# Washington Township Newsletter

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# Spring Cleanup to be held Sat. May 4th 9AM – 3 PM

It is that time of the year again. Cleanup Day for Washington Township residents! This is your opportunity to dispose of old, worn out items - or - items no longer used, and cleanup your property. The township will be accepting the following items:

Large articles & bulk junk: (examples: furniture, hot tubs, mattresses, appliances, exercise machines, fences, wash line posts, etc.)

<u>Electronics:</u> (computers, printers, televisions, etc.) The electronics collected will be delivered to the Dauphin County Recycling Center. All information on hard drives are destroyed by the county's recycler.

**<u>Bicycles:</u>** If a sufficient number of bicycles are received on Cleanup Day, they will be delivered to a recycler who will refurbish the bikes if needed. The bikes are then donated to disadvantaged children in the Harrisburg area.

Wood: We now recycle wood with the assistance of WW Pallet.

<u>Tires:</u> will be accepted for a fee and must be paid at time of delivery. The fee is as follows:

**\$2** per tire up to 15"; **\$3** per tire up to 17"; **\$5** per tire up to 20"; **\$12** per tire 21" and above. For tires mounted on wheels add **\$1** to each tire. Tires are recycled at an approved tire recycling plant.

**Items not accepted include:** batteries, chemicals, flammable and hazardous materials, household garbage, lawn and garden waste and liquid paints.

Bring your items to the rear of the township building. The township road crew will be on hand to assist township residents with unloading the items. To make it easier to unload, residents are asked to sort and load your items, in order, by these four categories: electronics, metals, tires, wood, and all other items.

Items will be accepted on Saturday <u>ONLY</u>. You <u>will</u> be asked to supply a picture ID and the last page of this newsletter that contains your address and parcel number for identification.

Cleanup Day is funded by Washington Township taxpayers and is intended for township residents to be able to dispose of hard to get rid of trash from their properties located in Washington Township. The

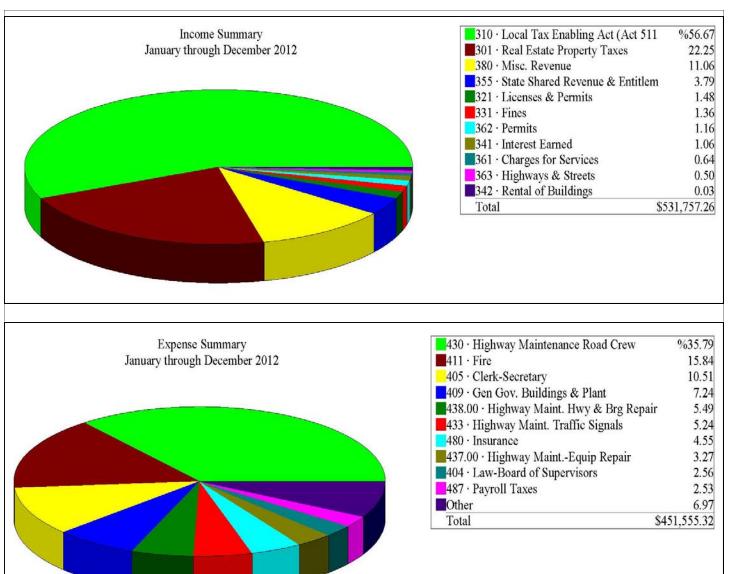


A normal Cleanup Day's trash will fill three 30 cu yd dumpsters

township will not accept items from the following: individuals that do not own property or reside in Washington Township, contractors work trash, or commercial businesses. Township personnel have the right to reject any items they deem not acceptable for disposal or any items from outside of Washington Township.

If you have questions prior to Cleanup Day, call the township office at 362-3191.

Keep Washington Township Clean. Use our Cleanup Days, Spring & Fall, instead of piling up or illegally disposing unwanted items on your property.



### 2013 Budget Adopted

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors approved a \$834,842 general fund budget for fiscal year 2013. There were no tax increases implemented in 2013.

Washington Township recently received their 2013 annual allocation of liquid fuels in the amount of \$90,404.84.

