

Clifford Township News

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Newsletter sponsored by The Clifford Township Community Alliance CTCA



CTCA Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Second Annual Spring Fling Dinner Dance

Join us on April 2 for a fabulous evening of food and festivities. Sponsored by the CTCA as a fund-raiser for ongoing community projects, it will be held in the Banquet Room of the Mountain View Restaurant, Main Street, Clifford. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30, dinner is served at 7:30 followed by dessert and dancing. The following announcement will be located in public places and on Adam's Cable. Seats will be reserved on a first-come-first serve basis, so please RSVP as soon as possible using the form printed below. Thank you for your support!



Spring Fling Dinner Dance

Sponsored By The Clifford Township Community Alliance

Saturday, April 2, 2005

Mountain View Banquet Room

6:30 Cocktails 7:30 Dinner Jacket Required

Raising Funds to Improve the Quality of Life in Our Community

Names: _____

Please Enclose your Donation of \$50.00 per person
Make Checks to: Clifford Township Community Alliance
P.O.Box 123 Clifford, PA 18413

Choose entrees

- _____ Prime Rib
- _____ Orange Roughy
- _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu

List others in your Party

Please R.S.V.P. By March 20th Thank You

First Fridays

Many township residents attended one or more of the First Friday Community Socials that were held in October, November, December and January. These were opportunities to speak with a township supervisor, keep up-to-date with the projects benefiting the township via the CTCA and to mingle with fellow residents. The evenings were opportunities for asking questions, making suggestions and coordinating interests (a garden club has started as a result of the October meeting). Those in attendance enjoyed appetizers, music and social interaction.

The next series of First Fridays will begin in October, 2005 and run through January 2006. Just as each evening of the last series had a different theme with exhibits and speakers, so too will the next series. Suggestions are welcome! It's been great to see our township residents working and socializing based on common interests and concerns. There is more room at the table for faces we have not seen. Please consider coming; you matter!

Hello and Goodbye

Clifford Market, formerly owned by Joe and Anne Wood, was purchased by George and Sandy Maxson. Thanks to Joe and Anne for all their great community support helping with the purchase of street banners and donating food to the Christmas Tree Lighting. The name of the store has been returned to its original name, "Clifford Farm Market" and the store hours have been expanded: 8 am - 8 pm, Monday through Saturday and 8 am - 4 pm on Sunday. Coming in the near future will be a new deli, hot prepared food and an in-store bakery. The new owners were in attendance at January's First Friday and were introduced to many in the community. George expressed special interest in the township's recreational center. Welcome!

The Community Bank and Trust lost Randy LaCroix as its branch manager. Mr. LaCroix has accepted a position as auditor for the State in Harrisburg but will continue in his capacity as township supervisor. Best wishes, Randy!

After 56 years and 3 generations of continuous Lopatofsky family ownership, North-East Distributors and Equipment is closing its doors. Bill and Claudia Lopatofsky would like to thank the community for many years of loyal support. On March 11 the lawn and garden equipment and the building contents will be sold by auction. On March 12 the trucks, farm equipment and real estate will be sold, also by auction. A special thanks to Bill and his family from the CTCA for their generous financial support over the years.

Walt Turner is stepping down in 2005 after serving as Chief of the Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Department for 15 years. He is viewed as a true leader, planner, motivator and innovator, and his long list of accomplishments is impressive. Under his leadership our Fire Company has developed into one of the most progressive and respected departments in the region. Thanks Chief!

CTCA Directory		
Officers		
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	Ellen Marcho	222-5808
History	Sally Fischbeck	222-3520
Spring Cleanup	Dennis Knowlton	222-4931



Township Building and Recreational Complex

Please drive by and appreciate the improved appearance of the township building now that the new, reconfigured roof has been completed and the much needed night lighting has been installed.



The progress towards the completion of the recreational complex to be located behind the township building continues to be spearheaded by Dennis Knowlton, point-man for the supervisors and the CTCA. In accordance with the grant requirements, the landscape architectural firm of McLane Associates has been retained, a revised layout is underway and a topographical survey has been contracted. Once the consultant's preliminary design is accepted it will be sent to Harrisburg for approval. We look forward to continued progress towards this goal. Stay tuned!

Business Directory / Card Exchange

An all-inclusive listing of township businesses and service providers is being developed. Please send your business card and/or a written description of your services plus contact information (phone numbers, fax numbers, web sites, e-mail addresses or whatever applies). This directory will be an insert in the next newsletter and will be available to the public at the 2006 Township Bicentennial Celebration. Send to CTCA, PO Box 123, Clifford, PA 18413.

The Carbondale Chamber of Commerce has been having monthly community business card exchanges in a social-hour format. Having taken note of the many positive changes in Clifford Township, the Chamber has contacted CTCA to organize a card exchange in our township to include Carbondale and Clifford Township businesses. As soon as the date and location is finalized, it will be advertised on the Clifford page of the Carbondale News (third Wednesday of each month). The tentative date is in April. It will be an excellent opportunity to advertise and network.

Tree Committee Needs Volunteers

Lynn Conrad, Uniondale, works for the N.E. Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Program and will assist the CTCA and the Township Supervisors to apply for a tree grant. Volunteers will take a tree inventory of Dundaff, Royal and Main St. Clifford for the type of trees present, assess them for pruning or removal and mark out potential planting sites.

After the inventory, a technical service professional will evaluate the plan and recommend types of trees for planting. Depending on the scope of the project and community involvement, the entire project may require several grants, one a year for each of the proposed planting areas.

State grants require matching funds and volunteer hours can translate into a dollar value. The more help offered means the more progress can be made! Even a couple of hours in a month can make a difference. Anyone interested in assisting with this beautification project, please call Cherie at 222-4628.



Election Bet From 50 Years Ago

When Eisenhower won the Presidential election in 1954, Gene Sykes (wearing the "I Like Ike" sign) won his bet so his friend (unknown) had to carry Gene up and down Main St. from the Clifford Hotel to the Clifford Farm Supply (later converted to the Clifford Dress Factory, now the location of the strip mall near Mt. View Restaurant) . The other men on the left are Joe Senich and Victor Slick. (Photo submitted by Thelma Lowry.)

Clifford Township History and the 2006 Township Bicentennial

Clifford Township was created in April of 1806, so our bicentennial anniversary is coming up soon! Plans are being made to publish a book and produce a video highlighting the history of the township. We are interested in "life pictures" that have stories behind them depicting life of decades past. If you have stories or photos you would like to share, please contact Sally Fischbeck 222-3520, Kim Bostjancic 222-4261 or Mark Wilmot 679-2723. Photos will be scanned and returned promptly. The more pictures and information, the better!

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