

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**  
E-newsletter for the week of  
*February 9, 2026, through February 15, 2026*



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**REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA  
February 12, 2026**

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Items Discussion
4. Announcements
  - a. The office will be closed Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for the staff to attend the Westmoreland County Association of Township Supervisors' Convention.
  - b. The Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company Station 102 Spring Gun Bash will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Additional information for all their events can be found on their website or Facebook page.
5. Motions
  - a. Accept Minutes of Regular Meeting of 1/08/2026
  - b. Accept Treasurer's Report for January
  - c. Accept Police Department Report for January
  - d. Accept Road Department Report for January
  - e. Accept Fire Department Report for January
  - f. Accept Emergency Medical Services Report for January
  - g. Accept Emergency Management Coordinator's Report for January
  - h. Accept Engineers Report for January
  - i. Pay bills as presented
6. Information Items
7. Subdivisions/Land Use
  - a. Kishmo Self Storage Facility – Route 66
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
  - a. Tina Ondish of the South Primary PTA – Color Run at Kunkle Park on April 18, 2026
  - b. Nicky Heinack, representing Kiski Area Track for a 5-K Saint Patrick's Day Run at Kunkle Park on Saturday, March 14, 2026, with the race to begin at 10 am
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

\*\* This meeting is recorded to assist the Secretary with the Minutes \*\*

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To view the Agenda Packet from the JANUARY Supervisors' Meeting:  
[CLICK HERE](#)

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**2026 Kunkle Park Pavilion Rental Information**

Kunkle Park pavilion rental requests for 2026 are now being accepted.  
Call 724-727-3515 or stop by the office to reserve your date.



Blue reflective address number signs are available at the township office.  
The cost for these signs is \$15 each.

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**MS4-Stormwater**

Updated information on the "MS-4 Stormwater Program" is always available on our website,  
[www.washingtontownship.com](http://www.washingtontownship.com). Click on the "Services and Information" tab and select "Storm  
Water-MS4". You can select and view the pages/videos for any of the topics listed.  
<https://www.washingtontownship.com/stormwater-management---ms4>

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR-PLEASE READ

As of December 2025, the postal system has made some changes in regard to your mail and postmarks.

From the USPS website:

While we are not changing our postmarking practices, we have made adjustments to our transportation operations that will result in some mailpieces not arriving at our originating processing facilities on the same day that they are mailed. This means that the date on the postmarks applied at our processing facilities will not necessarily match the date on which the customer's mailpiece was collected by a letter carrier or dropped off at a retail location.

As before, a customer can ensure that a postmark is applied to his or her mailpiece, and that the date on the postmark matches the date of mailing, by visiting a Postal Service retail location and requesting a manual (local) postmark at the retail counter when tendering their mailpiece. Manual postmarks will be applied free of charge.

### HOW THIS CAN AFFECT YOU:

According to the Tax Collector manual, our office has to accept tax payments that are mailed in based upon their postmark. Therefore, if your payment is not postmarked before the due date, our office has to reject it. This in turn will mean a higher cost to you.

Moving forward, please try to mail your payments at least one week before due. If that is not possible, you will need to go into the post office to make sure it is manually postmarked prior to the due date.

This change may affect your other bills, voting, taxes etc... so please be diligent and aware.



Drop off boxes for unwanted prescription medications are located at the

**Washington Township Police Department**

**M-F, 8am to 3 pm or call for appointment, 724-727-3410**

Residents can bring any outdated or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter pills, inhalers, ointments, creams, sprays and pet medicines.

Medicines should be deposited in sealed bottles, bags or other containers; patient information can be removed or crossed out.

Needles and injectable drugs will not be accepted.

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“When do you need a building permit?”

*These are the **most common** projects that REQUIRE residential building permits:*

Additions, including Decks and Sunrooms  
Garages/Carports  
Sheds and Pole Buildings  
Retaining walls – over 4 feet  
Fences – over 6 feet  
Swimming Pools - both above ground & inground  
All new homes

**IF UNSURE, ALWAYS CALL THE OFFICE 724-727-3515  
AND ASK IF YOUR PROJECT NEEDS A PERMIT.**

**We'll be glad to help.**



**All Non-Residential construction activities will require permits**

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*Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department*

<https://www.washingtontwpfire102.com/>



The **Washington Twp. Volunteer Fire Department** has a Donation box for gently used clothes that benefit the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The Donation box is in the fire hall parking lot next to the Aluminum Can Trailer. (A portion of the can trailer proceeds go to Fire Prevention Programs.)

