



Newport Township Community Organization

2013

Accomplishments

As we approach the eve of the Newport Township's Community Organization's 10th anniversary, I am pleased to present a broad overview of its 2013 accomplishments

The Newport Township Community Organization remains the entity in Newport Township that publishes a newsletter on a regular basis. Its four annual editions highlight a broad range of topics appealing to a wide constituency.

Among our additional ongoing activities are the following:

1. Managing an independent recycling program
2. Maintaining its own website www.newporttownship.com
3. Continuing to honor an individual for having performed outstanding volunteer service with the Municipality
4. Providing a vehicle for those required to fill the obligation of performing volunteer service
5. Continuing to encourage others to participate in a broad breath of Community Activities
6. Support numerous other organizations in their respective efforts to obtain grant funds
7. Offering support and distributing materials to those entities who provide assistance to victims of natural disasters
8. Donating memorabilia baskets and money to a myriad of worthwhile causes
9. Serving as a sponsor of a major league team in the Nanticoke Area Little League
10. Continuing as a major participant in the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's Community Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program
11. Remaining a very active participant in the Great American Cleanup of PA
12. Continuing to coordinate and implement the Big Junk Drop Off program within the Township
13. Cleaning litter from highways within the Municipality
14. Sponsor numerous other beautification and educational programs
15. Maintain the program of holding Summer Fun Events for area youth
16. Participating in Luzerne County's Electronic and Tire Recycling events
17. Partnering with the St. Theresa Haven Program to prepare and serve dinner to the homeless
18. Continuing to make available a vast array of memorabilia, including t-shirts, hats, hooded sweatshirts, calendars, DVD's and miniature historic site collectibles, all of which are oriented toward the promotion of Newport Township as a truly First Class Township.

New activities which debuted in 2013 were the following:

- ◆ Implementation of the Organization's first Holiday Light Recycling Event within Luzerne County
- ◆ Development and introduction of a new logo for the Community Organization
- ◆ Development of an informational pamphlet, being featured at the "Community Organization of the Night" at a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders baseball game
- ◆ Sponsorship of a Spring dance for area teens
- ◆ Supporting the Pennsylvania Environmental Council in becoming an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful to Keep Northeastern Pennsylvania Beautiful
- ◆ Hosting the First Annual Chili Cook Off Event at the 13th Annual Holy Child Car & Truck Show
- ◆ The Organization was granted a State Sales Tax Exemption by the PA Department of Revenue
- ◆ The 2013 year end membership of the Community Organization totaled 219 individuals