

Latimore Township

Adams County, Pennsylvania

NEWSLETTER XX

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Daniel Worley
Chairman



Larry Dost
Vice-Chairman



Woody Myers
Supervisor

A Letter from your Supervisors: The Importance of Preserving our Open Spaces

One of the comments we hear frequently from Latimore Township residents is that they love to live in this area and chose to move or stay here because of the area's rural charm. We can certainly relate to these comments because they summarize why we also are living in this Township. The peacefulness, wide open spaces, lack of crowding, opportunities to farm, and safety for our children and grandchildren to run around are all great attractions of Latimore Township for many of us. Furthermore, we can enjoy this rural setting and still be conveniently close to major towns and cities like Harrisburg, Gettysburg, York, and Washington, DC. This is a good place to live!

As your Supervisors and

fellow Township residents, we feel strongly about the importance of preserving the rural character and natural environment around us. In fact, it has been one of our primary goals while in office, and it is the reason we take zoning matters so seriously. A haphazard approach to zoning could easily endanger our residents' quality of life, threatening our enjoyment of the place we call home.

The preservation of our undeveloped green areas safeguards the natural habitats around us, making it a healthy environment from which all of us can benefit. It protects our precious water supply and encourages local food production, which, in turn, increases the economic value of our farmlands. This open space is a vital part of

our local infrastructure. As in the case of the Latimore Township Park, open green spaces can even be preserved for use by the public.

You can be assured of our continued efforts to maintain the rural character that we all appreciate. We want the beautiful countryside of Latimore Township to be enjoyed by many generations to come. If you have questions or concerns about zoning matters or anything else, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Daniel Worley, Chairman
Larry Dost, Vice-Chairman
Woody Myers, Supervisor



LATIMORE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

MICHAEL E. WEIGAND, CHIEF OF POLICE



You as a resident can greatly assist the Latimore Township Police Department or the PA State Police by calling 9-1-1 when you see suspicious activity or a crime occurring. If an incident can be handled while it is active, that will save the Latimore Township Police Department or the PA State Police a lot of investigation time. During our non-coverage times the PA State Police will respond to crashes and active calls that need immediate response. You can also call the Adams County Control non-emergency number at 717-334-8101 to report an incident or request an officer.

Transient Business Licenses Required in Township

The approach of spring brings solicitors to our neighborhoods. Latimore Township requires all door-to-door solicitors to apply for and obtain an approved permit to solicit in the township. If you receive a solicitor do not be afraid to ask to see his/her permit. The permit will be issued by the Latimore Township Police Department and should have a Latimore Township raised seal stamped on the permit. Unfortunately, the solicitors often sneak in and do not obtain a permit. If you have any questions about solicitors canvassing the neighborhoods, please contact the police department.

WITH SPRING WEATHER
ARRIVING PLEASE
WATCH FOR ACTIVITY OF
BICYCLISTS AND
RUNNERS ON THE
ROADWAYS.

**REMEMBER: IT IS A
LAW IN PA TO "SHARE
THE ROAD".**



◆ ROAD DEPARTMENT ◆

Call the Road Department at **717-528-7013** to report any potholes, trees down in the road, and any other concerns you have. If you have to leave a message, please remember to state clearly your name, phone number, and the location of the incident you are reporting so that we can address it efficiently.

Hopefully, many of you have seen the extensive tree trimming along our Township roads. We try to contact our residents before trees are trimmed to be sure that everything is satisfactory. We are in the process of having trees trimmed on every road in the Township.

LATIMORE TOWNSHIP PARK

711 Pondtown Road ♦ Dillsburg, PA 17019

As the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer, we anticipate more activity at the Latimore Township Park. From the ever-popular soccer fields and modern playground to the lovely walking trail and the large pavilion, there is something for all ages to enjoy. We aim to keep the park well-maintained and kindly ask you to pick up your trash and report any problems to the Township Park Board Chairman Woody Myers at 717-514-3978.



How do I rent the park pavilion?

- ⇒ Contact the Township office at 717-528-4614 or latimore@latimore.org to check the availability of a date
- ⇒ Visit our Township website www.latimore.org to view and download a copy of the Park Rental Agreement - a paper copy may also be picked up in the Township office
- ⇒ Complete the Park Rental Agreement and return it to the Township office with payment of \$25.00
- ⇒ The pavilion will be reserved for the entire day
- ⇒ Contact Woody Myers or the Township secretary Megan Colby with any questions or concerns



New to the Township? Stop in so we can meet you!

If you've just moved into Latimore Township, we encourage you to stop by the Township office so that we can meet you, welcome you to the Township, and answer any questions you may have. You can also call the office, write us an email, or submit a question via our website.

Township wins another award for newsletter

We are proud to announce that Latimore Township has been selected to receive another award for our Spring 2016 newsletter in the annual PSATS (PA State Association of Township Supervisors) Communication Contest. There were 103 entries into the competition this year from all across the state, and the entries were judged on the usefulness of the information presented, how well it was communicated, and the overall attractiveness and readability of the publication.

This is Latimore Township's fifth award for its newsletter in the past few years. This year, we are the only Township in Adams County to receive an award. All of our awards are framed and displayed in the Township building.



