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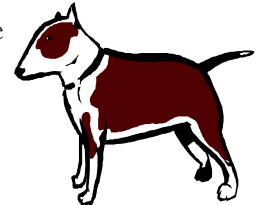
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Master Plan Update

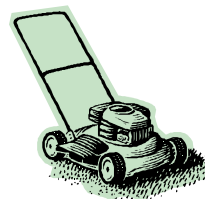
We are currently in the various phases of updating the Master Plan for the township. As a result there will be new zoning ordinances compiled and put forth into the public. The Planning Commission meets every second Tuesday of the month.

Pit Bulls within Bessemer Township

The township currently has an ordinance that prohibits the ownership of Pit Bull dogs. As a precaution and protection for our residents please see *Ordinance #121 Banning of Pit Bull Terriers.*



Keeping Things Neat



Just a reminder for those of you who do not resident in the township the whole year long, there is an ordinance regarding the height limits of grass and weeds. We strive for all of our neighbors to look good and be proud of their properties. Those who happen to let their properties get to the overgrown stage are charged a fee for the township workers to mow their grass.

Please see Ordinance #113-Grass & Noxious Weeds Prohibited.

Moving & Voting

Just a reminder to make sure you update your address when you move. It is important that you vote where you live! Please stop at the Secretary of State's Office to update your driver's license and/or stop at the Clerk's office to fill out a new application to vote.

Reminder: Board meetings are the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

Prevent Water Breaks

Remember if you are not going to be here during the winter months, to shut off your water at the house or in the basement if available. This will prevent a water line break within the house while you are gone.



Happy Holidays to all!

TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27

Christmas - Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2010

If a holiday falls on either a Wednesday or a Thursday, garbage pick-up will be noted in the *Daily Globe* newspaper with date or call the township hall.



NOTE: There are special parking regulations during the winter months.



Paying for Water bills and Taxes

To help ease the hardship of paying utility bills all at once, customers can make pre-payments on their bill throughout the quarter.

Also, summer property tax bills are due by September 14th. If paying *after* September 14, **please call the Township Treasurer** to get the correct amount due as the 1% penalty accrues each month or portion of a month until February 14 or until the bill is paid in full. Another 3% penalty accrues on summer and winter taxes for the period of February 15-February 28.



WATER UTILITY BILLS: Water billings are mailed on:

- January 1st (period ending 12/31)
 - April 1st (period ending 3/31)
 - July 1st (period ending 6/30)
 - October 1st (period ending 9/30)
- [You have 20 days after billing date to pay. 10% penalty will be incurred when past due date.]



NOTE SPECIAL HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

THANKSGIVING: There will be no garbage pick-up on Thursday, November 26. Pick-up for that day will be on Tuesday, November 24th beginning at 7:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS: There will be NO garbage collection on Thursday, December 24th. Pick-up for that day will be on Tuesday, December 22nd beginning at 7:00 a.m.

