

# Washington Township News

November 2015

**From the Supervisors – Recycling change at the Transfer Station.** Due to a great drop in the price of recyclable materials the Township had to stop separating our recyclable materials and go single stream last month.

This change means that you will no longer have to separate your bottles and cans from your paper recyclables. They all can be combined in your container and dumped directly in to our hoppers at the transfer station. We will then ship the combined recyclables to a recycling plant for single stream recycling.

The good news is that it is still free for individuals to recycle at the transfer station and you can add items that we did not recycle before such as all soft cover books, catalogs, file folders, junk mail, greeting cards, boxes like cereal, pasta, tissue, aluminum foil and pie plates, beverage holders and plastic containers #1 thru #7.

These new items are in addition to the cans, bottles, plastics, glass, newspaper, office paper and cardboard that we have been recycling for years.

And the best news is that it can be all mixed together now.

The following items are not being recycled: Plastic bags, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, Pyrex, ceramics, paper towels, Styrofoam, PVC, recyclables containing food waste, paint, oil hazardous materials, needles, syringes, VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs, scrap metals, and pots or pans.

We would like to thank all of our customers for their cooperation with this change. In the long run we hope to continue to provide this service to our customers free of charge.

**A special thank you** – We would like to thank all of the recycling center employees that we had to lay off for all their hard work at the recycling center. This change in the recycling process was not a result of their work but of the market prices dropping so low that we could not afford to keep doing recycling like we have in the past.

If one of these employees applies for a job opening that you have, please give them as much consideration as you can for your job opening.

**From the Manager** – I would like to thank the community for the outpouring of cards, kind words and donations as a result of my mother's recent death. You have made a bad situation tolerable for me and my family.

**Washington Township Boulevard** – The Public Works department has been working on the Boulevard for 3 weeks now. We are getting the roadway to grade near Old Forge Rd. and we are re-grading the roadway base that was put down a few years ago in between Old Forge and N. Welty roads.

Work will continue on the Boulevard starting at Old Forge Rd. and running west until the N. Welty Rd. intersection. Soon we will start to build the roundabout at N. Welty Rd. which will delay or stop traffic off N. Welty Rd. while we work.

Once the roundabout is constructed to grade we will move west to the Country Club Rd. intersection. We will prepare the intersection for the improvements required by PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit.

From there we will prepare the subbase of the section from Country Club Rd. to the Spring Run development.

Paving of the roadway will be scheduled for next construction season.

Please keep in mind that the Boulevard will be closed to traffic each day that we are working on that section of the roadway. Unless noted otherwise the Boulevard should be open each night after we have completed that day's work.

Please do not go around any barricades or "Road Closed" signs that we post. This is for your safety and the safety of the township's workers.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions on the project please contact the Township's Assistant Manager Jeff Geesaman at 717-762-3128.

**Cumberland Valley Rod & Custom Car Club News:** Washington Township has received its 27<sup>th</sup> donation from Robert Ridenour, president of the car club, for \$1,310.00. \$1,000.00 of the donation came from the Custom Car Club and the remaining \$310.00 came from seven vendors at the event. Those vendors included: Sounds So Good, Kevin Varish, Randy Dorsey, Antietam Dairy, Peggy Johnson (Cookie Lee Jewelry), Kelli Drew (Scented Blessings), and Jake Monn. This year's donation will be used for improvements to Red Run Park and for the 9/11 Tribute. To date, \$23,659.41 has been donated to the Township by the car club. When you see Bob or any member of the car club or vendors, thank them for these donations for Red Run Park.

**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.

Currently, 105 tanks have not been pumped with 2 months left to go in 2015.

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

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween at Red Run Park:** The Township Supervisors would like to thank the businesses, organizations and numerous individuals for their generous donations of time, talents, food, and gifts for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween at Red Run Park on Saturday night, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

This event was a great success again this year thanks to the generosity of so many members of our community. Hundreds of children (and adults) came to the park Saturday night to participate in our costume parade, fire truck rides, and Red Run Express Train rides. There were goodies to eat, prizes awarded for costumes, and lots of spooky sights and sounds throughout the park that everyone enjoyed.

A special thanks to Lisa Frazer who chaired this year's event and everyone who helped.

**Leaf Recycling – BURNING NOT PERMITTED:** Just a reminder that you may not burn leaves in Washington Township. All leaves must be recycled and as a result, we offer the following alternate methods for you to dispose of your leaves:

1. Bag the leaves in plastic bags, or place them in the back of a truck as you have done for years and dispose of these leaves **free** of charge at the Washington Township Transfer Station, located at 12721 Buchanan Trail East. The station is open Monday through Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM. This is still the best and most efficient option if you cannot mow or mulch the leaves back into your lawn.

2. Mulch your leaves on your property using a mulch mower or other equipment. You can then use the mulch in your flowerbeds or garden to improve your soil quality.
3. Bag leaves and find a friend or farmer to take the leaves for their garden.
4. Ask the neighbor if he/she has a garden and if they would like the leaves for their garden or flowerbeds.
5. Finally, if all the above options are not possible, buy biodegradable bags at a home improvement store, place the leaves in the bags, place the bags at the edge of the street, and call the Township office at (717) 762-3128. We will pick up the leaves and take them to the Township's composting facility. *Note: Leaves must be in biodegradable bags.*

**NO HUNTING:** Please be advised that hunting is **PROHIBITED** on the following Township properties:

**Pine Hill Regional Recreational Area**  
**Red Run Park**  
**The Transfer Station**  
**Antietam Meadow Park**  
**Happel's Meadow**  
**Baileys Run Recreation Area**  
**Sheffield Manor & Millwood Village Play Areas**  
**Rolondo Woods Lions Club Park**

For the safety of the people who use these Township parks and facilities, and for the Township employees who may be working at these facilities, please do not hunt on these Township properties. Thank you for your cooperation.

***Time Change was November 1st.***  
***Did you remember to change your smoke detector batteries?***

### **November Dates to Remember**

- 9:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11:** Veteran's Day Holiday (All township offices will be open)
- 11:** Supervisors Workshop Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 16:** Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 17:** WTMA Meetings - 7:15 p.m.
- 23:** Zoning Hearing Board - 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
- 26 & 27:** Thanksgiving Holiday (**TOWNSHIP and TAX OFFICES CLOSED**)
- 26:** Transfer Station - **CLOSED**
- 27:** Transfer Station - **OPEN**