

# THE BOROUGH OF LITTLESTOWN



## From the Desk of the Chief of Police and the Borough Manager

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and are planning on attending all of the upcoming events planned for Littlestown this year. As founders week fast approaches we will be celebrating Littlestown's 250th Anniversary with a host of activities. From Old Fashion Church Services at Crouse Park, Founders Day Parade, Honoring Littlestown's Military Heroes and ending with the Founders Day Picnic in the Park which will conclude with a large Fireworks display. Starting Sunday July 12th at 3:00 pm there will be an old fashion church service at the Crouse Park Pavilion, on Monday at 12:00 noon there will be a Historical gravesite tour were tour guides will be available at the square. On Tuesday July 14th starting at 6:30pm there will be a one room school tour and a history program on Mud College School. On Wednesday July 15th the dedication of the 250th memorial at the Square at 12:00 noon followed by the Founders Day Parade starting at 6:30 pm. On Thursday July 16th starting at 12:00pm there will be an industrial building tour (guides available) followed by a Church tour at 4:00pm. On Friday, July 17th at 7:00 pm please join us to honor our Littlestown Military Heroes at 7:00 pm at the Littlestown High School Auditorium. On Saturday starting at 2:00 pm at the community rec. park we will have our Founders day picnic followed by a large fireworks display to close out the week. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have worked so hard to make this a memorable week of fun filled events. In addition I would like to thank the service organizations and businesses that have donated funding to sponsor these events and are as follows:

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2226 – Fire Works Sponsor \$ 10,000.00 Dollars
- Littlestown V.F.W. Post 6954 – Founders Day Parade Sponsor \$ 5,000.00 Dollars
- American Legion Post 321 – Littlestown Military Heroes Sponsor \$ 500.00 Dollars
- American Legion Post 321 S.A.L – Littlestown Military Heroes Sponsor \$ 500.00 Dollars
- H.R.G. Engineering Corporate Sponsor – \$ 1000.00 Dollars
- Adams County National Bank – \$ 500.00 Dollars



**Please remember to support our service Organizations when they have events or become a member!!!**

I can also tell you that the 250th would not have taken place had it not been for the countless volunteers and organizations that have donated their time and talents. I would like to thank the following.

- Littlestown Historical Society
- The Littlestown Borough Staff and Public Works Department
- Littlestown Police Department
- Littlestown Jaycees
- Littlestown Borough Council
- Stonesifer Sanitation
- Alpha Fire Company Fire Police
- Littlestown Ministerium
- Alpha Fire Company
- Lions Club Of Littlestown
- Littlestown Women's Club

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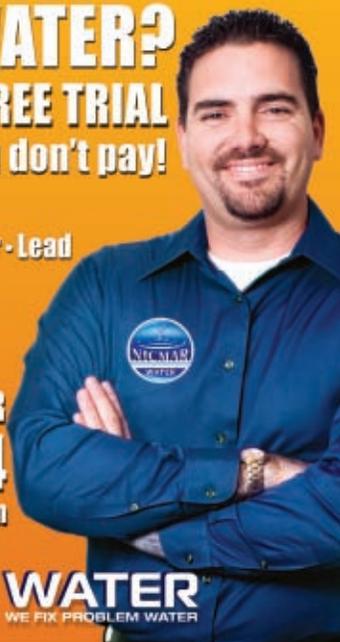
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## From the desk of the Chief of Police and the Borough Manager... continued from cover

I would like to remind you to please remember our regular summer activities that are still planned to occur.

August 3rd through August 8th – Alpha 20 Vol. Fireman's Carnival

Friday August 14th at 7:00pm – A Good Ole Cabaret ( Center Square )

Saturday August 15th 8:00am to 4:00pm – Good ole Days Celebration at Crouse Park, Glenwyn Drive and playground

Saturday August 22nd 6:30pm – 250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER

### Playground facelift completed !!!!

If you have been back to our Community Park or over at the Maple Street Tot lot you notice that all of the play area's have been redone and added to. All of the materials meet the necessary standards for child safety and as you are well aware the upgrades were well over due. All of the upgrades were made possible through a generous donation by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2226. On behalf of the Borough of Littlestown and all the kids that are having fun playing there, I would like to thank the Eagles for the continued support of our community.

