

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016

From the Supervisors: We would like to thank the Franklin County Commissioners and the Waynesboro Area School Board for their cooperation with the LERTA program for the Hadley Farms project in the Wharf Road Industrial Park.

In April the Franklin County Commissioners joined the School Board and Township Supervisors in approving LERTA for Lot #5. LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Abatement Program) provides tax incentive for companies to build new facilities in PA. This tax incentive program levels the playing field especially when we are competing against the incentives the states of Maryland and West Virginia are providing. LERTA will help land Hadley Farms as well.

In addition to the Commissioners and the School Board we would be remiss if we did not mention the outstanding efforts that Mike Ross and David Mackley from Franklin County Area Development Corporation provided in securing LERTA for both of these sites. They both do an outstanding job with economic development in Franklin County.

Lyme Disease Education – on May 4th at the Chambersburg Area Middle School Auditorium, 1151 E. McKinley St. in Chambersburg from 4-6 PM, Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, Karen Murphy, will join others in providing education on Lyme disease. Senator Richard Alloway is hosting this event in the hope of educating Franklin County residents on the identification, prevention and treatment of Lyme disease. Pennsylvania has led the nation in Lyme disease cases over the last few years.

If you are interested in learning more about the disease please plan on attending.

Laurel Acres Mobile Home Park Update: On April 4, 2016, the Township Supervisors voted NOT to become involved with any eviction procedures with the residents of the Laurel Acres Mobile Home Park if water service to the park is terminated.

Since sewer service will continue there is no public health issue with these dwellings. Water can be provided for a short period of time from many different sources.

Residents of the park should continue to monitor this situation closely.

Washington Township Senior Citizens: On Friday, April 22, 2016, Washington Township representatives attended the ribbon cutting for 40 new senior housing units at Wayne Gardens in Waynesboro. These units are designated for seniors 62 years of age and older. All units are handicapped accessible.

So if you are looking to downsize your living arrangement or switching to another unit that will accommodate your needs, these new units just might be what you are looking for.

For more information and an application please visit their website at www.fcha.net or by calling Property Manager, Angela Burhanan-Barbour at 717-762-7117.

Washington Township Boulevard Updates:

- 1.) Please be advised that the section of the Boulevard that is currently under construction (Old Forge Road to country Club Road and then to the Spring Run Development, including the last section of N. Welty Road) are closed to all traffic at this time. The Boulevard is closed for safety reasons of both our construction employees and the traveling public. If all goes well we hope to have this section of the Boulevard completed and open to the public before the leaves change colors.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with this closure.

- 2.) In April, the Township continued making progress on the construction of the Boulevard. Bids were opened and awarded for stone and equipment rental to assist with the ongoing construction. Paving bids were opened at the end of the month and will be considered by the Board of Supervisors in May. The paving bid is the last major bid that will be required to be opened for this section of the Boulevard.

Per Capita Tax Update: Last year residents of Washington Township whose names began with the letters W, Y and Z did not get a per capita tax invoice mailed to them. As a result, the collection company, J.P. Harris sent out delinquent notices to all these residents.

Since the bills were never mailed the residents will not have to pay the extra costs added to the per capita amount.

The School District has agreed to rebill these township residents and only charge the face amount of the invoice. Bills will need to be paid by May 31, 2016 to avoid additional penalties and costs. The Township would like to thank the residents who have already paid this bill and the School District for making this satisfactory solution available to our residents.

Traffic Signals – Right turn on Red: The Traffic signal at Washington Township Boulevard and Rt. 16 and at Food Lion entrance and Rt. 16 both have green arrows on the opposite side of the intersection. What this means is if you are headed to the intersection and are planning on turning to the right at the red light, you must yield to cars from the opposite direction that have a green arrow. Those cars with the green arrow have the right of way so you may not proceed into the intersection until these vehicles clear. Since you cannot see the green arrow you should check before moving into the intersection that vehicles in the turn lane opposite of you are not moving. If they are moving into the intersection you must stop and yield to these vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation.

MAY 7 – Fish Rodeo at Red Run Park: On Saturday, May 7, 8AM to 1PM, the Rouzerville Fish and Game Association will host its annual Fish Rodeo at Red Run Lake. Children ages 4 to 15 are permitted to fish.

This year's event will run all day with adults being permitted to fish only when the association declares the rodeo over. Red Run Lake will be closed to fishing on Friday, May 6th. The rain date for the rodeo is Sunday, May 8, 2016.

When you see a member of the Rouzerville Fish and Game Association, thank them for making this event possible.

May Dates to Remember

- 1:** Red Run Express Starts running – 1:00 p.m. at Red Run Park
- 2 & 16:** Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 3 & 17:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 7:** FISH RODEO – 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 9:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11:** Supervisors Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
- 23:** Zoning Hearing Board (if needed) – 7:30 p.m.
- 30: Memorial Day Holiday - CLOSED**
Administrative Offices – CLOSED
Transfer Station & Recycling Center – CLOSED