

Washington Township, Dauphin County

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Fall 2023

Office Hours & Contact Info

Monday - Friday8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 Phone717.362.3191
 Fax.....717.362.4110
 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

EMS Challenges and How You Can Help

Most may not be aware but there are some real challenges facing all our communities when it comes to the 911 process. In just about every area from dispatchers to vehicles to those who show up to help there are personnel shortages, equipment challenges, financial shortfalls, supply issues and more.

If you have ever waited for an ambulance to show up when the situation is dire you are aware of the necessity for quick response and quality responders. No matter how fast the response time it is almost always is not fast enough when you are

anxiously waiting. Because of the area in which we live the response time is greater than that in a city simply because of the longer travel time, geographic barriers, and the few numbers of ambulances. What used to be ten or twenty minutes is now getting longer. I recently heard of a 45-minute wait for an ambulance to respond. So, what is the problem and what can we do to reverse this trend?

A little information before we go on: there are BLS (Basic Life Support), and ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulances and the dispatcher has to quickly make

the decision which is necessary. Take a moment and think how long it takes to get from one end of this valley to the other. If there have been other calls, then the ambulance in your community may already be at a call or at an area hospital.

Speaking of hospitals, there are none in our valley. We are not even blessed with an afterhours urgent care facility, so it takes a lot of time for an ambulance to get to the person in need, assess the need, treat them, load them, take them to the hospital, sanitize and restock then return

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UDA PROUD!

The Dauphin County Commissioners, Mike Pries, George P. Hartwick III and Chad Saylor held their weekly meeting at the Washington Township Municipal Building on April 19, 2023.

During the meeting, the Commissioners recognized the achievements of the students representing the Upper Dauphin High School and Middle School Archery Teams, State Tournament Achievements and the Upper Dauphin Elementary School-Odyssey of the Mind State Competition.

Each student was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Commissioners. Congratulations to all students, you've accomplished something truly amazing! We also applaud the coaches and parents who inspired you to reach your goals, as we know you all worked very hard for this!



Upper Dauphin Area Students Honored by the Dauphin County Commissioners



Board Members & Staff

Board of Supervisors

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
Andrea Miller, Alternate
Vacancy, Alternate
Hearings are held 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 & Township Representative
Peggy Kahler, Treasurer
Tammy Keisling, Secretary
Ken Koller, Assistant Secretary
Robert (Bob) Bahney
Tom Welker, Township Representative
Meetings held 4th Wednesday of the month - 7 PM
Elizabethville Borough Building—68 Moore St.
Office: 717.362.3582 Plant: 717.362.8472
Email: evilleauthority@gmail.com

Elected Auditors

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

Emergency Management Coordinator

David Shelleman
For all emergencies, dial 911

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Brian & Carrie McFeaters 717.813.6492



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

The Board of Supervisors will meet October through December 2023 on the following dates: October 3 & 17; November 9 & 21; December 5 & 19. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the municipal building beginning 7 PM.

Secretary/Treasurer Donna Sitlinger
Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer Ralph Hummel
Board Solicitor Joseph Kerwin
Engineer Meck Tech, Inc. and Stahl Sheaffer Engineering

STATE UCC Building Permits/Inspectors

Lehigh Engineering, LLC
Contact: 570.628.2300 or ralphh@leighengineer.com
Website: www.lehighengineer.com

Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.
Contact: 717.896.8881 or comments@light-heigel.com
Website: www.light-heigel.com

Building Inspection Underwriters of PA Inc.
Contact: 877.453.4321 or jfaust@biupa.com
Website: www.biupa.com

Help Wanted Volunteer Board Members

The Board of Supervisors are seeking township residents interested in volunteering their time to take an active role in overseeing the development of our community. Residents are needed to fill the following vacant positions. Recreation Board; Zoning Hearing Board (alternate); Sewer Authority; Vacancy Board Chairman; Alternate Voting Delegate for the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee. For those interested in obtaining more information on a specific vacancy, feel free to contact the township office or a Supervisor.



