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Park Renovations



In 2023, Washington Township hopes to complete the renovations to the Slatedale Park. The improved playground will include basketball, pickleball, and volleyball courts, as well as new playground equipment and a dog park. The Board of Supervisors believes in investing in recreational opportunities for our residents. We feel this park will be something that can be enjoyed by township residents for years to come.

Approximately 20% of this project will be funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania DCNR, while the rest is township funded. We want to thank Lindsey Taylor from the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority for helping us secure this grant.

Washington Township Supervisor Tim O'Brien inspecting the progress of the Slatedale Park revitalization project.

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Township Staff

Josh Friebolin – Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,
610-248-6906

Shawn Wanamaker – Vice-Chairman of the Board
of Supervisors

Timothy O'Brian – Member of the Board of Supervisors

Position to Fill – Secretary/Treasurer

Joan Jones – Office Assistant

Wade Marlatt - Manager

Thomas Dengler – Roadmaster

John Tarafas – Code Enforcement Officer

Keith George – Residential Building Code Inspector
484-866-4888

Christopher Noll – Sewage Enforcement Officer
610-865-4555

Alberta Scarfaro – Zoning Officer & Planning Director

All Personnel can be reached at 610-767-8108.

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Zoning Board Members

Walt Henne – Chairman

Aaron Oswald – Vice Chairman

Jason Williams - Member

Scott Green – Alternate

The Zoning Hearing Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month on an as needed basis. Hearings begin at 6:30 PM and are conducted in the Washington Township Municipal Building.

Planning Commission

David Lear, Chairman

Gary VanNorman – Vice Chairman

Roy Dengler

Robert Herzog Jr.

Paul Krepicz

Brian Hoffman

Andrew Mack

Planning Commission meets on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

This past summer, Washington Township lost a long-time planning commissioner with the passing of Pete Papay. Pete served on the Washington Township Planning Commission for well over forty years. His dedication to the community can also be seen every time you use the Slate Heritage Trail. Pete provided the vision and was the guiding force in the building of the Slate Heritage Trail. He also served our community as a Lions Club member for many years. Washington Township wishes to publicly express our gratitude to Pete Papay and his family for his years of dedication to our township community.

VOTE REMINDER

May 16th & November 7th



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The Northern Lehigh Historical Society

The mission of the Northern Lehigh Historical Society is to contribute to the conservation and preservation of the natural and historic resources of the Northern Lehigh area for the benefit and use of local families, individuals and visitors to the region. The major project of the NLHS was the initiation, planning and construction of the Slate Heritage Trail. As a member of the Venture Group, the NLHS participated in the development of the Slatington Trailhead site. The Society continues to be involved with the maintenance and care of the infrastructure of the Slate Heritage Trail and Slatington Trailhead. The NLHS and Venture Group meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Slatington Trailhead pavilion at 6:00. Meetings are held March through October.

FMI: nlhs101@hotmail.com



Celebrating 20 years of conservation in the Lehigh Gap!

Are you a nature lover? If so, did you know that Washington Township is home to one of the region's best places to discover and explore the great outdoors? Lehigh Gap Nature Center (LGNC) invites you to visit our 756-acre wildlife refuge on the Blue Mountain, where you can walk, hike, or bike our 13 miles of trails, access the Lehigh River, and join our wide array of educational programs. The best part? Our refuge is open to the public free of charge every day of the year!

Begin your visit to LGNC at our Osprey House visitor center at **8844 Paint Mill Rd., Slatington**. Additional parking is available on the western end of our refuge near Bowmanstown. Free trail maps are available at most parking areas. For more information on upcoming programs and events, sign up for our email list at <https://lgnc.org/newsletter-sign-up/> or visit us online:

Website: www.lgnc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lehighgap

Instagram: www.instagram.com/lehighgapnaturecenter

LGNC is a small nonprofit organization with a big impact. Thanks to the support of our members and volunteers, we have restored life to a once barren and polluted stretch of mountainside, provide educational programs to over 10,000 people each year, and offer a free community resource that is visited by thousands annually. If you would like to be a part of our conservation and outreach efforts, we encourage you to get involved as a member or volunteer of our organization. We are currently seeking new volunteers to help with visitor engagement, hawk migration research, education programs, and refuge maintenance. Please consider joining our conservation community!

