Newsletter

Hopewell Township

York County, PA

FALL- 2011

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

The Township received notification from a company called *Williams*, the owner of the Transco natural gas pipeline. Transco is a 10,000-mile natural gas transportation system that extends from South Texas to New York City. *Williams* is currently conducting feasibility studies for a proposed 250-mile pipeline project, called the Atlantic Access Pipeline, which would begin at the Pennsylvania-West Virginia state line and extend 235 miles across Pennsylvania to its destination in Delta PA. This route is expected to travel through properties in Hopewell Township along the Plank Road corridor and the Hickory Road corridor if the project moves forward. If your property is along this proposed route, you would have already received a letter from *Williams* requesting permission to enter your property for surveying. The Supervisors have requested *Williams* to provide them with: a map of the route; a list of the proposed properties affected; and to schedule a meeting for company officials to meet with the Supervisors and the proposed property owners. At this writing, the company has responded that the list of affected property owners is confidential and they are not ready to meet with the property owners at this time but will do so in the near future. *Williams* website address is: www.williams.com/atlanticaccess.

ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN

Township officials have completed this Plan, which addresses sewage facilities needs for the Township through the year 2030. Therefore, the 90-day public review period has commenced. The Plan is available for inspection Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Township Building meeting room. If you are interested in reviewing the Plan, please call or email to schedule a time to review the Plan. You may just stop in, however, if someone else is scheduled at that same time, the Plan may not be available for your review.

BULK TRASH DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Since the trash contract allows residents to place a large item at the curb one time a week and because we offer electronic recycling on weekdays from 9-3, there has been a huge decline in the number of residents using this service. Therefore, the annual bulk trash collection program will not be held in the future.

TRASH CONTRACT

The three-year trash contract with York Waste Disposal will expire on December 31, 2011. As required, the Township advertised for bids in order to continue contracting trash/recycling services for our residents.

At a public meeting held on September 1, 2011, a new contract was awarded to Penn Waste, Inc. The new contract continues to require trash pick-up on Tuesdays and Fridays, however, recycling will be picked up on Fridays instead of Tuesdays beginning in 2012. The cost for yellow bags will remain the same and the basic service cost will be $1.00 less each quarter ($67.50).

Residents will be receiving an informational flyer from PennWaste in mid November.

3rd ANNUAL STEWARTSTOWN

FALL FEST

The Stewartstown Lions, Lioness Clubs and Hopewell Area Rec & Parks (HARP) are co-sponsoring a nonprofit festival to raise money for the nonprofit organizations of Stewartstown. There is something for everyone, beginning with breakfast being served at the Presbyterian Church 7-10:30, an all day Arts/Craft show (featuring a chainsaw artist, portrait artist, stained glass art, fine art/jewelry, painted gourds, fine wood carvings), fire engine rides for the children, live dance performance by MGM dance studio, kids mask costume parade (they make the masks for free at the festival), live music by "Blynd Ambition". Various foods made & sold by our community groups including Lions Club chicken barbeque, pit beef, turkey and ham. Other fun/games for the kids include a fire safety house, bouncy house, kids costume mask making booth, Halloween makeovers, pumpkin painting, scarecrow stuffing and animal learning center. The event will be located at the Stewartstown Community Fairgrounds, 16 College Avenue, Stewartstown, PA 17363. To preorder Lions Club chicken BBQ, call 717-993-5900.

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treat will be held on Monday, October 31st from 7-9:00 in both Hopewell Township and Stewartstown Borough.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Voter Registration forms and absentee ballots are available at the Township Office Mon-Fri., 8-4:00. The last day to register to vote or make changes is October 11. The Election Office must receive absentee ballot applications by November 1. The voted ballot must be returned by November 4. For voter information visit: www.york-county.org.

SLOW DOWN – DEER SEASON

Deer are very active in the fall, as this is their breeding season. When driving, keep in mind that a deer could jump out in front of your vehicle at a moment's notice. Be watchful of this and slow down so you can stop safely if this occurs.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE EUREKA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Family Portraits starting now. Fire/Rescue Portraits will be coming "door to door" on behalf of Eureka soliciting $20 vouchers good for having a family portrait taken at the fire station on Dec. 3rd or 4th. For any additional info please call 993-9436.

Crab Feast-Saturday, Oct 8th 4PM-8PM more info on the website (www.eureka54.org) or call 993-3172.

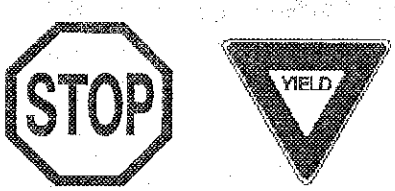
Fall Fest-Saturday, Oct 8th Eureka will have its fire safety house at the community fairgrounds from 8AM-12PM. They will also offer fire engine rides from 9AM-12PM.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct 9th thru 15th. Please remember to post your address on your mailbox and/or house...use numbers that are large enough to be seen and make sure to post them on both sides of the mailbox! Also prepare and practice fire drills in the home. Please know at least two ways out of the house.

Friday, Oct 28th is a haunted house for "little" ones. Saturday, Oct. 29th is a haunted house/ dance for the "older" kids. Please contact 993-2580 for additional information.

Seafood Bingo-Saturday, November 19th...for details please call 993-0131.

Santa Run-Saturday, Dec. 17th (Stewartstown Boro) and Sunday, Dec. 18th (Hopewell Twp). Santa will start at approximately 10AM to make the rounds.



ROAD SIGNS DISAPPEAR

During the flooding from Tropical Storm Lee, it was necessary for the road crew to place all of our cones and road closure signs throughout the Township. We were very concerned to find that some of the signs and cones were either stolen or removed and thrown into fields. "Hopewell Township" is printed on the back of the signs. If you witness someone taking a sign or know of someone who has done this, please contact our office. Having to replace these items is not only a waste of your tax dollars; but, more importantly, removal of a sign or cone could result in a motorist traveling down a road that is unsafe.

WINTER IS COMING

Following are some suggestions to help alleviate problems experienced during wintry weather:

Check your mailbox now to make sure it is firmly secured in the ground and can withstand the weight of snow being tossed from a plow. The municipality is not liable for damaged mailboxes.

When winter weather is predicted, do not park on the road so the snowplows can get through and do a thorough job.

Do not shovel snow into the road.

Place snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction the plow will travel. This way, the plow will carry snow away from your driveway rather than back into it.

If possible, wait until the road has been completely plowed before cleaning out your driveway to avoid the plow closing your driveway.

Remove basketball hoops, soccer nets and any other apparatus from the road. If damaged by the snowplow, the Township will not reimburse the owner.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

The 2010 U.S. Census Bureau indicated that there are 5,435 residents in Hopewell Township.

Hopewell Township has the second lowest millage rate in York County. The rate is .21 of a mil and has remained at that rate for over 30 years.

Township meeting agendas are now listed on our website.