Tax Bill and Payment Information

TAX COLLECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 717.836.8951 Email: washtwptax@gmail.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 931
Elizabethville, PA 17023

Office Location: 1011 W. Matterstown Road
Millersburg, PA 17061

(There is a drop-box located inside the breezeway)

2023 OFFICE HOURS

February, March, May, July, August, October, December
On the first and last Tuesday and Thursday (4:30 - 8:00 PM)

Appointments are always available

Extra 2023 days/hours

March 21 & 23 and August 22 & 24 (4:30 - 8:00 PM)
December 30 (10AM-Noon)

Tax Office Closed

April, June, September, November –By appointment only

Closed all Holidays

For those who need assistance on tax bills or payment of taxes, direct your questions to **Lori Brown, Tax Collector.**

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 need a receipt, include a self-addressed-stamped-envelope.



Dauphin County Commissioners honor the achievements of Upper Dauphin Area School District students at their meeting held in the Washington Township Building.

Washington Township Authority

The Washington Township Authority recently purchased a John Deere X350 Lawn Tractor and storage shed to maintain the grounds at the Loyalton Waste Water Treatment Plant facility.



Know what's below dial 811 before you dig.

A reminder to all excavators and homeowners to call 811 at least three business days before you dig, so the approximate location of the underground utility lines can be identified and marked by the facility owners before digging commences.





2023 Fall Road Report

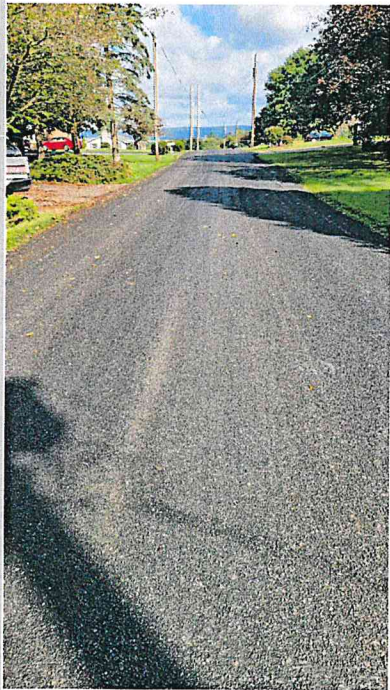


Public Works Department

Robert Crabb, Roadmaster 717.979.0320
Cole Long, Ike Daniels, Jr.
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 – We cut berms on the roads we seal coated and Feidt Road this year to improve drainage away for the roadways. We also replace a pipe on Feidt Road to improve drainage and cut down on the pipe blocks with debris during rain storms.



Botts Road was Seal Coated and Fog Sealed

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 and a minimum of 14’ from the top of the roadway (the height of our trucks). 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, 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. The road crew also removed multiple trees along Feidt Road. Many of the trees were dead and some were encroaching on the road surface.

Mail Boxes – On streets with curbs, the front of your mail box may not extend beyond the edge of the curb. On streets without curbs, the front of your mailbox must be four feet from the edge

of the blacktop. This allows our snow plows to pass by and maintain a safe traveling roadway for the public. You may not put solid stone structures in the township right of way to hold mailboxes. Penn Dot has also issued safety regulations on the number of mailboxes that may be attached in a row. This is to avoid the row of mailboxes from becoming a projectile.

Surface Repairs - This past year the township seal coated, and fog sealed Municipal, Botts, Mohr and Lenker Roads. The roads were repaired, drainage improved, signs upgraded if needed. 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 grad-



Mohr Road, the berm was widened and the roadway was Seal Coated and Fog Sealed.



Lenker Road had the berms cut, spot patching and the roadway Seal Coated and Fog Sealed

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Fall Cleanup – Saturday, October 7, 2023 8 AM-3 PM

Cleanup is funded by Washington Township Taxpayers and is intended for township residents to dispose of items that no longer have any use or 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 where you reside and is located within Washington Township. Items will not be accepted from individuals that do not own property or reside in Washington Township, contractors work trash, landlords 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 di-

rected to the area to stop and unload 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 us at washingtontownship@wtwp.org prior to cleanup day.



Items will not be accepted from individuals that do not own property or reside in Washington Township and contractors work trash, landlords or commercial businesses.

Examples of Items Accepted

Large bulky items included, but not limited to, furniture, mattresses, burn barrels, grills, wash line posts, hot tubs, piano's, etc.

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: \$2 per tire up to 15"; \$3 per tire up to 17"; \$5 per tire up to 20"; \$12 per tire 21" and above. Add \$1 to tires mounted on wheels.

