



# RIDLEY TOWNSHIP

Delaware County, PA

Winter 2007

Dear Residents:

I am pleased to report there will be no tax increase in 2007. Millage and service charges will remain as is: millage - 6.370 per 1,000 of your assessment; rubbish service charge - \$115.00; sewer service charge - \$175.00. Senior citizens eligible for the Pennsylvania Tax Rebate are also eligible for a partial refund of service charges. Last June, the State Legislature increased the income limit to \$35,000 and expanded the eligibility requirements. Call the Tax Office at 610-534-4807 for further information.

Commercial development continues along the MacDade Boulevard and Chester Pike corridors. Chick-fil-A is now ready to begin construction on its site at MacDade Boulevard and Linda Vista Avenue and have entered into a joint agreement with Pathmark to install a much needed traffic signal at that location. All of this development, together with a proposed project on the Route 291 corridor, should realize additional tax revenue. Additionally, the Ridley Township Municipal Marina, which played host to the Delaware County Riverfront Ramble, expanded its services with grant monies to install new docks, a security system and a proposed fishing pier, and upon completion of a roadway off Interstate 95, will provide a fully accessible recreational facility in our Township. We continue to pursue grant money from federal, state and county jurisdictions for major projects we hope to address in the coming years, such as stormwater capital improvements, I-95/I-476 interchange and major traffic signal controls.

A major source of concern we face in 2007 is the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) intention to redirect air traffic from the Philadelphia International Airport over Ridley Township and surrounding communities. The Board of Commissioners is working closely with Jack Whelan and the other members of Delaware County Council along with Federal and State officials to prevent aircraft from flying over our schools and neighborhoods. We are pleased to report the FAA has recently agreed to mitigate the noise and adverse environmental impact. However, the extent of their mitigation efforts is still a concern and therefore we will continue to challenge the FAA to protect the quality of life of our residents.

Please do not hesitate to call the Township office at 610-534-4800 for any information you may require. In addition, our cable channels 10 (Comcast) and 52 (RCN) provide community news, current events and emergency updates. The Township website - [www.twp.ridley.pa.us](http://www.twp.ridley.pa.us) - not only has helpful links, but you can also download permit applications and check on any Township ordinances.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Willert  
President, Board of Commissioners



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## **TOWNSHIP OF RIDLEY** **2007 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

### **PLEASE RETAIN THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

***THERE WILL BE NO TRASH OR RECYCLING COLLECTED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS. PLEASE PLACE TRASH AND RECYCLING OUT ON YOUR NEXT SCHEDULED DAY.***

<b><u>HOLIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2007
Good Friday	Friday	April 6, 2007
Primary Election Day	Tuesday	May 15, 2007
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2007
Labor Day	Monday	September 3, 2007
General Election Day	Tuesday	November 6, 2007
Veterans Day Observed	Monday	November 12, 2007
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2007
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday	November 23, 2007
Christmas Eve	Monday	December 24, 2007
Christmas Day	Tuesday	December 25, 2007
New Year's Eve	Monday	December 31, 2007
New Year's Day	Tuesday	January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 21, 2008

***TRASH MAY NOT BE PLACED OUT AT CURB MORE THAN TWELVE (12) HOURS BEFORE SCHEDULED COLLECTION. RECEPTACLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM CURB BY MIDNIGHT ON THE DAY OF COLLECTION. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO FINES RANGING FROM \$25.00 TO \$1,000.00.***

### **BULK TRASH COLLECTION**

For pick-up and disposal of refrigerators, air conditioners and any item containing freon, there is a charge of \$20.00 per item. For pick-up and disposal of washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters or any metal appliance, there is charge of \$10.00 for the first item, \$5.00 each additional item scheduled for the same day. In order to schedule a pick-up, you may mail a check or come to the Ridley Township Municipal Building, 100 E. MacDade Blvd., Folsom, PA 19033. (If you mail a check, be sure to include a note with your name, address of pick-up, phone number and item to be disposed.) We will issue an authorized sticker to be placed on the item(s) indicating a pick-up date. The item(s) can then be placed at your curb the night before the scheduled pick-up. Any other household item (couch, cabinets, mattress, box spring, television, etc.) can be placed at your curb for pick-up on your regular trash day. If you have any questions, please call 610-534-4800.