The **Washington Twp. Volunteer Fire Department** is always looking for new members. Young men and women may join as early as age 14 to be a junior member. To inquire, you may call the firehall, 724-727-3079 or stop down on any Tuesday evening at 6:30 for more information and an application.

[Click on the link above to view their new website!](#)

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Lions' Brooms are available for purchase at the Municipal Building  
REGULAR BROOMS- \$13      LARGE BROOMS- \$14      PUSH BROOMS-\$20  
CHILDREN'S BROOMS - \$6      WHISK BROOMS - \$6

If interested in helping your local community, join the Lions' Club!  
**Their monthly meeting is held at the Township building every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7PM.**



[Click here for the Lions International Membership Application](#)

**WHO ARE LIONS?** Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.4 million members of our volunteer organization in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways but share a core belief – community is what we make it.

**LIONS SERVE** Though Lions are well known for successful initiatives in vision health, Lions service is as diverse as our members. Lions volunteer for many kinds of projects - caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

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### ***2025 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program***

The application period for the state's 2025 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is now open for eligible Pennsylvanians to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid last year.

Income limits increased again this year to \$48,110 for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income. The maximum rebate is \$1,000.

The program is open to residents aged 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Remember – you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates.

Apply online at [mypath.pa.gov](https://mypath.pa.gov) or contact my office at 724-387-9113 or 724-472-4102 for help. Additional information about the program is available at

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/revenue/ptrr>

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Join **REP. JILL COOPER** for these


# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar!

<b>TOWN HALL</b>	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.</b> Slickville VFD, 128 Main St., Slickville.
<b>BUSINESS ROUND TABLE</b>	<b>Friday, March 20, 7:30-9:30 a.m.</b> Murrysville Community Center, 3091 Carson Ave., Murrysville.
<b>"JUNIOR JUMPSTART"</b> <i>Financial Aid Seminar with</i>	<b>Monday, March 30, 7-8:30 p.m.</b> Northern Westmoreland CTC, 705 Stevenson Blvd., New Kensington.
<b>GRANTS 101</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.</b> Delmont VFD, 2360 PA-66, Delmont.
<b>SENIORS FOR SAFE DRIVING</b>	<b>Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</b> Murrysville Community Center, 3091 Carson Ave., Murrysville.
<b>MOBILE SHREDDING EVENT</b> <i>With Rep. Abby Major</i>	<b>Friday, May 8 - 10 a.m. to noon</b> Lower Burrell VFW, 1601 Wildlife Lodge Road, New Kensington.
<b>WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE TEA</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 13, 2- p.m.</b> The Lamplighter, 6566 Route 22, Delmont.

You're invited to an . . .


# OPEN HOUSE



Join us at one of my distirct offices for refreshments and good conversation about what is happening in Harrisburg and here in the 55th District!

**THURSDAY JAN 22 / 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / NEW KENSINGTON**  
 356 Freeport Street, Ste. 100, New Kensington

**THURSDAY JAN 29 / 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / MURRYSVILLE**  
 3091 Carson Ave., in Murrysville



At this Open House, staff from the Westmoreland County Treasurer's Office will be on-hand to help with dog license applications, which can be paid for via check. Office staff can assist those seeking to pay for an online dog license via credit card. Call 724-387-9113 for more information. **NOTE - Your pet does not need to be present. Sorry, food/drink are not permitted to attend.**

**THURSDAY FEB 12 / 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / WASHINGTON TWP/EXPORT**  
 105 Pfeffer Road, Suite 5, in Export

RepJillCooper.com

Facebook.com/RepJillCooper Instagram.com/RepJillCooper

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Attention parents and students: Applications are available NOW for the **Grow Pennsylvania Scholarship Grant Program** that provides up to a \$5,000 scholarship grant to PA students who pursue an approved course of study, satisfy degree requirements of their program, and stay to work in Pennsylvania in an in-demand occupation after graduation. Applications are available at [pheaa.org/growpa](https://pheaa.org/growpa)

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### Heating Assistance Program Available

If bitter cold temperatures have left you struggling with your home heating bills, help may be available through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

To qualify for LIHEAP in Pennsylvania, you must meet income requirements, which are set based on your household size. For example, the maximum annual income for an individual is \$23,475 and for a family of four it is \$48,225. For each additional person, add \$8,250 to the income limit.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online at [dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS](https://dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS), by phone at 1-866-857-7095 or by contacting the or by contacting the Westmoreland County Assistance Office at 724-832-5524.



[Click here for additional information.](#) The program runs through April 10.