Voluntary Recycling Centers

Dauphin County offers Drop Off Locations for the recycling of cardboard, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, Plastic #1, #2, #5 only and aluminum cans. Listed below are the Drop off Locations in Upper Dauphin County.

There has been no new development to reinstate a drop off location in Washington Township.

For more information on how to prepare your recyclables, visit Dauphin County's website at www.dauphincounty.gov >Solid Waste Management and Recycling >Drop Off Locations.

Gratz Borough Community Center

125 North Center Street, Gratz

Halifax Borough (by Deppen Park)

Route 225, 1/4 mile outside of the borough

Lykens Borough

Boxers Parking Lot

Millersburg Borough

Front Street and Keystone Road

Williamstown Borough/Williams Township

Williamstown Borough Municipal Building

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Dauphin County offers a curbside program to their residents to legally dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) products. This program is available to each household for free, 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.

Here is what you need to do to schedule a free pickup:

- ◇ Call 800.449.7587 to schedule a free curbside collection.
- ◇ In 1-2 weeks a HHW Kit will be mailed and is to be used for the collection of your household hazardous waste.
- ◇ Place your kit at the curb in front of your residence on the scheduled pickup date.

For additional information on this free program, visit Dauphin County's website at www.dauphincounty.gov >Waste Management & Recycling > Household Hazardous Waste >Manage Your Household Hazardous Waste.



Township's Yard Waste Collection Center

LOCATION - Township premises.

HOURS OF OPERATION -

Monday through Friday: 9AM—4PM
2ND AND 4TH Saturday: 9AM-Noon
Closed Holidays.

The Yard Waste Collection Center is not intended for the use of commercial landscapers, contractors or non-residents.

Do not leave any bags or containers.

PERMITTED USERS - Township residents who are disposing of yard waste generated from the property they reside on in Washington Township.

WASTE ACCEPTED -

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 ball system.

WASTE NOT ACCEPTED-

Noxious weeds as per the Department of Agriculture Guidelines. Includes Bradford (Callery) Pear Trees, Ornamental (Ravenna) Yard Grass and Japanese Barberry. Visit the PA Dept. of Agriculture website at www.agriculture.pa.gov to review the entire list.

ENTER THE FRONT PARKING LOT -

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.

For the safety of our public works department and employees, do not drive through the rear parking lot to get to or leave the disposal area.

Cameras have been installed and vehicle license plates are being photographed. For those that dispose of unacceptable

items, may be cited.

Be respectful of the service that is provided by your township and paid for by you, the taxpayer.

OPEN

**October 7th During
Fall Cleanup
8AM—3 PM!**



DRIVE THROUGH THE FRONT PARKING LOT TO ENTER THE YARD WASTE COLLECTION CENTER

(Continued from page 1) **EMS CHALLENGES** to our area. Did you know that most of the ambulances in our area are pretty old and some out of commission since they need repairs? A big part of the reason is that a new ambulance costs over \$200,000!

So, let's say that in spite of the crazy hours, the stress level, working with old equipment and doing an often-thankless task you still want to serve on an ambulance you will need extensive training at considerable cost.

Another part of the equation is the trend towards not volunteering. Just about every organization that relies on volunteers struggles to find enough help, from civic organizations, schools, churches, municipalities, and yes emergency services. Most who are involved fear it will just get worse. There are things in our communities which are nice and convenient, then there are things that are absolutely essential; knowing that someone is going to respond when you dial 911 is all three.

On a very positive note, there are a few hard-working and dedicated community members that are meeting and working hard to address and repair this stressful situation.

In the meantime, what can you and I do to help? First be patient with all the folks in this process from the dispatcher to the off-duty person who pitches in to help and those in the ambulance. I assure you they are each doing the best that they can possibly do. When you are the one that calls 911 try to remain calm and give accurate information, explain the situation clearly to the dispatcher. When you are driving around get out of the way of the ambulance. When you see any first responder let them know that they are appreciated. Thank them and encourage them. They never know what their next call may be.

