

Washington Township Newsletter

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United States
**Census
2010**
IT'S IN OUR HANDS

“Take 10” and Help Washington Township Get What it Needs for the Next 10 Years

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses received a 2010 Census form by mail or hand delivery. The 2010 Census will document the changes in our nation since the last decennial census in 2000, and tell us how we've evolved as a country. Because census data affects how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments, the census also will frame the future of our country and our community for the next 10 years.

Here's what you should know about the 2010 Census:

It's easy. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf of every person living there, both relatives and nonrelatives.

It's important. Census data are used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools and community centers.

It's safe. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

All households in Washington Township should have received their Census Form by this date. If your household did not complete and/or mail back your census form, you are encouraged to do so today. Thanks to all Washington Twp. households who mailed their Census Forms back to the Census Bureau!

If your household did not receive a Census Form:

There may have been some households in Washington Township that did not receive a Census Form. Census Forms are available at the **Elizabethville Area Library**. You are important! - **Include your household as part of the count in Washington Township during Census 2010.**

During May through July of 2010, Census takers will visit households that did not return their questionnaire to the Census Bureau.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to 2010census.gov.

Washington Township Contacts:

Township Supervisors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Jim "Bull" Watson - Chairman	362-3247	12-31-15
Doris Kauffman - Vice Chairman	362-1087	12-31-11
Dave Barder	362-3158	12-31-11
Stacey Rudisill	319-5495	12-31-13
Ron Strohecker	362-9535	12-31-11

Board Secretary — Donna Sitlinger Office — 362-3191

Meeting Dates: First & Third Tuesday of the Month—7PM

Planning Commission Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Laverne Brown Sr. — Chairman	12-31-12
Harold Hoffman — Vice Chairman	12-31-13
Michael Lower — Secretary	12-31-11
Bill Mattern	12-31-11
Gerald Lettich	12-31-10

Contact Number: 362-3191

Meeting Date: First Monday of the Month—7PM

Planning Commission members are appointed by the supervisors and work with the township's engineer to provide advice and recommendations to the supervisors. Some of the duties include recommending Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance changes, review and recommend sub division/land development plans and other duties as outlined in the Municipalities Planning Code. The Planning Commission meets once a month. A member's term is four years. Our goal is to have a diverse board made up of homeowners, farmers, business leaders, etc. All meetings are public and you are encouraged to attend.

Zoning Hearing Board Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Steven J. Harman — Chairman	12-31-12
Ivan W. Martin	12-31-10
Steven C. Weller	12-31-11
Vacancy — Alternate	12-31-10
Vacancy — Alternate	12-31-12

Contact Number: 362-3191

Meeting Date: As Needed

Zoning Hearing Board members are appointed by the supervisors as per state law, and their responsibility is to hear appeals to the zoning regulations or the Zoning Officer's decisions and make rulings on the appeals.

We have two openings on the Zoning Hearing Board, a members term is three years.

Ron Stephens—Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer
 Russ Walborn Sr.—Emergency Management Coordinator
 Winifred L. Reed—Tax Collector—362-8382

Washington Township Recreation Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Paul Wertz—Chairman	12-31-10
Kevin Hoch — Secretary	12-31-11
Matthew Stonerod	12-31-12
Terry Bowser	12-31-14
Andrew Warfel	12-31-13

Meeting Date: Third Wednesday of the Month—7PM
 April through August—8PM

Elizabethville Area Authority

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ralph McAllister — Chairman	12-31-11
Jeffrey Fetterhoff—Vice Chairman	12-31-10
Dominick Balsarick, Jr. (Twp Rep) - Treasurer	12-31-10
Richard Reed (Twp Rep) - Asst. Treasurer	12-31-13
Dennis Henninger — Secretary	12-31-12
Peggy Kahler —Asst Secretary	12-31-12
Russell Snyder	12-31-14

Contact Number: 362-3582

Meeting Date: Fourth Wednesday of the Month—7:30PM

The Elizabethville Area Authority provides sewer service to Elizabethville Boro, Kocher Lane, State Drive and the following developments in Washington Township—Mountain View Terrace, Green Acres, Pine Acres, Blue Grass Estates and some surrounding homes. Two of the members, Richard Reed and Dominick Balsarick, Jr., are appointed by the Washington Township Supervisors, the remaining five members are appointed by the Elizabethville Boro Council. All members serve five year terms.

