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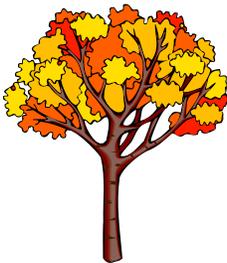
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Special Points of Interest

- To see this newsletter in color, visit the Latimore Township website at www.latimore.org
- Pictures of Road Projects are on pages 3 & 5.
- Pictures from Park Day are on page 4.
- Building Permit Applications are now available for download from the township website.



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Supervisors' Comments



Larry Dost
Vice-Chairman



Dan Worley
Chairman



Woody Myers
Supervisor

THE THREAT OF UNCONTROLLED SPRAWL

Developers are challenging our township zoning ordinance and it is important that we protect our homes, water quality, and open spaces. As supervisors, we control uncontrolled sprawl with the township zoning ordinance.

For developers to be successful, their attorneys try to break township ordinances so they can decide where they want their enterprises to be located. If you get a local newspaper, I am sure that you have read about all the developments taking place in Adams County. In the Biglerville area, there are plans for about 1,000 homes. In Huntington Township, a 280 unit trailer court is pending. In Mount Joy Township, 176 townhouses are being proposed. These are just a few of the developments taking place around us. Developments lead to increased tax burdens because more schools will need to be built. They also lead to problems of finding sources for fresh water. We do not believe that you would want this going on near your home or having your water supplies threatened. Your supervisors are the ones who can encourage or control destruction of our open spaces and natural resources. Your present Latimore Township Supervisors have gone through zoning challenges

that have threatened our community and we will continue to protect you from uncontrolled sprawl.

We are happy to report that there will be no tax increase for the 2006 budget. With the help of our automated computer system, long range planning, five year road plan, auditors' recommendations, and conservative spending, we have been able to run your township with efficiency and still have a good reserve.

The township road crew was very busy this summer preparing our roads for resurfacing and paving. We have a conscientious road crew who takes pride in their work and in taxpayer satisfaction. This newsletter shows pictures of this year's road construction projects. Also, on the upper end of Townhill Road, the final bridge in the township which needs repair is being reconstructed.

Our planning commission and zoning hearing boards have dedicated people who work voluntarily to resolve issues and give advice on a variety of township concerns. Our EMA director in Latimore Township works with the county to coordinate plans in case of an emergency. This is very important for our safety and

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News From Lake Meade

A Giant Sized Service Project From Some Junior Sized Citizens

The Lake Meade Cub Scout Pack 88 under the leadership of their cub master, Mrs. Patti Novak, has undertaken an interesting service project and has done a fine job in accomplishing what they set out to do. The project was to gather items to send to local servicepersons from the East Berlin area that have been deployed to Iraq. The project got started when the father of one of the members of Pack 88 was shipped out to Iraq.

Pack 88 is a small group compared to other Cub Scout packs. It numbers just twenty members who range from seven to ten years old. In spite of their size and age, they have succeeded in gathering a sizable array of personal items. Those items include things such as lip balm, sunscreen, hard candy, Christmas cards, and dog treats. The lip balm, sunscreen, and hard candy are useful because it is now



summertime in Iraq. The Christmas cards allow the soldiers to send cards to their loved ones and friends during the approaching holiday season. Yes, I said dog treats. Why? The word is that there are so many dogs running wild that the soldiers use the dog treats to ward off or distract the stray dogs when they are on patrol. In addition to the above-mentioned items, they are sending handy wipes and other personal care items.

Some of the scouts went to local businesses for donations and others

went from door to door collecting what they could. Some of the businesses that supported this effort are Sure Fine Supermarket of East Berlin, Giant Supermarkets, and Wal-Mart of West Manchester.

News of this project made its way to Harrisburg and, as a result, Senator Terry Punt, who chairs the Veterans Committee, came to Lake Meade and presented a check to the Pack 88 Cub Scouts to assist them in covering the cost of shipping these items. The cub scouts have been focusing on the theme of leadership this year and Senator Punt also acknowledged their leadership and commended them for their fine example of citizenship.

We are proud of the members of Lake Meade Cub Scout Pack 88 and congratulate them on a job well done.

Gerald Streck

Regional Police Department

Our Police Department has handled a total of 853 calls for 2005 through the end of August. These calls break down as follows:

Latimore Township: 524

York Springs: 210

Lake Meade: 83

Bermudian Springs Schools: 36



In addition, our Police Department has issued 515 traffic citations, 15 non traffic citations, 7 DUI arrests, and investigated 31 auto accidents.

Our Crime Watch meetings are held every other month on the 4th Thursday at York Springs & Lake Meade Fire Departments. Our next meeting is October 27th at the York Springs Fire Department. We encourage everyone to take part in these meetings.

Speeding vehicles have been a problem throughout the Township & Borough and the police department has been receiving complaints concerning this issue. Our Police have performed several speed details and will continue to do so in order to insure safety.

