

Washington Township Newsletter

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Spring Clean Up Saturday, May 7th 9 AM – 3 PM



It is that time of the year again. Clean Up Day for Washington Township residents! This is your opportunity to dispose of old, worn out items – or – items you no longer use, and spruce up your property. The township will be accepting:

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

Electronics: (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.

Bicycles: If a sufficient number of bicycles are received on Clean Up 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.

Tires: will be accepted for a fee and must be paid at time of delivery.

\$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.

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

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BRIDGE RESTORATION PROJECTS SCHEDULED IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP THIS YEAR

Three bridges located in Washington Township are slated for restoration later this year.

PennDOT is planning a bridge restoration project involving the bridge located on Rakers Mill Road. The anticipated improvements include a complete superstructure replacement (deck and beams) and some minor substructure repair work. At this time, construction is scheduled to begin around the end of July and is anticipated to be completed by mid November.



Feidt Road Bridge

Dauphin County is planning restoration projects involving two county-owned bridges located on Feidt Road and Matter Road. The deck will be replaced on the Feidt Road bridge and the Matter Road bridge will be milled and overlaid. The approach guiderails will also be updated on both bridges. It is anticipated both structures will be under construction for 3 months during the summer/fall of 2011.

Due to the extent and nature of the work on all three structures, the bridges will be closed to traffic and will require that all traffic be detoured around the bridge sites. Watch for detour signs later this summer!

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	12-31-14

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
Steven C. Weller	12-31-11
Shirley Kenno	12-31-13

Vacancy — Alternate	12-31-13
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. All members serve three year terms.

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

Washington Township Recreation Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Andrew Warfel—Chairman	12-31-13
Kevin Hoch — Secretary	12-31-11
Matthew Stonerod	12-31-12
Terry Bowser	12-31-14
Vacancy	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	12-31-15
Dominick Balsarick, Jr. (Twp Rep) - Treasurer	12-31-15
Richard Reed (Twp Rep) - Asst. Treasurer	12-31-13
Dennis Henninger — Secretary	12-31-12
Peggy Kahler —Asst Secretary	12-31-13
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
Vacancy — Vice Chairman	12-31-11
Craig Smeltz — Secretary	12-31-13
Doris Kauffman—Treasurer	12-31-12
Vacancy	12-31-15

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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and liquid paints.

Items will be accepted on Saturday ONLY. Drive to the rear of the township building.

You will be asked to supply a picture ID and the last page of this newsletter that contains your address and parcel number for identification.

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

Clean Up 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



Clean up those old tires!

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 items from outside of Washington Township.

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

It is spring clean up time. You have found some items that the township will not accept to dispose of during their clean up. Did you know that Dauphin County sponsors a free curbside collection of household hazardous waste to Dauphin County households one time per calendar year? Examples of materials collected include: weed killers, pool chemicals, auto fluids, oil and lead based paint only, old gasoline, anti-freeze, etc. To inquire if that old container of material that you have been storing in the basement or shed for years and is taking up valuable space, is accepted for disposal in this program, call the Curbside Program at 1-800-449-7587 - or - submit your request online at curbsideinc.com; click on the residential section, and someone will respond to your request within one working day. In the event your material is acceptable, a collection date will be scheduled, a household hazardous kit will be shipped to your home, and your material will be picked up at your residence.

ZONING/BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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 pools, sheds, decks, signs, 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 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 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.** A zoning permit application must be filed with Washington Township for the above listed State Building Code exclusions.

Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. has been 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).

2011 Spring Road Report

Road Signs - Signs are a never ending issue as Penn Dot and/or MUTCD (Federal Requirements) seem to enjoy changing the sign regulations. In the future you will see 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 retroreflectivity requirements established in 2007. Street name and overhead signs must be updated by 2018 and other post mounted signs by 2015. We are also replacing many damaged signs throughout the township.

Drainage – The township will be replacing pipes on Oakdale Station Road in preparation for chipping this year. The road crew will also cut 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 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 - This year the road crew will be working on crack sealing and drainage issues. The road crew will be seal coating Oakdale Station, Part of Manors Road, Maurer and Ice Pond Roads. We are also going to pave Steve’s Lane, which will include widening the northern part of the road, and West Vicki Lane.