Washington Township Authority

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Charles Laudenslager Jr. — Chairman	12-31-14
Gary Bixler — Vice Chairman	12-31-11
Craig Smeltz — Secretary	12-31-13
Doris Kauffman—Treasurer	12-31-12
Vacancy	12-31-10

Contact Number: 362-3191

Meeting Date: Second Tuesday of the Month—7PM

The Washington Township Authority provides sewer service to the village of Loyalton. Members are appointed for five year terms by the Washington Township Supervisors.

Spring Clean Up Saturday, May 1st 9AM-3PM

CLEAN UP DAY FOR RESIDENTS OF
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY.
(ID Will Be Required)

Bulk Junk, Large Articles, & Electronics (TV's, VCR, Computers, etc.) **Will Be Accepted** For Disposal Behind The Township Municipal Building At 185 Manors Road, Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:00 AM To 3:00 PM.

Items NOT ACCEPTED Include Batteries, Chemicals, Flammable & Hazardous Materials, Household Garbage, Lawn & Garden Waste, and Paints. Tires Not Mounted On Wheels **Will Be Accepted**, For A Fee, To Be Paid At Time Of Drop Off. The Fees Are \$2.00 per Tire Up To 15", \$3.00 per Tire Up To 17", \$5.00 per Tire Up To 20", 21" and above \$12.00. For Tires Mounted On Wheels Add \$1.00 To The Fee Listed Above.

Items will only be accepted on Saturday, May 1st. The township road crew will be available to assist you in unloading the items you bring to clean up day. Please sort the items you bring to the township building — it will make it easier to unload—Sort your items by four categories—Metals, Electronics, Tires, and all other materials.



Most bicycles that are brought to clean up day that are repairable, are sent to Harrisburg to a recycler who repairs them if possible and are donated to disadvantaged kids in the Harrisburg area and other nations.

You will be asked to supply a Picture ID, and the last page of this newsletter with your address and parcel number for identification.

This clean up is funded by Washington Township Tax-payers and is intended for Washington Township residents to be able to dispose of their hard to get rid of trash from their properties

located in Washington Township. We will not accept trash from outside the township, residents that do not own property or reside in the township, contractors work trash, or commercial businesses!

Township Personnel have the right to reject items not acceptable for disposal.

If you have any questions prior to cleanup day, feel free to call the township office at 362-3191.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING PROJECTS

Spring is here and you are ready to begin a building project, but you are not sure if you need to obtain any permits prior to beginning your project. Depending on the type of building project, you may be required to apply for a zoning and/or a building permit.

A zoning permit is required for individuals intending to construct any new building, enlarge an existing building, expand or change the existing use of a building, and additions, such as an above or in-ground pool, porch, deck or patio, prefabricated sheds, signs, and temporary structures.

A zoning permit is not required for normal maintenance activities, minor repairs, or alterations which will not change the footprint of a building or structure.

Zoning Permit applications are available at the township office, website (wtwp.org) or call the township office to request an application be mailed to you. Zoning Permit applications are reviewed by the Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

A building permit is required if you intend to construct, enlarge, alter, repair move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building, or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, covert or replace any electricity, mechanical (including gas and/propane) or plumbing system regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code.

The State Building code generally excludes carports, detached private garages, greenhouses, sheds, if the structure has a building area less than 1000 square feet and is an accessory to a detached single-family dwelling. Agricultural buildings defined under Section 103 of the UCC Act are generally excluded.

In Washington Township, Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to administer and enforce the provisions of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act 45 of 1999, 35 P.S. §§7210-101-7210-1103. Any questions pertaining to building permits, you must contact Light-Heigel at 888-949-9728 or e-mail permits@light-heigel.com. Building Permit applications are available on Light-Heigel's website (www.light-heigel.com)

Zoning and Building permits are generally not issued on the same day your application is submitted. Depending on the project, it could take up to 30 days to obtain your permit. Keep this in mind as you are planning your building project, and allow enough time when submitting your application, so your permit will be issued by the time you or your contractor is ready to start your project.

