



community REPORT

Dover Township 2010 Budget Review

The 2010 Budget includes no property tax increase. However, the Township has instituted the Local Services Tax this year for the first time. This tax is applied to people who **WORK** in our Township and is set at \$52.00 per year. It is collected and remitted by the employer as part of the payroll tax process. The tax is meant to offset the costs of roads and emergency services for the residents of our community. The General Fund Budget anticipates a **13.8% decrease** in spending over 2009, which made this budget a very challenging one. The tax monies you pay to the Dover Township General Fund in 2010 will be used for the following services: Police, Highway, Facilities, Administration and Recreation Departments. Our anticipated expenses in 2010 total \$4,815,208. Capital expenses from the General Fund include \$184,470.00 toward road improvements in the Edgewood Park Development. Additionally, the connection of Natalie Lane between the Admire Springs and Ashley Farms Development will be undertaken.

The Highway Aid Fund, which is funded by Liquid Fuel Allocations from the State of Pennsylvania, anticipates \$714,300 in expenses for 2010. Projects include overlays of Brookside Avenue (from Virginia to the dead end), Conewago Road (at the culvert), Eagle Scout Road (from the narrow area to Admire), and Salem Run Road (from Pine Hill to the dead end). Additionally, Tower Drive will be milled out and overlay work will be performed from Davidsburg Road to Stonehouse Lane. Hilton Avenue (between Imperial and Cardinal) and Rohlers Church Road will undergo base repair work. Pipe replacement is also scheduled for portions of Conewago, Rohlers Church and Salmon Run Roads.

The Recreation Fee In Lieu of Fund consists of monies paid by developers on a per lot basis for the purposes of providing further recreation facilities in Dover Township. The anticipated improvements from these monies include new bathrooms for Dover Community Park, and if grant funding is obtained a Skate Park at Lehr Park, and a Rail Trail along the Old Trolley Line from Fox Run Road to Brookside Avenue may be developed.

A \$10.00 per quarter Sewer Rate increase is planned for 2010, bringing the quarterly rate to \$123.52. Total expenses are anticipated to equal \$5,459,947. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is in the process of an upgrade as required by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative. This upgrade is being funded through bond issues and will decrease the amount of nitrogen and phosphorous discharged into the Chesapeake Bay Watershed as required by the DEP and the EPA.

The Water Department will see an extensive water main replacement project which will increase fire flows to the Route 74 corridor. The roads involved in the project include Poplars Road, Hilton Avenue and Virginia Avenue. The work will be performed over the next two years and is partially funded by the receipt of an H2O Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$280,000. The total expenditures for the Water Fund are expected to equal \$2,030,361. The Township also anticipates continuing its efforts at exploration, drilling and testing for the potential installation of one new well, analysis of our current distribution system needs, upgrades to existing wells, and the meter replacement program.

This has been one of the most challenging budget years that Dover Township has experienced in recent history. Every effort was made to keep service levels the same to our residents without a property tax increase. Dover Township will continue to work to provide you with the best services we can in the most efficient, professional and cost effective manner possible.

DOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY REPORT

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Upcoming Programs

January 28, 2010 at the Dover Community Center will be our next meeting at 10:45 A.M.

Instructor Carol O’Gara from Gettysburg Garden Club will be the speaker. She will be showing us her folding and braiding techniques in floral arrangements. Demonstration and “hands on” instruction will be presented.



February 25, 2010 will be Garden Sign Painting.

Meals on Wheels

Help Meals on Wheels, we have an urgent need for volunteers! Please call the Heritage Senior Center at 292-7471 for information.

Housing Dedication for the new engine, September 26, 2009

The tradition of ‘pushing the engine into the firehouse’ has been passed down from generation to generation. When a new piece of equipment was acquired they had a ‘housing ceremony’ and the firefighters pushed the equipment into the fire house, this was followed by a ‘blessing’ of the new apparatus and a prayer for the safety of the firefighters. Before the days of horses pulling the fire apparatus it was pulled to the site of a fire by the firefighters. After horses pulled the equipment, upon returning to the fire house the horses would be unhitched and the apparatus pushed into the fire house. Today a driver starts the engine and fire fighters symbolically push the engine into the fire house.



Dover Area Recreation Programs

For more information or to reserve a park,
call Dover Township Office at 292-3634 (ask for Kristal)

Over 30 Basketball



This is a great opportunity for young men over 30 years of age to get some exercise during the winter months and also enjoy some pick up basketball! Any questions please call the township at 292-3634.

January 19th – April 20th

Tuesday Evenings

7 – 9 PM

\$1.00 per night

North Salem Elem. School Gym

Dover Doug Returns!

