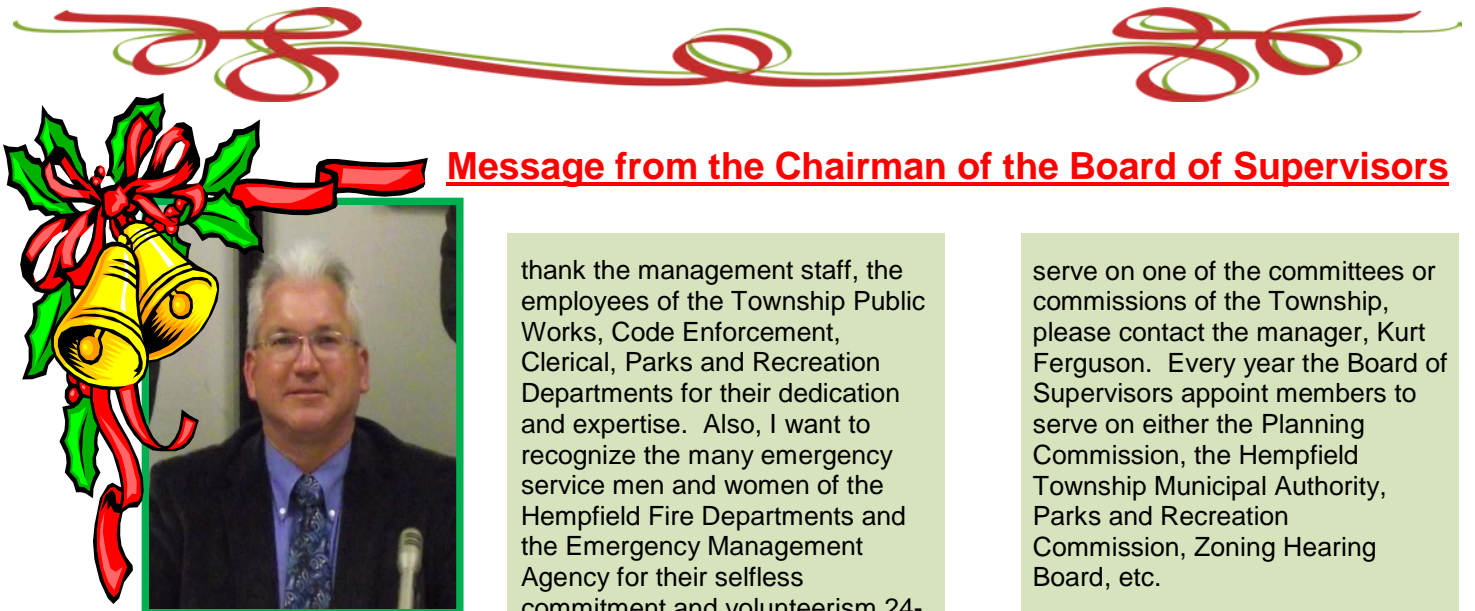


News from Hempfield Township

Greensburg-Hempfield Business Park
1132 Woodward Drive, Suite A, Greensburg, PA 15601-9310
Phone: 724-834-7232 • Fax: 724-834-5510
Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Website: www.hempfieldtwp.com • E-mail: hempfieldsupervisors@hempfieldtwp.org



Message from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors



"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Hempfield for giving me the honor to serve as their Township Supervisor for the past 6 years. In addition, I want to thank my colleagues Supervisors Davidson, Logan, Silvis, and Weimer. As a Board we diligently worked having the best interest of the Township in mind at all times. My term comes to a close at the end of this year.

In addition, I understood that to successfully move the Township forward, it was a team effort. With that I want to sincerely

thank the management staff, the employees of the Township Public Works, Code Enforcement, Clerical, Parks and Recreation Departments for their dedication and expertise. Also, I want to recognize the many emergency service men and women of the Hempfield Fire Departments and the Emergency Management Agency for their selfless commitment and volunteerism 24-7 in keeping the Township safe.

Included in this issue is information from the Public Works Department about snow removal, including motorist and residential tips, road maintenance, etc.

Furthermore, updates from the code enforcement department, tax collector, sewage authority, refuse hauler, Westmoreland Cleanways, and the Greensburg-Hempfield Area Library can be found in this issue.

Lastly, if you have an interest in volunteering your time to

serve on one of the committees or commissions of the Township, please contact the manager, Kurt Ferguson. Every year the Board of Supervisors appoint members to serve on either the Planning Commission, the Hempfield Township Municipal Authority, Parks and Recreation Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, etc.

On behalf of the Hempfield Township Supervisors, I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday, a Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year!"

*John Bossi, Chairman
Hempfield Township Board of
Supervisors
1132 Woodward Dr., Suite A
Greensburg, PA 15601
Phone: 724-834-7232
E-mail: jbossi@hempfieldtwp.org*

News from the Public Works Department

For further information, dial (724) 834-7232, extension 110 or 109.

Township Watching Road Salt Use This Winter

Road salt is getting more expensive and harder to find this winter, and the Hempfield Township Supervisors have a policy to make sure the salt they have is used in an efficient manner. The Salt Distribution Policy focuses on addressing the amount of salt to use for each snow or ice event, and provides the Public Works Director the flexibility to prioritize routes and use a salt to anti-skid mixture for these events.

"The Township of Hempfield works diligently to ensure that every ton of road salt purchased is used efficiently. We are telling our drivers that it is very important that they use salt efficiently, and not waste it on roads that don't need it," stated Supervisor Tom Logan.



