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Take Action Now to Keep Your Family Connected During an Emergency

Based on recent weather events we are all aware that disasters can and do strike. While September was National Preparedness Month, we believe that any time can be the right time to prepare for an emergency.

Disasters don't usually strike at convenient times. That means that as you and your family members go their separate ways each day, you have to have a plan — a plan to communicate and eventually reunite.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) stressed this need throughout National Preparedness Month. Their theme for 2017 is: "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."

FEMA is urging everyone to take action now by planning how to stay safe and in touch during the natural and manmade disasters that could affect our township.

To help jump start your preparations and plans, we've included a number of helpful tips from FEMA below.

Stay 'alert'

Technology has made communication lightning fast, but even a good old-fashioned radio comes in handy during an emergency. To guarantee you know exactly what's happening around you, take the following steps:

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Confirm that your mobile device can receive Wireless Emergency Alerts, which messages are sent by authorized government authorities through your mobile carrier. These warnings can be sent to your mobile device when you may be in harm's way and don't require you to download an app or subscribe to a service.

Sign up for text and/or email alerts from where you work, send your children to school and from local first responders, such as police departments, fire companies, and emergency management agencies. (EMA).

Consider purchasing a NOAA weather radio (*all hazards*), which is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office. With one of these radios, you'll be able to receive official warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Create a list of all the alert systems available to you and make sure everyone in the household receives the alerts as part of your household communication system.

Tips for Keeping in Touch

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes so you'll need to think about how you will communicate in different situations. Taking the following precautions will give you a good start:

Complete a contact card, including daytime addresses and phone numbers, for each adult family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse, or briefcase, etc. Additionally, complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags. (continued on page 2)

Your family talks every day, but what about when disaster strikes? Do you have a plan to reach everyone and make sure they are safe and accounted for?

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Check with your children's day care or school, which should include identification planning as part of its emergency plans.

Identify an out-of-state contact, such as a friend or relative, whom household members should contact to notify they are safe. In certain instances, it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than a call across town. Therefore, an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to facilitate communication among separated family members.

Be sure every family member knows the phone number of your out-of-state emergency contact and has a cell phone or a prepaid phone card to call them. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as your "in case of emergency" (ICE) contact. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings to reach someone you know. Be sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as an emergency contact.

Teach family members how to use text messaging, which can often get around network disruptions that may otherwise interrupt phone service.

Once you have prepared an emergency plan for your family, make sure that you review it from time to time to ensure it is up to date and accurate.

Want more information?

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Press Secretary Ruth Miller says they urge residents to take three main steps, "Be informed ... be prepared ... and be involved."

We believe the above information is a good starting point for your family's emergency preparation and planning, however it is just the tip of the iceberg. Much more preparedness information is available at the following sites:

Federal Emergency Management Agency

<https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-resource-library>

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

www.readypa.org

Lancaster Emergency Management Agency

<https://www.lancema.us/>

While it is the hope that none of us are ever required to use this information, having a plan in place in the event of disaster will certainly be worth the time taken now to put it together.

Zoning Matters

By: Christine Jackson

Change, an unstoppable phenomenon. At this moment the landscape around us is in the process of a complete metamorphous. Everywhere you look, change: the temperatures are dropping, the vast sea of green that has surrounded us for months is turning brown, fields that were once overflowing with crops are becoming bare as another year's harvest is being gathered. Days are growing shorter and to do lists are growing longer. Please remember, we are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful community, a place filled with faith, family, friends and farms. We are aware that sometimes these changes can bring discomfort: slow moving traffic on the roadways, noise from choppers, balers and combines, blowing corn fodder, dusty windows and the lovely smell of manure. But, these are minor discomforts that will quickly pass and we ask that you remain patient, drive safely and enjoy the beautiful Fall foliage headed our way.

Recently, I have been receiving telephone calls inquiring about disposal of agricultural plastics. Residents have asked if we would accept AG bags, greenhouse plastic and trench covers at Spring Clean-Up day or in our monthly Township recycling dumpster. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate these requests because of the size and weight of these materials and the disposal expense they would generate.

