

Washington Township, Dauphin County

Est. 1846



Fall 2022

Office Hours & Contact Info

Monday - Friday8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 Phone717.362.3191
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 Email.....washingtontownship@wtwp.org
 Websitewtwp.org

Yard Waste Collection Center

Monday through Friday
 9 AM—4 PM
 2nd & 4th Saturday
 each month 9 AM—Noon
 Closed Holidays

History of Washington Township's Covered Bridges

Washington Township was once home to many covered bridges. Some were replaced with newer, better bridges, some fell into disrepair and some were lost during the Agnes Flood in 1972. The only surviving covered bridge in Washington Township is

the Henninger Farm bridge. This bridge survived the flood but was destroyed by an arson fire, but it was rebuilt and opened November of 2003.



Loyaltown Covered Bridge — was located on Rt 209 on the West End of Loyaltown



Rakers Bridge—was located on the west end of Rakers Mill Road.



Wilhour Bridge— was located on Wilhour Road



Mattis's Mill Bridge—was located on Mattis's Mill Road



Cooper Farm Bridge—was located on Feidt Road



Henninger Farm Bridge also known as the Stroup Farm Bridge— is located on Henninger Road



Oakdale Station Bridge— was located on Oakdale Station Road



Board Members

Planning Commission

Laverne Brown, Sr, Chairman
Wayne Thomas, Vice Chairman
Charles Maguire, Secretary
Gerald Lettich
Richard Young
Meetings held 1st Monday of the month -7 PM

Zoning Hearing Board

John Burget, Chairman
Scott Klouser, Vice Chairman
John C. Kell
Andreau Miller, Alternate
Vacancy, Alternate
Hearings are held as needed

Elected Auditors

Donald Raffensperger, Chairman
Monica Koontz, Secretary
John F. Faust
Meet in January and as needed

Recreation Board

Matthew Stonerod, Chairman
Janine Schaffner, Secretary
Jayne Harman
Andrew Warfel
Vacancy
Meetings held 3rd Wednesday of the month -8 PM

Washington Township Authority

Scott Klouser, Chairman
Matthew V. Boyer, Vice Chairman
Doris Kauffman, Secretary
John Burget, Treasurer
Vacancy
Meetings held 2nd Tuesday of the month -7 PM

Elizabethville Area Authority

Dennis Henninger, Chairman
Chris Kocher, V.Chairman & WT Representative
Peggy Kahler, Treasurer
Tammy Keisling, Secretary
Ken Koller, Assistant Secretary
Robert (Bob) Bahney
Tom Welker, WT Representative
Meetings held 4th Wednesday of the month - 7 PM At
the Elizabethville Borough Building—68 Moore St.
Office: 717.362.3582 Plant: 717.362.8472
Email: evilleauthority@gmail.com

Other Contacts

Emergency Management Coordinator

David Shelleman
For all emergencies, dial 911

Board of Supervisors



L to R - Glenn Stonerod, Vice Chairman - Kevin Stadheim -
Gerald Lettich - Benjamin Brown, Chairman - Cynthia Stout

The Board of Supervisors regular scheduled meetings will be held on the following dates for the remainder of 2022: October 4 & 18; November 1 & 15; December 6 & 20.
All meetings are held at the Washington Township Municipal Building and begin at 7 PM.

Meetings are open to the public. Attendance is encouraged!

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Brian & Carrie McFeaters 717.813.6492

State Building Code Permits/Inspectors

Lehigh Engineering
Ralph Hummel 570.628.2300
ralphh@lehighengineer.com
www.lehighengineer.com

Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.
Telephone: Halifax Location 717.823.1351
Website: Permit applications: www.light-heigel.com

Local Earned Income Tax Questions

Keystone Collections Group
Tax Payer Helpline 1.866.539.1100
Online 24/7 www.KeystoneCollects.com
File Tax Return online: efile.KeystoneCollects.com

Board Vacancies

ATTENTION TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS: The Supervisors are seeking residents to serve on the following boards: Recreation; Zoning Hearing (Alternate); Authority; Vacancy Board Chairman. If you are interested in being considered to fill one of the vacancies or are interested in obtaining more information, contact the township office or a Supervisor.



