



Fall 2025

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

UDCOG EMS Study and Action Plan



UDCOG
 Upper Dauphin Council
 of Governments

udcog.org

The Upper Dauphin Council of Governments (UDCOG) has been working on the issue related to EMS (Emergency Medical Service) coverage and changes to the local ambulance organizations. Over the years, between losing volunteer interest, and also

not being able to staff with paid employees due to staffing shortages and funding challenges. More information on the EMS Study and Action Plan is available on UDCOG's website at www.udcog.org.

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL EMS SYSTEM

EMS Agencies serving Northern Dauphin County are experiencing significant challenges including:

- Increasing call volumes
- Increasing costs to operate
- Declining voluntary subscriptions
- Need to transition from volunteer to paid staffing, combined with staff shortages
- Insurance reimbursements that are inadequate to cover the cost of service

80% of providers in the region report a model emphasizing professional staffing is needed to continue to maintain services.

The goal is to create a regional EMS System that will benefit Northern Dauphin residents with:

- Appropriate level of professional EMS staff
- Improved EMS coverage and response times
- 24/7 readiness to respond to 911 EMS calls
- Cost-efficiencies through shared services
- Local planning and decision making
- Public meetings and transparency

90% of EMS providers in the region report that financial stability is needed to continue to maintain services.

Figures based on a 2024 survey at Upper Dauphin emergency services staff

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Board Members & Staff

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
Tony Hubler
Andreau Miller
Vacancy, Alternate (2 seats)
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

Matthew V. Boyer, Chairman
Kathy Balsarick, Vice Chairman
Doris Kauffman, Secretary
John Burget, Treasurer
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) Bahney
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

John F. Faust, Chairman
Monica Koontz, Secretary
Donald W. Raffensperger
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

Board of Supervisors



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 at the Washington Township Municipal Building. Meetings begin at 7 PM. All meetings are open to the public. The meeting dates for the balance of 2025: October 7 and 21; November 6 and 18; December 2 and 16.

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

Residents or their contractors may choose any one of the three (3) third party agencies listed below for UCC State building permits and inspection needs.

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

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

(BIU) Building Inspection Underwriters of PA Inc.
Contact: 877.453.4321 or jfaust@biuinc.com
Website: www.biuipa.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 members); Washington Township Au-

thority (Loyalton public sewer) 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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tax Collector: Lori Brown

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)

2025 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 2025 days/hours

March 18 & 20 and August 19 & 21 (4:30 - 8:00 PM)
December 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.

Board of Supervisors Actions April 2025 thru Sept 2025

April 2025

- Resolution 2025-08 Approve Preliminary/Final Land Development and Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan for Anthony Hoover Ag Operation to construct three 48' x 528 pullet houses.

July 2025

- Ordinance 2025-01 Adopt amendments to Chapter 27 of the Zoning Ordinance regulating Solar Energy Systems.
- Resolution 2025-09 Approve Preliminary/Final Land Development and Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan for the Northern Dauphin County Christian School Association to construct a school building, athletic fields, parking, utilities.
- Resolution 2025-10 Adopt Dauphin Counties Hazard Mitigation Plan.

August 2025

- Resolution 2025-11 Approve Final Land Development Plan and Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan for Amos & Marianne Beiler to construct a 48' x 464' chicken house.
- Resolution 2025-12 Approve Final Land Development Plan and Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan for Indian Trail Country Market to re-construct a 18,728 grocery store.

September 2025

- Resolution 2025-13 Approve Trick or Treat Night
- Resolution 2025-14 Approve disposal of specific Township records

Municipal Election

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The polls are open 7AM to 8 PM. Washington Township residents vote at the Washington Township Municipal Building located at 185 Manors Road, Elizabethville, PA 17023.

- October 20, 2025 - Last day to REGISTER before the November election.
- October 28, 2025 –Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot. Vote.pa.gov/MailBallot
- November 4, 2025 - Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in & civilian absentee ballots.
- Ballots must be received by 8 PM. Vote.pa.gov/County

For questions on voter registration, polling place and other election related information contact the Dauphin County Elections office by phone at 717.780.6360 or email at election@dauphincounty.gov.



**For More Information
Visit Dauphin County's
Website: www.dauphincounty.org
Bureau of Registrations & Elections**



**ROAD
CLOSED**

2025 Fall Road Report

**WORK
ZONE**



Public Works Department

Robert Crabb, Roadmaster 717.979.0320
Cole Long, Ike Daniels, Jr.

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 \$225.

