

# Washington Township Newsletter

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## Mailboxes and Driveways

We continue to work on some areas where mailbox location within the township right of way is causing concerns about safe travel on our roads. 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.

If you put your mailbox close to the edge of our roadway, cars (you included) tend to stay 3-4 feet away from the mailbox. In order to do this the car ends up crossing the center line of our roads. This becomes a safety issue on curves and hilly areas.

Also our snowplows discharge area sticks out 3' from the right side of our plows, that means if we plow the road to the edge, our plow sticks over the berm 3' - if your mailbox is there we will hit it, or our other choice is to not plow the road completely—not and acceptable choice in order to provide safe roadways. 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.

## Making a new driveway, paving or cementing your old driveway?

If your answer to either of these questions is yes, please finish reading this article!

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## Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste



It is spring cleanup time. You have found some items the township will not accept to dispose of during their cleanup. Did you know that Dauphin County sponsors a free curbside collection of household hazardous waste (HHW) to Dauphin County households one time per calendar year? Examples of items collected include: weed killers, pool chemicals, auto fluids, oil, lead based paint only, old gasoline, antifreeze, etc. To inquire if that old container of HHW that has been stored in the basement or shed for years is accepted for disposal in this program, call the Curbside Program at 1-800-449-7587 - or - submit your request online at [curbsideinc.com](http://curbsideinc.com); click on the public access section; door to door HHW pickup; request collection of your HHW; complete form & submit on-line. A response can be expected within one working day. In the event the HHW product is acceptable, a collection date will be scheduled, a household hazardous kit will be shipped to

your home, and your HHW product will be picked up at your residence. Your household hazardous waste product will be disposed of properly and you will gain additional storage space in your basement or shed.

# Spring Cleanup to be held Saturday, May 5th 9 AM – 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.)

**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 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.

**Tires:** 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. Tire 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 ONLY. 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.**

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 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.

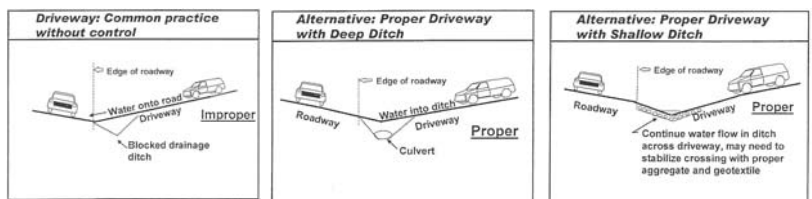
If you have questions prior to Cleanup Day, call the township office at 362-3191.

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If you are paving an existing driveway, and are not making it wider, you do not need a permit, but the edge of your driveway where it meets the township road must slope away from the township road at a 6% slope for four feet. This is to prevent water from flowing onto the roadway possibly causing hydroplaning and during the winter freezing into ice. If you have any questions about the slope or would like to pave, cement or install a pipe across your driveway within the township right of way, please call the township office and we will be glad to come to your home and help you with the design of your driveway within the townships right of way.

If you are making your driveway wider or installing a new driveway, you will need a driveway permit. If your driveway connects to a state road, you will need a state permit, and if it connects to a township road, you will need a township permit. Some common issues to resolve when designing your driveway are: the location (some developments are not allowed more than one driveway, there is a minimum distance from an intersection for a driveway, site distance, etc), water runoff (you cannot run additional water onto the neighboring property or the street, etc), other zoning issues, and the driveway must slope 6% away from the edge of the township road for four feet. Again, this is to prevent water from flowing onto the roadway possibly causing hydroplaning and during the winter freezing into ice. If you have any questions about the slope or would like to install a pipe across your driveway within the township right of way, please call the township office and we will be glad to come to your home and help you with the design of your driveway within the townships right of way.

To the right are three illustrations of driveway installations, the first does not control water and the other two control the water:



Please contact the township and we will be glad to assist you with your questions. Driveway permit applications can be obtained at the township office or on the township's web site at wtwp.org.

