

October 2015



SOUTH LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP TIMES

## PLANNING FOR THE YEAR TO COME

In August each year, the Departments within the Township are asked to submit budget requests to the Township Manager for the upcoming year. At the same time, the Township Manager, along with the Supervisors, plan the Annual Community Meeting at the end of September.

There are many budget related items to be evaluated, including employee salaries, number of employees, supplies and equipment, maintenance activities of the Township, and special projects. Outside influences, such as growth and development of businesses, housing, and infrastructure will also be evaluated. The coming year is particularly challenging because of the potential for pipeline construction, increase in population and Township maintained roadways, and new requirements for stormwater management.

All of these things must be considered as the budget is being formulated and a tax rate is established for the year to come. The budget is made publically available for review and comment during this process. As South Londonderry Township assesses the revenues available and Township needs, an effort is made to provide necessary elements to maintain and improve the Township in the most cost effective means. The municipal taxes we pay represent our investment in our community. Help us make these decisions by participating in the process.

-Rugh Henderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

## SEWER DISTRICT 2

Due to stricter mandates and a consent order from the Department of Environmental Protection, residents within Sewer District 2 will notice an increase in your sewer bills starting December 2015. The flat rates for the bills will increase by 2.5%. Residents will now be billed \$153 per EDU for residential sewer accounts and \$193 for commercial sewer accounts.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-or-Treat night is scheduled to occur on Thursday, October 29th with a raindate of Monday, November 2nd.

### SLT Meeting

#### Schedule

#### **Municipal Authority**

1st Thursday of every month at 6:00pm

#### **Board of Supervisors**

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

#### **Planning**

#### **Commission**

3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

#### **Environmental**

#### **Advisory Committee**

2nd Wed. of every month at 7:00pm

#### **Zoning Hearing**

4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm



# SOUTH LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE

You can receive 'real-time' informational messages and alerts from our police department on your mobile device by registering with Nixle. This FREE instant communication system alerts subscribers to relevant information such as criminal activity, missing persons, road closures, traffic concerns and other issues that may affect you if you live in, or travel through, South Londonderry Township.



Begin now by texting SOUTHLOND to 888777.



## OPERATION FILL A CRUISER

The South Londonderry Township Police Department will be holding, “Operation Fill a Cruiser” again this year. Starting in November, Off-duty Officers will be at several locations accepting unwrapped Christmas gifts and non-perishable food items to be distributed to area children and families in need.

In addition to needs known to the Officers, we will again be working in cooperation with area Churches spearheaded by the Palmyra Community Bible Church in South Londonderry Township. We are hoping to help neighbors, help neighbors. Last year we were very pleased, that through the Communities generous giving, we were able to help many area children and families.



The gifts and proceeds generated from the donations will be distributed throughout the Palmyra, Annville, and Lebanon Communities. The dates, times, and locations of the collections will be announced through our website, Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle account. If you wish to make a donation but cannot make it to one of the locations, you can contact the Police Department to schedule a drop off. The Officers have no desire to take away from anyone’s normal giving to other places or organizations, but hope you will think about adding this to your list. Thanks in advance for your consideration in giving a gift this season and helping us to ‘Fill a cruiser’.

## 2015 HISTORICAL COMMISSION PRESERVATION AWARD

South Londonderry Township is replete with rich and treasured history, particularly in our beautiful old homes, farms, churches, and businesses. We are so fortunate to be able to focus on these valued gems through our Historical Commission's Preservation Award. This year's award winning property is the Risser-Marvel Farm. Recently, its owners, Evelyn and Robert Marvel, shared the farm's history.



### HISTORY OF THE HORSESHOE FARM

-Evelyn & Robert Marvel

Originally, the farmland was received from the Penn Family Patent in the late 1700's from Thomas Penn and Richard Penn on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1737 in Lancaster County. The original land grant extended from Lancaster County to what is now Lebanon County. Various tracts of land were sold off over the years. Most were used for farmland.

My grandparents, Ezra and Fanny Risser, purchased our family farm in 1921 and did general farming. My parents purchased the farm in 1943 and continued doing dairy farming. The limestone farmhouse was built in 1908 and has 13 rooms, which includes 5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Over the years, it has been restored to its original state.

