

THE ONEIDA ADVISOR

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ONEIDA TOWNSHIP
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Oneida Septic...and you thought your job stunk!

Do you know where your septic tank and leach field is located?

Do you know how your septic system works?

Have you ever had your septic tank pumped?

Oneida Township, along with all municipalities in the State of PA, is under pressure to upgrade their regulations for on-lot septic systems. As mandated by the Municipal Codes, the Clean Streams Law (35 PS ; 691.1001), and the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, known as Act 537, municipalities have the power and the **duty** to provide for adequate sewage treatment facilities and for the protection of the public health by preventing the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated sewage. This sounds threatening, but it needn't be.

In the near future, we must design and implement an On-Lot Septic System Management Plan. It will not happen over-night. It will not happen without your input as property owners. It will not happen without research into ways and means to correct faulty systems. Please remember that our first duty is to you as residents of our township.

What can you do to anticipate the future?

Find your septic system. If you have plans for the initial system, great! If you don't, try to locate the septic tank by following the waste piping from your residence. It is vitally important that you know where your tank is located.

Locate any records you may have of service or prior pumping of your tank.

Read the enclosed brochure about septic system operation to learn how your system works.

Attend public meetings when they are announced to participate in the process.

Don't Panic!! Think proactive!! We are all here to help you.

GRINDER PUMP SYSTEM CAUTIONS

Twenty years of grinder pumps have taught us a few things:

Please make sure that sump pumps and gutter piping **do not** flow into your sewer hook-ups.

Grease should not be put down your household drains.

Egg shells put through garbage disposals will clog grinder pumps.

Liquid laundry products are better for the pumps than powdered.

If the sound of your pump in operation changes, call us, don't wait.

Help us keep your costs down

ONEIDA TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

John A. Skipper, Chairman

Stephen R. Magill, Vice-Chairman

Susan A. Alexander, Treasurer

Doris Hayden, Secretary

James Ferrenberg, Jr., Roadmaster

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION (THAT'S FYI)

The Supervisors have their regular meeting monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building. The first meeting of the New Year is always on the first Monday in January at 7:30 pm.

The Municipal Building is available for room rentals for parties of 50 to 75 people. The rent is \$40 and includes the use of the kitchen.

The 2010 Budget is available for review at the township office. **There is no tax increase for 2010.** There has been no tax increase in Oneida Township for more than 30 years.

Clean-up Days will be held at the municipal building on April 23, 2010 from 8 am to 8 pm and on April 24, 2010 from 8 am to 5 pm. for Oneida Township residents only. Look for block ads in The Daily News coming in April.

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INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES NOTICE

Chris Shook of NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) has provided a brochure on Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven). This non-native invasive tree is being found in Oneida Township. It resembles Sumac but will spread more rapidly and will smother native species of plants.

Please read the brochure provided with this newsletter and check your property for this tree this Spring. You may contact Chris Shook for more information at (814) 627-1627.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR 2010 CENSUS FORMS