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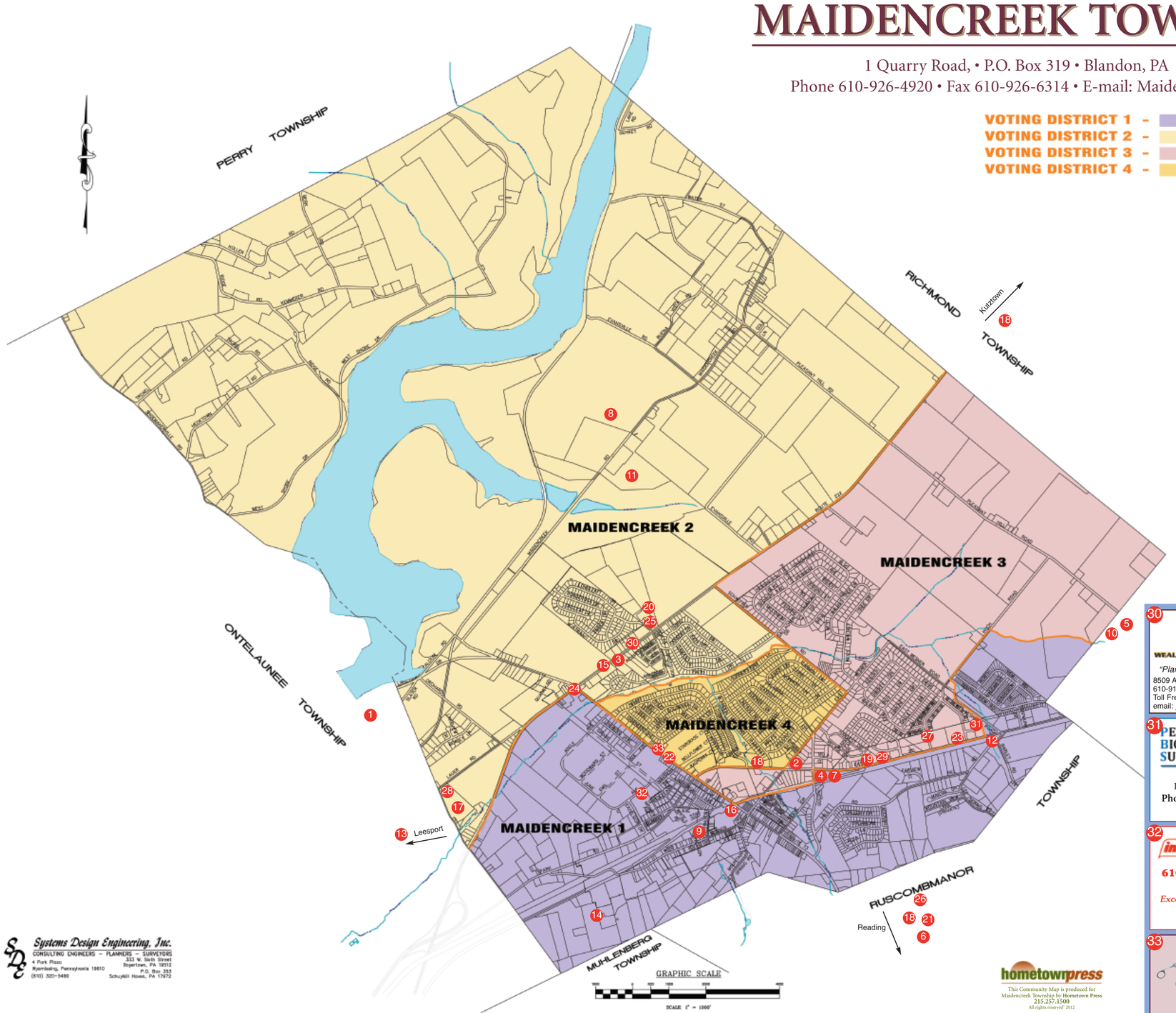
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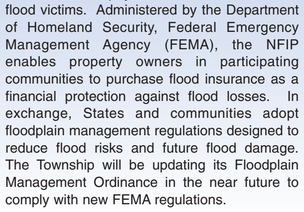
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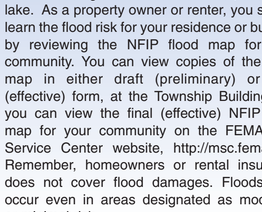
Revenues	2010	2011	Change	Per Captia*
Taxes – All Sources	$1,693,522	$1,882,678	11%	$206
Intergovernmental Revenues	322,686	421,481	31%	46
Licenses and Permits	222,627	173,988	-22%	19
Interest, Rents and Royalties	23,897	39,613	66%	4
Fines and Forfeits	32,234	33,915	5%	4
Miscellaneous Revenues	109,486	27,865	-75%	3
Charges for Services	17,317	21,675	25%	2
Other Financing Sources	215	0	-100%	0
Total Revenues	**$2,421,984**	**$2,601,215**	**7%**	**$285**