The farmhouse was also operated by Mrs. Risser as a bed and breakfast from 1943 into the 1970's. The barn is a limestone bank barn built in 1814 by Issac Bachman originally as a dairy barn. The barn was used for dairy farming until the produce market became the primary source of our farming. In 1943, my parents, Abram and Naomi Risser, purchased the farm. My parents, husband, and I started a produce market in 1965. We began with a table in front of the farmhouse where we sold sweet corn. We expanded into a farm market building in 1972 and later expanded again in 2002.

Our children, Susan and Michael, started working with us at an early age, and that was a great blessing. They were the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of the Risser family to help operate the "Horseshoe Farm". We worked very long and hard. We loved to plant, grow, pick, eat, and sell what we produced. It was a great life full of work and the satisfaction of success for all of us. I managed the market with help from my parents, who loved the farm and the market. My husband, Bob Marvel, ran the farming part of the business. We expanded the market in 2000. We had our ups and downs, but our lives were full of great experiences that you can only get from growing produce on a farm. We enjoyed meeting customers from all over the U.S. and the world. Working with our family and sharing that life was a dream come true. I would not trade it for anything. Although we retired in 2006, we are still very active in the life of the farm.



### CICADA MUSIC FESTIVAL



On August 5th, 2015, Spring Meadows spring water of Colebrook sponsored Tusk: The Ultimate Tribute to Fleetwood Mac in honor of South Londonderry Township, the Cornwall Borough Police, Lawn EMS, and Lawn Volunteer Fire Company at the Cicada Festival in the Mount Gretna Playhouse. The Mount Gretna Community Volunteer Fire Company was also honored at this event. \$1,000 was donated to the Lawn Fire Company during the festival. The Cicada Festival is a non-profit program that is run by Ceylon and Karen Leitzel as well as an all volunteer staff. This event provides affordable family entertainment to the Mount Gretna area.

For more information, please visit their website at [www.cicadafestival.com/Playhouse.html](http://www.cicadafestival.com/Playhouse.html)

# COMMUTER SERVICES OF PENNSYLVANIA

Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is a free service that serves Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York county. The picture to the right shows our Chairman, Dr. Rugh Henderson, holding up a Certificate of Recognition from the Commuter Services of PA for South Londonderry Township.



## Their services include the following:

- Rideshare matching
- Transit information and guidance
- Vanpool start-up assistance
- Biking, Walking, and Telecommuting information
- FREE Emergency Ride Home Program
- Commuter Benefit program assistance for employers
- Mobile friendly website with tips and resources

For more information, please visit their website at [www.PACommuterServices.org](http://www.PACommuterServices.org)



## BLOOD, SWEAT, & TEARS 5-MILER

On Saturday, November 7th, the grounds of the Lawn Fire Company will be the setting for the fourth annual Blood, Sweat & Tears 5-Miler. This event is held every year on the first Saturday in November to help raise funds for blood cancer research and for patient services. In its first three years, it has raised nearly \$14,000 to support the live saving work of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Central Pennsylvania.

In addition to the run, the event will also have a sub sale, a bake sale, a silent auction and a prize drawing for over 30 items. Occasions DJs out of Elizabethtown will provide the music and a bounce house will be set up for the children. Applied Race Management out of Elizabethtown will be supplying timing chips for the run. This is both a run and walk friendly course that is on a combination of public roads and the Rails to Trails. The run/walk will start at 9:00 AM.

New for 2015 will be the addition of a second charity. The Emily Whitehead Foundation has been added to help in the fight against pediatric cancer. More details on this foundation and the day's activities and registration can be found on the Blood, Sweat & Tears web site at [bloodsweatandtearsfivemiler.weebly.com](http://bloodsweatandtearsfivemiler.weebly.com)

This event is open to the public and police support will be provided. Local businesses are welcome to contribute to this event and a donation will be made to the Lawn Fire Company following the days' activities.

For more information, e-mail Tom at [tgarrett7@msn.com](mailto:tgarrett7@msn.com).

# Palmyra Area Recreation & Parks Commission

**BASKETBALL** Info and forms are available on [www.palmyrarec.org](http://www.palmyrarec.org). Recreational Girls and Boys (1st & 2nd) (3rd, 4th & 5th) (6th 7th & 8th) may register in the office OR on [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) (active has a small processing fee). The fee is \$70. Practice 2X a week in December until games start, then after January 11th practice 1X per week with a Saturday game.



\*\*\*One Time Mandatory skills assessments for all children in grades 3+ playing Rec ball) see website for assessments dates and times. Registration closes on October 29th.

