

## Field Watering

The Littlestown Area School District have received a number of inquires about how and why watering takes place at the athletic fields on the district property.

It is important to know the district has two operable wells that were drilled by the district and are on district property. One well is located in the baseball/football stadium. The second well is behind Alloway Creek Elementary School and is used to water the soccer field. A third well has been drilled and when operable will be used to water football, band, soccer practice fields and the field hockey field. The well is located below where the band practices.

The district will not be using borough water to water fields and will not be paying higher water bills just to water fields. We water fields for reasons beyond appearance. By watering fields it provides a softer and safer surface for our students when engaged in extracurricular activities and it protects the surface areas so we are not faced with greater yearly costs to keep the extracurricular areas in safe condition.

When we water the fields, the machines, when started, must go through the full cycle. If watering begins early in the morning when it is not raining and later in the morning before the machine has totally completed its cycle rain arrives you might see watering continue when it may also be raining. We hope this may address public questions about why we would be watering when it is raining.

Should anyone have any further questions related to the issue of watering athletic/extracurricular fields, you may contact Mr. Victor Trone, Coordinator of Facilities at 359-4146, Ext. 1040.