Guide Rails— No new installs this year.

Crack Sealing—The road crew will continue crack sealing in the fall.

Street Sweeping – The road crew completed street sweeping the week of April 18th 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. If you have a question about installing something in the township’s right of way, please call the township office.

This is an aggressive list for this year and we will try to accomplish all our projects. 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!

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 that were 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.



Listed Below are the results of the Census 2010 population counts for our area.

Geographic Area	Census: April 1, 2010	Census: April 1, 2000	Change: 2000 to 2010
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	12,281,054	421,325
Dauphin County	268,100	251,798	16,302
Berrysburg borough	368	354	14
Elizabethville borough	1,510	1,344	166
Gratz borough	765	676	89
Halifax borough	841	875	-34
Halifax township	3,483	3,329	154
Jackson township	1,941	1,728	213
Jefferson township	362	327	35
Lykens borough	1,779	1,937	-158
Lykens township	1,618	1,095	523
Mifflin township	784	662	122
Millersburg borough	2,557	2,562	-5
Pillow borough	298	304	-6
Reed township	239	182	57
Upper Paxton township	4,161	3,930	231
Washington township	2,268	2,047	221
Wayne township	1,341	1,184	157
Wiconisco township	1,210	1,168	42
Williams township	1,112	1,135	-23
Williamstown borough	1,387	1,433	-46

EAA RECEIVES GRANT TO PURCHASE GRINDER

The Elizabethville Area Authority expresses their appreciation to the residents of the Mountain View Terrace Development who participated in a survey in reference to a grinder at the Smith Street Pump Station. The Authority has been notified by the County that they will receive a grant in the amount of \$48,000 to purchase the grinder in 2011.

LOYALTON PARK

If you would like to reserve the facilities at the Loyalton Park, call the township office at 362-3191 to inquire on the availability of the ball park or the pavilion.

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 "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 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.

ELIZABETHVILLE POOL TO OPEN FOR 2011 SEASON

Upper Dauphin Recreation Association (“UDRA”) 2011 Application for a Pool Season Pass

2011 Season Passes to the Elizabethville Community Swimming Pool can be ordered in advance by completing the form below and mailing it with your payment to the Upper Dauphin Recreation Association c/o Tracy L. Schrey, P.O. Box 580, Elizabethville, PA 17023. Passes will be available for pickup or purchase at the front desk of the pool when it is open. Family passes include parents/guardians and their dependent children up to the age of 18 (or older, as long as the IRS considers the individual to be a “dependent”). All others must purchase an individual pass or pay the appropriate daily rate. All persons must show their pass to gain entry into the pool.

APPLICATION FOR 2011 SEASON PASS – E-ville POOL

*Make check payable to “UDRA”

(Check One)

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|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Before June 4 th | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$190.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$95.00 |
| After June 4 th | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$200.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$100.00 |
| After July 15 th | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50.00 |

Add \$25.00 Surcharge for residents outside Boroughs of Elizabethville, Pillow, Berrysburg, and Gratz and Townships of Washington and Mifflin.

Opening day for the pool is Saturday, June 4, 2011.

The pool will be open daily from 12:00 Noon – 8:00 p.m.

Daily Admission is \$4.00 or \$2.00 after 5:00 p.m. Day Care and Senior Citizen Discounts are also available. Children age 3 and under are FREE.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Borough/Township: _____

Telephone: _____

If Family Pass, please list all names of family members below: (Father, Mother, Guardian(s) and Dependents only).

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE E-VILLE POOL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!!

2010 General Fund Revenue and Expense Summary

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Act 511 Taxes	60.25%	Highway Maintenance	41.81%
Real Estate Property Taxes	23.57	Fire	18.99
State Shared Revenue & Entitlement	5.10	Clerk-Secretary	10.22
Misc Revenue	4.38	SEO & Engineer	7.11
Licenses	1.81	Gen Gov Building	4.65
Permits	1.60	Insurance	4.23
Charges for Services	1.15	Law-Board of Supervisors	3.02
Fines	1.09	Equipment Repair	2.73
Interest Earned	.96	Payroll Taxes	2.61
Highways & Streets	.06	Legislative Body	1.30
Other	.04	Other	3.32
Total Revenues	\$490,813.73	Total Expenses	\$450,993.87

