

## SUSQUEHANNATOWNSHIP

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2012**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTIONS**

There were numerous inspections made on premises throughout the Township as a result of complaints, or scheduled survey and these premises were found to have either trash, weeds, or abandoned vehicles as the problem. These and other miscellaneous complaints were corrected or are in the process of correction through personal contact or letter notification.

### **FOOD INSPECTIONS:**

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Aagan of Harrisburg	Country Mile Market
Ecumenical Community I	Ecumenical Community II
Ecumenical Community III	Shop n' Drive
Dog on Good Dogs Hot Dog Cart	Golden Living Center
Arden Courts	Side Bar Café at Weidner School of Law

On October 1, 2012; A Meeting with Attorney Linus Fenicle, Mr. and Mrs. Art Rowell, and myself, and George Drees, Fire Marshal were present concerning the property at 4312 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

On October 1, 2012; A Court Hearing was held at DJ Lenker's office concerning the property at 2061 Chevy Chase Drive and a citation was dismissed for the high grass and weeds. The weeds were cut by the owner of the property.

On October 1, 2012; An Onsite Inspection occurred with George Drees, Fire Marshal concerning the Old Highway Garage at 1098 Edgemont Road following a police incident. A letter of violation went out to the owner of the property with a re-inspection date of Tuesday, October 16, 2012 and nothing was corrected. Citations have been issued and photos were taken of the violation.

On October 2, 2012; An Extensive Housing Code and Yard Inspection occurred at 36 North 34<sup>th</sup> Street with Albert Wrightstone, Jr, Building Inspector assisting with the inspection. A letter of violation has gone out to the owners of the property to correct the violations.

On October 3, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 3621 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. All of the items on the side of the property on the porch have been removed and a new porch has been installed. More violations are still present to the back porch of the property. Another re-inspection of the property will occur on October 17, 2012.

On October 3, 2012; An Onsite Yard Inspection at 2259 Forester Street occurred with Albert i Jr., Building Inspector assisting with the property. The trees that are on the property are on state land and a call was made to DES to assist this resident with the trees.

On October 3, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3883 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street for loose trash. A follow-up inspection was done and all of the loose trash has been removed. The case is now closed.

On October 5, 2012; A Flu Shot Clinic was conducted and 49 participants participated at the clinic.

On October 8, 2012; A Meeting was held with myself, Lynn Roche, Health Officer, George Drees, Fire Marshal, Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector and Solicitor Bruce Foreman about the properties at 4312 and 4314 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street and what the status of the properties is and how to proceed forward.

On October 9, 2012; A Meeting with the owner of Gabriella's as to what is required to begin reconstruction of the Italian Restaurant since the fire on September 8, 2012. Architectural plans are being drawn up and a meeting did occur that week with the architect to what the building department and I need to approve the plans before reconstruction of the restaurant can begin.

On October 9, 2012; An Onsite Yard Inspection occurred at 3505 High Street. 2 Photos were taken of the conditions of the property. New scaffolding was present, roofing, side also on site. Old material that was removed from the structure was being stored on the property. The owner of the property was contacted to have the material removed from the property by October 11, 2012. That is when a re-inspection of the property will occur.

On October 10, 2012; A lengthy Housing Code Structural Inspection occurred at 4312 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. At the structural inspection was myself, Solicitor Bruce Foreman, and Mr. Arthur Rowell, owner of the property and Mr. Daniel Long, PE from HRG to access the structural integrity of the structure.

On October 10, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3703 Green Street concerning an illegal storage of vehicles being stored on the property.

On October 10, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3702 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street ad a vehicle is being stored in the alley which has flat tires. A letter of violation has gone out to the owner of the vehicle to have it removed.

On October 10, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3702 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and a vehicle is being stored in being stored in the alley which has flat tires. A letter of violation has gone out to the owner of the vehicle to have it removed.

On October 10, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3627 Green Street. A Mazda is parked to the rear of the property. It is out of inspection and registration. A letter of violation has gone out to the owner of the property.

On October 10, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 3729 Tudor Drive. The brush and the yard waste material to the front and the rear of the property have been removed. The spouting is still hanging to the rear of the property. A photo was taken and a re-inspection of the property will occur next week to make sure that this violation has been corrected.

On October 10, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3029 Walnut Street and loose trash is present and trash is being stored in trash cans, salvage goods are also present. So is high grass and weeds. Additional investigation is needed.

On October 11, 2012; An Onsite Yard Inspection occurred at 3507 \*Union Deposit Road and nothing has changed. New photos were taken and the time frame was not received. All of the violations to be corrected must be completed by October 25, 2012 or all of the violations will have citations done.