## 2012 Spring Road Report

**Road Signs** - As I wrote in the fall newsletter, 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 retro reflectivity 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 signs damaged by last years floods.

**Drainage** – The township will be repairing pipes damaged from last years flood. We have a couple of pipes that will have to be dug out and reinstalled. We have many areas at culverts that we will be installing rock and dirt that was washed away during last years floods. We will also be working on drainage on Steve’s Lane in preparation for paving later this summer.

**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** - As we do every year, the road crew will be working on crack sealing and drainage issues. The road crew will be seal coating Henninger Road, Locust Road, Creek Hill Road & Bechtel Road. We will be doing surface repairs and leveling where needed. This may cause delays on these roads when we do some of the prep work that will be required to seal coat the roads. We are also going to pave Steve’s Lane, which will include widening the northern part of the road and work on drainage on the south east part of the road. If time permits, we will begin work on Mohr Road from the beagle club road to Barger’s driveway in preparation for seal coating next year. We plan to widen this area to match the rest of Mohr Road and level some areas.

**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 2nd 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 anti-skid by cutting the berms with the grader, which would cost considerably more than street sweeping.



Crack Sealing keeps water from seeping into sub base and causing the road to break

**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.

## 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 township 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 have not filed a Landlord Report form, or need to update their information on their rental property, such as, any changes in availability of rental units, new tenants 18 yrs or older occupying the rental property, contact the township office or tax collector to request a Landlord Report Form. Landlord Report Forms are available to download from the township website at wtwp.org.



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**Equipment**—The township recently purchase a “New” grader. We purchased a 1986 John Deere 772A from Penn Dot surplus for \$12,000. This will replace our 1964 Galion Grader that needed repaired, but parts are no longer available. (See picture on back page). We also have in our budget to purchase a new line painter to keep the lines and stop bars painted in our intersections.

We have a very full schedule for this year when you include all the work we have to complete because of last years flooding and our normal maintenance projects for this year. 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.



This part of Steve’s Lane to be widen & paved this year.

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!

## 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).

## 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.

### Residents Needed to Serve on Various Boards



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

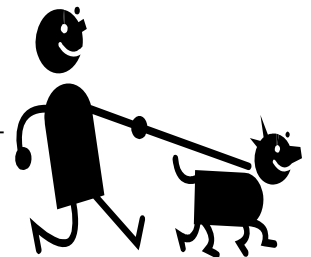
- ❖ **Washington Township Authority** currently has one vacancy. The Authority serves the sewage needs of the Loyalton area. The Authority meets the second Tuesday each month.
- ❖ **Zoning Hearing Board** currently has one vacancy for an alternate member. The Zoning Hearing Board hears appeals to the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

activities at the Loyalton Park. 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.

## 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. 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](http://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.



### 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.

## On Lot Sewage System Questions

Washington Township property owners who have any questions or concerns regarding their on lot septic system should call Brian McFeaters, the township's appointed sewage enforcement officer at 717-813-6492. If Brian does not answer his phone, he asks that you leave a message that includes your name, phone number and inform him you reside in Washington Township. Brian will return your call as soon as he is available.

## Washington Township Wins Statewide Award for Communication Effort

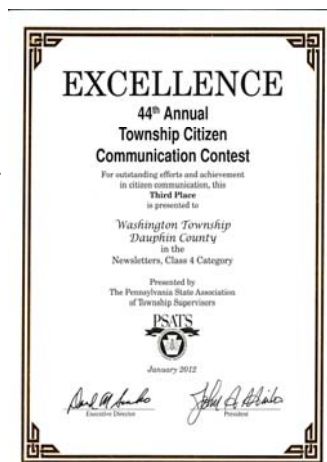
Washington Township has received an award for its entry in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens.

Washington Township was chosen as the third place winner in the Newsletters, Class 4 category, for townships with populations of 2,500 and under.

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.

Judges for the contest included members of the association's Publications-Public Relations Committee, representatives from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, and staff members of the Pennsylvania Township News, the association's award winning monthly magazine.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents Pennsylvania's 1,455 townships of the second class and is combined to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal political arenas. Townships of the second class represent more residents, 5.5 million Pennsylvanians than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth.



