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INTERIOR COPELAND BRIDGE COMPLETE AND OPEN BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS!

Steve Kanas, Director of Public Works reports that the Interior Copeland Bridge Project is now complete. This extensive project began in the planning phase in 2007. With the assistance of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering of Delmont, a design was completed and funding secured to complete the project. One of the hurdles of this project was the construction of the main Copeland Road Bridge that had been out for several years due to hurricane flooding and was within a mile of the interior bridge. Both Bridges could not be done at the same time due to residents being located between the 2 bridges that would have been trapped with both bridges out at the same time, so careful coordination was required to complete one and then start the other. The main bridge was completed last year and the interior bridge began replacement in July and was finished in August of 2010. The Public Works Department provided 100% of the labor to complete this project. Bridge panels were competitively bid and upon their arrival the project began in early July. As a result of their efforts the bridge was completed ahead of schedule at a considerable savings to the taxpayers. Most municipalities contract out this type of work and Allegheny Township is fortunate that our department had the skills to tackle this project. Good Work to Steve and his men, your efforts are greatly appreciated!


Allegheny Township

*Public Works
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Steve Kanas

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2010 Newsletter

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Township Officials:

Kathy Starr
Township Supervisor

Joe Ferguson
Township Supervisor

Doug Custer
Township Supervisor



TOWNSHIP LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

On August 25, 2010 the Township launched a new township website. The website is designed with residents in mind and contain as much general information about the Township as possible. This includes but is not limited to event schedules, zoning codes and other ordinances, emergency

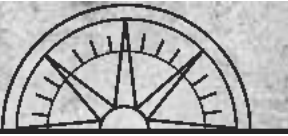
updates and contact information for all Township departments. The website boasts an easy and convenient toolset for communicating with your local officials as well as for becoming and remaining informed residents of the Township. The website will be located at www.alleghenytownship.net and as always if there are suggestions for something to be added feel free to contact the office.

BURNING IN THE TOWNSHIP

Its that time of year again when yard clean up becomes a priority throughout the various neighborhoods within the Township. Please accept this reminder to recognize that the Township has and strictly enforces burning regulations under Section 81 of the Allegheny Township Code. These regulations must be followed when conducting an open burn. A copy of the regulations can be obtained or reviewed at the Municipal Building. Commercial entities and business owners who wish to initiate a commercial burn, must first obtain permission from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. You are never allowed to burn recyclables, tires, or other hazardous or toxic materials, such as petroleum products, dry cleaning processes, or coal refuse. For more information, contact DEP on their website at: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us> keyword "Burning Trash". Please be aware from time to time that the EMA Coordinator may impose burning bans depending on weather and will be posted on the Township marquee signs and website.



Allegheny Township Business Community



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATES:

NIXLE: CONNECTING YOUR COMMUNITY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

The Township has registered for the Nixle emergency response system. Nixle is a reverse emergency notification system through which the Township can notify residents of hazardous materials incidents, fires or other public emergencies via text message. In order to participate residents must register their cellular phone number through the service's website at www.nixle.com. Once registered, residents will receive notification on their phones in the event of any public emergency or hazard. No other messages or solicitations come with the service, only important information regarding emergencies from Township officials. The service costs resident nothing more than standard text messaging rates and is a fast, efficient way of informing the public of dangerous situations as they develop.



More information is available at the Nixle website.

ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP PARTNERS WITH LOWER KISKI FIREFIGHTERS

As of May 12, 2010 the Supervisors voted to Make Lower Kiski EMS the primary ambulance service to Allegheny Township. Lower Kiski will house one medic unit at the Markle substation located at White Cloud Road and Phillips Lane during daylight hours. This unit will be equipped with medical personnel that are also certified firefighters. They will assist Markle VFD

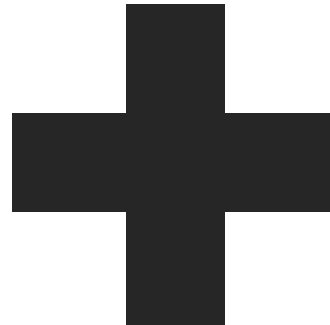
by responding with fire equipment to dispatched daylight calls. Essentially this means the Township is getting trained, paid firefighters for free. They also supply their own fire gear which saves the fire department approximately \$7500.00 per firefighter. Under

this agreement Lower Kiski has EMS guidelines geared toward response times and accountability. Prior to this agreement the Township had no means to levy any penalties for poor performance. We are proud to have Lower Kiski as our primary EMS responder. We already had a great working relation with them and we believe it will only improve from here. Lower Kiski will receive all EMS solicitation rights to the Township including yearly ambulance membership. Lower Kiski will only accept other EMS memberships until December 31, 2010.

