

Washington Township, Dauphin County

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Office Hours & Contact Info

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Yard Waste Collection Center

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

Fall 2024

Municipal Building Expansion/Renovation Project Underway

Construction began this past spring to expand and renovate the municipal building.

Why did we need a building expansion? Washington Township leases a portion of the municipal building to Dauphin County for the operations of Magisterial District Court 12-3-01. Early in 2023, representatives from Dauphin County approached the Township to ask if we would consider expanding the municipal building to provide additional office space for their District Court. Dauphin County planned to eliminate the Magisterial District Court office located in Dauphin which would result in our tenant being assigned a larger territory. An office expansion was essential to provide adequate office space for the increase in daily operations and additional staff that would be hired.

The expansion of this project involved adding a 1680 square foot addition to the front of the existing municipal building. Broken down, the township administration building added 480 square feet of new office space while 1200 square foot of new office space was added to the Judicial administration.

The renovations to the township space consists of modifying the current office space into a conference room with added storage. All the walls to be re-painted, new ceilings, new insulation, electric updates, flooring and lights. The restrooms and supervisors bench will be upgraded to current ADA standards. The computer and security systems will also be upgraded.

The renovations to the District Court space consists of renovating the judicial

administration's current office space to a file storage area and all existing walls will be re-painted. The lighting, computer and security systems will also be upgraded.

When is the anticipated date of project completion? November 1st. Construction has currently been slowed down, waiting on the new exterior doors to arrive.

How is this project being funded?

As reported in the spring newsletter, the bid for the municipal building expansion/renovation project was awarded to the low bidder at a cost of \$967,386.00.

The township was working with a representative from Dauphin County, (who also handled the previous expansion of the District Court), during the design phase of this project and received the go ahead to advertise for bids. Initially, Dau-

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Left: Outside of building with outside finish started and windows installed.

Right: Inside of what will be the new offices for the District Court. HVAC, wiring and drywalling completed.



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
Tony Hubler
Andreau Miller, Alternate
Vacancy, Alternate
Hearings are held as needed

Recreation Board

Matthew Stonerod, Chairman
Andrew Warfel, Secretary
Janine Schaffner
Jayne Harman
Brittany Hubler
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
Kathy Balsarick
Meetings held 2nd Tuesday of the month -7 PM

Elizabethville Area Authority

Dennis Henninger, Chairman
Chris Kocher, Vice Chairman & Township Rep.
Peggy Kahler, Treasurer
Tammy Keisling, Secretary
Ken Koller, Assistant Secretary
Robert (Bob) Bahnney
Tom Welker, Township Rep.
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 meet the first and third Tuesday evening each month. The balance of the meeting dates for the remainder of 2024 are as follows: October 1 & 15; Thursday, November 7 & Tuesday, November 19; December 3 & 17. 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, Esq.
Engineer Meck Tech, Inc. and Stahl Sheaffer Engineering

STATE UCC Building Permits/Inspectors

The Board of Supervisors appointed three building codes officials to issue the State UCC Building Permit and conduct the required state inspections. Property owners in Washington Township have the option of choosing any one of the three businesses listed below.

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@biuinc.com
Website: www.biupa.com

Volunteer Board Members Needed

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. Zoning Hearing Board (alternate); 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)

2024 OFFICE HOURS

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

Extra 2024 days/hours

March 19 & 21 and August 20 & 22 (4:30 - 8:00 PM)
December 24 & 31 (10AM-Noon)

Tax Office Closed

April, June, September, November –By appointment only

Closed all Holidays

Appointments are always available

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 capita) 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.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls Are Open 7 AM To 8 PM



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

vote.pa.gov October 21, 2024 - Last day to REGISTER to vote in the November election. Vote.pa.gov/Register

October 29, 2024—Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot. Vote.pa.gov/MailBallot

November 5, 2024— Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots. (Must be received by 8:00 PM). Vote.pa.gov/County

Contact the Dauphin County Elections office at 717.780.6360 for questions on voter registration, polling place and other election related information.

