

Washington Township Newsletter

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Fall Clean Up Saturday, October 2nd 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, October 2, 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, October 2nd. The township road crew will be available to assist you in unloading the items

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TRICK OR TREAT!

Washington Township
Trick or Treat Night
Sunday, October 31st (6-8 PM)
Be careful crossing the streets.
HAVE A GREAT TIME!

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 October—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.

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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.

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 Taxpayers 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 any items and items not acceptable for disposal.**

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



Clean up those old tires!

ZONING / BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

There are various projects they may require an individual to apply for two separate permits when new construction or additions are added to a property.

Zoning Permits:

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. A zoning permit is also required for the following:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Above or in-ground pool | Porch, deck or patio |
| Pre-fabricated shed | Sign |
| Temporary structure | |

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

Building Permits:

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, 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 than 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 generally 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 generally excluded from state building code requirements. **These exclusions are not exempt from zoning permit requirements.** A zoning permit application must be filed with Washington Township for the above listed State Building Code exclusions.

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. Building permits are issued through Light-Heigel. Any questions pertaining to and/or obtaining an application for a building permit, contact Light-Heigel at 1-800-257-2190 or e-mail permits@light-heigel.com. Building Permit applications are also available on Light-Heigel's website (www.light-heigel.com)

As stated above, some building projects only require a zoning or a building permit and some building projects require obtaining two permits (a zoning and a building permit) When in doubt, contact the Township office and the Light-Heigel & Associates office to inquire on zoning and building permit requirements and fees. Keep in mind that zoning and building permits are not issued on the same day you submit your application. Plan to submit your application(s) a few weeks prior to beginning construction to allow ample time for review of your application (s).

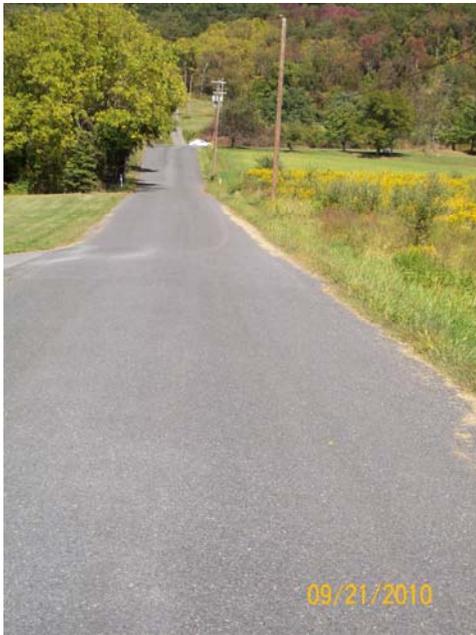
2010 Fall Road Report

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. We will also be checking all roadside markers in preparation for winter.

Drainage – The township replaced pipes and improved drainage on Mohr Road, Henninger Road and will work on State Drive berms this year. We will probably run out of time and will not cut berms as planned until next spring.

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 live in a development and your trees are within four feet of the road, you will soon receive a letter notifying you to trim your trees, 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 and so our dump trucks will be able to pass safely to plow snow.

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 - This year we seal coated Gun Club Road, part of Johns Street 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.

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 at your expense to replace.

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! If you have an emergency road issue, you can call the township office at 717-362-3191 or after business hours call 717-979-0320.

Gun Club Road was seal coated this year. This process normally lasts 5-8 years before additional work is required.

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:

Example: 66-009-100 - pumping due 2014
Property Parcel Number (Middle Number)

Year On Lot Sewage System to be Pumped

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 required 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 submit a copy of the billing invoice you received from your pumper/hauler to the township office. A property owner will be considered to be in compliance with the ordinance during the initial five-year pumping schedule.

Any 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.

Reminder: All property owners who were mailed notices in January 2010, please re-member to schedule your pumping and submit the required documents to the Township office by December 31, 2010.

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.

