



## SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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### Your Supervisors:

Russell Burkett \* Jacqueline Kingsley \* Brian Harris

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 PM at the Smithfield Township Municipal Complex located at 75 Park Lane. We encourage your questions, comments, and involvement.

#### **Township Office Hours:**

**Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM**

All departments can be reached by calling 570-596-7770

- ❖ Ext 1 for the Township Office
- ❖ Ext 2 for the Highway Dept.
- ❖ Ext 3 for the Sewer Dept.
- ❖ For **emergency** sewer service contact Plant Manager Doug Williams at 570-886-3957.

### TAX RATES

**Tax rates remain the same in 2019!**

General Purpose 3 mills

Fire Protection 1.3 mills

To pay your Local and County taxes you can mail them, use the drop box on Charlene's porch or call for hours, (570) 596-2309.

### PERMITS

If you are planning on building or remodeling, a Township Assessment Permit is required. Please contact the Township Office or visit the Township's website for the Assessment Permit Application. Additional building permits from Code Inspections may be necessary.

Code Inspections, Inc.,

961 Gulf Road, Suite 102, Troy, PA 16947

Ph: 570-297-3928 Fax: 570-297-3918

### STREET LIGHTS

Please contact the Township Office if you notice a streetlight out or one not working correctly. When you call, please state the pole number and street it is on.

### RECYCLE!

Recycling is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month from 8 AM to 11 AM at the Smithfield Township Social Hall located at 48 Factory Lane.

**Please note some changes to the program:**

- Plastics can all be grouped together, no need to separate by # and color
- Plastic containers can be crushed to save room
- No plastic bags or black plastics
- Caps and labels can stay on plastic containers
- No oil containers and no styrofoam
- Food and beverage glass only, NO window glass or ceramics
- Aluminum and tin cans only, no scrap metal
- **If your Aluminum cans, glass or plastic bottles are .05 refundable, please separate them out. These proceeds stay with the Smithfield Ambulance Division for supplies and repairs.**
- Magazines, Mixed Paper, Junk Mail, Newspaper
- No medical waste or syringes will be accepted for recycling.

### DUST OIL

Dust oil will be spread when spring road maintenance is complete. Applications will be mailed to residents on our list from the previous year.

- Call the Township Office if you would like to be added to the mailing list, or if there is a change of address.
- Applications will be available on the Township's website: **smithfieldtownshipbc.org** around the beginning of May



### SPRING CLEANUP

Spring Cleanup will be held on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to Noon**. Please **enter on Factory Lane and exit on Park Lane**. The cleanup is free to residents.

#### PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN RED

- Proof of residence will be required.
- Metal items can be recycled, so if possible separate metal items from trash items.
- **ELECTRONICS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**
- **Tires: Car & Light Truck up to 22 ½ inches without a rim. Limit of eight free tires per household; A member of the household must be present with your tires; additional tires are \$1 each.**
- Tires with rims, \$1 each;
- **TIRES ABOVE 22 ½ INCHES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
- Freon appliances are \$5 each.
- Propane cylinders must have the valve out.
- **NO BATTERIES, CHEMICALS, WET PAINT OR ASBESTOS.**
- 120 residents signed in last year!

**Special thanks to our volunteers and Athens FFA for working all morning through the rain helping sign in residents and unloading vehicles**

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### **Smithfield Township Summer\*Fest**

**Mark your calendars for July 13, 2019!**

Games \* Food \* Crafts \* Fireworks

**Square Dance with Leonard Souto & The Gypsy's  
Music by Double Take**

\$8 Pre-sale \$10 at the Gate Children 12 and under free

Held at the Smithfield Township Veterans' Grounds  
3106 Rolling Hills Road

Like us on facebook  [Smithfield Township Summerfest](https://www.facebook.com/SmithfieldTownshipSummerfest)

We would like to thank our 2018 business sponsors. Because of their generosity the event was a successful fundraiser for the Veterans' Grounds, despite the rain!

#### **2018 Gold Sponsors**

- ❖ **Rex Kingsley Lumber**
- ❖ **Robinson Contracting & Landscaping**

#### **2018 Business Sponsors**

- ❖ Bryan's Meat Cutting
- ❖ Compass Collision
- ❖ Dave's Autocare & Collision Center
- ❖ East Smithfield Holistic Healthcare – Dr. Alice Moyer
- ❖ East Smithfield Holistic Healthcare – Dr. Marcia Kesten
- ❖ Gannon Associates
- ❖ John & Holly Allford
- ❖ Laurel Hill Veterinary Service
- ❖ Muddy Boots Construction
- ❖ Spencer's Custom Sawing & Kiln Drying Lumber
- ❖ Tod Everts Trucking

No taxpayer money can be used to support or maintain the grounds. The Township has plans to restore the building and grounds to make it a great facility for our community.

Anyone interested in helping with this event please email [smithfieldtwp@yahoo.com](mailto:smithfieldtwp@yahoo.com) or call the Township Office 570-596-7770 Ext. 1.

