MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP

FALL 2013

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A note from your Supervisors:

Recently, the Northern Berks Regional Police Department Commission has been in the news. We, as your elected officials, would like to take this opportunity to clarify some issues. The Commission is comprised of Leesport Borough, Ontelaunee Township and Maidencreek Township. The Commission and Department were formed to take a reasonable approach to the high cost of providing police protection to our three communities. Through the regional approach, a municipality that cannot afford 24 hour a day coverage, specialized training, detective services or truck safety officers on their own can now reap the benefit of pooling their resources with others and achieving a higher level of service for their citizens. Additionally, only one police chief is needed and rank is afforded at better increments and abilities.

Each municipality appoints one representative to the Commission and receives one vote. Initially, the municipalities were fairly even in population but Maidencreek soon saw tremendous growth. The cost of running the Police Department grew just as the cost of running our own households has grown. Division of that cost is based on each municipalities call volume. The current breakdown has Maidencreek paying 47.5%, Ontelaunee 33%, and Leesport 19.5% of the annual cost. Each municipality also sets how much patrol time they want. Maidencreek Township is the only municipality of the three that contracts for 24 hour a day, 7 day a week patrol but all three municipalities are given 24/7 coverage.

This article is not about raising taxes or preparing you for that, it is about what is necessary to run a police department. Police cars, pay raises, uniforms, gasoline, insurance and basically, the higher cost of providing police service, has become an issue with the members of the Commission. Maidencreek Township sees the value in providing police service to our residents and though it comes with a price tag, the alternative has a higher price tag. We think our officers of N.B.R.P. are doing a fantastic job, however, our partners in this Commission would like to lessen the amount of officers, not replace aging vehicles and cut back on the patrol hours they pay for and ask Maidencreek to pick up these extra hours and increase the percentage we pay.

Blandon Lions Club Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Q

Maier's Grove, Blandon
Eat In or Take Out

Rain or Shine!

AUGUST 25th
10:30am to 2:30pm

$8.00 for half a chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, applesauce & roll. Dessert extra.

For advanced tickets contact Jason Valick 610-944-1830

The Charter that brought everyone together many years ago has become stale and limits how we can update how the cost is divided and how the vote is divided by requiring a unanimous vote to make changes. We, your Supervisors, have every intention of doing whatever we can to make sure you are protected and take that responsibility seriously. We will keep working for the best interest of our citizens. We cannot; however, force the hand of the other two municipalities. While we believe that the benefit of a regional police department is still a sound idea, our fellow municipalities are focusing on the financial burden and little else. Leesport Borough has asked to lower the amount they pay to 14% of the overall cost and wants to retain 33% of the vote. This would put Maidencreek Township in a position where we may not be able to get the votes needed to maintain adequate service but would pay more than half the cost of the Department. This is not acceptable to us.

We will continue to keep you apprised of any changes in the situation, and seek your input and support. If you wish to attend a Police Commission Meeting, they are held in the Ontelaunee Township Building, 37 Ontelaunee Drive (across from the Schuylkill Valley High School) every 2nd Monday of the month beginning at 7 p.m.

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RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION

Yard Brush will be picked up on the following days in 2013

September 23rd October 7th & 21st

If you will have brush out for pick up on these scheduled days, please call the Township Office at 610-926-4920. (press 5 and leave your address after the tone) to be placed on the collection list by the Friday before collection date.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT OUT THE FOLLOWING FOR BURSH PICK UP:
ornamental grass, garden plants; (these will be picked up with leaves), trees or brushes with a diameter greater than 12 inches, or nothing with dirt & roots attached.

COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAMS

No Businesses Please!!

Paper Shredding
(limit of 10 boxes per person) &
Pharmaceutical Collection
8am – 2pm No Charge
October 12, 2013
First Energy Stadium, 1900 Centre Avenue, Reading

Household Hazardous Waste
8am – 2pm No Charge
October 12, 2013
First Energy Stadium, 1900 Centre Avenue, Reading
ID REQUIRED!!

For details on drop off rules and regulations visit www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

August 23rd

Maidencreek Community Park
753 Park Road, Blandon
Movie begins at 8:30 pm.
Free admission
Free popcorn provided by Trinity Bible Fellowship Church
Candy and Drinks available for purchase.
Bring a blanket or chair and join us for a showing of:

THE CROODS

(rated PG)

Sponsored by Maidencreek Park & Recreation

MAIDENCREEK EVENTS AND NEWS!

Would you like to be informed of commnunity events and important news happenening in Maidencreek? Sign up to be added to our Maidencreek email list! Simply send an email to MaidencreekEvents@hotmail.com, in the subject line write 'add' and you will start getting your event reminders and news. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Township at 610-926-4920.

Thank you to all who came to Community Day and Car Show! We appreciate the support of those who came to our event. We welcome any suggestions for future events in our community.



Maidencreek Township recently bid a fond farewell to Heavy Equipment Operator Gene Rothermel. Gene retired in June after 15 years of dedicated service to the Township. Gene was always the first one at work in the morning and faithfully performed his duties through every type of weather. Gene plans on relaxing and not plowing any more snow! He will be missed by all. We wish Gene all the best and hope he enjoys his retirement.

MAIDENCREEK FALL CLEANUP, SATURDAY SEPT. 7TH, 2013

Maidencreek Township residents may drop off large and small items to be disposed of at the Maidencreek Township Building on Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 7:00am to 11:00am.

Items accepted include:
Furniture, clothing, lumber, carpet, metal, household items, mowers, automotive batteries, 4 tires per household (car & light truck no rims), any applicance **without Freon,** latex paint (empty dry cans or filled with kitty litter to absorb paint and dried)
Items that will not be accepted:
Computers, television sets, hazardous waste, any Freon item, tires with rims, household garbage, concrete, brick or block, oil, oil paints, paint thinner, turpentine, pesticides, noxious, caustic, or acidic chemicals, asbestos, metal drums, propane tanks, items containing oil or gas, recyclables such as brush or leaves. These items should be taken to the Township drop off site on Maidencreek Road. **Any type of explosives, including gun loading materials will not be accepted. Waste can not be accepted from businesses. This drop off is for household items only!**

If you are uncertain that your items will be accepted, call the Township office at 610-926-4920.

FREE MULCH IS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING,
1 QUARRY ROAD, BLANDON

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