The Supervisors also have a partnership with Adamsburg Borough in relation to winter maintenance. Adamsburg is allowing the Township to store salt in its larger municipal garage, in exchange for the Township plowing and salting its 1-mile of roadway.



"This arrangement will help with fuel and additional storage. Our drivers in the western section of the Township will not need to drive all the way back to the main shed to re-supply during snow removal," said Supervisor Bob Davidson. "The Adamsburg Council has been very cooperative and it works out as a win-win for both municipalities," he continued.

Hempfield, on average, uses more than 12,000 ton of salt and anti-skid a year. *

2011-2012 Winter Snow Removal Quick Facts

- ❖ Hempfield maintains 300 miles of Township roads;
- ❖ The storage building holds 3,500 tons of salt;
- ❖ 2011-2012 cost per ton of salt is \$51.98 (price is adjusted monthly based on fuel costs);
- ❖ Hempfield uses an average of 12,500 tons of salt and anti-skid per year;
- ❖ Currently there are 25 snow routes developed;
- ❖ There are thirty-three (33) drivers available for winter snow removal;
- ❖ The Hempfield Public Works Department has the following snow removal equipment available for snow storms:
 - Three (3) Tandem dumps with plows and spreads;
 - Twenty (20) single axle dumps with plows and spreads;
 - Five (5) one-ton dumps with plows and spreads;
 - Two (2) pickups with plows;
 - Three (3) front-end loaders;
 - Three (3) back-hoe loaders;
 - One (1) road grader; *

Contact the Public Works Department about Township Maintained Roads for the following:

- ✚ Maintenance of Township Parks/Playgrounds
- ✚ Potholes;
- ✚ Storm drain concerns;
- ✚ Water runoff concerns;
- ✚ Storm damage;
- ✚ Snow removal;
- ✚ Street closings;
- ✚ Street signs, stop signs, speed limit signs, etc.;
- ✚ Speed limit trailer requests;
- ✚ Road damages;

The directors may be contacted by e-mail or by phone at 724-834-7232 at the extensions and addresses listed below:

Mike Volpe – Public Works Director – Extension 110 or e-mail mvolpe@hempfieldtwp.org;
Doug Cisco – Assistant Public Works Director – Extension 109 or e-mail dcisco@hempfieldtwp.org;*

News from the Public Works Department

For further information, dial (724) 834-7232, extension 110 or 109.

State and County Roads in Hempfield Maintained by PennDot and Westmoreland County

The following roadways **are not** owned or maintained by Hempfield Township:

COUNTY ROADS	
Maintained by Westmoreland County Department of Parks & Roads: Phone 724-830-3955	
Greensburg/Mt. Pleasant	Lowry Avenue
STATE ROADS	
Maintained by PennDot: Phone 724-832-5387	
Agnew Road	Penn-High Park Rd.
Arona Road	Penn-Manor Road
Baughman Road	Radebaugh Road
Bennetts Dairy	Roseytown Road
Brinkerton	Route 30
Brown Avenue	Route 66
Carbon Road	Route 70
Donohoe Road	Route 119
Edna Road	Route 130
Evanstown-Herminie Rd.	Route 136
Georges Station	Route 819
Hahntown-Wendel Rd.	Route 993
Hannastown Road	Seanor Church Road
Lewis Avenue	Skidmore Road
Locust Valley	Slate Run Road
Luxor-Bovard Road	South Greengate
Madison-Herminie Rd.	Stone Church
Middletown	Swede Hill Road
Millersdale	Thomas School
North Greengate	Twin Lakes Park
Oakford Park	Waltz Mill
Old #119 (Hunker)	Wendel-Herminie Rd.
Pellis Road	Willow Crossing
Penn-Adamsburg Rd.	Yukon

Although you may be a Hempfield Township resident, you may reside on a roadway maintained by the state or Westmoreland County. Therefore, Hempfield Township does not have any authority on these roads.

Should you have concerns regarding state roads, you may also wish to contact your state senators or representatives. The Westmoreland County

Commissioners may also be contacted for concerns on county roads. *

Hempfield Township Employees in Uniform With Photo Identification

Hempfield Township Public Works, and Code Enforcement employees are in uniform and have photo identification. Also, any vendors going door-to-door must have a Township Peddler's Permit clearly displayed. Furthermore, all utility workers are properly identified. Please be advised that just because a seller has been issued a permit, this does not mean they are endorsed by the Township of Hempfield.

If you have a concern about unknown visitors in your neighborhood, contact the Township Building at 724-834-7232, extension 190. *

Property Identification

The Township of Hempfield reminds all residents to have their street number visually displayed. Residential mailboxes shall have the assigned identification number affixed to both sides of the mailbox, post or framework. In addition, all residences shall have their assigned number affixed to the residence in the vicinity of a front porch light, if available. For multiple dwellings, only the main building number must be posted



where observable from the nearest public right-of-way and all interior apartment unit doors must be numbered. All numerals on mailboxes shall be reflective and shall be a minimum of 3" in height and 1/2" in width. All numerals displayed on the residential structures

shall be a minimum of 4" in height and 1/2" in width. *

911 Emergency Address

The Township of Hempfield reminds you when contacting 911 to give the dispatcher your actual service address in Hempfield Township. Please refrain from utilizing your old address prior to the new addresses issued by the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety several years ago. As you may recall, duplicate street names and rural delivery route names were eliminated at that time. *





News from the Public Works Department

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Township's Mailbox Replacement Policy

The Replacement Policy for mailboxes damages during snow removal is as follows:

-  **OPTION #1** – The Township will come out and replace the mailbox with a basic post and basic metal mailbox;
-  **OPTION #2** – The Township will reimburse the resident for \$20 towards the cost of any custom mailbox of the resident's choice. Receipts must be provided to assure the purchase of the new mailbox.



