

Washington Township

Newsletter

Fall, 2009 17th Edition

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The Supervisors extend their sympathy to the following families:

McDonald, William	09/25/09
Galus, James F.	09/16/09
Talko, Theresa A.	08/11/09

Recreation Center Update

Still awaiting grant funding approval due to the State Budget impasse.

Seeking Members

The Lilly Washington Historical Society is seeking new members; contact James Salony at 886-7282 for more information.

Accomplishments in the Township

The following projects/goals are in progress and some have been completed. Among those are:

- Placing curb boxes and culvert pipes in the Lilly Coal Area in preparation paving
- Memorial Drive Project all final paperwork has been submitted to Redevelopment Authority and Highland Sewer and Water.
- "Watch Children" signs were requested by several residents on Farmer's Turnpike. The Supervisors are investigating with Penn Dot since it is state owned.
- The Penn Cambria School District was designated as the Townships delegate to the Tax Collection Committee for the Earned Income Tax Collection per Act 32.
- New Enterprise Stone & Lime was awarded the 2009 paving program for the Township in the amount of \$ \$233,925.00. Paving completed on portions of Jones Street, Mountain Road, Deep Valley Road, Hill Top Road and Memorial Drive.

Township Awards

July, 2009

None

August, 2009

Myers Hauling, DeLuca's Market and Rita Cabala for their donations to the Township

September, 2009

Cresson Township Supervisors for use of a berming machine.

Upcoming Events:

October Fire Prevention Week

10/10/09 Lilly Fire Company Pizza & Hoagie Sale
10/11/09 Swiss Steak Dinner at OLMC
10/17-18 Haunted House & Hay Rides LVFC
10/24-25 Haunted House & Hay Rides LVFC
10/31/09 Apple Dumping Sale & monthly ticket

November

11/10/09 Wheeling Downs Bus Trip - LVFC Aux
11/21/09 Lilly Fire Company Pizza & Hoagie Sale
11/30/09 Lilly Fire Company monthly ticket

December

12/19/09 Lilly Fire Company Candle Sale
12/20/09 Santa at the Fire Hall/monthly ticket

LILLY FIREFIGHTERS SUCCESSFUL IN GRANT FUNDING

The Lilly Volunteer Fire Company was successful in being awarded a \$131,000.00 grant from the federal Department of Homeland Security. Numerous requests for grant funding have been applied for every year with applications and letters of support since the September 11 attacks. The grant will be used to replace worn out coats and outdated breathing apparatus. All active members will each receive a new helmet, coat, pants, boots, gloves, hoods and service flashlight. Ten sets of breathing apparatus at a cost of \$5,000 each and extra cartridges will be purchased along with an emergency air pack to use when a firefighter runs out of air while in a burning building. The department also hopes to purchase a second thermal imaging camera. One is available at the fire hall already. The camera is used to detect individuals or other things in a heavy fire and helps the volunteers detect hot spots.
Congratulations Lilly Fire Company.



Washington Township crew prepares for paving.

2010 CENSUS

Please remember to complete your 2010 census survey. Washington Township receives allocations based upon the current census survey.



Washington Township Supervisors
And
Central Mainline Sewer Authority
Wishing you and yours, a most bountiful
Holiday Season.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sanitation Collection

Curbside by 7 AM No repeat runs
If you are delinquent in your Sanitation Billing, a late fee will be added to your account and possible discontinuation of sanitation pick-up services.

2010 Proposed Budget

The Supervisors are in the process of preparing the 2010 operating budget for the Township. The budget will be reflected in the next newsletter and on the website.

If you or your organization would like to see anything on the Township website or the newsletter, please e-mail the information to Michelle Claar at mdcshelby@comcast.net. We would like to have a community calendar established with all the organizations, clubs, churches, etc within the Community.

Pennsylvania Township Names Reflect the Heritage and Hopes for their Settlers

Several years ago, the *Pennsylvania Township News Magazine* started the "What is in a Name" column to find out where townships of the second class got their names. Recently the *News* took a broader view of the subject, looking for common threads among the more than 1,400 that make up the tapestry of township names in Pennsylvania.

Repeat after me

Some township names were just so popular that they kept getting used over and over again. There are **22 Washington Townships in PA**. (So you might want to clarify Washington Township, Cambria County). There are also 18 Union and 11 Penn Townships, many of them named for the Commonwealth's founder, William Penn. PA also has nine Perry and Wayne Townships, Eight Liberty Townships, Seven Green Townships, there are many township names repeated five or six times, including Allegheny, Porter, and Eldred (six each) and Brady, Center, Clinton, Fairview, Greenwood, Hopewell, Limestone, Morris, Mount Pleasant, Richland, Rush, Salem and Summit (five each). Then there are derivations of the same name that pop up from county to county, such as Spring and its various forms, including Spring Brook, Spring Creek, Springfield, Springhill and Springville. There are 19 vernal names in all.

