

DECEMBER 15, 2015

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 Day

January 1- New Year's Day

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K-VILLE HOTEL UPDATE

Tragedy struck a Heidelberg Township business in the early hours of April 1, 2015. A fire consumed a large portion of the K-ville Hotel and Tavern and owner Curtis Hollinger has been working at resurrecting the business over the last seven months. With the help of the Zimmerman family of Huntlar Corporation, this hard work may just be paying off.

The original building was unfortunately deemed structurally inadequate and had to be razed in recent months. As much as this sadly changed the face of Kleinfeltersville, it also made way for a new home for the K-ville Hotel & Tavern to take its place. While new in construction, the proposed building is designed to keep the historic

sense of the community and of the Township. (Below is an architectural rendering of the side view of the new building.)

Please wish Curtis good luck in his endeavor and keep your eyes on Kleinfeltersville for a new beginning to a historic business.



TOWNSHIP 2016 BUDGET PASSED

On November 19th the Heidelberg Township Budget was ratified for the fiscal year 2016. Below are the amounts budgeted for both revenue and expenses in all accounts. Please remember, these are only budgeted numbers and many factors can affect what is proposed in both the revenue and expense categories.

2016 BUDGET

HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET								
CATEGORY	ALL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	ST LIGHT FUND	HYDRANT FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	ROAD FEE IN LIEU	LIQUID FUNDS
100.00 BROUGHT FORWARD 12/31/15	\$ 1,406,415	\$ 925,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 310,000	\$ 63,550	\$ 19,365	\$ 72,000
INCOME								
300.00 FROM TAXES	\$ 845,750	\$ 823,000	\$ 13,200	\$ 9,550				
320.00 LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 24,010	\$ 24,010						
330.00 FINES	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000						
340.00 INTEREST	\$ 235	\$ 100	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 50	\$ 20	\$ 10	\$ 50
360.00 INTERGOVT. REVENUE	\$ 245,920	\$ 39,120			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 206,800
360.00 CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 35,100	\$ 35,100						
390.00 INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$ 22,600	\$ -	\$ 2,600		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,176,615	\$ 924,330	\$ 15,802	\$ 9,553	\$ 10,050	\$ 10,020	\$ 10	\$ 206,850
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION								
	\$ 2,583,030	\$ 1,849,330	\$ 20,802	\$ 21,053	\$ 320,050	\$ 73,570	\$ 19,375	\$ 278,850
EXPENDITURES								
400.00 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 336,525	\$ 226,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,000	\$ -		
410.00 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 133,040	\$ 124,040		\$ 9,000				
420.00 HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150						
430.00 HIGHWAYS	\$ 635,219	\$ 337,469	\$ 16,000			\$ 4,000		\$ 277,750
450.00 CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,300						
460.00 CONSERVATION	\$ 500	\$ 500						
470.00 DEBT SERVICE - EIT	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000						
491.10 NON RESIDENTIAL EIT DISTRIBUTIONS	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000						
491.20 REFUNDS OF PRIOR YEAR EIT TAXES	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000						
492.00 INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$ 22,600	\$ 22,600						
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 1,324,334	\$ 907,584	\$ 16,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 277,750
UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE	\$ 1,258,696	\$ 941,746	\$ 4,802	\$ 12,053	\$ 210,050	\$ 69,570	\$ 19,375	\$ 1,100

Christmas tree drop off service will begin at the Township lower lot starting December 28th.



BUGS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The triatomine bug, commonly referred to as the Kissing Bug, has steadily been making his appearance within our area over the last few years. More commonly found in the south and Latin America, the triatomine bug has a reputation. It can carry the parasite which causes Chagas disease. A bite will not transmit the parasite, but fecal matter from the bug after it bites a mammal can. Not all triatomine bugs are infected and even if an infected bug bites you, it does not mean you are infected either. The parasites in the fecal matter would need to be introduced to the bite area to even have a chance of being infected with the disease.

The triatomine bug likes to locate itself near a possible host so look for them around outdoor animal homes or nests. They

could be located near a rock formation, brush piles and under porches as well.