**PARPC REC & LAP SWIM** Starting October 28th-December 16th on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30pm for all ages. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Two lanes will be open for lap swim at 7:30pm. The fee is \$6 per person and \$15 per family (3-6 individuals).



**VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE** (18 Yrs +) Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30pm this fall starting in October. Each team must have 8 players on the roster. Games will be 6v6, each team must have a captain, and each player rotates through refereeing games. More details can be found online.



**DANCE** Campbelltown School of Dance @ South Londonderry Township Municipal Building ages 5 – adult starts now with ongoing enrollment with all levels of Ballet, Ballet Conditioning, Modern, Tap, Baton twirling, & Jazz. Campbelltown School of dance is proud to be serving the community for 35+ years!



## KAUFFMAN'S CHICKEN BBQ

On Tuesday, October 6th from 3-5:30pm at the Palmyra Municipal Center parking lot. \$7 for 1/2 chicken, potato, and roll. Please call (717)838-9244 to pre-order tickets due to a limited supply.



**POOL RENTALS** Rent the Palmyra Area High School Swimming Pool on Friday evenings from 7:30-9:30pm through May 27th. These events are great for pool parties and birthday parties. The cost is ONLY \$155 for PASD residents. (\$175 Non-PASD)

**REDNER'S RECEIPTS** Drop off your Redner's receipts our mail them to our office at 325 S. Railroad Street, Palmyra to benefit our Recreation & the PHS High School track program.

## GENERAL INFO

Fall Feeding Frenzy 5K and Fun Run is Saturday, November 14th. Visit [gravelhillumc.org](http://gravelhillumc.org) for more details. Sticks & Biscuits 5K is Thursday, November 26th. Visit [sticksandbiscuits5k.com](http://sticksandbiscuits5k.com) for more details.

### Scholarships available from The Hershey Company

- Children receiving FREE lunches—\$10 fee for sports league registration
- Children receiving reduced lunches—\$15 fee for sports league registration

\*\*\*A copy of PASD lunch letter and completion of short questionnaire form is required

# CAMPBELLTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

## **Homeowner's Insurance Policy—Mark Houser, CVFC Safety Officer**

If you live in South Londonderry Township, does your homeowner's insurance policy show you do? Many addresses in South Londonderry Township are Palmyra, Lebanon, Annville, Hershey, and Elizabethtown. All insurance companies not located in the state of Pennsylvania pay money to the state Fireman's Relief Association. This money is distributed, by the state of Pennsylvania, to the appropriate fire companies where you live to help oversee the cost of fire protection. The fire companies use this money to purchase firefighting equipment and pay for training classes. If your policy does not show you live in South Londonderry Township, your monies from the PA Fireman's Relief Association are going to other fire companies. The fire companies in South Londonderry are Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company, which covers most of the Palmyra and Annville addresses, and Lawn Fire Company, which covers Annville, Hershey, Lebanon, and Elizabethtown addresses. This is important money for our volunteers, and an easy way for you to make a donation to YOUR local fire companies. All you have to do is call your homeowner's insurance agent and make sure your policy states that you live in South Londonderry Township. The Campbelltown and Lawn fire companies thank you for your help and want you to know, WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU.

## **If Your Neighbor's House Was On Fire, Wouldn't You Want To Do More Than Watch? - Mark Houser, CVFC Safety Officer**

The Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company is looking for volunteers. Consider helping your community by becoming a firefighter, EMT, fire police, ladies auxiliary, or assisting at fundraisers. Men and women 16 years and older are invited. Campbelltown has a Junior Firefighter program for ages 16-18, which your parent's permission. If you feel you are interested in helping the Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company, we hold Recruitment Nights several times through the year. Watch the sign in front of the fire station for details on our next Recruitment Night. Come out and meet the crew, look over the trucks and equipment, talk to our volunteers, watch our training, and when we're finished, we'll treat you to a meal. If you are interested, please call 717-838-3707 and leave a message for the Fire Chief or one of the Fire Line Officers. Become part of the few that help protect your community, and besides, if your neighbor's house was on fire, wouldn't YOU want to do more than watch?