Upon the resident contacting the Township, please specify to the Public Works personnel one of the options listed above.

Please note that mailbox replacement will be done as weather permits, with the priority given to the missing mailboxes first. Additional information can be found on the Township's website under

the resident information section (snow removal) and on the next page. *

Private Roads and Drives and Snow Removal



The Township of Hempfield encourages all of its residents who live on private roads or shared private driveways to make plans for salting and snow removal. If you are dependent upon deliveries, particularly of fuel, please make sure that

your fuel needs are taken care of before the worst weather of winter occurs. *

Township Prepares for Up-Coming Winter Season

As the Township prepares for the up-coming winter season, residents will notice some new equipment and techniques to battle old man winter:

The Township will be using new techniques as a proactive, anti-icing program. Anti-icing is a simple process of using salt brine (rock salt dissolved in water) to control snow and ice on the roads.



Residents will notice:

- Anti-icing materials will be sprayed onto the road before a snow storm (known as pre-treating);
- Anti-icing materials will be sprayed onto the salt as it is being applied to the road (known as pre-wetting);

Pre-Treating -- Pre-treating roadways is a strategy used in anticipation of a winter storm. Salt brine will begin working as soon as the first snow flake falls and will delay the accumulation of snow and ice on the pavement.

Pre-Wetting -- Once the snow storm is in progress, salt brine is directly sprayed onto the rock salt, as it is being applied by the salt spreader. This accelerates the melting of snow and ice, and helps the salt stay on the road instead of bouncing off the roadway.

The anticipated benefits of this new equipment is:

- Materials readily adhere to the roadway, instead of bouncing off the roadway;
- Materials begin dissolving the snow faster;
- Quicker melting process of snow, which means better service to the public.

Grant money was attained for this equipment and process by the Hempfield Board of Supervisors and Senator Kim Ward, through the Department of Community and Economic Development. *

Snow Removal Season

The snow removal season will soon be upon us. The top priority of **Hempfield Township** is maintaining clear and safe roads throughout the **Township** during the snow removal season. However, our **Public Works Department** personnel cannot perform this service successfully without your assistance. Please take the time to review our tips for the snow season. Your cooperation and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

Motorist and Residential Tips During the Snow Season

- ❖ Do not drive unnecessarily in a storm, especially during severe snowstorms and freezing rains.
- ❖ Avoid calling municipal offices during a storm except in an emergency. Personnel are extremely busy dealing with storm conditions. It is best to keep telephone lines clear for emergencies.
- ❖ If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway. **DO NOT throw snow back onto roadway.**

- ❖ Help reduce the possibility of a broken mailbox post.



Plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts. Experience has shown that reduced visibility during a storm makes it difficult for a driver to see a post in time to avoid striking it or pushing it over with plowed snow. **Any installation within the right-of-**

way, including a mailbox, is placed there at the owner's risk. Therefore, owners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of the roadway. Posts should also be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow may simply break the post.

- ❖ Be sure your car is properly equipped for winter driving (snow or multi-season tires, good wiper blades, etc.).
- ❖ Under the **Pennsylvania State Motor Vehicle Code** snow mobiles are not permitted to operate on public roadways.
- ❖ When following a salt truck, keep a safe distance, expect trucks to make sudden stops or turns while in the snow removal operation.
- ❖ The priority of which streets are plowed and salted are based on main emergency vehicle routes, main arteries, school bus routes, etc.
- ❖ If a storm is anticipated, remove vehicles from the roadside shoulders. This allows plows to clear the

area the first time through, making return trips unnecessary. Vehicles parked on the streets during snow removal, when they have a driveway available, could be ticketed under **Section 63-5** of the **Township Code** which states, "No motor vehicle shall be parked on any public or private roadway in such a manner as to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic lawfully using public or private roadway or in such a way to interfere with the necessary public services". This **INCLUDES SNOW REMOVAL.**

- ❖ Do not be misled by trucks running with their plows raised. They may be returning for fuel or they may be headed to another area. **The municipality may not be responsible for all roads in the area. Some roads may be maintained by the state (Route 136, Route 119, Route 30, Route 130, Thomas School Road, Carbon Road, Swede Hill Road, Willow Crossing Road, Middletown Road, South Greengate Road, Millersdale Road, Brush Creek Road, Penn-High Park Road, Brinkerton Road, Roseytown Road, etc.) some by the county (Greensburg-Mt. Pleasant Road, Lowry Avenue, etc.), and some roads may be private (as in developments where roads have not yet been dedicated).**

- ❖ Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This can cause a serious traffic hazard. If possible, it is best to place snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction the plow is traveling. By implementing this technique, the plow will carry snow away from your driveway rather than back into it. **Ordinance No. 83-50 permits code officers to fine people up to \$50 who place snow onto a Township road which creates a safety hazard. ***



Website

Hempfield's website (www.hempfieldtwp.com) continues to advance with more and more information available at the click of your mouse.



