

Mt Gretna Campmeeting Association

Newsletter

December 2008

President's Message

Rather than a letter to accompany the 2009 assessments, we have chosen to use the inaugural issue of a newsletter

The board has approved a budget that takes into account the realities of the present while continuing to plan for the future. It reflects a substantial increase in our utilities primarily sewer rate and an increase in wages and benefits. Overall, you will see an increase in the annual assessment of approximately \$1 a week which resulted from an extended debate and an open and candid discussion over a period of several weeks.

This newsletter issue is an initial effort including information of note to our community and grew out of a dialogue started at the 2008 annual meeting. This initial issue will be mailed with a plan for subsequent issues to be emailed and posted to those without access to email. We feel that this approach will allow for the dissemination of information in a timely fashion and eliminate waste. Finally, we welcome your thoughts about other subjects to be included by email, phone or mail.

W. Jeffrey Hurst, President

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Ad Hoc Committee

On December 9th the ad hoc committee met to discuss changes to the Charter and By-laws. A side by side comparison of the current Charter and By-laws and the revised Charter and By-laws was compiled by the office manager as suggested at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The ad hoc committee meeting is going well, with more meetings to come in the near future.

Mike Allwein, Chairman

Report of Superintendent

Water Considerations:

Mount Gretna Campmeeting water is tested daily for PH (Sodium Hydroxide) and Chlorine (Sodium Hypochlorite) content. The Pennsylvania Department Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations are strictly followed. Bacteria testing are done monthly by a certified laboratory (Martin's Water Conditioning). All results are presented to the DEP, including the annual report.

Leaves, Branches and Twigs:

Autumn leaf collection is very much on schedule for 2008. Leaves were piled to the rear of the garages for collection by West Cornwall Township. Residents are asked to place leaves and pine needles on piles other than branches and twigs for farmers for their tilling activities, That is to work the leaves into the soil. Farmers do not wish to deal with branches

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and twigs as they compromise their equipments. Large tree removals are the responsibility of the respective home owners.

Trash, Rubbish, Garbage:

The above are collected each Monday. If a Monday is a national holiday, then the collection occurs on the Tuesday following. Holidays affected in 2009 are: Martins Luther Kings Birthday on January 19, Memorial Day on May 25, and Labor Day on September 7. The Campmeeting contract with TNT, the collector indicates four containers of about 33 gallon size, cans or bags per collection day. Old furniture, appliances, piles of lumber, air conditioners, refrigerators all require special attention. Contact TNT at 866-2322 or 964-2033 for instructions for these disposals.

Recycling dates for 2009 are:

January 12 and 26	July 17 and 27
February 9 and 23	August 10 and 24
March 9 and 23	September 8 and 21
April 6 and 20	October 5 and 19
May 11 and 18	November 2, 16, 30
June 1 and 16 and 29	December 14 and 28

Paving:

Paving pot holes, street repairs, painting speed bumps and gutters will take place about April or May.

Trees:

Trees were evaluated by an arborist in September. Some dead branches and several trees were considered risky. Since Pennsylvania will do limited spraying in 2009, relative to gypsy moths, we may need to do some spraying ourselves. We will evaluate in spring. We have planted about 110 memorial trees to date. Cessation of this very successful program has occurred due to limited space under electric wires, over sewer and water lines, etc. Trees might be planted on home owners own property if the is space.

Tabernacle:

The tabernacle roof is cleaned of pine needles and leaves semi-annually. An exterminator arrives three times annually to control insect infestation. A structural engineer is called about April or May to analyze the structural integrity of the building.

Property transfers:

Scott and Beth Riggan bought 108 Fifth Street from Larry Bowman and Kathleen Wall.

Larry Bowman and Kathleen Wall bought 200 Bell Avenue from Eva Bender.

Leeschaun Musick bought 107 6th Street.

Mel Burkholder bought 712 Fourth from Edna and Jeanette Barnes.

Doug Lorenzen and Pamela Bishop bought 503 First Street.