

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

April 2015

**From the Supervisors:** We would like to thank the members of the Blue Ridge Summit Lions Club for all their cooperation with the Township over the purchase of a portion of their park for use by the Friends of the Battle of Monterey Pass.

The area purchased is planned to be the starting point of a walking trail to the old Maria Furnace Road with reader boards explaining the Battle of Monterey Pass to visitors.

In addition, it will be the starting point of a trail to the Monterey Peak sometime in the future.

When you see members of the Blue Ridge Summit Lions Club thank them for their ongoing community cooperation.

**LCPL Joseph Brubaker – Rededication Ceremony:** On Saturday, April 18, 2015 starting at noon there will be a rededication ceremony for LCPL Brubaker at the Battle of Monterey Pass Battlefield Museum, 14325 Buchanan Trail East in Blue Ridge Summit.

There will be speakers, an honor guard and representatives from Bravo Company 4<sup>th</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance BTN of Maryland participating in the ceremony.

Parking will be at the Blue Ridge Summit Lions Club across from the Museum on Charmian Road. Overflow parking will be at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall if needed. LCPL Brubaker, a Blue Ridge Summit resident, was killed in action in Vietnam in February of 1969.

**Battle of Monterey Pass Museum News:** The Battlefield Museum in Blue Ridge Summit will open for visits beginning April 11, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on weekends.

If you are interested in learning more about this Civil War battle please stop by the museum or visit their web page at [www.montereypassbattlefield.org](http://www.montereypassbattlefield.org).

### **Electronics Recycling:**

**TV's** – Due to limitations placed on the township by our electronics recycling partner eLoop, the township is no longer able to accept bulk loads of TV's at the Transfer Station. Individuals are now limited to 2 TV's at any time.

Bulk loads of TV's can be recycled for a fee at eLoop's State College facility. To make arrangements or to find out more information please contact Zack Young at 724-519-7646 ext. 123.

**Computer Recycling** – The Township will continue to accept unlimited amounts of old computers. In addition, eLoop guarantees that the data will be destroyed properly so that there is no pirating of your information.

The Transfer Station is open Monday – Saturday – 8:00 am – 4:15 pm.

**Earth Celebration Day, Festival of Art and Recycle Reuse Yard Sale** – This year's Earth Celebration Day and Festival of Art event will be held at Renfrew Park on Saturday, April 25, 2015 starting at 11:00 AM and running to 4:00 PM. The Recycle Reuse Yard Sale will begin at 9:00 AM and run to 3:00 PM.

In addition to all the normal Earth Day displays and demos there will be hands on archeology activities, assistance with the removal of invasive plants, tree planting and Appalachian Trail Conservancy information available.

Please plan on joining us for this special presentation.

For more information on the Earth Celebration Day please visit Renfrew Institute's website at [www.renfrewinstitute.org](http://www.renfrewinstitute.org).

**Free Paper Shredding...Free Paper Shredding...Free Paper Shredding...Free Paper Shredding**

– The Franklin County Planning Commission in cooperation with the Washington Township Supervisors and the Franklin County Commissioners have made arrangements again this year to have a document shredding truck available for the public's use on Renfrew's Earth Celebration Day, April 25, 2015.

This **FREE** service is being provided so that businesses and individuals who do not have shredders and would like to safely dispose of their personal documents may do so while protecting our environment in a couple different ways. By shredding and recycling your paper instead of burning or land filling them, you are protecting our air quality and preserving landfill space. In addition, by recycling the paper, you are saving trees, creating recycling jobs, and saving the energy that is required to convert virgin wood into paper. Please limit the number of bags or boxes to 10 per person.

Also, please remember that the following items will not be recycled: newspapers, 3-ring binders, carbon paper, film (X-ray or regular), heavy metal, cardboard boxes or trash, heavy plastics or plastic trash bags.

The shredder will be located in the parking lot behind the Washington Township Municipal Offices at 13013 Welty Road on the lane headed into the parking area for Renfrew Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have specific questions on the paper shredding program please call Phil Tarquino at the FCPC Office at 261-3855.

**American Odyssey Relay Race:** Once again this year the relay will run through Washington Township from South Mountain to Rattle Snake Run Road, down Mentzer Gap Road, to Fish & Game Road to Country Club Road and then to Washington Township Boulevard, stopping at the Rouzerville Commons Shopping Center, Lowe's parking lot, which is a checkpoint, then across Route 16 to Old Route 16 to Waterloo Road, to Harbaugh Church Road, to Midvale Road and then into Maryland, starting on Friday afternoon on May 1, 2015.

**Renfrew Park News** – Renfrew Park official opening day is Saturday, April 18, 2015 starting at 10 AM. So stop by the Park and see all that has been done to clean up and make the house and Park more enjoyable.

**Stones, STONES, Stones on the Township Roadways:** The Township's public works department is working to sweep up the stones as quickly as possible. Please keep in mind that we have 85 miles of roadway and that we put a very large amount of anti-skid stones down this winter, which means it will take longer for the sweeper to get around to all the roads in the township.

The township thanks you for your patience.

**Blue Ridge Summit Free Library April Events –**

- April 15 – 6:30 PM – Author Bob O'Connor will speak on the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.
- April 29 – 6:30 PM – Author James Rada will speak on baseball in our local communities especially the Blue Ridge League.
- All lectures are free and open to the public

For more information call the Library at 717-794-2240.

**Septic Tank Pumping Blue Ridge Summit/Pen Mar Area:** If you are located in the eastern area of the township, from Old Forge Road/ Midvale Road east to the Adams County line including Blue Ridge Summit and the Pen Mar areas and you are currently using a septic tank for disposal, you must have your tank pumped in 2015.

The Township recommends that you have your tank pumped now rather than waiting until later in the year. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Smith at the Township Office at 762-3128.

**Franklin County Area Tax Bureau News:** The Franklin County Area Tax Bureau would like to remind individuals that if they live or have lived in Franklin County in any part of 2014 and have W-2 earnings or are self-employed with earnings, you must file an earned income tax report with the Tax Bureau by the close of work on April 15, 2015. If you are unable to file by April 15, you must request an extension from the Tax Bureau located at 443 Stanley Avenue, Chambersburg. Questions on earned income tax should be directed to the Franklin County Area Wage Tax Bureau at 263-5141.

### **April Dates to Remember**

- 3:** Good Friday Holiday – Township & Tax Office CLOSED  
Transfer Station & Recycling Center OPEN
- 7 & 21:** WTMA Meetings - 7:15 p.m.
- 1, 15 & 29:** Supervisors Workshop Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 & 22:** Supervisor’s Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- 13:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 25:** Earth Celebration Day – Renfrew Park, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 27:** Zoning Hearing Board - 7:30 p.m. – if needed
- 30:** Last day to pay County and Township taxes at a discount
- May 1:** American Odyssey Relay Race, Afternoon/Evening