

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Residents,

Welcome to the summer edition of our Township newsletter. The Board and staff encourage you to take a few moments to review the information provided, and keep this copy for future reference.

Everywhere we go, we hear the catch phrase "going green." I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage

you to go green, starting at home by making recycling a

habit. Recycling benefits us all, and only takes a few simple steps. Please see pages 6 and 7, which detail the items collected by our residential hauler, Penn Waste. I would also ask that you refer to the bottom of this page for upcoming Township projects. All meetings of the Board of Commissioners, as well as the Planning Commission and Municipal Authority, are open to the public. We encourage residents to attend these meetings and provide input. In addition, you can access the Minutes from these meetings on our website, [WWW.LOWERSWATARA.ORG](http://WWW.LOWERSWATARA.ORG).

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer.

Frank Linn, Sr., President  
Board of Commissioners

### Projects awaiting final approval from the Board of Commissioners:

- Residential Retirement Community, Phase I (26 multi-family dwellings & 1 commercial lot) located at NE corner of Fulling Mill Road & Nissley Drive.
- Bryn Gweled East (26 single family building lots) located on the east side of Lumber Street, adjacent to the south of PA 283.
- Timothy B. Clouser Final Subdivision (12 single family building lots) located between Morgan's Run development and Stoner Drive with access via Morgan Drive.



### Projects under construction:

- Linden Centre, Phase I — CVS site located at 1565 West Harrisburg Pike.
- Stoneridge Commerce Park, Lot #7, located at 1411 Stoneridge Drive, owned by Traffic Control Services
- Stoneridge Commerce Park, Lot #6, located at 1421 Stoneridge Drive, occupied by Standard Process of PA, Inc.
- Convert former PA Lottery Building located at 2850 Turnpike Industrial Road to the Data Center of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- Addition to the Phillips Office Products building located at 501 Fulling Mill Road

### Future projects:

- University Drive/5th Street project is on target to begin construction in 2010. Said road will intersect with West Harrisburg Pike on the east side of the Linden Centre.
- Linden Centre, Phase II, consisting of the following proposed building pads/uses: bank, hotel, convenience store, two restaurants, two retail sites, multi-retail building consisting of possibly six smaller and four larger spaces
- Residential Retirement Community, Phase IIA, IIB & III (52 multi-family dwellings and 3 commercial lots), located at the NE corner of Fulling Mill Road & Nissley Drive.
- Colony of Old Reliance is a Traditional Neighborhood Development consisting of mixed residential uses along with some commercial uses. Proposed project is located on Longview Drive immediately adjacent to the east of Old Reliance Farms.

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### Outstanding Service Award



Lower Swatara Township Commissioner Robert Loych (right), outgoing President of the Central Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners, received an award recognizing his outstanding service to the CPATC during the organization's Spring Conference. Presenting the award is the incoming President, Robert Spangler of Swatara Township.



The Board of Commissioners recently held its annual "Student Local Government Day." During the event, students shadowed the Township staff during the day, and represented the Commissioners during their Board Meeting in the evening. For the first time in the history of the event, a Commissioner was represented by his daughter. Brianna Clark, daughter of Commissioner Thomas Clark, filled in for her father during the legislative meeting. Brianna has won numerous writing and art awards, and is a member of the Honor Society. Future plans include attending college either for agriculture or environmental science.

## — FUTURE MEETING DATES —

All meetings will begin at 7:30 P.M., except as noted, and will be held at the Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, PA. The non-legislative meetings of the Board of Commissioners are listed in parenthesis. No formal business is transacted at these meetings. Non-legislative meetings of the Municipal Authority are scheduled as needed.

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

June (3), 17; July (1), 15, Aug. (5), 19; Sept. (2), 16; Oct. (7), 21; Nov. (4), 18; Dec. (2), 16.

#### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

June 22; July 27; Aug. 24; Sept. 28; Oct. 26; Nov. 23, Dec. 28.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

June 25; July 23; Aug. 27; Sept. 24; Oct. 22; Nov. 19; Dec. 17.