GROUND HOG DAY

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

PROGNOSTICATION

- 7 AM –at the Log House
(Dover Community Park 2481 W. Canal Rd)
- FREE coffee and hot chocolate
- Receive a ticket for a FREE Spaghetti Dinner

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

- 4 – 7 PM
Dover Community Building (3700 Davidsburg Road)
- Advance ticket cost:
Adult.....\$5.00
12 – Under.....\$3.00
- Door ticket cost:
Adult.....\$7.00
12 – Under.....\$5.00



WILL IT BE A LATE WINTER OR AN EARLY SPRING? DOVER DOUG KNOWS!!!!

EASTER EGG HUNT – SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH 2010

Lehr Park- 3700 Davidsburg Rd.

All ages will start at 10:00 am

Ages 0-2 will hunt on field 1

Ages 3-4 will hunt on field 2

Ages 5-6 will hunt on field 3

Ages 7-9 will hunt on field 4

** Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own Easter Basket to collect your eggs.



Recreation Website!

The Recreation website is now up and running. Please feel free to check it out for any information about new classes, programs, or up coming events! Do you have some ideas for new programs or events? Send us an email with your ideas. Are you looking to volunteer some time? We are always looking for people to help with events or programs. Volunteer your time where your community needs it most!

www.stadiumroar.com/dovertownshiprecreationdepartment

Bus Trips for 2010

New York City

June 19, 2010

\$33 resident \$36 non-resident

December 18, 2010

\$33 resident \$36 non-resident

Baltimore Inner Harbor

September 18, 2010

\$20 resident \$23 Non-resident

Washington DC Cherry Blossom

April 10, 2010

\$30 Resident \$33 Non resident



Please call Kristal for more information at 292-2624. You will need to have payment for trip when registering. You will also need to fill out registration form. More bus trips may be added!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Group exercise classes will follow the delays or cancellations of Dover Area School District

2 Hour Delay: 10AM class will start at 11AM

Night classes as scheduled

School Cancelled: ALL classes cancelled

Early Dismissal: Night classes cancelled

If bad weather starts in afternoon and you do not feel it is safe to drive, please stay safe at home!

Make up dates – TBA (if necessary)

School delay/cancellation broadcasts:

WGAL – Channel 8 (TV)

WSBA 910 News Radio

If unsure call Kristal at 324-2898

To register for any programs, please stop by the Dover Township offices between the hours of 8am – 4:30pm, located at 2480 W. Canal Rd. Any questions about any programs can be directed to Kristal Narkiewicz at 292-3634 or visit our website at www.stadiumroar.com/dovertownshiprecreationdepartment

Dover Township Residents: The 2010 Census is in OUR HANDS!

The 2010 Census is important to you. Here's why:

- An accurate count of the population of Dover Township gets our residents its fair share of over \$300 billion annually that is provided through government funding.
- Redistricting will follow the Census, which means an inaccurate count could lessen the amount of House of Representative members Pennsylvania is permitted in Washington to vote our behalf.
- We cannot accurately plan for the needs of Dover Township without a clear picture of who we are serving and what they need. Demographics are an important planning tool for determining whether we need more wells for the water system, another park, another school, a bigger senior center or library, etc.
- Most importantly save money from your own pocket. The Census Bureau will make every effort to find you and count you. If you do not fill out the form, temporary Census Workers will be sent out into Dover Township in order to count you. This additional cost will be borne by all taxpayers.

The timeline for the 2010 Census is as follows:

March 8-10	Advance Letter delivered to your home.
March 15-17	Questionnaire
March 22-24	Reminder Post Card
April 1, 2010	CENSUS DAY
April 6-15	Replacement Questionnaire

Please make sure to be counted!

Question from a concerned resident:



What benefits do I receive from my quarterly sewer bill?

You are paying for the transportation and treatment of the wastewater that comes from your home. Wastewater is that dirty, yucky water that goes down your drains and away from your home. It is water that has been contaminated by soap detergents, shampoo, food particles, fat, lint, hairs, urine, fecal matter, toilet paper, and anything else that goes down the drain or flushed down the toilet. Each household creates about 250 gallons of this dirty water every day. Wastewater is transported from homes by a series of pipes called sewers. These pipes vary in diameter size from 8" near your home to 42" near the plant. The collection crew of the wastewater department is responsible for the maintenance and operations of the sewer mains in the streets and right-of-ways.

Your treatment plant processes this wastewater, creating two final products: clean water that is discharged into the Little Conewago Creek and biosolids that is recycled as agricultural land amendments. Treatment is a complex mixture of physical, chemical, and biological processes. The facility must operate around the clock, every day of the year. Operations are strictly regulated and monitored by state and federal agencies. The wastewater department follows a Continual Improvement Program to proactively monitor and control our efficiency and costs while ensuring the continual reliability of the transportation and treatment systems. Your sewer fees pay for the operation, maintenance, repairs, and administrations of the systems as well as cost of construction of all upgrades and expansions. To learn more, visit the wastewater department website at: <http://home.comcast.net/~doverwwtp/site/>

Union Fire & Hose Co. #1

30 East Canal St., Dover Pa, 17315
Phone# (717) 292-1493 Fax# (717) 292-3521
Check out our new web site
www.unionfireandhose.com

EVENTS:

Bingo: Every Monday night starting @ 6:45pm.

