

MORGAN PARK UPDATE

As most residents are aware, Morgan Park, located behind the Municipal Building, was severely damaged by the flooding last September. Since that time, the township Department of Parks and Recreation has received numerous calls and e-mails concerning the repairs. Hopefully this report will answer most of your questions.

Some phases of the renovation started in January of this year. The old playground equipment was removed. Through a state grant, the township received a work force of six-to-10 laborers per day for flood clean up. This crew, administered through Goodwill Industries, removed damaged fencing, cut down trees and removed flood debris from the park and the creek banks.

Township officials met with the youth baseball association to keep them



apprised of the repair status. The township made a strong commitment to have one ball field at Morgan Park playable for the spring season. Fortunately, this obligation has been met. With volunteers from the baseball association, a spring cleanup day was held on Saturday, April 5 to ensure the field would be ready for play.

Prior to the flooding, the township received a state grant to develop master site plans for all four township-owned

parks. The master site plans are the conceptual drawings of how the parks should be developed. This process is scheduled to be completed by mid-summer 2005. This process includes a master site plan for Morgan Park.

Due to the flooding, Morgan Park was placed on a fast track for development. The site plan for this park has been developed and a consulting firm contracted to develop building specifications.

Grant funding from the federal, state and county governments, as well as local businesses, has been secured for the renovation. Total cost of the project will exceed \$400,000. Morgan Park will rise from the floodwaters and be a quality asset to our community.

If you have further questions, please contact the Department of Parks & Recreation at (412) 221-8700 Ext 17.

I first visited South Fayette Township in 1965 with my college roommate, Bob Schneider. We stayed with Aunt Anne Schneider on Washington Pike. Bob grew up in South Fayette Township and some of Bob's family is still here.

What I saw then, was a very rural area. Portman's Farm was just that – a farm, and the lakes were for watering the crops. Now, some 40 years later, I live in the Lakemont Farms Community, there are no crops and the ducks have taken over the lakes. Farms throughout the township are being sold for more and more residential development.

If those that lived here then would have been given an opportunity to guide the changes to the township – would it look like it does now? Maybe, and then again, maybe not.

Would they have wanted Route 50 upgraded to a four-lane highway that divided the township? Would they have anticipated more than 3,500 new residents in the past 20 years? Or would they have wanted more business development instead, to help ease the tax burden?

We'll never know, but for those of us who live here now, we are now being given the opportunity to help design the South Fayette Township that our children will play in, live in and maybe work in with their children in the next few decades.

As a resident, you have the opportunity to express what you value about your community and to discuss, along with your neighbors, what you want to preserve and what you want to change. You will help decide what you want the community to look and feel like and what should be the shape of recreation, transportation, parks and economic development.

Visioning for South Fayette Township will include an economic development plan, an update to the comprehensive plan, a look at where zoning has been and where it should go, along with the costs to the infrastructure to get there. We'll be doing this over the next year and are looking for people to help us with a few hours of their time or just some ideas in an area of their interest.

Stop by the high school cafeteria on Sunday, June 5 between 4-6 p.m. You'll hear residents talk about what it was like to grow up in the South Fayette of old. You'll see pictures and displays on what we have now, and you'll talk with your neighbors about where we may be going. For more information please contact the Township at 412-221-8700 or visit the Township website at www.south-fayette.pa.us.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS CALLED
VISIONING

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS FOR ANNUAL GREAT PENNSYLVANIA CLEANUP

South Fayette Township is seeking volunteers and sponsors for a community cleanup day as part of the Great Pennsylvania Cleanup, on Saturday May 14, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cleanup is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.

Individuals, scout groups, homeowners associations, and civic groups are invited to join this effort. Gloves, trash bags and safety equipment will be provided. South Fayette Township is also looking for local businesses to help the cleanup by providing refreshments, volunteers and other supplies.

Join your neighbors and South Fayette Township in helping to make a difference in our community.

