

**ASSESSED VALUATIONS:**

2005	\$39,574,426.00	1 MILL = \$39,574.00
2006	\$39,792,028.00	1 MILL = \$39,792.00
2007	\$40,075,488.00	1 MILL = \$40,075.00
2008	\$40,232,303.00	1 MILL = \$40,232.00
2009	\$40,305,603	1 MILL = \$40,305.00

**TAX RATES:**

2005	19.28
2006	19.28
2007	19.28
2008	21.0
2009	21.0
2010	

The tax rate was 18.28 Mills from 1997 through 2003. In 2004 it was increased by 1 Mill to 19.28 Mills.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:**

The current collection rate is \$ . There is a Senior Discount rate of 10% for those residents over the age of . Residents are billed directly by Waste Management of Pennsylvania. Residents may mail their payments directly to Waste Management or may pay in person at the Harmony Township Municipal Building. Payments are collected here for only a specific time to insure the payments are forwarded to Waste Management so that resident's accounts will be properly credited. Please call the office with any questions.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION AND PRACTICES:** The following holidays are observed by Waste Management if they fall on your collection day:

**HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN HARMONY TOWNSHIP:**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
Beaver Road

Family Church of Jesus Christ  
Beaver Road

**IT'S YOUR WATER.....PROTECT IT!!!!**

The water you drink and use comes from the Ohio River Watershed, the Beaver River Watershed and all of their tributaries. Some things that can be done to help protect this valuable resource we use and drink are:

- never rake leaves into or near a storm drain. Decaying leaves use up oxygen contained in the rivers and streams and the depletion of this oxygen harms aquatic life.
- Never mow your lawn to less than 3 inches. The lawn will be healthier during the hot weather and you won't need to use as much fertilizer. Less fertilizer is picked up by rain water and carried to your watershed and returned to you in your drinking water.
- Properly dispose of household hazardous waste so that they do not seep into the rivers and groundwater. Antifreeze, household cleaners, gasoline, oil, paints and other solvents do not belong in your drains, rivers or streams. Dispose of these items responsibly.
- Wash your vehicle so that the water which contains soap, oils and other pollutants can be washed into a sanitary drain and not seep into the soil and ultimately the water table.
- Never dispose of anything into storm drains, rivers, ponds or streams.

**PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL 1-800-242-1776**      **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!!!!**

Natural gas, water and other utility lines are located in underground pipelines and may be easily damaged from excavation. Always be sure to contact the above number anytime you will be digging to plant shrubs or trees, building or digging holes for fences or mailboxes. This preventive action will save time and money and avoid damage or injury.

**BE SAFE.....**

Harmony Township Police and Volunteer Fire Departments do not solicit door-to-door or by telephone. Do not provide anyone with personal information – including credit card numbers, bank account numbers or social security numbers – over the telephone. The Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department only solicits donations through the U.S.

Mail. Please report suspicious activity to the Police by dialing **911**. Also, before allowing any unknown persons into your home, ask for positive identification.

Always remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks!

Be sure your house numbers are easily visible so that emergency vehicles can find your home in case of an emergency!

**VOTING POLLS:**

District #1 and #2 - Highland Elementary School

District #3 - Harmony Township Municipal Building

District #4 and #5 - Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department Hall

**TEN LARGEST TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXPAYERS:**

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
Value Ambridge Associates	\$2,145,335.00
Koppel Steel Corporation	1,158,500.00
O'Neal Metals (PA), Inc.	790,500.00
Harmony Ridge Country Club	262,050.00
Dialysis Clinic, Inc.	254,500.00
RKW Real Estate	216,200.00
Jerart, Inc.	207,250.00
Miklos & Henrietta Major	179,600.00
Ambridge Lumber Company	158,850.00

**PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS IN BEAVER COUNTY AND THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Approximate Employment</u>
Heritage Valley Health System	Health care	3,087
First Energy	Power plants	1,586
Beaver County	Government	910
Wal-Mart	Retail	850
Servick Link LP	Mortgage title services	675
Friendship Ridge	Nursing facility	670
McCarls, Inc.	Mechanical contractor	670
Passavant Memorial Homes	Health care	650

Horsehead Corp.	Zinc refining	635
Gateway Rehabilitation Center	Health care	600
Anchor Hocking	Glass products	582
Veka	Plastic extrusions	575
Koppel Steel Corporation	Specialty steel	540
Norfolk/Southern Railroad	Railroad	500
Geneva College	University	501
U.S. Government	Government	475
Eaton Corp.	Circuit breakers	454
Ambridge Area School District	Public education	440
Hopewell Area School District	Public education	421
McGuire Memorial Home	Personal care	421
Nova Chemical	Plastic materials	384
Community College of Beaver County	Education	200

### **HARMONY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department consists of the following officers:

Michael Farland, Chief  
Harry Russell, Assistant Chief  
Lou Munk, Captain  
Pat Shearer, Lieutenant  
Brian Prichinello, Lieutenant

There are more than 35 Volunteers and 4 Explorers who respond to hundreds of calls annually – ranging from fire emergencies to gas leaks and car accidents. Volunteers participate in training sessions to keep apprised of new procedures and techniques for handling emergencies.

**“THINK FIRE SAFETY”** - During summer cookouts be sure to keep your grills away from buildings and objects. Also, be safe when plugging in air conditioners and fans to not overload any circuits. Unplug these devices during electrical storms.

During 2007 the VFD provided the following:

- 93 alarms were answered
- 120 hours in training
- 120 work details
- 1230 volunteer man hours

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

There are several approvals that regulate lot revisions, lot consolidations, subdivision and land development. It is recommended that all developers, regardless of the type of project, meet with the Building Code Official to discuss the application process and requirements.

*Attachments*

**HARMONY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Harmony Township Police Department consists of one Police Chief, one Sergeant and three patrolmen. Currently there are five part-time police officers. In addition to regular patrols of Harmony Township, the police department provides a vast array of services to residents of Harmony Township and surrounding communities. A majority of the officers have received training in a number of specialized areas and law enforcement techniques. They receive a number of community and government grants each year that offset the costs of the services they provide and the highly technical equipment they operate.

Jack E. Lively, Chief  
James D. Essek, Sergeant  
Robert T. Santo, Patrolman  
Robert B. Sivewright, Patrolman  
Jason A. Vular, Patrolman

Part-time Officers:

Stephen Schoeneweis