I often cringe when I am told details about certain emergency situations. Think about those who respond first, they have these images stamped in their mind, they

must live with that. And, since they are caring people, they will almost certainly struggle with second guessing what they do. If you are inclined to do so it would help a lot to pray for them and let them know you are doing so. Another thing you can do is donate some money to these shorthanded, hardworking ambulance organizations. You could also volunteer. Maybe your thing is not being a medical tech, but you may be able to help with writing grants, cleaning equipment, writing a budget, collecting bills or a host of other things. As I look at those already involved in this field, I see many that are true servants and doing a labor of love. They need your help. In fact, since this involves all of us, we need your help. In a day when much is being taken over by AI (artificial intelligence) here is an area where real people that are skilled, really care, have the human touch are desperately needed.

Supervisor Brown



Board of Supervisors Actions April 2023 Thru August 2023

April 2023—Approve Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Scott & Connie Kratzer.
June 2023—Approve Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Scott & Connie Kratzer.

July 2023—Approve Disposition of Specific Township Records.
July 2023—Approve Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Cynthia L Phillips Estate, Shawn & Shane Phillips



ELIZABETHVILLE HALLOWEEN PARADE
OCTOBER 23, 2023
 RAINDATE: OCTOBER 24
 7:00 P.M.
 REGISTRATION:
UDA HIGH SCHOOL
5:30 TO 6:30





FLOATS
WEST BROAD AND CHURCH ST
 (ENTER BY WAY OF FRANKLIN STREET)


CATEGORIES:
 FLOATS, INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS,
 COUPLES/FRIENDS & FAMILY (GROUP OF 2 OR MORE)
**OVER \$1000.00 IN CASH PRIZES AWARDED AT
 HIGH SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE PARADE**

**REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL
 FOLLOWING PARADE**

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 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION



AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

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**Washington Township
 Elizabethville Borough**



**TRICK
 OR
 TREAT**

**Tuesday, October 31
 6-8 PM**

Services Provided by State Representative Joe Kerwin 125th District

Article submitted by the Communications Coordinator for State Representative Joe Kerwin



My offices will be happy to help you with a number of state-related issues.

A few services we offer include car registrations, driver's license renewal and special tags, property tax/rent rebate applications, birth certificate and death record applications, prescription drug assistance, college loans, property tax/rent rebates, fishing and hunting licenses, veterans' information, and much more. We are also thrilled to hold events throughout the district like veterans' lunches, senior expos, shredding events, and fraud bingo.

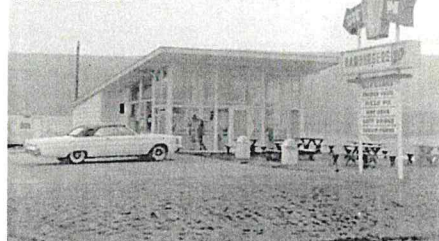
On November 2nd, my staff and I will be holding a drive thru veterans' event at Grace United Methodist Church in Millersburg from 11am to 1pm.

You can visit my Elizabethville Office here in Washington Township at 4542 State Route 209, Elizabethville, PA, 17023, or my Linglestown Office at 5821 Linglestown Road, Suite 204, Harrisburg, PA, 17112. You can also visit my website, www.repjoekerwin.com, follow my Facebook, www.facebook.com/RepJoeKerwin/, and sign up to receive my Harrisburg Update email for more information!

Do you remember the Snyder Farm on Rakers Mill Road?



Did you have Ice Cream at the Big H on Route 209 in 1968?



Municipal Building Expansion

Plans are underway to add an addition to the front of the municipal building. A portion of the municipal building is leased by Dauphin County for the office of Judge, Rebecca Margerum's Magisterial District Court.

Dauphin County will be eliminating the Magisterial District Court office located in Dauphin later this year. As a result of the closure, cases from the Dauphin office will be transferred to Judge Margerum's office.



Earlier this year, Dauphin County contacted the township to ask if we could provide additional office space to our tenant to accommodate the additional staff and office equipment that will be needed for the increased work load.

Plans also include increasing the square

footage of the township office space by moving the current office into the new addition and convert the current office space into a smaller conference room.

The township road crew is currently working on enlarging the front parking lot in anticipation of increased parking needs.



Zoning And Building Permit Information

Listed below is information to help determine whether or not a zoning and/or building permit is needed for new building projects, additions, or a change of use on a property.

Since there are many different types of projects, the process to obtain a permit may vary. If in doubt, play it safe and contact the township office or zoning officer for assistance.