For more information visit Dauphin County's Website: www.dauphincounty.org
Registrations & Elections

Loyalton Reunion Day 9-14-2024

Friends, residents and former residents of Loyalton gathered at the Loyalton Park for the "Loyalton Reunion Day". Hours were spent reminiscing about what was and what has changed. Many different pictures and items were present for everyone to look through and discuss with their friends. Light snacks and drinks were provided.





2024 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 to improve drainage away from the roadways and seal coated Feidt and Suffolk Roads. We also replaced a 60" metal pipe from the "72" flood with a 60" Plastic Pipe on Bechtel Road and improved the entrance and exit to the pipe to improve drainage.



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

Feidt Road was seal coated, It will be fog sealed this week.

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.

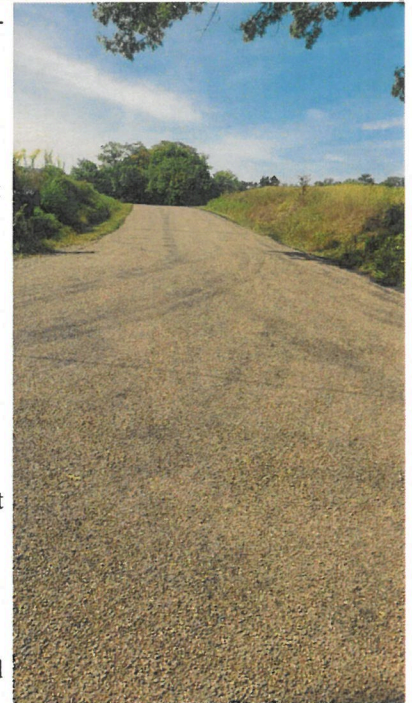
Mail Boxes - On streets with curbs, the front of your mail box may not extend beyond the edge of the curb. On streets without

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 Feidt and Sufflok Roads. The roads were repaired, drainage improved, signs upgraded if needed. The seal coating and fog sealing was done by a new contractor who had low bid, Midland Asphalt Materials, Bloomsburg, PA.

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.



Suffolk Road was seal coated. It will be fog sealed this week.



Pipe was installed on Bechtel Road.

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

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Fall Cleanup – Saturday, October 12, 2024 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 directed 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.



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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 Program UPDATE

The Household Hazard Waste Disposal (HHW) curbside program offered by Dauphin County will not be scheduling any pickup's through the end of this year. The County's contract only offers 20 household stops per month, or 240 annually, and is scheduled on a first come, first served basis. There are 178,000 households in Dauphin County. This is the first year the county has ever had a surge in interest. The County is not required to offer the program and HHW is also not a regulated waste in the Commonwealth or federally. If a program for the disposal of HHW is unavailable, residents may discard the items with their regular household trash. All of Dauphin County's trash goes to the Susquehanna Resource Management Complex (a waste to energy facility) and is burned at 1800 degrees; the facility/our trash generates electricity that powers the state capitol building.

The PADEP strongly urges residents to properly dispose of their unwanted HHW materials. However, if no collection program is available in your community you

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Township's Yard Waste Collection Center

LOCATION Township premises.
ENTER - DURING CONSTRUCTION enter the road adjacent to the front parking lot of the municipal building and proceed through the open gate at the salt storage shed. The signage will direct you to the yard waste disposal area.
EXIT through the gate entered and proceed out the road.
HOURS OF OPERATION
 Monday through Friday 9AM—4PM.
 2ND AND 4TH Saturday 9AM-Noon.
 Closed Holidays.
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 re-

moved from the root ball system.
THE YARD WASTE CENTER IS NOT INTENDED FOR the use of commercial landscapers, contractors and non-residents.
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.
CAMERAS ARE INSTALLED and vehicle license plates are being photographed. For those disposing unacceptable items, you may be cited.
BE RESPECTFUL of the service that is provided by your township and paid for by you, the taxpayer.

OPEN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 DURING FALL CLEANUP!



We had a resident and a business unload stumps at the Yard Waste area. We have no way to get rid of them. They would not pick the stumps up. This cost our workers time and taxpayer money!

