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Special Points of Interest

- To see this newsletter in color, visit the Latimore Township website at www.latimore.org
- Page three contains pictures of some of the projects the township completed this past year.

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Supervisors' Comments



Larry Dost
Vice-Chairman



Dan Worley
Chairman



Woody Myers
Supervisor

Dear friends and neighbors,

The purpose of our newsletters and web site (Latimore.org) is to let each of you know what is happening in your township and to keep you informed on the projects we have started and completed. In addition to general maintenance, which included cleanup from all the flooding damage this year, we completed the following projects:

After installing numerous road tiles and doing other preparation work, we motor paved Peakview Road. This road is used extensively and is about 1.5 miles long. The township applied for a grant from the Adams County Conservation district and received \$8,000 which we used to construct a special surface on the upper end of Town Hill Road. The material we used will help prevent erosion and protect our streams. We tar and chipped a large section of Strayer Road, Baltimore Road from Old U.S. 15 to the intersection of Ridge Road, most of Van Scoyoc Road, a portion of Bushey School Road, and Baltimore Road near the intersection of Quaker Church



Road. Each of these roads had prep work and side gutters cut. A number of our dirt roads have been or will be graded, stoned, and repaired. The Road Department has been preparing our plow trucks and other machines for winter.

Permit work should be completed for the last major bridge project in our township located at the upper end of Town Hill Road. This is a small bridge and should be relatively inexpensive since we will again be using our road crew for most of the repair work.

We adopted the budget for the upcoming 2005 fiscal year and there will be no tax increase. In the past five years, we have had no tax increases, which can be attributed to our automated record keeping system and conservative spending.

The new International Building Code required by the state, and in use by all municipalities, is working well. It has streamlined the building permit process,

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News From Lake Meade

One of the organizations here at Lake Meade that serves both the Lake Meade Community and the greater Community of Latimore and Reading Townships is the Lake Meade Fire and Rescue Company. In addition to providing primary coverage for the Lake Meade community, the Company serves as second responder to the surrounding Latimore and Reading Township communities. As part of this reciprocal agreement, the surrounding fire companies also act as second responders to the Lake Meade community.

In past years, the Lake Meade Fire Company has hosted an ice rescue workshop and has invited the surrounding fire companies to share in this event. This is just one of the many ways that mutual cooperation helps to make the entire



area safer for everyone.

It is anticipated that another ice rescue event will be planned for this winter. The exact date will be set in the weeks ahead depending on the weather and ice conditions.

All this goes to say that the Lake Meade community takes its commitment, to the matter of safety and fire protection, seriously and that Lake

Meade continues to back up that commitment with financial support. At a recent meeting, the Lake Meade Board of Directors presented to Brian Brandt, the President of the Lake Meade Fire and Rescue, the second of two checks, to complete a contribution of \$14,000 for 2004. We are also mindful and thankful for the support the Lake Meade Fire Company receives from both Reading and Latimore Townships. Such a spirit of cooperation

and mutual support goes a long way to make the whole area a safer place to live.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we want you to know that Lake Meade extends best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Gerald Streck

Regional Police Department

This year has been a busy one for the Police Department. At the beginning of October we surpassed the number of calls we responded to in 2003, which was a little over 1,000 calls.

With the growth in the township and increase in traffic flow we anticipate that our call volume will increase 30 percent this year.

With the increase in calls, I felt a need to be able to respond to the residents' requests for Public Safety. Accordingly, the Police Commission approved the hiring of two additional part time police officers.

The two part time officers hired in October are Doug Fishel and Seth Weikert. Officer Fishel also works as a police officer for Hamil-

ton/Abbottstown Police Department and Officer Weikert is also employed at Eastern Adams Regional Police Department.

With the holiday season fast approaching, we need to keep our concentration on crime prevention in the area. Some of the concerns we have are burglaries, driving under the influence, and identity theft. If you are a witness or a victim of any crime, please report it immediately. The critical time for a case to be resolved and the gathering of evidence is within the first 24 hours of an offense.

I also encourage you to attend a crime prevention meeting. The meetings are every other month, alternating between the York Springs Fire Company and the Lake Meade Fire Company. The next crime watch meeting will be held at the Lake Meade Fire Company on December 30, 2004 at 7:30 PM.

I would like to personally extend my appreciation to all of you who



assisted the Police Department this year and hope you will continue to be active in protecting your community and helping to prevent crime.

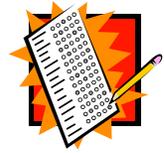
Please if you see or are a victim in a crime, do not call the police station and leave a message. **Dial 9-1-1 to report it.**

Have a Safe Holiday Season,

Chief Andrew J. Hansen
Latimore Township York Springs
Regional Police Department



Name that Project



The following sets of pictures show some of the projects Latimore Township completed within the past year. Included in some of the sets are pictures taken before, during, and after project completion. Try to name the projects according to the picture sets. An answer key is on page 4.



