

## **BUILDING REQUIREMENTS**

We will soon be entering the spring and summer months which is typically the active building season. The following information is being provided to outline general code requirements with regard to the need for a building permit, property maintenance, clean-up projects, and other property issues.

### **HOUSE NUMBERS:**

The street address number for all residential and commercial buildings must be attached on the structure as close to the main door as possible facing the street. The street number must be at least four (4") inches in height, numeric rather than script, and clearly identifiable from the curb. Street numbering is particularly critical for identification purposes during emergency situations.

### **Spring cleaning can also mean spring cleanouts.**

- For any project requiring a bagster, dumpster or POD (portable on demand storage), a permit must be completed with the Township prior to placing the unit.
- The Code of the Township of South Park **PROHIBITS** high grass and overgrowth on a property. Not only does cutting and maintaining the grass increase the curb appeal of your property, it also helps control ticks and other yard pests. The maximum height for overgrowth of grass is twelve (12") inches.
- Trash cans are allowed to be placed at the curb starting at 6:00 p.m. the day before your collection day and they must be removed from the curb no later than midnight.
- Vehicles are **NOT** allowed to be parked on the lawn. Vehicles are only permitted on paved surfaces constructed of materials such as concrete, asphalt, or brick pavers.

### **When is a Permit Required:**

- Replacement, enlargement, alteration, demolition, or repair of an existing structure;
- Decks, fences, gazebos, on-ground patios;
- Swimming pools with more than 24" of water (in-ground, above-ground, or temporary), hot tubs;
- Utility sheds, air conditioners;

- Electrical work (new, rewiring or upgrade in service);
- Construction of an addition to an existing structure;
- Excavating within the street right-of-way;
- Grading a lot;
- Roofs do not require a building permit if the project involves only reshingling. A permit is needed if structural changes are involved such as adding a skylight or a roof extension.

**IMPORTANT:** It is your responsibility as a homeowner to ensure that all proper permits are obtained for your project(s) even if a contractor is hired to do the work.

Permits can be obtained, questions answered, or if a resident is uncertain as to a permit request by contacting the Building Department at the South Park Township Administration Building. We are located at 2675 Brownsville Road, South Park, PA 15129, and can be reached at 412-831-7000, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.