

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

From the Supervisors: Just a friendly reminder as we start the summer season of park usage in Washington Township that all of our parks are smoke free. This includes Red Run Park, Pine Hill Park, Battle of Monterey Pass Park, Rolando Woods Park, Sheffield Manor and Millwood Village play grounds, Antietam Meadow, Happel's Meadow, and Bailey Springs Park.

Signs have been erected to remind you of this rule. We would like to ask for your cooperation once again this year. Thank you.

Recycling at the Township's Transfer Station:

1. We would like to remind everyone that the township's recycling program is now single stream. What that means is that you can mix all your recyclable items together and put them in the metal containers at the Transfer Station or at the edge of the roadway if you have curbside pickup with a service. You no longer have to separate your paper from your cans and bottles. In addition, we recycle plastic containers 1 through 7, paperboard boxes (cereal boxes) and junk mail as part of the single stream.
2. If you have any questions, please contact the Township office at 762-3128.

Earth Celebration Day, Festival of Art and Recycle Reuse Yard Sale: This year's Earth Celebration Day and Festival of Art event will be held at Renfrew Park on Saturday, April 29, 2017 starting at 11:00 AM and running to 4:00 PM. The Recycle Reuse Yard Sale will begin at 9:00 AM and run to 3:00 PM.

Please plan on joining the fun this year.

For more information on the Earth Celebration Day please visit Renfrew Institute's website at www.renfrewinstitute.org.

Free Paper Shredding...Free Paper Shredding...Free Paper Shredding...Free Paper Shredding: The Franklin County Planning Commission in cooperation with the Washington Township Supervisors and the Franklin County Commissioners have made arrangements again this year to have a document shredding truck available for the public's use on Renfrew's Earth Celebration Day, April 29, 2017.

Please remember that the following items will not be recycled: newspapers, 3-ring binders, carbon paper, film (X-ray or regular), heavy metal, cardboard boxes or trash, heavy plastics or plastic trash bags.

The shredder will be located in the parking lot beside the Washington Township Public Works Building at 13013 Welty Road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have specific questions on the paper shredding program please call Phil Tarquino at the FCPC Office at 261-3855.

American Odyssey Relay Race: Once again this year the relay will run through Washington Township from South Mountain to Rattle Snake Run Road, down Mentzer Gap Road, to Fish & Game Road to Country Club Road and then to Washington Township Boulevard, stopping at the Rouzerville Commons Shopping Center, Lowe's parking lot, which is a checkpoint, then across Route 16 to Old Route 16 to Waterloo Road, to Harbaugh Church Road, to Midvale Road and then into Maryland, starting on Friday afternoon on April 28, 2017.

For more information on this relay race, please visit their webpage at www.americanodysseyrelay.com

Did You Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries when the time changed?

It is recommended by fire companies that people change their batteries in their battery-powered smoke detectors twice a year when the time changes. If you didn't change your batteries last month, please do so now.

If you need help checking your batteries, or if you would like additional information, call your local fire company. Each fire company in our area is willing to come to your home to assist you with your smoke detector.

Septic Tank Pumping: Attention Area 2 Residents, which include residents located along PA Rt. 316 on the west to Old Forge/Midvale Road on the east, including Calimer Drive. You are required to have your septic tanks pumped again this year.

If you are a Washington Township resident living in Area 2 and are using a septic system for your residence, you must pump your septic tank in year 2017. Letters will be mailed this month with more information and the current list of haulers.

If you do not receive a letter and use a septic tank, 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 at 762-3128. The Township would like to thank all those residents who have had their tanks pumped already without receiving the notice. Thank you.

Franklin County Area Tax Bureau News: The Franklin County Area Tax Bureau would like to remind individuals that if they live or have lived in Franklin County in any part of 2016 and have W-2 earnings or are self-employed with earnings, you must file an earned income tax report with the Tax Bureau by the close of work on April 17, 2017. If you are unable to file by April 17, you must request an extension from the Tax Bureau located at 443 Stanley Avenue, Chambersburg. Questions on earned income tax should be directed to the Franklin County Area Wage Tax Bureau at 263-5141.

April Dates to Remember

- 3:** Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 & 18:** WTMA Meetings – 7:15 p.m.
- 10:** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 12 & 26:** Supervisors Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
- 14:** Good Friday – Township Office Closed
(Transfer Station will be open)
- 19:** Wednesday – Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 24:** Zoning Hearing Board (if needed) – 7:30 p.m.
- 28:** American Odyssey Relay Race, Afternoon/Evening
- 29:** Earth Day – Renfrew Park, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 30:** Last day to pay County and Township taxes at a discount