Before:



During:



After:



Before:



During:



After:



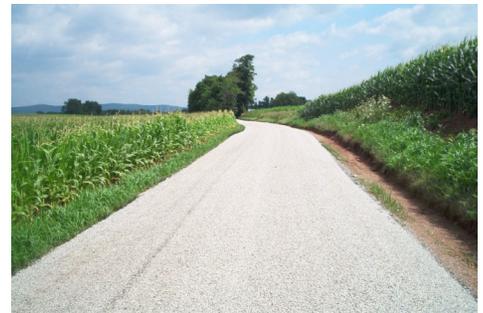
During:



After:



After:



After:



Name That Project Answer Key

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Ridge Road Bridge



Upper End of Town Hill Road



Peakview Road



Baltimore Road



Van Scoyoc Road

Road Department

The road crew finished Peakview road and prepared other roads for tar and chip. The Road Department also worked on Town Hill Road (from Hill Top Road to Peak View Road), Strayer Road, parts of Bushey School Road, and Van Scoyoc Road. We dug side gutters on portions of these roads and we will continue to cut side gutters from late fall into early winter. Side gutters are necessary to drain water from the road's surface and to provide safety to our residents. Roads deteriorate primarily because water is not drained off the road. As part of our duties to the Township, the Road Department must prioritize roads and continue to keep our roads in good condition. Please do not be alarmed when we start work on your road. We will try our best to inform you when we are going to start. The road department is also working to crack seal Old Route 15. The road crew also attended LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) classes, sponsored by PennDOT and free of charge to all townships.



Residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to call the maintenance office at 528-7013.

Brian Gayman, Roadmaster

Latimore Park News

Much has happened at the park since the last newsletter. The Latimore Township Park Board has been busy with a number of projects. In the Spring, the Board set aside a work day to spruce up the park. Board members and volunteers took up shovels and rakes to fill in any depressions in the fields and to tidy up the area around the pavilion. We also swept the pavilion floor and changed the burnt out light bulbs to assure the area would be ready for the picnics that were to follow. Once we completed these tasks, the crew set about preparing the park for the incoming summer sports leagues.

The board and volunteers worked to remove debris settled in from the heavy rains that drenched the park during the spring and early summer and also to remove old and dying shrubs and replace depleted mulch around the trees and signs. The park began to take on a tailored look and the youth soccer and baseball leagues



started their practices. The park was abuzz with athletic contests throughout the summer months.

In late summer the Board received the finished artistic rendering of the completed Master Plan which the Board had revised and updated according to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Master Plan defines the future look of the park and provides a road map to reach that goal. The park, according to the Master Plan, will be developed in phases and with the assistance of state, local and private

funds. There are three phases outlined in the plan. The first phase includes the South Trail, playground equipment, fencing, and landscaping. The second phase includes an adult athletic field, multipurpose fields, basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts as well as a parking lot and another walking trail. The third phase includes a gazebo, restrooms and a nature area as well as additional landscaping. The artistic rendering of the Master Plan can be found at the Latimore Township Municipal building.

In September, the Board submitted a request to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for a grant to purchase the playground equipment included in phase one. The grant awards will not be known until the spring of 2005.

The Latimore Township Park Board is busy working to keep the park in top condition for the residents of Latimore.

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Supervisors' Comments

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allowing people to get their permits in a shorter time.

The Latimore Township Park has developed a Master Plan for park improvements which will enable the committee to apply for grants. The soccer organization and park board are working together to coordinate activities and make the park a better place for our children.

Our police department will be installing crime stopper signs throughout the township. These signs, in addition to the crime watch signs that have been up, let people know that we want everyone in our neighborhood to feel safe.

The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is currently being reviewed by the planning commission. When this ordinance is complete, we will have all our major ordinances updated. This is an ongoing process and, with your input, we will continue to make amendments and changes as needed.

The supervisors would like to thank all the dedicated people in our local government and you, our friends and neighbors, for working together to make Latimore Township a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Dan Worley
Chairman

Larry Dost
Vice-Chairman

Woody Myers
Supervisor

Notice to Township Residents Regarding The Building Permit Procedure



The State has adopted the Uniform Construction Code which all municipalities are required to follow. This new building permit process is an improvement over the old procedure. If you need a permit, please contact our Zoning Officer, John Shambaugh, of FPE Consulting Engineers in Dillsburg at 432-2719. He will issue the required permits and instruct you on the steps that need to be taken.

Latimore Park News

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more Township. The Board extends an invitation to those residents who would like to volunteer and help out at the park. If you would like to volunteer to help with some of the projects for 2005, such as those mentioned previously, please contact the Latimore Township Secretary at 717-528-4614.

Sam Giardullo
Latimore Township Park Chair.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the secretary at the township building?

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(Second Monday of each month: 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM)
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

If I have an emergency whom do I call?

911

Where do I go to vote?

The Latimore Township Municipal building

When is recycling open?

Saturday 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

For a non-emergency situation whom do I call?

The Latimore Township / York Springs Regional Police Department at 528-4121



If I have a zoning question or need a permit whom do I contact?

The Zoning Officer: John Shambaugh at
FPE Consulting Engineers
100 S. Baltimore Street
Dillsburg, PA 17019
432-2719

I have a question concerning the Latimore Township Park. Whom should I call?

Sam Giardullo, Park Board Coordinator, at 528-8833 or parkboard@latimore.org

What is the address for the Latimore Township Board of Supervisors?

Latimore Township Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 218
York Springs, Pa. 17372

I live in a sewage management district. Which haulers are approved by Latimore Township?

Contact the secretary at 528-4614 for a complete list

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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

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

Meet every other month, alternating between the Lake Meade Fire Company and the York Springs Fire Company. Next meeting is at the Lake Meade Fire Company on December 30, 2004 at 7:30 PM.

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