Zoning permits are 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 square feet, ground mounted solar panels, swimming pools, signs, new or expanded driveways, starting or changing a business. Permits are also needed for private wells and on lot sewage disposal systems and certain repairs.

Zoning permits are excluded for accessory buildings (sheds, garages) 1,000 square feet and less. Also excluded, normal maintenance activi-

ties, minor repairs or alterations that will not change the footprint of a building.

When considering the location, 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, or online at wtwp.org.

Zoning permit applications are reviewed and the permit issued by the Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer, Ralph Hummel who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Building permits as regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code and are needed 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, retaining walls over 4' high, sidewalks and driveways that are 30" above adjacent grade or placed over a basement or story below, roof and ground mounted solar panels.

The State building codes

excludes building permits for detached carports, detached private garages, greenhouses, sheds—if the structure has a building area less than 1,000 square feet 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 Light-Heigel & Associates, Lehigh Engineering, LLC and BIU of PA to review applications, issue building permits and conduct the required inspections for projects in our township. For those needing a building permit, contact any one of the three entities listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Post Construction Stormwater Management Requirements

Post Construction Stormwater Management (PCSWMGT) is the process of controlling water runoff that comes primarily from impervious surfaces. A PCSWMGT Plan determines how the discharge of stormwater runoff will be controlled on properties creating new impervious areas **after construction** is completed. Impervious surfaces include roofs, patios, garages, sheds, sidewalks, decks, parking areas, and driveways.

If a municipality properly implements and enforces their (PCSWMGT) ordinance, a community can reduce flooding and impacts to community waterways by minimizing excess stormwater discharges from development and redevelopment activities.

gate the municipal governing body to grant the request for exemption or modification. The municipal governing body may consider any and all relevant factors, such as, existing problems, adjacent properties, sensitive environmental features and recommendations from other municipal entities such as planning commissions, municipal engineers and solicitors, in determining whether or not to grant any request for exemption or modification.

Property owners who are proposing 1,000 Sq. Ft. or more of new impervious area are asked to seek professional advise concerning the township's stormwater management requirements.

A new procedure has been established for property owners proposing to create new impervious areas on their property that is **less than 1,000 square feet and are seeking an exemption of post construction stormwater management requirements.**

Provide a site plan of your project and include on the plan, yard setbacks and the total square footage of the proposed new impervious area being created. The site plan will be provided to the Board of Supervisors who will determine if your project meets the requirements for an exemption.

As per the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance, §9-302 Exemptions/Modifications

10. Municipal Decision. all requests for exemptions or modifications shall be at the discretion of the municipal governing body. Demonstration that a proposed project meets exemption or modification requirements does not necessarily obli-

Erosion & Sedimentation Control

An Erosion & Sedimentation Pollution Control Plan (ESPC) determines how stormwater runoff will be controlled **during construction:**

- Controls such as straw bales, socks, silt barriers to be installed to control water runoff while construction is taking place for earth disturbance less than 5,000 square feet.
- In addition to installing controls, a ESPC Plan is to be kept on the premise if earth disturbance is 5000 sq. ft. to 43,559 sq. ft.
- For earth disturbance of 1 acre or more, ESPC Plan Approval and a NPDES Permit is needed. The Dauphin County Conservation District is delegated by DEP to conduct certain activities for the ESPC and NPDES program for stormwater discharges from construction activities in Dauphin County. Contact the Conservation District at 717.921.8100 for permitting requirements.



What's Happening at the Loyalton Park

Park Pavilion Rental

As you make plans for picnics, family reunions or other gatherings, consider the pavilion at the Loyalton Park.

Rental of the pavilion includes electric, running water, picnic tables, (seat approx. 48) charcoal grill as well as the park playground and softball field. In order to reserve the facility, a rental and damage deposit fee has been established for the

use of the facility: \$10 rental fee for Washington Township residents; \$25 rental fee for non-residents. A \$60 damage deposit is also required. The damage deposit will be returned as long as no damages were incurred.

To check on availability, make a reservation or have a question, contact the township office at 717.362.3191 or email washingtontownship@wtwp.org.

Healthy Kids Running Series Returns to the Loyalton Park



The Healthy Kids Running Series will be returning to the Loyalton Park this fall! Kids ages 2 through high school can participate in the running se-

ries.