Remember - All Contractors are required to register as a home improvement contractor with the PA State Attorney Generals Office. All contactors should have a registration number issued by the Attorney General. For more information and a complete listing of registered contractors go to www.attorneygeneral.gov or call 717-772-2425.

2010 Spring Road Report

Road Signs - The township is continuing to upgrade our signs to meet the new Penn Dot Regulations. We are also replacing many damaged signs throughout the township.

Drainage – The township is looking at the feasibility of replacing pipes on Steve’s Lane and Henninger Road. The road crew will also be doing drainage work on Mattis’s Mill Road, Mohr Road and Woland Road. The road crew will also start cutting berms to allow the water to drain along side of the roads. Over time dirt and anti skid build up along the roads, this includes rural roads, and roads without curbs in developments. Although this is an inconvenience, it is necessary for safe travel and to extend the life of our roadways.

Tree and Brush Trimming – The road crew has been trimming trees and brush alongside township roads. This year, the same as last year, we will use a “boom mower” to trim the trees in most locations. Although this is a faster method than sawing, the trees do look “rough” until the leaves grow. The larger limbs will need to be trimmed with saws. Trees and brush in residential areas will also be trimmed with saws. All trees and bushes, including those in developments, must be trimmed back four feet from the edge of the blacktop. If you do not want the township to trim your trees and bushes, please make sure your trees and bushes are trimmed four feet from the edge of the blacktop and the township will have no reason to trim your trees. Trees and bushes must be kept trimmed away from the roadway to maintain a safe traveling roadway for the public.

Mail Boxes – On streets with curbs, the front of your mail box may not extend beyond the edge of the curb. On street without curbs, the front of your mailbox must be four feet from the edge of the blacktop. This allows our snow plows to pass by and maintain a safe traveling roadway for the public. You may not put solid stone structures in the township right of way to hold mailboxes. Penn Dot has also issued safety regulations on the number of mailboxes that may be attached in a row. This is to avoid the row of mailboxes from becoming a projectile.



Surface Repairs - The road crew will be working on the berms on Schaffer Road this year. The road was paved last year and we ran out of time to finish the berms. This year the road crew will be working on crack sealing and drainage issues. The road crew will be seal coating part of Gun Club Road and Short Road.

Guide Rails— No new installs this year.

Crack Sealing—The road crew did some crack sealing this spring and will continue in the fall

Street Sweeping – The road crew completed street sweeping the week of April 19th to remove the antiskid from this past winter.

Vandals continue to destroy township signs. They are painting them with spray paint and shooting them with paint balls. The township then has to replace them. Please call the township office if you see any vandalized signs or have information on who is vandalizing our signs.

Street Right of Way – The township has a right of way for all township roads. All township roads have a 33’ right of way except in developments built since 1970 and new subdivisions, where the right of way is 50’. Older developments and subdivisions have varied right of ways. Please check with the township office if you would like to know the right of way

for the township road next to your property.

The purpose of the right of way is to contain the roadway, drainage area and utilities (ie electric, telephone, cable, water, sewer). The right of way also allows the township to keep foliage from growing on or near the roadway, this allows motorists to maintain their lane of travel on the roadway and keep a clear line of site so motorists can make safe turns onto other roads. Please keep this in mind when you plant trees, shrubs, or install a fence on your property. If possible stay out of the right of way, if the utilities need to work on their lines or equipment; or there is an obstruction to the roadway or line of site, your trees, shrubs or fence may need to be removed.

The road crew would like to thank the township residents for their patience during our road projects. We have approximately 29 miles of road to maintain and, as in the past, many of you were very helpful by letting us know where trees and limbs were on the roadways or when signs were damaged. Your continued help is appreciated!

Did you have a Yard Sale this Year?

If you did, did you post a sign off your property advertising your Yard Sale? Did you remember to remove the sign after your Yard Sale? A large number of Yard Sale signs that were posted to direct people to Yard Sales were not removed and the signs then blow into your neighbors yard or along the roadsides. Hope you had/have a great Yard Sale, but remember to remove all your signs.

ON LOT DISPOSAL SEWAGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

In July of 2008, Washington Township adopted an On Lot Disposal Sewage Maintenance Program (OLDS) as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protections approval of Washington Township’s Act 537 plan. This ordinance, establishing the OLDS Program requires that all on lot sewage disposal systems (also called septic systems) be pumped out by a qualified pumper/hauler one time every (5) five years.

