# COashington Township NORTHAMPTON COUNTY WINTER 2023

Washington Township is in northeastern Pennsylvania found in the Slate Belt region among the rolling hills, open spaces, and abundance of farmland. The township has a total area of 18.1 square miles of which all is land except for 0.04 square miles of water surface. The area is located among the Delaware River watershed and is drained by Martins Creek. There is a small area in the southeast which is drained by Oughoughton Creek. The local villages include Ackermanville, Factoryville, Flicksville, and Richmond. State routes traveled to this quaint area include 191, 512, and 611.

Common to rural life, the Township is supported by a Volunteer Fire Company. Most of the homes are serviced by private wells and on-lot septic systems. We have a high volume of wildlife such as bear, deer, coyotes, skunks, foxes, and raccoons, along with a variety of bird population. If you want to experience the city life, Philadelphia is approximately 1 1/2 hour to the south and New York City approximately 1 hour to the east.



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#### Meet the Board of Supervisors:

**Robert "Bob" Smith** was born and raised in New Jersey. He moved to the Slate Belt Area in 1984 with his wife and two children. Bob worked at the Crayola Factory in Easton, Pa for 20 years, and since has retired. He has been the chairman of Washington Township Municipality for the past 3 years; he has been on the Board of Supervisors for 9 years in total. In addition, he is the Road Master for the Township's Road Department and has assisted on the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department for the past 35 years. Bob will continue to look out for the best interests of Washington Township and the surrounding communities.

**Carl Tolino Jr.** is a lifelong resident of Washington Township and a supervisor for Washington Township for the past 3 years. Carl is President of Tolino's Fuel Service Inc., a multi-state fuel distributor, and of several other businesses. He has 50 years of business experience exhibiting exemplary fiscal responsibility. Carl will continue to ensure all Washington Township residents are well represented.

**Justin Huratiak** was graduated from Bangor High School and has lived in the area all his life. He currently resides in Washington Township with his wife and daughter. They have a business of their own, Huratiak Homes LLC, located in Bangor. Justin became a Washington Township Supervisor in 2022. He has been on the Recreation Committee Board since 2015 and is currently still on the board as the liaison to the Board of Supervisors. He is a local representative of the Planned Slate Belt Committee, driving growth in the Slate Belt area. He continues to press on with this moto advocating for the Slate Belt community.

#### **Chairman Statement:**

One important common factor for the success of a great community is pride and involvement among the residents. I would like to share my list of qualities that make Washington Township a great community in which to live.

Respectfulness and commitment are the values Washington Township Residents portray to the community. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Care for your property because it reflects in the neighborhood. Be committed to improving your environment and neighborhood and this will spread from home to home. Help look after each other. If you plan to be away for an extended period, contact the Washington Township Police Department to arrange for the 'Vacation Check' program. Protecting our families and property is an interest we all have in common. Join one of the Neighborhood Watch Programs or start a new program. It is an easy way to stay connected to your community and assist with solutions for keeping everyone safe. Washington Township strives to ensure the safety of the community and is committed to supporting excellence within our emergency services.

We make every effort to use all available tools to keep everyone well informed. I encourage you to check our website, www.washington-township.com frequently for updates to all Township news and happenings. I encourage you to attend our Board meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Township Building. You can also serve on one of our many Township committees. Interested residents can visit the township website at www.washington-township.com, or you may call the township building directly at 610-588-1524. There are other Township boards and committees that meet during the month. Schedules of these meetings are posted on our website. We appreciate citizen involvement!

Sincerely,

Robert Smith

Robert Smith

Washington Township Chairman



#### **Recreation Committee**

Our recreation committee consists of dedicated volunteer members who are working diligently to provide a safe and fun park facility for our residents and visitors. Volunteers are always welcome to join our team and give back to the community. The committee meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Township Building, 1021 Washington Blvd Bangor, Pa 18013. All are encouraged to attend.

Our newest improvement to the Recreation Complex consists of paving the loop walking trails and installing a new Basketball Court. These new improvements were made possible by the Northampton County Local Share Account, (LSA) grant of \$175,000. The Northampton County Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG) also granted \$40,000 to assist with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements.

