

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

# November 2016

**From the Supervisors** – October 22, 2016, was a very bad day for Washington Township. First, Sgt. Vern Ashway's daughter passed away from a car accident earlier in the week, and then our long-term Public Works employee Mitchell Birely passed away from a heart attack at his home.

We are still in shock about both of these totally unexpected deaths. Please extend your condolences if you see Sgt. Ashway or any member of his family, also to Linda and any member of Mitchell's family.

**Washington Township Boulevard update – Phase 2 – Ribbon cutting November 2, 2016** – A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the roundabout at North Welty Road and Washington Township Boulevard.

Parking for the ceremony will be at the Soccer field parking lot and along North Welty Road. After the ceremony is concluded the Boulevard will be open for all traffic to use. All area residents are welcome to attend.

**New Stop Signs on Country Club Road – at Washington Township Boulevard.** The Township wants to remind motorists to stop at the new stop signs on Country Club Road and to look both ways before proceeding. Washington Township Boulevard will be open for full use starting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, which means many more vehicles will be traveling on the Boulevard.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Two New Employees in the Township Office** – During October the Township hired two new office employees, Brigitte Mowen and Holly Hickok. Both new employees will be answering the phone, greeting residents as they enter the office, and assisting with the administration of the Township Office. When you see Brigitte and Holly congratulate them for obtaining their new positions with the Township.

We would also like to thank Marie Jones who has resigned from her position with the Township and moved on to employment elsewhere in the Township. When you see Marie please wish her good luck with her new position.

**Rezoning Public Hearing:** the Washington Township Supervisors will hold a public hearing on a rezoning request from the Diocese of Harrisburg - to rezone 19.84 Acres of land along PA Rt. 997 at Rt. 997's future intersection with Washington Township Boulevard on November 21, 2016 at the Townships Municipal Building, 13013 Welty Rd., starting at 7:00 PM.

To view the ordinance and map please visit the Township webpage at [www.washtwp-franklin.org](http://www.washtwp-franklin.org), or stop by the Township Office during regular working hours. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 4:30 PM on November 21, 2016 at the Township Office.

**Proposed Zoning, Subdivision, and Nuisance Ordinance Revisions:** the Township's Planning Commission and Supervisors will be renewing and taking action on 3 proposed new ordinances in December. These new ordinances may be reviewed on the Township webpage and at the Township Office.

To review the ordinance on the web page please click on the Online Documents tab located on the left side menu of the home page, then Ordinances, then Pending Ordinances.

If you wish to offer comments on these ordinances, please plan to attend the December meetings of the Planning Commission on December 12 or the Township Supervisors on December 19. Written comments or emails may also be sent to the Township Office any time before the meetings in December.

If you have questions on these ordinances, please contact the Township's Planner, Clint Rock at 717-762-3128.

**Attention Artists:** Please join us for The Great American Paint Out at the Blue Ridge Summit Vol. Fire & Rescue Community Room. All proceeds from this event will benefit The Amanda Bowders Community Memorial Garden. Event will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

For additional details, please visit our webpage at [www.washtwp-franklin.org](http://www.washtwp-franklin.org).

**Cumberland Valley Rod & Custom Car Club News:** Washington Township has received its 28<sup>th</sup> donation from Robert Ridenour, president of the car club, for \$825.00. The donation will help pay for the oil and chip paving project at Red Run Park. To date the club has donated \$2,448.41 for improvements to Red Run Park.

When you see Bob or any member of the car club or vendors, thank them for these donations for Red Run Park.

**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 Rt. 316 (Wayne Highway) and are using a septic system for your residence, you must pump your septic tank in 2016. Letters were mailed in April with more information and the current list of haulers.

If you did not receive a letter and use a septic tank in that area, 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.

**13th Annual Halloween at Red Run Park:** The Township Supervisors would like to thank the businesses, organizations and numerous individuals for their generous donations of time, talents, food, and gifts for our 13th Annual Halloween at Red Run Park on Saturday night, October 29th.

This event was a great success again this year thanks to the generosity of so many members of our community. Hundreds of children (and adults) came to the park Saturday night to participate in our costume parade, fire truck rides, and Red Run Express Train rides. There were goodies to eat, prizes awarded for costumes, and lots of spooky sights and sounds throughout the park that everyone enjoyed.

A special thanks to Lisa Frazer who chaired this year's event again and everyone who helped.

**Leaf Recycling – BURNING NOT PERMITTED:** Just a reminder that you may not burn leaves in Washington Township. All leaves must be recycled and as a result, we offer the following alternate methods for you to dispose of your leaves:

1. Bag the leaves in plastic bags, or place them in the back of a truck as you have done for years and dispose of these leaves **free** of charge at the Washington Township Transfer Station, located at 12721 Buchanan Trail East. The station is open Monday through Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM. This is still the best and most efficient option if you cannot mow or mulch the leaves back into your lawn.
2. Mulch your leaves on your property using a mulch mower or other equipment. You can then use the mulch in your flowerbeds or garden to improve your soil quality.
3. Bag leaves and find a friend or farmer to take the leaves for their garden.
4. Ask the neighbor if he/she has a garden and if they would like the leaves for their garden or flowerbeds.
5. Finally, if all the above options are not possible, buy biodegradable bags at a home improvement store, place the leaves in the bags, place the bags at the edge of the street, and call the Township office at (717) 762-3128. We will pick up the leaves and take them to the Township's composting facility. *Note: Leaves must be in biodegradable bags.*

**NO HUNTING:** Please be advised that hunting is **PROHIBITED** on the following Township properties:

**Pine Hill Regional Recreational Area  
Red Run Park  
The Transfer Station  
Antietam Meadow Park  
Happel's Meadow  
Baileys Run Recreation Area  
Sheffield Manor & Millwood Village Play Areas  
Rolondo Woods Lions Club Park**

For the safety of the people who use these Township parks and facilities, and for the Township employees who may be working at these facilities, please do not hunt on these Township properties. Thank you for your cooperation.

***Time Change is November 6th.  
Please change your smoke detector batteries.***

### **November Dates to Remember**

- 1 & 15:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 2, 16, & 30:** Supervisors Workshop Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 & 21:** Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11:** Veteran's Day Holiday (All township offices will be open)
- 14:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

- 24 & 25:** Thanksgiving Holiday (**TOWNSHIP and TAX OFFICES CLOSED**)
- 24:** Transfer Station – **CLOSED**
- 25:** Transfer Station – **OPEN**
- 28:** Zoning Hearing Board - 7:30 p.m. (if needed)