

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

February 2017

**From the Supervisors:** On December 28, 2016 we were saddened to learn that a wonderful community servant, Robert E. Biesecker passed away. Mr. Biesecker was just elected to be the next Fire Chief at Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Company after serving many years in various positions with the Fire Company. In addition to volunteering with the Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Company he was a career fire fighter/equipment operator in the Waynesboro Fire Department and was dedicated to and instrumental in the success of the Franklin County Junior's Fire Fighter Boot Camp. When you see his wife and sons thank them for sharing Rob with us all these years and wish them well.

**Washington Township Boulevard Update:** Work has begun on the section of Washington Township Boulevard from Gehr Road to Tomstown Road. As weather permits work will be done on this section of the Boulevard to construct the storm water system and subbase as well as upgrading the intersection at Gehr Road. Work will continue throughout the summer. This is a continuation of the work that allowed the portion of the Boulevard from Old Forge Road to Gehr Road to be complete from the Multi Modal Grant that was received from PennDOT in 2015. This portion of the project will not be open to any traffic during construction.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Manager, Jeff Geesaman at 717-762-3128 during regular working hours.

**Country Club Road at Washington Township Boulevard:** We once again would like to remind the traveling public that you need to stop at the stop signs on Country Club Road and look both ways before proceeding. Traffic coming from the west could get to the intersection faster than most drivers may think, so please use caution.

We also would like to remind motorists on the Washington Township Boulevard to slow down as you approach the Country Club Road intersection. If you see vehicles headed to the intersection sometimes they may not stop. Practicing defensive driving skills at this intersection is a great idea to avoid an accident.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Wing Feed, February 18, 2017:** The Friends of the Monterey Pass Battlefield will hold a wing feed at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall on Monterey Lane on February 18, 2017. Doors open at 5:00 PM with the meal starting at 6:00 PM.

Tickets for the event can be obtained at the Washington Township Office, 13013 Welty Road, or by emailing [info@montereypassbattlefield.org](mailto:info@montereypassbattlefield.org).

For additional information call the Township Office at 717-762-3128 or see any Board member of the Friends.

**Impact Fee Committee Meeting:** The Washington Township Impact Fee Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Washington Township Supervisors on February 15, 2017, starting at 7:00 PM at the Township Municipal Building at 13013 Welty Road. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss requested changes to the transportation impact fee of the Township. The public is invited to attend.

**Conditional Use Hearing – Spring Run Phase III:** Accent Developers have applied for conditional use approval to create an adult community using duplex housing in phase III of the Spring Run Development. Two hearings will be held on this request in February. The Township Planning Commission will hold a hearing on February 13, 2017 starting at 7:00 PM. The Township

Supervisors will hold their public hearing on February 22, 2017 starting at 7:00PM. Both hearings will be held at the Township Municipal Building at 13013 Welty Road and are open to the public.

If you are unable to attend either public hearing written comments will be received at the Township Office or by email at [cer@washtwp-franklin.org](mailto:cer@washtwp-franklin.org).

Questions on this application should be directed to the Township Planner, Clint Rock at 717-762-3128.

**Electronic Recycling:** The Township is accepting electronics for recycling at the Township's Transfer Station, 12721 Buchanan Trail East on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We accept electronics from all area residents. You do not have to be a Township resident. There is a fee of \$0.45/pound for electronic recycling with a minimum fee of \$25.00.

For additional information, please call the Transfer Station at 717-762-4413.

**Boards and Committees:** The Township would like to thank the following individuals who agreed to serve our community in 2017 on one of our various Boards/Committees. We are very fortunate to have so many talented people willing to serve. When you see these individuals please take a minute to thank them for helping to make Washington Township the great place it is to live and work.

**Agricultural District Committee:** Vernon M. Fox, Alan Frantz, Chad Reichard, Jack Martin and Scott Stine.

**Battle of Monterey Pass Historian** – John Miller

**Emergency Management:** James Meek, Coordinator, and Steve Swope, Assistant Coordinator.

**Happel's Meadow Wetland Advisory Committee:** Denny Bingaman, Jeffrey Geesaman, Doris Goldman, Bret Robinson, Frank Shockey, William Smith, Randall Sprengle and Cheryl Deal.

**Impact Fee Advisory Committee:** Gary F. Bercaw, Robert Correll, Paul Gunder, Gale Krawczak, Ronald McKinney, Jason Piatt, and Samuel Welty, Sr.

**Planning Commission:** Chris Firme, Jay Heefner, Frank Damazo, Joe Brown, and Joe Price.

**Red Run Park Train Committee:** Charlie Strausbaugh, Dennis Carbaugh, Pat Edwards, Linda Fleagle, Jean Kahl, and Brian Sease.

**Vacancy Board:** Carlene Willhide.

**Washington Township Municipal Authority:** Fred Eisenhart, Andrew Geesaman, Grant Price, David McCarney, and Stewart McCleaf.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Andrew Rovelstad, Lee Thomas Sebold, and S. Allen Stine.

**UCC Board of Appeals:** James Rock

If you are interested in learning more about one of these positions or if you are interested in serving the township in some other manner please feel free to contact the township office at your convenience at 762-3128.

**Earned Income Tax Reminder:** If you are a Township resident and you work out of state or are self-employed you have to make quarterly earned income tax payments to the Franklin County Area Tax Bureau in Chambersburg. If you are currently not making these payments you should call 717-263-5141 to get your payment paperwork for year 2017.

### **February Dates to Remember**

- 1 & 15:** Supervisors Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
- 6:** Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 & 21:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 13:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 20: President's Day:**  
**Township Office & Tax Office will be CLOSED**  
**Transfer Station will be OPEN**
- 22:** Wednesday - Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 27:** Zoning Hearing Board (if needed) – 7:30 p.m.