Election Day - Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Last day to REGISTER before the November Election.....October 24

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.....November 1

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 PM)November 8

**Polls Open
7 AM to 8 PM**

**at the
Washington Township
Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023**

2023 Preliminary Budget Proposes Tax Increase

During this past summer the Supervisors began working early on a preliminary budget for the 2023 fiscal year. Every line item in the budget was reviewed with the Supervisors concluding that there are no budget cuts that can be made to reduce expenses without affecting the services provided to our residents.

Growth is not increasing at a pace to generate additional tax revenues to keep up with the ever increasing operating expenses.

Unlike businesses who can raise the cost of retail goods they sell to increase revenues, as a local government, our only avenue to increase revenues is to raise taxes, or the alternate, is to drastically cut services.

One of the current challenges of balancing the budget is allocating funds to replace aging equipment and capital improvements. We are currently exploring our options to obtain a loan to finance the roof replacement project. The municipal building roof is under contract to be replaced this year. The bid was awarded to Zartman Construction for \$258,000. The roof replacement project is being financed in part by "a grant from the Dauphin County Commissioners". A \$75,000 grant was awarded March of this year specifically to aid with the expense of the roof replacement. We also plan to use \$30,000 of the American Rescue Plan Funds to help with the expense. Washington Township recently submitted an application requesting additional grant monies through the Local Share Gaming Grant Program to assist with the debt we will incur for the roof project. Dauphin County will announce the recipients of the grant award in March 2023. As reported in our spring newsletter there were no municipal tax increases in

over 20 years. During that time frame there were two years the municipal real estate tax was eliminated. A fire protection tax increase was implemented in 2021. The tax millage increased from .47 mills to .70 mills. The fire protection tax is allocated to Reliance Hose Company No 1 as per our agreement.

The township does retain a surplus balance (savings) that is reserved for an emergency or unforeseen expense. The funds in the surplus are sufficient to cover the operational expenses of the township for one year.

Unless we can find other revenue resources or reduce expenses without cutting services, a tax increase is necessary in order to reduce the budget gap. If a tax increase is not implemented next year, we are projecting a \$116,450 deficit. Even with a tax increase as proposed below, we are estimating a \$5,375 deficit. These are just preliminary numbers as the 2023 budget is still a work in progress.

The current economic conditions impacting the world continue and despite our best efforts to hold the line on taxes, the Supervisors reluctantly voted to increase taxes. Listed below is information on the tax increase proposal:

Local Services Tax: The Supervisors recently adopted an ordinance to repeal Chapter 24, Part 2 Occupation Privilege Tax and reenact a new Chapter 24, Part 2 to be entitled Local Services Tax. Any person engaging in an occupation with a primary place of employment within Washington Township during a tax year, that person will pay a Local Services Tax of \$52 annually instead of the current Occupational Privilege Tax of \$10 annually. The increase in tax revenues derived from this tax is estimated to be \$54,000. The

\$52 Local Services Tax becomes effective January 1, 2023.

Washington Township Employers can expect to receive an employer packet from Keystone Collections Group sometime in December 2022 to notify of the tax change. Keystone Collection Group has also been appointed to collect the tax on the township's behalf.

The Municipal Real Estate Tax is currently set at .97 mills. The Supervisors are proposing to increase the municipal real estate tax by .50 mills to 1.47 mills. A property assessed at \$155,000, a property owner will see an annual increase of \$78. Washington Township is anticipating the tax increase will provide the township with an additional \$58,000 annually in tax revenues.

The Fire Hydrant Tax is currently .17 mills. The Supervisors are proposing to increase this tax .05 mills to .22 mills. A property assessed at \$155,000, a property owner will see an annual increase of \$7.75. Washington Township is anticipating the tax increase will provide the township with an additional \$1,649 annually in tax revenues. The tax revenues are used exclusively to maintain the 37 fire hydrants located in Washington Township.

The Street Light Tax no changes.

We will continue to monitor our budget and remain fiscally responsible as we move forward.

If there are any questions concerning the budget, please contact the township office or any Supervisor and we will be happy to assist you. The Supervisors plan to tentatively approve the 2023 proposed budget in November and will formally adopt the budget during their December 20, 2022 board meeting.



