PUBLIC WORKS

PATIENCE PLEASE

This year the paving program will focus on main roads and your patience is greatly needed until the work is complete. We will make every effort to have the job done by the time the school buses begin to roll again. Temporary closures may be in effect for brief periods of time to protect you and the crews working in the streets. We will have flag persons controlling traffic to avoid detours. There may be minor inconveniences in your daily routine, but it will be for a long term improvement.

Road user safety, worker safety and road user flow, along with efficient maintenance of the highway, is our main objective. Once again, please be patient and be alert in all work zones.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

SWIMMING POOLS

With Summer upon us, now is the perfect time to check the safety features of your swimming pools. Check the fencing and gates around the pool for any needed repairs. In addition, if house doors lead directly to the pool area, door alarms are required that comply with building code standards.

Please also be advised that the pool industry has rapidly changed over the past few years. Now, above ground pools can be easily purchased at many stores. Although they are easy to install for homeowners, they are still subject to permits and compliance with all codes.

If you have any questions, or require building permit information, feel free to contact the Code Enforcement Department at 215-355-3883. Enjoy the warm weather!

HISTORICAL COMMISSION CORNER

THEN AND NOW

Northampton Township was always a farming community, with just a few settlements near crossroads or mills. Not until the late 1800's did the villages of Richboro and Churchville grow, as retired farmers decided to build homes "in town."

Did you know that Richboro had many names in the past: Addisville, Leedomville, and even Beartown? Now a bustling thoroughfare, Richboro was once a small but busy village of farmers and shopkeepers with homes, churches and schools that remain standing in our midst to this day. Look at this and see if you can recognize Richboro of a century ago!

Rte. 232 and 332 Intersection This 1907 photograph was taken from the middle of 2ndStreet Pike looking north; standing near what is now the Sunoco Station. The tavern to the left is the Spread Eagle Inn; the farmland to the right is now the Richboro Shopping Plaza.

The Spread Eagle Inn, was built in 1810 by Enoch Addis as a "... commodious house for a Tavern." Originally the White Bear Tavern, it was one of two purveyors of food and drink located in the heart of Richboro. Later named the Spread Eagle Inn, the building was relocated to its present site in 2001.

ZONING CORNER

WHAT IS THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE?

The following is multi-part series on the planning and zoning process. In each issue, we will focus on a particular area in order to better help you understand the documents, process, and terms that guide planning and zoning in Northampton Township. This month we will focus on the Northampton Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

What is the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance?

As discussed in a previous edition, the Zoning Ordinance outlines setbacks, minimum lot areas, lot coverage requirements, permitted uses, parking requirements, and other criteria. The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance contains more specific design standards, such as the following:

- street design requirements, including cartway & paving width
- sidewalk design standards
- lighting requirements
- grading, drainage, and erosion and sediment control
- parking lot design requirements
- administrative provisions related to processing subdivision and and development applications

Unlike variance requests from the Zoning Ordinance which go before the Zoning Hearing Board, waiver requests from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance go before the Board of Supervisors.

If you have any questions or require more detailed information, feel free to contact Mike Solomon, Director of Planning and Zoning, at **215-357-6800 x214**. He will be happy to answer any questions.