The pumping schedule in Washington Township has been divided into (5) areas. The middle number of your property parcel number determines the year the township has scheduled each property to have their on lot sewage system pumped. Your property parcel number is included in the address block of your newsletter. The pumping schedule is established as such:

<u>Year On Lot Sewage System to be Pumped</u>	<u>Property Parcel Number (Middle Number)</u>
2010	8,11,12,18
2011	10,7
2012	5,13,14,15,17,21,22
2013	1,2,3,4,6
2014	9,19,20

Property owners scheduled to have their on lot sewage disposal systems pumped during 2010 were mailed notices in January of this year. A Pumper’s Report Form was also included with the notice. The On Lot Disposal Sewage Maintenance Program (OLDS) is administered as follows:

- (1) Washington Township mails notices to property owners in January of the year they are scheduled to have their on lot sewage systems pumped. Included with the mailing is a Pumper’s Report Form.
- (2) By December 31st of the year notified, a property owner contacts a Pumper/Hauler of their choice, to schedule the pumping out of their on lot sewage system.
- (3) Provide your Pumper/Hauler with the Pumper’s Report Form that was included with your notice. Your Pumper/Hauler may need your assistance in completing a portion of the form.
- (4) Submit the Pumper’s Report Form and a copy of the billing invoice to the township office. Both the Pumper’s Report Form and a copy of the billing invoice must be submitted in order for the property owner to be in compliance with the On Lot Disposal Sewage Maintenance Program.

Property owners who had their on lot sewage disposal system pumped between the dates of January 2004 through January 2009 will only be required to provide a copy of the billing invoice to the township office at which time the property owner will be considered to be in compliance with the ordinance during the initial five-year pumping schedule.

Property owners who had their on lot sewage disposal systems pumped from February 1, 2009 to the present date are required to submit a Pumper’s Report Form along with a copy of the billing invoice.

Property owners who schedule to have their on lot systems pumped out more frequently than the five (5) year pumping cycle, may continue to do so. A Pumper’s Report Form and a copy of the billing invoice need only be submitted to the township office one time in each five year cycle.

If you have any questions about this program, call the township office at 362-3191.

How is my Property Zoned? The answer is part of your address on this newsletter!

If you look at your address on this newsletter, the first set of numbers listed above your name indicates your tax parcel number. After the parcel number, you will notice a letter or letters that is representative of the zoning district that your property is located in. Multiple letters showing means that your parcel is currently in more than one district.

The letters represent the following districts: **A** Agricultural **R-1** Residential District (Low Density) **R-2** Residential District (Medium-High Density) **C** Commercial District **LI** Light Industrial **CN** Conservation District **F** Floodplain Management District **V** Village District **MR** Mineral Resource Recovery District

If your parcel does not have a letter on it, please call the township office for your zoning district, or if there is an **NL** - the county has No Location on their maps for this parcel.

You may call the township office for assistance or if you feel the zoning is listed incorrectly on this newsletter.



Reliance Hose Co. # 1

Fire Service Time Commitment

It seems that as time passes life continues to change and we continue to be busier than ever. There just never seems to be enough time in a day to get everything done in our personal lives.

This is also true of the demands on the Volunteer Firefighters of the Reliance Hose Company No. 1. Not only are the personal time demands of active personnel increasing, so are the requirements to meet the changes that have evolved in the fire service.

In the “*old days*”, we had 50 Volunteers and could show up to squirt water when the need arose with little training, although our company held weekly in house training. Today there are many standards and minimum requirements set forth by County, State and Federal Governments in regard to training, response, safety and documentation.

We used to only fight fire. Today, our thirty (30) active firefighters train and respond to Fires that are much more complex due to construction and synthetics, Vehicle and Building rescues, Hazardous Material Incidents, and other service types of calls. In addition we are mandated to take special training in Incident Management, Counter Terrorism, and specialized rescue such as Rapid Intervention for trapped or injured firefighters, Confined Space rescues, Helicopter Landing Zones, etc.

