WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

E-newsletter for the week of

June 2, 2025 through June 8, 2025



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The next Supervisors' Meeting will be held on **Thursday**, **June 12**th **at 7:00 pm** in the meeting room.

To view the Agenda Packet from the MAY Supervisors' Meeting: CLICK HERE



MILLING AND PAVING

Milling and Paving will begin the week of June 2 through June 6 on Jefferson Drive,

Adams Court and Monroe Court.

Expect Delays

The Road will always be open at the end of the day.

Emergency vehicles will always have access.

In the event that the job scheduled is delayed due to weather, equipment breakdown, etc., dates will change.

The Township Public Works Director will be on site 6-6:30 am on paving day and will be able to answer any questions. You may contact Adam Ferraccio, Public Works Director, directly at the Washington Township Maintenance Building at 724-727-9669



Seal Coating will TENTIVELY begin on Monday, June 16th, "weather permitting", on the following roads. Short Delays can be expected during the seal coating.

Gill Road East, Gill Road West, Kiski Park Drive, Strawberry Lane, Pine Run Church Road, Woodland Road, Townsend Drive, Maple Hill Drive, Hunt Valley Road, Hunt Valley Circle, Zubal Road, Donna Drive, Blueberry Drive, Springhill Road, Lockwood Road, Thompson Road, Maiolie Road, Beighley Road, Larimer Trail, Parking lot in Kunkle Park.

This will be followed by Fog Sealing the following week, weather permitting, which will take approximately 7 days. Expect short closures that vary by the dry time of the fog seal, which is affected by humidity, temperature and wind.

Emergency vehicles will always have access.

Please avoid damaging roads by not turing the steering wheel while the vehicle is stopped. Only turn the steering wheel when the vehicle is moving. Avoid spinning tires and rapid stops. These practices are also good for extending the life of your tires and vehicle.

2025 Kunkle Park Pavilion Rentals



Rentals for the 2025 season are now being scheduled.

CALL TODAY and reserve your pavilion for your party or celebration. Kunkle

Park is the perfect place to get together with family and friends.

Call 724-727-3515

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

MS4-Stormwater

Updated information on the "MS-4 Stormwater Program" is always available on our website, 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

Senior Softball Team Attention: Recreational Softball Players (Guys and Girls) Age 55 and older

The team is always welcoming new players to their League, The "Kiski Valley Grays" at Kunkle Park in Washington Township. Softball games are played on Mondays & Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm. There is a \$20 registration fee, which includes a shirt and hat. On Friday afternoons, players enjoy a nice lunch in the pavilion. For additional information, please contact Gary at 724-681-2070

"When do you need a building permit?"

These are the <u>most common</u> 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



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.

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department



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.

Lions' Brooms are available for purchase at the Municipal Building REGULAR BROOMS- \$11 LARGE BROOMS- \$13 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 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM.



Click here for the Lions International Membership Application

Young Adult Young adults, through the age of 30, receive an entrance fee waiver and pay half international dues when joining a Leo Lions club. Submit the Leo to Lion Certification and Years of Service Transfer Form (LL-2) for each young adult.

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.



The Westmoreland Cleanway's **Spring 2025** Newsletter is now available. Click on the link below.

2025 Spring Newsletter

Handheld Devices Ban Takes Effect <u>June 5</u>

A new Pennsylvania law banning the use of handheld devices while driving takes effect on June 5.

Paul Miller's Law limits the use of handheld cellphones or other communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. The law is named for a young man who was killed in a crash involving a distracted tractor-trailer driver in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, in 2010.

Under the law, driving while holding a mobile device is a primary violation, meaning police can pull over drivers solely for the violation. For the first 12 months,



the penalty is a written warning. Effective in June 2026, the penalty is a summary offense, which carries a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. If a driver is convicted of homicide by vehicle and driving while distracted, they may be sentenced up to an additional five years in prison.

Drivers can still use their phones if using hands-free technology, such as a docking station, Bluetooth or speaker technology. You may also use your phone to contact emergency responders.