## On Lot Disposal Sewage Maintenance Pumping

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 Protection 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 splitting the township into five separate districts by using the middle number of a property parcel number. Example: 66-~~9~~-100 is the township property parcel number and referring to the pumping schedule below, (9) the township septic tank is due to be pumped sometime in 2014. A property owner can find their property parcel number by looking on the address label of this newsletter.

The pumping schedule is as follows:

Year 2012 Property Parcel Numbers: 5,13 14,15,17,21,22

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

The OLDS Program is administered as follows: The township office mails notification and a Pumper's Report Form to all property owners who are in the district designated to have their septic tank pumped in January of that same year. Property owners should schedule to have their septic tank pumped out by December 31st of that year. In order to be in compliance with the ordinance, the township copy of the Pumper's Report Form and a copy of the billing invoice must be submitted to the township office. Most pumper/haulers will submit the required documents to the township office, but it is recommended you check with your pumper/hauler to make certain it has been done. A township property owner may choose the pumper/hauler of their choice.

A list of the certified pumper/haulers township property owners have been using for the past three years have been compiled and are listed alphabetically as follows:

ABC Sewage	570-682-9527
Carroll's Septic Service	717-692-2247
Kissy's Septic Cleaning	717-362-9437
Klines Services, Inc.	717-898-8158
Masser & Smeltz, Inc	717-896-8228
Peterman Bros. Septic Service	1-888-615-7725
T & T Services, Inc	717-692-0656

Any questions pertaining to the OLDS Program, call the township office at 362-3191.

# Washington Township Contacts:

## Township Supervisors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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  
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
Bill Mattern — Vice Chairman	12-31-15
Harold Hoffman — Secretary	12-31-13
Doris Kauffman	12-31-15
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 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Steven J. Harman — Chairman	12-31-12
Matthew Buffington	12-31-14
Ivan Martin	12-31-13
Rick Stence— Alternate	12-31-12
Vacancy — Alternate	12-31-13

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.

## 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	12-31-12
Terry Bowser	12-31-14
Vacancy	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>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Jeffrey Fetterhoff— Chairman	12-31-15
Dennis Henninger—Vice Chairman	12-31-12
Peggy Kahler—Treasurer	12-31-13
Richard Reed (Twp Rep) - Asst. Treasurer	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  
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 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Charles Laudenslager Jr. — Chairman	12-31-14
Craig Smeltz— Vice Chairman	12-31-13
Doris Kauffman— Treasurer	12-31-12
Matthew Buffington—Secretary	12-31-15
Vacancy	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.



# Reliance Hose Co. #1

Serving Elizabethville Borough and Washington Township



## 2011 Annual Report

The fire company responded to 56 calls in Elizabethville Borough, 69 calls in Washington Township and 26 to our mutual aid companies for a total of 151 calls in 2011. We received aid from neighboring companies on 19 of our calls. We averaged 10 Firefighters per call with a total commitment of 2,493 personnel response hours. We did have 1 Firefighter sustain injuries during fire and rescue calls and 1 citizen sustain a fire injury. The township fire loss was \$12,000 for structures and \$33,000 in contents for a total of \$45,000.

Fire company members spent 870 hours at in-station training and 268 hours at State Fire Academy and Department of Health recommended and required courses. That is a total of 1,138 training hours.

Company members committed 163 hours presenting 11 Fire Prevention Programs to audiences such as the YMCA, Kindergarten, Day Care, Girl Scouts, Amish Schools and others.

We also participated in 7 Public Service events for an additional 265 hours. Some of these events are Memorial Day Parade & Services, providing traffic control for the Halloween Parade & Trick or Treat night and other community events

	<b>Time Commitment in personnel hour</b>		
	Response		2493
	Training		1138
	Prevention & Education		163
	Public Service		265
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4059</b>
<b>divided by 30 members = 135 hours per person</b>			

### Did You Know That We Do More Than Put out Fires?

Most of our citizens realize that we respond to fires and vehicle accidents. It has come to our attention that quite a few do not realize the many other services that we provide so we thought we would take this opportunity to explain what we do.

