

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

February 2015

From the Supervisors: On Sunday, January 25, 2015, Supervisor Richard McCracken passed away. Dick was a Supervisor for 4 years and during this time he was very active with the Friends of the Battle of Monterey Pass, the Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance, Renfrew Park and Museum and making Washington Township a better place to live and work.

Dick was a well-liked, well respected Supervisor who worked well with everyone to accomplish the goals of the Board. He was one of the good guys whose time on this earth was much too short. He will be missed.

Supervisors Replacement Process: The remaining 4 Township Supervisors have 30 days from the date of a vacancy on the Board to fill that position. If you are interested in being considered for the vacant seat you will need to complete an application and submit it to the township office by February 9, 2015 at 4:30PM. Interviews will be scheduled at the Workshop meeting on February 11, 2015 beginning at 7:15 PM. Interviews are open to the public and press.

The requirements to be a township supervisor are that you are a registered voter and have lived in the township for a least one year.

Township Supervisors have 4 evening meetings each month that they are expected to attend plus additional meetings at the County and with State/Federal officials.

The application and meeting schedule for 2015 can be found on the township's webpage at www.washtwp-franklin.org or by stopping by the township office at 13013 Welty Road.

Completed applications can be emailed to MAC@washtwp-franklin.org, mailed, or dropped off at the township office.

If you would like additional information about the duties of a township Supervisor or this process please contact Michael A. Christopher at 717-762-3128 or any of the current Supervisors.

Franklin County Human Services provided in Waynesboro – Did you know that representatives from the Franklin County Human Services offices are in Waynesboro 4 times in February to provide their services directly to you?

County representatives are at the Waynesboro Senior Center, 30 W. North Street from 10AM to 3:00 PM each Wednesday in February.

If you have questions you can get them answered here in Waynesboro instead of driving to Chambersburg.

This service is only scheduled through the end of February at this time. IT will only be continued in the future if it is being used by our residents. So, if you deal with any of these County agencies please consider meeting with them at the Senior Center in February.

The February Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities and Early Intervention and access to other Human Services

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Aging and access to other Human Services

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Veterans Affairs and access to other Human Services

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

10:00 am – 3:00 pm LINK and access to other Human Services

Boards and Committees: The Township would like to thank the following individuals who agreed to serve our community in 2015 on one of our various Boards/Committees. We are very fortunate to have so many talented people willing to serve. When you see these individuals please take a minute to thank them for helping to make Washington Township the great place it is to live and work.

Agricultural District Committee: Vernon M. Fox, Alan Frantz, Jeffrey Geesaman, Jack Martin and Scott Stine.

Battle of Monterey Pass Historian – John Miller

Emergency Management: James Meek, Coordinator, and Steve Swope, Assistant Coordinator.

Happel's Meadow Wetland Advisory Committee: Denny Bingaman, Jeffrey Geesaman, Doris Goldman, Bret Robinson, Frank Shockey, William Smith, Randall Sprenkle and Cheryl Deal.

Impact Fee Advisory Committee: Gary F. Bercaw, Robert Correll, Paul Gunder, Gale Krawczak, Ronald McKinney, Jason Piatt, and Samuel Welty, Sr.

Planning Commission: Chris Firme, Jay Heefner, Kyle Hess, Joe Brown, and Joe Price.

Red Run Park Train Committee: Charlie Strausbaugh, Dennis Carbaugh, Pat Edwards, Linda Fleagle, Dean Hebb, Jean Kahl, Brian Sease, and James Utley.

Vacancy Board: Carlene Willhide.

Washington Township Municipal Authority: Fred Eisenhart, Andrew Geesaman, Grant Price, David McCarney, and Stewart McCleaf.

Zoning Hearing Board: Andrew Rovelstad, Lee Thomas Sebold, and S. Allen Stine.

UCC Board of Appeals: James Rock

If you are interested in learning more about one of these positions or if you are interested in serving the township in some other manner please feel free to contact the township office at your convenience at 762-3128.

PennDOT News: The Township Supervisors on behalf of the traveling public would like to thank Bobby Bingaman and the Franklin County PennDOT Maintenance Department for cutting the trees along the north side of East Main St. just east of Mickley Avenue. The tree limbs were hanging over the cart way of Rt. 16 and were causing a lot of people great concern.

Thank you for a job well done.

DEP Public Hearing - Welty Road contaminated water: DEP will hold a public hearing to take comments from the public about the best solutions for correcting the contaminated water problem on Welty Rd., in the township. The plan at this time is to provide public water to these dwellings.

The hearing will be held on March 17, 2015 at the Washington Township Meeting Room, 13013 Welty Rd. at 7:00 PM

If you are interested in this matter please plan to attend.

If you would like additional information please contact the township office at 762-3128.

Happel's Meadow Wetland donation: The Township would like to thank Terry Sebold for her continued efforts to fund the preservation of Happel's Meadow. In January she delivered a check for \$113.10 from money obtained from their "Cans for a Cause Fundraiser".

When you see Terry, thank her for her continued passion for Happel's Meadow.

Police Department Alerts: If you would like to receive Washington Township Police Department alerts on your computer or cell phone please register at www.nixle.com. If you have any questions, please contact the Washington Township Police Department at 762-1447 during regular business hours.

Earned Income Tax Reminder: If you are a Township resident and you work out of state or are self-employed you have to make quarterly earned income tax payments to the Franklin County Area Tax Bureau in Chambersburg. If you are currently not making these payments you should call 717-263-5141 to get your payment paperwork for year 2015.

February Dates to Remember

- 2:** Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 3 & 17:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 9:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 & 25:** Supervisors Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
- 16: President's Day:**
Township Office & Tax Office will be CLOSED
Transfer Station & Recycling Center will be OPEN
- 18:** Wednesday - Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 23:** Zoning Hearing Board (if needed) – 7:30 p.m.