For more information, contact Jerry Males at 412-221-8700 or e-mail to jsmales@south-fayette.pa.us

TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop, May 9, 2005 – 7:30 PM
Voting, May 16, 2005 – 7:30 PM
Workshop, June 13, 2005 – 7:30 PM
Voting, June 20, 2005 – 7:30 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

May 26, 2005 – 7:30 PM
June 23, 2005 – 7:30 PM

ZONING HEARING BOARD

May 11, 2005 – 7:30 PM
June 8, 2005 – 7:30 PM

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

May 5, 2005 – 4:30 PM
June 2, 2005 – 4:30 PM

PARKS AND RECREATION

May 3, 2005 – 7:00 PM
June 7, 2005 – 7:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD

May 10, 2005 – 7:00 PM
June 14, 2005 – 7:00 PM

Wild About Wednesday 7:00PM at Fairview Park Pavilion

Do you like the outdoors? Have you ever wondered what the name of that flower is? Have you seen something scurry across your path and did not know what it was? We may not answer all your questions, but you will learn a great deal about wildlife and nature at these programs.

| Date | Feature | Presenter |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| June 22 | Lesser Known Fish | Dennis Tubbs |
| June 29 | Snakes & Reptiles | April Claus |
| July 6 | Aquatic Life | Tom Hayes |
| July 13 | Urban Wildlife | Mike Barcaskey |
| July 20 | Improving Your Backyard Habitat | Marcia Maslonek |
| July 27 | TBA | TBA |
| Aug 3 | Birds of Prey | Earl Shriver |

For More Information about any Township sponsored program, call (412) 221-8700

**South Fayette Township
Summer Playground Program
Registration Form 2005**
(412) 221-8700 Office (412) 221-7798 Fax

Child's Name _____
Last First

Age/Grade: _____/_____ **Please Note – Child must be at least 5 years of age upon start of program, in order to participate.**

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Home #: (_____) _____ Work #: (_____) _____

Cell #: (_____) _____

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Home #: (_____) _____ Work #: (_____) _____

Cell #: (_____) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

If neither parent is available in the event of an emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Home #: (_____) _____ Work #: (_____) _____

Cell #: (_____) _____

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Home #: (_____) _____ Work #: (_____) _____

Cell #: (_____) _____

HEALTH RECORD / ALLERGIES / MEDICAL INFO.

➤ Health Insurance Information:

Insurance Company: _____ Group Number: _____

Identification Number: _____

I authorize (please select one):

- Emergency medical care at the nearest medical facility
- Other (specifically): _____

I authorize transportation to the nearest medical facility by (select one):

- Nearest emergency service vehicle
- Other (specifically): _____

➤ Allergies: (please check all that apply) Insect Stings Penicillin
 Foods (explain) _____ Other _____

➤ Medical Information:

Current Medication(s) & Purpose: _____

TOWNSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

There is limited space and sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register as early as possible to insure placement of preferred sessions. **Registrations will not be accepted prior to Monday, May 23, 2005.** For your child's safety, we require that all parents/guardians/babysitters sign their child out of camp each day. It is imperative that the staff is notified of any persons authorized to pick up your child from camp. A copy of the participants birth certificate must be presented.

Make checks payable to: **South Fayette Township**

Please send completed registration form and appropriate fee along with a copy of the participant's birth certificate to:
South Fayette Township
Summer Playground Program
515 Millers Run Road
Morgan, PA 15064

No refunds will be given after start of program

PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

I, the parent/guardian, will be responsible for any undue cost associated with the medical treatment or transportation of my child and will not hold South Fayette Township liable.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

South Fayette Township will not be responsible for any toys, and held games or personal belongings your child may bring. I agree to sign my child out of camp each day. If authorized persons are to pick up my child from camp, I will notify the staff. I have read and understand the policies of the South Fayette Township Department of Parks and Recreation. My child and I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations in order to maintain the safety and security of this program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Would you or a member of your family be interested in volunteering to assist with Community Day or any other Township Sponsored Event? (YES) _____

Name _____
Last First

Phone #: (_____) _____

MAJOR PROJECTS SLATED FOR 2005

In 2005, the Township Board of Commissioners has slated the most extensive major project list ever undertaken by the Township. The proposed projects include:

The Old Oakdale Road Project - This project will include storm water improvements, widening and repaving of the road way. As part of this project, the Township has purchased the VFW and the three homes in the S-Bend. These purchases will allow for the straightening of the S-bend and the installation of a turning lane at the intersection of Old Oakdale Road and Millers Run Road. – Projected cost \$1,500,000.