2011 Budget Adopted

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors approved a \$591,650 general fund budget during their December 21, 2010 regular board meeting. The Board approved the 2011 budget with no tax increases levied on real estate and occupations. The special assessment tax for street lights was reduced from .73¢ to 55¢ per foot as electric costs during 2010 were not as high as anticipated. The special assessment tax for fire hydrants has been increased to .17 mills from .0175 mills. Since 2005, the fire hydrant tax levy was decreased due to the fund carrying a surplus. At the end of 2010 the surplus was depleted, with the Board having no choice but to increase the tax levy to receive sufficient revenues for the yearly maintenance expense of the 36 fire hydrants located in the township.

The township received their annual allocation of liquid fuel revenues in the amount of \$87,158.78 on April 1st of this year. The funds received will be used for the maintenance of township roads.

2011 Tax Levy Adopted

Municipal Real Estate - .97 mills
 Fire Protection - .47 mills
 Street Light - 55¢ per foot
 Fire Hydrant - .17 mills

Per Capita - \$5.00 per person
 Earned Income – ½ % on each dollar earned annually
 Real Estate Transfer – ½% of one percent

ON LOT DISPOSAL SEWAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

This is the third year of Washington Township implementing an On Lot Disposal Sewage Maintenance Program (OLDS Program for short). What does this mean? 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 five years. This ordinance was established as part of DEP'S approval of the township's ACT 537 sewage plan.

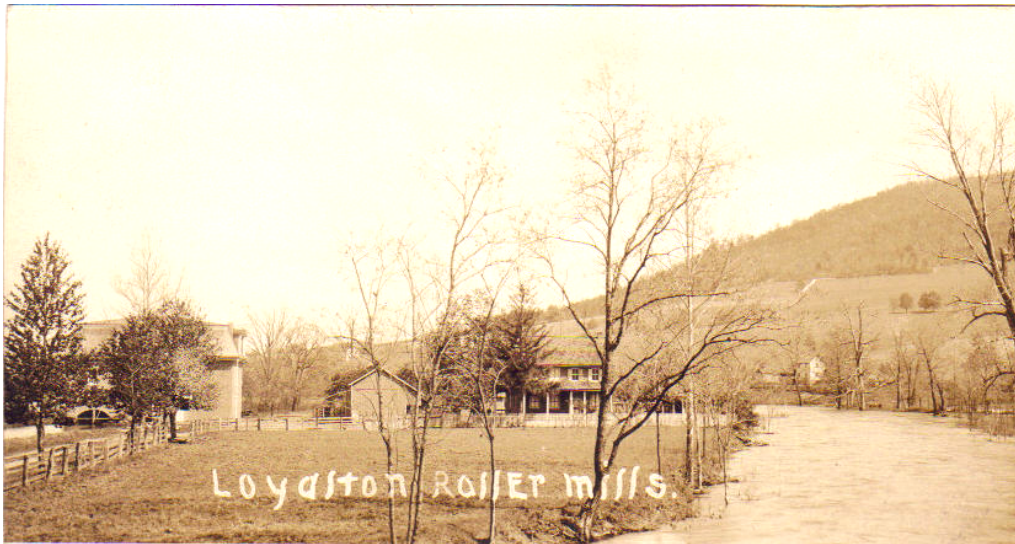
In January of this year, notices were mailed to property owners whose property parcel **middle** number is either 7 or 10. Your property parcel number is included in the address block of this newsletter. *Example: 66-7-001- or- 66-10-007.* The notice that was mailed out earlier this year includes a listing of the property owner's responsibilities involving the requirements of the OLDS Program and a Pumper's Report Form. If your property contains the middle number of 7 or 10, and you did not receive notification in January of this year, please contact the township office. For the property owners who already had their on lot septic system pumped out and submitted the required documents - Thank you! Reminder – documents for those properties whose property parcel middle number is either 7 or 10, are due at the township office by December 31st of this year.



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.



Loyaltown looking west from the east end of town (near Stone Hill Road). Photo courtesy of Ed Bechtel



*Loyaltown Roller Mills on Fisher Road
Photo courtesy of Ed Bechtel*

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. 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.