ROAD
CLOSED

2022 Fall Road Report

WORK
ZONE



Public Works Department

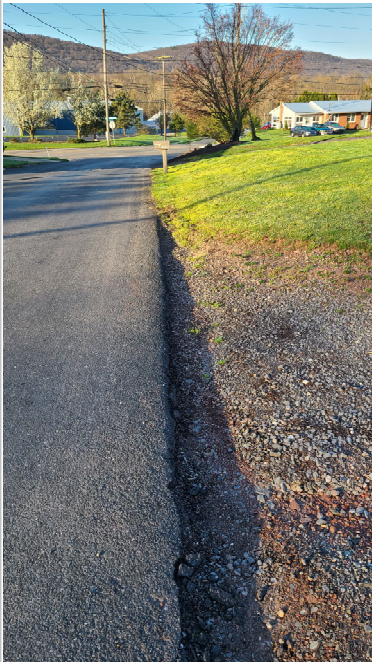
Robert Crabb, Roadmaster 717.979.0320

Cole Long, Ike Daniels, Jr.

Clinton Klouser & Cale Welker Part time as needed

Road Signs - We will continue to replace street signs on the roads we work on. We currently have a few miscellaneous signs left to replace. We are having trouble obtaining them. As in the past, if you see a township sign missing or run over, please call us. Also any info on who damaged the sign is very helpful in getting the sign back, or the new one paid for by the person who caused the damage. The cost to replace a street sign and pole is around \$200.

Drainage - Our largest drainage project was along the southwest side of North Stone Road. We widened the berm to stop the water from eroding the edge of the cartway and to make it easier to plow snow.



North Stone Road Berm before widening. Erosion and road deterioration occurring.

ship to trim your trees and bushes, please make sure your trees and bushes are trimmed four feet from the edge of the blacktop, 14' high, 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

Tree and Brush Trimming

The road crew has been trimming trees and brush along-side 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 and a minimum of 14' from the top of the roadway (the height of our trucks).** If you do not want the Town-

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 past year the township seal coated, and fog sealed Koppenhaver Road. This road was paved with 19mm in 2013 and needed to be sealed. The seal coating and fog sealing was done by contractor Russell Standard.

Guide Rails - We had no new guide rail projects this year.

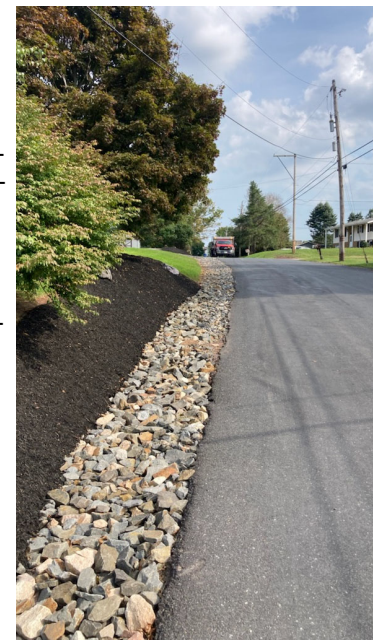
Crack Sealing - The road crew will begin crack sealing the end of October and November.

Street Sweeping - The road crew completed street sweeping the last week of May to remove the antiskid from this past winter. The reason for street sweeping has nothing to do with appearance, it is a part of roadway maintenance and safety. By removing the antiskid from the roadway, we lower the risk of a motorcycle, bicycle or car skidding while turning or trying to brake. By removing antiskid we also have less material that accumulates on the berms of the roads, that would cause drainage issues and road damage from the water. We also would have to clean up the antiskid by cutting the berms with the grader, which would cost considerably more than street sweeping.

Street Right of Way - The township has a right of way for all township roads. All township roads have a 33' right of way except in developments built since 1970 and new subdivisions, where the right of way is 50'. Older



A grass berm was added on North Stone Road to stop the erosion that was occurring along the edge of the Cartway.



A rock berm was added on the hill at North Stone Road to stop the erosion that was occurring along the edge of the Cartway.

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Fall Cleanup Event

DATE: Saturday, October 8, 2022 TIME: 8AM - 3PM

Cleanup Day is funded by Washington Township Taxpayers and is intended for township residents to dispose of items that are not accepted with the regular weekly trash pickup. Items will only be accepted on Saturday.