To contact LGNC, please call us at **610-760-8889**, email us mail@lgnc.org, or write us at P.O. Box 198, Slatington, PA 18080. We hope to see you on the refuge or at an upcoming program!



Northern Lehigh Food Bank 2023



Submitted by: Barbara Scheirer, Director, Northern Lehigh Food Bank

The Northern Lehigh Food Bank serves the Northern Lehigh School District in Lehigh County, as well as referrals from the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association, Inc.

Office/Delivery Hours: Tuesday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and other hours by appointment. Food Distribution: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm; and Last Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30am each month. Also 2nd & 4th Mondays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Volunteer opportunities maybe available at the food bank.

Because of the support of the community, we have also been able to give additional food for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We will also be collecting school supplies and individual food items for kids packs for the summer and new either handmade or store bought gloves, hats, scarves, fuzzy socks and blankets/afghans/lap robes.

Because of COVID 19 the food is packed and taken out to the clients vehicles.

The household sizes are from 1-11 people. Last year we served about 183 households per month which is about 409 people monthly. Food and cash donations are always needed and appreciated. We no longer accept clothing, books, toys, furniture, or household items.

The Northern Lehigh Food Bank is located at 7884 Center St., Emerald.

The mailing address is PO Box 255, Slatington, PA 18080. The telephone number is 610-767-9525.

Slatington Lions Club

The Slatington Lions Club is a place where members join together to contribute their time and effort to improving our community. Our mission is to provide assistance to vision impaired individuals, meet humanitarian needs, and encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs International.

Events planned at this time for 2023 include a community steak fry at the Slatington Skeet Club Grove on Saturday, June 23 and our annual Christmas trees sales at the Slatington Trailhead site commencing on Saturday, November 25.

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Fire House Activities

Emerald Fire Co. • Emerald, PA

Officers:

- President - Wade Marlatt
- Vice President - Josh Friebohn
- Secretary - Rodney Cressman
- Treasurer - Marc Chandler
- Financial Secretary - Brent Williams
- Fire Chief - Tito Burgos
- Trustees - Brandon Williams, Dennis Scholtis, Allen Rex, Donald Berger, Dale Rex

To rent Emerald Picnic Woods,
call Josh Friebohn at 610-248-6906

To rent the hall, call Vicki Riga at
610-767-1335.

2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8

Fireworks and Picnic, 4:30 pm
July 9 rain date

August 26 Emerald Classic Golf Tournament

*Continue checking our Emerald Fireworks and
Picnic Facebook page for the latest updates.*



Citizens Fire Co. #1 • Slatedale Fire Co.

Fire Company Officers:

- President – Lisa Neff 570-810-9780
- Vice President – Nikki Kibler 484-464-8011
- Secretary – Brianne Wendeling 484-225-7260
- Treasurer – David DeLong 484-330-0531
- Asst. Treasurer – Susie Zeller 610-767-2305
- Financial Secretaries – Brianne Wendeling and Meredith Mead 610-428-0324

Fire Officers:

- Chief – Joe Mead 484-221-4323
- Deputy Chief – Brandon Danner 610-984-5404
- Fire Police Captain – Mace Olmeda 610-597-8750

Trustees:

Matt, Ryan, Kevin, Dave Neff, Randy and Robbie

Board Members:

Tyler Danner (5 years)
Susie Horn, Tiff (3 years)
Tami and Matt for (1 year)

Booking - Krystal Borman 484-201-6649 Booking for Hall and Pavilion. Our hall and Pavilion are available for all types of rentals, Weddings, Birthday parties, Showers, Funerals, picnics/reunions etc. Our hall holds 200 people and our pavilion is great for those outdoor events with the trail, playground, baseball field and creek all in the same place for hours of entertainment.

