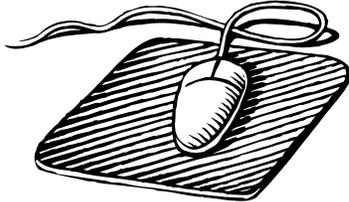
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## Meeting Dates

### Board of Supervisors

Second Monday of each month starting at 6:00 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

The next meeting will be held June 24, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. at the Lake Meade Firehouse. Please contact the police department for future meeting dates.

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