2018 improvements to the Veterans' grounds include new outside lights along the walkway.

You may also notice the deck on the Veterans Hall is nicely stained thanks to Carl Kingsley and volunteers. Carl is a boy scout with Troop No 4010 and stained the Veterans' Hall deck for his Scout Life Project.

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#### **MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RENTALS:**

**Smithfield Township Social Hall** located at 48 Factory Lane, is available for Township residents to use at no charge. A deposit fee of \$100 is required but will be refunded if the building is left clean, all trash removed from the premises and no damage has been done. No deposit fee is required for nonprofit organizations.

**The Township's portion of The Green** is available for rent. There is a \$50 deposit that will be refunded if The Green is left clean and undamaged. Nonprofit organizations are exempt from the deposit.

**The Veterans' Hall and Grounds** are available for rent for a fee of \$150 for one day, \$25 for each additional consecutive day rented. \$25 will be returned if all trash is removed from the premises and no damage has been done.

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#### **TOM JACK PARK**

32 yards of wood chips were purchased and applied to the playground area in 2018. A much needed improvement! In order to continue maintaining and improving the grounds the Tom Jack Park Board will be holding the following fundraisers this coming year:

- ❖ A bake sale to be held on Spring Clean Up Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you stop in and get a sweet treat!
- ❖ The Park Board will be making a SPLASH at the Smithfield Township Summer\*Fest Event held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to come and find out more!

All proceeds from these fundraisers go directly towards the upkeep of Tom Jack Park.

If you are interested in concession stand/pavilion rentals at Tom Jack Park for an event contact the Township Office at 570-596-7770 Ext 1. A donation would be requested and appreciated with the reservation.



#### **JULY 4<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION**

If there is one day when Smithfield shines, it would be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! You don't want to miss this event! With the parade starting at noon we kindly ask residents along the parade route to try to refrain from exiting their driveways after 11:30 a.m.

No tax payer money was used towards the 2018 fireworks display expense thanks to the generous donations of these area businesses.

- ❖ Bird Dog Farm
- ❖ Bryan's Meat Cutting & Country Butcher Shop
- ❖ Citizens & Northern Bank
- ❖ Dave's Autocare & Collision Center
- ❖ Dr. Alice Moyer, East Smithfield Healthcare
- ❖ Dr. Marcia Kesten, East Smithfield Healthcare
- ❖ East Smithfield Hardware
- ❖ Gannon Associates
- ❖ Hardenstine's Excavating
- ❖ Jay Kennedy Country Heating Inc.
- ❖ Laurel Hill Veterinary Service, Inc.
- ❖ Muddy Boots Construction
- ❖ Spencer For Hire
- ❖ Wrisley Track & Wheel, Inc.

Plans are underway for a 2019 show for Smithfield Township residents and their guests.

#### **ROADS - 2018 IN REVIEW**



- ❖ Projects on Jung Road and Lewis Drive were completed in 2018. These projects were primarily funded through the Dirt & Gravel Low Volume Roads Program which is administered through the Bradford County Conservation District. The road improvements for Jung Road and Lewis Drive included added material to stabilize road base, numerous drainage improvements, multiple cross pipes and underdrain. On Lewis Drive, a new concrete lining material was also installed.
- ❖ Depressed sections of Easy Street and Old School were filled and resurfaced.
- ❖ Two sections of Sodom Road were filled to control off site water in preparation for resurfacing.
- ❖ Approximately 18,000 tons of reclaimed aggregate (furnished by EOG Resources) was placed as base material on sections of Evergreen, Tom Jack, Pleasant Hill, Sunnyside and Easy Street.
- ❖ Over 8,000 tons of gravel was used for repairs and resurfacing of Township Roads in various locations.

These projects were done in addition to:

- Routine spring and fall road maintenance
- Roadside mowing
- Ditch cleaning
- Salt stabilization
- Cutting brush
- Sign repair
- Snow removal and ice treatment to keep our Township safe.

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#### **Sidewalk snow removal:**

All snow must be removed within twelve hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain. In the event that snow and/or ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed you are required to apply enough sand or other abrasive on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe, and as soon thereafter as weather permits, clear the sidewalk.

#### **Driveway Maintenance:**

Private driveways are the responsibility of the landowner and periodic maintenance should be performed to minimize costly and hazardous impacts to the roadways from storm water runoff.

#### **Hometown Heroes**

We are asking the community, is there an interest in organizing a Hometown Hero Banner Program?



- ❖ The purpose of the program is to honor and recognize Smithfield Township servicemen and women who **have served or are currently** serving our country in the United States Armed Forces with Hometown Heroes Military Banners.
- ❖ Banners would cost between \$150- \$175 including cost of the brackets.
- ❖ Anyone interested in purchasing a banner or helping organize this program please call the Township Office at 570-596-7770 ext. 1.

