

Washington Township Newsletter

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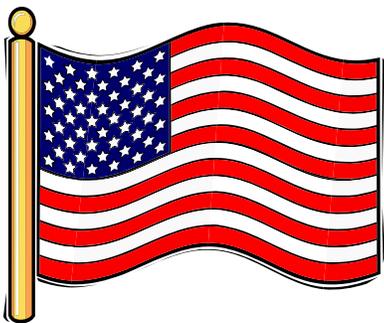
Township Opens New Yard Waste Collection Center

Washington Township recently opened a Yard Waste Collection Center for the residents of the Township. The types of yard waste accepted are grass and shrub clippings, leaves, and tree limbs up to 6 inches in diameter.

The hours of operation are as follows: Every Friday 9am—2 pm . On Fridays, report to the township office prior to unloading. The second Saturday of each month 9am - 12 noon. On Saturday, drive to the rear of the municipal building. ID will be required. The Yard Waste Collection Center will be closed after November 10, 2012 and will reopen for business during our normal hours of operation on April 5, 2013. However, we will be open to accept Christmas trees on January 4, 5, 11, & 12, 2013 during the Yard Waste Collection Center's normal hours of operation.

Washington Township will not accept bags and containers containing yard waste and all bags and containers must be taken off township premises.

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



ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, November 6, 2012

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

The most important job as an
“AMERICAN” - VOTE

Pennsylvania Voter ID Law requires all registered
voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote.



Fall Cleanup to be held Saturday, October 6th 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. Tires are recycled at an approved tire recycling plant.



This spring we received two full trailer loads of electronics from our residents.



Disposing of old tires has been very popular at our Cleanup Day—this spring we collected two full dump truck loads of tires.

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.

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



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

2012 Fall Road Report

Road Signs - As I wrote in the spring newsletter, signs are a never ending issue as Penn Dot and/or MUTCD (Federal Requirements) seem to enjoy changing the sign regulations. As I stated in the Spring Road Report, all new street name signs will begin with a capital letter, then change to lower case letters. Some signs will have to be updated to minimum retro reflectivity requirements established in 2007. The original requirement was that all street name and overhead signs must be updated by 2018 and other post mounted signs by 2015. Penn Dot and/or MUTCD (Federal Requirements) have changed the regulations again—they have removed the deadline for replacing the signs as stated in the previous sentence, but they have not removed the requirements all signs must meet.

Drainage – The road crew has repaired most culvert pipes and/or inlets and outlets with new pipes and rip rap. The Feidt Road culvert will be replaced when Feidt Road is closed due to bridge repair work later this month.

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

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

Surface Repairs - The road crew seal coated Henninger Road, Locust Road, Creek Hill Road & Bechtel Road. In addition to seal coating, we leveled and widened Henninger Road, and added a crown to the middle of Bechtel Road. Steve’s Lane has had most of the prep work done and should be paved by mid October. Work on Mohr Road will begin next spring to prepare it for seal coating. Mohr Road, from the beagle club road to Barger’s driveway, will be widen to match the rest of Mohr Road and level some areas.

Guide Rails— Guide rail will be install on Green Street to replace wooden poles that are deteriorated.

Crack Sealing—The road crew will be crack sealing as long as weather permits.

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. We plan on Street Sweeping April of 2013.



Henninger Road was widened, leveled & seal coated. Wider berms were added.

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.



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 Protections approval of Washington Township’s Act 537 Plan. This ordinance, establishing the OLDS Program, requires that all on lot sewage disposal systems (also called septic systems) be pumped out by a qualified pumper/hauler one time every (5) five years. The township designated the pumping schedule by 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 must 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:

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| 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.

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Equipment—The township purchased a new line painter to paint road lines, stop bars and crosswalks. We are also scheduled to purchase a new utility truck this year.

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.

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!



This part of Steve’s Lane was widened & all of Steve’s Lane will be paved this year.



