

DECEMBER 2017

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

March 30-Good Friday

HEIDELBERG HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN THE TOWNSHIP

Come out and support local organizations that have planned several opportunities for residents 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 2nd 8AM - 1PM, St. Paul's UCC Social Hall, 115 N. Carpenter Street

Community Advent Service

Sunday, December 3rd, 7PM Heidelberg Church of the Brethren, 162 E. Reistville Rd, Myerstown

Enjoy the sounds of the season from local church choirs and representatives.

Historic Schaefferstown Christkindlemarket & Bake Sale
Saturday, December 9th 9AM-3PM

Brendle Museum 111 N. Market Street
Free admission.

Tavern Lunch
Saturday, December 9th 10AM-2PM

Gemberling-Rex House 106 N. Market Street

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 Company AYCE Breakfast

Saturday, December 2nd 7AM-10 AM (Look for more dates on the township website!), Fire Company Banquet Hall, 200 N. Locust Street

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

Full Range Buffet with MTO Pancakes and Omelets!



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ONLINE PARCEL VIEWER AVAILABLE FROM COUNTY

In September 2017 the Lebanon County GIS Department launched the Lebanon County Online Property Viewer. This web-based geographical property viewer enables individuals to look at a map of Lebanon County and gain basic information about any property with a simple click.

To see this application, visit www.lebcounty.org, scroll down to Quick Links and click on Lebanon County Property Viewer. To find out how to use all aspects of the site, click on Property View User Handbook and instructions on how to navigate the site will open also.

Once on the application a map will appear after agreeing to the terms of the site. You have the option of zooming to see a birds-

eye view of a property or searching a specific property by address or parcel number. Once you've located a property you can click on it and an information box will pop up with owner, sale, size and assessment information. All of this information is public and can be found at the Lebanon County courthouse as well.

There are a number of tools available on the Property Viewer to gain more knowledge of an area. Measuring tools for multiple measuring options, topographical view options and the ability to print PDF versions of viewable maps are all some of the items available for use on the site.

We appreciate Lebanon County initiating this endeavor to make information easier to obtain. What once required a trip to the courthouse is now a click away!



**Christmas
Tree Drop Off
at the
township
building stone
lot will begin
December
26th!!**



MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY CHANGES

The only thing that remains constant is change. That statement is as prevalent in Heidelberg Township as it is on a global scale. A recent change in Schaefferstown is the vacating of the Municipal Authority.

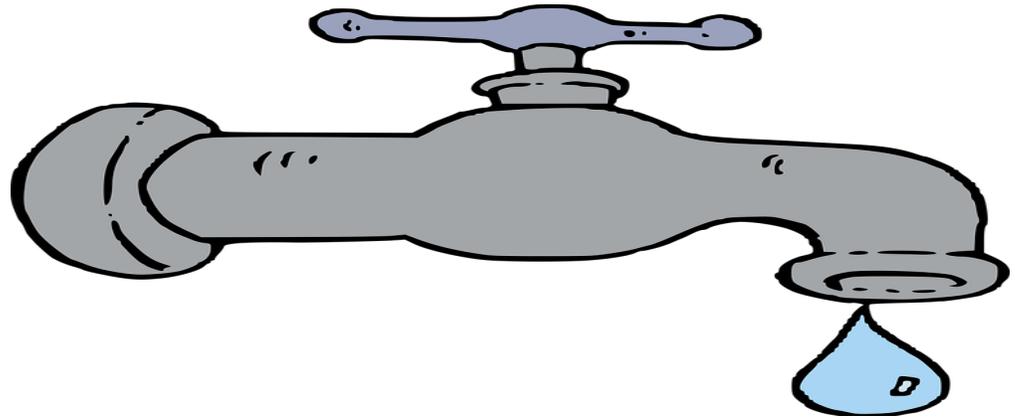
For more than two years, the Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors has been running the general operations of the Municipal Authority. The HTMA Board members that last served resigned and turned over the responsibilities to the Township Board of Supervisors. The majority of users have seen little to no change in general operations, but because the Township has not been the actual owner of

the water system, there were tasks that were unable to be performed legally.

In September 2017, that changed when legal documents were drawn in order to transfer all assets of HTMA to Heidelberg Township. What does this mean to the users of the water system? Not much at this point. Changes that you will notice beginning in 2018 will be quarterly invoice design and to whom you make your check payable. The quarterly bill that will be mailed in January will still be on blue paper, but will be the same size and same design as the sewer bill. When paying your bill, you may make

checks to Heidelberg Township or HTWS (Heidelberg Township Water System) and mail to PO Box 188, Schaefferstown.