Annual Road Improvement Project - This program will include (depending on bid results and funding) the milling and repaving of Battery Drive and Stuart Circle, base reclamation and seal coating of Scotch Hill Road, and the installation of asphalt pavement on Main Street Extension. – Projected cost \$250,000

Park Improvements - These projects include the installation of a restroom and pavilion on the Panhandle Trail, installation of new playground equipment at Fairview Park, and rehabilitation of Morgan Park. – Projected cost \$500,000

Flood Damage Repairs - The following is a list of repairs that will be made to flood damaged areas:

- Section of *Dutch Hill Road* - Installation of new storm sewer system, retaining wall and road repairs. – Projected cost \$112,000.
- *Alpine Road* Bridge Area - Repair to storm sewer system, concrete bridge roadway installation, guide rail replacement, signage replacement and milling and paving of 500 feet of roadway. Projected cost \$27,500.
- *Morgan Hollow Road* - Paving and utility pole relocation – Projected cost \$66,000.
- *Coal Pit Road* – Storm sewer system repairs and creek bank stabilization – Projected cost \$30,000.
- *Blythe Street* – Paving – Projected cost \$7,700.
- Section of *Bowman Road* – Storm sewer system repairs, asphalt curb and paving – Projected cost \$16,000.
- *Morgan Hollow @ West Bridge* – Stream bank repair, sign replacement, guide rail replacement and storm sewer system repairs – Projected cost \$14,000.

Funding sources for these projects will include, Township Operating Revenues, Township Capital Reserves, FEMA Payments, a DCNR Grant, a RAD Grant, private grants and a short-term loan.

UPDATE ON ROAD CLOSURES

As many residents may be aware, two of the Township's local roads remain closed. The first, Parks Road remains closed as a result of the flash flood damage and the September floods of 2004. Damage to this roadway included a complete loss of the storm sewer system, complete loss of the road way and severe hill side slippage. The Township has spent several months reviewing the future of this road and the correct course of action on its possible repair. The Board of Commissioners has directed the Township Administration to include the repairs to Parks Road as an alternative bid in the 2005 Road Improvement Program.

What this will allow the Board to do is review and evaluate the bids in terms of cost and possible funding sources. If the bids are outside of the Township financial means, the Board can review possible additional funding sources and/or remove the project from the project list. This evaluation should be complete by the end of the summer. The projected cost of these repairs could be in excess of \$300,000.

The second road, Sygan Road, experienced a large hillside slip and road way collapse. At this time, the exact cause of the failure cannot be determined. The Board of Commissioners has secured a professional Geotechnical Engineering firm to perform an investigation into the cause of the failure and the appropriate short and long-term repairs. Because of the significant size of the slide and road failure, it is impossible to project any repair costs for this project.

It is anticipated that the Geotechnical report will have been issued by the printing of this article. Following a review of the findings of this report, the Board of Commissioners will evaluate the best possible course of action.

Residents are reminded that these roads are closed because they are unsafe for vehicle traffic. Please do not bypass the "road closed" sign and use this road. Any resident needing additional information on these road closures, should contact the Township Manager, Michael W. Hoy at 412-221-8700.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The Board of Commissioners of South Fayette Township regularly conducts meetings during which the commissioners deal with matters related to the workings of the township. We encourage citizens to make their views known to us on the business of the township. To access the minutes of our board meetings, please visit the municipal building of South Fayette Township or go to the township's website at www.south-fayette.pa.us. Please call the South Fayette Municipal Office at 412-221-8700 for additional details.

FEBRUARY 21, 2005 VOTING MEETING

- Board tabled an ordinance setting the Non-Uniformed, Non-Union Pension Annual Contribution Rate equal to 4% for all new hires.
- Board adopted an ordinance setting the Non-Uniformed, Non-Union Pension Annual Contribution Rate equal to 11% for all current employees.
- Board approved a resolution lowering the Police Officer Pension contribution rate from 3.5% to 2.8%.
- Board denied a request from Peter K. Darragh, Attorney at Law, on behalf of the Mary Jane Sleeper Estate regarding a \$7,324.00 lien on property located on McVey Street.
- Board approved a request from Diane Merdian for a refund in the amount of \$76.76 in penalty on her 2004 property taxes.
- Board approved a request from Edward Spolnik for a refund of \$51.28 in penalty on his 2004 property taxes.
- Board approved a request from William Duchess for a refund of \$10.00 in penalty on his 2004 property taxes.
- Board denied a request from Gerard Tatka for a refund of \$10.28 in penalty on his 2004 property taxes.
- Board approved a request from Alan Witwicki for a refund of \$26.03 in discount on his 2004 property taxes.
- Board approved, with conditions, a request from Dixon Construction for authorization to perform work on Sundays at the School District Construction Site.
- Board approved SP-01-05 Kosky Industrial Park, DGI-Menard Revised Site Plan, One Story Modular Building Addition, 275 Millers Run Road, Zoned C-2.
- Board approved SP-02-05 Verizon Mobile Switch Station Center No. 2 Site Plan, 18 Abele Road, Zoned I-P.
- Board approved a time waiver for Granite Ridge Phase II.
- Board approved an ordinance amending Chapter 240 "Zoning" of the Township Code of Ordinances by amending the Official Township Zoning Map, rezoning property owned by Daniel and Aimee Dernosek along Washington Pike from R-1 to R-3.
- Board approved authorization to advertise bid specifications for the Old Oakdale Road Construction Project.