Drainage - We were planning to cut berms on Mattis Mill and Harmon Roads this year, but we have equipment problems for the past month that has prevented us from cutting berms. We will try to get it done this year in preparation for Seal Coating next year.

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. This year we trimmed Henninger, Matter and the Loyaltown Area. 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.

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 - We did not do any surface repairs this year. Next year, the roads we decide to work on will be repaired, drainage improved, signs upgraded if needed.

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.



Drainage Improvements at the Loyaltown Park



Mattis Mill Road to be Seal Coated in 2026

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

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Fall Cleanup – Saturday, October 4, 2025 8 AM-3 PM



Items not accepted:

Lithium Batteries
Chemicals
Flammable & Hazardous Materials
Household Garbage
Liquid Paints

parking lot of the township building and you will be 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.

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.

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

Questions

Not sure an item will be accepted for disposal?

Call 717.362.3191 or email
washingtontownship@wtwp.org.
prior to cleanup day.

Examples of Items Accepted

Large bulky items included, but not limited to, furniture; mattress and/or boxspring—limited 2 per household; 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: \$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.

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



THE SECOND LOYALTON OLDTIMERS GET TOGETHER IS GOING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, STARTING AT NOON, AT THE LOYALTON PARK. IT WILL BE A COVERED DISH STYLE PICNIC. HOT DOGS, DRINKS, AND PAPER PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR!! COME OUT AND MEET UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AND REMINISCE ABOUT THE GOOD OLD DAYS!!

Township's Yard Waste Collection Center

The Township's Yard Waste Collection Center is NOT intended for residents to cut down complete trees and haul to our collection center on large trailers or multiple loads on small trailers. Hire a contractor or rent equipment to dispose of your trees. The collection center was designed to handle yard waste to maintain a "normal" yard, Not to clear your property!

LOCATION Township Municipal Building located at 185 Manors Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17023.

ENTER the front parking lot of the municipal building and proceed through the open gate near 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 & 4th Saturday of the month:

9AM-Noon. Closed Holidays.

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

THE YARD WASTE CENTER IS NOT INTENDED FOR the use of commercial landscapers, contractors and non-residents.

**The Township's
Yard Waste Collection Center
Will be open on
Saturday, October 4th
8AM—3 PM.**

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.

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.

KEY CARD SYSTEM PROPOSED

The Supervisors are considering implementing a key card system to access the Yard Waste Collection Center. Along with the key card will be a fee to use the Center. More information will be available as soon as the Supervisors work out the details.

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In short, our local emergency services system at serious risk—which puts lives at serious risk. The Upper Dauphin Council of Governments (UDCOG) a collaboration of 20 municipalities in our region, is working on a regional plan to solve this pressing community problem.

Questions & Answers

Why is a regional EMS System needed for Northern Dauphin County?

A regional EMS system for Northern Dauphin County is needed because the future of emergency services in the region is at risk. Local ambulance agencies are struggling, as voluntary membership subscriptions have steeply declined while costs to operate continue to increase. Additionally, insurance reimbursement is inadequate to cover the cost of service, and there are many expenses ambulance agencies incur to operate that they can't bill insurance for, including being ready to be dispatched 24/7.

How would the regional EMS system work?

With input from municipal leaders, ambulance agencies and community members, UDCOG is identifying a model for the regional EMS system that will sustain and improve services. UDCOG expects to hold public information sessions on its proposed model in the second half of 2025.

Have a question?

Contact Christopher Dietz, UDCOG President at chris.dietz@millersburgpa.org

What will the regional EMS system cost?

The first priority will be to stabilize the current EMS system. The next step will be to determine costs and a method to fund the system on a long-term sustainable basis. A range of options are being considered from local tax revenue to an annual fee on a per person or per property basis.

What happens if a regional EMS system isn't created and funded?

Unless our region addresses this issue together, local EMS may not be available when you need it or you may experience a long life-threatening response time from an out-of-area EMS service.

GET INVOLVED TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR BUILDING A BETTER EMS SYSTEM FOR OUR REGION

Contact your local elected officials to voice support for a sustainable solution for EMS. Attend your local municipal public meetings!



Scan the QR code to visit UDCOG's website and learn more!

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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Elizabethville Borough</h2> <h1 style="text-align: center;">HALLOWEEN PARADE</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">October 27th 7 PM Rain date Oct. 28</p>  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Trick or treat</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">October 30th 6-8 pm</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Washington Township</h2> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <h1 style="text-align: center;">Trick or Treat!</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Thursday, October 30th 6-8 PM</h2>
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Rep. Joe Kerwin to Host Veterans Breakfast in Halifax

As we inch closer to the resumption of session, I've been working diligently in the summer to ensure you and your families are represented in Harrisburg and at home.

