

AUGUST 2017

# HEIDELBERG HAPPENINGS

## Special points of interest:

- Recycling the first Saturday of the month from 8-12 at the Township Building Lower Lot
- The Township Office will be closed:

September 4-Labor Day

November 23-Thanksgiving Day

## AREA CODE ADDITION IN THE 717

Due to a large increase in assigned telephone numbers within the 717 area code, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has found it necessary to create and add a new area code. Within the geographic region served by the 717 area code, the new area code of 223 will be added.

What does that mean for you?

Although the overlay of the area code will result in some changes, your existing phone number will not alter. What will change is how you dial phone numbers. Beginning August 26, 2017, outgoing phone calls must be dialed

using the full ten-digit phone number. That means that even local calls will require the 717 to be included when dialing. Should you not include the area code, the call will not go through and you will receive a message



to hang up and try the call again including the area code. Reprogramming phone numbers in wireless devices, fax machines or other automatic callers will also need to take place to include the area code. According to the PA PUC, beginning September 26, 2017 most new phone numbers after that date can expect to receive an area code of 223.

While this area code addition is not a major change, it is one to be prepared for. Get in the habit now of dialing that '717' for all calls placed, even to your neighbor.

## NEW RECYCLING CONTAINERS AT TOWNSHIP

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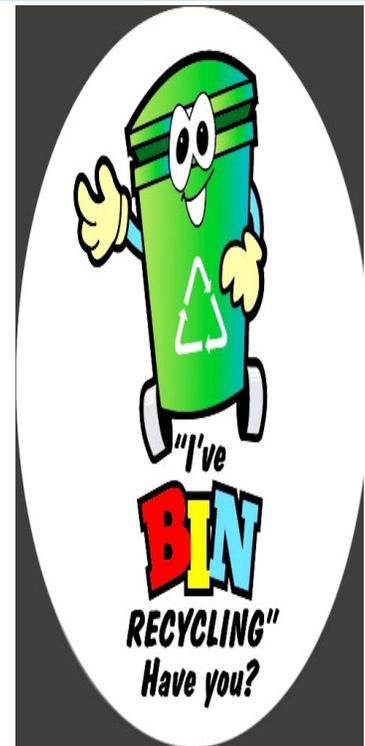
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Recycling at the Heidelberg Township building on the first Saturday of the month is a great way to reduce the amount of waste contributed to the stockpile of trash located in many landfills and waterways today. To boost our efforts locally, Heidelberg Township is lucky enough to have secured recycling containers at the Township grounds.

Lebanon Farms Disposal has kindly gifted Township residents the use of a recycling container for container and recycling canisters for bottles and cans at the Township Recreation area. The container for cardboard is located at the lower stone lot where the monthly recycling containers are placed. This container is there every day for Township residents to place unwanted corrugated cardboard in for recycling. This container is NOT to be used for glossy boxes such as cereal box-

es. All boxes MUST be broken down and placed in the recycling container for smooth pick up by LFD employees. The bottle and can recycling canisters are located at the ball fields and pavilion at the Township property. These containers are to capture bottles and cans that would otherwise end up in the trash cans. These recycling canisters are not for large amounts recycling that you would bring on the first Saturday of the month.

The Township would like to thank Lebanon Farms Disposal for their generous spirit in placing these recycling containers free of charge for Township residents to use. Catching any extra recyclable material is good for everyone and we appreciate LFD for recognizing the need.



*ELCO's first day back to school is Monday, August 28th. Please be aware of children and buses as the 2017-2018 school year begins.*



## DOG RULES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

In our community we have many pet lovers. While some are fond of felines, birds or another fun animals, many of our residents love the company of dogs. Dogs can be wonderful companions, but they still need to have a watchful set of eyes to make sure they don't escape the confines of their home turf and their owner's care. Heidelberg Township has an ordinance to assist dog owners in knowing what is expected of them.

Ordinance #3 requires that all dogs remain on their owner or care-givers property at all times unless under the care and control of their custodian. This means that dogs may not wander the streets or others' private property at any time. It is the responsibility of the

dog owner or care-giver to retain control of their dog's whereabouts. Should you wish to take your dog for a walk, the dog must remain in your control at all times. This in general is maintained via a leash or walking apparatus. At no time should you walk your dog unleashed or without some way of controlling your dog's walking pattern. This is for your dog's safety as well as other people and animals. In case your dog escapes your supervision, please make sure your dog is licensed or has a microchip implanted for safe return of your furry friend.

Please be courteous to your neighbors by keeping your dog in your own yard. While your pooch may be as friendly as they come, unexpected visits

may not be as welcome as you think. Be mindful of your dog's waste as well. No one wants an unexpected "land mine" left behind.