On October 11, 2012; A Re-Inspection of the property at 3505 High Street and the loose metals were removed from the property. This property will continue to be monitored.

On October 11, 2012; An Onsite Inspection at 2413 Oxford Avenue and the dumpster is present. A phone call was made to the trash hauler. A re-inspection will occur next week to make sure that it is removed.

On October 11, 2012; An Onsite visit to 117 Wading Springs Lane concerning the high grass and weeds and loose brush being stored on the property. I spoke to the owners of the property and a re-inspection will occur next week.

On October 12, 2012; An Extensive Housing Code Inspection occurred at 4314 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. I was present along with Mr. Daniel Long, PE from HRG, and Mr. Steen Faust who is the contractor hired by Mr. Vincent Minnici who is the owner of the property. Upon inspection of the interior of the

structure it was noted that this structure is quite different from the outside. Numerous photos were taken. The structure has been completely been stabilized on the inside and made secure to support the weight of the building. The right brick wall is no longer attached to the dwelling. A new outer wall will be installed. Plans were given to both of us to begin the remodel of the structure. We informed Mr. Steven Faust that he would need to obtain a building permit before additional remodeling could occur.

On October 12, 2012; A Re-Inspection was to have occurred at 3588 Mobile Road but an emergency delayed the inspection and it has been rescheduled for next week.

On October 12, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3339 Trinity Road and the vehicles are out of inspection. A letter of violation went out that day with a re-inspection to occur on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

On October 12, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3204 Wakefield Road for a vehicle, salvage goods, and high grass and weed around the wood that needed to be cut down. A letter of violation went out that day with a re-inspection to occur on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

On October 12, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3138 Brookfield Road for a vehicle that is out of inspection. A letter of violation went out that day with a re-inspection to occur on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

On October 12, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3709 Harwood Road for overgrowth of vegetation through the fence unto the property next door. No one was present and a business card was left for the owner to contact me. A re-inspection will occur next week.

On October 15 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 525 Alden Street and the grass has been cut. The case is now closed.

On October 15, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 230 Shell Street for high grass and weeds and loose trash being present on the carport and also on the front lawn. A letter of violation has gone out to the owner of the property to have corrected by Friday, October 19, 2012.

On October 16, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection occurred at 1098 Edgemont Road and nothing has changed. Photos were taken of all of the violations and still nothing was corrected. Citations were issued for each of the violations that were present at the initial inspection.

On October 16, 2012; A re-Inspection occurred at 1411 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street and the project has not been completed. The owner of the property has been contacted again as to when the project will be started. The contractor called me back to have the project begin on November 1, 2012.

On October 16, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 1508 Edgemont Road and nothing has changed.

On October 16, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 117 Wading Springs Lane and the high grass and weeds have not been cut. A violation letter was sent out to the owner of the property for the high grass and weeds and also to have the yard waste bundled and removed.

On October 17, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 3621 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Less clutter was in the yard and some furniture still remains on the back porch. The next re-inspection will occur on October 31, 2012.

On October 17, 2012; An Onsite Yard Re-Inspection occurred at 3847 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the vines are still growing over the garage. A photo was taken and a citation as issued.

On October 17, 2012; A Housing Code Inspection occurred at 26 North 34<sup>th</sup> Street and there is no evidence in the ceiling in the master bedroom that it is peeling. I believe there are some shingles that are loose on this property and the owner was told of the findings.

On October 17, 2012; A Housing Code Inspection occurred at 28 North 34<sup>th</sup> Street and no evidence of any leaks from the adjoining properties roof. No further action is needed.

On October 17, 2012; A Re-Inspection at 3407 Harwood Drive and no response from the owner of the property. A formal violation letter will be going out to have the overgrowth of vegetation from their fence unto the neighbor's property will be sent out to have corrected.

On October 17, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred after my assistant was not getting anywhere at 1968 Daybreak Circle for a vehicle with flat tires and out of inspection and no plate being stored in the driveway of the property. A business card was left and a violation letter has gone out.

On October 17, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred again at 1303 Fenwick Drive and the truck is still present. A formal letter of violation letter will be going out because no action has been taken by the resident.

On October 18, 2012; A Meeting with Solicitor Bruce Foreman over Penn Waste at the Health Board Meeting.

On October 19, 2012; A Housing Code Inspection occurred at 812 Cherrington Drive with Albert Wrightstone, Jr. Building Inspector assisting. The inspection was done for a water leak that is coming from the upstairs unit at 811 Cherrington Drive. An inspection will occur of the property at 811 Cherrington Drive.

