

## **WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER**

### **JANUARY 2015**

**From the Supervisors:** As we look back and reflect on the events of year 2014 a few special grant announcements and projects highlight the year.

The most significant announcement of the year came from Senator Richard Alloway when he announced that Washington Township would receive \$2,000,000.00 from PennDOT to complete a major section of the long awaited Washington Township Boulevard. When you see Senator Alloway thank him for his great statesmanship in obtaining this major grant for the township.

We would also like to thank the Franklin County Commissioners, David Keller, Robert Thomas and Robert Ziobrowski for two major grants that they have provided to the Township. The first one is the \$215,000 Grant to purchase and preserve the Maria Furnace Retreat Route from Gettysburg where the Battle of Monterey Pass was fought. This grant also preserved the Monterey Peak in Blue Ridge Summit forever.

The second grant from the County was for the completion of the Calimer Drive/Old Forge Road sewer project through the Community Development Block Grant program. The County has provided just under one-half million dollars for this project over 5 years. The project is scheduled for completion this summer.

In addition to grants to the Township, the Friends of the Battle of Monterey Pass received thousands of dollars of donations of money and building supplies/labor for the new Battlefield Museum that was completed this fall. What a wonderful addition to our community that was completed with very limited tax dollars.

On the economic front the township, through the hard work of Mike Ross and David Mackley are extremely happy to have two new industrial buildings being built in the Wharf Road Industrial Park. Both Fil-Tec and Pacemaker Press will open their doors to approximately 100 employees by mid-year 2015. What a wonderful addition to our community.

Also, on the economic front we would also like to mention that our new Hotel has been completed and is open for business. Please stop by the Cobblestone Hotel on Washington Township Boulevard and check out this new facility.

These major accomplishments highlight a year where many individuals working together continue to make Washington Township the great place that it is to live.

We would like to thank everyone who has had a hand in making these projects and the many other projects that we have not specifically mentioned above possible.

Thank you and have a great New Year!

**Monterey Pass Battlefield Park Museum Volunteer Positions for 2015** – Love history? Want to have the best summer of your life? The Monterey Pass Battlefield Park and Museum is looking for a few good volunteers to staff the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park's museum during the 2015 tourism season. Positions currently available are for museum docents and battlefield interpreters. Duties will include working with the public, preparation of interpretive programs, and providing assistance to visitors at the park information table. If you like to talk about history and you are looking to make a difference, we are looking for you! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please send an email to John A. Miller [jamiller@montereypassbattlefield.org](mailto:jamiller@montereypassbattlefield.org) or log onto [www.montereypassbattlefield.org](http://www.montereypassbattlefield.org) for more information.

Attention College Students – If you need to intern or do other programs that you believe volunteering at this Museum may help fulfill this requirement – please contact Mr. Miller to discuss your options.

**Police Department News:** The Washington Township Supervisors hired two new police officers in November to replace two officers who retired in 2014. When you see former officers Brian Chappell and James Prohaska thank them for their many years of service to the Township.

In addition, please welcome our two full time officers when you get the chance to meet them. Their names are Bryan Holden from this area and Shawn Tuthill from western PA. The township would like to wish both of these new officers good luck with their new positions.

**Red Run Express News:** Once again this year, Santa showed up at Red Run Park to provide train rides on the Red Run Express for all to enjoy. Approximately 200 people rode the train and enjoyed the holiday atmosphere at Red Run Park. The Township would especially like to thank Linda and Jon Fleagle for organizing this event again this year. What a wonderful job they have done over the years. We would also like to thank all the other volunteers who helped make this project a great hit each year.

Thank you.

**Budget 2015 –** The Washington Township Supervisors approved the 2015 budget on December 15, 2014 without any tax increases for year 2015. Details of the budget may be seen on the township web page at [www.washtwp-franklin.org](http://www.washtwp-franklin.org) or by stopping by the township office.

**Township Web Page –** The Township staff keeps the township's webpage up to date with items about the township and community events. Please visit our web page at [www.washtwp-franklin.org](http://www.washtwp-franklin.org) to review the meeting schedule of our various boards, minutes of these meetings, major event announcements, and many other items.

**Septic System Pumping in 2014:** If you are in area 2 of the Township, Route 316, Wayne Highway, East to Old Forge Road, you needed to have your septic tank pumped in year 2014. 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 2015 beginning on Friday, January 2, 2015. 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 2015 and are as follows: At **Red Run Park:** Pavilion #1 - \$45.00; Pavilion #2 - \$55.00; Pavilion #3 - \$50.00; Pavilion #4 - \$45.00; Pavilion #5 - \$35.00. **Pine Hill Park:** The large pavilion (A) at Pine Hill - \$60.00 and Pavilions B & C - \$50.00.

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. Reservations are not accepted by phone.

**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 close on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at **noon** and will be closed all day on Thursday, January 1, 2015.

### **January Dates to Remember**

**December 31:** Transfer Station and Recycling Center Closing at NOON

**January 1:** Township Office, Tax Collector's Office,  
Transfer Station and Recycling Center - **CLOSED**

**January 2:** Pavilion Reservation Day

**5 & 19:** Supervisors Meetings – 7:00 p.m.

**6 & 20:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.

**12:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**14 & 28:** Supervisors Workshop – 7:00 p.m.

**26:** Zoning Hearing Board (if needed) – 7:30 p.m.