The items to be disposed of must come from a property located within Washington Township and **you must** be a resident of Washington Township. Items will not be accepted from individuals that do not own property or reside in Washington Township, contractors work trash or commercial businesses. Washington Township will not accept chemicals, flammable and hazardous materials, liquid paints and household garbage.

Residents will be asked to supply a picture ID and the last page of this newsletter containing your address and property parcel number for identification.

On Cleanup Day, drive to the rear parking lot of the township building and you will be directed to the area to stop and unload



Clean up is an opportunity for township residents to dispose of large bulky items not accepted with the regular weekly trash pickup.

your items. The township road crew will be available to assist with unloading heavier items. To make it easier to unload, residents are asked to sort and load items by these four categories: electronics, metals, tires, wood, lawn and garden waste and all other items.

Have questions whether or not an item will be accepted for disposal? Call us at 717.362.3191 or email washingtontownship@wtwp.org prior to cleanup day.

Voluntary Recycling Centers

There is no new information to report to reinstate a Dauphin County's Voluntary Recycling Center location in the township. In the meantime, Dauphin County has designated Voluntary Recycling Centers at multiple locations in upper Dauphin County to be utilized by all Dauphin County residents.

Recyclables accepted include cardboard, newspapers and inserts, magazines & catalogs, telephone books, plastic #1 through #7, empty food, beverage and

household containers, aluminum cans. All residents are asked to respect the property and do not leave any materials outside of the bins. Disposing or dumping of non-recyclable municipal waste at Dauphin County's Voluntary Recycling Centers is illegal. More information on recycling is available on Dauphin County's website at www.dauphincounty.org; government; Solid Waste Management and Recycling.

Example of Items accepted

Large bulky items

include, but not limited to, furniture, mattresses, burn barrels, grills, wash line posts, hot tubs, piano's, etc. The list is just examples of large bulky items accepted. If you are not sure your item will be accepted, feel free to contact the township office prior to cleanup day.

Appliances include refrigerators, stoves, dehumidifiers, fans, microwaves, air conditioners, etc.

Electronics such as computers, televisions, printers, stereos, satellite dishes, VCR's, etc. The electronics collected are delivered to the Dauphin County Recycling Center. All of the information on hard

drives are destroyed by Dauphin County's Recycler.

Wood is also accepted. The township recycles wood with the assistance of WW Pallet.

Bicycles are also accepted. The bikes collected are delivered to a recycler in Harrisburg who will refurbish the bikes. The bikes are then donated to disadvantaged children in the Harrisburg area.

Tires will also be accepted for a fee and must be paid up front. The fee is as follows: \$3 per tire up to 15"; \$4 per tire up to 17"; \$6 per tire up to 20"; \$13 per tire 21" and above. Add \$2 to tires mounted on wheels.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Dauphin County offers a curbside program to legally dispose of household hazardous waste products. This program is offered free to Dauphin County residents (one time per year).

A hazardous waste product has at least one of the following properties: Toxic, Flammable, Corrosive, Reactive. It includes materials such as weed killers, herbicides, pool chemicals, oil and lead based paint only, old gasoline, antifreeze, auto fluids, etc.

The curbside program works as such:

- (1) Call 800.449.7587 to request a free curbside collection. You will be asked the type and quantity of materials you have for collection.

- (2) A collection date is scheduled and a household hazardous waste kit is shipped to your home approximately two weeks to place your hazardous waste in.
- (3) Place your kit at the curb in front of your residence on the scheduled pickup date.

All containers must be sealed and labeled. Unacceptable items, leaking containers, and unlabeled items will not be accepted. For additional information visit the County's website at www.dauphincounty.org. Government Services; Waste Management & Recycling; Household Hazardous Waste; Manage Your Household Hazardous Waste.

Tax Payment Information

Lori Brown, Tax Collector

Mailing address:

PO Box 931, Elizabethtown, PA 17023

Office location:

1011 W. Matterstown Rd., Millersburg, PA 17061
(There is a drop-box located inside the breezeway)

Phone: 717-836-8951

Email: washtwptax@gmail.com

2022 Office Hours:

Months of - Feb, March, May, July, Aug, Oct & Dec
1st & Last Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30-8:00 pm
Appointments are always available.

Extra 2022 days/hours open:

December 31 (10am-noon)

By **APPOINTMENT ONLY:** months of April, June, September & November. Closed all holidays.