- Board approved authorization to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$32,800 with Paskek and Associates for professional consulting services in the design of Morgan Park.
- Board approved authorization to contract with Lennon, Smith and Souleret, Inc. for professional surveying of Morgan Park in the amount of \$3,500.
- Board approved authorization to advertise an ordinance replacing, in its entirety, Chapter 240 "Zoning" of the Township's Code.
- Board approved adoption of Policy 01-2005 "Volunteer Fire Department Matching Grant Program" which establishes a fund and procedure for the use of these funds for requests for matching contributions for grant awards to the four volunteer fire departments.

MARCH 21, 2005 VOTING MEETING

- Board held a Public Hearing to receive testimony and comment regarding an application filed by former police officer Charles Collins for permanent disability.
- Board tabled a request from the Collier Township Board of Commissioners to place the A. E. Peter Couch property on the Township's Agricultural Security Area.
- Board denied a request from Shariene Taylor for a refund in the amount of \$115.88 in penalty on her 2004 property taxes.
- Board denied a request from Robert Delancey for a refund of \$80.52 in penalty on his 2004 property taxes.
- Board denied a request from Karen Chin for a refund of \$97.56 penalty on her 2004 Real Estate Tax. ▶
- Board denied a request from John McMonagle for a refund of \$13.68 in penalty on both his 2004 and 2003 Real Estate Tax
- Board approved F-01-05, Floss Plan of Lots No. 2, Dutch Hill Road & Locust Lane, Lot Line Revision, Zoned R-2.
- Board approved F-02-5, Melrose Cemetery, Washington Pike, Final Minor Subdivision, Zoned C-2.
- Board approved F-03-05, Sterling Ridge Plan of Lots Phase II, Battle Ridge Road, Final 19 Lot Single Family Major Subdivision, Zoned R-1.

- Board approved F-04-05, Legends Plan of Lots Revision Number 3, Rahner-Wood Lane, Lot #1, Lot Line Adjustment – Final, Zoned R-2.
- Board approved SP-04-05, Portman Place Site Plan Revision #2, Washington Pike, Approved Site Plan Modification, Zoned C-1.
- Board approved F-14-04, Granite Ridge Plan of Lots Phase II, Robinson Run Road, a six-lot thirty-unit multi-family development – Final Major Subdivision, Zoned R-2A.
- Board approved Re-approval of F-12-04 Fornella Plan of Lots No. 3, Minor Subdivision, 169 Greenwood Drive, Zoned R-2.
- Board approved authorization to schedule a public hearing to receive public comment regarding a request from Catherine Rosi and adjoining property owners for the rezoning of the following properties on Washington Pike 3122, 3124, 3126, 3128 and 3132.
- Board approved a proposed agreement with PennDOT for general maintenance along State Highways.
- Board approved authorization to advertise bid specifications for the 2005 Road Improvements Program.
- Board approved a proposal from Gateway Engineering for professional engineering services in the design of the Dutch Hill Road Repair Project.
- Board appointed Commissioner Sray as the Township’s representative to attend the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Risk Management Worker’s Compensation Pooled Trust.
- Board approved a proposed resolution establishing a fee schedule for the collection of delinquent taxes levied under Act 511.
- Board made the following appointments to various Board and Commissions:
- Leonard Fornella was reappointed to the Standards Board for a three year term.
- Steve Pucker was reappointed to the Municipal Authority for a five year term.
- Ed Rickel was reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four year term.
- Armondo Ferri was reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term.

Things You Should Know or Want to Know About the Township

What time are the Township offices open?
Monday through Friday 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

Who do I call for a damaged township bus shelter?
Police Department
Non-emergency412-221-2170

Who do I call if I want to subdivide my property?
Dave Gardner, Engineering and Planning Director412-221-8700

Does the Township require recycling of newspaper?
Yes, Newspaper should be placed at curbside along with the rest of your recyclables.