Checkout the website for:

- News and Events;
- Boards and Authorities;
- Parks and Rec;
- Codes and Ordinances;
- Public Works;
- Public Safety;
- Taxes;
- Zoning & Planning;
- Calendar of Events;
- Meeting Minutes;
- Newsletters;
- Phone Directory;
- Library;
- Refuse and Recycling;
- Emergency Notifications;
- New Resident Info;*

Hempfield TV Channel

The Township of Hempfield' television station Comcast Channel 765 is constantly streaming with up-to-date news and announcements including road closings, possible job openings, garbage pick-up delays in service, equipment for bid, to name just a few. All Comcast customers can tune to Channel 765. This station is dedicated solely to the Township of Hempfield. Channel 765 will stream news and announcements relative to your local government, parks and recreation, and public works departments. Check it out. Your comments and feedback are more than welcome. *



Bloglines



"Winter arrived early this year with a few inches of snow before Halloween. The children began getting restless in my house for fun outside in the snow and the expectations of holiday events ahead. The winter season can be a fun time of the year when it is warm enough to enjoy but when it becomes bitter cold I

can only count the days to spring. During the unbearable winter days my gratitude goes out to all those that have to work outside in the harsh winter weather to keep our community safe. The Township public works department is on call around the clock to clear the roadways of snow so that we all can go from our homes to work, school, or the store. We also count on the roads being clear so that friends can visit, deliveries can be made, and emergency services can access our homes.

We sometimes forget that our emergency service volunteers continue to remain on call 24 hours a day even in the winter. The role these volunteers play is essential and more difficult to maintain as volunteer numbers drop and expenses to support their efforts increase. Our volunteer fire companies in Hempfield and the region face many challenges as they try to remain open and ready to serve us. We sometimes take for granted the valuable service they provide in the protection of our families and property. These volunteers make personal sacrifices on a daily basis to provide an irreplaceable asset to our community. If the amount of fire companies in Hempfield were reduced, then the reaction time for a fire fighter to arrive on scene and evaluate the emergency incident would increase and fire insurance rates could climb.

As a community, we need to do everything possible to support our local volunteer companies and encourage as many residents as possible to join the ranks of the volunteer fire fighters. I pledge to do everything I can as an elected official in Hempfield to ensure that our volunteer companies have the resources to remain open and ready to serve. Please consider contacting your local fire department about serving as a volunteer fire fighter or supporting the company in other ways such as fundraising.

In closing, I wish all Hempfield residents a blessed holiday season and Happy New Year." Supervisor R. Douglas Weimer. To contact Supervisor Weimer call 724-834-7232 X 118 or dougweimer@hempfieldtwp.org *

Keystone Collections



Keystone Collections Group is Hempfield's tax collector for earned income, business privilege and local services taxes.

Keystone mailed out Hempfield's 2011 Per Capita Tax Notice. This tax is due as follows:

	Discount Payment	Face Payment	Penalty Payment
	If Paid On or Before		
If Paid:	On or Before 10/01/2011	10/02/2011 to 12/03/2011	After 12/03/2011
Amount:	\$14.70	\$15.00	\$15.75

Consider taking advantage of Keystone's **INTERNET** tax filing system for Hempfield individuals. Keystone's **e-File** system offers a secure, user-friendly interface to fill and pay your taxes on-line.

Keystone's website, keystonecollects.com, provides various downloadable tax forms and an easy link to **e-File**. This system completely walks the taxpayer through the process, including creating a personal and secure log-in.

Also, please be reminded that if you have not received tax invoices, it is your responsibility to notify Keystone Collections. Unfortunately, delinquent fees will not be waived for lack of receipt of an invoice.

As always, taxpayers remain welcome to pay their taxes by mail or in person at Keystone's corporate headquarters in Hempfield, located at 546 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642. Of course, residents can always contact customer service at 1-866-539-1100, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. *



Hempfield Township Property Tax

Jim Regola, Hempfield Township Tax Collector for property taxes, reminds all Township residents:

Discount period ended **September 30th, 2011**;
Face period ended, **November 30th, 2011**;
Penalty period **December 31st, 2011**.

Mr. Regola's office is located at 938 St. Clair Way, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
CLOSED	Dec. 19 to 23rd, 2011

The Hempfield Township Tax Collector may be reached at 724-837-8437 or by e-mail at @hempfieldtax.us. *

Residential and Commercial Garbage and Recycling Pickup Mandatory

Garbage pickup and recycling is mandatory for every property owner and commercial business in Hempfield Township and will be strictly enforced.

Garbage for residential customers is picked up weekly by Interstate Waste Services with recyclables on a bi-monthly basis.

Recycling containers are available at no charge at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building.

In addition, commercial businesses are reminded to annually send their recycling reports provided from their contracted garbage hauler to the Township of Hempfield.



Recycling greatly benefits Hempfield Township in receiving grant monies, which keeps your taxes low.

**REMEMBER –
REDUCE – REUSE
– RECYCLE! ***



Hempfield Volunteer Fire Departments



There are twelve (12) fire departments, operated strictly by volunteers, through Hempfield Township. If you would like to spend time giving back to your community, please consider joining Hempfield's volunteer team. For more

information, please call your local fire department listed below:

Fire Department	Phone
Adamsburg	724-527-6250
Bovard	724-837-8408
Carbon	724-836-2145
Ft. Allen	724-836-2029
Grapeville	724-523-5308
Hannastown	724-834-1575
Hempfield #2	724-837-7344
High Park	724-527-3560
Luxor	724-836-7281
Midway/St. Clair	724-834-3560
North Hempfield	724-832-6722
West Point	724-834-6886

Volunteers for Emergency Services Needed

The twelve (12) fire departments in Hempfield Township are always looking for emergency service volunteers. They are responsible for performing a number of challenging duties such as controlling fires, saving lives, providing emergency services to victims, saving property and protecting the environment. Training is provided. If you're possibly interested, take a moment to contact one of the fire departments listed on this page to discuss the matter further. *

