

Honey Brook Township News

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Admin. Building Hosts Satellite Offices

U. S. Representative **Pat Meehan** (PA - 7th district) has set up a satellite office location in the meeting room at the Township Administration Building every **Thursday from 9 am-2 pm**. Constituents are welcome to visit to ask questions and to voice

their concerns.

The first and third Tuesdays of the month from noon to 4 pm, Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officer Larry Andes will hold office hours in the Township Administration Office. Residents

are encouraged to make an appointment ahead of time, advising the nature of their questions about building permits or zoning by calling the Township Office at 610-273-3970. Otherwise, Larry is available for phone consultation at 610-286-1622, x118.

Helpful Hints for Permit Applications

With warmer weather comes the inevitable increase in building and zoning permit applications. Here are some helpful tips.

1. Know which permit you are applying for.

Zoning permits are required for new or replacement sheds under 500 square feet in area, accessory buildings such as detached carports and garages, barns and other agricultural buildings carriage houses, signs, pools, patios, and decks less than 30" in height off the ground.

Building permits fall under the Uniform Construction code, for such things as decks over 30" off the ground, enclosing or constructing roofs over decks,

sheds over 500 square feet in area, additions to or new single-family homes, placement of mobile homes, and commercial buildings.

There are others, but those are the two most commonly requested.

2. Remember, permit applications are available online.*

Permit applications are available for pickup at the Township Administration Building from 9-3 Monday-Friday, but they are also available online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

3. Allow enough time for your permit application's review.

The typical turnaround time for building permits is 5 to 10 business days; however, please note that

State Code permits a 15 business-day review period. Please factor this in to your project when putting in an application. After the first warm weather spell of spring, the Township sees more permit applications than any other time of year, and reviews tend to take longer.

4. Fees are not due until the permit's issuance.

No fees are due when you turn in your permit application. You will be called by the Township Administration office when the permit is available for pickup. You will be advised of the fees due at that time. A fee schedule is available on the township website.*

*www.honeybrooktwp.com

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL:

- 10 Regular Board of Supervisors mtg
- 19 Parks & Rec. meeting
- 25 Planning Commission meeting

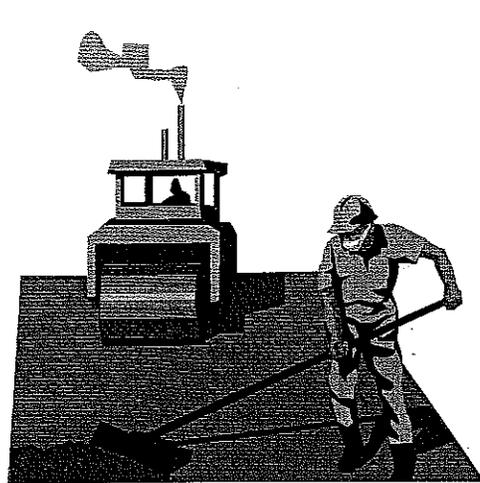
MAY:

- 8 Regular Board of Supervisors mtg
- 17 Parks & Rec. meeting
- 21 Primary Election Day (no walk-up window service)
- 21 Land Preservation Committee mtg
- 23 Planning Commission meeting
- 27 Office closed (Memorial Day)

JUNE:

- 12 Regular Board of Supervisors mtg
- 20 Parks & Rec. meeting
- 27 Planning Commission meeting

Please note:



Roads Crew Geared Up for Warm Weather

The Roads Department will be sweeping the roads in the developments in early spring (early April).

During the spring and summer months, the roads crew will be cleaning gutters and patching roads. Director of Public Works, Don Johnson, reminds everyone that if they see a "Road Closed" sign, please take heed and find an alternate route. This helps the road

crew complete their work more quickly and keeps them safe from unnecessary traffic and keeps residents from needless delays.

With summer comes more vegetation, and the mowing tractor will be seen all over the township tending to the right-of-ways. Please slow up when you see it and give this slow-moving piece of equipment plenty of room.

Of course, all good things must come to an end, and warm weather will inevitably give way to Old Man Winter again. Please be advised that, in accordance with Resolution 2013-2 and the Snow Emergency Ordinance, any cars parked on township roads during snow events will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

Primary Election Day is May 21

Primary Election Day is May 21, 2013. While this election year is often referred to as an "off"-year election, meaning there are no national seats to fill, there are local races to consider.

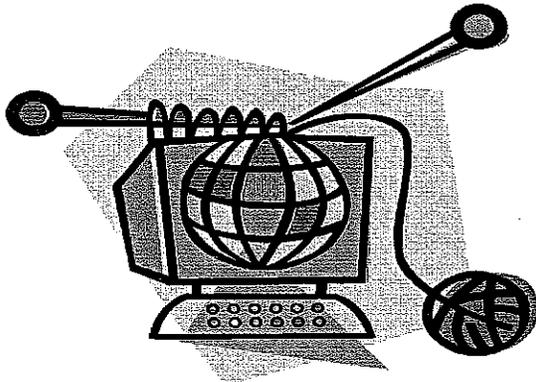
This year a Board of Supervisors term will expire December 31, 2013. Voters have the opportunity to nominate Supervisor candidates in May and elect a new Supervisor on November 5th.