In 2009 we responded to 108 calls for assistance with an average crew of 13 firefighters for a total of 1935 personnel hours. We also held 45 in house training sessions and sent personnel to 12 State Fire Academy or Department of Health classes for a total of 1869 personnel training hours. We also did 9 Fire Prevention presentations for 122 hours and had Public Service participation for an additional 180 hours. This equates to an average of 137 hours for each of our 30 Volunteers. That means that in addition to their personal family lives, they are donating the equivalent of 3 & 1/2 forty (40) hour work weeks to the fire company.

The above hours do not reflect the administrative time to operate the fire company nor the maintenance and up keep to the apparatus or the building and grounds.

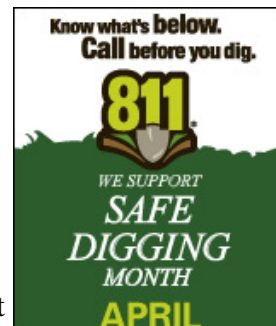
Fund Raising

Sometimes we are asked why we don't do more fund raising. The main reason is stated in the above part of this article in regard to time commitment. The members are very appreciative of the Fire Protection Tax that allows us to meet training requirements and provide service. Many companies must choose between training and fund raising. The increased demand for time along with more extensive training has greatly reduced the number of those willing to volunteer in the fire service.

We do some small in house fund raising, a car wash every spring and have recently had two Chicken Bar B Qs. We expect to do another Chicken Bar B Q at our station on Saturday, June 5th as part of our participation in Community & Yard Sale Day.

REMINDER TO CALL 811 BEFORE-YOU-DIG

Are you planning to move dirt, plant a tree or install a mailbox, or dig a ditch of any kind? As a property owner it is your responsibility to Dial 811 three business days prior to digging. Your call will be routed to the local One Call Center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig, what type of work that will be done. The local utility companies that will be affected, will be notified about your intent to dig. In a few days, your local utility representative will mark the approximate location of your underground lines, pipes and cables, so you will know what is below and be able to dig safely. Remember to call 811 at least three business days prior to the start of your digging project. You'll avoid injury, expense, embarrassment and a very inconvenient day without electricity, water and other utilities.



Board of Supervisors Update

Zoning Map: The township engineer has been working on amending the zoning map, as per the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission recommendations. The proposed zoning map amendments are pursuant to the Future Land Use map of the Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in June of 2008. Before the Board of Supervisor's can vote on the enactment of a zoning map amendment, a public hearing will be scheduled. At least 30 days prior to a public hearing, all Washington Township property owners whose property is proposed to be rezoned, will receive a notice from the township of the date, time and location of the public hearing by first class mail.

State Building Codes: If you are planning a building project and have questions regarding the state building codes, or to inquire if your building project requires a building permit, contact Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. Light-Heigel was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to administer the provisions of the State Building Codes that was passed by the State Legislature You can reach Light-Heigel at 888-949-9728 or e-mail at permits@light-heigel.com.

Development Plans:

The Townes at Abbey Meadows: Preliminary approval was given by the Board of Supervisors for a proposed ninety-eight (98) residential townhouse community located on SR 225 approximately 1/2 mile north of the square in Elizabethtown east of Klinger Lumber. The start of construction is unknown at this time.



Pine Acres Development Extension: This development is located to the north of the Pine Acres Development. The start of construction is unknown at this time.

Abbey Meadows Development: This development is located on the east side of SR 225 approximately 3/4 mile north of the square in Elizabethtown between Klinger Lumber and Mopac. The start of construction is unknown at this time.

Web Site: Check out the township's web site at wtwp.org. The township's web site contains the entire Washington Township Code of Ordinances. The site also allows you to print permit applications and complete a search of the zoning district of your property.

Erosion Control: New state laws now require you to use Best Management Practices on all disturbed land. This means if you are digging out for a driveway or shed, or clear cutting land you must use BMP's to prevent erosion of the land. This is a change from the past where only larger soil disturbances were covered under the states erosion control guidelines. If you are going to dig, please call the Dauphin County Conservation District at 921-8100.

Yard Mowing: The Board of Supervisors asks that all property owners maintain the grass in your yards to a length of 6" or less as a courtesy to neighboring property owners.