New Resident Checklist

A friendly reminder of several items that new residents should take care of upon relocating:



- Make sure your house numbers can be read from the street in case of emergency;
- Enroll your children in the local school district – Hempfield Area School District (724-523-8673 or www.hempfieldarea.k12.pa.us);
- Set up your utilities:
 - Refuse Collection & Recycling;
 - Water Company (724-755-5800)
 - Sewage Authority (724-834-0911)
 - Cable
 - Natural Gas – Columbia Gas (888-460-4332) or Dominion Peoples (800-764-0111)
 - Phone
 - Electric – Allegheny Power (800-255-3443)
- Change your address on your driver's license (800-932-4600 or www.dmv.state.pa.us)
- Update your address for Social Security (800-772-1213 or www.ssa.gov.)
- Update your address for State Taxes (1-888-PATAXES or www.revenue.state.pa.us)
- Update your address for local taxes;
- License your dog at the Westmoreland County Courthouse (724-830-3174 or www.co.westmoreland.pa.us)
- Register to vote at the courthouse (724-830-3150 or www.co.westmoreland.pa.us)
- Change your address at the Post Office

Note: For Emergency Services Dial 911 for Police, Fire, and Ambulance *



Speak Up For A Child Who Volunteers for CASA?



✦ **CASA volunteers come from a variety of professional, educational and cultural backgrounds. No special legal or human services background is required.**

✦ **CASA volunteers are caring, dedicated individuals willing to advocate on behalf of Westmoreland County's most vulnerable children.**

To find out more about CASA please contact:

**CASA of Westmoreland, Inc.
Westmoreland County Courthouse
2 North Main St., Greensburg, PA 15601
Phone: 724-850-6874**

E-mail: casawc@co.westmoreland.pa.us

Website: www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/casa

Supervisors Seek Interested Individuals to Serve on Boards

The Hempfield Supervisors will be making annual appointments to its many boards and committees in January 2012. They are seeking resumes or letters of interest from Township residents interested in serving on any of these boards. Currently, the Township will have vacancies on the **Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Recreation Commission, Municipal Authority, Vacancy Board, and the Crabtree Municipal Authority**. Individuals should send their letters of interest or resume to the attention of Secretary and Township Manager, Kurt Ferguson, at 1132 Woodward Drive, Suite A, Greensburg, PA 15601. *

Supervisors' and Planning Commission Minutes On-Line

Can't come to the meetings? Check out the minutes of the meetings for the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on the Township's website at www.hempfieldtwp.com. Click the link entitled "**Meeting Minutes**" located on the home page under "**Government**". *

Westmoreland County Food Bank Donation Site at Hempfield Township Athletic Center

The Hempfield Township Athletic Center is an official Donated Food Drop-off Site for Westmoreland County Food Bank. Anyone wanting to donate food can drop it off between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. The Athletic Center is located in Hempfield Park at 220 Forbes Trail Road, Greensburg.



All donated items must:

- **Be non-perishable. This would include any canned or boxed items, juices, pasta, canned meats, sauces, prepared foods, etc.;**
- **Have original manufacturer's label. If the label of an item is missing, they will not be able to redistribute the item;**
- **Be free from obvious defect or contamination. This could include "popped tops" on cans and mold or rust on cans, bottles, etc.**

The Food Bank **CANNOT** accept the following:

- **Homemade goods or canned items;**
- **Prescription drugs;**
- **Any item that has been opened or the seal is broken;**

Volunteering is another way to support the Food Bank. If you care about the hungry in your community, please volunteer. Groups and individuals are welcome. There are many ways to volunteer including the food drives, pantry, warehouse, office, and senior food box program, etc. Contact Louise Wilhelm, volunteer coordinator at 724-468-8660, extension 13, or e-mail her at louise@westmorelandfoodbank.org. For further information call 724-468-8660 or visit the website at www.westmorelandfoodbank.org. Happy Holidays from all at the Westmoreland County Food Bank!! *



*Because of You
Others Will Have a
Brighter Holiday!*

News from the Code Enforcement Department

For further information, dial (724) 834-7232, extension 240.

Residential Burning Regulations



All outdoor burning or fires in areas of **RESIDENTIAL** dwellings shall be:

- Limited to twigs and yard waste during the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **SATURDAYS**.
- Controlled in a safe manner and has an **ATTENDED WATER SUPPLY OR EQUAL AT ALL TIMES**.
- Occurring at least 50 feet from any structure and 30 feet from any property line.
- **GARBAGE, NEWSPAPERS or PAPER PRODUCTS, RUBBER, TIRES, PAINT, ANIMAL WASTE, PLASTICS, DIAPERS, TOXIC MATERIALS, or any other SOLID WASTE is PROHIBITED from being burned AT ANY TIME.**
- **Outdoor fireplaces, grills, fire pits, and stone rings used exclusively for recreational purposes and/or for food preparation are exempt from these regulations provided the activity is conducted not closer than 15 feet to any property line.**
- **LEAVES are PROHIBITED from being burned AT ANY TIME. Check the fall leaf collection dates on back cover of this newsletter.**
- Burning of any type is prohibited on any paved portion of a street, alley, or public grounds.

Fines:

- 1st Offense:** Warning issued; Fire to be extinguished;
- 2nd Offense:** Prosecution; Up to \$1,000 fine; *

Citations for Parking Violations



The Hempfield Township Code Enforcement Office shall issue illegal parking citations or warnings to violators in

- **No parking zones;**
- **Fire lanes;**
- **Impeding snow removal or emergency services;**
- **Illegally parked in handicapped spaces;**

Initial fines can be as high as \$50. Citations must be paid within five (5) days of issuance to prevent penalties.

