

# HAYCOCK TOWNSHIP REPORT

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## UPCOMING BUCKS COUNTY SUMMIT ON AGING

Scheduled for May 25, 2005, the Summit will be a gathering of senior representatives from every municipality in the county.

Four local seniors and one elected official were selected from each of the county's 54 municipalities to participate.

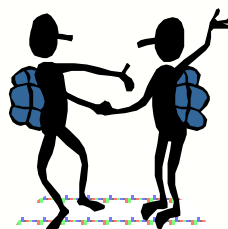
The goal of the summit is to make Bucks County an elder-friendly community. Of the total population, approximately 100,000 or 16% are 60 years of age or older in Bucks County, with over 325 or 15% living in Haycock Township.

The summit will begin with a keynote address by nationally recognized author, Marc Freedman. Freed-

man's book, *Prime Time: How Baby Boomers Will Revolutionize Retirement and Transform America*, presents an optimistic look at the future potential of so many experienced and knowledgeable workers and citizens who will or already reside in our communities.

The summit is not a gripe session, nor is it intended to result in confrontational exchanges. It is intended to facilitate creative thinking to engage these individuals in ways of continuing to contribute to their communities.

Examples are matching needy older folks with youth groups that could help do chores or yard work, or to find talented



seniors to work in municipal programs, environmental projects, libraries, schools, or other agencies that need help.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging newsletter, *Senior Quarterly*, please contact the Township Office at 215-536-3641.

## BROADBAND INTERNET COMING TO HAYCOCK?

Could it finally be true? A few possibilities are looking promising, one in the not too distant future!

Saidcom, a Perkasio based company, is planning to expand its wireless internet system into the Quakertown and surrounding areas in 2005, offering several

plans ranging from \$15 to \$32 per month for unlimited access with speeds of up to 1.5mb.

If you are interested please visit their website at [www.saidcom.com](http://www.saidcom.com) or find a link at our site, [www.haycocktwp.com](http://www.haycocktwp.com)

BPL or Broadband over Power Lines is another promising technology which utilizes the power lines to carry high speed internet. This technology is in use in several pilot areas in the Lehigh Valley area and is not currently scheduled for our area.

### PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY — DIAL 911

Township Office—215-536-3641  
Township Fax — 215-536-7211  
Pa State Police—215-249-9191  
Haycock Fire Co.—215-536-2224  
School Tax Office —215-529-2026  
Earned Income Tax —215-536-4253  
County/Twp Tax —610-346-6361  
Game Commission — 610-926-3136  
PennDOT — 215-345-6060  
Service Electric Cable-800-232-9100  
PPL Electric Utilities - 800-DIAL-PPL  
St. Lukes Ambulance -215-538-4540  
Upper Bucks Regional  
EMS Ambulance—610-847-8801  
Board of Assessment—215-348-6219  
Dept. of Health —215-536-6500  
Voter Registration — 215-348-6163  
Upper Bucks Government  
Service Center—215-536-4289

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## HAYCOCK FIRE COMPANY PLACES NEW ENGINE IN SERVICE

The Fire Company recently put a new Engine in service replacing the current 16 year old Engine. The new truck is a 2004 Ferrara Igniter that carries 1000 gallons of water and was purchased as a demo model at a cost of \$262,724. This is almost \$40,000 off the cost of the same truck if it was brand new. The main advantage of this new truck is the capability to carry all of our personnel inside the cab with approved seatbelts at all seats. Other advantages are the ability to carry additional equipment and supply hose.

The truck is being financed with two loans, half from the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program at 2% APR, with the rest being financed through the manufacturer at 4.39% APR. The 1988 E-One Engine is up for sale and the proceeds will be put towards the higher rate loan.