## Garbage and Weeds

### GARBAGE AND RUBBISH:

Per Chapter 29 of the Littlestown Borough Code it shall be unlawful for anybody to deposit, accumulate or to permit the accumulation of any garbage (including, but not limited to animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of foods) or rubbish (including, but not limited to glass, metal, paper, plant growth, wood or non-putrescible solid wastes); or to store or permit the storage of abandoned or junked motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, furniture, furnishings or equipment on any public or private grounds within the Borough limits of the Borough of Littlestown in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance.

It shall be unlawful to store garbage or rubbish in containers other than those which shall be made of durable, watertight, rust-resistant material having a tight-fitting lid which must be kept on the container when in use. The containers must be kept clean by thorough rinsing and draining as often as necessary so as not to provide food or breeding areas for flies.

It shall be unlawful to dump, burn, bury, destroy or otherwise dispose of garbage or refuse except at an approved disposal site.

### WEED NUISANCE:

No person owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of twelve (12) inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor, or to create a visual hazard at any intersection. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the Borough in violation is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Borough.



## BULK ITEM DROP 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 18th from 9:00 am until Noon. Items accepted consist of chairs, couch/sofa, mattresses, box springs, computers, carpet, dryers, stoves, washers, televisions, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, freezer, air conditioners, etc. DFS/Fesmire (**items containing Freon**) must be removed and we will **not** accept any hazardous materials or tires. A flat rate of \$25.00 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.





# WALKING THE DOG

With the joys of summer upon us many of you will begin to enjoy the outdoors with your dog. Dog owners are reminded that you must clean up after your pet and dispose of the waste properly.

Please be considerate to your neighbors and the public places within the Borough!



## NEWEST ADDITION TO THE BOROUGH OFFICE..

Please take time to welcome Bobbi Eyer and Carol Dillman, the newest additions to the Borough Office. Bobbi and Carol were hired as Part-Time Borough Clerks. Their functions will range from taking care of water/sewer accounts, water/sewer billing, payables, receivables and the day to day tasks of the office. Please take the time to stop in and meet Bobbi and Carol if you haven't already done so.

### WHAT EXACTLY IS A RAIN BARREL?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rain water from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, streams, and eventually the Delaware River watershed.

A rain barrel is constructed using a reused 55 gallon food grade barrel, a bottom drain, a spigot, an overflow a screen to keep debris and insects out, and a downspout diverter to carry the water into the rain barrel.

A rain barrel is a relatively simple and inexpensive way to capture and store rain water for use at later times. It conveniently sits under residential gutter downspouts from you home, garage, and/or shed.

### BENEFITS OF USING A RAIN BARREL

Lawn and garden watering can take up a large percentage or total percentage of total household water use during the summer months. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for when you need it most, during periods of drought! A rain barrel provides an ample supply of FREE water for flowers, gardens, lawns, and even car washing!

A rain barrel can conserve water and save YOU money during peak summer months. Conserving water helps protect the environment, saves energy (decreased demand for treated tap water and well water) and decreased the impact of runoff to streams and the Delaware River. Therefore by installing a rain barrel YOU can help protect the water quality, aquatic species, drinking water quality, and recreation in the Delaware River watershed.

## RAIN BARRELS A Storymaker Solution to Non-Point Source Pollution



*A rain barrel is a rainwater collection system that stores rooftop runoff that can be used for irrigating flowers, gardens, and lawns, while conserving water, and saving YOU money!*

### Stormwater

Typically, rain water runoff is collected in storm sewer systems and released directly into streams. This direct runoff can contribute to flooding in developed areas that can contain a lot of impervious surfaces including roofs, sidewalks, and parking lots.

