

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

January 2016

From the Supervisors: It was not a surprise that Year 2015 proved to be a very difficult year financially for the township. However, we were able to balance our budget for 2016 without a tax increase. Cuts were needed in all departments of the township including the office, public works, recycling and the Police Department. Overall 14 positions have either been eliminated or not replaced by the Township. Most of these positions were in the recycling department.

Looking forward to 2016 we plan to have the following long term projects completed:

1. Washington Township Boulevard from Old Forge Rd. to Gehr Rd. including a new roundabout at N. Welty Rd.
2. The Calimer Dr. Sewer project.
3. The water line installation project on S. Welty Rd. to correct the pollution problem in that area of the township.

In addition, we hope to continue doing projects with our partners, the Rouzerville Business Association, Rouzerville Lions Club, the Friends of the Battle of Monterey Pass, Franklin County Visitors Center and the Franklin County Planning Commission.

The projects supported by these organizations have benefitted all the residents of the township over the years.

Also, we would like to thank Senator Richard Alloway and the Franklin County Commissioners – Dave Keller, Robert Thomas and Robert Ziobrowski for their continued financial support of the Township. Without the support the Boulevard and the Battlefield would look a lot different.

Finally, we would like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time and effort to the community to help make it a better place for all of us to live.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Conditional Use – Public Hearing: Jeffie Ramsey of 11201 Gehr Rd. has applied for a conditional Use permit to operate his trucking business at his property on Gehr Rd.

The Washington Township Planning Commission on January 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM and the Washington Township Supervisors on January 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM, will hold public hearings on this application in the Township Meeting Room at 13013 Welty Rd., Waynesboro, PA 17268.

To review a copy of the application please either stop by the Township office during regular office hours or visit the Township's webpage at www.washtwp-franklin.org.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing and would like to offer comments on this application, please submit written comments to the Township Office at 13013 Welty Rd., Waynesboro, PA 17268.

Retirements: The Township would like to recognize, thank, and offer our best wishes to Gary Shatzer and Sandy Smith who both retired after many years with the township in 2015. We hope you have many healthy and joyous years of retirement enjoyment.

Donations: The Township would like to thank AC&T and Exxon Mobil for their recent \$2,000.00 donation for the 9/11 Tribute and the Battle of Monterey Pass. This donation will be combined with other donations to complete the parking lot paving at the 9/11 Tribute and to maintain the Monterey Pass Battlefield.

We received a second donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie # 1758 Inc. for \$1,000.00 for the 9/11 Tribute. When you see Paul Wolf or any member of the Eagles please thank them for their support of the 9/11 Tribute.

Red Run Express News: Once again this year, Santa showed up at Red Run Park to provide train rides on the Red Run Express for all to enjoy. Over 800 people rode the train and enjoyed the holiday atmosphere at Red Run Park. The Township would especially like to thank Linda and Jon Fleagle for organizing this event again this year. What a wonderful job they have done over the years. We would also like to thank all the other volunteers who helped make this year's event the biggest ever.

Thank you.

Budget 2016 – The Washington Township Supervisors approved the 2016 budget on December 21, 2015 without any tax increases for year 2016. Details of the budget may be seen on the township web page at www.washtwp-franklin.org or by stopping by the township office.

Septic System Pumping in 2015: If you are in area 3 of the Township, from Old Forge Rd. and Midvale Rd. to the Adams County line including Blue Ridge Summit, you needed to have your septic tank pumped in year 2015. If you have not made arrangements to have your tank pumped, please do so immediately. If you have any questions or need a time extension, please contact the Township office at 762-3128.

Red Run and Pine Hill Pavilion Rentals: Pavilions at Red Run Park and Pine Hill may be rented for year 2016 beginning on Monday, January 4, 2016. Reservations will be taken beginning at approximately 8:00 a.m. However, people usually line up for reservations much earlier in the morning. Reservations are taken in the order of the number taken. Please use the meeting room at the back of the building as a place to wait.

Rental fee rates have not increased for 2016 and are as follows: At **Red Run Park:** Pavilion #1 - \$45.00; Pavilion #2 - \$55.00; Pavilion #3 - \$50.00; Pavilion #4 - \$45.00; Pavilion #5 - \$35.00. **Pine Hill Park:** The large pavilion (A) at Pine Hill - \$60.00 and Pavilions B & C - \$50.00.

Red Run's five pavilions range in seating capacity from 32 to 200 people, while the pavilions at Pine Hill range in seating capacity from 100 to 300 people. Payments are due with reservations. Reservations are not accepted by phone.

Christmas Tree Disposal: Christmas trees may be disposed of at the Washington Township Transfer Station for a fee of \$1.00. All trees will be recycled into mulch for reuse in the spring. Trees are welcome from everyone. The Transfer Station is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Transfer Station: Please note that the Transfer Station will close on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at **noon** and will be closed all day on Friday, January 1, 2016. The Station will be open on Saturday, January 2nd, regular hours from 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM for refuse disposal and recycling.

January Dates to Remember

December 31: Transfer Station - Closing at NOON

**January 1: Township Office, Tax Collector's Office,
Transfer Station and Recycling - CLOSED**

January 4: Pavilion Reservation Day

4 & 18: Supervisors Meetings – 7:00 p.m.

5 & 19: WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.

11: Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

13 & 27: Supervisors Workshop – 7:00 p.m.

25: Zoning Hearing Board (if needed) – 7:30 p.m.