MANAGING DISABILITY CHALLENGES IN EMERGENCIES

If you are disabled and may need specialized help in the event of an emergency, the Township wants to give you that help. In order to be sure that any residents' special needs are met in such a circumstance, the Township needs to know ahead of time which resident may need what kind of help. It is very important to notify the Township if you or someone in your household may need physical assistance in the event of an emergency because

such assistance is readily available as long as the situation is clear. Please look over the form on the back of this newsletter and, if appropriate, use it to inform the Township of your situation so that it can be included in emergency management planning. Updates to any resident's needs may be emailed to Emergency Management Coordinator Lee Schumaker at lschumaker@shakainc.com, or to Township Manager Greg Primm at primm@alleghenytownship.net.



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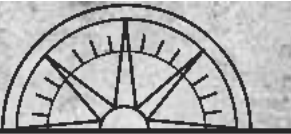
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FOUR-WHEELERS ARE FUN, BUT MIND YOUR NEIGHBORS

The Township would like to remind residents that it is illegal to ride four-wheelers on other residents' properties without their permission. Recently there has been some concern among residents about property damage as well as potential legal liabilities for injuries sustained while riding. Unless you have secured permission to operate your four-wheeler on another resident's property, you're in violation of the Township Criminal Code. Specifically, under Section 3503 Criminal Trespass, subsection b.2: Agricultural Trespasser which states: A person commits an offense if knowing that he is not licensed or privileged to do so he enters or remains on any agricultural or other open lands when such lands are posted in a manner prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the person's attention or are fenced or closed in a manner manifestly designed to exclude trespassers or to confine domestic animals.

It is a defense to prosecution under this section that: the premises were at the time open to members of the public and the actor complied with all lawful conditions imposed on access to or remaining in the premises; or the actor reasonably believed that the owner of the premises, or other person empowered to license access thereto, would have licensed him to enter or remain.

Remember, four-wheelers are a lot of fun but it is important to respect both the law and your neighbors. If you want to ride on someone's land, please be sure you are permitted to do

so first and take all necessary safety precautions. With your help and consideration we can make this a fun, safe and pleasant summer for all of our residents.

COMPUTER CLASSES REGISTERING NOW

Beginner computer classes are available to Township residents at the community building. Classes are scheduled when enough participants have registered. If you would like to take an introductory computer class please contact Susan in the Township office at 724-842-4641 for more information and to register.

UPCOMING SENIOR DISCUSSION EVENTS:

Each month the Community Building hosts a Senior Discussion group featuring a guest speaker and discussion session. All of the discussion are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 in the Allegheny Township Community Building. All seniors in the Township and surrounding areas are invited to attend. Other interested residents may also attend. The meetings are free.

August 25, 2010

Subject: "Your County Government"
Speaker: Commissioner Ted Kopas
Commissioner of Westmoreland County

September 22, 2010

Subject: "State Legislative Issues"
Speaker: Representative John Pallone
State Representative District 54

October 27, 2010

Subject: "Scams Against Seniors In Allegheny Township. How to Prevent Being a Victim"
Speaker: Chief John Fontaine
Chief of Police, Allegheny Township

If you have any questions or need further information about these discussions, please contact the Senior Discussion Group Coordinator, John Framel, at 724-295-0427.



MEET YOUR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES:

This is a new feature of our Township Newsletter designed to bring to residents some background about those employees of the Township who are visible in the community and inform residents about what they do. The purpose is to put a recognizable name to some recognizable faces and help residents to understand some of the important functions of the Township and who is performing them. To that end, each newsletter will feature a brief interview with two or three Township employees.



Chief of Police John Fontaine:

Q: How long have you been with the department?

A: 21 years

Q: What made you decide to go into law enforcement?

A: I guess when I was in high school; I had a part-time job working at an auto body shop. One of the things we did there was we towed for auto accidents. Because of that I got experience going to accident scenes and through that developed friendships with some of the emergency workers and cops there and liked what they did.

Q: What are the department's current noteworthy projects?

A: Probably the two biggest ones are the statewide accreditation program. We've been involved with that now a little over a year. And the other one is a school resource officer. We've applied for grant funding to pay for it. We've negotiated a contract with the school for a full-time police officer at the school.

Q: What kind of goals do you see for the department and its role in the Township?

A: Certainly the goal is the accreditation. Secondary goal would be to increase the police presence in the township, providing a more enhanced police service.