This runoff carries with it pollutants that contribute to poor water quality that can affect the health of local waterways and even your drinking water. These issues are of particular importance in highly developed areas as more impervious surfaces cause more runoff during a rain or snow event.



When you collect rain water that would otherwise enter the storm sewer system, you are helping to minimize the amount of storm water that will directly run off into streams!

A rain barrel is a good start to get homeowners thinking about water conservation. Rain barrels conserve water runoff and control runoff, and can give you a good idea about the large amounts of stormwater that is shed from impervious surfaces.

Because plants thrive on natural rain water (no chlorine, ammonia, fluoride, or other chemicals), the rainwater collected and stored in rain barrels is ideal for watering lawns and gardens.

A formula to remember: 1 inch of rain on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof yields 623 gallons of water. Calculate the yield of your roof by multiplying the square footage of your roof by 623 and divide by 1,000.

# 2014 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

## PWSID#: 7010022 NAME: BOROUGH OF LITTLESTOWN

*Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, ó hable con alguien que lo entienda* (This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak with someone who understands it.)

### WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION:

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Chris Stroup, Water Operator at 717-359-5101 or 717-359-5636.

**We want you to be informed about your water supply. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meeting. They are held the fourth Tuesday of every month.**

### SOURCE(S) OF WATER:

- 12 - Municipal Wells are ground water
- 2 - South end of the Borough
- 5 - East end of the Borough
- 3 - West end of the Borough
- 2 - North end of the Borough



**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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-246-4791).**

**MONITORING YOUR WATER:** We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The following tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The date has been noted on the sampling results table.

**DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS: Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, trigger treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** 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 (MCLG):** 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 Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level (MinRDL):** The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Mrem/year:** millirems per year (a measure of radiation **ppm** = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L) absorbed by the body.

**pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity) **ppq** = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

**Ppb:** parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (pg/L) **ppt** = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

### OTHER VIOLATIONS:

**We had no violations in the year 2014.**

### EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Nitrate educational statement: "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 for advice from your health care provider."

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. ☹ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. ☹ Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. ☹ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-

products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. ☺ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and DEP prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA and DEP regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 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 (800-426-4791).

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

**Lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Littlestown Borough is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Detected Sample Results:**

Chemical Contaminant	MCL CCR units	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine	MRDL=4	MRDL=4	1.59	0.91-1.59	ppm	2014	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Nitrate as Nitrogen	10	10	7.17	0.51-7.17	ppm	2014	N	Runoff from fertilizer use
Nickel	-	-	6.0	5.0-6.0	ppb	2012	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	15	0	3.89	0 -3.89	pCi/L	2013	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium	30	0	2.42	0.54 -2.42	ppb	2011	N	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM	80	n/a	26.2	18.3-34.1	ppb	2014	N	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
HAA5	60	n/a	10.5	6-15	ppb	2014	N	By product of drinking water chlorination
Tetrachloroethylene	5	0	0.6	n/a	ppb	2010	N	Discharge from factories & dryclean
Radium-226	5	0	1.21	n/a	pCi/L	2011	N	Erosion of natural deposits

	Date	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	90th Percentile Value	Units	# of Site Above AL of Total Sites	Violation of TTY Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Lead	2013	15	0	3	ppb	0 out of 20	N	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper	2013	1.3	1.3	0.175	ppm	0 out of 20	N	Corrosion of household plumbing

	MCL	MCLG	Highest # or % of positive samples	Violation Y/N	Typical Sources of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	More than 1 positive monthly	0	none	N	Naturally present in the environment

Entry Point Disinfectant Residual	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine	0.40	0.48	0.48-1.98	ppm	2014	N	Water additive used to control microbes



# PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE COMMUNITY AWARENESS BULLETIN

CAB 001-15

March 17, 2015

## VEHICLE BREAK-IN'S What You Need To Know

Billions of dollars' worth of personal items and accessories are stolen during vehicle break-ins each year. Additionally, thieves are also seeking to steal the victim's identity by taking identification and credit cards that are left in vehicles.