### 2013 Wash Twp. Tax Millage

Municipal Real Estate Fire Protection Per Capita Earned Income .97 mills .47 mills \$5 per person 1/2% on each dollar earned annually Street Lights Fire Hydrant Real Estate Transfer 55¢ a foot .17 mills 1/2 of 1%

### **2013 Spring Road Report**

**Road Signs -** Nothing new, just a reminder that all new street name signs will begin with a capital letter, then change to lower case letters. Some signs will have to be updated to minimum retro reflectivity requirements established in 2007. The original requirement was that all street name and overhead signs must be updated by 2018 and other post mounted signs by 2015. Penn Dot and/or MUTCD (Federal Requirements) have changed the regulations again—they have removed the deadline for replacing the signs as stated in the previous sentence, but they have not removed the requirements all signs must meet.

**Drainage** – The only drainage project will be berm drainage issues on Mohr Road. This work will be completed with other work to be performed on Mohr Road.

**Tree and Brush Trimming** – The road crew has been trimming trees and brush alongside township roads. This year, the same as last year, we used 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. So you understand our process using the boom mower, we will cut the trees one week and clean up the limbs the following week. 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 streets 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 has a very aggressive list of road work for this year. The Township Supervisors have approved work on Koppenhaver Road, and Seal Coat Mohr, Lenker, Botts, Savidge and Wert Roads. Mohr Road, from the Beagle Club road to Barger's driveway, will be widened to match the rest of Mohr Road and level some areas. We will also address any drainage on all the roads to be sealcoated.

**Guide Rails**— Guide rail was installed on Green Street to replace wooden poles that are deteriorated.

**Crack Sealing**—The road crew will be crack sealing roads that are going to be seal coated.

**Street Sweeping** – The road crew completed street sweeping the week of April 1st to remove the antiskid from this past winter. The reason for street sweeping has

nothing to do with appearance, it is a part of roadway maintenance and safety. By removing the antiskid from the roadway, we lower the risk of a motorcycle, bicycle or car skidding while turning or trying to brake. By removing antiskid we also have less material that accumulates on the berms of the roads, that would cause drainage issues and road damage from the water. We also would have to clean up the antiskid by cutting the berms with the grader, which would cost considerably more than street sweeping.

**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. If you have a question about installing something in the township's right of way, please call the township office.

Equipment—The township purchased a new line painter to paint road lines, stop bars and crosswalks. We are also scheduled to (Continued on page 4)



Part of Mohr Road will be widened to match the rest of the road.

### **Township Yard Waste Collection Center Now Open**

Washington Township is now accepting yard waste from township residents. The types of yard waste accepted include grass clippings, shrubs and flowers, leaves, and tree limbs up to 6 inches in diameter.

The hours of operation are as follows:

- $\Rightarrow$  Every Friday 9am 2 pm. You are asked to check in at the township office prior to unloading your waste.
- ⇒ The second Saturday each month from 9am 12 noon. On Saturday, drive to the rear of the township building.
- $\Rightarrow$  Monday through Thursday by appointment only. Call the township office at 362-3191.

Anyone bringing yard waste in bags and containers must take those empty containers off the township premises.

The disposal of yard waste is funded by Washington Township Taxpayers and is intended only for Washington Township residents to dispose of their yard waste. ID may be required. Washington Township will not accept yard waste from commercial landscapers, mowers, or tree trimmers. Township personnel have the right to reject yard waste not acceptable for disposal.





# Know what's **below. Call before you dig.**

If you have under ground utilities on your property and are planning to move dirt, install a mailbox, or just plant a tree, as a property owner it is your responsibility to Dial 811 three days prior to digging. Your call will be routed to the local One Call Center. Inform the operator where you are planning to dig, and what type of work 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 under ground lines, pipes and cables, so you will know the location of where the under ground utility is located and you will be able to dig safely.

Remember to call 811 at least three business days prior to the start of your digging project. Doing so will avoid injury, expense, embarrassment and a very inconvenient day without electricity and/or water.

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purchase a new utility truck this year.