Despite the fact that the Municipality cannot help with these disposal needs, we can now provide information for someone who can. Ron Davis of R. Davis Enterprises has started a program to meet the ever growing need of farmers and agribusinesses to find avenues to dispose of their plastics. Current practices of burning or sending them to the landfill are environmentally unfriendly, why not recycle. Ron can recycle greenhouse covers and plastics, flats, trays, pots, drip tape, bale wrap, trench covers, AG bags, baler twine, pvc and cardboard. He cannot take field mulch (it is too dirty to recycle) and trench covers that are woven (this product clogs the shredder). Mr. Davis does charge a voluntary \$50 tipping fee for pick-up and disposal of your recyclable materials. For those who pay the fee he will pick-up your plastics on a set schedule, for those who decline payment he will gladly pick up your recyclables when it is most convenient to him. Mr. Davis has requirements regarding pick up quantities, he provides cages for sorting and asks that individuals recycling trench and AG bag plastics give them a good shake before placing them in the cages to remove excess dirt. Individuals who would like more information should contact Ron directly by dialing 717-689-0645.

On August 20, 2017 the Lancaster Newspaper ran an article in the Local section regarding farm inspections being performed by the Lancaster County Conservation District, as required by the Department of Environmental

Protection. During this yearlong process 308 county farm visits were performed of which only 140 had the required erosion and manure plans. These results showed that Lancaster County farmers had a compliance rate of 48 percent. Of the 168 farmers found non-compliant on their initial inspections, 154 of them acquired the needed plans within the 90 to 180 day grace period provided. According to the article the remaining 14 farmers did not obtain their plans and the Department of Environmental Protection has stated it will be, "pursuing enforcement action on the farmers not meeting their planning requirements." These random, on farm inspections, will continue at a rate of 300 plus per year for the next several years. Per Christopher Thompson, manager of the Lancaster County Conservation District, "The initiative is not going away, so get compliant now." A complete copy of this article can be found on the posting board in the Township Offices.

In an ongoing effort to provide the resident's of Little Britain Township with information and assistance with a variety of needs, we have an information center located in the Municipal lobby. In this area you will find information on: Municipal recycling, as well as, R. Davis Enterprises agricultural plastics recycling, dead animal removal and composting, pasture management, noxious weeds, manure management planning, Lancaster County Conservation District contact sheets, agricultural planning professional listing, small project stormwater planning workbooks, fee schedules, renters guide, and much more. All information is provided free of charge, so stop in and take a look.

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

October 31st – Trick-or-Treat 6 – 8 p.m.

**November 7th – Election Day
Offices Closed**

**November 23rd – Thanksgiving
Offices Closed**

November 24th – Offices Closed

**December 25th – Christmas
Offices Closed**

**January 1st – New Year's Day
Offices Closed**

**January 2nd – Board of Supervisors
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Following a recent article in a local paper, the Township has received numerous calls questioning when the Township disbanded its recycling program. The answer is – We Have Not. Recycling is still alive and well in Little Britain Township. While it is true that the Township no longer utilizes the recycling trailer purchased with grant funding they received in 2008, the recycling program itself has remained in place. Residents still have the opportunity to dispose of their recyclable materials on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Municipal building from 8 am to 12 pm. Below is a listing of accepted recyclable items:

Metal: Aluminum beverage cans, empty paint cans, aerosol cans, steel food and beverage cans.

Glass: Clear, blue, brown and green glass food and beverage containers.

Plastic: All plastics marked 1 through 7.

Paper & Cardboard: All sizes of cardboard boxes, food boxes, office paper, newspaper and inserts, envelopes and junk mail, paper bags, phone books and soft cover books.

Batteries: All standard sizes.

Light Bulbs: Compact and tube fluorescent bulbs, ballasts and thermometers.

For additional information, please refer to our website at www.littlebritain.org or stop by on the 1st Saturday of any month and speak to one of the dedicated volunteers who assist with this program.