Handicapped individuals must visibly display their handicapped placard to prevent receiving a ticket for illegally parking in a handicapped space. **Note:** Handicapped placards are not acceptable for parking in fire lanes or other no parking areas. *

When Do I Need a Building Permit?

The Hempfield Township Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the issuance of building permits for any type of construction. Whatever your plans may be for construction, please take the time to contact the Code Enforcement Department. *



Occupancy Permits Required For Businesses

All businesses in Hempfield Township are required to have an Occupancy Permit prior to occupying a structure. More specifically, this applies to all new and existing businesses, name changes to businesses, ownership changes to businesses, etc. **Permits are not transferable.** Any violation to Section 60-3B of the Hempfield Township Code can result in a fine up to \$1,000 per day, plus court costs.

The permit shall be posted in the lobby or an area visible upon entry to the establishment.

If your business does not have an Occupancy Permit, please contact the Code Enforcement Office to research whether a permit was ever issued or to obtain a new one.

Furthermore, every commercial property owner shall annually file with the Township the names and mailing addresses of all tenants who lease a commercial premises from them.

Please contact the Code Enforcement Office for additional information.*

Township Forms Available On-Line

All necessary permit applications and forms



are available at the Township's website at www.hempfieldtwp.us, click on "Government", "Download Forms & Permits".*

Directory of Services for Hempfield Township

To contact the offices of the *Township of Hempfield* and the *Hempfield Township Municipal Building* please dial (724) 834-7232. When you dial the Township, you will be greeted with an automated telephone system. If you are using a touch tone phone, you may immediately press any of the extensions listed below to speak to the proper party, unless otherwise noted. However, if you are using a rotary phone, please hold on for an operator until the completion of the greeting message. Please note that during non-business hours, your call will be handled by the Township's answering service, which has the capability in an emergency of contacting the On-duty Public Works Director.

CATEGORY	PHONE NO.	CATEGORY	PHONE NO.
Accidents w/Twp. Equip.	112	Planning	141
Accounts Payable/Receivable	113	Potholes	110
Animal Control (Dogs)	724-468-5505	Power Company (Allegheny)	1-800-255-3443
Assistant Manager	127	Public Safety	240
Athletic Complex	724-219-3963	Public Works	110
Building Permits	240	Recreation	724-836-7900
Burning Complaints	240	Recreation Administrative Asst.	125
Bus Garage (School District)	724-523-8600	Recreation Director	124
Cable TV (Comcast)	1-800-532-3779	Recreation Special Events Coord.	250
Clerical	190	Road Department	110
Code Enforcement (Permits)	240	Recycling Information	119
Code Enforcement (Ordnce./Zoning)	240	School District	724-834-2590
Community Days	250	Sewage (Septic)	724-468-6026
County Commissioners	724-830-3000	Sewage (Municipal)	724-834-0911
Courthouse	724-830-3000	Signs (Road)	110
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Deer Removal/State Roads	724-832-5387	Snow & Ice Problems	110
Deer Removal/Township Roads	724-238-5639	Solicitor	724-834-6040
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BULLETIN BOARD

2011 HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Front Row: Bob Davidson, John Silvis, & Doug Weimer
Back Row: John Bossi & Tom Logan

Contact Your Township Supervisors

You may reach your Hempfield Township Supervisors by dialing (724) 834-7232 and pressing their extension or by E-mail:

John Bossi, Chairperson, extension 116 or jbossi@hempfieldtwp.org

Bob Davidson, Vice-Chairperson, extension 115

Tom Logan, Treasurer, extension 117 or tlogan@hempfieldtwp.org

R. Douglas Weimer, Supervisor, extension 118 or dougweimer@hempfieldtwp.org

John Silvis, Supervisor, extension 114 or jsilvis@hempfieldtwp.org

If you desire to contact Hempfield Township via E-mail, the address is: hempfieldsupervisors@hempfieldtwp.org

The E-mail will be received by the Board of Supervisors for review and response. The Supervisors look forward to hearing from you about any comments, suggestions, or ideas. *

Contact the Township Manager

You may reach the Hempfield Township Manager, Kurt Ferguson, by dialing (724) 834-7232, extension 141, or by E-mail at kferguson@hempfieldtwp.org.



Hempfield Municipal Building Closed

Christmas – December 26 New Year's – January 2

Office Hours

The hours of operation at the offices of the Hempfield Township Supervisors', their staff, Code Enforcement and Parks & Recreation Departments are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. *

Up-Coming Supervisors' Meetings

You are cordially invited to attend the public meetings of the Hempfield Township Supervisors at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building. Early in the meeting citizens are recognized and welcome to voice any concerns or comments.

Annual Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 3, 2012 at 7 p.m.	
Caucus Meetings Wednesdays at 7 P.M.	Regular Meetings Mondays at 7 P.M.
December 21, 2011	December 27, 2011
January 18, 2012	January 23, 2012
February 22, 2012	February 27, 2012
March 21, 2012	March 26, 2012

(Note: Meeting Dates are Subject to Change)

Power Outage Checklist

In the past few months many residents of the Township incurred power outages, some for several days. In order to help you be prepared for the next such emergency, below is a sample checklist of items to include, but not limited to, in an emergency kit:

(√)	Emergency Kit Items
	Flashlights
	Battery-Powered Radios
	Extra Batteries
	Bottled Water for Drinking/Cooking
	Cell or Corded Telephone
	Matches and Candles
	Food– non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items

Tips During Power Outage

Be careful when using candles or oil lamps, especially around children;

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. (Note: An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about 4 hours.)