The Fire Company is considering sending out a special fund drive mailer for the purpose of paying down the debt. We ask that you consider a special contribution to assist the men and women who are there to assist you and your fellow citizens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please stop by at one of the fundraisers to have a look at the new truck!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Breakfast	—	April 24
	—	June 26
	—	July 31
	—	August 28
	—	October 30
Flower Sales	—	Easter Weekend Mothers Day Weekend
Basket Bingo	—	May 1
Mothers Day Dinner	—	May 8
Bikefest	—	September 25

### 2005 OFFICERS

Chief — Harry Grim, III	President — Chris Bauer
Deputy Chief — Eric Wightman	Vice President — Drew Rosenberger
Battalion Chief — Darryl Cressman	Secretary — Gretchen Francis
Captain — Dominic Facenda	Treasurer — Janet Radcliffe
Lieutenant — Kevin McCarty	Head Trustee — Matt Landis
Marine Captain — Ed Kehs, Jr.	Trustee — Ed Kehs, Jr.
Marine Lieutenant — Frank Savini	Trustee — Frank Savini
QRS Captain — Gretchen Francis	Safety Officer — Ron Bentley
QRS Lieutenant — Kristine Bauer	Chaplain — Gary Bishop

### BUSY YEAR AT THE FIREHOUSE

It has been a very busy year, along with the purchase of the new Engine, the Fire Company re-paved the parking lot, had the floor of the firehouse refinished and started to upgrade our electrical system to today's standards.

Careful budgeting and saving allowed all the above projects to happen while still maintaining the level of services that our residents and visitors have come to expect.

All of this happened while the Fire Company was planning to have a 50th Anniversary celebration which was held on November 20, 2004 at the Meadows in Hellertown. A modern style video presentation highlighting the history of the company was shown after the awards presentation and dinner.

In addition to the usual service awards, a few special people were honored:

President's Award — R.F. Shoup, III  
Chief's Award — Todd Rummel

Special awards were presented to Imogene Croman and Frank Lennard, Sr. for their many years of service

An award of thanks was presented to the Board of Supervisors for their continued support, without which our job would be much more difficult.

Please feel free to stop by and check out the new look of the firehouse!

# HAYCOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS, BY SUSAN KLEINER-GREW

The Haycock Historical Society was founded in 2003.

The purpose of the society has been to explore the rich history of our area and to preserve the memories of folks who have resided in the township. It has been the goal of the society to bring neighbors together to share in activities and learn about the history of Haycock.

The social committee sponsored two walks on Haycock Mountain. They also held the Kringle Shoppe, which was a fund raising event that benefited the society. The funds they raised allow for the purchase of audio/visual equipment for use at public presentations. The funds will also provide monies for repro-

duction and mailing of the newsletter as well as for preservation of historical documents.

The communications committee presents at public meetings where you can hear about the history of the township and its residents. They also produce the quarterly newsletter.

The research committee meets to collect the stories of people, places and events of the area. They also obtain historical documents for preservation.

The governing branch of the society oversees the administration of the Haycock Historical society.

## AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

YES, Sign me up as a member of the haycock historical society!

I want to be a part of reclaiming our history and preserving it for future generations.

- Individual Membership—\$20 per year  
*Receive quarterly newsletter and attend all special functions this year, January—December*
- Family Membership (Parents and children in household)—\$30 per year  
*Receive quarterly newsletter and attend all special functions this year, January—December*
- Corporate Sponsor—\$100 per year  
*Gain advertisement in our newsletter by yearly sponsorship (ad size smaller than business card)*
- Corporate Patron—\$200 per year  
*Gain advertisement in our newsletter by yearly sponsorship (business card size ad)*
- Lifetime Membership—\$200  
*Receive honorary Lifetime status, receive quarterly newsletter and attend all special functions.*
- Lifetime Couple Membership—\$250  
*For just \$50 more, join as a household and enjoy all the benefits of Lifetime membership*

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- *You may use my e-mail to send postings and save postage*
- *Send all correspondence via U.S. Mail*

Send completed application along with check to: P.O. Box 715, Quakertown, Pa. 18951

The following is a brief excerpt from the H.H.S newsletter:

The article focused on the one-room schools of Haycock Township:

The first educational institution in Haycock was a subscription school that opened in 1784. By the turn of the century, 6 schools were providing public education in Haycock Township.

In the Haycock one-room schools, eighth graders in the township would take an all-day examination. If the students passed the examination, a diploma would be issued in an elaborate graduation ceremony. Some students would decide to go on to junior high in town, others to work or back to chores on the farm.



