

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

August 2015

From the Supervisors: – We would like to welcome one of our own, Jeff Geesaman as the new Assistant Manager of the township. Our plan is for Mr. Geesaman to work with our current Manager, Mike Christopher, until he retires in 2017.

Mr. Geesaman brings a lot of skills to this position especially with interactions with PennDOT and the construction of roadways.

When you see Mr. Geesaman, congratulate him on his new position and wish him good luck.

Paving Projects for 2015 –

1. Blacktop – The Township has awarded a contract to New Enterprise to pave North Monterey Lane.

A start date has not been set for this project. When the date is set we will place a notice on our webpage at www.washtwp-franklin.org and notify the Record Herald.

2. Oil & Chip – Double Seal Coat - The Township has a bid out to oil and chip the following roadways: Prices Church Rd., Buena Vista Rd., Lower Lyons Rd., Goods Dam Rd., Blue Rock Rd., and Polidor Rd.

3. Oil & Chip – Double Seal Coat with Fog Coat – The Township has a bid out to oil and chip and add a fog coat to the following roadways: Buena Vista Dr., Meadowview Ave., Monta Vista Dr., Linda Lane, and Longview Ave. Once the contract is awarded, we will notify the public of the contractor's schedule.

Allergies to Paving: If you have an allergy to paving oil and you live along any of the roadways listed above please contact the Township Manager, Mike Christopher at 762-3128 to discuss options that may be available to help mitigate your allergic reaction to the paving oil.

Monterey Lane Traffic Study – The Township has retained the services of Grove-Miller Engineers to do a traffic study on Monterey Lane (North) to determine if the current speed limits, 35 MPH and 40 MPH are correct.

Once the study is complete the engineers will advise the Township what the correct speed limit is for Monterey Lane.

Calimer Drive Sewer Update – Currently the Township is waiting for the 2014 funding from the State to be approved. There has been a delay in awarding this funding to the County and until funding arrives the Township cannot finish the project. We hope funding is approved in the next month so that we can finish this project in 2015.

The Red Run Express needs volunteers! – Washington Township is in need of volunteers to help run the Red Run Express train on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer.

The train is a favorite with park visitors, both young and old, and it's very important to keep it going. So if you or anyone you know would be interested in putting smiles on a few faces, please contact the Township office at 13013 Welty Road or call the office at 717-762-3128 about volunteering.

The Township will pay for and assist with any background checks needed by volunteers.

Battle of Monterey Pass Museum – The Civil War Museum at 14325 Buchanan Trail East in Blue Ridge Summit is open on Saturday & Sunday through the summer from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about the Civil War Battle of Monterey Pass please stop by the Museum or visit their web page at www.montereypassbattlefield.org.

The Township and Friends of the Monterey Pass Battlefield Board would once again like to thank **F&M Trust** for their donation of funding for the cannon at the Battlefield. If you have not stopped by to see the cannon, please do.

Rouzerfest 2015: The eleventh Annual Rouzerfest is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Red Run Park in Rouzerville off PA Rt. 16. A day full of fun is being planned by the Rouzerville Business Association. There will be entertainment including bands, food, children's activities, train rides, craft vendors, pony rides, and a car show. New this year will be a Golfzilla Display. Check out our website www.washtwp-franklin.org for details on the day's events. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending this event on August 15th at Red Run Park.

Township Tax Collector Information: Mr. Ambrose asked us to remind the public that during the month of August the tax office has extended hours at the Township office on Welty Road. The office is open Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9:00 until noon. In addition, there is a night deposit box beside the side door for after-hour drop-offs. If you have any questions on your Township taxes, the Township tax office phone number is 762-1760.

OTHER EVENTS!

24th Annual Jazz Festival 2015 - Sunday, August 30, 2015 • 2 to 4 p.m.

Renfrew Institute's annual jazz festival spotlights top professional artists each year. This year's headliner artist is world renowned tenor saxophonist, Steve Grossman, who played with Miles Davis for several years. Grossman lives in France and his U.S. appearances are rare. Also featured are singer JD Walter, guitarist Paul Bollenback, bassist Dulyinh Nguyen and drummer Steve Johns. The concert is followed by an informal question and answer period. Free and open to the public. On the lawn behind the museum house. [Rain site - Waynesboro Area Middle School auditorium]

Renfrew Museum and Park Events:

- August 6** **Slackwater 3** – Original Rock and Blues. 7:00 PM Free Admission
- August 7-9** **Civil War Encampment** – Experience the whole Yankee Rebel thing. Free Admission.
- August 8** **Royer Farmstead Tours** – “Walk Back in Time” as you tour the farmstead with guides in period clothing. 12-4 PM
Admission Fee: Adults - \$8.00, Seniors - \$7.00, Students (7-18) - \$5.00 and Children under 7 – Free.
- August 13** **New Horizon Concert** – Regional 50 Member Community Band - Behind the House - 7:00 PM, Free Admission
- August 20** **On Tap Rescheduled** – Rock & Roll - Behind the House - 7:00 PM, Free Admission

For more information please call Renfrew Museum and Park at 762-4723 or visit their web page at www.renfrewmuseum.org

August FREE Entertainment at Red Run Park: The entire summer schedule is posted on the Township's website: www.washtwp-franklin.org for your quick reference. Go to Departments - then Parks and Recreation - then choose Red Run Park.

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| August 2 | HANOVER EXPRESS | 1-4 PM |
| August 9 | BACK CREEK VALLEY BOYS | 1-4 PM |
| August 16 | TALL IN THE SADDLE | 1-4 PM |
| August 23 | DONNIE WOOD & the Front Porch BOYS | 1-4-PM |
| August 30 | MAKE MINE COUNTRY | 1-4-PM |

August Dates to Remember

- 3 & 17:** Supervisors Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 & 18:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 10:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 12:** Supervisor Workshop Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
- 15:** **ROUZERFEST** – 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- 24:** Zoning Hearing Board – 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
- 31:** School, Real Estate, Occupation and Per Capita Tax Discount Deadline