Other: Residents are reminded that you should obtain permission from any land owner before you dump limbs or grass clipping on their land. Your large piles of clippings will kill the crops or make it almost impossible to plant other crops without cleaning up, or spreading the clippings. **DO NOT** dump clippings or limbs in ditches or culverts. We have had several culverts blocked by limbs and clippings. This is a major problem on Steve's Lane and West Bonnie Avenue. Please show some respect for your neighbor and their land!

Street Lights: If there is a street light in your neighborhood that is out, or cycles on and off, call the township office at 362-3191. The township will notify PPL to make the necessary arrangements for repair of the street light. You will need to furnish the township office with the following information: the "5-digit number" that is on a metal plate on the pole facing the street, and street address where the street light is located.

Wind Energy Facilities: On February 16, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to regulate wind energy facilities in Washington Township. The adopted ordinance can be reviewed on the township web-site at wtwp.org. Currently, the Board of Supervisors are reviewing a proposed ordinance, to allow for a smaller single unit wind energy facility, to service a single family residence as a permitted use in any zoning district.



Flood Maps: In the fall of 2009, Washington Township received new preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps are used to indicate the risk of flooding throughout the township.

There were no revisions made to base flood elevations in the township, although the maps contained errors to road names that were submitted to FEMA for correction. Washington Township will be required to adopt a new or amended floodplain ordinance that meets the National Flood Insurance Program requirements six months after FEMA issues a Letter of Final Determination.

EIT Collection: Act 32 of 2008 provides for the restructuring of the Earned Income Tax Collection System for Pennsylvania local governments and school districts. The act provides for a three year transition period and full implementation by January 2012. Supervisor, Doris Kauffman has been appointed delegate, and Supervisor, Stacey Rudisill has been appointed as an alternate delegate for Washington Township. Washington Township along with the school district, and various local gov-

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ernments appointed Kaye Thoma to represent them at the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee meetings.

Traffic Signal at Loyalton Intersection: Due to the continued stacking of traffic at the traffic signal in Loyalton, the Board of Supervisors had new traffic counts done to see if a left turn light is warranted. PennDOT also reviewed the study and concurs an east-bound left-turn light is warranted. The Board of Supervisors has recently been informed the cost to add the left turn light to the traffic signal is estimated at \$10,000. The Board of Supervisors are currently discussing this issue and have not made any decision to leave the light as is or add a left turn light.

Recycling Bins at Lykens Valley Shopping Plaza: How many times have you taken your recycling items to the recycling bins at the Lykens Valley Shopping Plaza only to discover that the bins are full? According to a representative at the Dauphin County Recycling Center, their trucks empty the bins once a week, and on occasion it may be every other week. Paper and cardboard are picked up on Monday and Tuesday, plastics on Wednesday, and glass on Thursday. The Recycling Center does discourage individuals from placing items outside the bins. The representative advised individuals tend to throw their items to the front of the bins which makes the bins appear to be full and recommended to try pushing the items that are already in the bins back, as sometimes the bins are not as full as they appear to be. Thanks to all of you that recycle!! NO TRASH should be dumped at the recycling bins. Removal of recyclables from the bins is considered theft. The County's selling of the recyclable materials collected assists with the costs of the recycling program.

If you would like additional information on any of the topics listed above, or any other township information, please stop by or call Donna at the office at 362-3191, or call any supervisor.

Stray Dogs & Pennsylvania Dog Law

There is a stray dog on your property and the dog just won't go away. Who do you contact to remove the stray dog from your property? If a stray dog is on your property, the State Dog Warden recommends that you contain the stray dog if possible, and then contact the State Dog Warden.

The State Dog Warden currently assigned to Dauphin County is Michael Zeigler. Michael can be contacted at 717-774-2780. If the State Dog Warden assigned to our area is not available, you can contact the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement at 717-787-3062. The State Dog Warden will also check licensing, do rabies checks, investigate dog bites, and investigate dogs that are not under reasonable control of the owner/handler. The State Dog Warden **does not** investigate barking dogs and will refer you to check if there is an ordinance in your municipality.

Washington Township does not have an ordinance pertaining to dogs and in most cases will refer you to contact the State Dog Warden.