The 63-acre Recreational Park Includes:

- A fenced-in area containing multiple play systems with rubber mulch safety mats and curbing.
- A rental Pavilion for picnics and parties.
- One Soccer and one Baseball field (can be reserved for spring, summer, and fall sports)
- One Basketball Court
- Two pickleball courts
- · One 9-hole disk golf
- · A natural play area with slide
- Sledding Hill
- Walking Paths
- · Gaga Ball Pit
- Multi-Purpose Field: Supports Lacrosse







These amenities support the important value of physical and outdoor recreational activities. Stop by on a warm summer's evening for a stroll in the park and enjoy our beautiful landscape. Or during the winter, bring your children and enjoy the sledding hill.

Almost every morning you can find the Pickleball players utilizing the courts. The Spring and Summer months are our busiest time for pavilion rentals. Hurry up and schedule your graduation party, birthday party or family reunion before dates are unavailable. Check fees either on the Township website or call directly. Washington Township has continued to add a variety of features to its Recreation Complex, and more are being planned.

#### News for 2023

#### Residential Solid Waste and Recycling

Our three-year contract with J.P. Mascaro & Sons for residential "Solid Waste and Recycling" ended December 31, 2022. The Township solicited bids for collection beginning January 1, 2023, through Penn BID, a municipal bidding resource. The bid process was performed twice to seek the lowest responsible bid. The Board of Supervisors awarded a five-year contract to J.P. Mascaro & Sons, the only bidder. As a result of higher costs, the annual per unit rate to residents will increase to \$505.00 per year beginning in January 2023. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable due to the increasing labor, fuel, and transport costs that the contractor is experiencing.

#### Road Department

Under the direction of Road Foreman Craig Hester, the Washington Township Road Department is responsible for maintaining 62 miles of roadway. The township does not maintain any state roadways. Some of the responsibilities of the Road Department include snow and ice removal, road repairs such as crack sealing and pothole repair, ditch, and storm sewer cleaning, catch basin repairs, sign installations and repairs, roadside mowing, street sweeping, curbing and road resurfacing.

#### The Following are PennDOT State Roads and are not maintained by our Road Department.

If there is any type of problem on these roads, please contact PennDOT at 610-250-1840 or 800-349-7623.

BANGOR RD, BLUE VALLEY DR, CREEK RD, DELABOLE RD, FIVE PTS. RICHMOND RD, FRANKLIN HILL RD., JACKTOWN RD, LOWER S. MAIN ST, MILL RD, NORTH DELAWARE RD, NORTH GARIBALDI AVE, NORTH ST, RICHMOND RD, RIDGE RD, ROSETO AVE, SECOND ST, SLATE BELT BLVD, WALNUT ST, WASHINGTON BLVD, WEST BANGOR RD

#### 2022 Road Project

Each year the Township performs a road evaluation to determine where available funds will be allocated for road reconstruction and maintenance. The Washington Township Board of Supervisors identified OW Road as the 2022 Road Project. The road work was completed in August 2022.

We want to thank all our residents for keeping up with their snow removal from roadways throughout the past winter storms.

## The Road Department is proud to serve Washington Township and the community! Have a safe winter!



#### THE WINTER FOOD WEB

#### Nurturing Natural Bird Food in the Cold Seasons

By Steven Saffier, Audubon Pennsylvania



Birdfeeding is enjoyed by millions of people across the country and by many in our area. Seeing a variety of birds close to our windows, especially in winter, provides hours of viewing plesure. But there are ways to go beyond simple birdfeeding while providing natural food and protection during the winter. Here are two:

- 1. Stop cleaning up: A landscape that contains leaf litter, spent perennials and other "dead" elements actually host countless overwintering insects (including pupating caterpillars!) that will eventually feed the birds. Entomologist Doug Tallamy writes, "The easiest way to preserve over-wintering insect populations is to relax our neatnik standards whenever possible." That's good news for many of us!
- 2. Plant native fruiting shrubs and seed producing trees which will provide cover and a food source into late fall and winter: Chokeberry, winterberry holly, dogwood, pines and birch are good choices.

