

GILPIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

"Room to Roam"



Volume 1
Spring/Summer 2023

GILPIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

A Letter from the Chairman



CHAIRMAN CHARLES STULL

Spring is here! With Spring here and Summer around the corner, everyone is loving the weather and activities our Township has to offer including the beautiful Gilpin/Leechburg Park, our access to the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas Rivers, and our ample opportunities for ORV access. The Armstrong Trail extension through the Township is currently under construction and expected to open around July. Additionally, the converted rail-to-walking bridge in Schenley is expected to open around December. This extension will connect us to the Armstrong Trails and be a vital closure of a gap in the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail.

With good weather also comes road work. This year, the Township has faced increased cost of goods surrounding our Public Works Department leading to limited paving and sealing projects for Summer 2023. While limited by cost, the Township will still be attacking projects prioritized by resident comments and complaints. While we had hoped to attack more projects this Summer, our list had to be revamped once price estimates were obtained from PennDOT. Additionally throughout the Summer, you will see the Township mower hitting Township Right-of-Ways, and now also cutting State Right-of-Ways under contract from PennDOT.

In April, I was happy to attend three events on behalf of our Township. On April 12, I attended the Presentation for the Governors Award for Local Government Excellence held in Harrisburg at the State Museum Auditorium. At this event, Gilpin Township and Freeport Borough were presented with an award from the Department of Community and Economic Development in the category of Intergovernmental Cooperation for the creation of Southern Armstrong Regional PD (SARPD) in October of 2022. SARPD was able to bring not only a nearly \$30k cost savings to our Township, but increase our resources for our Public Safety and maintain our 24/7 Police Coverage in the Township. Additionally, the Township received both a Senate of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania House of Representatives Citations commemorating the award and recognizing the accomplishments of our Township.

Next, I was pleased to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors 100th annual conference held in Hershey, PA April 23-26. This was my 4th conference I have attended and I learn more each year. Over the four-day conference, I attended eight classes totaling approximately ten hours. These classes included fighting blight, grant writing, battling aging infrastructure, and updates to our Second Class Township Codes. Additionally, I attended three days of General Session of the Association in which we heard from various speakers, heard and adopted the financials of the Association, and adopted Resolutions guiding the associations legislative priorities for both the Commonwealth and Federal Government. It was great to be able to bring home the knowledge and experience of this event and use it to better our Township.

Lastly, at the end of April, I was happy to attend the Gilpin Township Volunteer Fire Department annual banquet. I serve as a member of the Department and had the pleasure of presenting the Department the Township's annual donation check to thank the Department for its service and dedication to our Township.

Let's work together to show Gilpin Township's potential. Thanks for reading my first bi-annual newsletter and hopefully I will have one to follow in the Fall! Cheers to Gilpin Township!

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Meetings to know

Gilpin Township Planning Commission

1st Tuesday of Every Month @
6:00 PM

Gilpin Township Municipal
Building

589 State Route 66
Leechburg, PA 15656

Gilpin Township Municipal Authority (Water/Sewer)

2nd Tuesday of Every Month @
6:30 PM

Gilpin Township Municipal
Authority

874 State Route 66
Leechburg, PA 15656

Gilpin Township Board of Supervisors

3rd Tuesday of Every Month @
7:00 PM

Gilpin Township
Municipal Building

589 State Route 66
Leechburg, PA 15656

Gilpin/Leechburg Joint Recreational Authority

4th Tuesday of Every Month @
6:00 PM

Gilpin/Leechburg Park
(Weather Permitting)
or

LACDC Coworking Building
(Leechburg)

Gilpin Township Zoning Hearing Board

As Needed for Zoning Appeals,
Variance Hearings

Gilpin Township
Municipal Building

589 State Route 66
Leechburg, PA 15656

Southern Armstrong Regional PD Commission

3rd Monday of Every Month @
6:00 PM

(Rotating in this order, quarterly)

Freeport Borough Bldg
Gilpin Twp. Municipal Bldg
Ford City Borough Bldg

Did you know?

Gilpin Township has a website full of resources anywhere from Zoning information to contact information. Check it out using the below QR Code!



Fun Fact:

Gilpin Township may have been established in 1878, but it was originally settled in 1814 as part of the much larger Allegheny Township. Finding it was too large to manage, many residents petitioned to split the land into three Townships, known today as Gilpin, Bethel, and Parks Townships.