Pennsylvania Dog Law requires all dogs must be under the reasonable control of you as owner or a handler. The best way to control your dog is with a leash. Remember dogs are personal property and owners are responsible for damages incurred by their dog.

Be respectful to your neighbor and take measures to keep your dog off your neighbor's property, unless, of course, you have your neighbor's permission. While walking your dog in residential areas, consider taking along provisions to remove your dog's fertilizer from someone else's property.



RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES

Property owners in Washington Township who currently rent or lease residential properties located in the township are required to provide the township with the addresses of all rental units, and supply the names and addresses of all tenants 18 years and older residing at the rental property.

In 1987, Washington Township enacted a Status of Occupancy of Rental Properties Ordinance. This ordinance requires each and every property owner to report any and all apartment buildings, mobile home parks, and all other residential rental homes and/or leased properties located in Washington Township. The ordinance requires this information be reported to the township within 60 days of occurrence.

Property owners who currently rent or lease residential properties in the township and did not file a Landlord Report form, or need to update their information of their rental property, such as, any changes in availability of rental units, parcels, new tenants occupying rental property 18 years and older, contact the township office or Tax Collector to request a Landlord Report form.

2010 TOWNSHIP BUDGET APPROVED

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors approved a \$560,550 General Fund Budget during the Board’s regular meeting held on December 15, 2009. All Taxes levied on real estate and occupations within the Township remained the same as in 2009, with the exception of the tax levied on street lights. Due to anticipated increases in electricity costs, the street light tax was increased from .60¢ to .73¢ a foot during 2010.

2010 Tax Levy

- Municipal Real Estate - .97 mills
- Fire Protection - .47 mills
- Street Light - .73¢ per foot
- Fire Hydrant - .0175 mills
- Per Capita - \$5 per person
- Earned Income – ½% on each dollar earned annually
- Real Estate Transfer – ½% of one percent

On March 1, 2010, Washington Township received their annual allocation of Liquid Fuel Taxes from the Commonwealth in the amount of \$84,996.68. The funds received from this allocation will be used for the maintenance of township roads.

2009 Income Summary

310 · Local Tax Enabling Act (Act 511	%63.61
301 · Real Estate Property Taxes	23.57
355 · State Shared Revenue & Entitlem	5.30
321 · Licenses & Permits	1.73
341 · Interest Earned	1.56
361 · Charges for Services	1.41
362 · Permits	1.14
331 · Fines	0.96
380 · Misc. Revenue	0.59
363 · Highways & Streets	0.10
342 · Rental of Buildings	0.03
Total	\$483,712.87

2009 Expense Summary

430 · Highway Maintenance Road Crew	%32.57
409 · Gen Gov. Buildings & Plant	18.70
411 · Fire	14.15
405 · Clerk-Secretary	9.59
408 · SEO & Engineer	4.60
480 · Insurance	3.97
438.00 · Highway Maint. Hwy & Brg Repair	2.98
404 · Law-Board of Supervisors	2.92
437.00 · Highway Maint.-Equip Repair	2.64
487 · Payroll Taxes	2.37
Other	5.50
Total	\$492,302.82



Can you guess where this bridge was located in Washington Township?

Answer at the bottom of Page 10

Photo - Courtesy of Ed Bechtel

If you have old photos of landmarks in Washington Township, email them to the township at washingtontownship@wtwp.org or drop them off at the office and we will scan them.



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COMPLAINTS/REQUESTS
“PENNSYLVANIA’S RIGHT TO KNOW POLICY”

The township office receives various complaints/requests from township residents throughout the year. We would like to inform township residents that complaints and requests received at the office are logged in, and are considered township records, which make them available for public inspection under Pennsylvania’s new “Right To Know Policy”.

In December of 2008, the Washington Township Board of Supervisors adopted a revised Open Records Policy as required by Act 3 of 2008. The “Right To Know Policy” is a state law that allows individuals to request copies of township documents deemed public records. All requests for public records must be submitted in writing on a “Right To Know Request Form” provided by the township, and submitted to the township secretary who was designated the Open Records Officer. A full copy of the township’s “Right To Know Policy” is posted on the township bulletin board and on the township’s website under township Information.

Answer to picture on page 9: Bridge on State Route 209 going east, Loyaltown is in the background!