

Website Brings Township Government to You

The township's website on the Internet brings the Northampton Township government right into the homes of the residents – and everyone else in the world!

Not only is plenty of up-to-date information available, but people who need a form or application from the township – such as a building permit request – can print one out. This saves a trip to the Township Building.

The website was launched in 1999 and includes a host of information that is updated on a regular basis.

Last year, the website had nearly 45,000 "hits." And

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this does not include the "regulars" who have the website bookmarked as "favorites" on their computer. The pages getting the most hits were the Police Department, which increased 41 percent over the previous year; the library which was up 35 percent; and parks and recreation which showed a 34 percent boost.

The township has begun a complete review of the entire site with an eye to updating it. Some pages are undergoing a complete revamping in appearance and some new subjects have been added.

Here is some of the information available:

Zoning & Code Enforcement offers a link for the township ordinances and lists permits needed with the ability to download the permits

Trash has maps showing the pick-up schedule

Public Works offers snow removal and street paving maps along with the street cleaning schedule.

Library lists new books and books on tapes along with a list of activities at the Library and updates from the Friends of the Library group.

Park & Recreation offers lists of seasonal activities, plus the ability to register on line for classes and camps.

Administration for meeting updates along with information on voting,

Police offers updates from the chief with a link for applications for Accident Investigation Reports, etc.

Historical Commission offers tapes on the history of Northampton and the township revisited.



Supervisor George Komelasky (standing) and Supervisor Chairman Peter Palestina view website changes.

2 Roads to be Rebuilt

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them up with stone and binder and then pour an entire new street."

Long said the township budgets \$250,000 a year for repaving streets. He said Pat Giradi, the superintendent of Public Works, prepares a five-year plan to schedule the repaving.

How does he know what streets to schedule and when?

"I can tell by looking at them" replied the 32-year veteran of the township Highway Department. "When I drive down the street, I don't look at homes and landscaping, I look at the streets."

He said "alligator cracks" are the first tell-tale sign the street will be needing repairs in the next few years. "Once the water gets under there, the paving unravels like a puzzle."

The repaving consists of an overlay of one and a half inches. There are 170 miles of township roads.

April 26 is Clean-Up, Green-Up Day

While trees are being planted in Big Meadow Park on Saturday, April 26, volunteers will be picking up litter from the parks and roads in the township.

Supervisor Arthur Friedman has dubbed it "Northampton Clean-Up, Green-Up Day."

The trees will be planted by the Northampton Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) in conjunction with the Upper Southampton EAC and the Heritage Conservancy.

Trees will be placed along the riparian buffer of a tributary of the Neshaminy Creek on Stoney Ford Road in Holland from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"This will be the first of many efforts to protect and enhance Northampton's riparian buffers (the area on both sides of the creek) which are so important in flood control and water quality," said Friedman, who is the liaison to the EAC.

Over 150 trees will be planted after Boy Scout Troop 145, lead by Chris Long and Scoutmaster Terry Talbot, removes trash from the site. The little trees will be protected from deer destruction. Landscape Architect Evan Stone of the EAC will oversee the plantings.

Meanwhile, volunteers will be picking up litter from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Their slogan is "Make Northampton Neat!" They will meet at the Township Garage. The trash will be put in plastic bags which will be picked up by township trucks.

Courtney Yelle, the resident who started the idea nearly 20 years ago, said anyone wanting information should contact him at 215-355-3292.

Swim Club Memberships

Residents may buy a swim club membership for the Northampton Country Club. For information call the Parks and Recreation Office at 215-357-6800, extension 249.