How do I get a copy of the Township’s new proposed zoning ordinance?
South Fayette Township Website
www.south-fayette.pa.us

Should I have received my township real estate tax bill by now?
Yes, If you have not, please contact Kevin Biber at 412-221-9250

Does the Township sweep the public streets?
Yes, The Township Public Works Department maintains and operates an active street sweeping program. We will get to your street – Please be patient.

Does the Township patrol the Panhandle Trail?
Yes, The Township utilizes bike patrols on the Panhandle Trail during the Spring, Summer and Fall, weather permitting.

What time are the Township’s parks open?
Township parks are open from
7:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Notice of Public Meeting

South Fayette Township will be conducting a public meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 PM to discuss future planning options for the four Township owned parks (Morgan Park, Boys’ Home, Fairview Park, Sturgeon Park). This is the second of two public meetings to be conducted on the Master Site Plan process. Concerned residents are encouraged to participate. For further information on the Master Site Plan process, contact Jerry Males, Director of Parks & Recreation, at (412) 221-8700 Ext. 17.

South Fayette Parks and Recreation: The Secret Is in the Planning

By Lori Humphreys

Even the weather conspired to turn your thoughts to the outdoors, to exercise, to recreation. It was the first day in months that you could drive without turning on the heater. The sun sparkled on the muddy waters of Thoms Run, and early spring plants spattered the beige March landscape with bright green. It was the kind of day that South Fayette Director of Parks and Recreation Jerry Males relishes.

"I love the outdoors, hunting, fishing, canoeing, trapping, hiking. You don't have to live in the country to enjoy it," he said

Four years ago, Males started as South Fayette Township's first, full-time Director of Parks and Recreation. Before that, he had received a degree in Parks and Resource Management from Slippery Rock University in 1998, and came to South Fayette after a stint with the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps in Butler.

Though South Fayette still enjoys a rural environment, the township is developing into a suburban community. Mirroring the pattern of the community's growth, the Department of Parks and Recreation is developing new programs and activities to meet the recreation interests of residents while retaining and expanding existing projects.

Males relies on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members to be sounding board, support group, and gauge of the community pulse. Members Debbie Amellio-Manion, John Bradburn, Cindy Cox, Kevin Leopardi, Tom Reddy, Commission liaison Tom Sray, and School Board liaison Joann Mazza meet the first Tuesday of every month.

From the Public Works Department, Males inherited his department's largest responsibility. This encompasses the maintenance of six soccer and ten baseball fields, and the township's four parks — Fairview Park, Boys Home Property, Morgan Park, and Sturgeon Park. The Department of Parks and Recreation relies on the township's many athletic associations to manage and organize teams.

The Pashek Park Master Site Plan, the ten-year future vision for the usage of all parks, was one of his first initiatives. The first step involved the completion of a Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan that documented the condition of, and the demand for, existing facilities and predicted future needs and demographics.

The resulting Master Site Plan designed the placement of new fields, reconfiguration of existing fields, and new facilities to take advantage of the topography of all parks. Males's view of the site plan emphasizes not only his practicality, but also his respect for the natural environment.

"This is what will fit in, without going crazy with an earth mover," he said of the different facilities planned for each site.

He knows that in the parks and recreation business, "short term is five years away." When events like the September 2004 flood occur, township resources are needed in other ways.

This summer's \$413,000 Morgan Park reconstruction project will be the first to incorporate the Pashek Master Site Plan.

Thanks to Males's grant-writing success and owing to the September 2004 flood, the park is on the fast track. Part of the \$413,000 project cost is off set by a \$65,000 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant and a \$93,000 Federal Emergency Management grant.

Over the past four years, Males has been adding offerings by the Department of Parks and Recreation. This summer, children ages 5 to 9 can join the three-year-old Summer Playground Program that runs from June 27 to June 29.

"This program is designed to get kids outside, burn off energy, get smelly, dirty, muddy, and wet. I tell parents that not only should they expect this, we encourage it." Males said.

Another popular program is Wild About Wednesday involving seven Wednesday evenings dedicated to nature education. This program attracts young children and older adults and runs from June 22 to August 3.

This program garnered the department's third award from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society for Excellence in Programming in Environmental Education. Haunting Season received an award in 2004 and the Disabled Sportsmen Hunt won an award in 2003.

Other programs include Tai Chi classes, Lite-Up Nite, the Annual Egg Hunt, and the Fourth of July Community Day. Also, the department has improved, and maintains, 3.1 miles of the Panhandle Trail that runs through South Fayette.

