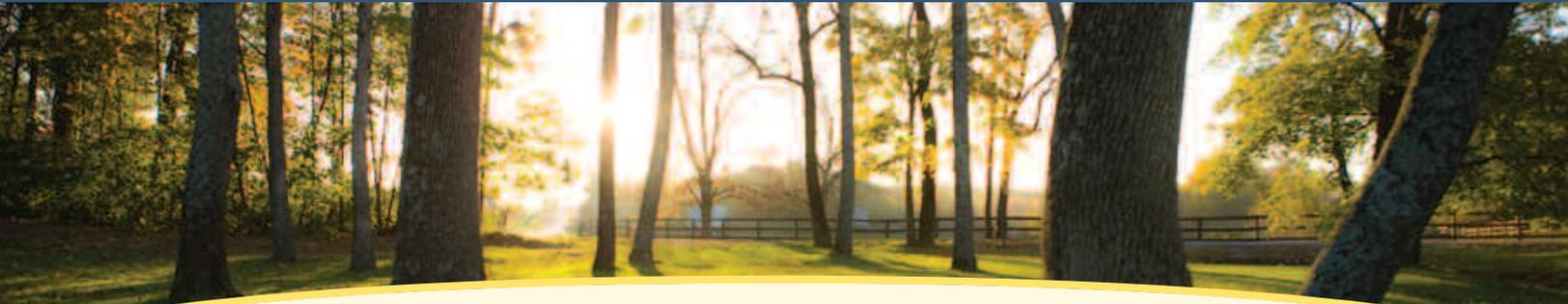


# THE BOROUGH OF LITTLESTOWN

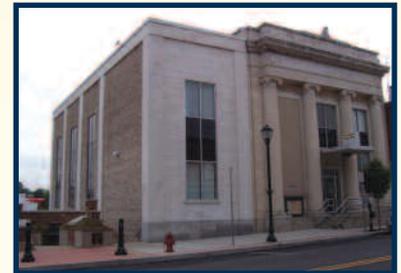


## Littlestown History

The Conewago Settlement was a colony, made up principally of Germans, situated in the southeastern part of what is now Adams County, Pennsylvania. The long and somewhat tragic border disputes between the Penn's and the Calvert's were the cause of the first settlers coming into this section.

On this disputed tract, settlers purchased lands from both John Digges and the Penn's. Digges began selling land in "Digges Choice" territory as early as 1731 before the first official survey was completed in 1734. Fighting began when some of the pioneers refused to pay taxes to Maryland, claiming that the territory belonged to the Province of Pennsylvania. Among the casualties was Dudley Digges, John Digges' son. Andrew Schreiber (Shriver), historically-speaking, is regarded as the first settler "At Conewago". The Schreibers moved to Pennsylvania in 1721 and settled locally in 1734 on a farm (later owned by Elias Basehoar) about three miles east of town, near Christ Church, along the former trolley line to Hanover. The Schreibers purchased 100 acres from John Digges and paid for it with 100 pairs of negro shoes. In 1752, according to the records, there were forty persons living on tracts sold under the Maryland rights. The long years of trouble came to an end with the establishment of the Mason Dixon Line.

Littlestown, or Petersburg, located in the extreme southwestern portion of Digges' tract, was part of the Conewago Settlement. It is probably the oldest town in what is now Adams County, having been laid out in 1765 by Peter Klein (or Little), 15 years before James Gettys laid out Gettysburg and one year after Richard McAllister founded Hanover. Adams County was formed from part of York County thirty-five years later. For at least 50 years, the village was known as "Kleina Stedtle" (in English "Little's Town"). Later it became Petersburg, but since the present York Springs was also known by the same name, a great deal of confusion resulted. Both communities changed their names..one became York Springs, the other Littlestown after a post office was established in 1795. Peter Klein died eight years after laying out the town and is buried in the graveyard of Christ Church off Route 194, a church which had been founded in 1747 by the Rev. Michael Schlatter.