While Ordinance #3 establishes expectations in Heidelberg Township of dog owners, should owners not follow these rules, fines can be levied. Repeat lack of maintaining control and whereabouts of your dog can result in further investigation from the Humane Society, the PA State Police or the area Dog Warden.

Animals, no matter the kind, are a wonderful addition to any family. The Township would like to remind everyone that safety and security of your pets and neighbors should remain a priority at all times.

## DEP ISSUES REMINDERS ABOUT POOL WATER

In an effort to help protect stream health and aquatic life, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would like to remind private and public pool owners, as well as pool management companies, how to properly close their swimming pools for the season.

Discharged pool water and waters containing chlorine or other chemicals can be detrimental to aquatic life if not handled responsibly. It is extremely important that these waters are handled correctly. Pool waters must not be discharged to any storm sewer or land in which a storm sewer is accessible. Runoff can cause fish kills and unsafe aquatic conditions.

"Pool owners and professional pool cleaners need to dispose of old water appropriately and

conscientiously," said Acting DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell. "Most of all, we need to make sure the wastewater is going into the sanitary sewer, where it may be allowed - and not into our storm sewers where it could harm aquatic life."

When draining a swimming pool this year, make sure to protect Pennsylvania by following these tips:

- Pool water may be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system **ONLY** with municipal permission.
- Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream.
- If lowering the water level of the pool, let it drain to a lawn to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer.

• If a sanitary sewer system is not available, water may be used for irrigation if it does not run off the property or into a storm sewer.

The discharge of swimming pool water to any waters of the commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law. Property owners and pool companies that violate this law may be prosecuted and penalized for damages. -Provided by PADEP



## MET-ED TO INSTALL SMART METERS

In recent weeks, Met-Ed began installing smart meters for all of their customers in the Lebanon/Lancaster/Dauphin Met-Ed service area (as well as the portion of Berks County served out of the Lebanon office: Bethel, Marion, Tulpehocken and Womelsdorf). Deployment began in May 2017 and will continue through April 2018. The installation schedule by area is available on our website (see below).

As you may recall, installation of smart meter technology was included in the PA Act 129 Legislation passed in 2008 and requires electric distribution companies to deploy smart meter technology for all their Pennsylvania customers.

This step toward a more modernized electric system will enable automated meter readings and enhance our ability to respond to outages faster and more efficiently. Plus, once the meters are fully operational, customers will have access to more detailed energy information to help them better understand their electricity use - which means they can then make informed decisions on how to manage and control their electricity consumption.

The Met-Ed contractor, Wellington Energy, is working on installing smart meters on the homes and businesses in your community. To support the installation of this new technology, we sent customers information in the mail regarding

the meter installations. Our customer contact center at 1-800-545-7741 is available to answer customers' questions about the program and installation schedule. Please be aware that company representatives will be in your community installing smart meters to those customers served by Met-Ed. (See following screen shot for information on contractor identification.)

Information on smart meter technology, security and privacy, safety and FAQs, and a schedule of our installation timeline by community is available on our website at [www.firstenergycorp.com/pasmartmeter](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/pasmartmeter) - MET-ED

### Met-Ed Smart Meter Installation

- **Employee of Wellington Energy or Met-Ed/FirstEnergy**
- **Proper Identification**
  - Wellington Energy employees wear a brown uniform that shows their company logo, and they drive a white truck with the Wellington Energy and FirstEnergy logos.
  - All installers wear identification badges from FirstEnergy.
  - If you have a concern about an installer's identity, please call Wellington Energy at 1-888-317-8815.
- **No need to be present for installation.**
- **A brief interruption in your power is necessary to install the smart meter.**
- **If you have special needs that require advance notice of the meter exchange call Wellington Energy Inc., 1-888-317-8815 to schedule an appointment**
- **The installer will not need to enter your residence/building unless the meter is located inside.**

[www.firstenergycorp.com/PAsmartmeter](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/PAsmartmeter)



*“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of Thanksgiving - W.T.Purkiser*

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### FALL HAPPENINGS 2017

#### Schaefferstown Fire Company:

Annual Fireman's Carnival—August 17-19, 5:00PM open

Free Admission—Come for fun, food and music!

AYCE Breakfast Buffet—October 14, 7:00AM

(check their Facebook page at [facebook.com/stownfc](https://facebook.com/stownfc) for more details and dates)

#### Historic Schaefferstown:

Harvest Festival—September 16, 10:00AM-5:00PM & September 17, 11:30AM-4:00PM

Admission \$5 12 and up, Free 11 and under, No Pets

Hoe Down—October 14, 4:00PM-10:00PM

(see Historic Schaefferstown website at [hsimuseum.org](http://hsimuseum.org) for more details)

#### Heidelberg Lions:

Halloween Parade—October 28, 7:00PM

#### County-wide Trick or Treat:

October 31, 6:00PM-8:00PM