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:

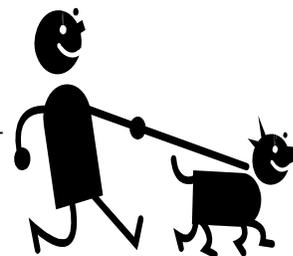
- ❖ **Washington Township Authority** currently has one vacancy. The Authority serves the sewage needs of the Loyalton area. The Authority meets the second Tuesday each month.
- ❖ **Zoning Hearing Board** currently has one vacancy for an alternate member. The Zoning Hearing Board hears appeals to the 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 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 Chris Seiple who can be contacted at 717-838-5821. 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.

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.

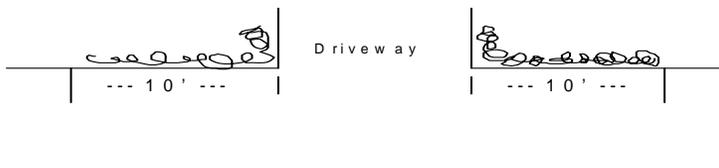
BASKETBALL HOOPS: The front edge of all basketball hoops must be four feet from the edge of the road. The height of our trucks varies from seven feet to twelve feet, while salting and plowing. If you do not move your basketball hoop during the winter months, there is a good chance the hoop will be hit 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.

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 Stonerod — 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 Stonerod — (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 Stonerod 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



Fire Prevention Is No Accident

The fire company will be busier than normal the week of October 7 – 13, 2012 as we participate in Fire Prevention Week activities. Once again we are scheduling presentations to students at the Upper Dauphin Kindergarten, Day Cares and the Amish Schools. Additionally, we also get invited to do presentations at other organizations and to host scouts and other youth groups at our station. Contact us at 362-8121 or station@evillefire21.com if you would like to arrange a tour or presentation. Our citizens are also invited to visit us at our “Open House”.

Open House

WHEN: Thurs., October 11th from 6:30 until 8:00 pm
 WHERE: Station 21; 333 West Main Street Elizabethville



Free Hot Dogs & Drinks	Equipment displays & Demonstrations	Fire Engine Rides
Aerial Truck Bucket Rides	Fire extinguisher target practice	Handouts & Hats

Volunteer Firefighter Training

It seems that many organizations are finding it difficult to attract and retain members. The very same holds true for volunteer fire companies. The Reliance Hose Company has been asking for new volunteers for the last two months by our sign in front of the station, articles in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel, and by word of mouth. We are especially in need for daytime help.

Recruitment of volunteers is especially difficult due to the required levels of training that is needed to be able to function efficiently and safely as a firefighter. Listed below are the courses, including the time commitment, that should be completed as a Minimum Standard within two years of joining our company, as dictated by local and state standards:

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRE SERVICE 16 HOURS

This course is designed to introduce new firefighters to basic information including an overview of the fire service, fire service organization, firefighter safety, personal protective equipment and terrorism awareness.

2. FIREGROUND SUPPORT 48 HOURS

This course is designed to introduce new firefighters to fireground operation including fire behavior, fire extinguishers,

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Board of Supervisors Update

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

Web Site: Washington Township’s website address is wtwp.org. The township’s website contains a wealth of information including the entire Washington Township Code of Ordinances. The site also allows you to print permit applications and complete a search of the zoning district of your property. The website also includes links to various state and county government entities.

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



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

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

Appointment of additional State Building Codes Administrator: The Board of Supervisors recently appointed Lehigh Engineering, LLC from the Pottsville area to issue state building permits and conduct inspections.

2012 Spring Cleanup Day: Township property owners disposed of 31.5 ton of garbage, (2) trailer loads of electronics, (2) truck loads of tires and 18 bikes.

Floodplain Management Regulations: As a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program, the Board of Supervisors adopted the new floodplain management regulations this past summer. The ordinance became effective on August 2nd. The full text of the Ordinance can be viewed on the township website at wtwp.org.

ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH ACTIVITIES



**Halloween Parade,
Monday ,October 22nd beginning 7 PM
Registration at the UDA High School 5:30—6:30
Trick or Treat Night
Wednesday ,October 31st 6:00-8:00 PM**



**Christmas Lighting Ceremony
Elizabethville Borough Park
Sunday, November 25th**



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.