The tax bills can be confusing. Here's a little guidance, but please feel free to call or email the tax collector with any questions.

County/Twp Real Estate Bills – Mailed February 1. (If you do not receive your bill by Feb. 15, please contact the tax collector for another copy.)

School Real Estate Bills – Mailed July 1. (If you do not receive your bill by July 15, please contact the tax collector for another copy.)

When mailing real estate tax payments, please include any portion of the bill that contains the BAR CODE. This verifies the property. If you don't send your bill with your payment, make sure your check shows the PARCEL NUMBER of the property. Personal (Per cap) Taxes – Mailed July 1. (If you do not receive your bill by July 15, please contact the tax collector for another copy.) Every person age 18 and older receives one of these bills. (This bill is a "head tax" and has nothing to do with owning property.) When mailing personal tax payments, please include any portion of the bill that contains the BAR CODE. This verifies the individual. If you are paying to multiple individuals, please send a portion of the bill for EACH person. If you don't send a bill with your payment, make sure your check shows the BILL NUMBER for each individual.

All checks should be payable to: Washington Twp Tax Collector. If you want a receipt, include a self-addressed-stamped-envelope.

Yard Waste Collection Center

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4pm
2nd & 4th Saturday each month 9 AM - Noon
Closed Holidays

A Yard Waste Collection Center is located on the township premises to provide an avenue for township residents to dispose of yard waste on their properties located in Washington Township.

YARD WASTE PERMITTED - grass; flower and shrub clippings; leaves; tree limbs up to 6" in diameter; whole shrubs are accepted only if the root ball is no more than 6" in diameter and all ground and plastic is removed from the root system.

NOT PERMITTED -if the yard waste is not listed as detailed above, do not bring it here for disposal. Also do not leave your containers or bags.

NO NOXIOUS WEEDS- As per the Department of Agriculture Guidelines, includes Bradford (Callery) Pear Trees, Ornamental (Ravenna) Yard Grass & Japanese Barberry. See complete list on the **PA Dept of Agriculture** website. If you unload any of these you will be required to return to the Collection Center and take it away.

ENTER -the front parking lot of the township building and proceed through the open gate adjacent to the salt storage shed. The signage will direct you to the yard waste disposal area.

EXIT-Through the gate entered and proceed out the one-way road.

The Yard Waste Collection Center may not be used by landscapers, contractors or non-residents.

Cameras have been installed and vehicle license plates are being photographed. Anyone that disposes unacceptable items may be cited. All we ask is that you be respectful of the service that is provided by the township and paid for by you, the taxpayer.



**The Yard Waste
Collection Center
will be open
during the
Fall Cleanup Event
on
Saturday, October 8th
8AM—3PM!**

Some residents have made it very difficult and are ignoring **our safety** around the township building by doing what YOU want when driving to the yard waste area at the township building. **DO NOT** go down the one way the **WRONG WAY!** Some residents also think it is okay to drive around the back of the building—it is **NOT OKAY**. For the safety of township employees we ask that you refrain from driving around the rear of the township building.

Plans Moving Forward to Rezone the SR209/225 Corridor

Plans are moving forward to rezone certain tracts of land generally located adjacent to and surrounding the entire SR209 and SR225 corridors. For those of you unfamiliar with zoning, the next sentence provides a brief description. Zoning accommodates reasonable overall community growth, including population and employment growth, and opportunities for development of a variety of residential dwelling types and nonresidential uses. Zoning regulations define how land can be used and developed. Zoning dictates what types of properties can co-exist in a particular area within a municipality. The current proposal to rezone the SR209/225 corridors calls for the development of two new zoning districts. Commercial Highway and Mixed-Use Village. The purpose of the two new proposed zoning districts is to reclassify the zoning designations for several properties within the Township. It is also to meet the goals of the Township's Comprehensive Plan which calls for the creation and enactment of several mixed-use zoning districts. It also seeks to concentrate the development in the areas which are most appropriate for the development thereby reducing sprawl in the Tri-County region

to align with its Regional Growth Management Plan.

The Planning Commission Members and Supervisors are in the final phase of reviewing the draft of a proposed zoning district map to re-zone properties adjacent to the corridors. The language that specifies the intent, permitted uses, lot area & coverage and yard regulations concerning the two proposed newly created districts has been drafted and reviewed.