Q: Are there any other updates you'd like to share with the residents?

A: I would say our two biggest complaint issues involve traffic: speeding, you know aggressive driving. We do participate in the PA aggressive driving task force. We have extra patrols out that are there specifically to target aggressive drivers. Our other thing this time of year is code violations. High grass, junk cars, things like that. Our officers, in the normal course of duty are watching not just for criminal activity but are also mindful of our local township codes as well.

Superintendent of Public Works Steve Kanas:

Q: How long have you worked for the Township?

A: 23 years.

Q: What is your role in the public works department?

A: I'm the Superintendent of Public Works. I direct the public works department in day to day function.

Q: How did you decide to get involved with public works?

A: I was asked. I've been involved in construction and road work my entire life, so I just thought I could bring something to the community.

Q: What are the department's present goals and projects?

A: For the remainder of 2010 our goals are to complete the Copeland Rd. Bridge and seal coat as many miles of road as possible within our budget and prepare for the upcoming winter months.

Q: Where would you like to see the department go in the future?

A: I'd like to see the employee number grow to 9 from the present 7. I'd also like to see the Supervisors continue to look forward with the upgrading of equipment and vehicles to maintain the Township properly.



GOOD MORNING ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP

The senior citizen population continues to grow rapidly in Allegheny Township. With this in mind the Allegheny Township Emergency Management has developed the "Good Morning Allegheny Township Program."

Once a senior is registered in the program, the Emergency Management team or trained volunteers will call each morning between 9:00 – 9:30 am to brighten their day and ensure the well being of the resident. These short friendly phone calls will ensure the seniors are not experiencing any health related difficulties. In the event a resident does not respond to repeated calling, emergency personnel will be dispatched to check on the well being of the resident.

This program will also be used in the event of an emergency or disaster in Allegheny Township as well as weather related emergencies.

Please contact Lee Schumaker at the township office 724-842-4641 to enroll in the program.

ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP MANAGER RECEIVES REGIONAL AWARD

Allegheny Township Manager, Gregory Primm was the 2010 recipient of the Joseph A. James Memorial Excellence in Local Government Award, presented by the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) at their annual retreat in Farmington, PA. The SPC is the official Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 10 county region and includes the City of Pittsburgh and the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Green, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland.

The Joseph A. James Award recognizes a municipal government appointed or elected official in any local government, agency, or Council of Government for a lifetime of exemplary governance or management ; improving professionalism in municipal government ; making a significant contribution to municipal government services; providing an outstanding service or facility; and innovation or outstanding leadership in a local government in a local government cause.

Joe James, a noted scholar with the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, was a lifelong advocate for intergovernmental cooperation and professionalism in local government.

Mr. Primm was nominated for the prestigious award anonymously and had his nomination reviewed by a committee of SPC members which unanimously recognized his lifetime pursuit of exemplary local government service, his successful promotion of, or assistance in developing and implementing innovative intergovernmental cooperative ventures. Further, they recognized his markedly improving professionalism in municipal government services, providing outstanding service and leadership in local government causes.

2009-2010 TOWNSHIP GRANT UPDATE

The Township has applied for and/or secured the following grants for 2009-10. The grant-funded projects are either underway or nearing completion.

- \$5,000 for the hiring of an acoustical expert and technical assistance for the expert to determine if the Hanson dredging operation is too loud and what can be done about it.
- \$5,000 in grant money for new police equipment. The money was use to purchase new protective bumpers for Township police cruisers as well as a new 800 MHz radio. A second police grant of \$6700 was secured for use toward an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), and a new police cruiser camera.
- \$5,000 from DCED toward the testing of well water for Township residents who use wells. The tests are for contaminants and other hazards to ensure the safety of well water in households that use it. Each test costs around \$50, so the grant will cover approximately 100 wells.
- In response to falling numbers of volunteer firefighters nationwide, the Township has applied for and received a grant for \$15,014 to recruit and train junior firefighters in high school. The money will go toward an ongoing program of education and the equipment needed to provide that education, with a focus on strengthening the volunteer firefighter corps in the coming years.
- \$5,000 grant for engineering costs and repairs to the one-lane bridge on Copeland Road, which is crucial to many Township residents and in need of replacement.
- The Township has also applied for a grant through the federal government's COPS program that would allow for the funding of a school resource police officer. This grant would create a new asset in the police department to be deployed to Kiski School District. If awarded, the grant will total over \$200,000 to cover salary and benefits for 3 years.
- \$155,000 has been obtained through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to purchase an addition 1.5 miles of trail that would extend the Treadway Trail to the Freeport Bridge.