

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2016

From the Supervisors: We would like to remind everyone that uses any of the township parks that starting this year all township parks, including: Red Run Park, Pine Hill Park, Battle of Monterey Pass, Sheffield Manor Playground, Spring Run Playground, Antietam Meadow, Happel's Meadow, Bailey Springs Park – are all SMOKE FREE.

Signs will be erected in April. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation.

Recycling at the Township's Transfer Station –

1. We would like to remind everyone that the township's recycling program is now single stream. What that means is that you can mix all your recyclable items together and put them in the metal containers at the Transfer Station. You no longer have to separate your paper from your cans and bottles. In addition, we now accept plastic containers 1 through 7, paperboard boxes (cereal boxes) and junk mail that we did not recycle before.
2. New line painting and directional signs and have been installed at the Transfer Station to assist you to get in the correct line. If you have any questions please ask the Transfer Station personnel at the window.

Zoning Code Amendments: The Washington Township Supervisors, on March 21, 2016, adopted Ordinances #254 and #255 which amended the township's zoning code. To read full copies of the Ordinances please go to the townships webpage at www.washtwp-franklin.org. Go to the blue tabs on the left to "Online Documents", then click on "Ordinances", then Ordinance 251-300 then Ordinance #254 and #255 or stop by the township office.

A summary of the changes is as follows:

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.

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 30, 2016 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, Appalachian Trail Conservancy information, and a Duck Derby will be available.

Please plan on joining the fun this year.

For more information on the Earth Celebration Day please visit Renfrew Institute's website at www.renfrewinstitute.org.

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 & Wine Festival at 11:00 a.m. This event will support both the Rouzerville Business Association and the Rouzerville Lions Club. Registration is online at www.PineHill5K.org and by mail-in forms which are available at Olympia Sports – 12777 Washington Twp. Blvd., Ronnie Martin Realty – 1400 E. Main St. or the Township Supervisors Office – 13013 Welty Rd., Waynesboro, PA 17268. Tickets for the Pine Hill Beer & Wine Festival are also available for purchase at Ronnie Martin Realty, Inc. For more information please contact William Conrad at w_conrad@comcast.net or (717) 762-9514.

Monterey Pass Battlefield Park & Museum to host Dan Toomey: On April 9th, 2016 The Friends of the Monterey Pass Battlefield, Inc. will be holding an event titled “The Healing of a Wounded Nation” presented by **Dan Toomey** at the Park & Museum located at 14325 Buchanan Trail E., Waynesboro, PA 17268. For more information please see their website at www.montereypassbattlefield.org or email Alicia Miller, Chair, FMPB, Inc. at admiller@montereypassbattlefield.org.

More Battlefield News: The Museum will reopen for 2016 on Saturday, April 16 and be open both Saturday’s and Sundays from 10 AM to 4 PM until November 19, 2016. Please plan on visiting the Museum. You will not be disappointed.

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 30, 2016.

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 beside the Washington Township Public Works Building at 13013 Welty Road 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 April 29, 2016.

For more information on this relay race, please visit their webpage at www.americanodysseyrelay.com

Did You Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries when the time changed?

It is recommended by fire companies that people change their batteries in their battery-powered smoke detectors twice a year when the time changes. If you didn’t change your batteries last month, please do so now.

If you need help checking your batteries, or if you would like additional information, call your local fire company. Each fire company in our area is willing to come to your home to assist you with your smoke detector.

Septic Tank Pumping: Attention Zullinger and Marsh Road area residents in **Area 1**, the western portion of the Township: You are required to have your septic tanks pumped again this year.

If you are a Washington Township resident living west of Route 316 (Wayne Highway) and are using a septic system for your residence, you must pump your septic tank in 2016. Letters will be mailed in April with more information and the current list of haulers.

If you do not receive a letter and use a septic tank, please call the Township office so we can forward the pumping information to you. If you have any additional questions, please call the Township office. The Township would like to thank all those residents who have had their tanks pumped already without receiving the notice. Thank you.

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 2016 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, 2016. 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

- 4 & 20:** Supervisors Meeting – 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.
 - 29:** American Odyssey Relay Race, Afternoon/Evening
 - 30:** Earth Day – Renfrew Park, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - 30:** Pine Hill Trail Run and Beer & Wine Festival
 - 30:** Last day to pay County and Township taxes at a discount