Five weeks of once a week running, beginning Sunday, September 24 through Sunday, October 22 beginning 4 PM. There is still time to sign your kids up at: <https://runsignup.com/hkrsnortherndauphin>



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er, 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 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. 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



Seal Coating and Fog Sealing at the Loyalton Park

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. Our largest project was to seal coat and fog seal the driveway and the walk path to the ballfield. Our hope is this will make our facilities more accessible and cut down on the problems we were having with stones being thrown on the field, in the yard, playground and pavilion. We removed dead trees and worked to improve the Valley Inn Paring Area.

Personnel—Our roadcrew employees, Cole Long, Ike Daniels, Cale Welker (part time) 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. I would also like to thank Clint Klouser for his help, he retired this past year, but came back to help us when we were short help. 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!



Report Street Light Out



Washington Township relies on township residents to report the outage or malfunction of a street light. Contact the township office by calling 717.362.3191 during normal business hours or email a picture of the 5-digit set of numbers on the metal plate attached to the pole along with the street location to washingtontownship@wtwp.org. Allow 5-10 days for the repairs to be made.

On Lot Sewage Disposal

Washington Township has been delegated to ensure that every on lot sewage disposal systems located in the township has been pumped out at least one time every five (5) years. The township will mail out a reminder notice to property owners when their five-year on lot sewage disposal system pumping is due. 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. For any questions concerning the pump out mandate, contact the township office.

Mass Notification System

Washington Township is offering a mass communication alert system for emergencies and events through AlertSense. For those interested in receiving alerts on their electronic devices or land lines, visit the township website at wtwp.org, under the Home tab, scroll down and click on Mass Communication Alert System or type in your browser the following: <https://washingtontownship-pa.myfreealerts.com>

Broadband Expansion Project

The Dauphin County Commissioners and Comcast have joined to expand high-speed broadband internet access to many unserved locations in northern Dauphin County. The buildout is slated to occur over the next year and will include the following areas in our Township: Roller, Wilhour, Feidt, West Matterstown, Savidge, Wert, Botts, Mattis Mill, North Stone Roads and Harman Lane, Swa-Nea Drive, North Church Street.

Remaining American Rescue Plan (Covid) Funds Committed

The Board of Supervisors recently committed the remainder of the American Rescue Plan Funds to upgrade the following equipment. Chain Saw; Weed Trimmer w/trimmer blade; Lazer Level; Zero Turn Mower; assist with the expense to purchase a 10-wheel dump truck to replace the 2006 Freightliner.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The Elizabethville Area Authority will be flushing fire hydrants on October 16, 2023 and October 18, 2023 between the hours of 11 PM and 5AM. Customers could experience a decrease in water pressure and dirty water. Should you experience dirty water, simply run your taps until the water becomes clear.

SR 209/225 Corridor Update

A proposal to amend the zoning ordinance and map affecting properties adjacent to the SR209/225 corridor is still under review. Two new zoning districts are proposed. Commercial Highway and Mixed Use Village.



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. To learn more about this invasive pest, and especially obtain information on what methods can be used to stop the spread, visit the Penn State Extension Office website at:

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly> -or- Call the hotline number at: **888.422.3359**

To report a sighting, use the Extensions reporting tool on their website.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

**Polls Are Open 7 AM To 8 PM
Township Residents Vote at the**

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

October 23, 2023 - Last day to REGISTER before the Nov. Election



October 31, 2023 - Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

November 7, 2023 - Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots. (Must be received by 8 PM)

For More Information Visit Dauphin County's Website At

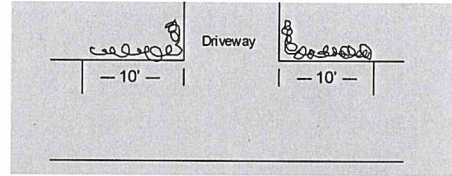
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Registrations and Elections**



Winter Storm Event Info for the General Public



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.



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-

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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Sunday, November 5, 2023



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Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

Every second counts in an emergency

- Remove snow and ice from the hydrant
- Clear an area approximately 3 feet around the hydrant
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street



Clear Fire Hydrants Save Lives



Thank you for Supporting your Volunteer Fire Company

