

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

# October 2016

**From the Supervisors – Washington Township Boulevard update** – New Enterprise, the townships contractor placing the blacktop on the Boulevard started Friday, September 23, 2016 at Old Forge Road with the base coat of blacktop. By the close of work on Saturday, September 24, 2016 they had placed the base coat to N. Welty Road, skipping most of the round-about and did one lane to Country Club Road. They also placed base blacktop on Country Club Road.

By the End of September, weather permitting, the base coat should be completed on the entire Boulevard and the binder coat should be just about completed.

The top coat of blacktop will be placed on the Boulevard, N. Welty Road and Country Club Road starting October 3, 2016. All of the black top should be completed by of the first week of October.

Shoulder work, line painting, grass seeding, landscaping and the placement of signs will be completed in October. If all goes well we hope to open the Boulevard to the public the first week of November.

We will continue to provide news releases in the Record Herald to keep you up to date with the progress on the Boulevard.

For now we must continue to ask you to **NOT** travel on the Boulevard until we get it finished. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Stop Signs on Country Club Road** – There appears to be questions on why new stop signs were placed on Country Club Road instead of Washington Township Boulevard.

Based on the traffic study that was completed the estimated traffic on the Boulevard in the future will be over 10,000 vehicles a day compared to less than 2,000 vehicles a day on Country Club Road.

Based on the volume of the predicted traffic count on the Boulevard PennDOT agreed that the stop signs should be on Country Club Road.

In addition, the crown of the road at the intersection is changing from the center of Country Club Road to the Center of Washington Township Boulevard. What this means is there will be a dip on either side of the center line of Washington Township Boulevard on Country Club Road of at least 3 inches. With the stop signs on Country Club Road this dip will not be very noticeable. If the stop signs were not there, this dip may cause control problems for drivers exceeding the posted speed limit on Country Club Road.

Finally, we posted and activated the new stop signs over a month before the expected opening date of the Boulevard to make sure drivers were aware of the change to minimize the possibilities of accidents.

Once again the township would like to thank all of our residents for their cooperation with this change.

**Soccer field traffic pattern change:** When Washington Township Boulevard is open to the public there will be a traffic pattern change at the Robert E. Stum Soccer Complex. The existing lane currently being used to get to the south parking lot will no longer be there. The Township will be removing the blacktop and replacing it with grass. The new entrance to this parking lot will be off Washington Township Boulevard a short distance off Country Club Rd. It will be at the same location

it was when you were able to use the Boulevard before we closed it to the public so we could prepare it for paving.

The Township asks that you use caution during this transition. The soccer season should be just about over for 2016.

**Red Run Park Upgrades:** The Washington Township Supervisors and our community would like to thank the Rouzerville Business Association for their donation of funding to complete the paving of the parking lot by the 9/11 Tribute. In addition, the Township would like to thank the Nicholas W. Oyer Family and Specialty Granules, Inc. for their major contribution to the RBA which made the paving of the entire parking lot possible.

The RBA also donated funding for the oil and chip paving project on the rest of the roadways in the park. A fog coat will be applied to the oil and chip coat the first week of October.

When you see a member of the RBA thank them for their continued financial support of Red Run Park.

Finally, the Township Parks Department has finished putting a new wooden deck on the small bridge over Red Run Creek at the park. Wood for the project was provided by Mohn's Saw Mill. The new bridge deck looks great. A special thank you to our Parks Department.

**Oil & Chip seal coat:** The Township would like to thank all of our residents that lived along the roadways that we seal coated with oil and chip this year for their great cooperation with the paving contractor. There have been a few minor incidents but overall the project went well.

Our contractor Hammaker East, LLC will return to the Township the first week of October to place the fog coat (like driveway sealer) on the development streets.

If you have had any problems with this year's project please contact the Township Assistant Manager, Jeff Geesaman at 717-762-3128.