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## **RECYCLING INFORMATION**

The Township collects **green glass, clear glass, aluminum cans and newspapers** for recycling. Green glass, clear glass and aluminum cans must be separated and placed in the recycling bins provided. Newspapers should be placed in a paper bag or tied with rope twine. For residents whose regular trash is collected on Monday and Thursday, glass and aluminum will be collected on **Mondays** and newspapers will be collected on **Thursdays**. For residents whose regular trash is collected on Tuesday and Friday, glass and aluminum will be collected on **Tuesdays** and newspapers will be collected on **Fridays**. **Please note that newspapers will not be collected during inclement weather.** Please contact the Ridley Township Municipal Office at 610-534-4800 if you have any questions.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

As of September, 2006, all calls for police, fire or ambulance emergencies and non-emergencies are being handled by the Delaware County 9-1-1 Center. **Please dial 9-1-1 if you need any police, fire or ambulance response.** Please call 610-532-4001 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm to reach the Captain or Lieutenant's office or the Records Department. The Detective Division may be reached anytime by calling 610-532-4002 or 610-532-4003.

## **TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR**

All Ridley Township tax bills are sent in February to the registered property owner. By doing so, the owner sees the exact amount of taxes levied. If taxes are paid by a mortgage company, in order to insure that you get the proper discount, please forward the entire bill to the mortgage company. If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please contact the Ridley Township Tax Office at 610-534-4807 Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

All residents are reminded to call the Code Enforcement Office at 610-534-4803 for permit information and requirements before commencing any new construction or alterations. Citizens are urged to inquire if a prospective contractor is licensed prior to contracting for any work. Residents are also reminded sidewalks must be cleared of snow or ice no later than twenty-four (24) hours after snow has ceased to fall. **Piling of snow in the street is strictly prohibited.** The Township enacted an ordinance whereby owners of rental units within the Township are required to secure an annual certificate of use for each occupied or unoccupied dwelling unit pursuant to the regulations listed in the ordinance. Contact the Code Enforcement Office for further information.



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## **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

A library card opens up a world of opportunities. That is why we call it the "Smartest Card". Use it to check out materials, do research, and more. IT'S FREE!! Contact the Ridley Township Public Library at 610-583-0593 for information on any programs they offer. Regular library hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday – 9:00am to 9:00pm; Friday – 9:00am to 5:00pm; Saturday – 9:00am to 4:30pm; Sunday – 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Summer hours are in effect late June through early September.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Residents are reminded of Township Ordinance No. 1536 concerning control of animals. No animals are permitted to run at large, bark excessively or defecate on private properties. It is the responsibility of the owner of the animal to properly control their pets. Violators are subject to fines.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The Parks and Recreation Department provide recreational opportunities for all residents – from tots to senior citizens. All programs are listed in our "**Recreation Happenings**" newsletter which is distributed to all elementary schools and is also available in the Ridley Township Public Library and Administration Office. The Township also has two (2) rental properties for your next event. *Leedom Community Hall*, located at Rodney and Darby Roads, accommodates approximately 50 guests. Contact the Township Office at 610-534-4800 for further information. *Water's Edge Banquet Room* located at the Ridley Township Municipal Marina, accommodates from 50 to 130 guests. Contact the Marina Office at 610-521-2800 for further information.