When the review is completed, what happens next? There is a procedure that the Township is mandated to follow when it comes to changing zoning ordinances and zoning district maps. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) has rules that govern zoning amendments that all municipalities must keep in mind when amending zoning ordinances. After the draft of the proposed zoning district map is finalized and approved, along with the new language pertaining to the proposed newly created zoning districts, the Board of Supervisors will schedule a public hearing.

How will the township provide notice of the public hearing? Notice of a public hearing will be published in The Citizen Standard and posted on the township's

website at wtwp.org. The notice will provide the date, time, and location of the public hearing. We do know the public hearing will take place at the municipal building. Also, the proposed zoning ordinance and zoning district map amendments will be available for review on the township's web site, township office during normal business hours, or at the office of The Citizen Standard. In addition, since the proposal involves a zoning district map change, the township must mail a notice to all addresses to which real estate tax bills are sent to all the properties located within the area proposed to being rezoned.

Where and Who do I express my thoughts to or ask questions?

The Public Hearing provides the opportunity for all interested parties to go before the Board of Supervisors to express your opinion, ask questions, or to state the reason for your support or opposition.

If there are any questions concerning the rezoning, please contact the township office or any Supervisor and we will be happy to assist you.



REP. JOE KERWIN
125TH LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICT



With the decennial redistricting complete in Pennsylvania, I look forward to continuing to

operate my northern Dauphin County District Office in Washington Township. My office offers a wide array of constituent services. We were also always excited to be a part of community events including the recent First Responder's event at Wal-Mart hosted by Dauphin County. My staff and I have enjoyed the last two years working in Washington Township and we look forward to continuing to serve our area for the next two years. We look forward to seeing you in the community.

**State Representative
Joe Kerwin's
Elizabethville
District Office Location
4542 State Route 209
Elizabethville, PA**



Healthy Kids Running Series kicked off their Fall Running Schedule on Sunday the 18th at the Loyaltown Park. For information on how to get your children involved, contact Chrissy Crabb at ccrabb@outlook.com or 781-389-2251



Water Line was installed at the Loyaltown Park with a hydrant located at the Ballfield Concession Stand

A Guide For Permit Requirements

Listed below is information to help you determine if a permit(s) are needed for building improvements, additions or a change of use on your property. Permit requirements vary depending on the type building project that is proposed.

A Zoning Permit is needed to construct new structures, enlarge an existing structure, demolition, change the use of an existing structure, decks/porches, temporary structures, accessory structures (sheds & garages) more than 1,000 sq. ft., swimming pools, signs, new or expanded driveways. Permits are also needed for private wells and on lot sewage disposal systems and certain repairs.

A Zoning permit is not needed for accessory buildings (sheds, garages) 1,000 sq. ft. and under. Also excluded, normal maintenance activities, minor repairs or alterations that will not change the footprint of a building. When considering the location of your

improvement, property owners are reminded to check that the addition will not be built in an easement or right-of-way area or the drain field of an on lot sewage disposal system and private well area. Zoning permit applications are available at the township office, online at wtwp.org or can be mailed to your address. All applications are reviewed and permits are issued through the township's Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

A UCC State Building Permit as regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code (UCC) are mandated 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. Other projects include pools and spas, attached carports, attached decks or decks higher than 30" above grade, fences over 6' high, retain-

ing walls over 4' high, sidewalks and driveways that are 30" above adjacent grade or placed over a basement or story below.

A UCC State Building Permit is not needed for detached carports, detached private garages, greenhouses, sheds—if the structure has a building area less than 1,000 sq. ft. and is an accessory to a single-family dwelling. Agricultural buildings defined under Section 103 of the UCC Act are also excluded from state building codes requirements.

The Supervisors appointed two entities to oversee the UCC State Building Code regulations and to issue the building permit and conduct the mandated inspections. Township property owners may contact either Light-Heigel & Associates or Lehigh-Engineering to fulfill their building permit needs. Contact information is listed on page 2.

Building permit applications are also available at the township office. Any questions, contact the township office.