Instead of being down time, fall and winter can be viewed as an integral part of nature's yearly cycle and your backyard can play a part. Author Sara Stein may have put it best in

Noah's Garden(© 1993):

By thanksgiving it will seem as though the clock (has) wound down and stopped. But the pendulum has in fact reached the height of its swing, has stored more energy than at any other time of the year, and is poised to descend with all the gathered momentum of warm summer days downward through the cold to spring.

So despite a seemingly lifeless backyard, winter can be one of the most active times for birds looking for refuge in your private sanctuary.









#### **Police Department:**

Chief of Police: James Krome • Wtpd3807@washington-township.com

1021 Washington Blvd • Bangor, PA 18013

Emergency: 911

Office: 610-588-2040 • Fax: 610-599-0957 County Dispatch Non-Emergency: 610-759-2200 Facebook: Washington Township Police Department

#### **Personnel Updates**

Since our last newsletter, the department has made some changes and additions:

James Krome has been promoted from Sergeant to Chief and Officer Daniel Dieter and Brandon Natale have moved from part-time to full-time. Additional part-time officers have been added to continue 24/7 police coverage of the township.

#### Information and Safety:

WTPD asks that residents properly post their house numbers on mailboxes and/or the residence. This is a very important factor in getting the most expeditious response from your police department, as not being able to identify your specific house can cause delays in an emergency response.

Please visit our new website https://www.washington-township.com/police.html for additional information. If you need to contact an officer, you can do so via their email located under the Staff link on the Police page.

#### **Need a Police Report?**

Copies of police reports can be obtained on Mondays-Fridays between the hours of 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Requests and arrangements for options outside those hours can be sent to wtpdpoliceclerk@washington-township.com.

Fees: Incident Reports- \$10.00 Motor Vehicle Crash Reports- \$15.00 (Cash or check only)

#### **Going Away?**

If you're planning a vacation and your residence will be unoccupied for an extended period of time, we encourage you to submit a "vacation check" form. In doing so, while you're away, the department will make checks of the perimeter of your property to insure all is secure. Please visit our website or the Police Department at the Township building for a form.

#### **National Night Out:**

Washington Township Police Department for their 2nd Annual National Night Out held the event at the Municipal Building Recreation Complex on August 2,2022. Lite food and refreshments were available along with games like Kickball with Kops! We hope our Washington Township Residents will be able to join and support us again in 2023!





#### **Zoning Department**



#### When do I need a permit?

Listed below are just a few of the permits and licenses that are required in the Township. If you have any questions or doubts as to whether a permit is needed for what you are doing, please call our Zoning Office at 610-599-0496.

### Open burning approval is required

Approval is required so the fire department knows who is burning and what, where and when they are burning. Materials that may NOT be burned according to DEP regulations include such items as demolition waste, insulation, shingles, treated wood, paint, painted or stained objects, furniture, tires, mattresses, box springs, metal, insulation coated wires, television sets, appliances, automobiles, automotive parts, batteries, PVC products, waste oil and other petroleum products. The Township will display a flag when a burn ban is instituted and will remove the flag when the ban is lifted. For approval, please call the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company.

#### **Moving Permit**

Moving permits are required as per Ordinance #243 when moving into, from or within the Township. Anyone moving into your home with you must also get a moving permit and be added as a resident. The cost of the permit is \$5 and may be obtained at the Township Office or our website. Landlords, please advise your tenants of this information.

#### **Garage/Yard Sale Permit**

A maximum of (3) garage/yard sales are permitted within each calendar year. A permit is required for each garage/yard sale. Any signs posted for the sale must be removed the day after the sale is complete. The cost of the permit is \$5 and may be obtained at the Township Office or our website.

#### **Tenant/Landlord Reports**

Tenant/Landlord reports are required as per Ordinance #171. This notifies the Township of changes in occupancy.

#### **Zoning Permit**

Zoning permits are required before any construction, alterations, addition, or changes are made to any property. It keeps track of who is building, what is being built and if it conforms to size, setback and height requirements and determines if sewer permits are needed, so that all properties are held to the same standards. Anyone caught doing work without the required Zoning permit(s) will be required to pay (3) times the original permit fees.

