

Washington Township News

November 2014

From the Supervisors – On Saturday, October 18, 2014 the Friends of the Battle of Monterey Pass held an outstanding ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Battlefield Museum in Blue Ridge Summit. We participated along with Nancy Bull from Congressman Shuster's office, Representative Todd Rock, Franklin County Commissioners, David Keller and Robert Thomas, and our Historian John Miller. Alicia Miller, Chairperson of the Friends, acted as the MC and helped cut the ribbon with her husband John Miller.

After the ribbon cutting everyone was treated to a trip around the new museum. What an outstanding job John and Alicia Miller did in presenting the artifacts in the Museum.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped in any way to construct the building or donated funding for the new Museum.

If you were not able to attend the open house on October 18th, the Friends will have volunteers man the Museum the next few Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. So if you are in the Blue Ridge Summit area and would like to visit the Museum, please stop in. You will not be disappointed.

CONDITIONAL USE – Bed & Breakfast – The Township Supervisors will hold a public hearing on November 3rd to consider the conditional use application of Linda Chen, for a Bed & Breakfast and Wedding Services at 12514, 12522, 12620 and 12534 Old Rt. 16.

The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and will be held at the township's meeting room at 13013 Welty Road.

If you are unable to attend, written comments will be received at the township office until 4:30 PM on November 3rd.

If you have any questions on this application please contact Clint Rock, Township Planner at 717-762-3128.

WTMA News – The Monterey Lane sewage force main replacement project is taking longer to complete than expected. Therefore, construction will continue into November. The township would like to remind motorists to be careful while driving on Monterey Lane and use alternative routes if possible during the day.

If you have any questions on this project please contact Sean McFarland, Manager, WTMA at 717-762-3108 Ext. 104.

Pine Hill News – James Kirby Memorial – If you have a chance to go to Pine Hill, please stop by and enjoy the new bench that is part of the James Kirby Memorial across from the Dunlap Skate Park.

Mr. Kirby was a former Supervisor who really enjoyed Pine Hill. Mr. Kirby died in 2013.

A special thanks to Green Arbor who designed and constructed the memorial.

Battle of Monterey Pass – 2 new donations in October.

1. The Township would like to thank David Sciamanna, President of the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce and Ted Alexander for the Chamber's donation of \$3,000.00 to the Friends of Monterey Pass Battlefield from Chambersburg Civil War Seminar & Tours Fund.

This funding will be used to assist with additional battlefield presentations in Blue Ridge Summit.

2. In addition, we would like to thank Tim Morrow and Marshall Miller for raising \$502.68 as part of their senior project for the Battlefield. These two young men did a lot of hard work to raise this funding and prepare for a presentation at the Battlefield.

When you see any of these gentlemen please thank them for supporting the preservation of our Battlefield.

11th Annual Halloween at Red Run Park: The Township Supervisors would like to thank the businesses, organizations and numerous individuals for their generous donations of time, talents, food, and gifts for our 11th Annual Halloween at Red Run Park on Saturday night, October 25th.

This event was a great success again this year thanks to the generosity of so many members of our community. Hundreds of children (and adults) came to the park Saturday night to participate in our costume parade, fire truck rides, and Red Run Express Train rides. There were goodies to eat, prizes awarded for costumes, and lots of spooky sights and sounds throughout the park that everyone enjoyed.

A special thanks to Lisa Frazer who chaired this year's event and everyone who helped.

Mountaintop Community Fall Fair and Art Show: Mark November 1st on your calendars and make a point to come on out to the annual Mountaintop Community Fall Fair and Art Show on Saturday, November 1st, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Blue Ridge Mt. Volunteer Fire Company fire hall (13063 Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit, PA). This is the 6th year for this fund raiser to benefit the Amanda Bowders Community Memorial Garden. Auction of great items at 1:00 p.m.! Bring the kids to the free Magic Show at 1:30 p.m.! 12:00 – Entertainment by Rich Fehle – Great Food (breakfast and lunch) – Artist and Artwork – Homemade Crafts – Local History Displays. There are still some vendor spaces remaining. Spaces are \$10 each and include an 8' table. Contact Lynn or Duke Martin at (717) 642-5645 or email them at jacksmtn@embarqmail.com or Kevin Kipe at (301) 241-4863. We hope to see you there.

Leaf Recycling- BURNING NOT PERMITTED: Just a reminder that you may not burn leaves in Washington Township. All leaves must be recycled and as a result, we offer the following alternate methods for you to dispose of your leaves:

1. Bag the leaves in plastic bags, or place them in the back of a truck as you have done for years and dispose of these leaves **free** of charge at the Washington Township Transfer Station, located at 12721 Buchanan Trail East. The station is open Monday through Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM. This is still the best and most efficient option if you cannot mow or mulch the leaves back into your lawn.
2. Mulch your leaves on your property using a mulch mower or other equipment. You can then use the mulch in your flowerbeds or garden to improve your soil quality.
3. Bag leaves and find a friend or farmer to take the leaves for their garden.
4. Ask the neighbor if he/she has a garden and if they would like the leaves for their garden or flowerbeds.

5. Finally, if all the above options are not possible, buy biodegradable bags at a home improvement store, place the leaves in the bags, place the bags at the edge of the street, and call the Township office at (717) 762-3128. We will pick up the leaves and take them to the Township's composting facility. *Note: Leaves must be in biodegradable bags.*

NO HUNTING: Please be advised that hunting is **PROHIBITED** on the following Township properties:

Pine Hill Regional Recreational Area
Red Run Park
The Transfer Station
The Recycling Center
Antietam Meadow Park
Happel's Meadow
Baileys Run Recreation Area
Sheffield Manor & Millwood Village Play Areas
Rolondo Woods Lions Club Park

For the safety of the people who use these Township parks and facilities, and for the Township employees who may be working at these facilities, please do not hunt on these Township properties. Thank you for your cooperation.

Time Change is November 2nd. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries.

November Dates to Remember

- 3 & 17:** Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 & 18:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
 - 4:** Election Day – Remember to Vote
- 10:** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11:** Veteran's Day Holiday (All township offices will be open)
- 12:** Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 24:** Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
- 25:** **Tuesday, Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**
- 27 & 28:** Thanksgiving Holiday (**TOWNSHIP AND TAX OFFICES CLOSED**)
- 27:** Transfer Station and Recycle Center **CLOSED**