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phin County's representative advised us the costs to add the office addition and renovations to the existing office space leased by them would be paid for by Dauphin County, under the same guidelines that were agreed upon during the 2007/2008 expansion and renovation project, as pre-paid rent, in exchange for extending our lease agreement.

Due to the recent turnover of administration at the County level, the prepaid rent offer did not materialize and the township supervisors were challenged with financing the costs of the entire project.

The township supervisors adopted an ordinance on August 20, 2024 authorizing and securing the issuance of a general

obligation note, in the principal amount of \$1,000,000.00, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act. The bank loan is through Mid Penn Bank for a term of 15 years.

Other avenues will be pursued to assist with paying off the loan. \$117,000.00 was appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Funds towards the project. The township will be re-negotiating the terms of our lease agreement with Dauphin County that will now include a monthly lease payment for their offices.

During the construction phase of this project, both the Township and the District Court offices are open to serve the public and operating during their normal business hours. In phase II of the project,

the existing offices will be renovated when both parties move to their respective new offices.

Signs are posted outside to direct visitors to the temporary entrance locations that are to the rear of the municipal building.

The municipal building expansion and renovation project will provide us with a more energy efficient building, upgraded to meet current ADA compliant standards, and added security features. A well-designed and functional municipal building becomes a point of pride for the community and symbolizes progress and commitment to serving residents effectively.



2022 Quilts of Valor Recipients:

Derl Snyder, Donald Long and James Weaver, presented by Emily Romberger at the Loyaltan Park in October of 2022.



ELIZABETHVILLE HALLOWEEN PARADE
OCTOBER 28, 2024
 RAINDATE: OCTOBER 29
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 \$1,000.00 IN CASH PRIZES AWARDED AT
 HIGH SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE PARADE**

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

SPONSORED BY:


ELIZABETHVILLE
 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION


**AND
 LOCAL BUSINESSES**

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**Washington Township
 Elizabethville Borough**



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

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may legally discard them in your regular trash pickup provided:

- You have read the label and complied with any disposal directions.
- Liquids have either been allowed to evaporate (if water based) or absorbed (if non-water based) on some material such as vermiculite, cat litter, or sawdust so there are no freestanding liquids.
- The remaining residue has been packaged to prevent leakage while the material is being transported to the disposal facility
- The material is placed out in small quantities, over several collection periods.

Residents can go to the PA Dept. Of Environmental Protection’s website to learn more about HHW and how to properly dispose. Household Hazardous Waste (pa.gov)

Supervisors Proposing Solar Energy System Ordinance

The Supervisors are currently reviewing a proposed solar energy system ordinance. The proposed ordinance enables a municipality through its zoning ordinance to regulate the use of property and to promote the conservation of energy through access to and use of renewable energy resources.

The proposed ordinance provides a guide for the development of renewable energy in our township. that includes, the zoning districts for use, setback requirements and the decommissioning process for solar installation.

The Supervisors will vote to advertise to hold a public hearing, with the intent to adopt, after their review is completed. The hearing provides the opportunity for the public sector to express comments prior to adoption. The date and time of the public hearing date will be advertised in the Citizen Standard and township website. The proposed ordinance will also be posted on the township website in it’s entirety.

Board of Supervisors Actions April 2024 Thru September 2024

- June 2024— Resolution 2024-05 Appoint Tony Hubler as a regular member on the Zoning Hearing Board.
- August 2024— Resolution 2024-06 Approve Disposal of Specific Township Records.
- September 2024—Ordinance 2024-01 Authorizing the Issuance

of a General Obligation Note, in the principal amount of \$1,000,000.00, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Government Act, to finance the expansion and renovations to the existing municipal building.



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 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 under. Also excluded, normal maintenance activities, 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.

Know what's below - dial 811 before you dig.

Stormwater Management Control

Washington Township adopted a Stormwater Management Ordinance in 2010. Stormwater Management Control is the process of controlling stormwater drainage runoff from the surface of the land resulting from rain, snow, or ice melt.

A stormwater management plan evaluates how stormwater will be controlled when new impervious surfaces/areas are proposed on a property.