#### **Building Permits**

Building permits are the responsibility of the property owner and/or contractor and must be obtained from a Third-Party Agency prior to the commencement of construction. A list of Third-Party Agencies is available at the Township Office. A copy of the approved plans and building permit are required to be submitted to the Township office.

#### **Driveway Permit**

Driveway permits are required for construction on a new driveway, to change an existing driveway or to pave an existing driveway.

#### **Sewage Permit**

Sewage permits are required before any sewer systems may be installed or repairs made to existing systems.

#### **Junk yard Permit**

Junk yard permits are required each year from the Zoning Officer.

#### **Peddling Permit**

Peddling permits are required each year from the Zoning Officer.

#### **Amusement Permit**

Amusement permits are required to regulate coin operated amusement devices except juke boxes.

#### **Earth Moving Permit**

Earth moving permits are required so that soil erosions do not occur and create damage to other properties and/ or roadway.





#### **Prepare Your Home for Winter**

As winter approaches, our thoughts turn to other activities as we plan for the annual hibernation to the indoors. This is also a good time to plan a safe hibernation for your house as well. The constant change in the weather can have a significant effect on your house that, if left unchecked, may result in major repairs in the future.

Now is the time to inspect your house for anything that does not appear to be normal. Things to look for include loose siding, missing or torn shingles, broken or sticking doors, missing caulking around windows or any other item that will leave your home exposed to the elements. Now is the time to start addressing these items before the cold weather sets in and these items are forgotten.

You may also want to take a look at other items that are often overlooked until it is too late. One important item is your home heating system. Most people who are not on a maintenance program forget to have service performed until well into the heating season when the furnace decides to stop working. Unfortunately, this is the time that most heating contractors are busiest and you may have to wait for service. Avoid the headache and plan ahead.

Items such as your water heater may need your attention as well as other home appliances. Remember to check and make sure water pipes are properly insulated and not exposed to freezing temperatures. Be sure that leaves and debris do not obstruct water flow from gutters and downspouts. Water that freezes and is allowed to back up rooftops often provides you with unwelcome leaks. The lists are endless, but remember your home is a major investment - take good care of it.







#### Fire Department:

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company was founded in 1970 with the main purpose of protecting township residents from the devastation of fire. In 52 years, the fire company has evolved in many ways. Not only do we respond to fires, but also to motor vehicles accidents, downed power lines, weather disasters, EMS calls and much more. Being completely volunteer, our members collect no compensation. It is their passion to help and serve the great residents of Washington Township and its surrounding communities without mutual aid agreements.

Being a volunteer fire company, it benefits the taxpayer tremendously. No money is collected by taxpayers to fund the fire company. Funds to operate throughout the year are conducted by fundraisers such as or Annual Sportsman Bonanza, Pancakes with Santa, Mail Campaign, Valentines' Weekend Comedy show. All these fundraisers, plus more that come up during the year, help us maintain and replace equipment, train firefighters, and pay monthly bills that are endured. Fundraisers and all fire company updates can be found on our Facebook account. Follow us today!

Like all volunteer organizations, the fire company is no different. Volunteers are needed to maintain the rise of emergency situations. We are always looking for eager men and women who want to join our efforts in serving their township. Training is provided by the fire company at no cost and is conducted in house, as well at the county and state fire schools. Volunteer firefighters and auxiliary members are always needed. Please visit us Monday nights at the fire station between 6:30-8:30 pm to get additional information on how you can help.

As a reminder to all residents, open burning is permitted in the township, but only after you obtain PERMISSION from the fire chief or assistant fire chiefs. It is recommended that if you wish to burn, first obtain a copy of the BURN ORDINANCE from the Township Office. In this ordinance you will find phone numbers to call to get permission, proper setbacks from buildings and what type of materials may be burned.

