

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

JULY 2016

From the Supervisors: We would like to provide an update of the progress on the construction of Washington Township Boulevard.

1. In July, the Township's Public Works Department will start work on the Country Club Road section of the Boulevard. A new pipe will be installed across Country Club Rd. and the black top surface will be reconstructed to provide for traffic to flow across Country Club Rd. from the Boulevard without the "bumps". Traffic on the Boulevard will have the right of way. Stop signs will be installed on Country Club Rd. when the Boulevard is ready for use. There will be **DELAYS ON COUNTRY CLUB RD.** when the Township's Public Works Department works on the pipe and reconstructs the surface.

If you use Country Club Rd. on a regular basis please check the Record Herald and the Township's web-page daily for construction updates.

2. Three out of five storm water retention facilities have been constructed on the section of the Boulevard between Country Club Rd. and Spring Run. When they are completed the stone base for the roadway will be installed.
3. The round-about at N. Welty Road has been constructed to grade and is ready for the concrete sections to be poured in advance of blacktop.
4. A contract has been let to New Enterprise, Inc. to pave the Boulevard from Old Forge Rd. to Gehr Rd. We anticipate that paving will start in late August or early September. We hope to open the Boulevard to traffic in October.

More information will be provided to you in the Record Herald and on our web-page when we are about to start each of the items mentioned above.

If you have specific questions about the Boulevard project please contact Jeffrey Geesaman, Assistant Manager at the township office at 762-3128 or by email at jbg@washtwp-franklin.org.

July Meeting Changes:

1. The Washington Township Supervisors regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2016 has been **CANCELLED**. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, July 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM.
2. The Wednesday, July 13, 2016 Workshop Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at the Rouzerville Ruritan Building at 11962 Old Rt. 16. The Supervisors will then return to the township meeting room at 13013 Welty Rd. between 7:30 and 8:00 PM for the completion of the Workshop meeting.

If you have any questions on the changes, please contact the township office.

Mason-Dixon Appalachian Trail Outdoor Festival - The second Mason-Dixon A.T. Outdoor festival was held on Saturday, June 18 at Red Run Park.

The event hosted overnight camping for through and long distance hikers with daytime activities open to the public, including live music, food, children's craft activities, yoga, fly fishing demonstrations, craft vendors, and a wide array of information provided by nonprofit organizations such as the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Leave No Trace Center of Outdoor Ethics, the Audubon Society, and the Friends of Monterey Pass Battlefield.

The event was well attended and very successful, thanks to generous sponsorship from Buchanan Auto Stores and a number of other local contributors, as well. Washington Township would like to thank all of those that contributed, including the Greater Waynesboro, PA Appalachian Trail Community Committee for their efforts.

Mosquitos, ~~mesquitos~~, MOSQUITOS – Summer is here and mosquitos are everywhere. Here is what you can do to reduce the number of mosquitos in your area and protect everyone from the West Nile Virus.

The public can help the program by reducing any mosquito habitat on their property. More info. regarding the DEP WNV program can be found on the website: westnile.state.pa.us.

Don't invite mosquitos to your backyard; remove standing water from your property. Dump water from buckets, flower pots, kiddie pools, old tires, tarps, recycling containers, planters and trash cans, and other containers. Clean gutters, storm drains and window wells. Dump birdbaths daily. Even one cup of water in one of these containers can breed thousands of mosquitos. Ornamental ponds, rain barrels, ditches and areas where standing water can't be removed can be treated with **Bti**, a naturally occurring bacterium that kills the mosquito larvae. The larvae of mosquitoes live in stagnant water and feed on organic debris. The best defense to prevent mosquito borne illness is to not attract them. Many mosquitos are not strong flyers and stay within a few hundred yards of their breeding container.

Don't invite mosquitos into your house. Make sure that all door and window screens are in good repair. Mosquitos also need an area to rest and will congregate in overgrown vegetation. Many homeowners use corrugated drain pipe attached to downspouts to move storm water from their homes. The corrugations hold water and are a breeding spot for mosquitoes. To avoid this problem use smooth drain pipe, or cover the ends of the corrugated pipe with a fine mesh material such as panty hose. This will keep female mosquitos from entering.

Clothing and gear can also be treated with Permethrin. The treatment is only applied to the gear and never to skin. Follow the package directions and the protection should last through multiple washings. This spray can be found in the outdoor, camping, or hunting department of many stores. One bottle will treat many items of gear. This product is also effective in repelling ticks.

For more information please contact Donna Scherer, West Nile Penn State Extension Coordinator for Franklin County at dks14@psu.edu or 263-9226. You may also visit the Township's webpage at www.washtwp-franklin.org.

HELP – HELP – HELP – HELP – The Red Run Express needs volunteers! – Washington Township is in **NEED** of **volunteers** to help run the Red Run Express train on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer.

The train is a favorite with park visitors, both young and old, and it's very important to keep it going. So if you or anyone you know would be interested in putting smiles on a few faces, please contact the Township office at 13013 Welty Road or call the office at 717-762-3128 about volunteering.

The Township will pay for and assist with any background checks needed by volunteers.