What are our impervious surfaces and why are they a problem? Impervious surfaces are paved and hardened surfaces that do not allow water to pass through. Impervious areas include but are not limited to roofs, additional indoor living spaces, patios, garages, storage sheds, driveways and any new streets and sidewalks. Impervious surfaces can increase the amount and speed of stormwater runoff which can erode stream banks, damaging aquatic habitat, push fertilizers, pesticides, leaking fuel and other chemical contaminants into rivers and creeks, of which ultimately end up in the Chesapeake Bay.

The purpose of stormwater planning is to reduce the amount of stormwater that can

run off a property. There are many relevant factors to consider while planning for stormwater control such as existing problems, adjacent properties, isolation distance, sensitive environmental features.

Property owners proposing to create less than 1000 square feet of new impervious area are not mandated to submit a stormwater management control plan.

Property owners proposing to create 1,000 square feet or more of new impervious area will be asked to seek professional advice.

For projects that add impervious area to a developed parcel in stages, the new impervious area is subject to the requirements of the ordinance and any existing impervious area that is within the new proposed limit of the disturbance is also subject to the requirements of the ordinance.

What is involved with the preparation of a stormwater management site plan?

A stormwater management site plan includes planning for erosion and sedimentation control to assess how stormwater runoff will be managed during con-

struction. The plan is designed to minimize accelerated erosion and sedimentation. Controls such as straw bales, socks, silt barriers are installed to control water runoff while construction is taking place.

A stormwater management site plan includes planning for post construction, to assess how runoff is managed on a property after the new impervious area is completed. The plan evaluates the impact of the new construction on neighboring properties and downstream areas. The site plan is forwarded to the township engineer for review.

An Operation & Maintenance Agreement will also be needed for the construction of facility and drainage improvements. The agreement is approved by the Supervisors and is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Dauphin County.

For those of you planning to create 1,000 square feet or more of new impervious area, you are asked to plan ahead, as it may take a few months for the professional you hire to design a site plan. No permits will be issued until the site plan and agreement is approved and recorded.

What's Happening at the Loyalton Park



Kids enjoying the playground before the Healthy Kids Running Series Races begin.

The Healthy Kids Running Series –Northern Dauphin has returned to the Loyalton Park! Kids ages 2 through high school can participate in the running series.

Five weeks of once a week running, which began on Sunday, September 15 and runs through Sunday, October 13. For more information visit their website at : <https://runsignup.com/northerndauphin>

a \$60 damage deposit fee. The damage deposit is returned as long as no damage occurred while under the responsible individuals use. To reserve the facility, contact the township office at 717.362.3191 or washington-township@wtwp.org.



Loyalton Park Parking Lot was lined to make parking easier

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

Pavilion rental includes the following amenities: electric, running water, picnic tables, (seats approx. 48) charcoal grill as well as the park playground and softball field. Facility rental is \$50 and



2024 Quilts of Valor Recipients: James "Bull" Watson, Alfred Wiest & Blair Dietrich presented by Emily Romberger at the Loyalton Park

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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 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 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 paint parking lot lines in the parking lot. 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 Parking 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. 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!



12 Simple Steps to Get Ready for Emergencies in PA

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is encouraging residents to prepare for emergencies and provided the following tips that township officials can share with their residents:

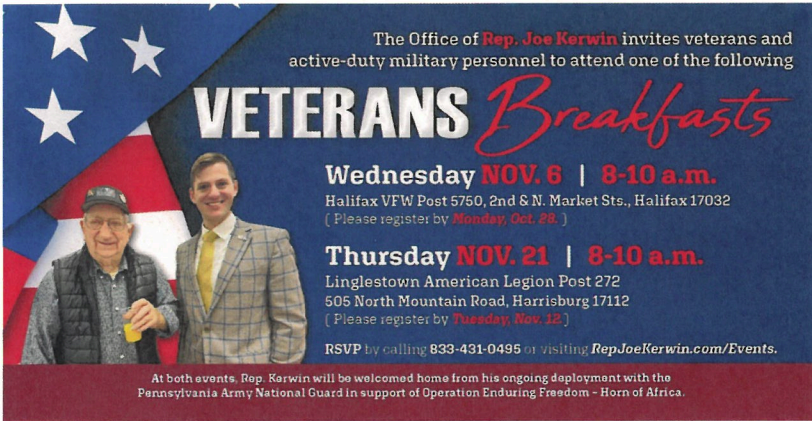
Preparing for emergencies doesn't have to be overwhelming. Here are 12 simple steps you can take to ensure that you and your family are ready for whatever comes your way:

1. **Make a Plan:** Create an emergency plan for your family, including communication methods and meeting spots.
2. **Build a Kit:** Assemble a supply kit with essentials like water, food, and first aid.
3. **Stay Informed:** Sign up for local alerts and make sure your phone can receive emergency notifications.
4. **Prepare for Evacuations:** Know your evacuation routes and where you can go, including plans for pets.
5. **Secure Important Documents:** Keep important documents safe and consider making digital copies.
6. **Check Your Insurance:** Review your insurance policies to

make sure you're covered for disasters.

7. **Strengthen Your Home:** Take steps to protect your home, like securing heavy furniture and reinforcing doors.
8. **Plan for Family Needs:** Consider special needs for children, older adults, and family members with disabilities.
9. **Prepare for Power Outages:** Have backup power sources for medical devices and know how to keep medications safe.
10. **Educate Your Family:** Make sure everyone in your household knows the emergency plan and how to use the supplies.
11. **Get Involved in Your Community:** Join or start a local preparedness group to help your community be ready.
12. **Practice Your Plan:** Regularly review and practice your emergency plan so everyone knows what to do.

For more details and additional resources, visit www.ready.pa.gov Taking these small steps now can make a big difference in keeping your family safe!



The Office of Rep. Joe Kerwin invites veterans and active-duty military personnel to attend one of the following

VETERANS Breakfasts

Wednesday NOV. 6 | 8-10 a.m.
Halifax VFW Post 5750, 2nd & N. Market Sts., Halifax 17032
(Please register by **Monday, Oct. 28**)

Thursday NOV. 21 | 8-10 a.m.
Linglestown American Legion Post 272
505 North Mountain Road, Harrisburg 17112
(Please register by **Tuesday, Nov. 12**)

RSVP by calling 833-431-0495 or visiting RepJoeKerwin.com/Events.

At both events, Rep. Kerwin will be welcomed home from his ongoing deployment with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in support of Operation Enduring Freedom - Horn of Africa.

On Lot Sewage Disposal Upkeep

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.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The Elizabethville Area Authority will be flushing fire hydrants on October 7th and October 9th between the hours of 11 PM and 3 AM. Customers should have little or no impact.

However, if you notice that your water is cloudy, simply run your tap for a few minutes until the water becomes clear. Thank you for your cooperation!

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.

Named Developments & Subdivisions in Washington Twp.

Berry Mountain Estates: Located - Romberger Road, Belle & Lenker Drive.
Blue Grass Estates: Located - North & South Kentucky, Missouri Drive and Tennessee Avenue.
Big Run: Located -Big Run Drive and SR209.
Country Estates: Located - Kocher Lane & Longabach Drive.
Green Acres: Located - Green Acres Avenue, Park Drive, Green, Locust, and Oak Street.
Mountain Meadow: Located - Long Road off of Stone Hill Road.

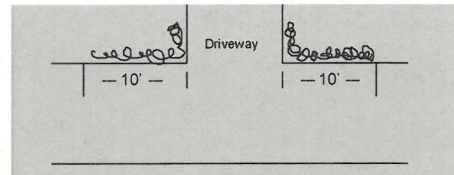
Mountain View: Located -Mountain View Road and SR209.
Mountain View Terrace: Located -Bickle Crossing Road, East & West Bonnie Avenue, East & West Vickie, Gigi & Steves Lane.
Pine Acres: Located - Lebo, James & George Street, Simon Boulevard.
Short Mountain Village: Located -North of SR209 at East End of Loyalton
Small Manor: Located - East End of Woland Road
Village of Loyalton—Located on SR 209



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.



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

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 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.

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.





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