



Ligonier Borough Newsletter

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A word from the Ligonier Borough Secretary-Treasurer

Back in May when we printed our first newsletter, we were reeling from all of the changes the pandemic caused. Unfortunately we are not back to where we were before March 14th when an emergency declaration was issued, but we are making progress. Although the Town Hall Auditorium, Community Room and Meeting Rooms remain closed; the Borough office, tax office, and Rep. Mike Reese's office are all holding normal business hours. The Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce is open but with limited hours. If you are coming to Town Hall to visit any of these offices, please be aware that everyone is required to wear a face mask.

One surprising outcome of the pandemic is greater attendance at our Borough Council meetings. As many of you know, Council meetings are presently being held via Zoom. We invite you to attend these meetings which occur on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7 PM. Log in information is generally available on our website; ligonierboro.com, by the Monday before each meeting. Attending a Zoom meeting provides a great opportunity to find out what is currently being considered by the Ligonier Borough Council and it is a perfect way to let us know what you are interested in or concerned about, all without leaving the comfort of your home.

If there's something you'd like to see put on the meeting Agenda, please contact the Borough office by the Monday preceding the meeting.

In the meantime, please visit our website and check out Savvy Citizen for updated Borough information.

Public Works Department

Leaf Pick Up began October 15 and will run as needed until December. Residents are reminded to please keep the leaves on the curb and off the streets.

Please take note that tree & shrubs extending over Borough streets & alleys must be trimmed back to the curb or to a height of 13'6".

Tar & Chip to return in 2021. A list of streets to be done will be posted on the Borough website / Savvy.

Dumpster Days @ Public Works Building for Ligonier Borough residents will be scheduled in the spring. Information will also be posted at a later date on the Borough website / Savvy.

Stormwater Management Ordinance

Residents filing building permits within the Borough for projects with a total impervious area over 1,000 square feet must now comply with the Stormwater Management Ordinance adopted June 2020. Please see the Borough website for Ordinance #576.

Winter Maintenance

As winter approaches **residents** are reminded that snow / ice must be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow event.

The owner, occupant or tenant in the **Commercial Districts** are required to remove all snow / ice within six hours after a snow event. Snowfall after 6:00 pm may be removed by 10:00 am the next morning.

Please **DO NOT** shovel snow onto the streets or alleys. **This is a violation of PA Law & will cause hazardous conditions on the streets (PA C.S., Chapter 55).**

Residents are asked to try to use off street parking during big snow events to aid Public Works crew with cleanup.



Ligonier Borough Residents... Savvy Citizen® is now available!

Ligonier Borough would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the municipality to send information about important news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app or visiting the website below.



For more info:
SavvyCitizenApp.com

Register and become a savvy citizen!

Ligonier Valley Police Department Chief John Berger



Exciting news is coming to the Ligonier Valley Police Department. The department has obtained the funds through grant money to obtain body worn cameras.

Even before the rise of officers being assaulted or killed I was looking into funding to purchase cameras.

Body worn cameras not only protect the officer from any false allegations but they protect the citizen as well. The cameras will help with photographing possible crime scenes, evidence, etc. This is very exciting news to the department and residents of the valley.

If it were not for grants and donations, equipment like this would not be possible.

Anyone wishing to donate to the department for future purchases may send to LVPD located at 1 Municipal Park Drive, Ligonier PA 15658 ATTN: Chief Berger.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mayor Bellas....

With the fall foliage beginning to turn colors, please be careful walking with the additional traffic it brings around Diamond Park.

Residents are reminded to rake the fallen leaves to the curb for Public Works to pick up.



Zoning Officer Rick Schwab...

The political season is here, and many residents of the Borough have posted political signs in their front yards. The Borough's zoning ordinance limits the size of political signs to four square feet. No signs of any kind are to be posted between the sidewalk and the curb anywhere in the Borough "unless approved or erected by the Borough." All political signs should be removed within two weeks after the election

Tax Collector
Robin Roberts
724-238-5700

1st Floor in Town Hall
Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9 am – 4 pm



Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these unprecedented times. The Town Hall is currently open to the public (face masks required) to pay your Property Taxes, or you may continue to pay via mail.

The Borough and County Tax is due at the face amount through 12/31/20.

The School Tax is due at the face amount by 11/30/20. The penalty amount will be due by 12/30/20.

If you have chosen to pay by installment, the second installment is due 10/30/20 with the third installment due by 11/30/20.

All unpaid taxes as of 1/1/21 will be turned over to the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

Parks and Recreation

Parks & Recreation Chair Mariah Fisher and committee ask the community to stay tuned for a public forum to be set up via ZOOM for the tennis court renovations at Friendship Park.

In the meantime, ideas and input for the renovations are welcome either by emailing to ligonierboro@comcast.net or mailing to 120 East Main Street, Ligonier PA 15658.



A special committee of the Ligonier Borough Council has been formed to consider options / ideas for the former police station building. Individuals are asked to contact the Borough with any input or suggestions.

Ligonier Hose Co. #1 Fire Chief Corey Blystone

When you “change the time,” take the time to ensure your alarms for smoke and carbon monoxide are working. Residents are reminded to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Also, another important reminder is that a ‘clean chimney is a SAFER chimney.’”

NEWS BITS

Tenant(s) needed. Town Hall is looking for civic or municipal tenant(s) to occupy offices on the 2nd floor. The area available is approximately 2460 sq. ft. and broken into 7 offices of various sizes; a reception area, a conference room & a kitchenette. The space can be utilized by one large entity or numerous small ones. Interested occupants, meeting the municipal or civic criteria should call the Town Hall for further information. 724-238-9852.



Through the PA Department of Drug & Alcohol Program a **medication drop off box** is provided and conveniently located inside the handicap entrance of Town Hall as you descend the stairs. Get rid of your unwanted or expired medication safely. All medication should be in their original or sealed container or zip lock bag. Needles & liquid medications are **NOT** accepted. All personal information should be crossed out with a permanent marker.



Trick Or Treat in the Borough has been scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6-8 PM. Turn on your porch light if you wish to participate.

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic there will be **no** Merchant Trick or Treat this year.



Parking Meters

Did you know the Borough parking meters not only take quarters but dimes and nickels as well? Please be aware however that the meters **do not give time for Canadian coins.**

Meters in all parking lots are enforced 24 hours and the meters on the streets are 2 hour meters and are enforced 9-5 pm Monday through Saturday. Sunday is **FREE** Parking.

Parking revenue saves the Borough from raising **your** taxes.



Food for Thought: Drivers on alleys within the Borough are required by law to stop before entering a street whether there is a stop sign or not. PA Statutes Title 75 PA.C.S.A. Vehicle § 3344

THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION

The November 3rd General Election is quickly approaching. All registered voters interested in participating should make a plan as to how they want to cast their vote for the election.

Polling stations will be available for in person voting, but due to concerns regarding Covid-19, citizens may want to cast their vote by Mail In or Absentee ballot. Applications for Mail In or Absentee ballots are available now and may be completed online or downloaded to submit by mail or in person at the County Election Office. **Applications** to vote by mail must be received at the election office by no later than October 27th at 5 p.m.



The Supreme Court has ruled that postmarked Mail-In-Ballots received up to November 6, 2020 will be counted.

***** Please note that in person voting for Ligonier Borough residents will be at the Town Hall @ 120 East Main Street, Ligonier. *****

You may contact the Westmoreland County Election Office for additional information:
www.co.westmoreland.pa.us or call 724-830-3150.

For more information on Absentee and Mail In Ballots, please visit these websites:
<https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>



<https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/1526/Absentee-and-Mail-In-Ballots>

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