Expenditures by Function	2010	2011	Change	Per Captia*
Public Safety	$1,294,169	$1,286,679	-1%	$141
Highways and Streets	448,588	447,601	0%	49
General Government	287,339	208,529	-27%	23
Sanitation	150,686	149,167	-1%	16
Insurance	145,978	143,491	-2%	16
Culture and Recreation	175,605	125,671	-28%	14
Miscellaneous Expenditures	129,446	124,786	-4%	14
Other Public Works	5,086	958	-81%	0
Health and Human Services	900	0	-100%	0
Total Expenditures	**$2,637,797**	**$2,486,882**	**-6%**	**$273**

2011 Revenues



2011 Expenditures



Susquehanna Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired (SABVI)

SABVI provides specialized services to eligible low-income residents who are blind or vision impaired so they can retain their independence. Services in Berks County include: monthly support group meetings, critical transportation services, in-home assistance with vital activities of daily living as well as life skills education. The support group meets at the Reading Library, Northeast Branch, the second Wednesday of the month and is held under the direction of Claire Hinkle, Life Skills Coordinator. To register or arrange services, please call Claire Hinkle at 610-741-6378.)

SABVI serves more than 2,000 individuals who are blind or vision impaired in Lancaster, Lebanon, Somerset, Berks and Chester counties, as well as the Philadelphia region. The association provides a variety of programs including early childhood education, rehabilitation services, employment training, and industrial/manufacturing services. Its corporate office is at 244 N. Queen St., Lancaster, PA 17603. SABVI also houses the Steinman Eye Clinic, providing diagnostic eye care services at a need-based minimal charge.

Volunteers are needed for numerous projects and at many locations. SABVI is hoping to fill the following volunteer positions: clerical support, drivers, friendly visitor, referral program, Camp Cool Pre School Aides. For further information on volunteering, contact Dawn Rissmiller at 717-291-5951 ext 4143 or drissmiller@sabvi.com

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Permits

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Maidencreek Township has adopted the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. Permits are required for many projects and changes to your property such as installing a shed, fence, aboveground pool, in ground pool or hot tub, decks, building additions and certain renovations to your home. Permit applications are available in the Township office and are issued within 15 days after the Township receives the complete application. Permit applications are available online at www.maidencreek.net.

Home Based Businesses

Please contact the Township Zoning Office before starting a home based business for a permit form and the applicable zoning requirements. In some cases like home daycares, inspections are required. Certificates of Occupancy are issued for all home based businesses. If your business will be using water such as a hairdresser or dog groomer, contact the Maidencreek Township Authority for water and sewer usage charges.

Parks and Recreation

Maidencreek Township provides and maintains a variety of family friendly parks and recreation areas for all to enjoy.

