

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 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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Great Wall Restaurant

Emeritus of Harrisburg

Rockville United Methodist Church

Hampton Inn & Suites

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Kindred Place of Harrisburg-Seasons

KinderCare Day Care Center

On September 4, 2012; A Meeting was held with Manager Myers, myself, and Commissioner Tom Pyne concerning the property at 3507 Union Deposit Road and how to proceed.

On September 4, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection occurred at 3008 Rose Hill Road for the bagsters and the High Grass and Weeds. 2 Photos were taken of the violations and citations were issued for the violations that are still present.

On September 5, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection at the property occurred at 3621 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street occurred. All of the salvage goods and the trash items on the side porch were totally removed. The next inspection is scheduled for September 19, 2012.

On September 5, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 512 Waverly Woods and the grass has now been cut and all of the salvage goods items to the rear of the property and on the back porch have been removed. The case is now closed.

On September 5, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 1404 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street and the grass was very high. I had Drew check on this for me while I was on vacation and it was cut on September 12, 2012.

On September 5, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 1950 Edgemont Road for high grass and weeds which were very high. I also had Drew check on this while I was on vacation and the grass was cut on September 12, 2012.

On September 6, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 301 Wedgewood Road and none of the violations were corrected. I contacted the property maintenance division of the Bank again and they stated that the property would be cleaned up by the end of the next week. I requested that Drew to check on this property while I was on vacation and he did check on it and the violations have all been corrected.

On September 6, 2012; I attended the annual business meeting of PENNBOC along with Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector.

On September 6, 2012; A Yard Inspection was conducted with Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector and George Drees, Fire Marshal assisting at 3507 Union Deposit Road for the condition of the structure and items being stored in the yard and behind the structure. A letter of violation went out to the owners of the property and also the tenant who has a buyers agreement for the property concerning the violations. The time line for the completion of the violations is due back to me by Wednesday, September 26, 2012.

On September 7, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3507 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and nothing has changed with the tree and it was still present. I contacted Shull's Tree Service and they have the removal of the tree scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2012. I will mark my calendar to have the property rechecked while I am on vacation.

On September 7, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection occurred at 2923 Locust Lane and the tree is still present. Further investigation revealed that the bank, PNC is responsible for the property and I will be send out another letter before the township steps in and has the tree removed from the property.

On September 7, 2012; A Re-Inspection as scheduled to occur at 3588 Mobile Road and no one was present for the re-inspection of the conditions of the property. Another re-inspection is scheduled to occur on Friday, September 21, 2012.

On September 7, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred with myself and Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector assisting with the inspection at 1909 Paxton Church Road for fumes coming from the Sewer main in the rear of the property. Nothing was noted at our inspection and the case was referred over to the Sewer Authority for further investigation.

On September 17, 2012; I met with the owners of the property at 403 North 36<sup>th</sup> Street for the trash being left there by previous tenants. The tenants was advised what needed to be done at the property.

On September 17, 2012; I met with Linda Graves concerning the properties behind the Progress Plaza at 34<sup>th</sup> Street and also about placing chickens at her residence. I checked with Michael Rohrer, Zoning Officer and chicken are not allowed in this district.

On September 17, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 3507 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and the tree is down and the area is completely cleaned up. The case is now closed.

On September 18, 2012; A Visit was made to 3430 Schoolhouse Lane with Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector concerning water leaking through a fixture in another room off of the laundry room to the rear of the property. It was coming down aside of the fixture. The owner of the property was also on site and assured me that he would fix the problem. I made another re-inspection on September 19, 2012 and work had begun to repair the roof and divert the spouting from going directly unto the side roof and going off the edge of the structure with a downspout being added.

On September 19, 2012; A Court Hearing was held for the owner at 4715 North Front Street for high grass and weeds and this is the second offense for the defendant. He was found guilty.

On September 19, 2012; A Court Hearing for the property at 3729 Tudor Drive as held for high grass and weeds and the violations had been corrected. The citation was dismissed.

On September 19, 2012; A Re-Inspection was done at 3621 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street and some additional progress was made to the rear of the property. The new porch floor has been added. The next re-inspection of the property is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

On September 19, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 3729 Tudor Drive and numerous violations were noted at this property. Photos were taken of all of the violations and the owner of the property was contacted. Another re-inspection will occur next week to make sure that these new violations are addressed or citations will be issued again.

On September 19, 2012; A Re-Inspection of the properties in Edgemont and nothing has changed. Formal violation letters will be going out to the owner of each of three properties and if not corrected then citations will be occurring.

On September 19, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 2061 Chevy Chase Drive and the grass is cut but there is water inside the pool. Another citation has been issued for the pool.

On September 19, 2012; An Onsite Inspection occurred at 1101 Edgemont Road and numerous violations were noted. A letter of violation will be going out for the violations that were noted.

On September 19, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3839 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the grass needs to be cut. A letter of violation will be going out for correction.

On September 19, 2012; An Onsite Inspection occurred at 3725 Tudor Drive for very high grass and weeds. I will recheck the property on Monday, September 23, 2012 or a formal letter of violation will be going out.

On September 19, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred with Ray Hoover about the ongoing issues with the back lot containing raw sewage from the two properties up on Elmerton Avenue. Additional information is needed and this case is open and ongoing.