Recycling Center

559 Old US Route 15 ♦ York Springs, PA 17372

Latimore Township continues to offer residents a free recycling program on the municipal grounds at 559 Old US Route 15, York Springs. The recycling center is open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. It will be closed, however, on the following dates:

- April 15:** Easter weekend
- May 27:** Memorial Day weekend
- July 1:** Independence Day weekend
- September 2:** Labor Day weekend
- October 10:** Columbus Day weekend
- November 11:** Veterans Day weekend
- November 25:** Thanksgiving holiday
- December 23:** Christmas holiday
- December 30:** New Year's holiday



A list of accepted recyclable items can be found on the Township website www.latimore.org. Regrettably, we **cannot accept any electronics** or glass at this time. The following information on electronic recycling is provided for use at your own discretion:

- J and S Computing** ♦ 900 State St, Lemoyne, PA 17043 ♦ 717-975-8595
- Affordable Computers** ♦ 120 Frederick St, Hanover, PA 17331 ♦ 717-646-0880
- Washington Twp** ♦ 1275 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro, PA 17268 ♦ 717-765-6577

If you have any questions regarding the recycling center, please contact the coordinator Sam Giardullo at 717-528-8833.

Historical Notes ♦ **One Room Schoolhouses in Latimore Township**

Public education was a long time in coming to Latimore Township. Pennsylvania's first constitution (1776) stated that schools should be established in each county. A new constitution of 1790 added a provision declaring that the poor should be afforded a free education. On April 1, 1834, the Pennsylvania legislature passed a law that finally made free public schools available in Pennsylvania for all children. The idea of free public schools was very controversial since it relied on tax revenue. The legislature provided that adoption of the law be voluntary for each district. Adams County was to have 17 districts.

Latimore Township was one of the last districts in the county to adopt common schools. It was not until March of 1840 that free public education was approved in the township. For the next 120 years, the one room school house was the mainstay of elementary education. There have been at least 9 one room schools in Latimore Township over the years.

By the 1950s trends in education were changing and the one room schools were being closed. On March 26, 1960, the Latimore Township School District offered for sale the last of the district's one room school houses: Blackberry School (Town Hill Road), Harbold's School (Town Hill Road), Mechanicsville (also known as Bragtown School House) (Braggtown Road), and State Road School (Old

Harrisburg Road). These schools closed in 1958 when the boroughs of East Berlin and York Springs, along with the townships of Huntington, Latimore, and Reading, merged to form the Bermudian Springs School District. The sale bill stated that the buildings were "readily adaptable to dwellings, in ideal locations and have electricity, as well as out buildings".

The names of other township schools include: Bushey's (Bushey School Road), Church or Two Churches (Lake Meade Road), Flohr's (Bushey School Road), Plainfield or Swamp (Latimore Valley Road), and Wolford's (Quaker Church Road). As one travels around Latimore Township today, several of these schools can be found serving as homes for township residents.

To learn more about education in Northeast Adams County, come visit us and check out our "School Days...School Days" exhibit.

Ye Olde Sulphur Spa Historical Society's (408 Main Street, York Springs) currently featured exhibit is "Merchants, Mills and More" showcasing business and industry in northeastern Adams County. The museum is open Wednesday evenings from 6-9 PM and the first Sunday of most months from 2-4 PM. Check the website for up-to-date information.

*Information provided by YOSSHS.
www.yosshs.org.*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

SATURDAY, MAR. 26, 1960

The Board of Directors of Latimore Township School District pursuant to a resolution adopted December 4, 1959, will sell the following improved real estate at public sale at the time and place specified as unused and unnecessary school lands and buildings:

TRACT NO. 1: At 12:00 o'clock noon, the premises known as Mechanicsville or Bragtown School House, situated in Latimore Township, about 1/2 mile southeast of Bermudian, being a lot 203 feet by 84.5 feet by 203.8 feet by 82.5 feet, improved with a brick school building, with drilled well.

TRACT NO. 2: At 1:00 o'clock, P.M., the premises known as "State Road School," situated in Latimore Township, on Route 15, about 1 mile northeast of York Springs, being a lot 160 feet by 206 feet by 161.5 feet, improved with a brick school building, with drilled well.

TRACT NO. 3: At 2:00 o'clock, P.M., the premises known as Harbold's School, situated in Latimore Township, 3/4 of a mile south of the village of Latimore, being a lot 102.86 feet by 168.61 feet by 165 feet by 168.63 feet, improved with a brick school building.

TRACT NO. 4: At 3:00 o'clock, P.M., the premises known as "Blackberry School," situated in Latimore Township, about 1 mile north of the village of Latimore, being a lot 97.6 feet by 97 feet by 99 feet by 89 feet, improved with a brick school building, with drilled well.

All of the schools will be sold at the site of the school at the times above specified.

All of the above schools are readily adaptable to dwellings, are in ideal locations and have electricity, as well as outbuildings.

Items of personal property will be sold separately at each school building, including blackboards, school bell, desks, stoves oil burners, etc.

**LATIMORE TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Frank Myers, Secretary

Clair Slaybaugh, Auctioneer
Brown, Swope & MacPhail, Attorneys



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Latimore Township Board of Supervisors

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Meeting Dates

*All meetings are held at the
Latimore Township Municipal
Building unless otherwise specified.*

Board of Supervisors

Second Monday of each month
(except January), starting at 6:00
PM

Planning Commission

Meetings held as needed on the
fourth Tuesday of each month,
starting at 8:00 PM

Park Board

Meetings held as needed. Some
meetings may take place at the
park pavilion.

Community Crime Watch

Meetings held as needed.

Zoning Hearing Board

Meetings held as needed.

Contact Information

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