#### **RECREATION BOARD**

(all meetings begin at 7:00 PM):  
September 2, November 4

## OLMSTED REC BOARD

### OLMSTED RECREATION TEEN SUMMER RECREATION



**Who:** Middletown Area School District  
Students entering 5th grade up to completing 8th grade

**What:** Organized and supervised games, arts & crafts, special events, field trips and more.

**When:** Monday-Friday — 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
June 9th – August 14th

**Where:** Middletown Area Youth Center and the Main Street Gym

**Why:** Because its fun!

**Fees:** Full Summer \$150 first child/ \$75 each additional child

Weekly \$30 first child/ \$25 each additional child  
Daily \$7.00 (if space permits)

Additional nominal fees will be charged for field trips  
Participants should bring a packed lunch daily.  
Return completed registration form and appropriate fee to:

Olmsted Recreation  
55 West Water Street  
Middletown, Pa 17057  
948-3318

The Middletown Area Youth Center will be open  
Monday-Thursday from 2-5:30 pm.

Please contact Sue Layton 948-3318 for more  
information on Communities That Care programs.

\*Program must receive a minimum number of  
participates in order to be offered for the summer.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA)

### WHAT ABOUT FIDO AND FLUFFY?

When people plan for emergencies, they remember their spouses, their children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, but they frequently fail to consider the other members of the family. Any large-scale emergency is confusing and disorienting, and if you haven't already planned how to respond, your rushed and incomplete actions will be deficient at best, disastrous at

worst. You've seen the footage of the thousands of pets abandoned after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. Animals were abandoned, left chained in rising water, left without food or drinkable water. It was irresponsible, heartbreaking, and cruel. Have you planned how to care for your animals in an evacuation or major emergency?



### A KIT

You have (or should have) an emergency kit for the people. So make an emergency kit for your pets. Include:

- Food for 3 days
- Spare collar and IDs
- Water for 3 days
- Leash and harness
- Prescription medicine for 3 days
- A favorite toy
- Photo of you and your pet(s)
- Pet first aid kit
- Pet medical records and proof of vaccinations

### PLAN IN ADVANCE

Who maintains the kit with fresh supplies? Who will crate the dogs (or cats)? Who will load supplies? Where will you go with your pet? Consider installing a micro-chip under your pet's skin. For under \$50 you can turn the impossible task of finding your pet after a disaster into a speedy reunion. Make arrangements with friends or relatives out of your immediate area to temporarily house your pet(s) if an evacuation of your home is necessary. Ensure the host understands and agrees in advance. Provide a key to your house to a trusted neighbor. If you are unable to get home from a business trip or other travel, your neighbor will be able to provide food and water until you return.

### BE RESPONSIBLE

There is an unwritten contract between you and your pet. It provides love, companionship, an excuse to exercise, and entertainment. You protect them. Planning in advance will help you keep your part of the bargain.

## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Grass Clippings

The Police Department has received complaints regarding grass clippings in the street. This violation is extremely important as the grass clippings will clog sewer drains. Upon receiving a complaint or observing a violation, the police department can cite the home owner/business for this violation. The Township is requesting all property owners to ensure that their grass clippings are deposited of in a timely manner ASAP after cutting grass. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



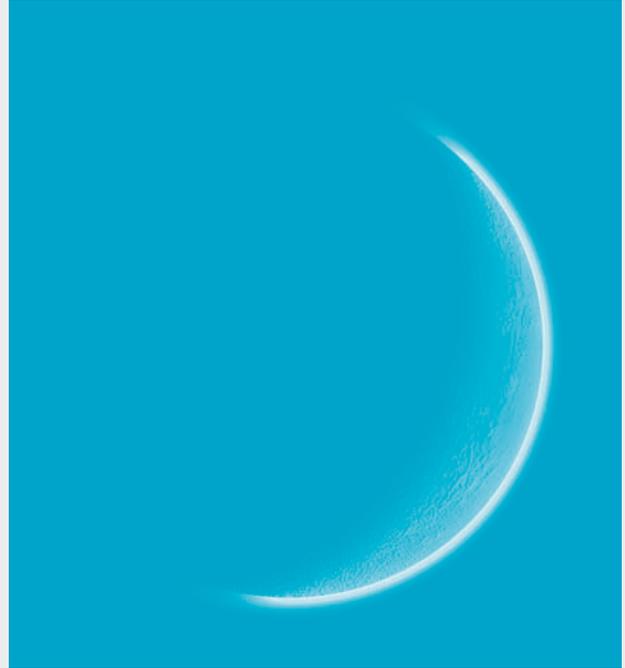
#### PART 4 USE OF PUBLIC STREETS FOR STORAGE §10-401. Duty to Maintain Clean Right-of-Way.

