

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

January 2014

From The Supervisors: We would like to thank the many folks who donated time, materials, or money to complete the 9-11 Tribute at Red Run Park. This memorial will help everyone in the future to remember the events of September 11, 2001. In addition, this project brought out what is great about our community- the willingness to get behind a great community project and follow through until it is complete. What great community spirit we have! We are looking forward to year 2014 when we expect the new Battle of Monterey Pass building to be completed, a new hotel built in Rouzerville, a new factory in the Wharf Road Industrial Park, and most importantly, the continued improvement of our local economy in general. We wish all of our residents and the community a great and healthy new year.

Public Hearing Notice - Zoning Code Amendments: The Washington Township Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building Meeting Room at 13013 Welty Road to take comments on the following 3 proposed amendments to the zoning chapter of the township's code:

1. Rezoning of 13 properties (11 acres of land) in Rouzerville along the south side of Old Route 16. The addresses of the proposed properties to be changed are the even numbered properties between 11438 Old Route 16 to 11632 Old Route 16. The rezoning request is from Low Density Residential (R1) to Commercial (C).
2. A zoning text amendment that would permit chickens in the Forest Conservation District (FC) and regulate greenhouses differently.
3. A zoning text amendment that makes changes to the sign regulations in the code.

To review complete copies of these proposed changes please either visit the township's website at www.washtwp-franklin.org or stop by the township office. If you are unable to attend the public hearing but would like to offer comments on any of these proposed changes, the township will accept written comments until the close of work on January 20, 2014 at the township office.

Police Department News: Washington Township Police Department is currently utilizing a communications service that allows the department to send important and valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. The Nixle Community Information Service allows the department to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at www.nixle.com. Messages may include Missing Persons, Persons of Interests, Crime Prevention Tips, and Events that may affect traffic as well as other relevant safety and community event information. The service is secure, reliable and easy to use. Residents of Washington Township and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com. The department is very excited to have you experience this new message technology. Please consider registering as soon as possible.

Tax Collector News - Revised office hours for year 2014: Effective January 1, 2014, the Washington Township Tax Office will have new office hours as follows:

Year Round:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

APRIL & AUGUST:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Other hours will be by appointment only. Please call 717-762-1760 to make an appointment. The tax office will be closed all township holidays.

Franklin County DUI Task Force information: The Franklin County DUI Task Force would like to remind the community that they will be conducting patrols targeting impaired drivers during the holiday season. Last year approximately 12,389 crashes and 91 fatalities were reported in Pennsylvania in December. In 2011 there were 11,372 crashes and 121 fatalities. During the Christmas holiday 101 crashes and 2 fatalities were caused by drivers being impaired by drugs and alcohol. The police community would like to lower these statistics in year 2013. Therefore they are asking all to refrain from driving impaired. Please have a designated driver in place to drive you home from your events with alcohol.

Septic System Pumping in 2013: If you are in area 1 of the Township, Route 316, Wayne Highway, West to Antrim Township, you needed to have your septic tank pumped in year 2013. If you have not made arrangements to have your tank pumped, please do so immediately. If you have any questions or need a time extension, please contact the Township office at 762-3128.

Red Run and Pine Hill Pavilion Rentals: Pavilions at Red Run Park and Pine Hill may be rented for year 2014 beginning on Thursday, January 2, 2014. Reservations will be taken beginning at approximately 8:00 a.m. However, people usually line up for reservations much earlier in the morning. Reservations are taken in the order of the number taken. Please use the meeting room at the back of the building as a place to wait.

Rental fee rates have not increased for 2014 and are as follows:

RED RUN PARK: Pavilion #1 - \$45.00 (80 person capacity)
Pavilion #2 - \$55.00 (200 person capacity)
Pavilion #3 - \$50.00 (100 person capacity)
Pavilion #4 - \$45.00 (80 person capacity)
Pavilion #5 - \$35.00 (32 person capacity)

PINE HILL PARK: The large Pavilion **A** - \$60.00 (300 person capacity)
Pavilions **B & C** - \$50.00 (100 person capacity)

Red Run's five pavilions range in seating capacity from 32 to 200 people, while the pavilions at Pine Hill range in seating capacity from 100 to 300 people. Payments are due with reservations – Cash or check ONLY. **Reservations are not accepted by phone.** For reservation forms on-line please see the website at www.washtwp-franklin.org under the **BLUE tab** Departments then to Parks & Recreation then choose Red Run or Pine Hill for Rental Applications.

Christmas Tree Disposal: Christmas trees may be disposed of at the Washington Township Transfer Station for a fee of \$1.00. All trees will be recycled into mulch for reuse in the spring. Trees are welcome from everyone. The Transfer Station is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Transfer Station and Recycling Center: Please note that the Transfer Station and Recycling Center will close on Thursday December 31, 2013 at **noon** and will be closed all day on Wednesday January 1, 2014.

January Dates to Remember

- Dec 31:** Transfer Station and Recycling Center closing at noon
- JANUARY 1:** Township Office, Tax Collector's Office,
Transfer Station and Recycling Center closed
- 2, 15 & 29:** Supervisors Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 & 20:** Supervisors Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 & 21:** WTMA Meetings, 7:15 p.m.
- 13:** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 27:** Zoning Hearing Board (if needed), 7:30 p.m.