

WE THE PEOPLE

Important Township Phone Numbers

Municipal Building

610-494-3616

Code Enforcement

610-494-0384

Commissioners

610-497-1732

Community Center

610-497-1255

District Court 32-2-38

610-558-3520

Police & Fire Emergency

Dial 911

Police (Non Emergency)

610-497-2633

Public Works

610-494-8005

Public Library

610-494-5877

State Rep Steve Barrar

610-485-7606

Senator Dominic Pileggi

610-565-9100

Congressman Joe Sestak

610-892-8623

Seventh Ward Contacts

Mike Higgins, Seventh Ward Commissioner & Committeeman:

610-494-4010

Regina Bocco, Seventh Ward Committeewomen:

610-497-8948

We are here to serve you in the Seventh Ward. Don't hesitate to call us in regard to any issues in your ward or the township.

New Seventh Ward Newsletter

Welcome! This is the first issue of the new Seventh ward newsletter, **We the people** ... The newsletter will serve as the voice of the Seventh Ward and will keep you informed about what is going on in the ward and the township. It will provide you with information on land development, ordinances, new businesses, public meetings, community events and other information of interest to all our residents and business owners alike.

We will also be providing information on County and State programs, es-



The Seventh Ward is shown above as the shaded area.

pecially services to seniors and veterans.

If there is something you would like to see appear in the newsletter that will benefit our residents, please let one of your Seventh Ward Contacts

know.

We expect to publish the newsletter at least three times during the year.

Enjoy your summer!

Mike Higgins
Regina Bocco

Street Captains needed to distribute We the people ...

We need help distributing We the people ... so all of our Seventh Ward residents get a copy on a timely basis. If you can spare about an hour three or four times a year to distribute the newsletter on your street or in your neighborhood and get some exercise at the same time, call Regina Bocco, 610-497-8948 or Mike Higgins at 610-494-4010. Your help will be appreciated.

What you need to know about COSA

Have you heard of COSA? COSA stands for the (Delaware County) Office of Services for the Aging. COSA is a government agency responsible for planning, coordinating, and developing social services for older adults in the county.

Some of the community services programs for active seniors include domiciliary care, employment opportunities, foster grandparent programs, transportation and more. There are also in-house services which include adult day care, home delivered meals, home health, mental health counseling and personal care to name a few of the services.

Special care for older adults and their families is only a phone call away at 610-490-1300 or toll free at 800-416-4504 or if you would like a brochure describing the services offered by COSA, give your Seventh Ward Contacts a call and we will provide you with specific information you need.

TrustScripts Program

Delaware County Council offers prescription discount cards to residents to help them cope with the cost of prescription medication. The program discount cards are available for use by individuals and families.

The TrustScripts program is free and no sign-up is required. The prescription cards are available through senior centers, libraries, the Office of Veterans Affairs, the Office of Intercommunity Health Coordination and county Human Services agencies. Cards can also be downloaded and printed from the Trust Script Web Site at www.trustscripts.com.

There are 110 participating pharmacies in Delaware County, including major chains such as CVS and Wal-Mart. According to a recent County press release, residents can use the discount card regardless of whether or not they are insured. Discounts are available to the uninsured, the underinsured and in some cases, the insured. Individuals with insurance plans and Medicare may enjoy discounts for drugs not covered by their current health plans.

In addition, the TrustScripts Web site provides an on-line drug pricing tool to help residents find the best deal by shopping around.

2010 Road Resurfacing Program

The 2010 road resurfacing program is in the planning stage with the Public Works Highway Department. This program, while limited, is funded by Delaware County and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue through your liquid fuel taxes (paid at the pump). The funds are allocated equally to each of the seven wards in Aston Township. As has been done over the past three years, Aston will partner with Upper Chichester, Marcus Hook and Lower Chichester Township. This joint municipal initiative creates economy of scale and increases the amount of resurfacing that can be done.

Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority Signs Agreement with DELCORA

It was announced at the May 19th Commissioners Meeting that SWDCMA has signed a 25 year agreement with DELCORA to handle the treatment of sewage for the residents and business owners of Aston Township.

Under the terms of the Agreement, Southwest will cease to treat wastewater, and instead, will divert the flow of sewage from its Aston Township treatment facility to DELCORA's Regional Treatment Plant in Chester.

The Agreement does not include the flow or processing of sewage from Middletown Township. Middletown has entered into a separate agreement with DELCORA.

DELCORA will also construct a pumping station on the site of the current Southwest plant and a pipe system to handle the flow to its Chester plant. The municipalities being served by the new conveyance system will share in DELCORA's capital, operating costs and treatment expense based on

Land Development

Land development in the township has tailed off over the past year, mostly due to the economy. However, there are some projects underway which may be of interest to you.

The site of the old Wawa at the corner of Weir and Pennell Roads is being renovated and when completed will be the home of the new **Season's Pizza Restaurant**. From pizza to pasta, to chicken, ribs and salad, Seasons has something for everyone. Check out their web site at <http://www.seasonspizza.com>. Seasons is expected to open sometime in July.

The old house on the site of **Grassman Landscaping** on Pennell Road adjacent to Applebee's is scheduled for demolition shortly. Grassman plans to build a new house like structure which will be used for their office.

Construction of the new student housing complex for **Neumann University** at Fishers Corner on Concord Road at Convent is scheduled to start soon. When completed, the three-story complex will house select students and will greatly improve the appearance of the corner. We also expect to see improved traffic patterns at the intersection.

By now, everyone should know that the **Aston Shop n Bag** Supermarket has closed. Who or what business will occupy the building is unknown at this time.

The site of the former **Kentucky Fried Chicken** or KFC on Pennell Road remains vacant. Last year the township had KFC come in and clean up the site as it was a real eyesore. We are unaware of any current plans by the property owner to develop the site.

Traffic Enforcement

Over the summer months, the Aston Police will be closely monitoring traffic in the Seventh Ward, and will be issuing citations to drivers who are caught running stop signs or driving too fast in residential areas. Always make a complete stop at stop signs and adhere to posted speed limits.

their percentage share of sewage flow.

The initial diversion is scheduled to take place on or before 12/31/2014, at which time the current agreement with Middletown will become null and void. Southwest will continue to operate as a sewer authority to maintain the current township pipeline infrastructure, transfer station operations, administration and billing activities.

After the diversion and eventual decommissioning of the Southwest treatment plant,

Southwest will begin to realize significant process cost savings by not having to treat Middletown's sewage. Likewise, Southwest will also avoid the need to incur significant capital improvements in the millions of dollars for treatment plant infrastructure and compliance with environmental regulations over the following 8 to 10 years.

A public meeting will be planned in the near future to discuss the diversion and financial considerations.