- 8 Neighborhood Parks that include sports fields, multipurpose courts, playgrounds, pavilions, restrooms, concession stands, picnic tables, and much more.
- 6 Open Space Areas that include walking trails and access to stocked trout streams.
- The township is continually looking to make improvements to its facilities. Their current project is the construction of a restroom/concession building at the Maidencreek Community Township Park, pictured below, which plans to open this spring.
- Summer Theme Park Tickets and Winter Ski Lift Tickets are sold at discount prices from the Maidencreek Township Office.

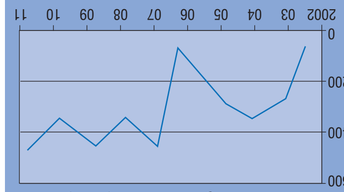




Roadway Maintenance

Maidencreek Township strives to maintain the quality of its roadways and infrastructure.

- The township aims to do a $100,000 of roadwork each year.
- Township Road Miles: 42.26 miles
- A ten year trend line chart (right) illustrates the tons of roadway salt used in the past ten years.



Roadway Salt Used (tons)

Public Safety

Maidencreek Township is served by the Northern Berks Regional Police Department which covers Maidencreek Township, Ontelaunee Township and Leesport Borough.

The Blandon Volunteer Fire Company provides fire protection to Maidencreek Township.

Emergency Medical Service is provided by the Blandon Community Ambulance and Fleetwood ALS.



Recycling

Maidencreek Township is a strong supporter of community recycling and provides a variety of recycling services to its citizens.

- Biweekly recycling pickup of glass, plastics, metals, paper and cardboard products (Single Stream).
- Seasonal services include yard/brush pickup, Christmas tree pickup, and leaf pickup. As well as free mulch for residents.
- Seasonal drop off sites for household appliances, furniture, car parts, and building scraps.

2011 Residental Recycled Materials (tons)

Single Stream	545.09
Mixed Metals	1.94
Rubber Tires	2.45
Wood Waste	544.00
Yard/Leaf Waste	297.50

A Report to Our Citizens

Understanding Flooding

When flooding occurs, one question is always in the forefront: why did it flood? Unfortunately, there is not one simple answer. Four different types of floodplains (valley, major river, shallow, and coastal), each with its own characteristics, are illustrated in the first four diagrams below. The last diagram (ponding/overland) illustrates the type of flooding caused by intense rainfall where no identifiable floodplain exists. This flooding occurs when street drainage systems cannot move the storm water to the nearest channel because too much rain falls in a short period.



The ground in this type of area is more "defined," with creek valleys. Flooding can be very deep and usually extends for a few days.



The floodplain along major rivers can be large, deep, and swift, and flooding conditions may last a week or more.



Shallow floodplains affect thousands of residences and businesses. When the channel capacity is exceeded, flooding begins. This flooding usually lasts hours, rather than days.



Coastal flooding occurs when storm events coincide with unusually high tides or a hurricane surge floods low-lying areas. High water levels are usually accompanied by waves capable of causing significant structural damage



This type of flooding is not restricted to any one area of the U.S. or to any one area of a community. It can occur almost ANYWHERE. When intense local rainfall exceeds storm sewer or roadside ditch capacity, the water can "pond" in the streets deep enough to flood residences that are not even near a creek or bayou. The water will seek a path to the channel by flowing overland (sheet flow)

Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1968 as an alternative to taxpayer-funded disaster relief for flood victims. Administered by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the NFIP enables property owners in participating communities to purchase flood insurance as a financial protection against flood losses. In exchange, States and communities adopt floodplain management regulations designed to reduce flood risks and future flood damage. The Township will be updating its Floodplain Management Ordinance in the near future to comply with new FEMA regulations.

Every property has some risk of flooding, even properties that are not located near a known flooding source such as a river, ocean, or lake. As a property owner or renter, you should learn the flood risk for your residence or building by reviewing the NFIP flood map for your community. You can view copies of the flood map in either draft (preliminary) or final (effective) form, at the Township Building and you can view the final (effective) NFIP flood map for your community on the FEMA Map Service Center website, http://msc.fema.gov. Remember, homeowners or rental insurance does not cover flood damages. Floods may occur even in areas designated as moderate or minimal risk.

