

DECEMBER 1, 2014

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:

December 25—Christmas

January 1-New Year's Day

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN HEIDELBERG

To further promote Christmas in the Township, local organizations have planned several opportunities to participate in seasonal festivities. Enjoy the well-wishes of the members and support these wonderful local groups.

Heidelberg Township Lioness Santa Bazaar

Saturday, December 6th 8AM - 1PM

115 N. Carpenter St.
Schaefferstown, St. Paul's UCC Social Hall

Schaefferstown Fire Company AYCE Breakfast

Saturday, December 13th 7AM-11 AM (Look for more dates on the website!)

Fire Company Banquet Hall, 200 N. Locust St., Schaefferstown

Adults- \$9.00, Kids- 5 to 14 \$4.00,

Under 5 Free

Full Range Buffet with MTO Pancakes and Omelets!

Historic Schaefferstown

Christkindlemarket & Bake Sale

Saturday, December 13th 9AM-3PM

Brendle Museum 111 N. Market

Street, Schaefferstown

Free admission.

Tavern Lunch

Saturday, December 13th 10AM-2PM

Gemberling-Rex House 106 N.

Market Street, Schaefferstown

Enjoy Tavern Keepers and period-dressed servers supplying traditional food and victuals of the time.

Cost is \$14.00/person

Reservations are required!

Please call 717-949-2244.

Schaefferstown Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

Children's Christmas Party

For Residents of Heidelberg Township

Sunday, December 14th, 2PM

Fire Company Banquet Hall, 200 N. Locust St.,

UTILITY PAYMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWER

Schaefferstown

Effective immediately, payments of water bills to HTMA will NO longer be accepted at Fulton Bank. Methods of payment going forward will be cash or check only. For water payments, checks can be made payable to HTMA and mailed to PO Box 248, Schaefferstown, PA 17088.

Sewer payments can continue to be made via cash or check as well. For sewer payments, checks can be made payable to Heidelberg Township and mailed to PO Box 188, Schaefferstown, PA 17088.

Should you have any questions regarding the changes for water payments, please call the HTMA office at 949-6977.



**Christmas
Tree drop off
service will
be located at
the Township
lower lot
beginning
December
29th.**



RECYCLING PROGRAM IN HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

Through the efforts of some very dedicated groups and individuals, Heidelberg Township offers a voluntary recycling program. The first Saturday of each month from 8:00AM to 12:00PM collection of recyclable material occurs at the lower stone lot of the Township Building. Volunteer monitors, including Schaefferstown and Richland Boy Scouts, a church youth group, and individuals, try to ensure that only appropriate materials find their way into the bins. In order to continue keeping the program as useful and helpful as it is, please follow the below guidelines when dropping off your recyclables.

Please do NOT drop materials for recycling any day prior to or after the first Saturday of each month from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. This only increases the work load of those dedicated volunteers who show up to assist on those days.

Corrugated cardboard is now accepted. Boxes MUST be broken down and flattened. If you are bringing cardboard or newspaper, please bundle the items using twine or string. Newspaper may also be brought in paper bags. Loose items are more difficult to handle and harder to place neatly in the recycling bins.

Items that are acceptable to bring for recycling are plastic bottles and jugs (smaller at the top than at the bottom), aluminum (soda) and steel (think Spaghetti O's) cans, food-grade glass bottles and jars, corrugated cardboard and newspaper/phone books. Household glass like broken windows, drinking glasses and light bulbs are not accepted, nor are "tub"-type plastic containers. Please make sure all materials are CLEAN.

Remember, people handle this—would you want to?

Electronics are NOT accepted and cannot be disposed of if brought to the Township. Disposal of those items can be handled by notifying your trash hauler or the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority.

Reducing the amount of garbage that ends up in neighboring landfills benefits all of us. Recycling eligible items is a good way to aid in that effort. Through the program available in Heidelberg Township, everyone can assist in making a difference. Should you have any questions regarding the monthly drop-off program, or if you would like to offer assistance some Saturday morning, please call Eleanor Sweeney at (717) 644-4130.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

As winter fast approaches, inclement weather may be just around the corner. Harsh weather, be it snow, sleet or freezing rain, means clean-up for Township road crew as well as many individual property owners. To follow are some suggestions to help make the "winter weather woes" a little easier.