We have a very full schedule for this year. We will try to get all the jobs completed, but we are currently in the process of hiring an employee. Until we hire someone and the extra time it will take to train the individual, we may not get all projects completed. If we do not get to all the projects, they will be completed next year. If you have any questions regarding our road projects, please call the township office for up to date information.

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!

### **Complaints/Requests**

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 "Right To Know Policy".

### "Pennsylvania's Right To Know Policy"

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors adopted an 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 has been 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.



The Washington Townshp Board of Supevisors are currently seeking township residents to fill a vacancy on the Recreation Board and an Alternate Member on the Zoning Hearing Board. Resi-

dents interested in serving on any of the above boards are encouraged to call the township office at 362-3191 to obtain more information.

## Yard Sale Planned this Year?

If you post a sign advertising your yard sale, please remember to remove the sign after your yard sale. In the past, a large number of yard sale signs posted to direct people to yard sales were not removed and the signs blew into your neighbors yard or along the roadsides. Hope you have a successful yard sale, but remember to remove all your signs.

### **Dog Complaints**

A stray dog is on your property and won't leave, the neighbors dog is always in your yard, walkers are allowing their dogs to do their business on your yard, a neighbors dog is barking day and night. These are some of the complaints the township office receives from township residents. If you have an issue with a dog, the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement may be able to assist you with resolving your issue. The State Dog Warden will check licensing, conduct 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 contact the municipality you live in. Washington Township does not have a dog enforcement ordinance and in most cases will refer you to contact the state dog warden or ask you if you contacted the owner of the dog to resolve the issue. To register a complaint with the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement online go to www.agriculture.state.pa.us website and fill out a dog law complaint form. In order for your complaint to be properly investigated in a timely manner, complete all the information on the form. If you would rather speak to someone, the state dog warden currently assigned to Dauphin County is Mike Zeigler who can be contacted at 717-480-9737. In the event the dog warden is not avail-

able, contact the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement at 717-787-3062. Pennsylvania Dog Law requires all dogs must be under reasonable control of you as owner or a handler. Dogs are personal property and owners are responsible for the damages incurred by their dog.



### On Lot Sewage System Questions

Township residents who have questions concerning an on lot sewer system or a malfunctioning system shall contact Brian McFeaters, the township's appointed Sewage Enforcement Officer at 717-813-6492.

If Brian is unavailable at the time you call, he asks that you leave your name, phone number, and mention that you reside in Washington Township. Brian will return your call as soon as he is available.

### **On Lot Septic System Pumping Requirements**

In July of 2008, the Board of Supervisors 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 township designated the pumping schedule by using the middle number of a property parcel number. To determine the year a property is designated to be pumped, look at the address label on this newsletter. Match the middle number of the property parcel number with the schedule listed below. Example:  $66-\underline{9}-100$ . (designated for pumping in 2014)

| Year | 2013 | Property Parcel Numbers: 1,2,3,4,6           |
|------|------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year | 2014 | Property Parcel Numbers: 9,19,20             |
| Year | 2015 | Property Parcel Numbers: 8,11,12,18          |
| Year | 2016 | Property Parcel Numbers: 7,10                |
| Year | 2017 | Property Parcel Numbers: 5,13,14,15,17,21,22 |
|      |      |                                              |

Notice of the 2013 pumping requirement were mailed to all property owners in January of this year. A Pumper's Report Form was included with the notice. Please contact the township office at 362-3191 if you have not received your notice.

After your on lot septic system has been pumped, your pumper/hauler will need to complete the Pumper's Report Form mailed with your notification. The white copy of the Pumper's Report Form and a copy of the billing invoice must be submitted to the township office by December 31st. Most pumper/haulers will submit the required documents to the township office, but check with your pumper/hauler to make certain it has been done. If repairs are needed to your on lot septic system, contact the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Brian Mcfeaters at 717-813-6492.

