

# The Littlestown Town Crier

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The Borough of Littlestown struggled through the 2009 Budget year due to the economic down spiral from the Federal Government to the State Government and to the Borough of Littlestown with cuts in taxes due to job losses and home foreclosures and the absence of grant monies.

Budget Year 2010 will be even more challenging. Although Littlestown needs to build its capital reserves, Council could not increase tax rates because of the financial struggles our citizens are experiencing.

Staff and Council worked diligently to cut expenses drastically without compromising the service to our citizens. The overall total budget for 2010 was decreased by more than 10% from fiscal year 2009. The 2009 Budget totaled \$5,608,732, with \$1,970,000 allocated for Lumber Street which was never accomplished because grant money was not made available. The 2010 Budget totals \$3,262,000.

The non-uniform employees of the Borough agreed to no increase in salaries and a reduction in health insurance benefit for 2010 with, however, a promise to continue to serve the citizens of Littlestown as they have been accustomed to in the past.

Patrons of the Littlestown Community Swimming Pool will see an increase in membership fees and daily admission rates. The Borough Staff researched fees charged at municipal pools in Pennsylvania and Maryland and adjusted the Littlestown rates to place revenues in mid-range. The staff has also applied for a grant and has received a donation commitment from the Littlestown Eagles for the difference between the grant amount and the actual cost to purchase and install a double-flume water slide to be placed in the area where the diving board had been. We are planning more teen hops, private parties and family activities. The Littlestown Community Swimming Pool is a great asset to the Borough and we plan to continue enhancing the area and activities for our patrons.

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Water and Wastewater rates will be increased by 10%. Rates have not been increased since 2005. The Borough has found that with more and more unpaid bills, more costly repairs and capital improvements being postponed because of the lack of funds, there is no other choice but to increase rates to cover expenses. A minimum \$75.00 bill in 2009 will increase to \$82.50 in 2010.

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## MEETING REMINDERS

All meetings of the Littlestown Borough Council and Planning Commission are held in the Littlestown Borough Council Chamber and Borough Meeting Room, 10 South Queen , Littlestown, PA 17340.

However, the Recreation Board meets at 10 South Queen Street, Littlestown PA 17340 January thru April, October, November and the Board meets at the small pavilion (#2) in the Community Park, Lakeview Drive, Littlestown PA 17340 May thru September

Regular Borough Council Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Council Workshops are on the second Tuesday or held if an agenda warrants. (If they are cancelled, we will post cancellation notices on the Borough Message Boards.)

Recreation Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Deadline to be placed on the agenda for a meeting is one week before the meeting is scheduled to occur.

## Littlestown Borough Council

Rick Adams	Member	Term 2012
Donald Bateman	Member	Term 2014
Tim Mayers	Member	Term 2012
David Wheeler	Member	Term 2012
Charlene Westcott	Member	Term 2014
Betty Bucher	Member	Term 2014
Donna Shadle	Mayor	Term 2010

## Christmas at the Square

On November 27, 2009, the Littlestown community gathered together to celebrate the holiday season. Organizations, families and children brought homemade ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree. It was a very joyous evening to have the community share the holiday season together.

Our thanks goes out to the Community Relations Committee, Mayor Donna Shadle, members of Borough Council, Borough staff, Kennie's Market, Hull's Video, McDonald's, Alpha Fire Company, Santa, Littlestown Jaycees, Wogans and the residents of Littlestown for making this year's Christmas Celebration a great success.

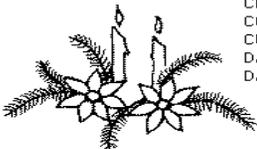
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## Kid's Corner



**~~WINTER REMINDERS~~**

1. Use the snow emergency routes that are posted on North Queen, South Queen, East King and West King streets.
2. Saving of parking spaces is strictly prohibited.
3. Keep 30 feet back from snow plows.
4. Vehicles that are parked or left standing on a snow emergency route can be towed at the owner's expense.
5. Postal Officials advise that an access path to your mailbox should be large enough to accommodate a vehicle and must be kept free of snow and ice or your mail may not be delivered.

***A Message from the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. . .***

1. Snow and Ice must be cleared from the sidewalks within twenty- four hours after the snow or ice storm ends. The cleared path must be at least twenty-four inches wide. The cleared path also includes ice. Failure to do so will result in a citation being issued.
2. When removing snow or ice from your property, you are not permitted to throw the snow or ice into the borough streets. This is in violation of the Borough Ordinance and will result in a citation.
3. Trees along the borough streets are the home owner's responsibility. Please keep in mind that branches that overhang onto a public sidewalk must be at least seven (7) feet from a public sidewalk. Also, tree branches that overhang onto a public street must be at least twelve (12) feet from a public street.
4. Water from your sump pump cannot be discharged into the street causing a hazard by the water freezing.

David Arndt, Jr., Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP**

Alpha Fire Company will be again collecting Christmas trees on Saturday, January 9, 2010, starting at noon. If you wish to have your tree picked up, place it at the curb before 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

***From the desk of Public Works . . .***

Winter is upon us again, and with the winter months comes snow. In an effort to ease some of the tension that comes with plowing, the public works crew asks for your assistance in moving your vehicle(s) from the street when a winter snow arrives. This will allow for effective plowing. When applicable, property owners with fire hydrants are asked to remove the snow from around the hydrant. This will greatly help in the case of an emergency. When cleaning your driveway entrance prior to the plows passing through, snow should be blown or shoveled to the right side of the driveway (when you are facing the road). By clearing the driveway snow away from the direction of oncoming plows, it helps to prevent the bulk of the roadway snow from being pushed back into your driveway, and please do not throw the snow from your sidewalks or driveway into the street. The bottom line here is that snow removal is a tough job for everyone involved. We do not like pushing the snow into your driveway anymore than you do, but hopefully we can both tackle the job of snow removal and come away at the end with a feeling of a job well done.

As always, I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters. If you have any questions regarding the information discussed in this article, please contact me at the Borough Office.

Tim Topper, Director of Public Works

## A Message from the Water/Wastewater Department

Grease continues to be a large problem at the wastewater treatment plant. We need residents, schools and businesses of our town to reduce the amount of grease being flushed down the wastewater drain lines. Businesses and schools need to make sure that grease traps, tanks and pit are properly being cleaned out on a regular bases. Residents once grease has cooled pour grease into a glass or plastic container and then dispose of it properly in the trash. This will help keep our drain lines from becoming slow or clogged completely. Thank you for your help in resolving this issue at the wastewater treatment plant.

**Chris Stroup**  
Chief Water/Wastewater Operator

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### ***Police Corner***

It is winter time again and the snow emergency routes are posted, which is North and South Queen Streets as well as East and West Kings Streets. The radio stations are WGTY/WGET and WYCR/WHVR and the television stations are WGAL and FOX 43 that are contacted to announce or post that the snow emergency is in effect.

**BOROUGH OFFICE CLOSED**

**MAYORS OFFICE**

**January 1st - New Years Day  
April 2 - Good Friday**

**The Mayors Office, on a trail basis, will be  
open every Wednesday from  
8am until Noon.**