



Independence Day Celebrations are Not Over Yet!!

Newtown will celebrate its annual First Fourth on Saturday, July 11. The activities will take place at the Newtown Middle School from 3:00 to 10:00 PM, culminating with a fireworks display to begin at 9:30. Some of the many activities will include the Annual Newtown Boro vs. Newtown Township Baseball Game, a Colonial Reenactment, and a demonstration of remote control planes. For children there will be a Bounce Area with all access play for \$12 per child.

Pool News

After extensive work, the pool is looking better than ever. This year we are using picture passes for every resident swimmer which must be shown to the lifeguards when entering the pool area. It's not too late to get your photo ID badges for the summer of 2015. Just come down during pool hours and have one of the lifeguards take your photo. In about a week your official laminated badge will be ready.



For more fun, come and cheer the Newtown Crossing Swim Team at their last home meet starting at 6:45 on Thursday, July 16th. And for further support, please consider donating your old cars to benefit the swim team. Click [here](#) for more information.

Woods Development (Wynmere / Karr) Update

Known to Newtown Crossing residents simply as “the woods,” the tract between Newtown Crossing and Eagle Ridge is again under threat of development. This is nothing new to long-time residents. Twice in the past, development of the 19.2 acre wooded area has been proposed by builders and thwarted by real concerns about safety and congestion. Nothing has changed except the name of the developer.

The Arcadia Land Co. of Narberth, PA wants to build 24 two-story single homes priced between \$500,000 and \$600,000. Because of access problems, especially at Buck Rd near the bypass, the Newtown Twp. Planning Commission rejected their similar proposal earlier this year. However, a PRD (Planned Residential Development) hearing, permissible under state law, is under way as part of the regular meetings of the township supervisors. This maneuver allows a developer to simply bypass a community’s regular planning commission and deal directly with the board of supervisors which would then have sole authority to approve or deny the proposal despite negative recommendations by the planning commission.

The regular July meeting saw testimony from Arcadia’s hired traffic engineer, Joseph DeSantis, who claimed that the additional traffic created would qualify, under PennDOT’s definition, as “low volume.” However, under questioning, he admitted that there has not been a detailed traffic study to support that claim.

The June meeting ran long and the special hearing was suspended, to be resumed during the July 8 meeting. But Arcadia requested more time and will now complete their presentation at the regular September 9 meeting which will take place 7:30pm at:

Newtown Township Municipal Building

100 Municipal Drive

Newtown, PA 18940

Telephone:

215-968-2800.

The Public will be allowed to comment.

If you care about the woods and traffic congestion in our community, please try to attend.