Public Suppers: Serving Baked Turkey pie and Boiled Beef pot pie
Serving starts @3:30pm
January 23rd
February 27th
March 27th

Lottery Drawing: Based on the evening daily number.
January & March
Interested in tickets, please contact Sue Deardorff @ 292-6260

Easter Flowers Sales: April 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2010

Mother Day Flower Sales: May 7th, 8th & 9th, 2010

Safety Tips: Did you change your smoke detector batteries?

Babysitters and Fire Safety

Entrusting your children to the care of a babysitter is a major responsibility. You should know your babysitter well. Try to employ the same babysitter on a regular basis. Only trust people who have a good sense of responsibility and a genuine concern for children. Your babysitter's first priority should be your children's safety.

Before the babysitter arrives

- Make sure your children are familiar with your home escape plan.
- Post your home escape plan.
- Test all smoke alarms to make sure they are working.
- Speak to responsible neighbors so that in an emergency, the babysitter may contact them.
- Post emergency numbers near the phone, 9-1-1. Include neighbor's name and telephone number and also the number where the babysitter can reach you and your own address.

When the babysitter arrives

- Tour your home with the babysitter. Review your home escape plan. Discuss the floor plan, pointing out marked exits.

- Show the babysitter the designated outside meeting place. Point out your neighbors' homes.
- Make it clear to the babysitter that if there is smoke or fire, your only concern is that everyone get out of the house quickly and safely.
- Point out emergency telephone numbers to the babysitter and provide him or her with an emergency information sheet.
- Show the babysitter where you store an emergency kit.
- Provide the babysitter any additional information about the children's routines and special needs such as medication.

Babysitter responsibilities in the event of fire

- Keep the safety of the children in mind. Get them to safety.
- No matter how small the fire, if you see or smell smoke, or detect an odor of gas, get the children out of the home immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Don't waste time dressing the children, even in cold weather. Wrap them in blankets instead.
- Don't turn on switches as this may create a spark, ignite gas vapors or cause an explosion.
- Never re-enter a burning building. Smoke and gases from a fire can be fatal.

Dover Area Community Library

Winter 2010 programs

MONDAY EVENING STORY TIME:

Simply stop in for this evening session for families with children of all ages. **MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM**

TALES FOR TAILS:

This session is geared for beginning readers, reluctant readers, readers who need some practice and readers who love dogs! **Buffy** and **Magic** are certified Therapy Dogs who love to listen to stories. **SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED.**

2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00am

BABY TIME:

Geared for parent and child from birth to 2 years of age. Introduce your baby to literature and the library as **Miss Ellen** and **Miss Lynne** share favorite books, knee jogs, songs, nursery rhymes and more.

TUESDAYS, 10:00am Returns January 12, please sign-up.

TODDLER TIME:

Geared for 2 and 3 year old children and an adult. Join **Miss Ellen** as she shares books, rhymes, music, movement activities, finger-plays, crafts and more!

TUESDAYS, 11:00am or THURSDAYS, 10:15am or THURSDAYS, 11:15am Returns January 12 & 14, please sign-up.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:

Geared for children ages 4, 5 and 6. Join **Miss Ellen** as she shares books, music, action games, and more! No registration needed.

TUESDAYS, 1:00pm or THURSDAYS, 2:00pm Returns January 12 & 14.

DROP IN CRAFT WEDNESDAY:

This session is a family activity. We will supply materials and the directions. Simply gather the family and stop in when it fits your schedule - don't forget your imagination!

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 11 am to 7 pm

Adult Programs

CHRISTIAN FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This group meets the 2nd Monday each month and is growing but new members are still welcome. Visit the display, borrow and read the book then join in the discussion. For more information or to register call the library at 292-6814.

2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH 7:00 PM January's Book: **THE CANOPY** by **Angela Hunt**

KNITTING GROUP

All knitters welcome. Group meets 3rd Wednesday of the month. **3rd WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM**

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR ADULTS

Age 18 or older, please. Book lovers read and chat about the books. **Michelle Martini** is the group's leader and new members are welcome. Visit our display for a copy of the current book. **Meets 7 - 8pm on the last Monday each month. 1/25: Garlic and Sapphires** by **Ruth Reichl**; **2/ 22: Still Alice: A Novel** by **Lisa Genova**; **3/29: Zorro: A Novel** by **Isabel Allende**

Volunteers Needed

Dover Township has opportunities for Township residents to become involved by volunteering for a Board or Commission. These Boards and Commissions include the Sewer Authority, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board, If you would like to volunteer, please go to www.dovertownship.org under the downloads tab and complete our volunteer application. Submit your application to the Township Secretary for consideration for an opening today!

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