

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2015

From the Supervisors: We would like to welcome Barbara McCracken as our newest Township Supervisor. Ms. McCracken replaced her husband, Richard McCracken, who passed away in January.

Supervisor McCracken can be reached by email at barbaraamccracken@comcast.net or by calling the township office. The township office personnel will forward your message to her.

We all wish Supervisor McCracken good luck in this new position.

In Memory of Ann Backer: The Township Supervisors and Township staff were saddened to learn of Ann Backer passing away on February 11, 2015. Ann was a very active community leader who promoted Rouzerville everywhere she went. With a smile that seemed to never leave her face she worked tirelessly to put Rouzerville on the map by being involved with the Rouzerville Business Association, Rouzerville Lions Club, Vision 2015, the 9-11 Tribute at Red Run Park, the Red Run Halloween Express, the Christmas tree at Red Run Park and Santa's Breakfast.

She was an amazing woman who will be missed by everyone she has touched.

Dawg House – Public Hearing – March 2nd, 2015. The Washington Township Supervisors will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting on **Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM** on the transfer of the liquor license of the Dawg House from the Borough of Waynesboro to 6640 Buchanan Trail East, (the former Fraternal Order of Eagles Area Club Building) in Washington Township.

After taking comments from the public, the Supervisors will then decide whether or not to support this liquor license transfer into the township.

If you wish to offer comments on this liquor license transfer please plan to attend the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting you may submit your comments to the township office at 13013 Welty Road.

You may also call the township office to discuss or comment on this transfer.

DEP Public Hearing – March 17, 2015 - Welty Road contaminated water: The PA Department of Environmental Protection 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 unable to attend the hearing – written comments will be accepted at the township office until the close of work on March 17, 2015.

If you wish to discuss this matter with DEP directly, their contact person for this project is Steve DeMars at 717-705-4832.

Blue Ridge Summit News – On March 21, 2015 this year's Mountaintop Community Spring Fair will be held at the Blue Ridge Mountain Fire & Rescue Company Fire Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. This year in addition to a free magic show at 1:30 p.m., vendors, arts & crafts, good food, collectibles appraisal and book signing, there will be two Historic Bus Tours of the area.

For additional information please contact Lynn or Duke Martin at 717-642-5645, email jacksmtn@embarqmail.com; or Kevin Kipe at 301-241-4863.

Blue Ridge Summit Free Library News - Story Hour and Easter Egg Hunt: The Blue Ridge Summit Free Library welcomes the community to its annual Story Hour and Easter Egg Hunt, to be held at the library on Saturday, March 28th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Kids from the ages of 0 to 12 can listen to a story, hunt for eggs and enjoy refreshments and prizes.

For more information please contact the library at 717-794-2240.

Snow Removal Damage: When the snow finally melts, if you have yard damage in front of your property and you are located on a Township roadway, please call the Township office at 762-3128 during regular business hours to report the damage. The Township's Public Works department will then repair the damage as weather permits.

Pot Hole Repair: Please report any pot holes on Township maintained roadways to the office as well. We maintain over 80 miles of roadways so we are not always able to get over all the roadways in a timely manner. By reporting the pot hole to the office, we will be able to repair it faster avoiding damage to vehicles and the need to repair a larger pot hole. For pot holes on PennDOT roads please call Franklin County PennDOT directly at 264-4171.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries: It is recommended by fire companies that people change batteries in their battery-powered smoke detectors twice a year when the time changes. Since the time changes on March 8th, we would like to once again remind individuals to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

If you need help checking your batteries, or if you would like additional information, call your local fire company. Each fire company in our area is willing to come to your home to assist you with your smoke detector.

Tax Collector News: The 2015 Franklin County/Washington Township real estate notices (bills) were mailed on March 2nd. Anyone who has not received notice for his or her property by the end of the first week of March should contact the tax collector, Don Ambrose at 762-1760.

Please keep in mind that the tax collector's office is in the gray administrative building directly behind the white building where the police officers are located on Welty Road. The tax office door is located on the south facing side of the gray building and is marked with a sign. There is a night deposit box by the door for after-hour drop offs. In March Mr. Ambrose's office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until noon or by appointment, which can be set by calling the tax office at the above listed number.

Extended hours in **APRIL** are as follows:

Tuesday & Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm

Thursday 9 am - 1 pm and 5 - 7 pm

Saturday 9 am - noon.

March Dates to Remember

2 & 16: Supervisors Meetings, 7:00 p.m.

2: Dawg House – Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.

3 & 17: WTMA Meetings, 11102 BTE - 7:15 p.m.

9: Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

11: Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

17: DEP Hearing – Welty Rd. water, 7:00 p.m.

23: Zoning Hearing Board, if needed, 7:30 p.m.