Fire Company Meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Fire Practice is every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Please check calendar of Events for all activities including bingo

CITIZEN'S FIRE CO. #1 SLATEDALE FUNDRAISERS 2023

May 14th Mother Day Dinner

December 2nd & 3rd Craft show

December 2nd Annual Tree Lighting

December 17th Steak & Seafood Drawing

December 17th Santa comes to town

We will be adding a few more events so
please check out our website at www.Citizensfirecoslatedale.com
Or Like us on Facebook Slatedale Fire Department



Friedens Fire Co.

Officers:

- Fire Chief – Joel Merkel 610-844-1668
- Asst. Chief – Jeremy Merkel 610-739-0145
- 2nd Asst Chief/Command – Bob Schmoyer
- Captain – Tim Jones
- Lieutenant – Brent Merkel
- Lieutenant – Calvin Deprill
- Engineer – Ted Engle

Fire Company Social:

- President – Jeremy Merkel
- Vice President – Taylor Jones
- Treasurer – Kim Blank
- Secretary – Amanda Sterner
- Trustees – Tim Jones, Brent Merkel, Chris Sterner

2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

We hold various functions please check out our board on RT 873
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If you like to rent the fire hall for an event we have 2 floors for small
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- ◆ Monday - Friday (Fridays, children report to Eagles Nest Park for Field Day Friday and **weekly trips to the NL Pool!**)
- ◆ Northern Lehigh High School
- ◆ June 19th - August 4th
- ◆ 9:00am - 1:00pm (Extended hours: 1:00pm - 4:00pm available)
- ◆ Ages 6 - 12 yrs/old
- ◆ Free daily breakfast and lunch Mondays through Thursdays
- ◆ \$200 Northern Lehigh Residents / \$50 per week for Extended Day
- ◆ \$240 for Non-Residents / \$60 per week for Extended Day



WEDNESDAY UNWINE'D

Dates: Alternate Wednesdays,
June 8th—August 23rd
Time: 6:00pm—8:00pm
Location: Slatington D & L
Trailhead

The Slatington Trailhead is the place to be again this summer for great music!



VICTORY PARK SUMMER CONCERTS!

Great music continues at the Angelo Scarselletti Amphitheater. Food trucks and beer and wine vendors will be there too!

Time: 6:00pm—8:00pm
Location: Victory Park
Schedule:

June 16th: The Won Ton Soups
July 7th: AM Radio Tribute Band
July 28th: Band of Brothers
August 18th: The Midnight Special Band

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Are your children interested in sports, but don't know where to start? Try one of our 2 hour summer camps to spur their interest!

Ages: 6—12 years
Cost: NLRA Resident \$30 / Non-Resident \$35
Time: 9:00am—11:00am
Location: NLHS Sports Complex

Tentative Schedule:

Field Hockey: June 19th & 20th
Football: June 26th & 27th
Softball: June 26 & 27th
Soccer: July 10th & 11th

A DAY IN THE PARK (formerly the Food Truck Festival) featuring *Burn Classic Rock!*

Date: Saturday, July 22nd
Location: Victory Park
More information to follow!

Join us for great food, games, music and vendors galore as we celebrate a summer day in Victory Park!

RECREATION & FITNESS!



STRENGTH & STRETCH FOR SENIORS

(SASS)

Join us for this adult group fitness class and discover your new favorite way to get into shape, stay fit, and have fun using a combination of stretching, light weights, resistance bands and balls.

Instructor: Erna Lake

Days: Ongoing: Mondays & Fridays

Times: 10:00am - 11:00am

Cost: Resident: 10 Class Discount Card: \$25.00 / Drop-in \$3.00
Non-Resident: 10 Class Discount Card: \$30.00 / Drop-In \$3.50

Location: Emerald Fire Company

The Northern Lehigh Swimming Pool will re-open for the 2023 season! Season and Day Passes are available! Go to www.northernlehighrec.org for more information!



YOGA WITH DEEPA

This class focuses on alignment, sequence and timing with the use of props.

