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Holiday Tree



Recycling

Residents who wish to have their trees collected and recycled may place them at the curb or edge of the road for collection.

- Residents north of Route 73 should have their trees ready for collection on January 12th.
- Residents south of Route 73 should have their trees ready for collection on January 13th.

If weather prevents collection on either day the trees will be collected on January 16th. All tinsel and other decorations must be removed from the tree.

GSI, Green Start, Inc. of Boyertown, will be collecting trees on the above mentioned dates and will be recycling the trees into mulch. This environmentally-friendly service is being provided at no additional cost.

If your tree is missed, or if the date is missed, you may check with your trash hauler to see if they will collect it with the trash.

Public Hearing Scheduled For Zoning Amendments

On August 8, 2005, a public hearing was held to discuss a proposed zoning amendment which would have rezoned the R2 and portions of the R50 zoning districts into a new zoning district designated as the R2C.

As a result of the public hearing, the Township made significant changes to the proposed zoning amendment. On January 9, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building located at 2943 North Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525, a Public Hearing will be held to consider for adoption an Ordinance for a proposed Map change and Zoning Text Amendment. The proposed amendment would:

- Rezone most of the R50 into a new zoning district called R2M- Residential Modified Zoning District
- Rezone 14 parcels in the R50 to R25

In the R2-Modified zoning district, a property with a tract size of four (4) acres or less could reduce the minimum lot size to 50,000 square feet. Properties with a tract size greater than four (4) acres would conform to the current R2 zoning regulations.

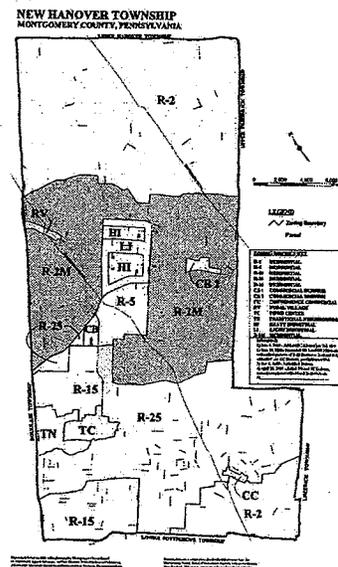
The proposed Zoning Map and R-2 Modified Text Amendment, as well as the current R-2 zoning regulations and Zoning Map, are available for review at www.newhanover-pa.org or at the Township Office. For those interested parties who are unable to download the information from the Township's website, copies are available for purchase at a cost of \$.25 per page.

Please note that consistent with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, **ONLY** owners of property zoned R-50 will receive direct notification. All residents, however, are again invited to submit written com-

ment to the Board of Supervisors prior to the Public Hearing, C/O epogany@newhanover-pa.org or C/O 2943 North Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525.

Changes were also made to the TC/TN district amendments and a public hearing specifically to consider for adoption will also be conducted on January 9th. prior to or immediately following the R2-Modified Public Hearing.

In addition, the Planning Commission has scheduled Special Planning Commission Meetings beginning at 7:00 PM on January 24th, February 28th, March 28th and April 25th specifically to discuss the Village of Wynstone Subdivision/Land Development Plans which incorporates the majority of the TC and TN districts.



Trash Program Renewing for 2nd Year

The Township has elected to accept the optional second year on the "Designated Hauler Program" contract with Waste Management.

The "Designated Hauler Program" was designed to provide greater flexibility, choice of services and choice of service provider at a price set by competitive bids and competing haulers.

Residents desiring to change haulers must complete an Alternate Hauler Election form and submit it to the Township no later than January 27th in order for the new hauler to be approved to begin collection effective the week of January 30th. Forms are available at www.newhanover-pa.org or at the Township Office. All forms must be received by 2:00 PM January 27, 2006 in order to be approved for an alternate hauler service.

The default service provided by Waste Management Inc. will remain the same as in 2005, however the 2006 pricing is \$28.56 per month for the default service and \$10.50 plus \$3.25 per bag for the low volume service option.

The default service includes weekly collection of trash in hauler supplied totes (wheeled receptacles) and weekly collection of recycling goods. The hauler will now collect any trash placed in a resident supplied and hauler supplied wheeled receptacle for weeks when the trash does not fit in the hauler supplied toter. In addition, instead of twice annual bulk item collection days, default service customers will now be able to dispose of bulk items every week.

The low volume service option includes weekly collection of bags of trash and weekly collection of recyclable materials. This service does **not** include bulk item disposal but residents can add this weekly service by selecting the bulk service for an additional \$2.61 per month. Township Ordinance No. 04-06 requires that bags of trash must be in either a toter supplied by the hauler or a resident supplied receptacle.

Both "default service" customers and "low volume service" customers may also choose leaf waste removal service and removal of freon containing appliances as provided by the Designated Hauler.

Waste Management, Inc. will continue to serve as the Township's "Designated Hauler." Customers who are unable to resolve customer service issues with Waste Management may still call the Township for assistance.



Residents who do not wish to change their current trash provider do not need to call anyone or complete any forms.

Residents may switch to Waste Management at any time during the year by contacting the Township and current Waste Management customers desiring to switch to or from the "low volume service" to the default service may also call Waste Management, Inc. at 610-367-1300 to select the service or services desired at any time.

All customer service and billing will now be handled directly by Haulers. Problems with Alternate Hauler's service delivery or billing must be handled directly with the private Hauler. However, all residents are encouraged to report illegal activity such as the co-mingling of trash and recycling by any hauler.

The Township will still consider exemption requests for vacant properties, however hardship exemptions will no longer be available. Properties with both residential and commercial uses may now apply for residential exemptions if an alternative trash and recycling service is in place for the commercial use.

Collection measures will be taken against residents who continue to have unpaid account balances with New Hanover Township for services provided prior to December 31, 2004. Please

contact the Finance Department at 610-323-1008 to inquire about payment schedules to avoid this action. Liens will not be removed until accounts are completely settled.

January Meetings

- Board of Supervisors will conduct their annual Organization Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Their first Regular Meeting of the month will follow immediately at the close of the Organization Meeting.
- The Second Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday January 23, 2006 with the Work Session beginning at 6:30 PM and the Regular Meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.
- January 30th at 7:00 PM public hearings will be held regarding zoning amendments.
- The Board of Auditors will conduct their Organization Meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at 3:30 PM.
- The Planning Commission will Re-organize and conduct their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 7:00 PM.
- The Sewer Authority will Re-organize and conduct its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Fagleysville Road Facility.
- The Environmental Advisory Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- The Recreation Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

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