

# The Littlestown Town Crier

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## CARNIVAL

The Alpha Fire Company will be holding their annual carnival August 4th through August 9th. Come enjoy great food and fun rides!



## COMPANY IS COMING!



Summer is here and we are going to soon have company. Yes, the Littlestown Carnival and the Littlestown Good Old Days will be here before you know it and with these events will come people from all over. This summer, we have a brand new Square to show off to our visitors. The Borough staff will be cleaning up and sprucing up the downtown area on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 10 am. Let's make these two hours a Borough-wide, community clean-up effort. The Borough staff is challenging all the businesses, community organizations, and residents to join in an effort to make Littlestown the place everyone will want to visit. Please contact the Borough office at 359-5101 if you would like to join us in this organized community clean-up. Let's show our visitors just how proud we are of the Borough of Littlestown!

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### *SUMMER CLEAN UP*

The Borough of Littlestown will be accepting the following large items at the stone lot beside the Alpha Fire Company, on Saturday, July 26th from 7:00 a.m. until noon:

Accepting air conditioners, freezers, and refrigerators with compressor or Freon removed; carpet; car seats; dryers; mattresses; sofas; chairs; box springs; stoves; washers; television sets, etc.

### NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, NO TIRES, GARBAGE, LEAVES OR BRUSH

#### Items will be collected from Littlestown Borough residents ONLY.

A flat rate fee of \$20.00, per truckload\*, must be paid to the Borough employee on duty at the facility on that date before items are accepted. A \$25.00 charge will be assessed to all items that use Freon.

For additional information, please call the Borough Office at 359-5101.

\*For vehicles up to 1 ton in size. Person using larger vehicles will be assessed a proportionately higher fee.

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## MEETING REMINDERS

All meetings of the Littlestown Borough Council and Planning Commission are held in the Littlestown Borough Council's Meeting Room, 10 South Queen Street, 2nd floor, Littlestown, PA 17340.

However, the Recreation Board meets at Pavilion #2 in the Community Park during the months of May through September and at 46 East King Street, Meeting Room #1, Littlestown, PA 17340 for all other months.

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 advertise such in the Gettysburg Times.)

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.

## Littlestown Borough Council

|               |            |           |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Rick Adams    | President  | Term 2012 |
| Jim Eline     | Vice Pres. | Term 2010 |
| Tim Mayers    | Member     | Term 2012 |
| David Wheeler | Member     | Term 2012 |
| William Brown | Member     | Term 2010 |
| Kevin Clark   | Member     | Term 2010 |
| Donna Shadle  | Mayor      | Term 2010 |

## **Littlestown Good Old Days Saturday, August 16, 2008 - 8:00am to 4:00pm**

You are invited to spend a day in the park with your friends and neighbors. There will be all types of arts, crafts and antiques on display and for sale. A full day of entertainment is scheduled for your enjoyment in tree shaded Crouse Park. There will also be an antique and classic car show along Glenwyn Drive. Mark you calendars! You don't want to miss this one!

For information or questions regarding the Littlestown Good Old Days, please contact David Wheeler at 717-359-4324.

## **FREE YARD SALES**



**The Borough of Littlestown will not require yard sale permits on August 14, August 15 and August 16.**

## **KID'S CORNER**

### ***Frosty Fireworks (Flavored Ice) Drink***

One way to make a splash this Fourth of July is by treating your kids to tall glasses of Patriot's Punch. Simply fill an ice cube tray with a red or blue fruit-flavored beverage (such as Powerade, Gatorade, or Kool-Aid) and let the cubes freeze solid. Then drop three or four colored cubes into each glass, pour in flavored seltzer water or clear soda, and watch the special effects. As the cubes melt, colored bubbles will swirl through the seltzer.

## **NEW EMPLOYEES**



The Borough of Littlestown is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members. Christopher Stroup is the new Chief Water/Wastewater Operator. Tom Stylc is the new Water/Wastewater Operator. Good luck to both Chris and Tom in their new positions!

## ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

We are pleased to present you with this years "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report". This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and service we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water sources are wells drawn from ground water in various locations around the Borough Limits. I am pleased to report that our drinking water has no violations and meets all federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact:

**Michael J. Sneeringer - Water and Sewer Manager**  
 46 East King St.  
 Littlestown, PA 17340  
 Phone: 717-359-5101  
 Or  
 717-359-5636  
**Public Water System Identification Number - 7010022**

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Borough Council meetings. They are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. The Littlestown Borough routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31, 2007, all the drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least a small amount of some constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions.

**Non-Detects** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at a detectable level.

**Parts Per Million or Milligrams per Liter (PPM)** - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000

**Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (**MCL**) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal" (**MCLG**) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

### Sources of Water:

- 1 – Surface water source at the quarry north end of Littlestown Borough
- 13 – Municipal Wells
  - 3 – South end of the Borough
  - 5 – East end of the Borough
  - 3 – West end of the Borough
  - 2 – North end of the Borough

**Chlorine Residual** – The chlorine residual for Littlestown Municipal Water System for the year 2007 average was 0.72ppm.

## ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

### TEST RESULTS FOR THE YEAR OF 2007

#### Inorganic Contaminants

| Contaminant (Unit of measurement) | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Range       | MCLG | MCL    | Likely Source of Contamination   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|------|--------|--|
| 14. Copper (PPM)                  | N             | 0.54           | 0.1 to 0.54 | 1.3  | AL=1.3 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |
| 17. Lead (PPB)                    | N             | .012           | .013        | 0    | AL=15  | Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits                                   |
| 19. Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (PPM)   | N             | 8.36           | 0.0 to 8.36 | 10   | 10     | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits            |

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 PPM is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constants that are naturally occurring or man made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels for health effects. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

**Nitrates:** As a precaution we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

**Lead:** Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). or please call our office if you have questions.

We at Littlestown Borough work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## *Did You Know...*

Summer is now in full bloom and I wanted to take time to remind the residents of Littlestown Borough about some important ordinances.

**Weed and Grass Ordinances:** Grass must be kept mowed to a height under twelve inches. Remember not to blow grass into the street. Property owners are also responsible for weeds that grow in between the street and curb.

**Garbage and Rubbish Ordinance:** It is unlawful to store garbage or rubbish in containers other than those which are made of durable, water tight, rust-resistant material having a tight fitting lid which must be kept on the container when in use. It is unlawful to store rubbish on your property. This provides breeding and eating areas for rodents.

**Abandoned Vehicles:** The Littlestown Borough Code states that an abandoned vehicle is any motor vehicle without a valid registration, current inspection sticker, or the vehicle is physically inoperable and left unattended on public or private property. To prevent or to correct this violation from occurring, the vehicle must be either garaged or covered with a designed car cover. A blue tarp is not considered legal! If the violation is not corrected within a timely manner, a citation will be issued each day the violation exists.

**Yard Sales:** If you are planning a yard sale, remember that you must obtain a permit from the Borough Office and also no posting of yard sale signs on telephone poles or street signs.

**Permits:** Property owners are reminded that any construction or renovations being done require a permit from the Borough Office. To receive a permit, a drawing of your property with the construction or renovations must be submitted to the Borough Office.

If you have any questions regarding any Borough Ordinances, please feel free to call the Borough Office.

**David Arndt, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer**

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

Construction is underway at Sells Parking Lot. Justice Excavation Inc., out of Aspers, PA, was awarded the contract. As stated in the previous newsletter, the municipal lot will consist of twenty-three (23) metered parking spaces, two of which are handicapped accessible. The completion of this project is scheduled for mid-August.

The Public Works Department will be starting their annual fire hydrant and valve replacement program in early June and continuing through August. The removal of old fire hydrants and valves will take place on East Myrtle Street, Maple Avenue and Glenwyn Drive. Crouse Park may also be part of this program. Old fire hydrants will be available for sale to those interested in purchasing.

Luke Young, of Boy Scout Troup #84 Littlestown, is currently working on his Eagle Scout Project. He will be renovating the Tot Lot at Maple Avenue and, at the same time, assisting in beautifying our community. Luke will be trimming trees, painting, and repairing the playground equipment. Luke is accomplishing this project through donations from the community and help from his fellow scout members.

There is good news for the residents who walk South Columbus Avenue. The Borough is working with the developer to install sidewalk on the East side of the street. This will assist in allowing walkers to safely travel this area in the confinements of a sidewalk as opposed to the open roadway. Construction is scheduled to begin late June 2008 and should be completed by the start of the upcoming school year.

As always, I thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters. If you have any questions regarding the topics covered in this article, please feel free to contact me at the Borough office.

**Tim Topper, Director of Public Works**

## THE BOROUGH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Friday, July 4th - Independence Day
- Monday, September 1st - Labor Day



### Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



## CANCELLATION

The Workshop Meetings of the Council are cancelled for the following dates:

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

## POOL HOPS

The Littlestown Community Swimming Pool will be holding pool hops for those people 13-16 years old (no infant children of those people attending will be permitted) on the following dates:

July 2nd, 2008  
July 30th, 2008

The pool hops will begin at 8:00pm and end at 10:00pm. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

## Police Chief Corner



### Curfew Laws

Summer months are approaching and the curfew laws will be enforced. Remember when having sleepovers outside, the subjects must stay on your property. Curfew hours are from 11:00pm until 6:00am. Subjects seem to wake up and roam the streets and alleys during these sleepovers. Please be advised parents that this is your responsibility.

### Speed Precaution

Please watch your speed as the kids are out of school, especially around the pool area and in the parking lots. Kids just dart out across the street and between cars without looking. Be watchful for these actions.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



July 4th - Independence Day  
 July 27th - Parents' Day  
 August 3rd - Friendship Day  
 August 26th - Women's Equality Day



September 1st - Labor Day  
 September 7th - Grandparent's Day  
 September 16th - Stepfamily Day  
 September 22nd - First Day of Autumn

