

BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP NEWS
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LIFE IS A HIGHWAY...

Major patch work was done on Chicks Lane, Tower Road, and Scotch Valley Road. We used C.O.G. for three days to pave parts of the above roads. Minor patch work was done on Cedarhead Road, Mt. Laurel Trail, and Hazle Street in Weston.

We have received a permit from DEP to replace the pipe on the corner of Tower Road and Cedarhead Road. The pipe will be replaced in the spring. We also replaced pipes on Seiwell Lane and Mt. Laurel Trail. We replaced three pipes on Cedarhead Road and two pipes on Tower Road. We sealed where the new pipes were installed and also around the garage.

Ditches were cleaned on Chicks Lane, Tower Road, Gross' Corners, and along the roads in Nuremberg, Weston and Rock Glen.

We mowed along the state and township roads, and we mowed the park and pool area as well as Alumni Park four times.

We worked on the Racoon Creek wall in Weston

We cut brush on the Boulevard Road, Mt. Laurel Trail, Cedarhead Road and Pine Street.

We replaced the sign on Top Street.

We worked on the culvert and the Dump Road to prevent washout and flooding. We cleaned up after the freak snow storm on Chicks Lane, Tower Road, Larocks Lane, and Gross' Corners.

We put the spreaders and plows on all of the trucks, and serviced them for the winter.

As for recycling, we took junk to the junkyard twice, and took 252 tires to the recycling center in Butler Township.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEEE...

We completed and received approval for the Community Development grant for 2010. The amount of the grant is \$100,000.00. We will be doing an income survey to those individuals living on the roads that were identified for improvement at the end of November.

Our 2010 budget for Black Creek Township has been completed with the total amount being \$654,159.00.

P.I.R.M.A. has completed a review of our pension requirements, and we are in the process of completing that.

Township funds ending October 2009 were: General Fund - \$56,178.13 State Fund - \$2,245.84 (**NOTE:** This fund is supposed to be used up by the end of the year.) Money Market Account - \$137,630.40

GET A JOB...

We have interviewed all of the candidates for the Zoning/Ordinance Enforcement opening in our township. The supervisors will appoint the new officer in the near future.

We have completed the process for the newly created UCC Board and Planning Commission. These individuals will be named in the near future, and will assume their positions in January 2010.

Rhonda Lescowitch will be our delegate for the Luzerne County Tax Collection Committee under Act 32.

SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME...

The Nuremberg Community Ambulance is now open. The new address is: **387 Hazle St., Nuremberg, PA 18241**. We will make the phone number available as soon as we get it.

THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS...

Penn Wind has been granted a year's extension from our Zoning Board to gain approval from the government for the wind farm.

LOVE STINKS...

Our engineering firm is preparing the Task Activity Report (TAR) required for the 537 plan (sewage update plan.) Once completed, it will supply us with the cost of the 537 plan.

HELP! I NEED SOMEONE...

We still need volunteers for the 2010 Census. If this is not completed, the township will lose funding!!!

Also we are still looking for qualified volunteers for income tax preparation for our senior citizens through AARP. If anyone is interested, please contact Dennis or Bonnie at the township building.

We still would like to get a "SAFE WATCH" program going for our township. With the rash of burglaries in our community, we really should get behind this program. Contact the township office or Beverly Aschman at the Rock Glen Post Office.

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME...

The Recreation Committee will be selling \$1.00 raffle tickets. First prize: \$300.00 Second prize: \$100.00 Third prize: \$100.00

The drawing will be held on February 11, 2010. If you are interested in buying or selling tickets, contact Kay Riotto – 384-4411 or Lori Webster – 384-3674.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS...

The annual community Christmas tree lighting will be held on December 6th at 5:00 P.M. at Alumni Park in Rock Glen. Everyone is invited. There will be caroling, refreshments, and the tree lighting. If we've all been very good, there's a chance that there will be a visit from Santa!!! This event is sponsored by the Black Creek Township Recreation Committee.

IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND...

The Twin County Community Association is pleased to announce that the Nuremberg Branch of the Hazleton Library will open very soon. They are in the process of moving and organizing the books. Watch for the opening to be announced in the newspaper. The new library is located at: **45 Brush Street, Nuremberg, PA.**

Thanks for coming out to vote. We appreciate your confidence in us.

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