Some early settlers apparently decided to take the middle road when naming their communities because "middle" shows up in eight township names, including Middlebury, Middle Creek, Middlesex and Middletown.

Other similarly named townships include three White Townships, along with Whitely and Whitmarsh: Wood, Woodbury (two), Woodcock, and Woodward (three) and Mill Creek, Millcreek, Miller (all two) and Millstone. There are also Cherry, Cherry Grove, Cherry Ridge, Cherryhill and Cherry tree Townships.

Native Names

Many township names were taken from Indian terms for the area. There are too many to list all of them, but here are a few that are sure to give your spell-checker a nervous breakdown: Choconut, Connoquenessing, Cowanshannock, East Chillisquaque, Kiskiminetas, Lackawannock, Lackawaxen, Maxatawny, Monongahela, Nockamixon, Ontelaunee, Quemahoning,

Sheshequin, Tunlhanock, Upper Mahantango and Wiconisco.

The settlers' own heritage also came into play when many townships were named. The melting-pot nature of Penn's Woods becomes apparent through Irish and Welsh names such as Caernarvon, Cambria, Conemaugh, Croyle, Cumru, Donegal, Belfast, Derry, Dublin, Tyrone and Ulster.

English settlers felt at home in Townships named Conyngham, Birmingham, Buckingham, Cambridge, East Manchester, East Nottingham, Exeter, Worcester and London Britian, London Grove and Londonderry.

German immigrants gave their new homes names such as Heidelberg, Alsace, Berlin, German, Germany, Munster, Tulpehocken and Weienberg. A Few French names appear also, including Le Boeuf, Napier, along with other assorted names such as Athens, Armenia, Sparta and Zerbe.

The Promised Land

Given how many immigrants came to the New World, it is not surprising that many graced their new settlements with biblical names. Such township names include Ararat, Bethel, Bethlehem, Canaan, Ephrata, Mount Carmel Paradise and Palmyra.

Some Settlers seemed to find promise in the area's natural features and took their communities' names from them. There are five Beaver Townships and fourteen named for pine trees, including Pine Grove, Pine Creek and Piney.

There are townships named Deer Creek and Deerfield, Sandy, Sandy Creek, Sandy Lake. Throw in Bear Creek, Fishing Creek, Snake Spring, Spruce Creek, Spruce Hill, White Deer and Wolf and Wolf Creek and you have covered just about every major flora and fauna species in the state.

Township Diversity

Then there are those township names that you have to love just because of the uniqueness. Who would not like to be able to say he's from Broken Straw Township, Asylum Township or Warriors Mark? The truth is, the names of PA townships are as diverse as the people who inhabit them. Whether named for presidents, Indian terms, natural features, the commonwealths' townships are rich in history and cultural heritage. Have some fun, you teach your children their address, just ask what township they reside in, you will be surprised at the answers you receive.

Central Mainline Sewer Authority

CMSA is still developing plans to expand the current sewage lines, feasibility studies will be completed soon, and we will keep you updated. Until then.....

Take the PA State Quiz

State Flower

Mountain Laurel or Azalea?

State Flag

Green or Blue?

State Insect

Firefly or June bug?

State Fish

Brook Trout or Small Mouth Bass?

State Coat of Arms

Eagle or Dove?

State Beverage

Milk or Apple Cider?

State Ship

USS Pennsylvania or US Brig Niagara?

State Animal

Ruffed Grouse or Bald Eagle?

State Dog

Boxer or Great Dane?

State Beautification and Conversation Plant

Clover or Crownvetch?

State Fossil

Phacops rana or Killfish?

State Seal

Rattlesnake or Lion?

State Tree

Hemlock or White Oak?

State Song

Old Pennsylvania or Pennsylvania

PA State Song

Verse 1

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,

Mighty is your name,

Steeped in glory and tradition,

Object of acclaim.

Where brave men fought the foe of
of freedom,

Tyranny decried,

'Til the bell of independence

filled the countryside.

Chorus

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania

May you future be,

Filled with honor everlasting

As your history.

Verse 2

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania

Blessed by God's own hand,

Birthplace of a mighty nation,

Keystone of the land.

Where first our country's flag

unfolded,

Freedom to proclaim,

May the voices of tomorrow

glorify your name.

Repeat Chorus