Earlier this summer, the state House unanimously passed my bipartisan legislation, House Bill 1306, that would exempt income tax on length-of-service awards for volunteer firefighters. These programs are used as an incentive for recruitment and retention.

I've also introduced House Bill 1582 to repeal the antiquated Business Gross Receipts Tax to ease the fiscal burden on businesses and simplify the complex local tax system.

As a token of gratitude for servicemen and women, I invite veterans and active-duty military personnel to my Veterans Breakfast on Monday, Oct. 20, from 8-10 a.m., at the Halifax VFW Post 5750, located at North Second and Market streets in Halifax. Registration is required. Please RSVP by calling 833-431-0495 or visiting RepJoeKerwin.com/Events.



left to right: Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Phillips; Maj. Gen. John R. Pippy, Adjutant General of PA; Rep. Sheryl Delozier (R-Cumberland); 2nd Lt. Allison Delozier; and Rep. Kerwin

How is my Property Zoned? The answer is part of your address on this newsletter!

If you look at your address on this newsletter, the first set of numbers listed above your name indicates your tax parcel number. After the parcel number, you will notice a letter or letters that is representative of the zoning district your property is located in. Multiple letters showing means that your parcel is currently in more than one district.

The letters represent the following districts: **A** Agricultural District (Low Density) **R-1** Residential District (Low Density) **R-2** Residential District (Medium-High Density) **C** Commercial District **LI** Light Industrial **CN** Conservation District **F** Floodplain Management District **V** Village District **MR** Mineral Resource Recovery District

If your parcel does not have a letter on it, please call the township office for your zoning district, or if there is an **NL** - the county has No Location on their maps for this parcel. You may call the township office for assistance or if you feel the zoning is listed incorrectly on this newsletter.

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 on whether a permit is needed for your project, 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 for most zoning districts. 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 third party agencies listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Know what's below - dial 811 a few business days 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 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.

What is involved with the preparation of a stormwater management control site plan? When creating 1,000 sq. ft. or more of new impervious area, a property owner will need to consult with a professional for the preparation of a stormwater management control site plan. The site plan includes planning for erosion and sedimentation control to assess how stormwater runoff will be managed during construction. Controls such as straw bales, socks, silt barriers are installed to control water run-

off while construction is taking place. The site plan also assesses how stormwater 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 submitted to the Township office and forwarded to the Township Engineer for review.

A Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) Operation & Maintenance Agreement is also needed when facility and drainage improvements are constructed. The agreement outlines the maintenance required, the responsibilities of the property owner, and the rights of the Township in regards to inspection & enforcement of the maintenance requirements.

Zoning and/or building permits will not be issued until the agreement & site plan are approved by the Supervisors and filed at the Recorder of Deeds office.

For questions pertaining to stormwater management control contact the township office for assistance.

What's Happening at the Loyalton Park



New Sensory-sensitive play area has been added allowing children with different play styles and abilities to play in the Loyalton Park. Children on the autism spectrum might also find this a cozy place to play.



One of the new Sensory-sensitive play toys at the Loyalton Park.

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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 some projects at the Loyalton Park this past year. We installed Sensory-sensitive toys and added drainage around the pavilion along with our usual maintenance of the park and trails.

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!

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 14 and runs through Sunday, October 12. For more information visit their website at : <https://runsignup.com/northerndauphin>

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

Rental of the pavilion includes picnic tables, a grill, and is adjacent to a playground to keep the kids entertained.

The pavilion has the capacity to seat 40 people. Electricity and water are also available.

A \$50 fee has been established for the use of the facility along with a \$60

refundable deposit. The deposit is refunded after your event and successful site inspection by township staff.

Contact the township at 717.362.3191 or email washingtontownship@wtwp.org for availability, reservations and questions.



New Loyalton Park Sign was installed this year.

Fun at the Loyalton Park—Making music or Rock climbing, just having fun!



September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month

Preparedness Starts At Home

This year FEMA's National Preparedness Month theme is **Preparedness Starts at Home**. Being prepared for disasters starts at home.

Everyone can be part of helping to prepare for emergencies. Listed below is information to assist households with preparing for an emergency.

Know the different types of emergencies that could happen and appropriate responses to stay safe.

- Make a family emergency plan.
- Build an emergency supply kit.
- Get involved in their community by taking action to prepare for emergencies.