Police Commission meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of every month at 7:30 PM.

Michael McHugh
Police Commissioner

Road Department

The road crew was very busy preparing several roads for paving and tar and chip. Before each road construction project began, a number of things needed to be done. Some of these included: Cutting side gutters, widening the roads, replacing metal culverts with plastic, leveling the roads, and installing drains at wet springs to help prevent the new roads from cracking. Road construction has been done on Old U.S. 15, Baltimore Road, Latimore Creek Road, Two Churches Road, County Line Road, and Mill Road. Construction is also beginning on the bridge at the upper end of Town Hill Road. In addition, we have been mowing banks and doing general road maintenance. Cutting brush and preparing our equipment for winter will take place in the coming months. We will also be reviewing our 5-year road plan for upcoming projects. For road maintenance questions or concerns, please call the Road Department at 528-7013.

Brian Gayman
Latimore Township
Roadmaster



Pictures of Latimore Township Projects

Baltimore Road



Before



During



After

County Line Road



Before



During



During



During



During



After

Supervisors' Comments

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we are fortunate to have a highly qualified and experienced volunteer in this position. Our park board is always coming up with new ideas to improve Latimore Park. They are pursuing grants that look very promising and will add greatly to our recreational program. The different organizations that are using the park are increasing all the time and it is nice to see all the activity that is taking place.

Your supervisors consider it a privilege to serve you and we will continue, with your help, to protect and preserve our township for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Dan Worley
Chairman

Larry Dost
Vice-Chairman

Woody Myers
Supervisor

Latimore Park

Latimore Township Park Day was held under clear skies with mild temperatures and there were many folks in attendance for a variety of attractions. This year, as in years past, the public participation in this event helps to build a strong community spirit that benefits our Township and the South Central Pennsylvania region.

The Bermudian Springs Soccer League was present and the athletes were quite busy with their competitions. The antique tractor parade went well under the coordinator of committee member Woody Myers. The York Springs and Franklintown Fire Companies came out to show their support by bringing out fire equipment for everyone to enjoy. Coordinators and committee members Bob Garlin and Mark and Lynn Schoppaul were busy keeping all events running smoothly as the day progressed.

Food for the event was provided by the Franklintown Fire Company which sold out by the end of the day. Entertainment was provided by the Apple Core Band.

The Latimore Township/York Springs Regional Police Department held a Community Crime Watch display where they were able to answer questions from local residents. There were many visitors to the exhibit and many interesting items to see.

The participation of the York Springs and Franklintown Fire Departments was quite beneficial to the folks who stopped by to talk with the firefighters. The firefighters were ready to go at a moments notice and did so when they were called out on an emergency.

The Park Board extends their best wishes to all those who supported this event. Thanks for joining in this park activity and helping to build pride in our community. We look forward to seeing you next year when we hope to bring in even more visitors to display the benefits of having a park in their community.

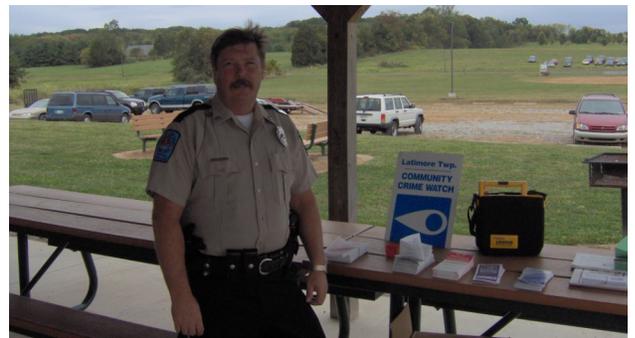
The Latimore Park Board has requested a grant from the DCNR for new projects at the park. If we are successful in receiving funds, there will be a number of projects which we will undertake. A one mile walking trail will be added with an adequate surface for joggers and walkers of all ages. Whether used for exercise or sightseeing, the trail will be beneficial for all those who enjoy a good walk in the park.

The Park Board will also pursue the installation of modular playground equipment useful for all ages, from young children to adults. This upgrade will help parents as their children participate in soccer or baseball games.

The final request in the grant is for a safety barrier fence to go the length of the park along Pondtown Road. This will allow a safety area for soccer and baseball players to retrieve balls from the field without going onto Pondtown Road. The fence will also be a barrier from vandalism to the park by unauthorized vehicles on the fields.

The Committee extends to the community an invitation to become part of the process by volunteering to help with park projects as they arise. Your input today will allow us and future generations the enjoyment of a true asset to the community.

Sam Giardullo
Park Board Chairperson



Pictures of Latimore Township Projects

Mill Road



Before



During



After

Two Churches Road



Before



During



After

Old Route 15



Before



After

Next Project—Townhill Road Bridge



Before



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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.

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