

The Spring Echo

Spring 2014

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION ~ WEEK OF APRIL 14TH

Spring Township will be having its Spring Brush Collection starting Monday, April 14, 2014, weather permitting. They will go over each street **ONE TIME ONLY**. If you wish to have your brush picked up, please follow these instructions:

- ✓ All limbs must be placed along the curb, butt end out so that they are easily visible and accessible.
- ✓ Limbs must be cut to be able to be fed into the chipper. Limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter will not be collected.
- ✓ All limbs must be placed out prior to 7:00 a.m. Monday morning, April 14, 2014, so that you are not missed. Once the Road Crew has gone over a street, they will not go back.
- ✓ Do not include any thorn bushes or vines.
- ✓ No more than one load of brush will be accepted per house. This collection is for trimming of bushes and trees, not for tree removal or site clearing.

***If these instructions are not followed, your brush will not be picked up.** The Road Crew will begin sweeping streets immediately following the conclusion of brush collection. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the Township at (814) 355-7543 ext. 5.



From The Township Zoning Office
By Vaughn Zimmerman

Dear Township Residents,

As springtime approaches, many of you may be starting to think about your projects for 2014. Perhaps you may be thinking about putting up a new shed or a deck, or maybe a garage or an addition to your home. I would like to remind you that most projects do require zoning permits and building permits, so please do not forget to take care of this before you begin your project! While a typical zoning permit for a small storage shed in your yard can often be issued within a day or two, larger projects often require a building permit and can often take a week or more to review and issue a permit.

We are now into the second year of the Township's sewage management program, through which septic systems and other non-sewer disposal systems need to be pumped and/or inspected. Through this policy, we can extend the lifetime of your septic system and protect our drinking water and neighborhoods from contamination. If your property is scheduled to have its system inspected and/or pumped, you should have already received a mailing. Please get your information back to the township as soon as possible, especially if your property is one of the ones scheduled to be inspected this year.

If you have any questions about these or any other issues, please contact me at (814) 355-5067 ext. 8 or email me at code@springtownship.org.



WATER AUTHORITY

By Molly Baird

The Spring Township Water Authority continues to encourage residents to conserve water whenever possible. Customers need to always keep an eye out for any wet spots in yards plus any dripping faucets, toilets that may run continually etc. A leak could also consist of a water softener re-generating too often or a toilet running but you can not actually hear it. A good way to check for a leaking toilet is to put dye in the tank, if it ends up in the bowl without flushing that means your toilet is continually running. Many customers have found toilets leaking they were not aware of. If you notice a leak it should be reported immediately. Please keep in mind our responsibility is only to the curb, it is the customer's responsibility from the curb to and including the home. Therefore, if you notice anything in the home or from the curb in through the yard it would be your responsibility to have the leak repaired.

We also would like to remind "Landlords" if you wish for your tenants to be responsible for paying their water usage, you need to make sure they receive a copy of the invoice from you. Legally, we must invoice the property owner and it is up to the property owner to work out payment arrangements with their tenants. If the tenant is responsible for paying the invoice, they need to receive a copy in a timely manner in order to have time to make payment before the due date and to avoid penalties.

Spring is fast approaching and customers will be anxious to clean up after a long Winter, start planting flowers, watering lawns, cleaning vehicles etc. However, water usage can rise quickly and everyone should always remember to "**USE WATER WISELY!**".

From Your Local Wage Tax Office

by Korena DeFurio

Dear Taxpayers,

After 24 years of processing the local tax returns for Spring Township, the tax office has officially "closed its doors" as of January 1, 2014, here at the Spring Township Office.

Although you have been filing your local returns with the Centre Tax Agency since 2012, I continued to work on problem returns and delinquent accounts since that time, but the time has come to close the books and focus on my new responsibilities here at the Township.

It was a pleasure serving the Spring Township residents and helping them in any way I could with their local taxes, but I look forward to serving them in a different capacity now.

One of my new responsibilities is editor of the Spring Echo! If you have any ideas or suggestions for our newsletter, please feel free to call me or email me at kdefurio@springtownship.org. Thank you!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH YOUR NAME AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.



From the Police Department

Warmer weather is fast approaching. The Spring Township Police Department is once again asking residents to be vigilant and alert. Along with the warmer weather, there is always an increase in thefts from vehicles. To avoid becoming a victim, we would like to remind residents to always keep their vehicles locked while parked, whether in their driveway or on the street. Do not keep any valuables in your vehicles. If you notice any suspicious activity, please call us at 1-800-479-0050.

Residents will also see an increase in solicitors. Solicitors in Spring Township are required to apply for a permit. Feel free to contact the Township Offices to verify that a Solicitation Permit has been granted for a company/organization.

Lastly, the Spring Township Police Department will be conducting several PennDOT funded traffic details in the Township throughout the Spring and Summer months. These enforcements will include Aggressive Driving and Buckle Up. Officers will be enforcing violations such as stop signs, speeding, red lights and tailgating, as well as seat belt violations.

Be safe and enjoy your Spring and Summer!

Police • Fire • Ambulance • Rescue

EMERGENCY

Dial 9•1•1

CENTRE COUNTY

Non-Emergency

Reporting/Information

Dial 1-800-479-0050



BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
SUMMER REALLY IS COMING!!

IF YOU NEED A GREAT PLACE TO
COOL OFF AND HAVE FUN ON A HOT,
SUNNY DAY, CONSIDER THE

KEPLER POOL

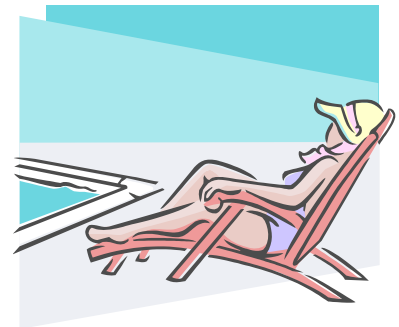
LOCATED AT GOVERNOR'S PARK
RIGHT OFF AIRPORT ROAD

THE POOL WILL BE OPEN THE LAST
DAY OF SCHOOL AND WILL BE OPEN
ALL SUMMER UNTIL LABOR DAY

2014 SEASON PASS
(AVAILABLE BEGINNING MAY 1, 2014)

FOR HOURS AND OTHER
INFORMATION
CALL THE YMCA AT 355-5551

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER
AND BE SAFE!!



VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on our Authorities, Boards and Commissions. If you are interested in serving on any of our committees, please contact the office at 355-7543, ext. 7.

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16823-9998
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Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:

April 18 ≈ May 26 ≈ July 4 ≈ September 1

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to create, nurture and maintain an environment of growth, challenge and unlimited potential for all those around us.

Goal

Our Goal is to leave this world a better place to live, work, learn, grow and have fun!

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