



# New Garden Township

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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NEWSLETTER - 1996

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday through Friday  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**PHONES:**

Police Emergency - 911  
Fire/Amb. " - 911  
Police Office - 268-2907  
or 268-3171

Township meetings are held as follows at the Township Bldg., Rt. 41, 8:00 p.m.:

- 1st Monday of each month - Township Business
- 2nd Monday of each month - Subdivisions and Township Business
- 2nd Tuesday of each month - Sewer Authority and Township Business
- 1st Wednesday of each month - Planning Commission

Your elected Supervisors are: Robert N. Taylor, Chairman & Roadmaster, Willard H. Smedley, Jr., and Patrick J. Keeney.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** A building permit is required for all new construction, additions, storage buildings, to change the intent of an existing building, swimming pools, trailers, trailer replacement, etc. Certain setbacks and constraints apply. Penalty provisions apply to all construction which proceeds without the proper permits and inspections. BOCA Code for 1990 is in effect. Building permit applications are available at the Township Bldg. Fred LeFevre is the Zoning Officer/Bldg. Inspector, phone 793-3650.

**ZONING ORDINANCE** regulating use of land is in effect. A copy of this Ordinance may be reviewed or purchased at the Township Bldg. Township is in the process of updating this.

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE** regulating the subdivision of land, adjustment of lot lines, and development of lot for multi-family or non-residential uses is in effect. Plans are subject to review by the Planning Commission and approval of the Board of Supervisors. A copy of this Ordinance may be reviewed or purchased at the Township Bldg. The Township is in the process of updating this.

**RECYCLING:** As mandated by the Commonwealth of PA due to the 5,000+ population in our Township curbside recycling is in effect. Trash haulers must be licensed and must supply the recycling bucket and pick it up every week along with your other trash. Items that are required to be recycled are newspapers, aluminum cans, and clear, green, and brown glass. They also take tin cans, #1 and #2 plastic, and junk mail/magazines.

**PROTECTED SEWAGE DISTRICT:** In order to assure proper maintenance of on-lot sewage systems, the Township passed Ordinance #103 in 1993 which required each property owner to pump out their on-lot system at least once every three years. You must send proof of doing this to the Township for their files. This is the third year, so everyone should have had it done at least once before the end of 1996.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP** in the Township will be held from Wednesday, April 17, 1996, to Monday, April 22, 1996. All trash containers will be located behind the Township garage. This will be your only notice of dates and location. The trash containers are for New Garden Township residents only and are for household trash only. NO COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL TRASH OR DUMP TRUCK LOADS WILL BE ACCEPTED. We request no tires. If tires are in your trash you bring, there will be a charge of \$8.00/truck tire (\$16.00 if on rim), \$4.00/auto tire, and \$24.00/loader tire. There will be a \$10.00 fee for Freon removal from refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc., as required by Federal law. You are entitled to one pick-up truck load with proof of being a Township resident.

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In connection with the spring clean-up, we request all property owners clean up their own property roadsides of trash/litter.

Property owners are required to mow building lots in developed areas so they do not create a nuisance to their neighbors. No planting of trees, shrubs, bushes, etc. can occur in the road right-of-way. Existing trees and shrubs should be trimmed so that they do not interfere with vehicle traffic. All Twp. roads have a 33 ft. wide right-of-way and roads in new developments have a 50 ft. right-of-way. State maintained roads vary from 70 ft. wide right-of-way to 33 ft. wide right-of-way. If you have a question re your right-of-way, please contact the Township.

RECREATION: New Garden Township has a Recreation/Park Advisory Committee. We have received State and County grants to help with the park plan which was adopted in 1993. Phase I construction should be complete before summer.

SNOW PLOWING IN DEVELOPMENTS: This is a notice to anyone who does not want their lawn plowed up. Please place reflectors two feet in from blacktop along your property frontage. Snowplow operators cannot tell limits of the road without markers, especially when plowing at night. We request property owners not push snow from driveways out into Twp. roads.

HISTORIC COMMISSION consisting of nine members is working to catalog all homes over 100 years old and get any other historic information together to keep in Township files for future use. We need some new members. If you are interested, please advise the Township.

TOWNSHIP BLDG. ADDITION: Plans have been drawn for a meeting room addition and renovations to existing building for offices and storage. Bids are to be out this spring and we are hoping construction will start this summer.

911 ADDRESSES: All residents should be using the new street addresses that have been assigned to them. The old RD's, RR's, and box numbers are no longer in effect. Township Ordinance requires that properties be properly posted with the new street addresses. In many cases, this is not being done. Properly posted addresses will only enhance quicker response to your property in an emergency.

All property owners with rental units are reminded to notify the Township by March 1 of all tenants as required by Ordinance. Any questions on the Ordinance or assigned addresses can be directed to the Township Office.

SEWER SYSTEM: 537 Plan has been sent to DEP for approval. We are proceeding with plans for a treatment plant and spray irrigation system for the east end of the Township. Hopefully, construction can be started within the year.

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS:

VOTING DISTRICTS - New Garden North is located at New Garden Elem. School, New Garden Road  
New Garden South is located at New Garden Township Bldg., Rt. 41  
Voter registration cards are available at the Township Bldg.

FIRE/AMBULANCE - New Garden Township is under contract with the Avondale Fire Company. This is a volunteer fire company and they are always looking for new members. Please support them in any of their fund drives. They do not receive State Aid - only local municipal money and contributions from residents.

PA DRIVER'S MANUALS are available at the Township Bldg.

1996 DOG TAGS are due now and are on sale at the Township Bldg. during normal working hours.