

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

**From the Supervisors – Happel’s Meadow, 7.3-acre acquisition:** We would like to thank all the people who have pledged or contributed to the purchase of 7.3 acres of land formerly known as the Blue Oak Subdivision. This addition to the Meadow will stop the development of at least 14 lots adjoining the meadow, and provide additional perimeter protection for the Meadow.

We would also like to thank the *Record Herald* and *Morning Herald* for their outstanding coverage of the importance of this purchase to the long-term viability of the Meadow.

To date, \$32,305 has either been pledged or received to assist the Township with the \$150,000 match required by DCNR to receive their \$150,000 acquisition grant.

If you wish to contribute to the protection of this unique upland wetland, donations are being accepted at the Washington Township office located at 13013 Welty Road in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

**Skate Park Ground-Breaking Event:** The Township would like to invite all interested individuals to the ground-breaking ceremony at Pine Hill on October 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. At this time, the final design of the skate park will be provided along with information on the construction schedule.

If you have any questions on the ground-breaking or the skate park, please contact Jerry Zeigler at the Township office at (717) 762-3128.

**Halloween – Parade, Train Ride and Hayride on Saturday, October 27, 2007:** The following activities are planned for Red Run Park:

Parade: 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Halloween Parade around Red Run Park. Costumes will be judged in three age groups.

Train Ride: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – The Red Run Express will provide train rides for everyone to enjoy.

Hayride: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Hayrides will be provided by the Frantz farm.

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 Sandy at 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 25, 2007. The Supervisors would like to encourage parents to take their

children to these parties instead of going from 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 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.

Wayne Heights/Rouzerville: Sponsored by Rouzerville Lions; held at Cosmic Skate.

Beartown: Sponsored by Calvary Episcopal Church, Calvary Church Women; held at Calvary Episcopal Church.

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

**Joint Comprehensive Plan:** The Township and Borough Planning Commission are continuing to work on the new Joint Comprehensive Plan. At their next meeting at Boro Hall on October 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., the consultants will review the future land use plan and unveil transportation plans for the area.

The public is invited to attend!

**Leaf Recycling:** 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. The station is open Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., except Thursdays when the station remains open until 7:00 p.m. (during daylight savings time only).

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.**

#### Questions & Answers:

- Q.** Am I allowed to hunt or trap at Pine Hill or the Transfer Station?  
**A.** ***No, hunting and trapping are not permitted at Pine Hill or the Transfer Station.***
- Q.** If I want to help with the Halloween parties, whom should I contact?  
**A.** ***Contact Sandy Smith at the Township office, (717) 762-3128***

#### October Dates to Remember

- 1 & 15:** Supervisors Meetings, 7:00 p.m.  
**2, 9, & 16:** WTMA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
**8:** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
**10 & 31:** Supervisors Workshops, 7:00 p.m.  
**22:** Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.  
**23:** Joint Comprehensive Plan Meeting, Borough Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
**25:** Trick-or-Treat Night and Halloween Parties, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
**27:** Halloween Parade, Train Ride, and Hayride at Red Run Park, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
**31:** Per Capita and Real Estate Tax Face Amount Deadline