As the Department of Parks and Recreation plans for the future, finding activities for kids who do not participate in sports and developing opportunities for 25-to-45 year olds are next on the agenda. ♦

TOWNSHIP THANKS GOODWILL INDUSTRIES



The Township would like to thank the men and women of the Goodwill Work Crew who were instrumental in removing large amounts of debris caused by the September 2004 Flood. The services of this crew were provided through a state grant to assist municipalities in clean-up efforts from the September Flood.

To date the crew has logged over 3,500 hours of work on such clean-up efforts as debris removal along Millers Run Creek, Morgan Park, and Robinson Run Creek. Additionally, the crew repaired and/or painted bleacher, fences, and the Morgan Park Batting Cage. All of these services were provided at no cost to the Township. Again, thank you for your help!

South Fayette Township Municipal Authority

Personnel

The Authority consists of six full time employees as follows: Jerry D. Brown, Manager; Rebecca Sray, Office Manager; Jamie Miller, Customer Service; Frank Zombek, Field Coordinator; Don Antonucci, Field Technician and Ed Zupancic, Field Technician.

There are five Authority Board members, Kenneth Hofrichter, Chairman; Steve Pucker, Vice-Chairman; Charles Rothermel, Secretary; Paul Berardelli, Treasurer and Joe Duchess, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer. The Board Members are appointed to a five-year term by the Township Commissioners. The Board Members are residents of the Township who volunteer their time without compensation.

General

South Fayette Township Municipal Authority is responsible for the operation and maintenance of approximately 115 miles of sanitary sewers and 4 pump stations serving nearly 5,600 customers. It is estimated that the private portion of the sewer system, being the service lateral from the main to the house or business, adds at least another 100 miles of pipe to the system. Wastewater treatment is performed at the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) regional treatment facility.

The sanitary sewer system handles wastewater generated by the various customers served by the Authority. The Township also has a public storm water system that is maintained by the Public Works department. Being classified as a separate system, the sanitary sewers are not designed to handle water from such sources as downspouts, french drains, area drains, etc. Any of this type of water that enters the system is considered to be infiltration or inflow (I&I) that diminishes the capacity of the system, and under severe conditions such as major storm events, overloads the pump stations. Also, ALCOSAN has limited capacity in their Chartiers Creek Interceptor Sewer, which typically can't convey all of the flow generated during storm events to the treatment facility, thereby causing sewage to overflow into the creek.

Administrative Consent Order

The above referenced I&I problem is not just a South Fayette Municipal Authority issue, but one that has caused problems for the entire ALCOSAN service area, consisting of 83 municipalities. As a result, regulatory agencies have



Left to Right: Don Antonucci, Frank Zombek, Jamie Miller, Jerry Brown, Beckie Sray, Ed Zupancic

required that these municipalities enter into Administrative Consent Orders (ACO's) to begin to address the problem. SFMA's order, along with the other separate sewer communities, is with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD). The orders require the owners of the systems to complete a number of sewer-related projects with specific deadlines for the various tasks. The order, now signed by both the ACHD and SFMA, is enforceable in court.

ACO requirements include an assessment of the municipal sewer system by mapping the location of system structures (manholes, etc.) and recording their condition, cleaning out sewer lines and then televising them using robotic technology to identify any problem areas. Any portion of the sewer system must be repaired if it is in danger of collapsing, severely restricts wastewater flow or has a large volume of I&I getting into the system.

After this comprehensive assessment, flow monitoring also will be required. Meters will be inserted into designated portions of the sewer system. Metering information will help communities develop a long-term control plan.

In addition, the ACO requires municipalities to pass an ordinance that prohibits storm water connections to a separate sanitary sewer system (a system designed to carry only wastewater). South Fayette Township already has an ordinance with these prohibitions in place. Any improper storm water connections from homes to the sanitary system, such as rainspouts, driveway drains or foundation drains must be disconnected. Properties need to be tested at the time of sale. Also, the ACO requires that the Authority test those homes that have not been recently sold for illegal storm water connections to the sanitary sewer system.

Accurately locating and mapping the Authority's manholes, approximately 4,000 in number, is one of the first requirements of the order. 3 Rivers Wet Weather, a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the sewage overflow issue, is coordinating and funding this \$2 million ALCOSAN service area project at no cost to the communities. By participating in this coordinated project, ALCOSAN communities will realize a total \$9 million savings.

SFMA field personnel have begun to perform other required tasks, including the inspection of manholes