A Word About Safety

The Board and Staff at Maidencreek Township would like to remind parents and children alike that everyone's safety is an ongoing effort on the part of each and every one of us. Many times we are asked to place signs to alert motorists of the presence of children and their play potential, but the signs don't relieve our responsibility as parents to oversee the children at play, and the reasonable expectation of teaching safe practices while at play.

The primary function of roads in our community is the passage of vehicular traffic, not to be substituted for a playground.

Our Park and Recreation Board has overseen the maintenance and placement of safe child play areas that are free of vehicle traffic, and designed for the purpose of play and free of many concerns; however, parental oversight is still necessary so that children stay in areas meant for them and use toys and equipment as they were designed.

If you are a motorist accessing our many businesses or shops, or just passing through, please be aware of the presence of children who may come across your path as they play. Parents, please be mindful of your children's safety and safe play practices as they grow, and if the children are gathered in your neighborhood, please be extra careful, children are our most precious commodity.







A Report to Our Citizens

Domestic animals may not run at large on the street, Township parks and open space or on private property other than the owners or keeper of the animal. Please clean up after your pet, including your property, public property and along roadways. It is unlawful for a pet to create a continuous noise disturbance for ten minutes or intermittent noise disturbance for one half hour. Noise complaints can be filed with Northern Berks Regional Police at 610-655-4911.

Sidewalks: Sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of a precipitation event. Homeowners are responsible for keeping their sidewalks in good repair so they are not a hazard to the public.

Weeds & Grass: All weeds and grass shall be properly trimmed and mowed on a regular basis. Weeds and grass higher than 10 inches are a violation of the Township Property Maintenance Code.

Township Fast Facts

Incorporated: December 1746
County: Berks
Classification: Second Class Township
Land Area: 14.3 square miles
Population 2010 Census: 9,126
Township Road Miles: 42.26
State Road Miles: 17.80
Earned Income Tax PSD Code: 060702

Voting Districts

	Polling Place
District 1	Blandon Fire Co., W. Wesner Rd., Blandon
District 2	Municipal Bldg., 1 Quarry Rd., Blandon
District 3	Keystone Villa, 501 Hoch Road, Blandon
District 4	Maidencreek Church, 261 Main Street, Blandon

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Fleetwood Area School District
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History

The Maidencreek Township area was settled by the Quakers, who lived peacefully beside the Lenni Lenape Indians in 1732. The township was established as a government in 1746 and was inhabited primarily by German immigrant settlers through the 1800's. Maidencreek Township's economy was predominately agricultural, until its recent rapid growth and business.

Vision Statement

Maidencreek Township is grateful for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and recognizes that all people are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent and indefeasible rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing and protecting property and reputation, and of pursuing their own happiness. Maidencreek Township will protect those inherent and indefeasible rights.

Goals

- To maintain infrastructure and provide cost effective municipal services.
- To encourage preservation of our agricultural land through wise development of infrastructure and careful use of ordinances in accordance with the vision statement.
- To make safety a priority and support emergency service providers to the extent necessary to provide adequate level of service in all aspects.
- To strengthen the feeling of community identity and define the position of Maidencreek Township within the suburban Reading area.
- To promote communications between the township and its citizens.

Demographics	2000	2010	Change	Pennsylvania
Population	6.553	9,126	39.3%	12,702,369
Median Income	$62,724	$65,802	4.9%	$49,288
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%	9.0%
German Ancestry	45.5%	39.0%	-6.5%	26.9%
Poverty Rate	3.1%	5.5%	2.4%	13.4%
College Degree	37.2%	35.5%	-1.7%	34.5%

Volume 4

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The Board of Supervisors meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at 1 Quarry Road Blandon, PA 19510

Planning Commission: 7:00 p.m. the 1st Wednesday of each month

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