All efforts are being made to make this transition as seamless as possible. The Board of Supervisors is proactively trying to work with Select Environmental, water operator, in detecting needed repairs and ways to improve the water service in Schaefferstown. If you as a consumer have any questions regarding this conversion, feel free to call the Township Office at (717) 949-3885 and office staff will assist in finding an answer for you.



ON-LOT SEPTIC PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN 2018

Although previously planned, in 2018 Heidelberg Township will begin implementation of the On-Lot Sewage Disposal Program as required by DEP for those areas with on-lot sewage systems. This program is designed to maintain working on-lot sewage systems to prevent contamination of ground soil and well water. It will be administered

by the Lebanon County Planning Department and Sewage Enforcement Officer David Siminitus and Michelle Faschnacht.

Many residents prepared for this program when it was originally started to begin and we thank you for that. Circumstances were just not optimal for all parties involved to start the program when everyone

thought it could. But at this time, anyone with an on-lot septic system on their property that is not connected to the public sewer system should be prepared to participate. Mailings to property owners that will need to participate should be sent in early spring. Should you have any immediate questions, please call the Lebanon County Planning Department at 717-228-4444.

HEIDELBERG LIONESS KEEP BANNERS FLYING

As the Heidelberg Lions Club begins to illuminate the utility poles through Schaefferstown with Christmas lights, please take note to the Township banners proudly displayed by the Heidelberg Lioness Club. The project of installing the banners through town was started in 2003. Through the years, the Lioness have worked to replace those banners that have become worn or lost. Should you find any downed banners, please collect

them and take them to the Township Office. The staff there will see that they are returned to the Lioness organization.

Both the Heidelberg Lions and Lioness clubs appreciate your support in their fund raising efforts and invite other members of the Township to join the groups. The work of these diligent members is great, and the impact of more could be even greater.



UNITED WAY 2-1-1 SERVES LEBANON COUNTY

The United Way of Lebanon County has recently instituted at social service hotline as a means to distribute resource information to Lebanon County residents. Now simply dialing 2-1-1 enables county residents to obtain local program information 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The “one stop shop” phone number enables a caller to speak to a trained call specialist who will give information on local resources based on

their needs. While this is not a substituted for an emergency 9-1-1 call, this service may take the place of some of the calls made to that system which are only information based. The human services workers who answer the calls placed to 2-1-1 have quick access for service or program information to answer client needs. Examples of service information obtainable at the 2-1-1 number are housing, food, disaster, transportation, substance abuse and veteran/military needs.

Again, this number is only for non-emergency needs. If there is a medical crisis, 9-1-1 is always the first phone call. But, if information is what you seek, you have more options through the United Way. To get information, dial 2-1-1, text your zip code to 898-211 or visit UnitedWayLebanon.org/2-1-1. Let the United Way get you connected to the answers you seek in the Lebanon County service community.

NEW MOTORSPORTS BUSINESS OPENS

On South Market Street a new business has emerged to meet the needs of the motor sport enthusiast. Craig Dieffenbach has opened Hammer Creek Power Sports at 339 S. Market Street to service the vehicles used when you want to have some outdoor fun. After working on friends’ gear for some time, Craig decided he would try to expand his side project and turn his repair skills into a business.

Offered at HCPS are parts, ac-

cessories and servicing of motorcycles, ATVs and UTVs and inspection services for motorcycles and trailers. Pick-up and delivery of equipment is also available. A fully licensed and insured business, Hammer Creek Power Sports can be your new local source for motor sport equipment repair.

Contact Craig at hammercreek-powersports@gmail.com or call (717)769-4575 and make your service appointment today!



HAMMER CREEK
POWERSPORTS



*The Merriest
of Christmas
blessings and
Happiest of
New Year
wishes to all
residents and
families of
Heidelberg
Township!*

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or events.**

MEETING SCHEDULE 2018

If you wish to attend a Township meeting, please see below for the scheduled dates for 2018 meetings.

Board of Supervisors:

January 2nd—Reorganization, January 23rd

February thru October—Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month - 7:00pm

November 13th and December 18th due to Holidays

Board of Auditors: January 3rd—7:00pm

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

Zoning Hearing Board: Fourth Wednesday of the Month - 7:00pm (if necessary)

Please note that any necessary meeting date changes will be advertised in the Lebanon Daily News. Cancellations will be posted on the website and the door of the Township Building.