Washington Township History



*Etzweiler and Helt General Store and Post Office
in the very early 1900's*

This store was located in Loyalton at the northwest corner of Route 209 and South Crossroads Rd. A later partner of this same store, Wayne B Johns, had a disagreement with the other partner and decided to build a store across the street around 1904. The “new store” pictured below is located on the southeast corner of Route 209 and Oakdale Station Road. In 1915 Wayne sold the store to Harvey H. Snyder of Jackson Township, Dauphin County, who had owned the Mountain House. The building is still standing today, and was last used for residential purposes.

This store was operated by Harvey and Jenny Snyder until 1948 and was then passed to Clayton and Amy Snyder Bechtel. Pictured are Clayton Bechtel on the left and Harvey Snyder on the right. Amy was the sole owner when the store closed in September of 1969. Early on, the third floor of the building was used as a meeting hall for the Loyalton Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. A post office was located in the rear of the store for many years. The building is still standing and is currently being used as an apartment building.

**Photos and information
courtesy of Ed Bechtel**



H H Snyder General Store in 1915

If any township resident has any old pictures and information on the history of Washington Township and would like to have your information placed in a future publication of the Washington Township Newsletter, please contact the township office.



Reliance Hose Co. #1

Serving Elizabethville Borough and Washington Township



Reliance Hose Company has placed a new Rescue Pumper in service. This unit replaces our 1982 Pumper and our 1995 Rescue Truck combining an engine and rescue into one vehicle which will lower operating costs. In addition to increased rescue and fire capabilities this new piece of apparatus increases firefighter safety and allows a more versatile and efficient response dependent upon the time of day and available personnel.

Fire Prevention Week is October 3 – 9, 2010

Fire Crew members are preparing to make our annual Fire Prevention Presentations to our citizens. We annually make two visits to the Upper Dauphin Kindergarten classes, two Amish schools, and several visits to Day Care Centers. Additionally we are visited at the station by groups such as the Girl Scouts. Many of our members take vacation time from work to be able to present these programs. We will also have **Open House** at the Fire Station on **Wednesday, October 6th** from **7 – 8 PM**. Come out and meet the crew and see our equipment.

Fire Safety is No Accident

1. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
2. Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling.
3. Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace battery right away.
4. If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets.
5. Call 911 from a neighbor or a cell phone.
6. Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home. Practice the plan at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
7. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
8. Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.

**LOYALTON WASTE WATER
TREATMENT PLANT
QUARTERLY RATE INCREASE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011**

The Washington Township Authority members recently adopted a resolution to increase the quarterly sewer rates for residents connected to the Loyalton Waste Water Treatment Plant. The current quarterly base rate is \$130. Effective January 1, 2011 the quarterly base rate will increase by \$10 to \$140 a quarter or \$560 per year. There has not been a sewer rate increase since July 1, 2002. According to Authority members, due to increased costs to operate the Waste Water Treatment Plant, we had no choice but to increase the sewer rates to our customers.



A lot of different birds and wild animals make their home at the Loyalton Waste Water Treatment Plant. Go for a walk around the lagoons and enjoy the wildlife!

**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.



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

Are you planning to move dirt, plant a tree or install a mailbox? As a property owner it is your responsibility to Dial 811 a few 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, and 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 and water.

**Residents Needed to Serve
on Various Boards**

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors is currently seeking township residents to fill the following board vacancies:

- ❖ **Washington Township Authority** has one vacancy. The Authority serves the sewage needs of the Loyalton area. The Authority meets the second Tuesday each month.
- ❖ **Zoning Hearing Board** currently has two vacancies for alternate members. The Zoning Hearing Board hears appeals to the township's zoning ordinance and Zoning Officer decisions. Hearings are held as needed.

Residents interested in serving on any of the above boards, are encouraged to call the township office at (362-3191) or stop by the township office to obtain more information.

On Lot Sewage System question or malfunctions?

Call Washington Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer, Brian McFeaters, at 717-813-6492 and he will answer your sewage questions or assist you in resolving your sewage problem.