If it looks like the power outage will continue beyond a day, prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items;



For additional information about power outage safety, visit www.alleghenypower.com. If you are without electrical service, call 1-800-Allegheny (1-800-255-3443). To report an outage, simply say "power outage". For other electrical emergencies, say "hazard". *

Westmoreland County Historical Society's Winter Frolic



Westmoreland County Historical Society
THE STAR OF THE WEST

The Westmoreland County Historical Society will hold the 4th Annual Winter Frolic – Celebrating Our Celtic Heritage on Saturday, January 28th, 2012. The event will be held at the Westmoreland County Courthouse from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvre buffet served by the Ernest Gourmet and The Supper Club. Cash bar with a special beer brewed for the occasion. Music by *na Gales* and dance instruction by *Three Rivers Crossroads Ceili Studio*.

Tickets are \$70 for WCHS members and \$80 for non-members. Call 724-532-1935 X 10 for information and tickets. *

Volunteers for Emergency Services Needed

The twelve (12) fire departments in Hempfield Township are always looking for emergency service



volunteers. They are responsible for performing a number of challenging duties such as controlling fires, saving lives, providing emergency services to victims, saving property and protecting the environment. Training is provided. If you're possibly interested, take a moment to contact one of the fire departments listed on the Township's website at www.hempfieldtwp.com. *

Request for Public Records

Requests for public information can be sent to the Township Manager, Kurt Ferguson, at ORO@hempfieldtwp.org, by picking up a request form at the front window at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building, or by visiting www.hempfieldtwp.com at the link entitled "Right To Know – Resolution and Form". *

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News from Interstate Waste

Senior Citizen Sticker Customers

As you know, the offices of Hempfield Township, in cooperation with Interstate Waste, has senior citizen garbage stickers available at a cost of \$15 a sheet (6 stickers - \$2.50/each). In addition, stickers can be purchased by mail directly from Interstate Waste. Any senior citizen **THAT IS A RESIDENT OF HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP** and age 62 or over can qualify for this service. Proof of age is required.

Please be reminded also to recycle. Your disposable garbage may be reduced drastically by simply recycling. Your recycling container can be put out every other week per the pick-up schedule. There is no additional charge or sticker required to recycle. Recycling containers are available at the Township Municipal Building. For additional information, and/or a recycling schedule, please contact 724-834-7232, extension 119. *

Door-to-Door Single Stream Recycling

Recycling is easy. Simply place ALL recyclables into one bin at your curbside and the items will be sorted at the plant! Items that can be single-streamed include:

Newspaper with inserts	Telephone Books
Magazines	Chipboard
Catalogs	Plastic #1 - #7
Office Paper/Junk Mail	Aluminum Cans
	Glass Jars & Bottles
Cardboard (flattened)	Bimetal Cans

Recycling bins are available for pick up at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building. *

Interstate Waste

1-888-855-1715



INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES

Trash Removal Reminders

- Please place trash at curb the night before pick-up.
- Every person shall provide sufficient approved containers for receiving and holding solid waste. Containers shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times.
- Garbage (food waste) and rubbish shall be stored in a container which shall have a tight fitting cover, have suitable handles, be watertight and fly proof and be able to be carried easily by the collector.
- Garbage (food waste) shall be drained of liquids.
- Carpet shall be bundled and cut in 4-foot lengths.
- Brush, branches or tree limbs may not exceed 4 inches in diameter. Material must be bundled not to exceed 4-feet in length.
- Containers shall be of not less than ten (10) gallons nor more than forty (40) gallons in capacity for residential properties.
- Limit of four (4) thirty-gallon trash bags of grass or yard waste material per week
- Service is typically one day late following selected holidays **if they land on a weekday**. These holidays are: **New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas**. Please refer to your invoice for exact holidays.

Service includes unlimited weekly curbside collection of trash/garbage and one large item per week. (Additional large items will be collected for a charge. Call for pricing.) *

Recycling and Holiday Schedule

The recycling and holiday schedule for Interstate Waste customers is available on Hempfield Township's website at www.hempfieldtwp.com. **For the convenience of Hempfield Township residents, Interstate Waste Services will keep the current schedule for service days and billing will be done on a quarterly basis.**

Please be reminded that recyclables are collected every other week. Your recyclable items must be in a Hempfield recycling container. To obtain a container call Hempfield Township at 724-834-7232, extension 119. *



Westmoreland Cleanways Winter 2011-12 Up-Coming Recycling Events



Single Stream Recycling



Interstate Waste has a Single Stream drop off dumpster located at

the Municipal Building on Woodward Drive.

Acceptable materials include: Newspaper, catalogs, magazines, junk mail and office paper; corrugated cardboard (flattened); chipboard (cereal boxes, etc.), aluminum and bi-metal cans; plastics #1 - #7 (please note that the stickers on the drop-off bins specify #1 & #2 only; however, #3 - #7 are also acceptable).

Unacceptable materials include: Household trash, glass, styrofoam, and items contaminated by food (pizza boxes, etc.).