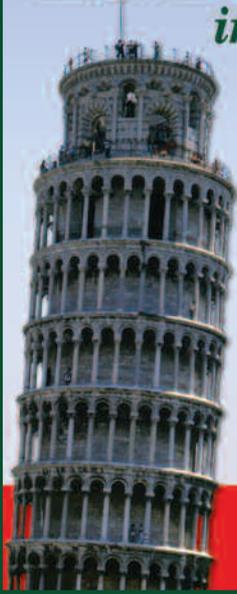
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# TAKING A DIP AT THE LITTLESTOWN COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL SHOULD BE MORE EXCITING!

If you have not already been to the Littlestown Community Swimming Pool, you should. The newest addition to the pool facility this year is a double-flume water slide which took the place of the diving boards that were removed several years ago due to safety concerns. The Littlestown Eagles, very generously, contributed \$12,000 toward the purchase and installation of this water slide. If you enjoy the slides, be sure to thank a member of the Littlestown Eagles. The Borough of Littlestown is extremely fortunate in having the Eagles as another community spirited service organization in Littlestown!



## LITTLESTOWN COMMUNITY POOL LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM SUMMER 2010

- CHILDREN MUST BE AT SIX YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- All sessions last two weeks (Monday through Friday, excluding July 4th) (**Weather Permitting**)
- The cost of each session is \$30.00 per student
- Class sizes are limited to 7 students
- Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis
- **Please contact the pool manager, Coleen at 717-359-7450, to schedule a skills test to determine your child's level.** If your child has previously taken American Red Cross swimming lessons somewhere else then please refer to the Certificate to determine which level she/he should be enrolled in this year. For example, if she/he passed Level 1 last year, she/he should be enrolled in Level 2 this year.
- Each class runs 30 minutes in length



SESSION 1: JUNE 21 - JULY 2		SESSION 2: JULY 5 - JULY 16		SESSION 3: JULY 19 - JULY 30	
10:00 AM	LEVEL 1 & LEVEL 3	10:00 AM	LEVEL 2 & LEVEL 4	10:00 AM	LEVEL 1 & LEVEL 6
10:40 AM	LEVEL 2 & LEVEL 4	10:40 AM	LEVEL 1 & LEVEL 3	10:40 AM	LEVEL 2 & LEVEL 3
11:20 AM	LEVEL 5 & LEVEL 6	11:20 AM	LEVEL 1 & LEVEL 5	11:20 AM	TO BE ANNOUNCED

**Please contact the Borough Office at 717-359-5101 for additional information.**

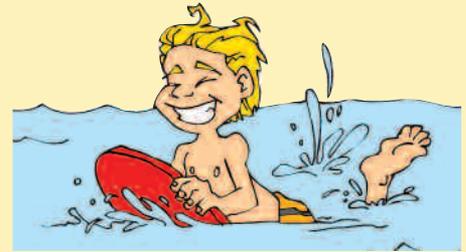
### *Thank You To The Businesses*

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. The Township would like to further request that citizens, in response, patronize these businesses first when given a choice as these businesses are saving each citizen tax dollars.

# LITTLESTOWN COMMUNITY POOL

## LITTLE SWIMMERS SWIM PROGRAM - SUMMER 2010

- All sessions last one week (Monday through Friday) (Weather Permitting)
- The cost of each session is \$40.00 per student
- Class sizes are limited to 10 students.
- Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis
- Each class runs 1 hour in length



SESSION 1: AUG 2 - AUG 6		SESSION 2: AUG 9 - AUG 13		SESSION 3: AUG 23 - AUG 27	
9:50 AM	PRESCHOOL	9:50 AM	PRESCHOOL	9:50 AM	PRESCHOOL
11:00 AM	TODDLER	11:00 AM	TODDLER	11:00 AM	TODDLER

Please contact the Borough Office at 717-359-5101 for additional information.



### NEW WATER AND SEWER SOFTWARE WILL CORRECT YEARS OF PROBLEM BILLING:

For years the Borough Office has been struggling with billing problems due to an inadequate and antiquated software system. Unfortunately the Borough has struggled with the need to purchase an updated system due to the lack of funds. After our audit this year it became very evident that the water and sewer system software was not generating the correct readings and billing extensions, so we have had no other choice but to make the new software purchase. You will find that this new system will be accurate in its calculations and more than likely you will find that your water and sewer bills will be slightly higher due to this corrected calibration. We will not go back to previous billings and correct bills that are most likely lower than they should have been. We are starting brand new on July 1, 2010 and have made every effort with KVS Software to assure that the billings are correct from July 1st forward. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### RON AND JILL BAIRD AND THE FRIENDS OF THE LITTLESTOWN LIBRARY ARE HARD AT WORK BUILDING THE KIND OF LIBRARY YOU DESERVE:

The Friends of the Littlestown Library have been hard at work for more than a year, planning and soliciting donations to renovate a building at to become the permanent home of the Littlestown Library, a member of the Adams County Library System. In 2010, Ron and Jill Baird bought the building located at 232 North Queen Street for the sole purpose of donating it to the Borough of Littlestown for the permanent home of the Littlestown Library. Ron and many members of the Friends have been hard at work tearing walls, ceilings, floor out to meet the design and dream of those involved with the Friends organization and the Adams County Library System. Well, the demolition is finished and on May 26, 2010 an Open House was held at 232 North Queen Street to show our citizens how the building looked gutted and how it is planned to look in the future. Work is continuing on this project and the Friends of the Littlestown Library need your help physically and financially. Please dig down deep in your pockets and help the Friends of the Littlestown Library make this dream come true. There are no finer citizens than volunteers and we all need to show our deep appreciation to Ron and Jill Baird for the contribution of a building no one dreamed would happen.





## LET'S CLEAN UP AND WELCOME VISITORS TO LITTLESTOWN!

Summer will be here soon and with summer comes the Alpha Fire Company Carnival and the Littlestown Good Ole Days. With our new Civil War Trail Marker near the Square, tourist will be stopping by when visiting Gettysburg. It is time for us to start planning our 3rd Annual Littlestown Clean-Up Day to get ready for all the people visiting our little Borough. The Littlestown Public Works Department will be street sweeping while the Borough Office Staff and Public Works sweep sidewalks, pull weeds from the curbs and pickup trash. Let's make the a Borough-wide, community clean-up effort with business people, citizens, clubs, adults and children helping in an effort to make Littlestown the place everyone will want to visit this summer. The 3rd Annual Littlestown Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Friday, July 30, 2010 from 8:00 am until Noon. Show your pride in Littlestown and come out with us and spiffy up our Borough. Please call the Borough Office at 359-5101, extension 36 to let us know if you will join us.

## BULK ITEMS TO BE DROPPED OFF

The Borough once again is offering a Summer Clean Up to all Borough residents and property owners. The Borough will be accepting the following items at the stone lot beside the Alpha Fire Company (40 East King Street), on Saturday, July 31st from 7:00am until Noon. Items accepted consist of chairs, couch/sofa, mattresses, box springs, computers, carpet, dryers, stoves, washers, televisions, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, freezers, air conditioners, etc. CFS / Fesmire (items containing Freon) must be removed and we will not accept any hazardous materials or tires. A flat rate of \$20.00 per truck load (for vehicles up to 1 ton in size). Persons using larger vehicles will be assessed a proportionately higher fee. For additional information regarding Clean Up, please contact the Borough Office at 717-359-5101.



## BRUSH COLLECTION

The Borough is providing a bush pile where residents can bring tree branches, limbs and cuttings, small bushes, hedges (without the root ball), leaves, as well as wood products that are unpainted, untreated and free of metal and nails. These items may be brought to the old Lawver property, located beside the Quarry, during regular Borough business hours (Monday through Friday from 7:00am until 3:30pm). However, there is a small charge of \$5.00 per load and must be paid at the Borough Office prior to drop off. You can make an appointment for drop off at time of payment. Please note, that anything not listed will be refused (e.g. grass clippings, plastic, boards with nails). The yard waste program is for Borough residents and property owners only.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding the information discussed in the article, please contact Tim Topper at the Borough Office.



## ALPHA FIRE COMPANY



[www.alpha20.org](http://www.alpha20.org)

## ALPHA PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

As the Littlestown community grows at a steady pace, Alpha Fire Co., No. 1 continues to strive to serve its residence with the best fire and emergency service.

Alpha recently "welcomed into the family" a 2010 Pierce Velocity Engine. The new engine is an addition to our current fleet. The committee put in a lot of time and effort to make sure this engine met the needs of our community and our department. Our members are diligently working to have Engine 20-2 fully-equipped to service the citizens by mid summer.