Instructor: Deepa Savant, 200RYT

Days: Ongoing: Wednesdays

Times: 10:00am—11:00am

Cost: Resident: \$45/10 Weeks or \$5/class
Non-Resident: \$55/10 Weeks or \$6/class

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church

WALK WITH EASE (WWE)

Walk With Ease is an evidence-based program that has been proven to help people with arthritis or other related conditions reduce pain, improve balance, strength and walking pace, and overall health. Walking sticks suggested.

Instructor: Erna Lake

When: Mondays & Fridays
April 10th — May 19th

Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm

Location: Covered Bridge at Trout Run

Cost: NLRA Resident: \$5 / 6 weeks
Non-Resident: \$6 / 6 weeks

WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Enjoy a variety of **free** programming from the staff at Wildlands Conservancy that will open you to the vast, wonderful world of the active outdoors and nature. Pre-registration with NLRA required at www.northernlehighrecreation.org!

BIRDS OF PREY NIGHT HIKE

Date: Thursday, May 25th

Time: 6:00pm—7:30pm

Location: Slatington D & L Trailhead



PADDLING 101—INTRODUCTION TO CANOES & KAYAKS

Date: Thursday, June 22nd

Time: 6:00pm—7:30pm

Location: Walnutport Canal Pavilion

CREEK CRAWL

Date: Thursday, July 13th

Time: 6:30pm—8:00pm

Location: Covered Bridge at Trout Run

What is stormwater runoff?



Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is stormwater runoff a problem?



Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

The effects of pollution

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts—washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.



- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.



Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Residential



Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.

Lawn care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.



- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

Septic systems

Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens (bacteria and viruses) that can be picked up by stormwater and discharged into nearby waterbodies. Pathogens can cause public health problems and environmental concerns.

- Inspect your system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary (every 3 to 5 years).
- Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.



Auto care

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a waterbody.

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.



Pet waste

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters.

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.



Residential landscaping

Permeable Pavement—Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Instead these surfaces rely on storm drains to divert unwanted water. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing stormwater runoff.

Rain Barrels—You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito-proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.

Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales—Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.



Vegetated Filter Strips—Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants stormwater picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.





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Michael Embry once said, *“I don’t have to look far to find treasures. I discover them every time I visit a library.”* The Slatington Public Library Board of Directors and librarians Rosanne Pugh and Louise Bechtel stand firm in assuring our patrons that there are many “treasures” to be found in our historic building on 650 Main Street in Slatington.



Firstly, the library promotes many programs free to our community such as the following: Monthly Book Club meetings the first Monday of every month at 1:00 PM, Fall and Spring Story Hour (6 sessions each season), Genealogy Group meeting the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM, Friends of the Library (hoping to regroup soon), Teen Advisory Board (seeking teens grades 7-12), The Wonderful World of Wildlife summer program, the Annual Donald D. Owens Reading Challenge (February 18-May 31), Summer Reading Incentive Program with cash prizes, a Dr. Seuss birthday celebration each March, readings by Mrs. Santa and gifts for the children the first Friday in December, and a game day for students in grades 7-12. Continue to check our website for specific details about these ongoing programs.

Secondly, the library many services and resources to our patrons include the following: technical support and consultation from our professional staff, assistance with tax forms, APRISE – assistance with Medicare Part B Enrollment, online card catalogue, access to computers, access to Carbon Lehigh Downloadable Library such as eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines, Access PA – borrow books from other PA libraries, Lehigh-Carbon Library Cooperative which provides access to many public libraries such as Palmerton, Parkland, Jim Thorpe to name a few, and curbside service upon request.

Important update about the Elevator Project – As of February 1, 2023, we were waiting to review the updated plans and to approve yet another price quote. Although this has been a arduous project, we remain resilient to complete this project with optimizing the use of our facility and to ensuring the safety of our staff. Thus far we have raised \$111,360 for this project, and we continue to apply for grants, fundraise in creative ways such as our Thirty-One Fundraiser which raised \$678 in November, 2022 to fulfill this project. With gratitude, we appreciate the community’s monetary support and its patience with this delay to a vital capital improvement to our library.