A township property owner may choose any DEP certified pumper/hauler and have their septic system pumped out more often than the five year requirement, if necessary. Listed below are the names and phone numbers of certified pumper/haulers township residents have been contacting to pump out their septic tanks.

| Kisssy's Septic Cleaning   | 717-362-9437 | Klines Services, Inc.         | 717-898-8158 |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Masser & Smeltz, Inc.      | 717-896-8228 | Maurer's Septic Service       | 570-682-9431 |
| PA Environmental Solutions | 570-274-1755 | Peterman Bros. Septic Service | 717-362-6438 |
| T & T Services, Inc.       | 717-692-0656 |                               |              |
|                            |              |                               |              |

Any questions regarding this program, please call the township office at 362-3191.



### Washington Township Wins Statewide Award for Communication Effort

Washington Township's efforts to keep its township residents updated have earned the township an award for its entry in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens.

Washington Township was chosen as the third place winner in the Newsletters, Class 4 category, for townships with populations of 2,500 and under. In the same category, Brush Valley Twp. from Indiana County won first place and Latimore Twp. in Adams County won second place.

All entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to township residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability.

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# **Reliance Hose Co. #1**

Serving Elizabethville Borough and Washington Township



#### 2012 Annual Report

The company responded to a total of 113 emergency calls, 41 in Elizabethville Borough, 53 in Washington Township, and 19 Mutual Aid calls to our neighboring fire companies. Reliance Hose Company received mutual aid from our neighboring companies 21 times. Our members committed 1,690 hours providing emergency services.

The cost of fire damage in 2012 was \$27,550 in Elizabethville and \$1,300 in Washington Township. There were no fire related injuries to any citizens and only 1 injury to a firefighter.

There was an average of 14 firefighters at the 50 weekly training sessions held in the station for a total of 1,257 personnel hours committed to training. Additionally, firefighters committed an additional 328 hours of specialized training certified by various state agencies. The total training commitment was 1,585 hours. The company members also conducted fire drills and facility preplanning tours at a retirement home and schools.

Members of Reliance Hose Company did 11 Fire Prevention and Education presentations to Kindergarten, Nursery Schools, the Amish Schools, Boy Scouts and at several public community functions. There were 211 personnel hours committed to prevention & safety.

The company participated in 10 Public Service Events such as Memorial Day Services, Community Day, the Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat, the Upper Dauphin Human Services Holiday Express Drive, and others. Members committed 667 personnel hours to these efforts.

In 2012 the volunteers of Reliance Hose Company committed 1689 hours at emergency events, 1,585 hour in training, 210 hours doing fire prevention and education and 667 hours of public service. Additionally, many hours are spent cleaning and maintaining our property, apparatus, and equipment. The officers such as Chiefs, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, & Firemen's Relief Treasurer and our committee members spend many hours conducting the business of the company. Approximately 950 hours are spent doing these maintenance and administrative functions. Total hours committed by the company volunteers in 2013 was 5,1031 hour which means that our 34 active members would have averaged a contribution of 150 hours each. That is equivalent to almost 4 full 40 hour work weeks per volunteer.

Volunteers are always welcome. In 2012 the Reliance Hose Company had 34 Emergency Response Personnel. Due to retirements, members moving and other family commitments, we begin 2013 with only 29 Emergency Response Personnel. As is the case with many volunteer fire companies, firefighters are in short supply, especially during daylight hours on weekdays. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter, please visit us at the station at 333 West Main St. Elizabethville. Members are at the station every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 or you can call 362-8121.

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| TT- | Time Commitment in personnel | hour                 |   |
|-----|------------------------------|----------------------|---|
|     | Response                     | 1690                 |   |
|     | Training                     | 1585                 |   |
| MAN | Prevention & Education       | 211                  |   |
|     | Public Service               | 667                  |   |
| The | Administration & Maintenance | 950                  |   |
|     | TOTAL                        | 5103                 |   |
|     | divided by 34 members =      | 150 hours per person | - |

Firefighter Equipment is regulated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Chicken Bar B Q</u> Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 until gone. (Elizabethville Yard Sale Day)

#### <u>Aluminum Cans</u>

Don't forget to give us your aluminum cans. There is a red box for collection behind the station. We appreciate aluminum cans in bags only. Thanks for your support.

Car Wash

To benefit the Children's Christmas Party to be scheduled at the station this summer.