Pennsylvania has recently experienced a number of vehicle break-ins, specifically from the parking lots of gyms, stores, movie theaters, and hotels. Many individuals leave brief cases, purses, wallets, electronics, and other items unattended in vehicles when they are at the gym or shopping. Thieves capitalize on this type of activity by sitting in parking lots watching people or driving and walking through the parking lots looking for a target.<sup>1</sup> They focus on areas where owners will be away from their vehicles for an extended period of time.<sup>2</sup>

- On 02/04/2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a Florida woman was charged with four counts of identity theft and access device fraud after she broke into a vehicle and stole the victim's banking information. The suspect accessed the victim's financial accounts four times including cashing a forged check.<sup>3</sup>
- In January 2015, thieves entered numerous vehicles parked at a fitness center in Ridley Township, Pennsylvania and stole numerous personal items. The victim's credit cards were subsequently used to purchase more than \$1,300 worth of merchandise from a local department store.<sup>4</sup>

## PREVENTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

These preventative measures will help reduce the chances of your vehicle becoming a target for break-ins.

- Lock your doors at all times.
- Close all windows and sunroofs.
- Park in a visible, well-lit area away from larger vehicles, fences or foliage.
- If you have an SUV or wagon-type vehicle, consider installing a retractable cover over the cargo area.
- Place bags and electronics, including power plugs, adapters, and suction cup mounts out of sight.
- Place valuables in the trunk when you return to your vehicle rather than after you arrive at your next location.<sup>5</sup>



RETRACTABLE COVER

If you are the victim of a vehicle break-in:

- File a police report.
- Alert your credit card providers of the theft to prevent fraudulent charges.
- Check your credit history and scores to make sure additional credit cards were not added using your identity.
- Consider adding a security alert to your credit history, which will provide additional protection if your Social Security number was stolen.<sup>6</sup>
- Report any stolen vehicle insurance card and vehicle registration to law enforcement, your insurance company, and the Department of Transportation. Thieves have been known to steal insurance and registration information and put them with stolen vehicles.

Individuals who witness a break-in or see a suspicious individual or vehicle should find a safe location to call 9-1-1. If you are the victim of a vehicle break-in, report the incident to police immediately.

<sup>1</sup> CBS 21. (2015, January 31). Police warn about rash of vehicle break-ins. CBS21. Retrieved on 02/18/2015 from <http://www.local21news.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/police-warn-rash-vehicle-break-ins-15196.shtml>.

<sup>2</sup> Snyder, M. (2015, January 16). Middletown residents warned of car break-ins. ABC27 News. Retrieved on 02/18/2015 from <http://abc27.com/2015/01/16/middletown-residents-warned-of-car-break-ins/>.

<sup>3</sup> Johnson, J. (2015, February 17) Member of infamous 'felony lane gang' stole local woman's bank information, state police say. PennLive. [http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2015/02/felony\\_lane\\_gang\\_planet\\_fitness.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2015/02/felony_lane_gang_planet_fitness.html).

<sup>4</sup> CBS Philly. (2015, January 29). Police investigate car break-ins at Planet Fitness parking lot in Delaware County. CBS Philly. Retrieved on 03/17/2015 from <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2015/01/29/police-investigate-car-break-ins-at-gym-parking-lot-in-delaware-county/>.

<sup>5</sup> Halvorson, B. (2009). Tips to prevent car break-ins. CNN. Retrieved on 02/18/2015 from <http://www.cnn.com/2009/LIVING/waroflife/04/15/aa.avoid.car.break.ins/>.

<sup>6</sup> Sweet, M. (2006, September 20). Credit advice: Breaking into cars to commit identity theft. Experian. Retrieved on 02/18/2015 from <http://www.experian.com/ask-experian/20060920-breaking-into-cars-to-commit-identity-theft.html>.