The Haycock Historical Society welcomes you to become a member in any capacity that suits you. You may join a committee, run for office or just come enjoy an informative public presentation.

## NEW BOOM MOWER ON ORDER



Picture courtesy of Tiger Mowers website

The final piece of the equipment replacement puzzle is on its way.

A new John Deere 5525 tractor is being shipped to have a Tiger boom mower installed and should be delivered this spring.

This will replace our 1990 Case tractor and will complete the plan to upgrade all of the major equipment. With the exception of the 1974 grader, all of our equipment is 1999 or newer.

The new tractor and mower will

allow for better mobility and greater reach for mowing roadsides, around guide rails, and cutting light brush.

The planned addition to the maintenance shop was put on hold for a few years to free up the funds to purchase this new equipment sooner than was originally planned for.

The old mower will be put up for sale as soon as the new one is delivered and tested.

## ROAD WORK AHEAD

Another year of road maintenance projects is being planned for 2005.

This years paving projects are overlaying a section of Cobler Road between Old Bethlehem Road and Mission Road and overlaying a section of Creamery Road between West Thatcher Road and Cider Press Lane.

The following areas are

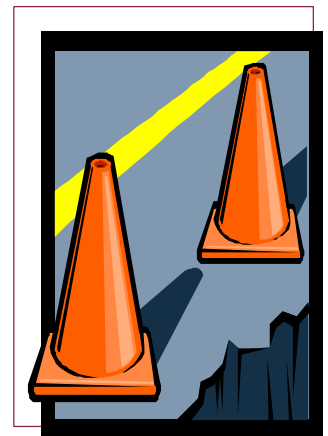
scheduled to have an oil & chip sealcoat applied:

Top Rock Trail  
Dogwood Lane  
Applebachsville Road  
Camptrail Road  
Magnolia Drive  
Remainder of Cobler Road

This plan is subject to change if road conditions warrant such a change.

It is also planned to replace cross-pipes on Old School Road.

The roads will remain open during paving and oil & chip-ping, but Old School Road will be closed during work hours when the cross-pipes are replaced. Local traffic will be able to get through up to the work area.



## MAILBOXES, ETC.

Another winter has passed and while there were no major problems, we always have some complaints about mailboxes being damaged by the snowplows.

Most of the time the damage is caused by the snow leaving the plow, especially when the snow is wet and heavy.

This type of damage can be

minimized by proper installation and maintenance practices.

A recurring problem during snowfall is the practice of some resident's clearing snow from their driveways and leaving it in the roadway.

This can create dangerous conditions for motorists until the plows come through

again, which can be several hours, or more if the final plowing has been completed.

If you plow your driveway across the road, we ask that you take a few extra minutes to scrape the snow that remains off of the roadway in consideration of others and to avoid possible liability.



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ABOUND!

2005 holds the distinction of several anniversary celebrations in our Township, the Village of Applebachsville and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Applebachsville are both celebrating 150th Anniversaries, while the Haycock Fire Company is currently celebrating its 50th year of existence.

The Haycock Historical Society, along with the church and fire company are planning a community day celebration

for Saturday June 25th, 2005.

Scheduled events include a concert at the church, a parade down Old Bethlehem Road through Applebachsville, and a housing ceremony at the firehouse to officially house the new trucks and show off the new look of the firehouse itself.

Details are still being worked out, so keep your eyes on our website, [www.haycocktwp.com](http://www.haycocktwp.com).

## VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS NEEDED

Now more than ever our volunteer organizations need assistance, both financially as well as physically.

The Haycock Fire Company is always looking for new members to help with everything from firefighting and EMS to fund raising, maintenance and other "behind the scenes" activities, some only taking a few hours per month. Even the smallest contribution of time that

someone can give to help out can alleviate some of the burden our volunteers face currently.

The Haycock Historical Society is looking for members as well as contributors of historical materials. Most materials can be brought to the Municipal Office to be scanned while you wait. Please call the office before coming in to be sure that the scanner is available.

## KEEP PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL DAY SET FOR APRIL 23RD

Once again, on April 23rd, Haycock Township will be partnering with PennDOT and our residents to help keep our roadways free of litter and debris.