Stormwater Control During & After Construction

Did you know if new impervious area is created on your property, a plan may be needed to show how stormwater run-off will be managed on your property during and after construction? Listed below is a guide to help you determine if a plan is needed for stormwater control. Plan ahead accordingly as no permits will be issued for your project until a plan is approved.

During Construction, an Erosion & Sedimentation Pollution Control Plan determines how stormwater runoff will be controlled during construction.

Controls such as straw bales, socks, silt barriers are to be installed to control water runoff while construction is taking place for disturbance less than 5,000 square feet. In addition,

- a written plan to be kept on the premise if disturbance is 5000 sq ft to 43,559;
- 1 acre or more of disturbance, a NPDES Permit required.

After Construction, A post construction stormwater management plan is needed for new impervious areas developed on a lot that is 1,000 square feet and above. A post construction

stormwater management plan determines how stormwater runoff will be controlled after construction. New impervious areas include roofs, additional indoor living space, patios, garages, sheds, sidewalks, decks, parking areas, and driveways.

The measurement of impervious areas includes all of the impervious areas in the total proposed development, even if development is to take place in stages.

For example, a property owner decides to add a shed that will create 500 square feet of new impervious area on a lot. A post construction stormwater management plan is not needed.

Two years later that same property owner plans to add another shed that will create an additional 500 square feet of impervious area. Factoring in the square footage of the shed added two years ago, the total combined impervious area created on that same lot is 1,000 square feet, a plan is needed.

Larger lots may be exempt from the requirements of submitting a plan. Property owners will need to seek professional advice on whether or not a plan is needed.

Elizabethville Area Authority Notice

PA DEP has announced that parts of Pennsylvania, including Dauphin County, are under a DROUGHT WATCH! PA DEP has asked residents in the area to reduce their water consumption by 5-10%. Please note, Elizabethville Area Authority is NOT

currently experiencing any water problems or lack of available water. We simply want our customers to be informed that due to the limited rainfall we've received this summer, there could be a need in the future to further reduce water consumption.

ELIZABETHVILLE HALLOWEEN PARADE



REGISTRATION:
UDA HIGH SCHOOL
5:30 TO 6:30
FLOATS
WEST BROAD AND CHURCH ST.

CATEGORIES:
FLOATS: GROUPS: COUPLES:
INDIVIDUALS

OVER \$1000.00 IN CASH PRIZES
AWARDED AT
HIGH SCHOOL FOLLOWING PARADE

REFRESHMENTS AT HIGH SCHOOL
FOLLOWING PARADE

OCTOBER 17
RAIN DATE
OCTOBER 18
7:00 pm

LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK
ELIZABETHVILLE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ASSOC.



SPONSORED BY:



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Washington Township & Elizabethville Borough



Monday, October 31 6-8 PM

Fraud Prevention And Free Breakfast

Sponsored By Reigles Bible Fellowship

REIGLES BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
158 Reigles Church Road, Millersburg
Rt. 25 (Between Millersburg & Berrysburg)
(717) 692-3654

Friday, October 28, 2022
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Breakfast 8-8:30

**Senior Safety, Pennsylvania State Police, Trooper Angel
Grube, Community Service Officer 8:30-10**

Representative Joe Kerwin 10-10:40

Christine Boefin, Bank of Bird In Hand 10:40-11:20

Joe Kerwin, Attorney 11:20-noon

Rsvp Helpful but not mandatory:

Text: (717) 571-4392

e-mail reiglesbf@comcast.net

Or Call (717) 692-3654

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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 main-

tain 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. A good rule of thumb for trees is take their mature height and divide it in half, and that will be the width of the tree. So, if you plant a tree that grows 40' high, it will be around 20' wide. You would want to plant this tree 10' from the township right of way and you should not have a problem with the tree interfering with the townships right of way or the township need to cut the limbs on the tree. If you have a question about installing something in the township's right of way, please call the township office.

Loyalton Park —The Road Crew completed many projects at the Loyalton Park this past year. We improved the walking trails, installed water to the ballfield concession stand, and improved the parking area. We also did some landscaping work at the Wiconisco Creek at the Loyalton Park's Valley Inn parking lot area. We removed dead trees and seeded the bank to help the water flow during flooding.