Unless authorized by the Township, no person or party shall willfully or negligently cause or allow any dirt, mud, rocks, mulch, stone, grease, oil, or other foreign materials or objects to be deposited, stored, abandoned, discharged or spread on the paved portion of any public street in the Township. Such materials or objects shall include, but not be limited to, trash containers, dumpsters, construction materials, appliances, tree branches, grass clippings, or other types of vegetation. The placement of leaves in the Township right-of-way shall be excluded providing that such leaves are placed in an area outside the traveled cart way portion of the street and are placed for pick-up by the Lower Swatara Township public works department during scheduled leaf collection in November and December.  
(Ord. 468, 12/17/2003, §1)

#### §10-402. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before any district justice, be sentenced to each such violation to pay a fine of not less than \$50.00 plus costs and not more than \$1,000.00 plus costs and, in default thereof, to undergo imprisonment for a period not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.  
(Ord. 468, 12/17/2003, §1)

### Curfew



*Citizens are reminded that no minor child under the age of 18 years shall be upon any of the public streets, highways, alleys, parks or other public places of Lower Swatara Township after the hour of 11:00 P.M., provided, however, that the following exceptions do not apply:*

1. Such minor child is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or other person having legal care or custody of the child, or by a person of good repute over the age of 21 years.
2. Such minor child, under the direction of his or her parent, guardian or other person having legal care or custody of the child, is in the performance of an errand or duty.
3. Such minor child has bona fide employment which makes it necessary for him or her to be upon public streets, highways, alleys, parks or other public places after the hour of 11:00 P.M.

The Township provides fines and penalties for curfew violations, so parental responsibility is encouraged.

## BUILDING CODE DEPARTMENT

### SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

Residential swimming pools are becoming more common every day. They provide an excellent means of recreation for your family and friends during the summer months of the year. Owning one is terrific. But let's not forget, they are dangerous. The majority of drownings and near-drownings in residential swimming pools involve children under 5 years old. Each year, nationwide, more than 300 children under 5 years old drown in residential swimming pools, usually owned by their family. In addition, more than 2,000 children in that age group are treated in hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries. Unsafe fences and barriers, latches and gates, combined with lapses in adult supervision, are directly responsible for most drownings in this age group.



bottom of the gate? If not, is the release mechanism located on the pool side of the gate at least 3 inches below the top of the gate? Are there any openings larger than ½ inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism?

In the interest of safety, if you have answered "NO" to any of these questions above, please correct that deficiency before the pool is opened up for use this season. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Building Code Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

## MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

### Municipal Authority Board:

James R. Gingrich, Chairman  
 James R. Brokenshire, Vice Chairman  
 Charles A. High, Secretary  
 Richard W. Wilkinson, Treasurer  
 Donald Martino, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Phone: (717) 939-7633

### ***This check list will help you determine if your swimming pool meets basic safety requirements:***

- Is the pool surrounded by a fence/barrier which limits access into the pool area?
- Is the wall(s) of the dwelling serving as part of the barrier? If so, is the pool equipped with a powered safety cover or are the doors and/or screen doors with direct pool access equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and/or screen door are opened?
- Are the maximum openings in the fence/barrier between the vertical sections less than 4 inches in width? Are the horizontal rails of the fence/barrier at least 45 inches apart? Is the gap between the bottom of the fence/barrier and the ground less than 2 inches?
- Is the fence free of obstructions such as large potted plants, ladders or anything else a child might use to climb the fence/barrier? Are the gates at least 48 inches high and do they open away from the pool? Are the gates self-closing and self-latching? Is the gate release mechanism located 54 inches from the



**NEVER MISS A PAYMENT  
OR WRITE ANOTHER CHECK**

The Municipal Authority will soon be offering our sewer customers Automatic Payment Withdrawal Service. This free service will ease the hassle of writing monthly checks and getting your payment in the mail on time. Your bank will automatically transfer the exact amount of your sewer bill from your checking or savings account to the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority.

