



New Garden Township

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

8934 GAP NEWPORT PIKE

LANDENBERG, PENNSYLVANIA 19350

(610) 268-2915

NEWSLETTER - 1998

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., 8934 Gap Newport Pike (Rt. 41)
1st Monday of each month - Township Business, 7:30 p.m.
2nd Monday of each month - Township Business (Subdivisions), 7:30 p.m.
2nd Tuesday of each month - Sewer Authority & Township Business, 7:30 p.m.
1st Wednesday of each month - Planning Commission, 8:00 p.m.

Your elected Supervisors are Robert N. Taylor, Chairman & Roadmaster, Willard H. Smedley, Jr., and Patrick J. Keeney. A vote was put on the ballot in 1997 to increase to five supervisors and it won. They will be elected in 1998 and seated in January, 1999.

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.

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. Public hearing will be this spring or summer.

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. In addition, 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.

SPRING CLEAN-UP in the Township will be held from Wednesday, April 22, 1998, to Monday, April 27, 1998. 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 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 conditions, etc., as required by Federal law. You are entitled to one pick-up truck load with proof of being a Township resident. This letter can be used for proof.

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-of-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 was dedicated in 1997. 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.

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. Did you know that New Garden Road was the original Rt. 41 by-pass? This and other fascinating facts are often discussed at meeting of the Historic Commission. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Township Bldg. at 7:30 p.m. Current projects include mapping cemeteries, making a database of historic properties, and trying to preserve the Lyceum House. Interested residents are invited to attend these meetings.

SEWER SYSTEM: During 1997, the 537 Plan was approved and a permit was issued for our treatment plant and spray irrigation system for the east end of the Township. Construction started in the summer of 1997 and will be complete in May/June, 1998, for connections.

9-1-1 ORDINANCE: The 9-1-1 addressing system has been in place now for about four years. Property owners are required by ordinance to notify the Township of those tenants occupying their properties and advise those tenants of the 9-1-1 address and have same displayed. We are continually finding errors and omissions in the posting of addresses. In order to protect the Township from civil liability, it may become necessary to enforce the penalty section of the Ordinance on these violators.

OCCUPATION PRIVILEGE TAX: This tax was added in 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.

EARNED INCOME TAX: Kennett School District adopted this tax in October, 1997, and New Garden Township adopted it in January, 1998, so we could get our $\frac{1}{2}\%$ instead of it all going to the School. Anyone living or working in New Garden Township must pay this 1% tax on all earned income. Berkheimer Associates has been contracted by the Township to collect this tax.

PER CAPITA TAX has been dropped as of 1998.

INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS:

VOTING DISTRICTS - New Garden North is located at New Garden Elem. School, New Garden Rd.
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.

1998 DOG TAGS are due now and are on sale at the Township Bldg. during normal working hours.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: New Garden Township will be a collection site for the County program on September 12, 1998. This will be for the collection of paint, chemicals, pesticides, etc. Watch for newspaper ads re this or call the Township closer to Sept. 12 for more information.