Personnel—Our roadcrew employees, Cole Long, Ike Daniels, Clint Klouser, Cale Welker and Bob Crabb, Roadmaster, completed many projects this year, that we have been putting off, and it was very hot out this year again, but in spite of that, we have completed many projects. We will continue to work on our projects and will begin crack sealing shortly until we have to prepare for winter. We have approximately 30 miles of road to maintain and, as in the past, many of you were very helpful by letting us know where trees and limbs were on the roadways or when signs were damaged. Your continued help is appreciated!

If there are any questions regarding our road projects, please call the township office for up to date information.

Report Street Light Out



Washington Township relies on township residents to report the outage or malfunction of a street light. Contact the township office at 717.362.3191 or email washingtontownship@wtwp.org. This is the information that you will be asked to provide: The 5-digit set of numbers on a metal plate attached to the pole and the street location. If reporting by e-mail take a picture of the set of numbers on the pole and include the street location. Allow 5-10 days for the repairs to be made.

On Lot Sewage System Maintenance



Every on lot sewage disposal system installed in Washington Township is mandated by DEP to be pumped out at least one time every five years. Washington Township has been delegated by DEP to oversee the maintenance of on lot sewage disposal systems in Washington Township.

Information regarding the pumping responsibility is located in Chapter 18, Part 4, On lot Subsurface Sewage Disposal Facilities, §18-407 Maintenance, of the Washington Township Code of Ordinances.

The Township will mail a reminder to all property owners the same year the property is due for its 5-year sewage pump out.

Any questions concerning the pumping mandate may be directed to the township office or any Supervisor.

Spotted Lanternfly



Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive insect that has spread throughout our area. The insect feeds on the sap from over 70 different plant species. Check out the website listed below or call the number listed to obtain information to manage them on your property.



Website: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

Telephone: 888.422.3359
Monday thru Friday 8AM—5 PM

Mass Notification System



Township residents have the opportunity to sign up to receive notifications on their electronic devices and landlines concerning township events and emergencies. The sign up information is listed below.

Public Signup Page:
You can sign up by using the options below:



Visit the township website at wtwp.org
Under “Home” scroll down and click on
“Mass Communication Alert System”

-or-

Type in your browser

<https://washington-township-pa.myfreealerts.com>

For any questions or more information, contact the township office at 717.362.3191 or washingtontownship@wtwp.org.



**New to
gardening or
looking to learn
something new?**



Connect with the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners in Dauphin County for practical horticultural information you can trust. We offer for Dauphin County residents:

Master Gardener Garden Hotline at dauphinmg@psu.edu or 717-921-8803 to ask your garden questions and get unbiased, research-based answers year-round

Our annual Spring Symposium, Veggie 101-201 Series and Home Gardening Series, this year in collaboration with Wildwood Park's Olewine Nature Center

Horticultural educational outreach at festivals, parks and schools in your community

Six Dauphin County demonstration gardens you can visit for ideas and inspiration

Search “Master Gardeners in Dauphin County” or sign up today to receive the e-newsletter from the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners:

<https://extension.psu.edu/master-gardener-team-sign-up>

We will be recruiting a new Master Gardener class in 2023-2024, with applications re-opening in early October 2022. Here is the link.

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin/become-a-master-gardener-in-dauphin-county>



Know What is Below Call 811 Before you Dig.

Winter Storm Event Info for the General Public



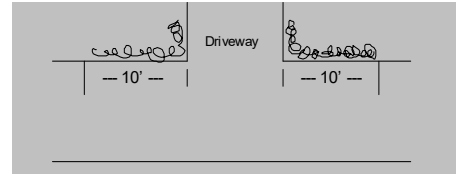
As winter draws closer, the township road crew is busy maintaining the equipment necessary to handle snow and ice removal from the township roadways. The following is the general snow and ice removal policy for the township. This is a general policy, with suggestions for the residents to help make snow 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 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 lo-

When shoveling your driveway, the diagram below displays the best way to clear and avoid having the plow cast mounds of snow back across the driveway. 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.



cated 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.

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 717.362.3191, or when the office is closed, call our Roadmaster, Bob Crabb, at 717.979. 0320 (cell), leaving your name, phone number, nature of problem, and we will take care of it as soon as possible.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF THE ROAD
CREW, PLEASE SLOW DOWN
AND GIVE THEM
PLENTY OF SPACE.**



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Dauphin County
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September 23, 2022