As the number of residence in our community grows in leaps and bounds, Alpha Fire Co. is strategically planning for the future of the current fire department. Our members are working feverishly as Alpha Fire Co. looks to build a new building. Alpha Fire Co. will continue to keep the community and company's needs at the forefront of its planning as we move forward with this project.

### CARNIVAL

The Alpha Fire Company will be holding their annual carnival August 9th through August 14th. Come enjoy great food and fun rides!

# LITTLESTOWN'S 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOOD OLE DAYS FESTIVAL

## Thursday - August 19, 2010

9:00AM - 4:00 PM - Famers' Market and Sales at Square – 4:00 PM  
Civil War Encampment at the Playground - 6:30 PM Parade  
Community Band at Crouse Park after the Parade



## Friday - August 20, 2010

9:00AM - 4:00 PM - Famers' Market and Sales at Square  
Entertainment at the Square in the evening.



## Saturday - August 21, 2010

6:30AM **YMCA** 5K [Registration](#) - 7:50 AM Pre-Race Meeting  
8:00 AM YMCA 5K Race

8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. -Antique Cars on Glenwyn Drive, Antique Dealers, Crafts, Non-Profit Organization Stands, Etc. at Crouse Park – Civil War Encampment, Colonial Craftsmen, Petting Zoon, Antique Engines, Tractors and Farm Equipment, and Colonial Kids Games and more at the playground.

A week before the Festival, check out the historic window displays and pick up your copy of the "Good Ole Days Festival News" at one of the local restaurants, Borough Office or Welcome Center.

**Admission and Parking are FREE**

### Saturday Entertainment at the Pavilion in Crosue Park:

8-9 AM .....New Season (Gospel trio will begin with the Star Spangled Banner)  
10 – Noon ..... Littlestown Municipal Band (set up at 9:15)  
1-2 PM ..... Chrome Classics (Corner do-wop style)  
2:30 - 3:30 .....Ditzi-Chix (Joan Luckenbaugh and Ginny Hasener)

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For information regarding the Littlestown Good Old Days, please go to  
<http://www.littlestownpa.info/GoodOldDays>

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## LITTLESTOWN GOOD OLE DAYS PARADE

We need your help to bring back the Good Ole Days Parade. Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Floats / antique cars-trucks-tractors / group costumes (8 or more people) / individuals / hotrods / etc. are needed for the Parade to be a success. Theme is "Good Old Days". Everyone is welcome to enter. There is no entry fee. To register or for more information, please contact Brian Byers (Littlestown Jaycees) at 717-637-9766 or Jill Ozminski (Littlestown Lions Club) at 717-359-0800. To register online please go to <http://littlestownjaycees.com/parade>



## TALK ABOUT PRIDE! HAVE YOU SEEN CROUSE PARK?

On Saturday, April 10th, the Littlestown Jaycees along with many contractors, citizens, businesses and Borough staff and elected officials met at Crouse Park to start a very ambitious project; the renovation of the Crouse Park Pavilion. This project started off as a grant opportunity through Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The original project was priced at \$60,000 with DCNR contributing \$40,000. Once the project was approved by DCNR, changes needed to be made to the project, such as handicapped parking in the park which caused the cost of the project to escalate to over \$125,000 by one contractor and \$250,000 by another. The Borough just could not afford to do this project. The Littlestown Jaycees stepped up and offered their services of providing volunteer labor and securing contracting expertise and donated material. Mark Austin and his company took on the project because he wanted the community to be proud of this once beautiful park. Dave Lawrence and his company jumped in to assist with the construction. Andy Baird and Don Morgret worked at restoring the cupola. Many people came out on that Saturday to lend a hand at whatever they could do to help. The Littlestown Jaycees are known for putting their muscle and resources into projects such as this; they were responsible for building a pavilion at the Littlestown Community Park many years ago. They worked side-by-side with the contractors on the roof and soffit and powered washed and painted where needed. The project ended up costing the Borough a mere \$10,000. This is an example of community working together for the betterment of their community and we should all be very proud of the hard work and dedication to community in this project.



## MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

First of all I want to take this time to say what a pleasure it is to be working in Littlestown and serving as your Chief of Police. Over the past several months I have had the opportunity to meet with a lot of the residents and business owners and I am so grateful for the reception I have received. As you are well aware, summer is now upon us and we can expect to see an increase in nuisance crimes, curfew violations and traffic issues. I am well aware of the aggravation these types of issues can cause if left unattended and they will only get worse if something is not done to correct the problem. I am asking all Borough residents and business owners to please give us a call if you see an issue or have an on-going problem and we will be more than happy to address the issue for you. I can't count the times I have spoken with someone and they say "This has been going on and it has been driving us crazy, but I did not want to bother the police". That's what we are here for, folks. Please do not ruin your summer over something we can handle for you. I would also like to invite everyone to please visit our department's website for information about us and the services we provide. We will be updating the site to provide you with the latest information relating to criminal activity in the Borough and updates on criminal investigations as warranted. I have found over the last 26 years in law enforcement that when you have a well-informed community and develop a positive partnerships with the citizens and the police, much can be accomplished. Our website can be found at [www.littlestownpd.net](http://www.littlestownpd.net). I hope you have a great summer and please give us a call if you need assistance.



## LITTLESTOWN LIONS NOW IN ITS 71<sup>ST</sup> YEAR

The Littlestown Lions Club is now in its 71st year serving the local community, having been chartered in November of 1939. President David Ozminski noted that the Club has been "very active during our 70+ years of service to the Littlestown area. We've always strived to live Lions International's motto of 'We Serve'. We hope that our community has been improved by our efforts."

The Littlestown Lions have provided eyeglasses for more than 200 needy individuals in the immediate Littlestown area, made available the initial drug and alcohol prevention study materials for the Maple Avenue Middle School, contributed the original trash cans for Littlestown beautification, purchased the original community Christmas tree and have co-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 84 with the Littlestown Rotary Club. The Club also provided volunteers for the original Littlestown recycling program and Littlestown Good Old Days.

The Littlestown Lions was also the first Lions Club in the state to participate in a statewide scholarship pageant for high school junior girls which is now known as the Adams-Hanover Outstanding Young Woman program. It has provided some \$75,000 in cash scholarships.

In addition to purchasing eyeglasses for those less fortunate, the members have also volunteered labor and money in support of the Pennsylvania Lions' Beacon Lodge for the Blind, provided camper ships for local blind persons to attend the Lodge's summer camp, and supported efforts of local residents to obtain leader dogs.

The Club has also supported a variety of projects through the donation of thousands of dollars to local, county, state and national organizations.

Currently with 15 active members, the Littlestown Lions have issued an open invitation to residents of the Littlestown area who are interested in community service to join their ranks. The Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at Bart's Church at 6:30 pm.

## LITTLESTOWN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2010 EVENTS

History programs usually the third Tuesday of each month.

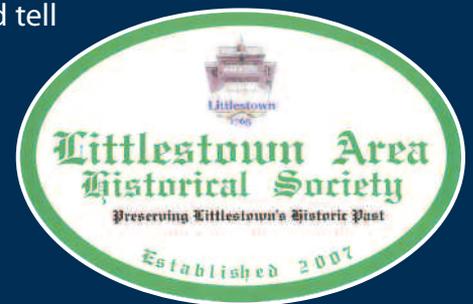
**July 20** - Littlestown History Night - Short history and then show and tell

**September 21** - Karl Orndodff - Lore and History of Bonneauville

**October 19** - Paul Lurk - More on Mt. Vernon School in Germany Township

**November 16** - Wendy Lookler - Historic Iron Furnaces of our area.

<http://www.littlestownpa.info/LAHSociety>



## ROTARY CLUB OF LITTLESTOWN 2010 EVENTS

Breakfast Meeting on Tuesday mornings, 7:15am at YMCA

**July 15** - Installation Dinner at the Dobbin House at 6:00PM

**August 19** - Rotary Float in Good Ole Days Parade

**August 21** - Help with directing Vendors into Crouse Park at 6:00AM

**August 21** - Purple Pinky Booth at the Good Ole Days Festival

**October 17** - Chicken Bar-B-Q

**December 21** - Rotary Christmas Party

<http://www.littlestownpa.info/rotary>





## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Grease continues to be a large problem at the wastewater treatment plant. We need the 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 trap tanks and pits are properly being cleaned out on a regular basis. Residents, once grease has cooled, pour grease into a glass or plastic container and dispose of it properly. This will help keep our drain lines from becoming slow or clogged completely.