### Election Day, Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Polls are open at the township building on Manors Road 7AM – 8 PM

The most important job as an "AMERICAN" - VOTE







Prior to building, expanding, changing the existing use, or adding a structure, a zoning and/or building permit(s) are required before you begin your project.

#### **Township Zoning Permit Requirements**

A zoning permit is required to construct any new building, enlarge an existing building, expand or change the existing use of a building. A zoning permit is also required for pools, sheds, decks, signs, temporary structures.

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

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

#### State Building Permit Requirements

A building permit is required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building, or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, mechanical (including gas and/or propane) or plumbing system regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code. Other projects that require a building permit are pools and spas, attached carports, attached decks or decks higher that 30" above grade, retaining walls over 4' high, fences over 6' high, sidewalks and driveways that are 30" above adjacent grade or placed over a basement or story below.

The State Building Code excludes building permits for 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 excluded from state building code requirements. These exclusions are not exempt from zoning permit requirements.

Washington Township does not administer or enforce the provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code. The Board of Supervisors has appointed two outside sources to administer the UCC. Township residents who need a build-ing permit may contact either UCC Administrator listed below.

Lehigh Engineering, LLC 200 Mahantongo St. Pottsville, PA 17901 Phone: 570-628-2300 Applications available at township office or Lehigh will mail an application Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. 906 North River Road Halifax, PA 17032 Phone: 896-8881 or 1-800-257-2190 Applications: www.light-heigel.com

# 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 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** Flood-plain 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.

### Washington Township Contacts:

#### **Township Supervisors**

| Name                           | Phone    | Term Expires |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Jim "Bull" Watson - Chairman   | 362-3247 | 12-31-15     |
| Ron Strohecker - Vice Chairman | 362-9535 | 12-31-17     |
| Benjamin Brown                 | 362-8967 | 12-31-17     |
| Daryl Deitrich                 | 362-8234 | 12-31-13     |
| Stacey Rudisill                | 319-5495 | 12-31-13     |

Board Secretary — Donna Sitlinger Office — 362-3191 <u>Meeting Dates:</u> First & Third Tuesday of the Month—7PM

#### **Planning Commission Members**

| Name                                        | Term Expires |  |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Harold Hoffman — Chairman                   | 12-31-13     |  |
| Doris Kauffman— Vice Chairman               | 12-31-15     |  |
| Gerald Lettich—Secretary                    | 12-31-14     |  |
| Matthew Buffington                          | 12-31-16     |  |
| William Mattern                             | 12-31-15     |  |
| 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 amendments, review subdivision and 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 township residents are encouraged to attend.

#### **Zoning Hearing Board Members**

| Name                        | Term Expires |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Steven J. Harman — Chairman | 12-31-15     |  |
| Scott Klouser               | 12-31-13     |  |
| Rick W. Stence              | 12-31-14     |  |
| Eric Wise— Alternate        | 12-31-13     |  |
| Vacancy — Alternate         | 12-31-15     |  |
| Contact Number: 362-3191    |              |  |
| Monting Date: As Nondad     |              |  |

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. All members serve three year terms.

#### **Miscellaneous Contacts**

Winifred Reed, Tax Collector 362-8382 Brian McFeaters, Sewage Enf. Officer 717-813-6492 Ron Stephens, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer Rus Walborn, Sr., Emergency Management Coordinator

#### Washington Township Recreation Board

| <u>Name</u>                   | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Andrew Warfel—Chairman        | 12-31-13            |
| Matthew Stoneroad — Secretary | 12-31-17            |
| Terry Bowser                  | 12-31-14            |
| Janine Schaffner              | 12-31-15            |
| Vacancy                       | 12-31-16            |

Meeting Date: Third Wednesday of the Month-8PM

Recreation Board members are appointed by the supervisors and oversee the recreation activities and improvements to the Loyalton Park. Recreation members serve five year terms.