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If you're a Pennsylvania veteran with a disability, you may be eligible for an exemption on your real estate taxes! Veterans are eligible if they have served during a war or armed conflict, have a 100% permanent or total VA disability rating and have been discharged under other than dishonorable mention. With tax season right around the corner there's no better time to [check to see if you are eligible. Learn more by clicking here.](#)

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## **DEP Reminds Pennsylvania Residents to Test Homes for Radon**

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is encouraging Pennsylvanians to test their homes for radon during Radon Action Month, bringing public awareness to a very serious health hazard.

“Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer after smoking in the United States, and is a serious concern within the Commonwealth, but it is also very easy to protect yourself and your family from this naturally occurring gas,” said DEP Secretary Jessica Shirley.

“January is a great month to pick up a test kit from the local hardware store, put it on the lowest floor of your house, and find out if your home has radon. Radon test kits are also at many home improvement and hardware stores and typically cost \$20-\$30.

Even homes that have mitigation systems installed should test their homes every two years.

Permanent radon mitigation systems typically cost between \$800 and \$1,200 and require minimal maintenance. A list of state-certified radon contractors, labs, and testers is available on [DEP's website](#). The public is encouraged to call DEP's Radon Division at 717-783-3594, or the Radon Hotline at 800-237-2366, for help with interpreting their test results and what follow-up action may be necessary.

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## Westmoreland's America250PA Youth Contests

*"WHAT DOES AMERICA  
MEAN TO ME?"*

**Submit through your school  
February 1-March 31, 2026**

Open to Youth living or attending  
school in Westmoreland County!

### Tell Your Friends:

- ✓ Grade K-12--Poster Contest
- ✓ Grades 6-12: Essay Contest
- ✓ All Submissions Receive a  
Westmoreland HYPE Pass  
(Heritage Youth Pass Experience) for  
FREE entry to local Museums for 2026
- ✓ Prizes for Each Grade levels:
  - First \$100
  - Second \$75
  - Third \$50
- ✓ Certificates for Participants



Visit  
the Westmoreland  
Library Network for  
research help.



Details at:



DiscoverWestMOREland.com

Student Contest

***Contest Overview--To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States, Westmoreland County America250PA invites students of all ages to reflect on the theme: "What does America mean to me?"***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**<https://discoverwestmoreland.com/a250pastudentcontest/>**

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# Kiski Area School District 2026-2027 Kindergarten Registration

## Kindergarten Enrollment – NOW OPEN!

To register your child, [CLICK HERE](#) or go to the link on the district website under *Registration*. You will then be directed to a New Student Enrollment: Account Request. Once you complete the request, an email will be sent to you including your login and password to begin registration.

If you already have a student in the district, you can access the link in Family Access by logging into Skyward.

If you do not have access to register online, packets are available at the Central Administrative Office or any district school. Once complete, packets must be turned into the Central Administrative Office.



## Documents Needed

All incoming students will need the following to register. Documents can be uploaded when completing the registration online. If you are unable to upload, you may bring the paperwork to the Administration Office **BETWEEN THE HOURS 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM.**

- Student's Birth Certificate
- Student's Immunization Records
- Two Proofs of Parent/Guardian's Residency

Your child must be 5 years old  
**BEFORE** September 1st to register  
for kindergarten.



Full detailed instructions are available [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please call 724-842-0452 or email [julie.hansen@kiskiarea.com](mailto:julie.hansen@kiskiarea.com)

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## Think Twice Before Stepping On Ice

After a stretch of cold weather, ice can form on rivers, ponds, lakes, and streams across Pennsylvania. While frozen waterways may look solid, ice conditions can change quickly and are often more dangerous than they appear. Ice is rarely uniform. Moving water, changing temperatures, snow cover, and debris can all weaken ice from below.



Rivers and streams are especially unpredictable because currents keep ice thinner and less stable, even during prolonged cold periods. What looks safe from the shore can give way without warning.

If you enjoy winter activities near the water, it is important to use caution. Avoid walking, skating, or riding vehicles on frozen rivers and streams. Even ponds and lakes can have weak spots, especially near inlets, outlets, docks, and areas with flowing water underneath.

If someone falls through the ice, call 911 immediately. Do not attempt a rescue by stepping onto the ice yourself. Reach for the person with a long object if possible and stay low and spread out to reduce your own risk.

As temperatures rise and fall throughout winter, ice conditions can change day to day or even hour to hour. The safest choice is to stay off frozen waterways and enjoy winter scenery from a safe distance. A moment of caution can prevent a life-threatening emergency.