When we lost our dedicated Board Member John Kisthardt in November, 2021, his family wished to donate money towards a project close to John’s heart – the restoration of the skylight original to our building at a estimated cost of \$25,000. In addition to the family’s donation, we applied for a grant to help John’s family achieve this goal in his memory. In addition, we applied for a grant to repaint the ceiling on the first floor of the library.

At a ceremony in December 2022, we welcomed the addition of eight names to the Louise I. Hallman Memorial Plaque. Names are added to the plaque when at least \$1000 is given in honor/in memory of a loved one. Those honored in memory of were the following: Janice Altrichter, John Kisthardt, Donald G. Roberts, Doris and Nick Smith, and William A. Steckel. Slatington residents Diane and David Schnaars’ names were engraved in honor of their generous donation. Light refreshments were served, and Board Members Hali Kuntz, Marilyn Steckel, Lynne Fedorcha, and Renee Evans provided commentary on the honorees while many family members and friends of the honorees were in attendance. The staff and Board of Directors recognizes and appreciates this philanthropic endeavor by the families and look forward to sponsoring more ceremonies in then future and furthering our mission of literacy and service.

UPDATED LIBRARY HOURS:

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Fridays 9 AM-5 PM • Saturdays 8 AM-2PM

Closed Thursdays and Sundays.

Website – www.slatelibrary.com

Any questions – email me at teachev10@gmail.com

Renee Evans
Secretary



Township Clean-up

Township clean up will be held on June 3rd, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Items that will be accepted are old furniture and trash. Items that will be recycled are white goods, metals, electronics, and tires. We also accept old batteries, which are used to offset the purchase of batteries for Township equipment. Each tire is now \$1.00 a piece. Large truck or tractor tires are \$5.00. Tires should not have rims. No commercial or race tires. There will be a \$15.00 charge for removal of freon. Electronics will be accepted with fees.



TV prices are \$40.00 for under 42". TV's (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (broken TV's) is \$58.00. No construction material will be allowed, this would include insulation, plaster board, etc. This will be the only clean up for the year and it is not known, at this time, if there will be other fees involved with collection. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for every mattress accepted. Starting in April the Township will be open to drop off yard waste on Saturdays between the hours of 8am-12pm.

Fall Leaf pick up:

Soon after the leaves start falling, the township will start our leaf pick up. Please remember to place your leaf piles as close to the road or curb as possible. Also be sure that leaf pile only contain leaves, vacuuming up rocks, branches or debris can be harmful to our staff and equipment. The township cannot safely pick up leaves on the following state roads: PA 873, Mountain Road or Old Post Road. Before putting leaves along any state road, please call the township to see if pick up will be possible. If you prefer to drop off your leaves or brush, this can be done at the township yard on Center Street between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm, Monday – Friday. Please be aware that brush burning is prohibited and leaf burning is only permitted during the month of November. Leaf burning in the VC zoning district is prohibited all year. Please check our web site for a copy of the complete burn ordinance and our yard hours.



The Sanctuary at Haafsville

Washington Township has signed a contract to provide animal control with The Sanctuary at Haafsville, a non-profit, no kill animal shelter in Breinigsville, PA. Approximately 1,000 dogs and cats found their forever homes through the Sanctuary in 2022.

Should you find a stray dog in Washington Township, please call The Sanctuary at 484-285-5445 and choose option 1. A Sanctuary representative will provide information on next steps. A search is done immediately to find the owner and if no owner is found, after 72 hours, the dog is vetted and available for adoption.

The Sanctuary at Haafsville can also help with stray or feral cats. Information for No Nonsense Neutering will be provided or you can contact No Nonsense Neutering directly at www.nnnlv.org and search the community cats tab. For feral trapped cats, there is no copay for Washington Township residents and services include spay/neuter, ear tip, and rabies vaccine. Both NNN and The Sanctuary have loaner traps available for a refundable fee.

If you find a friendly stray cat, contact The Sanctuary to see if it can be accepted into the shelter as space permits. Please note, there may be a wait list. Every attempt is made to find the cat's owner prior to vetting and making them available for adoption.