On September 20, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection at the properties at 4312 and 4314 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Some of the violations were corrected at 4314 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Citations were issued for the violations that were not corrected.

On September 21, 2012; An Onsite Inspection with Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector concerning a water heater leaking through the ceiling and the landlord was contacted and very nasty concerning fixing the problem. A citation was issued immediately after speaking with Manager Myers concerning the situation. The tenants of the building were advised to use hand sanitizers until the matter is corrected. I will be rechecking the case later in the day.

On September 21, 2012; A Re-Inspection as made to 3430 Schoolhouse Lane with Albert Wrightstone, Jr. Building Inspector. The roof is repaired and the downspout has been added.

On September 21, 2012; Yard Inspections were conducted at 3939 and 3941 Elmerton Avenue for checking out the on lot septic systems. A formal inspection of both of the yards will be done on Friday, September 28, 2012.

On September 21, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 301 Wedgewood Road and the bushes have not been removed. An email was sent out to the mortgage company and another phone call to make sure that the violations are corrected on the property.

On September 21, 2012; An Onsite Inspection occurred at 3500 Walnut Street visiting the common areas and also inspecting Room #6 concerning Bed Bugs. A violation letter has gone out to the

owners of the property to correct the violations.

On September 24, 2012; An Onsite and Yard Inspection occurred at 4312 and 4314 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. I was present, Ron Yoffee from Middle Department Agency, George Drees, Fire Marshal, owner of the property from 4312 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. A full access to the property at 4312 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street was allowed by the owner and it was decided to that the structure was unsafe for occupancy. The property was then placarded as UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION and the occupants of the structure were instructed to vacate the property. A letter was sent out certified mail to the owner of the property later in the day to obtain a structural engineer to make sure that the structure was safe and also for violations that were noted to be corrected. This is an ongoing case and will be worked on.

On September 25, 2012; A Yard Re-Inspection occurred with Mr. and Mrs. Vellios concerning the property at 3205 Cloverfield Road. A letter concerning the bamboo went out to all parties concerned with the property and informing the owners of both properties at and 3207 Cloverfield Road that this has been ongoing issue and needs to be handled through the Civil process.

On September 26, 2012; A Court Hearing for the owner of 1104 Eric Drive for allowing excessive yard waste to accumulate in the street and continue to add to the pile instead of removing the pile. The owner of the property as found guilty by abstention.

On September 26, 2012; A Court Hearing was held for the owner of 314 South Progress Avenue. The tenant is continuing to accumulate trash on the property and nothing is being changed. The owner of the property was found guilty.

On September 26, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at the property at 126 Lucknow Road and the violations have been corrected. The case is now closed.

On September 26, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 2808 Hillside Street. The tree in the rear of the property has not been trimmed. Another violation letter will be going out to the owner of the property to have them trim the tree before it takes out the neighbor's fence.

On September 26, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 202 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street and all of the violations have been corrected. The case is now closed.

On September 26, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 1921 Linglestown Road for yard waste being stored in the rear of the property. Nothing has changed and a citation and a photo were taken of the violation.

On September 26, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 303 Redwood Street and the lot outside of the fence needs to be cut. A call was made to the property maintenance company to have them cut the property and it will be rechecked.

On September 26, 2012; A Housing Code Inspection occurred at Walnut Crossings at E-101 with Officer Christopher Croft assisting. The apartment was quite dirty and needs to be cleaned. If the apartment complex is not successful then I will be contacted to assist further.

On September 26, 2012; A Housing Code Inspection occurred at Walnut Crossing at E-106 and the apartment was totally in order and no further action is needed.

On September 26, 2012; A Re-Inspection was made to 3008 Rose Hill Road and another bagster was added so another citation was done.

On September 26, 2012; A Yard Inspection at the lot next to 3234 Jonagold Drive for High Grass and Weeds was done. The owner of the complex was contacted to correct the violation.

On September 26, 2012; A Visit was made to Quality Food Mart to make sure that the freezer was removed from the front of the property and it was removed.

On September 27, 2012; I applied for the 904 Grant for 2011 to DEP for recycling.

On September 27, 2012; A Re-Inspection occurred at 1300 Regency Circle and the main pond has a new pump system applied and is active. All of the other ponds have been removed. Everything at this property is now in total compliance and the case is now closed.

On September 27, 2012; An Onsite Inspection occurred at 141 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street for an overgrowth of vegetation extending from one property over unto the property of another. A violation letter went out to the owner of the lot to have the excessive vegetation removed.

On September 28, 2012; An Onsite Inspection occurred at 3941 Elmerton Avenue and also 3939 Elmerton Avenue with myself and Albert Wrightstone, Jr., Building Inspector assisting. The property at 3941 Elmerton Avenue has a clean-out and it was opened. Nothing showed up at this property. The property at 3939 Elmerton Avenue had to have the tank located and dug up partially to access the tank. A septic company has been contacted to assist with the situation. This is an ongoing case and needs to be monitored.

On September 28, 2012; A Yard Inspection occurred at 3525 Ridgeway Road for a complaint received about trash. A letter of violation has gone out for the trash accumulation present in the breezeway of the property.

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