**Fires** - We respond to structure fires that include single family homes, apartment buildings, businesses, barns and sheds. We have also responded to vehicle fires, field and brush fires and to power pole fires.

**Service** - These types of calls can be for power lines/wires down, basement pumping, traffic control, and has even in

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## Board of Supervisors Update



**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**FOR SALE:** The Board of Supervisors is currently accepting bids for the following miscellaneous items of the township at [municibid.com](http://municibid.com):

1964 Galion Grader; 1997 MB Equipment Drive Sweeper Model 53T; 1995 Mauldin 1 Ton Roller Model 1450; 10' Valk

Snow Plow Model V510-84; (1) MIT Bench Grinder; (1) 4 Gas Bottle Holder; (7) Metal Barricades; (6) Plastic Barricade A Frames; (2) Snow Plow Skid Shoes; (1) Snow Plow Spring Shock; (1) Cutting Edge; (13 Rolls) R040 Pipe Wrap Ground Cloth Fabric; (3) 18" x 20' Sections Galvanized Pipe; (1) 18" x 15' Section Galvanized Pipe; (1) 8"x 14" x 20' Section Galvanized Squash Pipe; (1) 8"x 20' Sections Galvanized Pipe; (1) 18" Galvanized Pipe Band; (2) 10"x14" x 20' Section Galvanized Squash Pipe; (17 cans) Armor 55ES Penetrating Oil 20oz; (8 cans) Lube Trac Plus Chain Lube 14 oz; (4 cans) Perma Lube Grease 11 oz; (1 ¾ Gal) Silicone Brake Fluid; (1) Panasonic Fax Machine KX FL501; (1) HP Deskjet Printer 5150.

**ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD IN  
"AS IS CONDITION".**

To bid, view pictures of items, and read complete terms, go to [municibid.com](http://municibid.com). Bidding started on March 27, 2012 and will end on April 30, 2012 at 9 PM eastern time.

The successful bids may be awarded at the regularly scheduled township supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 beginning 7 PM.

Washington Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defect in any bid.

**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](http://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.

**Flood Maps:** The new flood maps finally arrived. Prior to August 2, 2012 the Board of Supervisors will be required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program to adopt an ordinance of floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of the National Flood Insurance Program.

**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. 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 property!**

**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. 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.



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.

## 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** 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.

(Continued from page 8) **Reliance Hose Co. #1**

cluded animal rescue.

**Medical** – Most are aware that we respond to vehicle accidents. We have also responded to building collapses, and machinery rescues including farm incidents. Many see us set up a helicopter landing zone and even help carry patients to the helicopter. At times we are dispatched at the same time as EMS/Medics, and arrive to provide first aid care on calls such as heart attacks, strokes and other traumatic injury calls. Sometimes we are there before the Ambulance or Medic.

**Alarms** – We own special metering equipment that we use when we respond to Carbon Monoxide (CO) and other alarms. We also have quite a few homes and businesses that have automatic fire alarm systems. In the past two years we have responded to 6 CO alarms and 40 automatic fire alarms, of which 32 were false alarms. This prompted the adoption of an Automatic Alarm Ordinance with a purpose of reducing false alarms through better alarm system maintenance. We have only had 1 false alarm this year to-date.

**Other** – We respond to Hazardous Material leaks and spills. We have assisted with police searches and we have also responded to Bomb Threats.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Chicken Bar B Q

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 until gone.  
(Elizabethville Yard Sale 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.

#### Car Wash

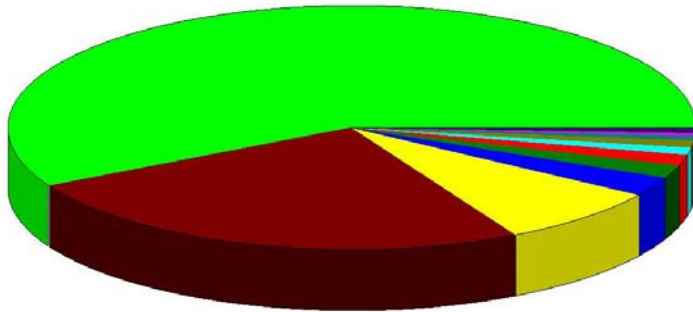
At the Station to benefit the Children's Christmas Party to be scheduled this summer.