The Sanctuary has great success in locating owners and returning loved pets. Contact 484-285-5445 for more information on any of the above-mentioned service



THANK YOU

Washington Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.



Road Maintenance

Roads for Road Maintenance this year are:

- Part of Rextown
- Mill Creek
- Bake Oven
- Part of Grove
- Oakland
- Northwood

Property & Per Capita Taxes

Township property tax, School property tax and Per Capita tax are issued and collected yearly by Sally A. Mantz, 4202 Main Street, PO Box 155 Slatedale, PA 18079. County property tax is collected by the county. These taxes are NOT collected at the Washington Township Municipal Building. Questions regarding these taxes should be directed to Sally Mantz at 610-767-4533.

NOTE: Mortgage companies pay township, county, & school taxes – township taxes are paid by your mortgage companies so do not pay them or duplicate payments are made. Most mortgage companies receive your tax amounts electronically without receiving the tax bill from you, but it is recommended for you to check with them. Per Capita taxes are not paid by your mortgage company – you are responsible to pay them.

- Township Real Estate is Issued April 1
- School Real Estate is Issued July 1
- Township and School Per Capitas are on the same bill and are issued together July 1

Delinquencies are turned over to the following companies and once turned over these companies are who need to be contacted for resolution

- Township – Elite Revenue Services
- Township Per Capita – Berkheimer Associates
- Township Street Light and Hydrant – Creditech Collection Agency – if applicable
- School – Portnoff Associates
- School Per Capita – Statewide Tax Recovery

YOUR PROPERTY TAXES



Local Service Tax (LST) and Earned Income Tax

Self-employed and businesses within the township should continue to collect and remit to the Washington Township Office. An agreement has been made with the Northern Lehigh School District to collect their LST Tax. The Township portion (\$5) and the School portion (\$5) – a total of \$10.00 should be sent to Washington Township. Please note that Central Tax Bureau (which is not in business anymore) or Berkheimer Associates does not collect this tax for us.

Residents' filing of EARNED INCOME TAX (1%) should be sent to Berkheimer Associates. Pennsylvania passed Act 32 which made it mandatory that all local EIT be county based and Lehigh County selected Berkheimer.



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In an emergency, can the ambulance quickly find your residence, access your driveway, and get to your house? The extra minutes emergency response teams spend searching for your address or trying to navigate your driveway can make a real difference for a loved one in need. Ordinance #63 requires all property owners to post their address on their mailbox or building face. Make sure your driveway is maintained and is clear of obstructions such as low branches so that the emergency equipment can get to your house. Excessive swales in your driveway can also be an issue for the larger emergency vehicles. Contact the NOVA 610-262-1075 if you would like a number sign for your home.

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Payment can be cash or check (*Neffs Volunteer Fire Company*)

Emergency Preparedness: POWER OUTAGES

Power outages can occur during any season and have different effects so it is helpful to be prepared at all times.

Before a power outage occurs:

- Make sure you have an emergency kit created. You can find what you should put in it at ready.pa.gov
- Always have cellular devices charged
- Have enough water in the home for 4 days along with food (that may not require electricity to heat)
- If you have a generator, always maintain enough fuel and test the generator monthly
- Keep your car's fuel level up
- If you have electric medical equipment, ensure you have a battery or manual way of handling the equipment.
- Have a working battery-operated radio so you can receive updates for shelters and evacuations

if necessary

During the power outage:

- Utilize flashlights rather than candles due to the risk of fire
- Keep refrigerators/freezers closed so the temperature can remain consistent
- Dress in layers according to time of year
- Disconnect appliances so that there are no surges when power does return
- If using a generator, remember to not have the generator inside and away from your home so fumes do not enter your home

Once power returns:

- Throw away any food that may have dropped below approved temperatures
- Slowly turn electrical devices back on
- If you have natural gas and need someone turn it back on, have someone approved come out
- Restock any supplies you may have used out of your emergency kit or go bags.


Remember: BE PREPARED

Sherry Graver

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