Sincerely, Tighe R. Lane Fire Chief



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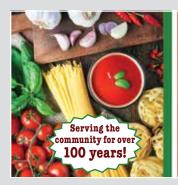
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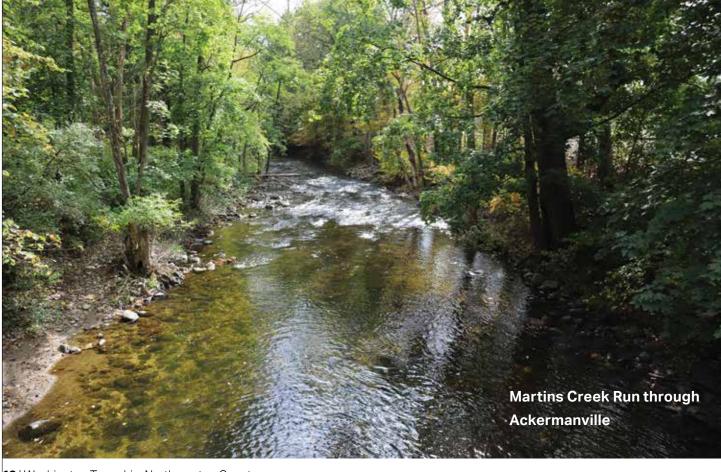
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Ryan Hester

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David J. Ceraul, Esq. 22 Market St. PO Box 19 Bangor, PA 18013

#### **Township Engineer**

Ott Consulting Inc.

Jeffrey Ott

#### **Township Sewage Enforcement Officer**

Ott Consulting Inc.

Stephen Sell

#### **Tax Collectors**

Berkheimer Associates 50 North Seventh St. Bangor, PA 18013 610-588-0965

#### Keystone Collections Group (EIT)

224 Nazareth Pike. Bethlehem, PA 18020 888-519-3897

#### **Garbage/Recycling Collection**

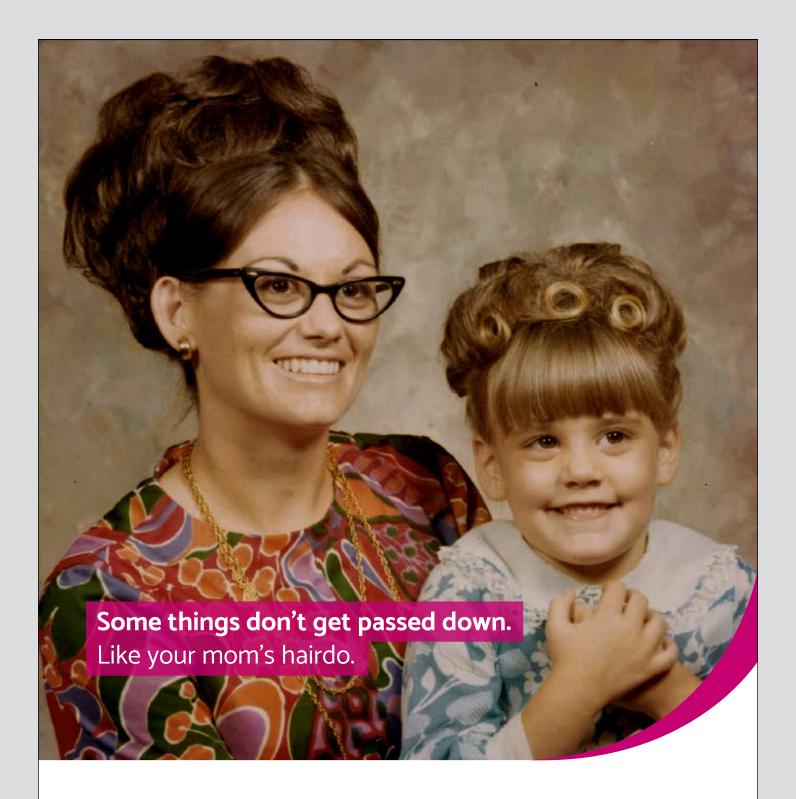
**JP Mascaro & Sons** 800-333-4624

#### **Zoning Officer**

Tina Serfass - Keller Zoning & Inspection Services 610-759-8227

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
Washington Township Municipal Building	610-588-1524
Bangor Area School District	610-588-2163
EMS Services – Suburban EMS	610-923-7500
Washington Township Fire Co.	610-588-4188
Banquet Hall Rental – The Washington	610-588-2267
FIRE CHIEF Tighe Lane	610-588-3234
Washington Township Police	610-588-2040
Northampton County 911 Non-Emergency	610-759-2200





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