

Graysdale Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting
April 18, 2012

1. A petition will be circulating regarding one of the mail carriers serving our neighborhood.
2. E-mail was sent out regarding stray cats. On a related matter, neighbors are reminded that any complaints about animals in the neighborhood should be directed to Patton Township if the resident feels Township Code is being violated.
3. Upcoming Events:
 - Yard Sale – May 12
 - Ice Cream Social – June 17, 7-8 p.m.
 - Annual Picnic – August 26, 5 p.m.
4. Annual budget review provided by GHA Treasurer
5. Township News:
 - There will be a new tax process in place next year (county-wide). Use of a central entity, “Centre Tax Agency,” will mean residents can pay Township taxes online. This will be done at cost – no profit will be made.
 - New housing starts are up over last year. Last year’s starts were down to 18 from a previous high of 110. This year there have already been 11 new starts in 2012, so we should easily exceed last year.
 - One of the homes near Geisinger has been used for fire department practice. The home will be demolished within the next few weeks. A new 10,000 square foot office building will be built on the property. (For comparison, the new dental building already being built nearby is 25,000 square feet.
 - Geisinger will be building Phase 2 of its facility, to be located roughly where the lower parking lot is currently. The new expansion will lead to new jobs for the area.
 - Good Shepherd Catholic Church is in the midst of raising funds for an expansion that will be in place behind the current building (into the current parking lot). Keen eyes can see the outline of the addition in spray paint on the parking lot surface.
 - 16 more homes will be built in the Brynwood development. Plans are going to be submitted to the Township for townhomes beyond that located.
 - Wegmans is going to be adding outdoor seating near its Café.

- The Sheetz near Woodycrest is going to be renovated, including new underground storage tanks.
- Homegoods is going in where Circuit City used to be located.
- Trader Joes and Pier 1 are going in behind the Ameriserv (?) Bank on Atherton (near Applebees).
- A new “destination” park is almost ready for play on Bernel Road, near the airport. The site features an airport themed playground complete with “runways” for tricycles, 4 tennis courts, a 9 hole disc golf course, and a mile of paved walking trail.
- The Township has signed an engineering contract to look at the Waddle Road interchange on 322. The Township hopes to deal with traffic backups on the exit ramps and plan for future growth in that area. The Township will be seeking funding for this project.
- Township finances are in good shape. The Township receives very little State funding and no Federal funding. The budget has been flat for the last 4 years. Every department within the Township is operating with reduced staffing, due to attrition. Thanks to wise financial planning, the Township was able to refinance its debt when interest rates were at their lowest, saving the Township approx. ½ million dollars.