

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

August 2016

From the Supervisors – Washington Township Boulevard update:

During the month of July the Public Works Department completed all the storm water management facilities west of Country Club Rd. and started final grading and placing the stone base on this section of the Boulevard.

At the round-about the concrete work is just about complete. When it is complete the final grading and stone base will be completed.

Paving is now scheduled for the middle of September. We would like to request that motorists continue to use caution at the Country Club Rd. intersection with the Boulevard. Additional work at that intersection will occur in August.

If you have any 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.

Paving Projects for 2016: The Township has awarded a contract to Hammaker East, Inc. to provide a double seal-coat and fog-coat over the seal-coat for the following streets: N. Oller Ave., Antietam Dr., Oller Ct., Laurel Ln., N. Landis Ave., Briar Ridge Dr., Orchard Ln., Ivanhoe Dr., Orchard Ct., Heshshire Hill Ct., Orchard Cir., Orlando Cir., Bayer Dr., Catocin Dr., Blue Ridge Ct., and Country Club Ct.

In addition, another seal-coat layer will be placed on Buena Vista Rd. Once the exact schedule has been decided the Township will notify property owners along these streets to remove any vehicles parked on the blacktop.

Allergies to Paving: If you have an allergy to paving oil and you live along any of the roadways listed above please contact the Township Manager, Mike Christopher at 762-3128 to discuss options that may be available to help mitigate your allergic reaction to the paving oil.

Rouzerville Ruritan Update: The Township Supervisors met with members of the Rouzerville Ruritan Club on July 13, 2016 to discuss the Township acquiring their facilities for the public to use in the future.

All the issues discussed for the transfer seem very manageable and the Township is proceeding with the acquisition process. It is anticipated that the Township will take ownership of the facility in November of this year.

Rental of the Community Room will continue with the Club until after the Township takes ownership in November. After that time reservations will need to be made at the Township office. More details on the rental of the Community Room will be made available in November.

If you have any concerns about this acquisition, or if you have any questions, please call the Township office at 717-762-3128.

Well Testing – Have you had your well tested recently? It is recommended that you have your well tested every 12-14 months to make sure nothing has changed in your ground water.

George Hurd of Penn State Extension Service provided data to the Franklin County Council of Governments last week that in a recent well survey in Franklin County 44% of the wells tested positive for fecal coliform and 12% tested positive for E. coli which usually indicates sewage has made its way into the ground water.

These contaminants can make their way into the ground water at any time and end up in your well. That is why your well should be tested so often. Just to make sure nothing has changed with your ground water.

The Penn State Extension service at 181 Franklin Farm Lane in Chambersburg, phone # 717-263-9226 has a lot of information and brochures providing guidance to homeowners on how to manage your well.

Please contact them to obtain additional information about well maintenance and testing.

Home Energy Assistance for low income Pennsylvanians – The Department of Human Services announced on June 30, 2016 that extra financial help will be provided to vulnerable Pennsylvanians who received assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, during the 2015-16 heating season.

“These supplemental funds will help older Pennsylvanians, individuals with a disability, families with children, and crisis grant recipients to pay their remaining heating bills and even help with their heat during the next winter months,” said Secretary Ted Dallas. “DHS would like to thank the utility companies, LIHEAP Advisory Council, and our dedicated LIHEAP staff for another successful season.

LIHEAP assists eligible low-income households with their heating and cooling energy costs, bill payment assistance, energy crisis assistance, weatherization, and energy-related home repairs. In the 2015-16 heating seasons, crisis grants were approved for more than 114,000 households with an average crisis benefit of \$322. LIHEAP was also approved to more than 240,000 older Pennsylvanians, individuals with a disability, and families with children. These households will now also receive the \$65 supplemental cash grant paid directly to their utility or deliverable fuel company to credit their accounts.

The 2016-17 LIHEAP season is scheduled to begin November 1, 2016. For more information about the LIHEAP program, visit www.dhs.pa.gov or call 717-425-7606.

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.

ROUZERFEST 2016: The 12th Annual Rouzerfest Car and Truck Show is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Red Run Park in Rouzerville off PA Rt. 16. A day full of fun is being planned by the Rouzerville Business Association. There will be entertainment including bands, food, children’s activities, train rides, craft vendors, pony rides, moon bounce and a car show. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending this event on August 20th at Red Run Park.

Township Tax Collector Information: Mr. Ambrose asked us to remind the public that during the month of August the tax office has extended hours at the Township office on Welty Road. The office is open Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9:00 until noon. In addition, there is a night deposit box beside the side door for after-hour drop-offs. If you have any questions on your Township taxes, the Township tax office phone number is 762-1760.

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

August 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.

August 7 **Back Creek Valley Boys** 1-4 PM
August 14 **Hanover Express** 1-4 PM
August 21 **Tall in the Saddle** 1-4 PM
August 28 **The Back Roads Band** 1-4 PM

AUGUST Dates to Remember

- 1 & 15:** Supervisors Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
- 2 & 16:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 9:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 10 & 31:** Supervisor Workshop Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
- 20:** **ROUZERFEST** – 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- 22:** Zoning Hearing Board – 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
- 31:** School, Real Estate, Occupation and Per Capita Tax Discount Deadline