Does your family know what to do when a disaster strikes? Readiness starts at home. Create an emergency plan today:

- Establish meeting points
- Assign responsibilities
- Practice evacuation routes
- Create a communication plan

When the lights go out, will you be ready? Readiness starts at home with these power outage essentials:

- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Portable charger for phones
- Non-perishable foods

FEMA's Ready Campaign has observed National Preparedness Month since 2004 to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. This month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.

- ⇒ Keep emergency contact cards in everyone's wallet and backpack.
- ⇒ Many emergency rooms see surges in preventable injuries after disasters. Preparedness starts with a well-stocked first aid kit and basic medical training.
- ⇒ Conduct a Battery check day—Replace smoke detectors, check flashlights, rotate portable chargers.
- ⇒ What's in your car kit? Readiness starts with you but extends everywhere you go.
- ⇒ Your furry family members need their own emergency kits.
- ⇒ Readiness starts at home for every member of your household. Include 7-day food and water supply, medications and medical records; first aid supplies, collar with a tag harness and leash.

There are additional resources available to prepare for an emergency on FEMA's website at Ready.gov

On Lot Disposal Sewage System Pump-Out Requirement

Washington Township has been delegated to ensure that every on lot sewage disposal system located in the township has been pumped out by a certified pumper/hauler at least one time every five (5) years.

Property owners will be mailed a notice to remind them of their responsibility to schedule the pump out of their on lot disposal sewer system during the same year

of their five year pump-out anniversary date.

Information in reference to the on lot sewage disposal pump out mandate is located in Chapter 18, Part 4, On lot Subsurface Sewage Disposal Facilities, §18-407 Maintenance, of the Washington Township Code of Ordinances.

Contact the township office for any questions concerning the pumping mandate.

Report Street Light Out

Washington Township relies on township residents to report the outage or malfunction of a street light.

Report the street light by calling the township office at 717.362.3191—or— email a picture of the 5-digit set of numbers on the metal plate attached to the pole and in-

clude the street location of the street light to washingtontownship@wtwp.org. Allow 5-10 days for the repairs to be made.



Low-Interest Loans to Homeowners Facing Sewage Repairs

The PENNVEST Homeowner Sewage Program, provides loans to homeowners facing sewer or septic system costs. The PENNVEST program is a joint venture between the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to assist homeowners with the repair or replacement of on-lot septic systems or their connection to public sewer. It also helps homeowners pay for a first-time connection from an existing home to public sewer.

The PENNVEST Homeowner Septic Program has the following features:

- ⇒ 1.75% interest rate (2.55% APR)
- ⇒ Maximum loan amount of \$25,000
- ⇒ No restrictions on household income
- ⇒ Terms up to 20 years (15 years for manufactured homes)
- ⇒ No prepayment penalty

Applicants must go through a participating lender to start the loan process. The lenders underwrite the loan and work with homeowners until closing is completed. PHFA then services the loan for the entire life of the loan.

To start the PENNVEST application process, homeowners should contact a participating lender or call PHFA at 1-855-U-Are-Home (827-3466) and then press "0" for the Customer Solutions Center. Interested homeowners may also email septic@phfa.org with questions.

Winter Storm Event Info for the General Public

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.

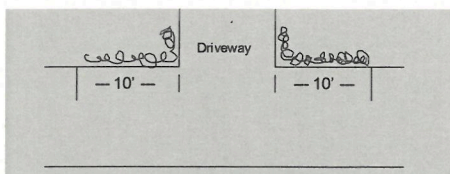
DRIVEWAYS: The township receives complaints with regards to having recently shoveled driveway entrances plowed in. Some suggestions for shoveling driveways are:

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.

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.





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Fall Safety Tips and Reminders

As the seasons change, it's important to prioritize safety around your home and community. October, recognized as Fire Prevention Month, serves as a perfect time to review essential safety precautions.

First, don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. This simple task can significantly enhance your home's safety and ensure that your alarms are functioning properly in case of an emer-

gency. Remember, with the shift in time, it's a good idea to set a calendar reminder to check and replace batteries regularly.

Driving during fall requires extra caution. Be alert for leaves on the roadway, which can create slippery conditions and obscure road hazards. Stay attentive and drive at safe speeds to protect yourself and others on the road.

Additionally, after snowstorms, make

sure fire hydrants near your property are shoveled out and accessible. This quick action can make a critical difference for emergency responders in the event of a fire.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting safety and awareness. Let's work together to keep our homes and communities safe this fall season!

Thank you for Supporting your Volunteer Fire Company