Hempfield Township is dedicated to providing its residents more recycling opportunities, and to make its communities cleaner and healthier. Every time you take your recyclables to the curb or to the Single Stream drop-off bin, remember that your recycling efforts benefit everyone! *



Westmoreland Cleanways
Green Forge
266 Donohoe Rd., Suite 101,
Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: (724) 836-4129

Fax: (724) 836-5597

Website:

www.westmorelandcleanways.org

E-mail:

info@westmorelandcleanways.org

Curbside Single Stream Recycling

Interstate Waste provides Hempfield residents with single stream recycling right at your curb. You are able to recycle your newsprint, flattened cardboard, phone books, chipboard, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, plastics #1 through #7, glass bottles and jars, and aluminum/bi-metal cans all in your recycling bin on your regular recycling pick-up day.



Please note that all Hempfield Volunteer Fire Department locations are for PAPER RECYCLING ONLY and NOT SINGLE STREAM. *

Christmas Tree Recycling



Where: Hempfield Park
220 Forbes Trail Rd., Gbg.

When: December 26th, 2011 Through the End of January 2012

Make one last goodwill gesture of the holiday season – recycle your Christmas tree! Westmoreland Cleanways has drop-off locations throughout Westmoreland County where you can take your undecorated trees. When you drop off your tree, be sure that all lights and ornaments have been removed, and please take tree bags or wrappings home with you.

Thanks to Hempfield Township's Public Works' crews, Christmas tree recycling will be even more convenient than ever for Township residents. A drop-off-site will be set up at the Hempfield Park, just off Route 66 north of Greensburg (look for signs to the drop-off site).

The Public Works Department will chip the trees and use the chips for mulch to enhance the beauty of the park. Recycling your Christmas tree will be like giving a gift back to your community!

Other convenient drop-off locations will also be available throughout Westmoreland County. Call Westmoreland Cleanways at 724-836-4129 for a complete list of locations and dates. *

Greensburg-Hempfield Area Library



237 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Greensburg, PA 15601

Cesare J. Muccari, Director

Phone: 724-837-5620

Web Page: www.ghal.org

Note: All programs are free of charge (except where noted) and open to the public. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, call the Library or visit its website.

EBOOKS AND DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS FOR FREE

The Greensburg Hempfield Area Library is pleased to announce the introduction of eBooks and downloadable audiobooks to the residents of Hempfield Township. This new service is being provided by the Library as part of a service of the Westmoreland Library Network which is a consortium of 28 public libraries in Westmoreland County. All residents of Hempfield Township are eligible for a free library card from any of these libraries and this card is honored at all 28 libraries.

The Westmoreland Library Network is providing eBooks and downloadable audiobooks for free to its cardholders in good standing. Hempfield patrons can download these materials from a link at the website of the Greensburg Hempfield Area Library at www.ghal.org or directly at



[HTTP://WLNONLINE.LIB.OVERDRIVE.COM](http://wlnonline.lib.overdrive.com). eBooks and audiobooks can be downloaded to numerous devices including a PC, a Mac, an iPad, a Nook, a Sony Reader, an iPod, an iPhone, a Droid and others. For some devices users will need to install free software. For more details, the Library has available smart guides for patrons. In addition, a patron can go to the My Help! Section at the web site [HTTP://WLNONLINE.LIB.OVERDRIVE.COM](http://wlnonline.lib.overdrive.com). Finally, a patron can call the Library at 724-837-5620 for help. For eBooks, a patron can check out the item for 7 or 14 days. An audiobook can be

checked out for 14 days. At present, a patron can have up to 5 downloadables at one time. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees.

The introduction of downloadables by the WLN libraries is part of the continuing commitment by these libraries to provide quality services in a variety of formats and mediums.

The introduction is also part of a trend in which eBooks are becoming more popular. Amazon recently announced that it is now selling more eBooks than print books. In addition, the Association of American Publishers announced that in February, 2011 eBook sales had a 200% increase over the same month in 2010. According to them, eBook sales were \$90.3 million in that month. *

Book Sale



The Greensburg-Hempfield Area Library

Hosts 4 Book Sales a Year

The sale includes best sellers, new and used books, plus paperbacks.

For future dates and times call the library.

The Hempfield Township Municipal Authority

1146 Woodward Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: 724-834-0911

Fax: 724-834-3027

E-mail: thtma@thtma.org

Finance Options for Eligible Residents

The USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has indicated that low interest loans and/or grants may be available to eligible residents who have received a benefit assessment or tap notice from recent Authority projects.

Two of the options residents can look into are:

1. USDA Rural Development Home Repair Loans and Grants

Call (724) 853-5555 ext. 4, or visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa for more information

2. Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) Renovate & Repair Loan Program

Visit www.phfa.org or call the local program administrators:

AFC First Financial Corp. (888) 232-3477, or

Professional Mortgage Connection (866) 766-7233

Information also available at www.thtma.org

Lincoln Heights Project Update

The bid phase for the *Route 136* and *Possum Hollow Road* contracts should be completed in November and the Authority anticipates construction to begin in late 2011 on those two sections of the Lincoln Heights project. Construction of the *Millersdale Road* interceptor and the *collector sewers in Lincoln Heights* is still expected to get underway in 2012. Residents in the project areas will receive information from the Authority regarding public meetings to be held prior to construction.

Web Site Reminder

Visit www.thtma.org for much more information on The Hempfield Township Municipal Authority (or sewage treatment in general) such as:

- Account Access and Payment Options
- Info for Residential Customers
- Info for Commercial Customers
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions
- Sewer Rates
- Current Projects
- Announcements

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed for Lunch
12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Drop box available for
sewage payment 24/7

Drive-thru window for payment
during office hours

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Robert T. Kendra - Chairman

Robert Davidson – Vice Chairman

K. Bradley Mellor - Secretary

Renee Rothwell – Treasurer

Douglas A. Pike – Board Member

www.thtma.org