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# Local Events



KISKI AREA TRACK AND FIELD TEAM PRESENTS  
OUR 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**5K SHAMROCK RUN**

Get ready to go green and hit the pavement!  
Join us for a festive St. Patrick's 5K run!!

**SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026**  
Check-In/Packet Pick-up: 8:00 AM  
Race start: 10:00 AM

**\$30 FEE INCLUDES A RACE BAG AND T SHIRT**

Register by March 1  
to be guaranteed a  
T shirt

**KUNKLE PARK**  
285 Pine Run Church Rd  
Apollo, PA 5613

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

Early Packet Pick-Up  
Kiski Area Upper Elementary  
Thursday March 12  
4350 Route 66  
Apollo, PA 15613  
5-7 PM

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# **Please join us for our monthly free**

**Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon**

**AND BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month**

**October through May**

**Doors open at 11:30am**

**Soup's on at NOON!**

**February 11, 2026**



**Poke Run Presbyterian Church**

**1091 Poke Run Church Rd.**

**(up from the intersection of Rt. 366 and Rt. 66)**

**724-327-5563**

## **FUTURE DATES:**

***March 11, 2026***

***April 8, 2026***

***May 13, 2026***

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**Bingo is held every Friday evening at the Washington Township Firehall**

**(4078 Route 66 Apollo)**

**Doors open at 5:30 PM, card sales start at 6:00 PM Early Bird games start at 7:00 PM,  
followed by regular game play.**

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## **SPRING 2026 AUTO PARTS SWAP MEET**

*Anything Automotive, Classic, High Performance, Trucks,  
Cars, Motorcycles, Boats, Parts & Accessories.  
Anything that can be Raced, Shown or Driven.*



**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**Open to Public at 7:00 AM**

*For the Best Selection Shop Early*

*Event is Held Rain or Shine*

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Plenty of Parking Available on Fire Station Grounds, Fire Personnel will Guide You.**

**Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company 102  
4078 State Route 66, Apollo, PA 15613**

***Food & Refreshments for Sale by Fire Personnel***

**Vendors:** May set up any time after 11:00 PM on  
Saturday, March 28, 2026. Have use of rented space  
until 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 29, 2026.  
Spaces are first come first served and assigned upon  
arrival.



**Vendor Fees Collected Day of Event at Gate**

**\* CASH ONLY \***

**Outside Single Space 12'x24' = \$30.00**

**Outside Double Space 12'x48' = \$55.00**

***For the most up to date information follow us on  
Facebook: @WTVFCWestmoreland  
Have a question, call 724-727-3079, Select Option #9***



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# Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company

# GUN BASH

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2026  
1PM-5PM - DOORS OPEN AT 12PM**

Tickets are a \$30 donation and can be purchased via our website (scan the QR code) or any department member. Ticket must be presented to enter. All those in attendance must be 21+ and must be able to pass an insta-check to claim prizes. Gun giveaway every 15 minutes. Winner need not be present to win, with the exception of a \$500 early bird cash prize winner (must be present by 12:30PM) and a surprise gun giveaway.

**Thank you for your support!**



📍 4078 PA-66, Apollo, PA 15613

📞 (724) 727-3079

✉️ [washingtontwpfire@comcast.net](mailto:washingtontwpfire@comcast.net)

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Show the Murrysville Community Library some love this February! 🥰  
We're celebrating **National Love Your Library Month** with a reading challenge on Beanstack from 2/1 to 2/28. It will include reading challenges and some fun badges to get you engaged with our library. We know it's been a hard month with the renovation, and the adult/teen area will still be closed through February. We're hoping this challenge will help boost your spirits and keep you involved with us. ❤️  
Keep your eyes out for the official announcement once the challenge begins on February 1!

## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY 2026 READING CHALLENGE

**February is National Love Your Library Month!**

We're celebrating with a month-long reading challenge on Beanstack full of fun activities and prizes to share with our community.

You'll be able to register when it opens on February 1 and will have until February 28<sup>th</sup> to complete as many badges as possible.



