



New Garden Township

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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NEWSLETTER - 1997

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. Zoning Officer/Bldg. Inspector is Fred LeFevre, 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, 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 and magazines.

PROTECTED SEWAGE DISTRICT: In order to assure proper maintenance of on-lot sewage systems, the Township passed Ordinance #103 in 1993 which requires all property owners to pump out their on-lot system at least once every three years. You must send proof of doing this to the Township for our files. Three years have passed, so every one should have had it done at least once before the end of 1996. If we do not receive proof of your doing this by June, we will be notifying property owners to do so or face prosecution as per the Ordinance.

SPRING CLEAN-UP in the Township will be held from Wednesday, April 16, 1997, to Monday, April 21, 1997. 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 trash you bring, there will be a charge of \$11.00/truck or tractor tire (\$22.00 if on rim), \$4.00/auto tire (\$8.00 if on rim), and \$35.00/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. This newsletter can be used for proof of residency.

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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 to 33 ft. wide rights-ow-way. If you have a question re this, please contact the Township.

RECREATION: New Garden Township has a Park & Recreation Committee. We have received State and County grants to help with the park plan. Phase I construction has been completed. There is a ball field, pavilion, playground, and walking trails with fitness stations. Park will be dedicated this spring. Phase II construction should start this summer. Park Committee meets third Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., Township Bldg. and is open to the public.

SNOW PLOWING IN DEVELOPMENTS: This 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. If you are interested in working with them, 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. Depending on prices, construction may start this year. In the meantime, an office trailer has been placed on the property for Police Dept. so all employees have room to work.

SEWER SYSTEM: 537 Plan has been approved and we have applied to DEP for a permit for a treatment plant and spray irrigation system for the east end of the Township. Bids will go out this winter and we hope construction will be under way by spring.

9-1-1: As evidenced by recent news reports, there are some problems with the county 9-1-1 system. The County is actively working to correct the situation. There are also problems with the 9-1-1 addressing in New Garden. Two Ordinances (9-1-1 Ordinance and Business Registration Ordinance) deal with identifying and posting properties properly. Many persons are not in compliance with the Ordinances and violators are subject to fines up to \$1,000.00. Persons with rental properties and businesses should review the requirements. It is the intent to have every property and residence identified and posted properly and if it requires that violators be cited and fined, so be it.

OCCUPATION PRIVILEGE TAX: This tax has been added for 1997 so that we can keep the property taxes down. All persons working in the Township must pay the \$10.00 tax. Berkheimer Associates has been contracted by the Township to collect this tax.

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.

1997 DOG TAGS are due now and are on sale at the Township Bldg. during normal working hours.