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Never put anything into storm sewers, including oil, paint, soap, debris, leaves, etc. Storm sewers do not go to the sewer plant, but discharge directly into our streams. You might be pouring oil into your own drinking water! Additional stormwater runoff and pollution prevention tips are available at [www.twp.ridley.pa.us](http://www.twp.ridley.pa.us), [www.delcocd.org](http://www.delcocd.org), [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) and [www.epa.gov/nps/toolbox/beta](http://www.epa.gov/nps/toolbox/beta). Do your part for your neighborhood. Help prevent stormwater pollution and **Keep Our Streams Clean!**

## SANITARY SEWER METERING

The Township will soon start to pay for sewage treatment by the gallon. It used to pay by the number of houses. What does this mean? The more water that gets flushed down the toilet or poured down the drain, the more money that we will all have to pay. There are two ways that you can help reduce the amount of sewage and the cost. Water conservation can be the most effective way. Installing low flow shower heads, putting a brick in the toilet tank and taking shorter showers are just a few ways to save water and it's a double benefit that you will see in your water bill and hopefully in your sewer bill. The second way is to reduce the "extra" water that gets into the sanitary sewer. Take a minute and check to see where your sump pump discharges. If it doesn't go out into your yard, then you may be a part of the problem. Check your downspouts – if they go into the ground, especially in older homes, you may be part of the problem. If you are not sure, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 610-534-4803 for assistance. Please remember that each gallon of water that we can save will reduce the cost for sewage treatment and reflect in your sewer bill.

## HELP PROTECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Help protect the environment by reporting spills, leaks and illegal dumping. If you see, hear or smell something suspicious or unusual, take a minute and call one of the numbers below. We all need to do our share in protecting our environment and the Township needs your help.



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*Ridley Township Citizen Water Quality Hotlines*

-Ridley Township (Mon. to Fri. 8:30am to 4:30pm) -After hours	610-534-4800 9-1-1	Sanitary Sewer Backups & Overflows or Illegal Dumping
-DEP Water Quality Hotline	484-250-5900	Spills, Leaks, Creek Contamination
-PA Fish Commission	717-626-0228	Fish Kills, Illegal Fishing
-Aqua, PA	610-525-1402	Water Main Breaks
-Delaware County Conservation District	610-892-9484	Construction Site Erosion & Sediment Discharge

2007 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES

Residents in Delaware County can bring their unwanted household hazardous waste products to regional drop off sites for proper disposal or recycling. This program is offered as a community service and is not open to businesses, industry or institutions. Household hazardous waste can be identified by the following words on product labels – caution, toxic, danger, flammable, warning, corrosive, explosive, reactive, combustible, poisonous or hazardous. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9627 or visit [www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html). Residents may take any household hazardous waste products to the following sites on the dates indicated between 9:00am and 3:00pm regardless of weather:

- Saturday, April 28, 2007                      Marple Transfer Station, Broomall
- Saturday, June 2, 2007\*\*                      Emergency Services Training Ctr, Darby Township
- Saturday, September 15, 2007              Covanta Delaware Valley, LP, Chester
- Friday, October 12, 2007 \*\*                      Rose Tree Park, Media

\*\*Computer monitors, printers, scanners, fax machines, cell phones, portable TV's (no consoles), laptops and keyboards will be accepted.

Latex paint is NOT hazardous waste and should not be brought to a collection event. In order to safely dispose of latex paint, solidify the paint before placing it out with your trash. Simply take the top off the can and place it outside, away from children and pets and allow to harden. If the can is very full, place kitty litter in the can and stir until all the paint is absorbed. Empty, lidless paint cans should be placed in a box and placed out with your trash.

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## **2007 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule**

The 2007 Ridley Township Board of Commissioners meeting dates are listed below. A public forum is held before the meetings at 7:00pm in Garling Hall, Ridley Township Municipal Building, 100 E. MacDade Boulevard, Folsom, PA at which time any interested party may be heard. The regular meeting immediately follows the public forum.

Wednesday	February 28, 2007
Wednesday	March 28, 2007
Wednesday	April 25, 2007
Wednesday	May 22, 2007
Wednesday	June 27, 2007
Wednesday	July 25, 2007
Wednesday	August 22, 2007
Wednesday	September 26, 2007
Wednesday	October 24, 2007
Wednesday	November 28, 2007
Wednesday	December 19, 2007