**REGISTER NOW!**

**KVBSA**  
**2026 SPRING BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

DIVISIONS	
(DIVISIONS DETERMINED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION BASED ON DOB)	
Tee Ball Baseball (Coed)	Tee Ball (Softball)
Coach Pitch Baseball	Coach Pitch Softball
Mustang Baseball	10U Softball
Bronco Baseball	12U Softball
Pony Baseball	15U Softball
Colt Baseball	18U Softball

**REGISTRATION CLOSING**  
CLOSES 2/22/26  
HOWEVER A \$35  
LATE FEE WILL  
BE ADDED AFTER  
2/16/26

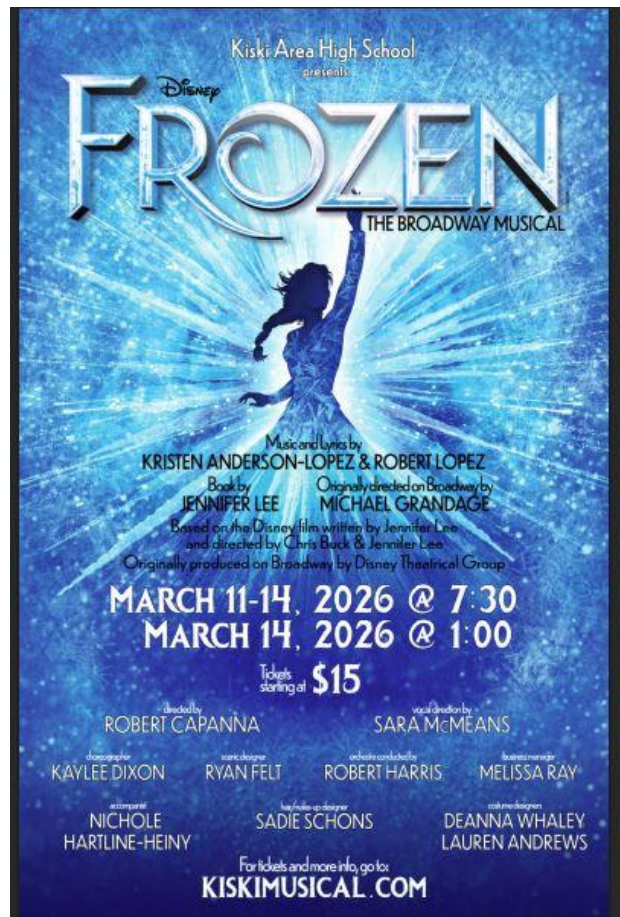
**In person registration**  
Friday  
2/16/26 6pm to 8pm  
Sunday  
2/22/26 5pm to 7pm  
**POKE RUN CHURCH HALL**

**register online today at**  
[kvbsa.org](http://kvbsa.org)  
questions, email us at  
[kiskivalleybsa@gmail.com](mailto:kiskivalleybsa@gmail.com)

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# KISKI AREA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



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# JOIN CUB SCOUTS!



Pack 500: Washington  
Township

For boys & girls in Grades K-5!

-  Camping & outdoor adventures
-  Fire building & STEM activities
-  Awards, belt loops, & cool uniforms
-  Hikes, games & service projects
-  Make Friends & build confidence

Contact the pack leaders  
by email or on the  
facebook page for sign up  
questions

 [facebook.com/Pack500](https://facebook.com/Pack500)

 [washtwsppack500@gmail.com](mailto:washtwsppack500@gmail.com)

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# Township Numbers and Personnel

**Washington Township Municipal Building.....724-727-3515**  
**285 Pine Run Church Road, Apollo, PA 15613**

*Supervisors: Richard Gardner, Joseph Olszewski, Matthew Thornton*

*Admin. Secretary./Treasurer: Jennifer Bombalski*

*Assistant Sec/Treas./Open Records Officer: Barb Antoniono*

*Planning Director: Jennifer Bombalski*

**Municipal Authority of Washington Township..... 724-727-5881**  
**283 Pine Run Church Road, Apollo, PA 15613**

*Secretary: Vicki Brestensky ([mawt@mawt-westmoreland.org](mailto:mawt@mawt-westmoreland.org))*

**Police Department.....724-727-3410**  
**289 Pine Run Church Road, Apollo, PA 15613**

*Chief: Jason Montgomery*

**Tax Office.....724-727-3521**  
**287 Pine Run Church Road, Apollo, PA 15613**

*Tax Collector: Ann Marie Getty ([washingtontax63@yahoo.com](mailto:washingtontax63@yahoo.com))*

**Road Department.....724-727-9669**  
**3788 Route 66, Apollo, PA 15613**

*Director of Public Works: Adam Ferraccio*

**Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department.....724-727-3079**  
**4078 Route 66, Apollo, PA 15613**

**Building Code Official .....800-682-6342**

*Brian Rearick*

*MDIA (Middle Department Inspection Agency)*

**Sewage Enforcement Agency..... 724-354-6070**

**Code Enforcement Officer.....724-727-3410**

*Chief: Jason Montgomery*

**Emergency Management Coordinator..... 724-571-7211**

*Sandra Smythe*