**Per Capita tax repealed:** The Township Supervisors voted at their regular meeting of September 19, 2016 to repeal the per-capita tax on residents of Washington Township starting in year 2017. This year's tax is due before the end of the year. However, there will be no new per-capita tax notices issued in the future to Washington Township residents since both Township and School District repealed this tax. If you have any questions about this tax please contact the Township office.

**Fire Police Training- in Franklin County:** If you are interested in becoming a fire police officer for one of the local fire departments you are required to take 2 days of training to become certified.

These classes are usually held outside of our area. This year the training is being provided by F.C. Emergency Services at the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department on October 15 and October 16. You must attend both days to become certified. This training is **FREE**.

To register go to [www.FCPSTC.org](http://www.FCPSTC.org). If you have questions please contact one of the local fire chiefs.

### **Renfrew Museum and Park –**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Annual Renfrew Pumpkin Festival 2016**  
Co-sponsored by Renfrew Institute and Renfrew Museum as a joint fundraiser.

The Pumpkin Festival has become a family tradition. Again this year, the pumpkin-chuckin' trebuchet adds excitement to this event! Come out and enjoy pumpkin carving, hayrides, live bluegrass music by High Octane, children's activities and fun games at this popular joint fundraising event benefiting both Renfrew Institute and Renfrew Museum and Park. Free soup, cider, and bread included with admission fee. Hot dogs, sodas, and bake sale items sold separately. Admission fee \$8 adults, \$4 kids aged 4-12, and kids age 3 and under are free.

For more information please call Renfrew Museum and Park at 762-4723 or visit their webpage at [www.renfrewmuseum.org](http://www.renfrewmuseum.org)

**“Halloween Event” at Red Run Park including: Costume Parade, Train Ride, Fire Truck Ride, and more on Saturday, October 29, 2016 4 – 6:30 PM.**

- **Parade at 4 PM:** Halloween Parade around Red Run Park and award of prizes. Costumes will be judged by age groups.
- **Train Ride:** – The Red Run Express will provide train rides for everyone to enjoy.
- **Fire Truck Rides:** – Fire Truck rides will be provided by Blue Ridge Fire Company.

All activities are free of charge and are meant for the enjoyment of our area’s young people and for some who are not so young anymore! For more information, or if you wish to donate treats for this year’s events, please contact the Township office at (717) 762-3128.

**Halloween Parties:** Once again this year, the Supervisors will be providing Halloween parties for children to attend on trick-or-treat night, which is Thursday, October 27, 2016. The Supervisors would like to encourage parents to take their children to these parties instead of going door-to-door. However, it should be noted that door-to-door trick-or-treating is still permitted in Washington Township. All parties will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Donations of money, candy, cookies, cupcakes, and other treats will be welcomed and will add to the enjoyment of the children. Donations can be delivered to the Township office or to the sponsoring agency for distribution. Locations of this year’s parties are as follows:

**Blue Ridge Summit:** Sponsored by Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Company; held at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall.

**Zullinger:** Sponsored by Zullinger Community Center; held at Zullinger Community Center.

**Township Park Hours of Operation – “Dawn to Dusk”** – The Township would like to remind everyone that recreates at any of the Township parks/playgrounds including Pine Hill, Red Run, Happel’s Meadow, Antietam Meadow, Battle of Monterey Pass, Sheffield Manor and Millwood Village Parks/playgrounds that the hours of operation at all these parks are sunup to sundown. After hour’s usage is a violation of park rules and the Police Department has been asked to enforce this rule especially at Pine Hill. The Township would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with this rule.

**October Dates to Remember**

- 3 & 17:** Supervisors Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 & 18:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 10:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 12:** Supervisor Workshop Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
- 24:** Zoning Hearing Board – 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
- 27: Trick-or-Treat Night and Halloween Parties  
6:00 to 8:00 PM**
- 29: FREE Halloween Party at Red Run - Halloween Parade,  
Train Rides and Fire Truck Rides at Red Run Park 4 - 6:30PM**
- 31:** Per Capita and Real Estate Tax Face Amount  
Deadline