Last year nearly **183,000** participants collected more than **233,000** bags of trash from roads, parks and playgrounds.

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is actually a month-long event held as a part of Keep Amer-

ica Beautiful Month.

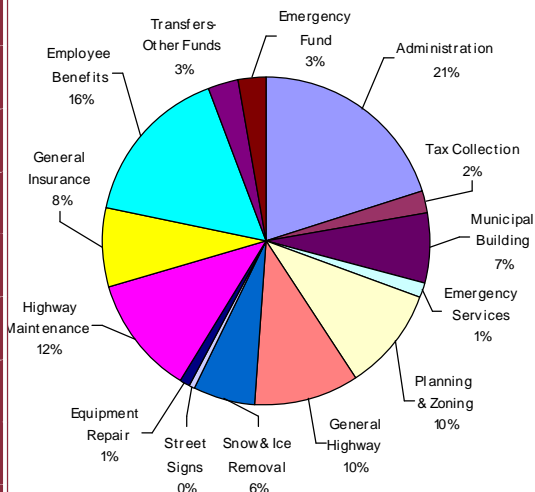
The event began in 1971 as Keep America Beautiful Day, became a week-long event in 1977 and the current month-long event in 1989.

The Adopt-a-Highway program is another large part of the program, with more than 17,500 miles, or 42 percent, of state highways "adopted" by people who pledge to keep them clean.

On April 23rd, volunteers are asked to help by picking up litter on the roads of their choice. The road crew will then come by and pick up the bags and debris and dispose of it properly.

Bags and other materials will be available at the Municipal Office the week prior to April 23rd. Please also let the staff know what roads you intend to clean up.

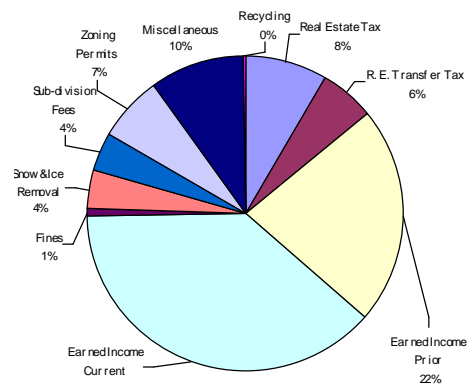
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The Board of Supervisors passed a \$572,261 budget for the 2005 general fund once again with no tax increase.

Expense categories are shown in the pie chart to the left.

Income categories are shown in the pie chart to the right.





**SUPPORT  
OUR HEROES**

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!  
[WWW.HAYCOCKTWP.COM](http://WWW.HAYCOCKTWP.COM)

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BUSINESS MEETINGS 1ST MONDAY AT 8PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 2ND  
MONDAY AT 7:30PM

WORK SESSION 4TH MONDAY AT 8PM

## HAYCOCK TOWNSHIP REPORT NOW **AWARD-WINNING!**

The Haycock Township Report recently was awarded two awards from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, better known as PSATS.

The 2004 newsletter won **First Place** for best newsletter in Category Four, which is a newsletter for a Township with a population of less than 2,500, while it also tied for **Second Place** for the most improved newsletter in the entire State of Pennsylvania.

PSATS has been serving townships of the second class since 1921, when Act 189 created the Association to represent the interests of townships and authorized townships to join. Today, there are more than 1,450 member townships in the commonwealth, representing some 10,000 elected township officials. The Association represents its members before the state and federal legislative bodies strictly on a nonpartisan basis .

PSATS also provides training opportunities for Township Supervisors and employees along with other services, such as Commercial Driver's License drug testing and legal assistance to help Townships win appellate level court battles.

Hopefully our residents find this newsletter as useful and well presented as the committee and staff who judged last years newsletter as the best in its class.



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

The program has once again been continued and will be held as follows:

May 21—Lower Makefield Corporate Center  
July 23—Middle Bucks Institute of Technology  
September 17—Quakertown Area Swimming Pool

June 18—Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School  
August 13—Bucks County Tech School  
All times are from 9am to 3pm rain or shine