Complete election information for 2013 can be found on the Chester County website: www.chesco.org. Click on the Voter Services/Elections tab on the left-hand side of the screen.

Comprehensive Plan Due for Review in 2016

The Township's comprehensive plan is due for an update in 2016. With this being a review of an existing Comp Plan and not a full plan developed from scratch, there is no need for a formal Task Force.

However, the Board of Supervisors encourages and welcomes the establishment of a review committee of residents interested in the discussions surrounding the Comp Plan.



Volunteers Needed!

There are some volunteer positions that are available for residents to fill. If any of the following openings are of interest, please feel free to call the Township Administration Office at 610-273-3970 or send a resume with a cover letter indicating your area of interest to:

Honey Brook Township
P.O. Box 1281
Honey Brook, PA 19344

Land Preservation Committee.

There is one vacancy on this committee. Meetings are the third Tuesday of odd-numbered months at 6:30 pm (with the exception of January's meeting,

which includes a farmer's breakfast, at 8 am). This committee reviews the list of farms eligible for easement and recommends properties for preservation to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

Planning Commission.

There are currently two openings for the Planning Commission, which meets on the fourth Thursday of the week at 7 pm (with the exception of November and December, when meetings are the third Thursday). This committee reviews land development and subdivision plans that come to the township for review and make recommendations to

Website Slated for Makeover

The township website, www.honeybrooktwp.com, is a valuable resource for information pertinent to township residents. Here, information such as meeting schedules, minutes, permit applications, and ordinances may be found.

However, the software currently used to create and maintain website con-

tent is neither user-friendly nor flexible enough to allow for quick updates.

The Supervisors are working to update the system to allow for quicker and easier updates by the Administrative Office. The changes are anticipated to take place sometime in the spring.

the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Workshops, necessary only if announced, would be held on the second Thursday of the month.

Comp Plan Review Committee.

This committee would work with the Planning Commission and the Administrator with regard to updating the 2006 Comp Plan. The first step would be to review the current 2006 Comp Plan and get familiar with its contents and attending workshops for the purpose of discussing any improvements and updating the information. More information to follow.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these committees, please submit a resume and personal summary indicating your desired committee position to the Township Office.

The Supervisors are considering participation in a community gardening program to benefit the Chester County Food Bank. Should such a garden be installed, volunteers would be needed to plant and tend the garden. We will keep you abreast of this project.

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See us at:

www.honeybrooktwp.com

Correction

There was a misstatement in the Fall 2012 issue of Honey Brook Township News regarding mailboxes in the Right-of-Way. Mailboxes are the *only* objects permitted in the right of way; however, the Roads Department does request that mailboxes be installed such that they do not hang over into the roadway.



Parks & Recreation Committee Update

As warmer weather approaches, so do thoughts of outdoor activities. The Parks & Recreation Committee held meetings during the late fall and cold winter months to review the activities for 2012 and to generate new ones for 2013.

Although the committee did not start meeting until mid-year, there were several successes:

- A tennis camp was held in the summer, attended by over 30 children.
- James A. Umble Park was a part of Honey Brook Harmony Day.
- When the tennis courts were resurfaced in the fall, lines for Pickleball were added. A net is on site at the park; an additional net is available from the Township Administration Office.
- A candy drop and pumpkin-painting activity was held in October.

A mission statement was adopted in March, 2013:

"The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Commission's mission is to provide opportunities for people to enrich their lives and increase their enjoyment and well-being through outdoor recreation and education."

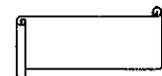
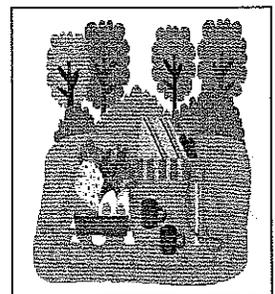
The James A. Umble Memorial Park, located on Suplee Road, is the center of public recreational activities for the Township as well as the home of the Twin Valley Little League. There are tennis courts, pickleball courts, a sand lot volley ball court, baseball/softball fields and a large wooded picnic area with a pavilion.

Please call the Township Administration Office at 610-273-3970 to reserve the Park pavilion or request ball field for availability.

The Township requests all persons and groups

who use the park to be considerate of the neighbors and to pick up litter following any activity. Park hours are dawn to dusk. A list of Park Rules is clearly posted in the front parking lot.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is seeking help from Honey Brook residents! Please let them know what you are looking for from the Committee by completing the enclosed Community Survey/ Proposal and dropping it off or mailing it to the Township Office.



Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Commission

Community Survey

April 2012

The information you provide will give the Parks and Recreation Commission an indication on what activities are needed in Honey Brook Township. These activities may include residents from Honey Brook Borough. It is the desire of the community to provide activities for all residents with an emphasis on children's activities. We would like to provide a summer program each year but we need your input.

Please indicate your interest:

Basketball tournament	Teen age events
Bocce Ball tournament	Tennis tournament
Bus tour	Young children activities
Bicycle paths	Walking trails
Road running events	Other

How many children would be involved?

Specify the other type of activities you would like to see provided by Honey Brook Township:

Would you be interested in serving on the Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Commission?

If yes, please provide your contact information below.

Would you like to be included in an email distribution on updates for the Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Commission?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-Mail address: _____