Board of Supervisors Update

Proposed Zoning Map Amendment: The township engineer is continuing his work on amending the zoning map, as per the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission’s recommendations. The proposed zoning map amendments are pursuant to the Future Land Use map of the Comprehensive Plan adopted June of 2008. Prior to the Board of Supervisors voting on the enactment to 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.

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: 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.



Grass Height in yards: The Board of Supervisors asks that all property owners maintain the grass in your yard, to a length of 6 inches or less, as a courtesy to neighboring property owners.

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.

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 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, grass clippings, and flower pots.** This is a major problem on **Steve’s Lane and West Bonnie Avenue and Dietrich Road.** Please show some respect for your neighbor and their land!

Traffic Signal at Loyaltown Intersection: The Board of Supervisors are continuing to work with the traffic engineer to improve

the traffic signal operations at the Loyaltown intersection to alleviate the continued stacking of traffic that is experienced on the eastbound (north) approach of Route 209. The Board of Supervisors recently approved our engineer’s recommendation to change the timing of the traffic signal. This change will automatically increase the green signal time on Route 209, or South Crossroads Road as the traffic increases and return the signal to the normal time mode as traffic decreases. Before the changes can be made to the traffic signal, PennDot is requiring that a traffic count and analysis indicating the changes for the traffic signal timings and phases be provided in order to revise the traffic signal permit plan. Although Penn Dot makes the local municipality responsible for all costs associated with traffic signals on state highways, the township is not allowed to change the setup of the signals without PennDot’s prior approval. In this case, we must complete the new traffic studies, as PennDot will not accept the previous studies that were completed on this intersection.

Flood Maps: The Board of Supervisors are currently waiting to receive a final letter from FEMA notifying the new flood map is final. The final letter initiates the six-month adoption period. Washington Township must adopt or amend its floodplain management regulations during this six-month period.

Wind Energy Facilities: The Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance on June 15, 2010 amending the zoning ordinance to provide for a single wind energy facility for a single residential unit. This ordinance allows for smaller single unit wind energy facilities, servicing a single family residence, as a permitted use in any zoning district with less regulations and expense. The existing ordinance that was adopted in February 2010 is directed more for commercial use. The ordinances can be reviewed on the township website at wtwp.org.



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 ap-

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proximately 3/4 mile north of the square in Elizabethtown between Klinger Lumber and Mopac. The start of construction is unknown at this time.

Dauphin County Stormwater Management Plan: The Board of Supervisors recently received notification from DEP informing that the Dauphin County Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan has been approved by DEP. This plan is a county wide plan which covers all municipalities in Dauphin County. The deadline for enacting an ordinance to satisfy the requirements of Act 167 is December 25, 2010.

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 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. 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.

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.

STRAY DOGS & PENNSYLVANIA DOG LAW

There is a stray dog on your property and the dog does not have an identification tag. Who do you contact to assist you with removing the stray dog from your property? The State Dog Warden recommends the stray dog be contained if possible, and contact the State Dog Warden.

The State Dog Warden currently assigned to Dauphin County is Natahnee Shrawder. Natahnee can be contacted at 717-564-1680. If the State Dog Warden assigned to our area is not available, 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 neighbors and take measures to keep your dog off their property, unless you have your neighbor's permission. While walking your dog in residential areas, try to keep your dog off the yards. The Township office does receive calls from time to time from property owners complaining about individuals walking their dogs and allowing their dogs to fertilize on their yards and not cleaning it up. Keep in mind, some property owners do not appreciate your dog's fertilizer deposited in their yard, so consider taking along provisions to remove your dog's fertilizer. Enjoy walking your dog!



Winter Storm Event Information for the General Public

As winter draws closer, the Township road crew is busy maintaining the equipment necessary to handle snow and ice removal from the Township roadways. The following is the general snow and ice removal policy for the Township. This is a general policy, with suggestions for the residents to help make snow and ice removal more efficient and effective, each storm will dictate how it is implemented and what adjustments will be made.