## County Bridge Projects Still Slated for Restoration

The county bridge restoration projects that were scheduled for improvements last year on Feidt and Matter Roads are expected to begin this upcoming spring and summer. The decks will be replaced, along with guiderail improvements and approach roadway improvements at approximately 25' at each end. Due to the extent and nature of the work, both County owned bridges will be closed to traffic during construction. It is estimated the restoration for both projects will take approximately 60-90 days to complete. Watch for detour signs later this year.

# 2011 General Fund Revenue and Expense Summary

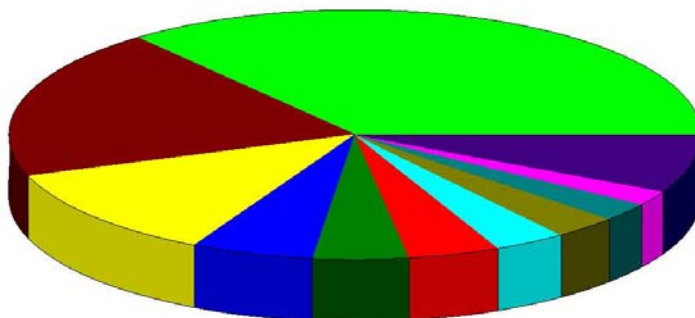
Income Summary  
January through December 2011



310 · Local Tax Enabling Act (Act 511	%57.93
301 · Real Estate Property Taxes	25.14
355 · State Shared Revenue & Entitlem	7.83
380 · Misc. Revenue	2.56
321 · Licenses & Permits	1.84
331 · Fines	1.53
341 · Interest Earned	1.00
362 · Permits	0.98
363 · Highways & Streets	0.67
361 · Charges for Services	0.47
342 · Rental of Buildings	0.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$474,072.33</b>

By Account

Expense Summary  
January through December 2011



430 · Highway Maintenance Road Crew	%35.85
411 · Fire	19.63
405 · Clerk-Secretary	12.06
409 · Gen Gov. Buildings & Plant	5.78
437.00 · Highway Maint.-Equip Repair	4.52
480 · Insurance	4.39
408 · SEO & Engineer	3.40
404 · Law-Board of Supervisors	3.05
487 · Payroll Taxes	2.51
433 · Highway Maint. Traffic Signals	1.93
Other	6.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$416,240.46</b>

By Account

## 2012 Budget Adopted

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors approved a \$626,450 general fund budget for fiscal year 2012. The budget was approved with no tax increases. The Board also approved the 2012 budget for the special assessment tax levied on street lights and fire hydrants with no tax increases. The township recently received their annual allocation of liquid fuels tax funds in the amount of \$91,924.89. The liquid fuels funds must be used for the maintenance of township roads.

## 2012 Wash Twp. Tax Rates



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



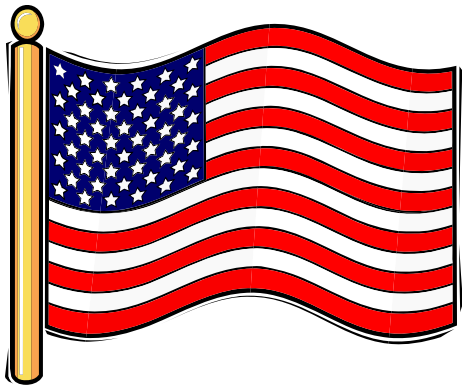
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Washington Township Road Crew,  
Cole, Bob & Tadd with  
John Deere Model 772A Grader

**Address Service Requested**



**ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY,  
APRIL 24, 2012**

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

**The most important job as an  
“AMERICAN” - VOTE**