Battle of Monterey Pass Museum – The Civil War Museum at 14325 Buchanan Trail East in Blue Ridge Summit is open on Saturdays & Sundays through November 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about the Civil War Battle of Monterey Pass please stop by the Museum or visit their web page at www.montereypassbattlefield.org.

Waynesboro's 19th Annual Summer Jubilee - 2016 with a 5K run will be held on Monday, JULY 4th across from the Hospital. Celebration begins at 8 AM – and at 10:30 AM the 4th of July Parade, sponsored by the Brothers of the Brush. Other activities and shows will occur throughout the day and Fireworks will be set off that night.

Firecracker 5K – NEW START TIME! – 8:00 AM. Registration closes at 7AM, assemble on Virginia Ave. at 7:45AM.

RENFREW PARK July Events – July Events at the Park at 1010 East Main St.

- July 2, 2016 **Royer Farmstead Tours & Greg Maurer Photography Display Opening Reception** – “Walk Back in Time!” as you tour the farmstead with guides in period clothing. Adults - \$8, Seniors - \$7, Students (7-18) - \$5, Children under 7 – Free. 11 AM - 4 PM **Reception begins at 11 AM.**
- July 7, 2016 Tresa Paul Concert – 7:00 PM Behind the House - **Free Admission**
- July 14, 2016 Wayne Band Concert – Waynesboro’s Hometown Band since 1899! 7:00 PM – Behind the House. – **Free Admission**
- July 21, 2016 Lucky Punk Concert – Behind the House – 7:00 PM – **Free Admission**
- July 23, 2016 BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL (Rain Site WAMS) – 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- July 28, 2016 Center of Gravity Concert – Classic Rock and Roll – 7:00PM Behind the House – **Free Admission**

Renfrew Institute:

- **Can You Dig It? How does a garden grow?** Tuesday, July 12 • 9:00–11:00 AM (Rain date: Thursday, July 14) Completing grades 4–8 • Limit: 20 Fee: \$10 *Pre-registration required.*
- **Hiking Renfrew. Discover park trails and hidden wonders!** Tuesday, July 19 • 9:00–11:00 AM (Rain date: Thursday, July 21) Completing grades 4–8 • Limit: 20 Fee: \$5 - *Pre-registration required*
- **Children’s Summer Stories – Tuesdays** thru July 26 – 11 AM – *Preschoolers and Up.*
- **Mornings in the Park: Nose to Nose with Nature** – Wednesdays thru July 27 – 9:30-11AM. *Children completing grades K through 3*
- **Mornings in The Park: Down a Garden Path 2016** - Monday, July 11 9:30 to 11 a.m. (*One session only!!*) *For children completing grades K through 3*
- **Ninth Annual Salamander Scramble 5K 2016 – Monday, July 4, 2016**
 - Start time 8:00 a.m. **In conjunction with Waynesboro’s Fourth of July Jubilee Firecracker 5K Run – PLUS** exciting news for this year—Olympian runner Abdellah Falil, who represented Morocco in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, will mentor Team Salamander runners at every level of experience! Team member race fee for the Firecracker 5K is covered and you get a FREE, made-in-the-USA eco performance shirt with the Team Salamander logo! Download your registration form to sign up! Contact Renfrew Institute at (717) 762-0373 or info@renfrewinstitute.org for more information

40th Annual Ice Cream Social & 3rd Annual Whistle 5K Walk/Run – Blue Ridge Summit Free Library – 5K Walk/Run - start time 8:00 AM – begins and ends at Blue Ridge Summit Free Library. The Ice Cream Social & Book Sale – 9 to 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 16th. There will be thousands of books, good food, Magic Show, Face painting, Fire truck ride and plenty of entertainment for everyone to enjoy. For Event and Race info contact (717) 729-0188 or jacksmtn@embarqmail.com.

Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Squad – BINGO every Sunday – doors open at 5 PM and Bingo starts at 6:30 PM

July FREE Entertainment at Red Run Park: The entire summer schedule is posted on the Township's website: www.washtwp-franklin.org for your quick reference. Go to Blue Tab - Departments and then to Parks and Recreation, then to Red Run Park.

July 3	Brush Fire	1-4 PM
July 10	Blue Grass Chapel	1-4 PM
July 17	Stoney Creek	1-4 PM
July 24	CB Pickers	1-4 PM
July 31	Twin Hill Express	1-4 PM

JULY Dates to Remember

- 4: JULY 4TH HOLIDAY - CLOSED**
Township Offices - CLOSED
Police Department Administrative Office - CLOSED
Tax Office - CLOSED
Transfer Station and Recycling Center - CLOSED
- 5 & 19:** WTMA Meetings - 7:15 p.m.
- 6: Supervisors Meeting - CANCELLED**
- 11:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 13:** Supervisors Workshop Meetings - will begin at 7PM at the Rouzerville Ruritan Bldg., 11962 Old Rt. 16. Then between 7:30-8PM return to 13013 Welty Rd.
- 18:** Supervisors Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- 27:** Supervisors Workshop Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- 25:** Zoning Hearing Board - 7:30 p.m. (if needed)