For winter storms, the Township is divided into sections with a truck assigned to each section. The main priority of the Township is to have the roads under its jurisdiction safe for the traveling public. The main priority of each vehicle is to open each street in its assigned area.

At the start of each storm, all the trucks are loaded with salt and/or anti skid, and sent out to its assigned area with instruction to salt and/or spread anti skid on the intersections, hills, and curve areas first, then salt and/or spread anti skid on all other areas. Salt needs the movement of traffic to make it most effective. If it seems your street has not been salted, it may be there has not been enough traffic traveling on the road for the salt to start working. For the initial plowing sequence, the drivers are instructed to make one pass in each direction on the street and one pass in and one out of cul-de-sacs.

Washington Township has approximately 29 miles of roads. Due to the width of our roads in developments, we plow a total 189 lane miles. Our first objective is to make each road passable. After that has been achieved we will commence pushing snow off of the roads, edge to edge. This may not start for a few hours after we have opened the roads, or until the following day because the employees will be sent home to rest and or to comply with Commercial Drivers License requirements.

Suggestions for residents to help make the snow removal effort more effective and efficient are as follows:

VEHICLE PARKING: If at all possible, park off the roadway in your driveway. In the case of those homes with steep driveways, just park in the mouth of the driveway off the roadway. Cul-de-sacs are difficult enough to plow without any vehicles parked in them, so please park all vehicles off the roads in the driveways. It doesn't help to park at the end of the cul-de-sac along the curb or to stack park vehicles in that area. Many cul-de-sacs have storm drains at the end of them and we try to push the snow into that area.

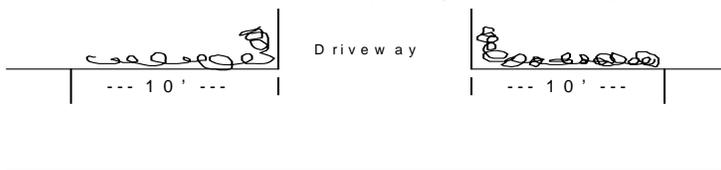
FIRE HYDRANTS: For you and your neighborhoods protection, please shovel the snow from any fire hydrants that are located on or near your property. Remember to shovel wide enough for a fireman, sometime two, to access the hydrant.

MAILBOXES: Please check your mailbox for its condition and position in relation to the edge of the road. It is not permitted for the box to extend over the road surface in developments with curbs. On township roads without curbs, the front of the mailbox should be four feet from the edge of the road. Accidents do happen and if a Township plow hits and damages your mailbox, please call the township office and we will explain our current policy and assist you in any way we can.

BASKETBALL HOOPS: The front edge of all basketball hoops must be four feet from the edge of the road. The height of our trucks varies from seven feet to twelve feet, while salting and plowing. If you do not move your basketball hoop during the winter months, there is a good chance the hoop will be hit by our trucks. The townships policy is not to reimburse you for any damage caused to your basketball hoop by our trucks if the hoop is within township right of way.

DRIVEWAYS: The Township receives complaints with regards to having recently shoveled driveway entrances plowed in. Some suggestions for shoveling driveways are:

1. Wait until all plowing operations have ceased before shoveling your driveway.
2. When shoveling out your driveway, leave the last 6' unshoveled until plowing operations on your street are completed.
3. When shoveling your driveway, the following diagram will show the best way to do it and avoid having the plow cast mounds of snow back across it.



Shovel out into the street about 10', and 10' in either direction from your driveway along the curb line or edge of the roadway. This clear area allows the plow to unload most of the snow before crossing the front of the driveway.

Above all, please be patient and allow the plows time to do their job. We do not have enough personnel to work 24 hours a day, so your eyes are important to us. To report any severe drifting or icing, call the Township at 362-3191, or when the office is closed, call our Roadmaster, Bob Crabb, at 979-0320 (cell), leaving your name, phone number, nature of problem, and we will take care of it as soon as possible.



Please Slow Down during winter storms. Remember, Bridges and Culverts freeze before the road surface!



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