#### **Elizabethville Area Authority**

| <u>Name</u>                             | Term Expires |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Jeffrey Fetterhoff— Chairman            | 12-31-15     |
| Dennis Henninger—Vice Chairman          | 12-31-17     |
| Peggy Kahler—Treasurer                  | 12-31-13     |
| Richard Reed (Twp Rep) - Asst. Treasure | er 12-31-13  |
| Russell Snyder— Secretary               | 12-31-14     |
| Jerry Stoneroad — (Twp Rep.) Asst Sec.  | 12-31-15     |
| Cathy Troutman                          | 12-31-16     |

Contact Number: 362-3582 <u>Meeting Date:</u> 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 Jerry Stoneroad 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

| Name                                          | Term Expires |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Charles Laudenslager Jr. — Chairman           | 12-31-14     |  |
| Craig Smeltz— Vice Chairman                   | 12-31-13     |  |
| Doris Kauffman— Treasurer                     | 12-31-17     |  |
| Matthew Buffington—Secretary                  | 12-31-15     |  |
| Keith Malzi                                   | 12-31-16     |  |
| 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.

### **Board of Supervisors Update**

**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.

**Web Site:** Washington Township's website address is wtwp.org. The township's website contains a wealth of information including 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. The website also includes links to various state and county government entities.



### Grass Height in yards:

The Board of Supervisors asks all property owners to maintain the

height of the grass in yards, to a length of 6 inches or less, as a courtesy to neighboring property owners.

**Erosion Control:** 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.

**Disposing of Clippings/Flower Pots in Culverts :** Residents are reminded that you should obtain permission from any land owner before you dump limbs or grass clippings on their property. DO NOT dump clippings or limbs in ditches or culverts. We have had several culverts blocked by limbs, grass clippings, and flower pots.

**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 the bins are full? According to a representative at Dauphin County Recycling, individuals tend to throw their items to the front of the bins which makes the bins appear to be full. It is 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. Placing items outside of the bins is illegal. Please take your items home and bring back at a time when there is room in the bins to dispose of your items. 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 or any other township information, please call any supervisor or the township office at 362-3191.

2013 Fall Cleanup Day: Township property owners disposed of 14.49 ton of garbage, (1) trailer loads of electronics, (2) truck loads of tires and 1 bike.

**Burn Barrels:** The Board of Supervisors ask all property owners who live in close proximity to your neighbor to be considerate and refrain from burning items that tend to smolder all day. Burning items other than paper, like for example food, plastics, and other hard to burn materials, tend to smolder for a large portion of the day. The township office has received some concerns from residents who prefer to open their windows up on warm days and find they must close their windows due to the odor emitting into their home from the smoldering



## ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH ACTIVITIES

Yard & Craft Event to be held on June 7th and 8th.



Food and Craft vendors will be set up on Broad Street.

### **Elizabethville Area Bicentennial**

Several committees have been established and plans are underway for the event in 2017. Volunteers are needed to serve on various committees. Call the Elizabethville Borough office at 362-7945 for more information



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New Line Striper purchased last June to paint various lines on road. We will be painting lines this spring.

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### NEW RULES FOR DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONICS

With the state Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 effective January of this year, new rules were implemented prohibiting consumers from throwing away computers, monitors, laptops, televisions, and other electronics with their normal trash. Waste Haulers can no longer take these items unless the municipality has a curbside electronics collection program that will take these items directly to an electronics recycler.

With the millions of electronic devices that are disposed of yearly, it is important to implement the proper disposal of such items. Most electronic items contain heavy metals, as well as other materials that do not belong in with the normal trash. Many electronic devices also contain valuable metals that can be separated and reused in new products.

The law also requires manufacturers of covered devices to provide for the collection, transportation, and recycling of these items through one-day events, permanent collection programs, or mail-back options. Some retailers also accept electronics for recycling either at no charge or in exchange for rebates or coupons. A current list of manufacturers and retailers currently accepting electronic devices for recycling is available by calling DEP's toll free recycling hotline at 800-346-4242.



The Dauphin County Recycling Center located on South Cameron Street, Harrisburg offers free electronic recycling to all Dauphin County residents. Contact the Recycling Center at 717-982-6772 for information.

Washington Township will continue to accept electronics from township residents during our spring and fall cleanup program.