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water supply, fire hose, ropes, and hazardous materials.

3. EXTERIOR FIREFIGHTER 42 HOURS

This course is designed to introduce new firefighters to exterior fireground operation including building construction, ladders, communications, protective systems/sprinklers, forcible entry, and fire prevention.

4. INTERIOR FIREFIGHTER 60 HOURS

This course is designed to introduce new firefighters to interior fireground operation including nozzles and streams, SCBA, rescue, ventilation, fire suppression, salvage, and firefighter survival.

5. STRUCTURAL BURN SESSION 16 HOURS

This course will provide the student with a review of the techniques used in safe fire fighting tactics in an actual structural fire environment. Emphasis is placed on safety for both interior and exterior operations.

6. HAZZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS 4 HOURS

This course will provide instruction in the basic skills of identifying hazardous materials problems in a community, recognize hazardous materials presence, identify hazardous materials and the associated hazard characteristics.

7. FIRST AID & CPR 12 HOURS

8. INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM INTRODUCTION 4 HOURS

This course will discuss the need for a management system during major emergencies and disasters. The student will learn the five functions of the ICS, the command staff functions, organizational structure of the ICS, common terminology used in the ICS, responsibilities of emergency responders, and the facilities used in the ICS. The student will also learn what Multi-Agency Coordination Systems are and do; as well as, when Unified Command Systems are used.

These eight (8) courses, as our minimum standard, are 202 hours of training commitment and only represent a small fraction of the approximate 135 State Fire Academy and Department of Health that are available. In addition to the above courses, we train every Thursday evening in an effort to keep our skill levels as sharp as possible. There are not very many other social, fraternal or service organizations with this level of required training which can be the difference between life or death.

Additionally we currently have 17 members participating in the Firefighter Fit Program. This is a fitness program designed by a firefighter to mimic actions on the fire ground to minimize injuries caused by sprains and strains and to help the Firefighter to maintain a healthy weight, as well as a healthy cardiovascular system. The firefighters are meeting for one (1) hour sessions 3 times a week.

Permit Applications

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

Township Zoning Permit Requirements

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

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

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

State Building Permit Requirements

A building permit is required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building, or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, mechanical (including gas and/or propane) or plumbing system regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code. Other projects that require a building permit are pools and spas, attached carports, attached decks or decks higher 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.

Washington Township does not administer or enforce the provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code. The Board of Supervisors appoint an outside source to administer the UCC. Since the inception of the UCC, Light-Heigel & Associates has been the township's sole administrator of issuing building permits and conducting inspections. Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors appointed an additional UCC Administrator, Lehigh Engineering, LLC from Pottsville. Residents may contact either firm for State UCC building permits or questions. Listed below is the contact information for both state building code administrators:

Lehigh Engineering, LLC
200 Mahantongo St.
Pottsville, PA 17901
Phone: 570-628-2300
Applications available at township office

Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.
906 North River Road
Halifax, PA 17032
Phone: 896-8881 or 1-800-257-2190
Applications: www.light-heigel.com

Demolition and Construction Underway for County Owned Bridges

Construction is underway on two county owned bridges located on Matter & Feidt Roads. On August 13th contractors began demolition of the Matter Road bridge. Improvements for both bridges include deck replacement, guiderail improvements, and approximately 25' of roadway approach improvements. Both bridges will be closed during construction and detour signs are posted at both sites. It is anticipated construction of both bridges will be completed by mid November.



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,
Dauphin County
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023

Presorted Std. Mail
US Postage Paid
Millersburg, PA 17061
Permit Number 8



New Line Striper purchased in June to paint various lines on road.

Address Service Requested

A Halloween-themed poster for a Trick or Treat Night event. It features a large, smiling jack-o'-lantern on the left side. The text on the right is framed by a decorative border of candy corn. The text includes the event name, date, time, and a safety message.

Washington Township
Trick or Treat Night
Wednesday, October 31st
(6-8 PM)

Be careful crossing the streets.

HAVE A GREAT TIME!