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.



Reliance Hose Co. #1

Serving Elizabethville Borough and Washington Township



2010 Annual Report

The fire company responded to 22 calls in Elizabethville Borough, 48 calls in Washington Township and 36 to our mutual aid companies for a total of 106 calls in 2010. We received aid from neighboring companies on 15 of our calls. We averaged 11 Firefighters per call with a total commitment of 1,766 personnel response hours. We did have 3 Firefighters sustain injuries during fire and rescue calls.

The township fire loss was \$231,000 for structures and \$110,000 in contents for a total of \$241,000.

Fire company members spent 947 hours at in-station training and 1044 hours at State Fire Academy and Department of Health recommended and required courses. That is a total of 1991 training hours.

Company members committed 642 hours presenting 14 Fire Prevention Programs to audiences such as the YMCA, Kindergarten, Day Cares, Girl Scouts and others.

We also participated in 6 Public Service events for an additional 224 hours. Some of these events are Memorial Day Parade & Services, providing traffic control for the Halloween Parade & Trick or Treat night and others such as funeral details and helping the Little League prepare their field for regional playoff games.



NEW IN 2011

On January 1st, Russell "Rusty" Walborn Jr. became Chief of Reliance Hose Company. Rusty has been a member of the company since 1986. Rusty has served as an assistant chief for 12 years. He is currently one of our highest trained crew members. He is state certified as a Firefighter I, Haz-Mat Operations, Basic & Special Vehicle Rescue Operations, Incident Command, EMT and too many others to list.

Rusty continues to commit many hours to the company in response, training, public service and administrative duties. Assistant Chiefs are Fred Dill, Joe Werner and Mike Wertz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Car Wash

Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 – 1:00 at the Station to benefit the Children's Christmas Party

Chicken Bar B Q

Saturday, June 4th from 10:00 until gone. (Elizabethville Yard Sale & Crafts Day)

Aluminum Cans

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.

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 Improvements at Loyalton Intersection: Plans are moving forward to improve the operation of the traffic signal

at the Loyalton intersection. The improvements include replacing the existing three-section signal head with a five-section signal head (would include a left turn arrow), revisions to traffic signal timings, addition of a lagging left turn phase (the light on Route 209 would stay green when traveling towards Lykens while the light would be red on Route 209 traveling towards E-ville) this will allow the traffic to make a left turn onto South Crossroads Road which should help with the stacking that is occurring on Route 209 when traveling towards Lykens. PennDOT recently reviewed the plans and notified the township they will approve the issuance of the signal permit. The traffic signal improvements are expected to be completed by April 21, 2011.

Recent Ordinances Adopted: The Board of Supervisors recently adopted an ordinance providing for penalties for false fire alarms caused by faulty fire detection, alarm equipment or negligence.

The Board of Supervisors recently adopted an ordinance implementing the requirements of the Dauphin County Stormwater Management Plan.

Proposed Ordinances currently under review:

The Board of Supervisors are currently reviewing an ordinance providing for the regulation of oil and gas exploration. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the reasonable development of land for oil and gas exploration, drilling and extraction operations, while providing adequate health, safety, and general welfare protections to the township residents.

The Board of Supervisors are also reviewing amendments to our current sign ordinance (Part 14 of the Zoning Ordinance-Sign Regulations).

The complete ordinances and proposed amendments are available for review at the township office.

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.

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 Elizabethville 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.

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Abbey Meadows Development: This development is located on the east side of SR 225 approximately ¾ mile north of the square in Elizabethville between Klinger Lumber and Mopac. The start of construction is unknown at this time.



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 or any other township information, please call any supervisor or 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.

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 two vacancies. The Authority serves the sewage needs of the Loyaltown 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.
- ❖ **Recreation Board** currently has one vacancy. The Recreation Board oversees recreation activities & sites in the township. The Recreation Board meets the third Wednesday each month.

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

Stray or Problem Dogs?

A stray dog is on your property and won't leave, your 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. State Dog Warden's 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 Natahnee Shrawder who can be contacted at 717-564-1680. In the event the dog warden is not available, 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.



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