Township road crews try their best to stay ahead of the weather by pre-treating or cindering roads where ice can be a particularly troublesome issue. If snow comes our way, they are in the plow trucks trying to remove as much snow from the roadway as possible. Since the machinery used is quite large, please give them lots of space when traveling around them. Although you can see them, traveling too close or in a blind spot may not give the driver enough site distance to see you. Also leave room when traveling behind the trucks as anti-skid and

ice melt need space to land and time to work. Please drive with these tips in mind so you can aid in a safe arrival to your destination.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and people of your community and remove snow from sidewalks. Although the Township does not have an ordinance mandating this issue, please work with each other to provide a safe path for all those who need to travel around town. Many people from children coming off school buses to adults walking to the Post Office to elderly going to church rely on those walk ways as a means of getting where they need to be. Offering a hand to aid in that safety is something everyone can participate in.

If bad weather causes downed trees or limbs, please know who to call to ensure fastest response

to the problem. Trees on roadways will be handled by the owner of that road. Many times it is the Township, but some roads are owned by PennDOT and they will handle those problems. If you are unsure of who to call, don't hesitate to call the Township and we can filter your call to the correct entity if necessary. Trees and limbs on wires are NOT something the Township staff is able to correct. You must call the public utility provider to assess the problem and they will determine the course of action for removal.

Please be safe when dealing with any hazardous weather condition. As well all tend to do in our community, continue to help your neighbors deal with weather obstacles and the Township staff will do our best to make your travels as safe as possible also.

SCHAEFFERSTOWN HALLOWEEN PARADE 2014

This year's Schaefferstown Halloween Parade included a great selection of floats, bands and organizations. Each year this parade grows with new participants. Sponsored by the Heidelberg Township Lions Club, this parade is held to promote the entertainment of the holiday and to show what fun and creative people this community really has in it.

Just a small sampling of those participants in the parade this year were; ELCO Raider Marching Band, sev-

eral Fire Companies, Boy Scouts, dance organizations in Lebanon County, some beautiful cars, various businesses of the community and of course those crazy clowns. Always a highlight of the Halloween Parade, the clowns bring their own brand of "silly" to the spectators of the parade. Of course, we can't forget the introduction of their year's Miss Spontaneous Combustion! If you don't know what that is, you'll have to make it out to next year's Halloween Parade to find out. A big thank you to all of those that participated

and for the mountains of candy many of the children (and adults!) went home with.

If anyone would like to be in next year's Halloween Parade, you can start planning now. The parade for 2015 is scheduled for the Saturday before Halloween and steps out at 7:00PM. Registration for the parade is free and begins at 6:00PM at the entrance of the Prospect Hills Development located at the east end of Schaefferstown. Hope to see you next year!



The Heidelberg Township Municipal Authority is looking for community-minded people to serve on the HTMA Board. If interested, please contact the Heidelberg Township Office for further details.

HEIDELBERG BOY SCOUT TROOP 417 UPDATE

As part of the Boy Scouts of America Oath, a Boy Scout promises "to help other people at all times". Schaefferstown Troop 417 showed their Scouting Spirit by participating in the annual "Scouting for Food" drive in November. On Saturday, November 8th, the Troop 417 Scouts placed donation bags on over 400 doors in and around the Schaefferstown/Kleinfeltersville area. The following Saturday, November 16th, all donations put out by residents were collected by the Scouts. A total of 920 pounds of food and necessities were gathered and donated to Lebanon County Christian Ministries. Troop 417 is very proud of the collection and wishes to thank

all of the residents who provided donations.

Recently, Troop 417 held a Court of Honor to recognize those Scouts who have earned advancement, merit badges, or have attained a leadership position in the Troop. Of particular note, Boy Scout Galen McNaughton has earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Galen will be recognized for this pinnacle achievement at a future Court of Honor held on his behalf.

The Troop 417 annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 14th, 2015 at the St. Paul's U.C.C. Social Hall from 4:00-7:00p.m. Tickets will be \$7.00/person, 10 and under

\$4.00. The dinner is all-you-can-eat and take-outs will be available. Advance purchase and walk-ins are both welcome. This is the primary fundraiser for the Troop, so please mark your calendar to come out and support them.

Schaefferstown Boy Scout Troop 417 is chartered by the Heidelberg Lions Club and meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Schaefferstown Emergency Medical Services Building.

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*The Heidelberg
Township Board
of Supervisors
and office staff
want to wish all
residents and
families a
happy and
prosperous New
Year!*

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2015 MEETING DATES



If you wish to attend a Township meeting, please see below for the scheduled dates for 2015 meetings.

Board of Supervisors: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month - 7:00pm

(Reorganization and regular meeting January 5th—Auditor's meeting January 6th)

Sewer Workshop: Third Thursday of the Month - 6:30pm

Planning Commission: Third Monday of the Month - 7:00pm

Municipal Authority: Third Wednesday of the Month - 7:00pm

Zoning Hearing Board: Fourth Wednesday of the Month - 7:00pm if needed

Please note that any necessary meeting date changes will be advertised in the Lebanon Daily News.