Thank you in advance for your help in resolving this issue at the wastewater treatment plant.

## LEARNING TO SAVE WATER HELPS US ALL!

Demand for water has already led to shortages in some communities and the need for water will only increase in the future. There are more people and more ways to use water than ever before. That's why conserving water is important for everyone.

Conserving water has many benefits. When your family conserves water, you save money, energy and help protect the environment. Talk to your child(ren) about ways to conserve water. A dripping faucet can waste hundreds, even thousands of gallons per year. Check the faucets in your home with your child(ren). If you need to make some basic repairs explain to your child(ren) what you are doing and how it will help conserve water.

Help your child(ren) understand how water efficient or low flow fixtures, such as low flow showerheads or low flow toilets, work. If you don't have these fixtures ask your local hardware store about them. Remember, saving water saves you money!



## FRIENDS OF THE LITTLESTOWN LIBRARY



The Mission of the Friends of the Littlestown Library is to aid and advocate for the Littlestown Library by promoting community, providing assistance, and acquiring resources in an effort to nurture intellectual and cultural excellence. This organization is a 501.C.3 non-profit formed to solicit funds for and the renovation of a permanent home for the Littlestown Library. The building at 232 North Queen Street is currently in the process of those renovations, with the complete removal of interior walls and the installation of new insulation, studding and drywall, updated electric and plumbing with handicapped accessible restrooms, new air conditioning and heating, new sidewalks and parking lot pavement. In order for the Friends of the Littlestown Library to continue with this much needed project, they need monetary donations. If you are interested in sponsoring a room, portion of the library or making a much needed donation of money, please contact the Friends of the Littlestown Library, P.O.Box 304, Littlestown, or go to their website for more information - [www.littlestownpa.info/FriendsofLibrary](http://www.littlestownpa.info/FriendsofLibrary).

## LITTLESTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Littlestown Area Chamber of Commerce purposes to be the voice of the business community, an advocate for businesses and residents, and a catalyst for commercial, social, and charitable activities in our town. Since its founding, the Chamber has functioned in these roles and others. To Littlestown businesses, residents and visitors, we are a resource for information. We bring businesses together with each other and with the consumers. Our goal is to provide our members networking and educational opportunities to help them grow and, more importantly, promote quality of life in our community. By encouraging collaboration and cooperation between businesses, government, and residents, we aspire to create an environment in which we all thrive. The Chamber is an independent, not-for-profit, voluntary association of business people working to improve and invest in our community's economic and civic vitality. We rely on our member to help us achieve this goal. Get involved in our community's economic development and the promoting of our businesses by joining the Littlestown Area Chamber of Commerce. Contact us at 1A South Queen Street, P.O.Box 384, Littlestown, PA 17340, phone 359-7006, email: [littlestownchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:littlestownchamber@yahoo.com) for more information.



# COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## Motions Passed at the 04/27/2010 Regular Meeting of Council

- to adopt a resolution allowing the Borough of Littlestown to charge \$35.00 for any fee(s) or bill(s) paid unto the Borough by a check.
- to appoint Scott Small as the Borough's Fire Marshal.
- to approve the 39th Annual Good Ole Days to be held on August 19th, 20th, & 21st
- to approve the request from the YMCA to hold a 5K run at the Community Park on May 22nd & August 21st.
- to approve the Summer Recreation Program from June 14, 2010 through July 30.

## Motions Passed at the 05/25/10 Regular Meeting of Council

- to adopt an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 73, Article 300, Section 304.1 of the Littlestown Borough Code by adding Libraries.
- to approve the Royal Farms preliminary/final plan review with contingencies.
- to grant the sidewalk waiver of 4' width request pursuant to Chapter 55 Section 55-3 of the Littlestown Borough Code.
- to purchase a new 2010 Dodge Charger Police car fully equipped in the amount of \$38,619.94.

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**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## 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, 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.

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David Wheeler	Vice Pres.	Term 2012
Tim Mayers	Member	Term 2012
Charlene Westcott	Member	Term 2014
Donald Bateman	Member	Term 2014
Betty Bucher	Member	Term 2014
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