Call the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority at 939-7633 to obtain further information or to enroll in the program.



## Green & Single Stream

*Penn Waste has gone Green!*

*Check out our new trucks and resources online!*

### What does this mean for Penn Waste customers?

1. Place your recycling bin out for collection on your scheduled trash pick up day!
2. Paper products may be put in recycling bins with containers. Just be sure paper is covered by heavier material so it doesn't blow away!
3. Penn Waste will accept any size of cardboard if it is flattened and loose pieces bundled.
4. Check out the list below to learn how to recycle successfully.

### Paper, Paperboard & Cardboard



#### Recycle These Items:

Cardboard boxes  
 Pizza boxes  
 Food boxes (i.e. cereal & jello boxes)  
 Paper towel & toilet paper rolls  
 Paperboard packaging (i.e. tissue boxes)  
 Office paper (any color)  
 Shredded paper  
 Newspaper & inserts  
 Magazines & catalogs  
 Junk mail & envelopes  
 Paper bags  
 Phone books

#### Prepare:

1. Remove all packaging (styrofoam, peanuts, plastic, bubble wrap, plastic liners, etc.).
2. Flatten ALL boxes.
3. Bundle cardboard that does not fit into the recycling bin.
4. Cover loose paper with heavier containers to prevent it from blowing away.

#### UNACCEPTABLE:

Plastic bags  
 Food soiled material

### Containers

#### Recycle These Items:

##### Plastics

#1 - #7 containers & bottles with necks smaller than their bases

##### Glass

Clear, brown, & green glass food and beverage containers

##### Metal Cans

Aluminum beverage cans  
 Steel food and beverage cans  
 Aerosol cans

#### Prepare

1. Remove caps/lids.
2. Rinse thoroughly.
3. It is okay to leave on labels & neck rings.

#### UNACCEPTABLE:

Plastic tubs, cups, trays, & bags  
 Broken glass  
 Windows, mirrors, ceramics, & light bulbs  
 Drinking glasses  
 Aluminum foil  
 Scrap metal



P.O. Box 3066, York, PA 17402

(717) 767-4456 or 1-866-575-8720

[www.pennwaste.com](http://www.pennwaste.com)

# Lower Swatara Township 2009 Collection Calendar

JUNE 2009						
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Collection days that fall on or after the holiday noted in **BLUE** will be delayed one day.

**Exception:** There is no change in service prior to or after a holiday that falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Yardwaste will be collected every other week from April through October. Collection dates are shaded.

## Basic Guidelines for Lower Swatara Township

- Trash, recycling, yardwaste and ONE bulk item must be curbside by 5:00 A.M.
- No more than four (4) 32-gallon trash cans/bags **OR** three (3) 32-gallon cans/bags and one bulk item will be collected each week.
- Bags and cans must not exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds.
- If bags exceed limit, extra trash bags may be purchased at the Lower Swatara Township Office for \$3.50 each.
- No more than ten (10) biodegradable bags or bundles of yard waste will be collected on scheduled days.
- Yard Waste bundles must be no longer an 3 feet and no wider than 8 inches in diameter.
- Grass clippings WILL NOT be collected as yard waste.
- No construction debris will be collected curbside.
- Call Penn Waste at 1-866-575-8720 to schedule collection of Freon appliances (i.e. refrigerators and air conditioners).



**Penn Waste, Inc.**

**1-866-575-8720**

**[www.pennwaste.com](http://www.pennwaste.com)**

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Seated: President Frank D. Linn, Sr. (left) and Vice President William L. Leonard, Jr. Standing, left to right: Commissioner Robert L. Loych, Commissioner Lauren LeVansioner and Commissioner Thomas R. Clark. Williams, and Commis-



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**