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Upcoming Events

Election Day

Gilpin Twp. Polls @ Gilpin
Twp. VFD
May 16, 2023 7:00 AM -
8:00 PM

Leechburg Area Pool Opening Day!

May 27, 2023
12:00 PM



Leechburg Youth Baseball Opening Day

Gilpin/Leechburg Park
May 13, 2023 @ 11:30 AM

Armstrong Trails Opening Schenley

Exact Date TBA: Estimated July

Summer Recreational Opportunities

Rivers Edge Canoe & Kayak

Evelyn and Neill Andritz invite you to visit their canoe and kayak sales and rental store located along the beautiful Kiski River in Gilpin Township. Let them organize your trip down the Kiski River! Give them a call at 724-845-9501.

Leechburg Area Pool

The Leechburg Area Pool has been a source of community connection and recreation for over 50 years and has survived as a local summertime staple in the Alle-Kiski Valley since the first swimmer hit the water in August 1962. Settled adjacent to the Gilpin/Leechburg Park in a quiet wooded area away from the hustle & bustle of city life.

Gilpin/Leechburg Park

The go-to park in Gilpin Township, the Gilpin/Leechburg Park features Three baseball fields, A 4 hoop basketball court, A two court tennis court, and 5 Main Covered pavilions. Additionally, you will find various playground equipment as well as walking trails. Pavilions are available for rent to the public at a low cost.

Gilpin Rifles, Inc.

Gilpin Rifles, Inc. encourage organized rifle and pistol shooting among the residents of the community. Gilpin Rifles, Inc. strive to provide a better knowledge of firearms including safe handling and proper care as well as improved marksmanship.

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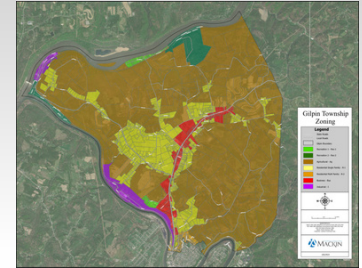
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What's been happening?

Zoning Update

Our Updated Zoning Ordinance has been under construction since late last year and is expected to be complete mid-to-late Summer! The process has been led by consultants from Mackin Engineering and the Zoning Steering Committee.



Industrial and Economic Development Advisory Committee (IEDAC)



In April, Chairman Stull announced his appointments to the IEDAC. The purpose of the IEDAC shall be to advise the Board of Supervisors on matters dealing with the advancement and expansion of industrial and economic development within Gilpin Township. The Gilpin Township IEDAC shall aim to create a diverse business community that is prosperous and innovative while built on a stable economic foundation. The committee shall work to improve the industrial and economic environment of Gilpin Township.

Road Sealing and Paving

Over the Summer, the Township will be completing various road projects. Of these projects, paving and sealcoating will be the largest. Bids will be opened and awarded for the projects on May 15, 2023 at 9 AM at the Township Municipal Building.



Gilpin Twp. VFD Banquet



On April 29, Gilpin Twp. VFD held their annual fireman's banquet. During the event, three members were honored for 30, 40, and 50 years of service to the Department. Additionally, the Gilpin Twp. Ladies Auxiliary presented the Department with a \$1,200 donation check and the Township presented the Department with its yearly donation of \$3,000.

PSATS Annual Conference

Chairman Stull attended the PA State Association of Township Supervisors annual 4-day conference in Hershey. Classes attended included "Fight the Blight," "Battling Aging Infrastructure," "Grant Writing," "Township Newsletters," as well as many other informative classes. Chairman Stull brought this information back to the Township and put it to use immediately (as seen in the creation of this newsletter).



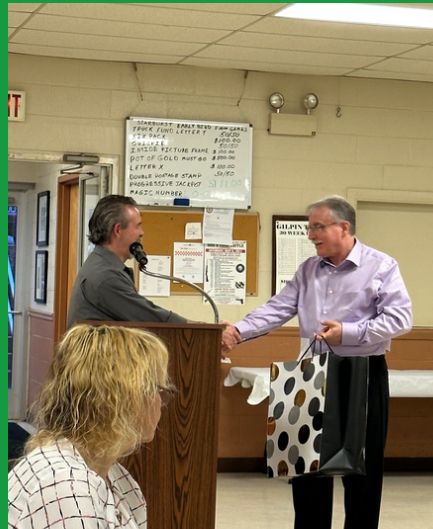
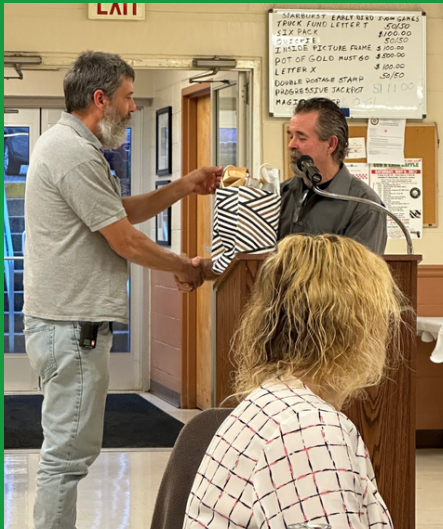
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Community Spotlight!