If you think you may have spotted one of these, please do not squash it. Place a container over the bug and either fill the container with rubbing alcohol or freeze the bug until you are able to take to a local extension office for classification. Please know that while these bugs have been spotted in Pennsylvania, do not assume what you have is a harmful triatomine. There are other species that resemble the bug so classification is important to know what you may have lurking around your property. Safety is always important. Sometimes the best way to avoid a hazard is obtaining knowledge of what surrounds you every day.



PENNDOT PROJECTS SLATED FOR 2016

In recent correspondence with Heidelberg Township, PennDOT has alerted office staff of two road projects that could affect traffic in our area. While neither has a definitive date, we would like to make you aware of the impending work.

The first project will be a replacement of two culvert pipes along Route 897 just East of Schaefferstown. These two pipes will be replaced with one large concrete pipe around the area of 1560 Heidelberg Ave. The intention of this replacement is to improve drainage issues in the area. Along with this

project, utility lines in the area will also need to be re-configured to accommodate the improvement PennDOT is proposing. Although no start date has been given, expect this work to commence sometime in Spring of 2016.

The second project will be the overlay of Route 501 North of Schaefferstown. This project involves improved paving beginning around the intersection of Route 501 North and Locust Street. PennDOT is improving the area in Heidelberg Township and continuing into Jackson Township as well. With a bidding start date of March 2016, the actu-

al project start date could be well into the summer months.

Township staff can only pass along information that is given to us from PennDOT and have little influence of any of the project functions. If you wish to view PennDOT's project schedule, visit www.projects.penndot.gov/projects/PAProjects.aspx and obtain more in depth information. Please take these PennDOT maintenance projects into consideration when traveling in 2016.

FINDMYRIDEPA HELPING WITH TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

FindMyRidePA is a great resource for senior citizens, veterans, persons with disabilities, and those with transportation needs. Our residents deserve safe, reliable and convenient transportation to lead productive, healthier and more satisfying lives. Now it's easier and more affordable than ever to get where you need to go on your schedule. That's because the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is expanding its FindMyRidePA service to new areas, including Lebanon County, so eligible residents can more easily access convenient and low-cost shared ride transportation.

Use FindMyRidePA.com to learn about your fixed and shared ride transportation options, including some that pick you up at home and drop you off at your destination as simply and affordably as possible.

If you are already a Shared Ride user:

- Go to FindMyRidePA.com on your computer, tablet or smartphone.
- Then sign in using your Shared Ride ID, county of residence and date of birth.
- Enter the date, time, location and purpose of your trip.
- Choose the option you want - and your trip is booked.

You can also use FindMyRidePA to see your planned trips, email the plan to yourself or someone else, or cancel your reservation. It's that simple. If you are not a Shared Ride user and want more information about the program, call 1-844-PA4-RIDE.

About FindMyRidePA

FindMyRidePA is sponsored by a partnership between PennDOT and rabbittransit with support from the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. State Department of Veterans Affairs and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Discounted Shared Ride services are sponsored by the Commonwealth and are paid for by the Pennsylvania Lottery and other funding sources.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 417 UPDATE



Boy Scout Troop 417, of Schaefferstown, would like to thank everyone who donated food for the 2015 "Scouting for Food" collection on November 21st. We had our best collection yet with over 1,300 pounds of food and toiletries being donated to families in Lebanon County, through Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

Please mark your calendars for Troop 417's annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The dinner will again be held at the Social Hall of St. Paul's UCC from 4:00 to

7:00 pm. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. This is the largest fundraiser for the Troop and we would appreciate your support. Tickets can be obtained from a Boy Scout.

If you're on Facebook, please take a moment and "like" our page at "Boy Scout Troop 417-Schaefferstown" to keep up with our activities.

***A very Merry
Christmas to
all residents
of Heidelberg
Township and
wishes for
a Healthy
and Happy
New Year!***

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2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

If you wish to attend a Township meeting, please see below for the scheduled dates for 2016 meetings.



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

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

(No second meeting in November)

Utility Meeting: Third Thursday of the Month - 6:30pm

Planning Commission: Third Monday 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. Cancellations will be posted on the website and the door of the Township Building.