## **Will Take Old Cars—Mark Houser Jr, CVFC Safety Officer**

Do you have an old car that you would like to get rid of or get off your property? Consider giving that car to the Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company. Campbelltown is one of only a few fire departments in Lebanon County that has a rescue truck capable of heavy rescues. Training would consist of removing doors, roofs, and the entire side of the car as well as pushing dash panes and identifying possible air bag locations. Cars would be positioned on their wheels, sides, and roofs to simulate different accidents we would encounter. Your car would go to a good cause as it helps the CVFC with hands on training. It is always difficult to arrange vehicles for extrication classes. After our training is over, the CVFC would be responsible for disposing of your vehicle and the CVFC can also help with the forms that consider your car a donation to charity. If you feel this is intriguing, consider joining our department. We are an all volunteer fire company. Help us help you.

## Pedestrian And Bike Safety

Summer Work and Travel Participants are more likely to walk and bike. Being able to walk and bike from your home to work, offers a less expensive option to getting around. However, participants also represent a huge population involved in accidents and sustaining injuries.

### Pedestrian Safety

- Cross the street at marked crosswalks or at intersections, and observe traffic-control signals.
- Yield to motor vehicles and bicyclists when you are not in a crosswalk or are not crossing at an intersection.
- Stay to the right on shared pathways and avoid walking in “bike only” lanes.
- While walking or jogging alongside a road without sidewalks, always walk or jog facing traffic.
- Make eye contact with oncoming motorists and cyclists, and indicate your intention to cross.
- Be observant — be seen — be safe: avoid cell phone use when walking in congested areas or crossing busy streets; wear bright colors and walk in well-lighted areas at night; don’t step into the street from behind an obstruction.

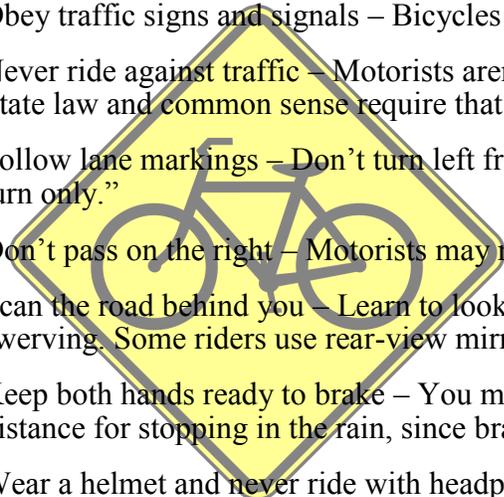


### Bicycling

Bicycles are legally considered “vehicles” on roadways. That means bicyclists must obey the rules of the road like drivers of any other vehicle and must be treated as equal users by all other vehicles. The best way to avoid collisions is to be prepared and be aware of other vehicles around you. Avoid common bicyclist errors and common motorist errors committed around bicyclists.

Here are some safety tips for biking:

- Obey traffic signs and signals – Bicycles must follow the rules of the road like other vehicles.
- Never ride against traffic – Motorists aren’t looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law and common sense require that bicyclists drive like other vehicles.
- Follow lane markings – Don’t turn left from the right lane. Don’t go straight in a lane marked “right-turn only.”
- Don’t pass on the right – Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.
- Scan the road behind you – Learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving. Some riders use rear-view mirrors.
- Keep both hands ready to brake – You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since brakes are less efficient when wet.
- Wear a helmet and never ride with headphones – Always wear a helmet. Never wear a headphone while riding a bike.
- Dress for the weather – In rain wear a poncho or waterproof suit. Dress in layers so you can adjust to temperature changes. Wear bright colored clothing.
- Use hand signals – Hand signals tell motorists and pedestrians what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, of courtesy, and of self-protection.



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### **Bicycling (cont'd)**

- Ride in the middle of the lane in slower traffic – Get in the middle of the lane at busy intersections and whenever you are moving at the same speed as traffic.
- Choose the best way to turn left – There are two choices: (1) Like an auto: signal to move into the left turn lane and then turn left. (2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far side crosswalk. Walk your bike across.
- Make eye contact with drivers – Assume that other drivers don't see you until you are sure that they do. Eye contact is important with any driver which might pose a threat to your safety.
- Look out for road hazards – Watch out for parallel-slat sewer grates, gravel, ice, sand or debris. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.
- Use lights at night – The law requires a white headlight (visible from at least 500 feet ahead) and a rear reflector or taillight (visible up to 300 feet from behind).
- Keep your bike in good repair – Adjust your bike to fit you and keep it working properly. Check brakes and tires regularly. Routine maintenance is simple and you can learn to do it yourself.

For more information on pedestrian and bike safety, please visit [http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\\_bike/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/)