

VOICE OF SEWICKLEY

TAXES WILL REMAIN THE SAME

Budget is balanced and a motion was passed at the November 20th meeting establishing the real property taxes for fiscal year 2014 to remain the same as previous years. Supervisors will vote on the 2014 Budget at the December 18th meeting.

STREET LIGHT COST WILL ALSO REMAIN THE SAME AS PREVIOUS YEAR

Supervisors voted to hold the street light cost the same as previous years at the November 20th meeting.



SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP'S NEW SALT SHED

The Township Road Crew constructed this new salt shed (except for the concrete floor, which was bid out) in the last few weeks. This salt shed is 34 x 48 feet and will hold approximately 450 ton of salt enabling the Township the ability to store more salt for the roads. In years past, if we've had snow several days in a row, we ran low or out of salt. Last year in February, we had to borrow salt from Penn Dot until we could have more salt delivered. This new salt shed will solve those problems. Thank you Road Crew for a great job!!!

Holiday Office Hours for the Township: Tuesday, December 24, 2013 Closing at noon, Closed Christmas Day, Tuesday December 31, 2013 Closing at noon and Closed New Year's Day.

SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS WISH ALL RESIDENTS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

TOWNSHIP ROADS PAVED THIS PAST SUMMER

The Township bid out Kangaroo Hill Road, Church Street, Almond Street, McClerge Ave. and Clopper Street for paving. These jobs have been completed.

Madison Ave., Dexter Street, and a portion of Main Street Alley were paved by our road crew with money we received from a CDBG grant from Westmoreland County due to damage of roads by Sewage.

Sewickley Ave. and 5th Street were paved by road crew.

Neff Lane and Carnegie Road were paved by Williams Pipeline for Sewickley Township.

A base was applied to Middlemiss Lane by the Township road crew. Top coat will be applied in the Spring. Money for Middlemiss was supplied by Williams Pipeline.

Brian Nicholls, Public Works Director, has began identifying the worst roads in the Township for the paving schedule in the Spring.

PURCHASE OF AED'S

Supervisors voted at the November 20th meeting to purchase 11 Philips AED's and training devices. Each Fire Department will receive 2 each; Township will have one placed in the Township Building, one in the Recreation Building and one will go on the road with the road crew. After talking to the Rostraver/West Newton/Sewickley Community Ambulance Service, they felt they had an adequate supply of AED's.

Training will be available for use of the AED's.

The AED's will be paid for using the Impact Fee Money we receive for Gas Wells. This is the first of that money that the Township has spent.

Cost of 11 AED's \$15,255.30, Training Units \$1742.40, and 2 Wall Mounts \$880.00.

One life saved is worth any cost!!!

TOWNSHIP ORDERED NEW RUBBER TIRE LOADER

Supervisors voted at the November 20th meeting to purchase a new John Deere 524K Loader at a cost of \$118,570.00. Financing will be at a rate of 3.3% through John Deere. A \$20,000 down payment is included in the balanced budget for 2014.

This loader will replace the 1992 John Deere Loader that the Township purchased in 2006 Used. This loader was not reliable with many breakdowns when it was needed most.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Zach Casagrande will complete an Eagle Scout Project for the Bruno Field sign area when the weather permits. He presented his design to the Supervisors and they voted on it at the November 20th meeting.

Thank you Zach for your willingness to take on this project!!!

TOWNSHIP NEWS IN GENERAL

- Office hours for the Township Office have been changed to 8:00 A.M. till 3:30 P.M. due to security reasons. The office workers begin work at 7:30A.M. but doors open for business at 8:00 A.M. This enables the office workers to leave at the same time as the road crew. Before one worker would be in the office alone from 3:30 P.M. till 4:00 P.M.
- An application was submitted to Westmoreland County for CDBG Grant for calendar year 2014. The only area available for this Grant Money were certain roads in the Herminie area. Supervisor, Wanda Layman has talked with the Westmoreland County Redevelopment about expanding the CDBG Grant ability to all areas of the Township. Income Surveys are needed for each area to qualify. The Township will be working on contacting residents to complete the necessary paperwork to qualify all areas of the Township for these Grants.
- Supervisor Alan Fossi was appointed in July to serve on the Rostraver/West Newton/Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Board.
- A Special Thank you to Supervisor Alan Fossi for all the Holiday decorations on Township Buildings, Senior Center and the Crabapple Park Area.
- Sewickley Township welcomes Margie Shroyer to the Township Office. Margie is employed by the Lifelong Learning Center of the Westmoreland County Community College as a Sewickley Township Trainee to learn and work in the Township Office for 16 hours a week. Her salary will be paid completely by the State. Margie is a Sewickley Township resident who lives in the Whyle area.
- Doug Loughner, the part time maintenance person for the Township, has been painting the walls at the Township Building. New windows and new carpet have been installed in the office. The existing carpet was approximately 20 years old. We think residents will like the updated appearance of the Township Building.

NEWS FROM SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

January Movie Night is January 17th at 6:30 P.M.

Pittsburgh Penguins Tickets Raffle

- 1 Pair for Sat., March 22, 2014 vs Tampa Bay at 1:00 p.m.
 - 1 Pair for Sat., April 12, 2014 vs Philadelphia at 3:00 p.m.

PLUS \$500.00 CASH

Winning Number taken from the Official Pennsylvania Daily Three-Digit Lottery drawn at 7:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014

This Ticket not eligible for PA Lottery Bonus Number Drawing

Benefits: Sewickley Township Public Library

Donation \$5.00

2 numbers per ticket

Coming in January: Sewickley Township Public Library & H.W. Good Elementary Library present **The "Read" Carpet Event!** Children in grades 3 & 4 are invited to a red carpet event in May...if they meet the challenge! The challenge: to read at least three of eight designated books, and attend at least two book discussions, held at H.W. and STPL. After reading, students will vote on their favorite title and see if it wins at the event! Books include: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein, *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman, *Pi in the Sky* by Wendy Mass, *Rump: the True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff, *Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, *The Show Must Go On!* by Kate Klise and *Mrs. Noodlekugel* by Daniel Pinkwater. Copies of the books are available at each library. Questions? Call 724.446.9940 and speak to Naomi or Mandy.

Family Fun Nights

January: Movie Night- Date & Time TBA

February: Valentine's Day Party, Friday, February 14th, 6:30PM

Story Time is every Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. No registration necessary.



“GO JUMP IN THE RIVER!”

IN THE PAST YEAR, YOUR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, ALAN FOSSI, HAS HEARD THAT COMMENT; SO HE HAS DECIDED TO DO JUST THAT ON JANUARY 1, 2014!!!

LOCATION: CONNELLSVILLE PARK, CONNELLSVILLE, PA

HE IS ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF A DONATION.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE **CRABAPPLE PARK AND POOL.**

DONORS WILL BE LISTED AND DISPLAYED AT CRABAPPLE POOL FOR THE 2014 SEASON.

LET’S HAVE FUN AND RAISE MONEY FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY POOL!!!

“CHECKS ONLY” NO CASH, PAYABLE TO CRABAPPLE PARK AND POOL. MAIL DONATIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING- 2288 MARS HILL ROAD, IRWIN, PA. 15642

THANK YOU!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

