

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

February 2016

**From the Supervisors:** We would like to thank our public works department who put in long hours over the last weekend to clear our roads of snow. This was a record storm and our crew had most roads opened by Sunday night. So when you see Paul, Mitchell, Sam, Dave, Geoffrey, Curt, Diane and Josh thank them for all their hard work.

In addition, we would like to thank our residents for following the requirements of the snow emergency by staying home and off the roads. By staying off our roads our public works department was able to clear the roads much faster than if they had to work around stuck vehicles.

Finally, we would like to thank all the emergency services personnel that provided great service for our residents in need during this storm. Thank you all!

**Zoning Code Amendments:** The township staff is currently working on proposed changes to the zoning code text. In the next few months, the township planning commission and township supervisors will be holding public meetings on these proposed changes. The changes include:

1. Where accessory building can be located on a property.
2. Amends how rebuilding of nonconforming buildings will be handled.
3. Permits duplex dwelling units in the R-1 zoning district as a conditional use.
4. Amends how many units and floors in a multifamily dwelling in the R-2 district.
5. Removes an apartment requirement in the commercial district.
6. Reduces the area requirements for multiple use buildings in the commercial district.
7. Amends the requirement for a single apartment in the commercial district.
8. Amends the commercial and commercial neighborhood districts minimum lot requirements.
9. Amends the open space requirements for horses in the forest conservation district.
10. Amends the R-1 district to permit a small number of chickens on a 40,000 square foot or larger lots.

A copy of the draft ordinance is posted on the township's web page at [www.washtwp-franklin.org](http://www.washtwp-franklin.org). The Washington Township Planning Commission will take comments on these changes at their regular meeting on March 14, 2016 starting at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend this meeting you may submit your written comments to the township office at 13013 Welty Road, any time before the public meeting.

In addition, a public hearing will be held by the Washington Township Supervisors after the Planning Commission makes its recommendation on the proposed changes. If you have any further questions please call the Township Planner, Clint Rock, at 762-3128 during regular business hours.

## **5K Run/Walk and Beer & Wine Festival at the Pine Hill Regional Recreation Area-**

On April 30, 2016 starting at 10:00 a.m. a 5K run and walk will occur followed by a beer and wine festival at Pine Hill. This event will support both the Rouzerville Business Association and the Rouzerville Lions Club. Registration will be online and by mail in forms in the near future. Details will be provided in this column next month.

**Electronic Recycling:** TV recycling at the township's transfer station is limited to Washington Township residents and a maximum of 2 TVs per trip. Residents from other communities should contact their local municipal office to determine what they are planning on doing to recycle TVs. We are continuing to work with DEP, eLoop and other communities to try and find a workable solution for this problem. Once a solution is found we will provide details in this column.

**Boards and Committees:** The Township would like to thank the following individuals who agreed to serve our community in 2016 on one of our various Boards/Committees. We are very fortunate to have so many talented people willing to serve. When you see these individuals please take a minute to thank them for helping to make Washington Township the great place it is to live and work.

**Agricultural District Committee:** Vernon M. Fox, Alan Frantz, Chad Reichard, Jack Martin and Scott Stine.

**Battle of Monterey Pass Historian** – John Miller

**Emergency Management:** James Meek, Coordinator, and Steve Swope, Assistant Coordinator.

**Happel's Meadow Wetland Advisory Committee:** Denny Bingaman, Jeffrey Geesaman, Doris Goldman, Bret Robinson, Frank Shockey, William Smith, Randall Sprenkle and Cheryl Deal.

**Impact Fee Advisory Committee:** Gary F. Bercaw, Robert Correll, Paul Gunder, Gale Krawczak, Ronald McKinney, Jason Piatt, and Samuel Welty, Sr.

**Planning Commission:** Chris Firme, Jay Heefner, Frank Damazo, Joe Brown, and Joe Price.

**Red Run Park Train Committee:** Charlie Strausbaugh, Dennis Carbaugh, Pat Edwards, Linda Fleagle, Dean Hebb, Jean Kahl, Brian Sease, and James Utley.

**Vacancy Board:** Carlene Willhide.

**Washington Township Municipal Authority:** Fred Eisenhart, Andrew Geesaman, Grant Price, David McCarney, and Stewart McCleaf.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Andrew Rovelstad, Lee Thomas Sebold, and S. Allen Stine.

**UCC Board of Appeals:** James Rock

If you are interested in learning more about one of these positions or if you are interested in serving the township in some other manner please feel free to contact the township office at your convenience at 762-3128.

**Police Department Alerts:** NIXLE subscribers can sign up to receive instant updates via text messages and/or emails directly from Washington Township Police, no need to be logged into a computer somewhere to receive information. To sign up for NIXLE using a smart phone, text your zip code to 888777. You can also register and receive notifications online at NIXLE's website at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Check in with WTPD on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/washingtontownshippolicedepartment](http://www.facebook.com/washingtontownshippolicedepartment) or Tweet us at Twitter @WTPD\_Franklin

**Earned Income Tax Reminder:** If you are a Township resident and you work out of state or are self-employed you have to make quarterly earned income tax payments to the Franklin County Area Tax Bureau in Chambersburg. If you are currently not making these payments you should call 717-263-5141 to get your payment paperwork for year 2016.

### **February Dates to Remember**

- 1:** Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 2 & 16:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 8:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 10:** Supervisors Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
- 15: President’s Day:**  
**Township Office & Tax Office will be CLOSED**  
**Transfer Station will be OPEN**
- 17:** Wednesday - Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 19:** Supervisor’s All Day Meeting- 8:00 a.m.
- 22:** Zoning Hearing Board (if needed) – 7:30 p.m.