# What you should know about SMOKE ALARMS

## Smoke Alarms Save Lives

The most important things you need to know are smoke alarms save lives and they should be in every home. Follow these important smoke alarm safety measures:

- **Make sure your smoke alarms are working.** This means testing smoke alarms monthly, replacing batteries once a year or when a low-battery alarm chirps and performing other maintenance as NFPA and your smoke alarm manufacturers recommend. And of course, a smoke alarm disabled because of nuisance alarms provides no protection at all.



- **It is important to have not just one smoke alarm but smoke alarms in every location required by NFPA**

**standards.** (On each level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom.) Tens of millions of U.S. homes are estimated to have smoke alarms but not enough smoke alarms to meet the standards and protect their homes.

- **Interconnect your smoke alarms so that a fire detected by any smoke alarm will sound an alarm at every location where a smoke alarm is installed.** Interconnection can be done using hard-wiring or wireless broadcast technology. Interconnected smoke alarms provide early warning of fires that are still far away or are located on the other side of a door or wall that may block sound.
- **Develop and practice an escape plan so that everyone in the home knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.** That includes planning a second way out from every room in your home. Every household that develops and practices an escape plan with two ways out from every location improves its time to escape in every type of fire.

## There Are Different Types of Smoke Alarm Technologies — Ionization and Photoelectric

The two most commonly recognized smoke detection technologies are ionization smoke detection and photoelectric smoke detection. Ionization smoke detection is generally more responsive to flaming fires and photoelectric smoke detection is generally more responsive to fires that begin with a long period of smoldering (called “smoldering fires”). For each type of smoke alarm, the advantage it provides may be critical to life safety in some fire situations.

Home fatal fires, day or night, include a large number of smoldering fires and a large number of flaming fires. You can not predict the type of fire you may have in your home or when it will occur. Any smoke alarm technology, to be acceptable, must perform acceptably for both types of fires in order to provide early warning of fire at all times of the day or night and whether you are asleep or awake.

type of smoke alarm will provide sufficient time for escape for most people for most fires of either smoldering or flaming type. However, research is ongoing, and standards are living documents. If at any time, research points to a different conclusion, then that will lead to proposals for changes in the NFPA standard or the closely related Underwriters Laboratories standard for testing and approving smoke alarms. Both organizations currently have task groups looking at smoke alarm performance in the current home environment.

## For Best Protection Use Both Types of Smoke Alarm Technologies

For best protection, it is recommended both (ionization and photoelectric) technologies be in homes. In addition to individual ionization and photoelectric alarms, combination alarms that include both technologies in a single device are available.

## Nuisance Alarms Can Be Minimized

Ionization type smoke alarms are more susceptible to nuisance alarms due to cooking, the leading cause of nuisance alarms, but both types have some susceptibility to nuisance alarms from cooking fumes, and both have susceptibility to nuisance alarms from the steam from a hot shower.

In the past decade or so, a number of steps have been taken to reduce the likelihood of nuisance alarms, including hush features and refinements to installation rules that include guidance on safe distances from nuisance sources.

## TV Demonstrations of Smoke Alarm Performance Can Be Misleading

Informal demonstrations, such as ones done for TV news shows, of smoke alarm performance can seriously mislead the viewer and do not provide a sound basis to assess performance. These demonstration tests are not performed in a controlled or scientific way that compares the time of smoke alarm operation to the time when occupants would be incapacitated. The selected fire scenarios may not be representative of real fatal home fires. Passing or failing a “test” of this sort may have nothing to do with performing well or badly in the wide range of real fires. A valid engineering analysis must select fires that are realistic and analyze them accordingly.

In an informal demonstration, the eye reacts to conditions that look dangerous, mostly visible smoke and visible flame. However, most people are killed by invisible gases, which do not necessarily spread at the same rate as smoke or flame. A valid engineering analysis must measure conditions caused by fires and assess them according to their real danger.



The best evidence has always indicated that either

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## OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY, 7:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

The Borough Office will be closed on the following dates:

Good Friday April 3, 2015 • Memorial Day May 25, 2015

## OFFICE HOURS OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor will be available in his office every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The Mayor's office is located at 10 South Queen Street, 2nd Floor.

## LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

James Eline, Sr.	Mayor	Term 2018
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David Wheeler	Member	Term 2016
Betty Bucher	Member	Term 2018
Joyce Weatherly	Member	Term 2016
Terry Moser	Member	Term 2016

## MEETING REMINDERS

- All meetings of the **Littlestown Borough Council, Littlestown Borough Authority and Planning Commission** are held in the Littlestown Borough Council Chamber and Borough Meeting Room, 10 South Queen, 1st floor, Littlestown, PA 17340.
- **Borough Council and Borough Authority Meetings** are on the second and fourth Tuesday of the each month at 7:00 p.m.
- **Fire Protection Committee** will meet on the Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

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

## BOROUGH OF LITTLESTOWN CONTACTS

- **Water and Sewer Billing** contact Bobbi Eyler at: 717-359-5101 ext. 30, boroughclerk@littlestownboro.org or Carol Dillman at: 717-359-5101 ext. 36, assistantclerk@littlestownboro.org.
  - **Water and Sewer Operations** contact Chris Stroup at: 717-359-5636 or strouplittlestownboro@comcast.net.
  - Questions, complaints or concerns regarding: **Codes, Zoning, Building, Inspections, Permits and Public Works** contact Tim Topper at: 717-359-5101 ext. 34 or publicworks@littlestownboro.org.
  - **General information** regarding the **Borough Office, Budget and Right-to-Know** contact Sandy Conrad at: 717-359-5101 ext. 31 or sandy@littlestownboro.org.
  - **Non-Emergency police issues** contact the Police Department at 717-359-4511 or the non-emergency number at 717-624-2101. For **EMERGENCIES** dial 911.
  - For all **General Compliant or Concerns** contact the Borough Manager Charles Kellar at: 717-359-5101 ext. 32 or ckellar@littlestownboro.org.
- You may also contact the Borough Council Members at: 717-359-5101 ext. 35.

## Just a couple of reminders

- **Tenant Registry:** If a property is owned within the borough limits and as the homeowner you are not living in that address and renting it out a status of occupancy form must be filled out per Chapter 39 of the Littlestown Borough Code. This form must be filled out within ten (10) days for a change in tenant.
- **Updating of Files:** We also are still trying to update our files with current phone numbers and email addresses. This way in case there is a high water reading at the residence we would be able to contact you and offer advice on how to check for leaks in the home.

## BOROUGH OF LITTLESTOWN HOLIDAYS 2015

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • JULY 3rd – FOURTH OF JULY     | NOVEMBER 26th & 27th – THANKSGIVING  | AND CHRISTMAS DAY               |
| • SEPTEMBER 7th – LABOR DAY     | AND THE DAY AFTER                    | DECEMBER 31st – NEW YEARS EVE   |
| • NOVEMBER 11th – VETEREN'S DAY | DECEMBER 24th & 25th – CHRISTMAS EVE | JANUARY 1, 2016 – NEW YEARS DAY |

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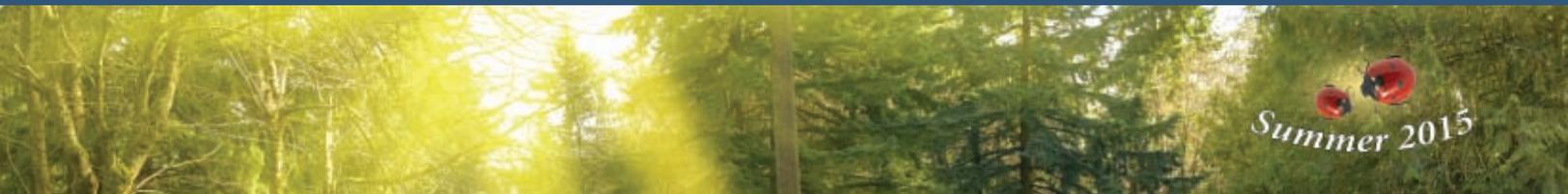
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