President Duane Knepshield presents members with their awards at the annual Fire Department Banquet April 29, 2023.

In this Volume, our Community Spotlight will be on members of our Volunteer Fire Department recognized for their time of service to our Township during the VFD's annual banquet on April 29th. First, Gary McCollough was honored for 30 years of service to the department and the Township. Next, Randy Lewis was honored for 40 years of service. Lastly, Andy Shaley was honored for 50 years of service. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend to receive his award.

Gilpin Township VFD has been serving the residents of our Township since 1942. While the department holds a rich line of family heritage that has kept the Department alive since then, Volunteers are greatly needed to keep the Department afloat. With declining volunteer numbers across the state and country, any and all help you may be willing to give is needed! Simply call the Non-Emergency number, inquire within any Monday or Thursday night after 7 PM or find the application at www.gilpintwp.com.

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HOURS of Operation:

Monday: 9-4, Tues-Fri: 9-2:30

Gilpin Township Supervisors

Charles Stull

Supervisor, Chairman

cstull@gilpintwp.com

Jeremy Smail

Supervisor, Vice Chairman

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Linda Alworth

Supervisor

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Kevin Miller

Supervisor, Road Maintenance

Chair

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Kris Kulick

Supervisor

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Timothy Miller

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Secretary/Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Open Records Officer

Sharon Long

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Code Enforcement Admin., EMC

Chris Fabec

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Southern Armstrong Regional PD

Non-Emergency: 724.845.7979

Emergency: 911

Fax: 724.845.6376

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Gilpin Township Volunteer Fire Department

Hall Rental and

Non-Emergency: 724.845.7200

Emergency: 911

Email: gtvfd@windstream.net

113 Fire Hall Road

Leechburg, Gilpin Township,

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Gilpin Township Road

Maintenance Department

Telephone: 724.845.7165

Fax: 724.845.6376

Email:

Roadcrew@gilpintwp.com

Gilpin Township Tax Collector

Sonya Mazak

Telephone: 724.845.6034

Fax: 724.845.6034

For hours, please call.

962 Ice Pond Road,

Leechburg, Gilpin Township,

PA 15656

Gilpin Township Municipal Authority

Telephone: 724.845.9574

Fax: 724.845.9574

Hours:

Mon: 10 AM-2PM, 6 PM-8PM

Tues: 10 AM-2 PM

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Gilpin/Leechburg Park

Pavilion Rentals

Contact Hannah Blumer

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Thanks for reading my first Volume! If you have any suggestions, thoughts, comments, or would like to submit future events, please contact me at cstull@gilpintwp.com.

My next volume will be released in September, at which time I will set all future volumes in March and September.

Your Government

Board of Supervisors

Charles Stull, Chairman
Jeremy Smail, Vice-Chair
Linda Alworth
Kris Kulick
Kevin Miller

Planning Commission

Jim Catlos
Brian Bing
Donna Rentler

Zoning Hearing Board

Jim Catlos
Beverly Bish
Beth McDonald

Auditors

Charlotte Teeters
Jean Stull
Walter Giesles

Board of County Commissioners

Don Myers
Pat Fabian
Jason Renshaw

State Representative

60th District

Abby Major

State Senator

41st District

Joe Pittman

US Representative

15th District

Glenn "GT" Thompson

US Senators

Bob Casey
John Fetterman

Joint Recreation Authority

Robert Pastva (Gilpin)
Hannah Blumer (Leechburg)
Glenda Paul (Leechburg)
Kirk Klasnick (Gilpin)
Robert George (Gilpin)
Cindy Cinpinski (Gilpin)
Gregory Paul (Gilpin)

Municipal Authority

Phillip McConville
Tom Dubovi
Duane Knepshield
Sonya Mazak
Ken Riggle
Jack McIntyre
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