On October 22, 2012; An Onsite Inspection occurred at 2005 Walnut Street with George Drees, Fire Marshal as a result of the fire. A condemnation order was done and a condemnation letter was sent out to the owner of the property to correct violations to have the placards removed.

On October 22, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection occurred at 3616 Green Street and the vehicle was still present and a photo was taken of the vehicle. A citation was also issued.

On October 22, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection at 3138 Brookfield Road occurred and I spoke with the tenant of the property about the vehicle. I stated that the vehicle needs to be removed. A re-inspection will be done towards the end of the month.

On October 22, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection at 3204 Wakefield Road for high grass weeds being present and salvage good were removed. The wood needs to be stacked and also the balance beam needs to be covered. I spoke with the owner of the property and informed them of what needs to be done.

On October 22, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection occurred at 3339 Trinity Road and I spoke with the tenant on the property. He stated that 2 of the vehicles will be removed by Friday and the other two vehicles will be removed next week. A re-inspection will occur on October 26 and also on October 31, 2012.

On October 23, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection occurred at 117 Wading Springs Lane and the high grass and weeds has been cut. Yard waste needs to be removed from the property.

On October 23, 2012 A Yard Inspection occurred with David Dyer, Highway Superintendent at 3622 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street for an overgrowth of vegetation. An additional letter will be sent out for the overgrowth violation.

On October 23, 2012; An Onsite Inspection and meeting with the owner at 3624 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street about an overgrowth extending into the alley and on the sidewalk to have trimmed back. A re-inspection of the property will be done towards the end of the month.

On October 24, 2012; I attended the quarterly training session of CASA.

On October 25, 2012; A Hearing was continued for the property at 4312 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The owner must submit plans to Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector for a building permit. The plans will be then be sent over to HRG, Inc. for review to make sure that the plans will meet the requirements to make the structure safe and secure. If the plans will then the building permit will be issued. If there is an issue with the plans and they need to be redone then Mr. Rowell may request an additional hearing to be scheduled. Those present at the Hearing were myself, Attorney Jeff Yoffee, Dan Long from HRG, Manager Gary Myers, Solicitor Bruce Foreman, Commissioner Sean Sanderson, Attorney Linus Fenicle and Mr. and Mrs. Art Rowell; owners of the property.

On October 26, 2012; A Housing Code Re-Inspection occurred at 3588 Mobile Road. Clothes were scattered throughout the mobile home and need to be cleaned up. The next re-inspection will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012.

On October 26, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection was done at 3505 High Street to check and see how the remodeling of the property is occurring. The property is being remodeled and will be rechecked in two weeks to check on the progress.

On October 26, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 3507 Union Deposit Road and nothing has changed. Photos were taken and citations will be issued.

On October 26, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 3339 Trinity Road and 2 of the vehicles have been removed. Next re-inspection will be on October 31, 2012.

On October 30, 2012; A Housing Code and Yard Inspection was done at 4314 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street following Hurricane Sandy. The whole front and side of the property has fallen down to the ground. Photos were taken of the home. Present at the time of the yard inspection were myself, Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector, Mr. Steen Faust, Contractor for the owner of the property, Mr. Daniel Long, PE from HRG, Inc. and Mr. Vincent Mininici; owner of the property. It was stated at the meeting that the property needs to be boarded up entirely and a door to the entrance of the property. It must be made safe and secure and the only entrance to the property is to occur either through the front door and also through the back door of the property. The deadline is the close of business on Friday, November 2, 2012. The owner then must provide a building permit application and architectural plans and will be reviewed to complete the interior of the property by Albert Wrightstone, Jr. Building Inspector and Mr. Daniel Long from HRG, Inc.

The chimney of the property at the top is now to be removed also by Friday, November 2, 2012 because the support base in the middle is removed and no support is present for the chimney so it must come down immediately.

On October 31, 2012; A Yard Inspection was done at 3621 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street and some of the items still need to be removed from the rear back porch. No new items were added. Next re-inspection will be held on November 14, 2012.

On October 31, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection was held at 3339 Trinity Road and all of the vehicles on the property have been removed. The case is now closed.

On October 31, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection did occur at 3138 Brookfield Road and the van was removed from the property. The case is now closed.

On October 31, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection did occur at 3204 Wakefield Road and the wood has not been stacked and the balance beam has not been covered and citations will be issued.

On October 31, 2012; Albert Wrightstone Jr., and myself had a phone interview with Diane McCormick from the Patriot News about the properties at 4312 and 4314 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street since the collapse of the property at 4314 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Hurricane Sandy.

Lynn Roche

Health Officer