According to PennDOT, more than 11,000 crashes were the result of distracted driving, leading to 65 deaths and 6,700 injuries in 2023. Pennsylvania joins 28 other states with hands-free laws.

Read more here.

PUC Urges Pennsylvanians to Exercise Safety Around Downed Electrical Wires

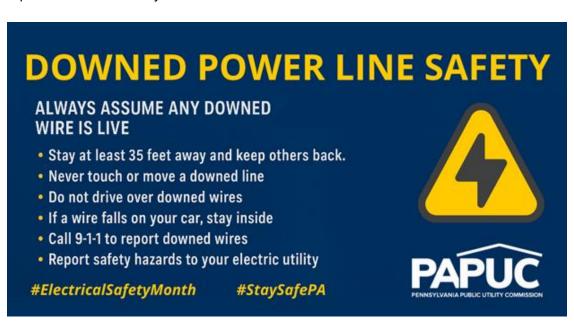
As Pennsylvania observes National Electrical Safety Month, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) is issuing an urgent call for public vigilance around downed power lines and storm-related electrical hazards, following a series of tragic fatalities in recent weeks.

Severe storms that swept across Pennsylvania in late April left more than 500,000 homes and businesses without power and caused widespread infrastructure damage — and sadly, three Pennsylvanians lost their lives during recent storm-related incidents that remain under active investigation by the PUC's Electric Safety Division

In a typical year, Pennsylvania averages five electrical contact fatalities statewide — so this recent series of deaths over a short period of time underscores the often unseen but potentially deadly hazards related to storms and power lines.

When storms strike, downed wires can energize the ground up to 35 feet away — even farther in wet conditions. The PUC and national experts urge residents to follow these critical safety tips:

For more information, visit the <u>PUC's Electric Safety page</u> and contact your local utility company for safety support or questions about nearby infrastructure.



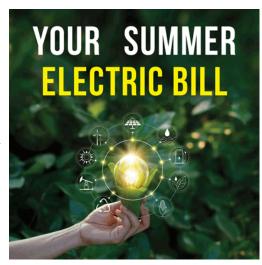
Your Summer Electric Bill

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) is reminding consumers that nearly every electric distribution company across the state will be increasing electric generation prices on June 1 for non-shopping, or default service, customers.

While you are encouraged to shop for options at PAPowerSwitch.com, PUC officials note rising wholesale energy prices have reduced the number of available offers below default rates.

For a list of new residential default rates, as well as tips to conserve energy usage and save on your energy bills, click here.

The price hikes underscore the need to boost energy production in the Commonwealth so our supply can keep up with demand.



Local Events





Poke Run Church Rummage Sale Saturday, June 21, 2025 8am to Noon

Bag Sale 11am-noon
Breakfast and Lunch items for Sale

Poke Run Presbyterian Church 724-327-5563 1091 Poke Run Church Road, Washington Twp, Westmoreland County Up the hill from the intersection of Rt. 66 and Rt. 366.



Bingo is held every Friday evening at the Washington Township Firehall (4078 Route 66, Apollo, PA)

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.

VBS at Poke Run July 28th, 29th and 30th

Poke Run Vacation Bible School for K and up.

It will be held Monday thru Wednesday, July 28th, 29th and 30th. Each day will begin with a FREE kid and family friendly dinner at 5:30 p.m. Storytime, crafts, games, music and activities will fill the evening from 6:00 until 8:15PM.

Poke Run Presbyterian Church 724-327-5563

1091 Poke Run Church Road (Washington Township)
Just up the hill from the intersection of Rt. 366 and Rt. 66

UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 3RD ANNUAL CAR CRUISE



1:00 PM-5:00 PM SATURDAY, June 7, 2025

656 State Route 380, Murrysville Must pre-register by May 28th, spaces are limited

Call or text Kristen at 412-334-1588
Name/year/make/model of vehicle
\$10 registration donation when you pull in

EVENTS

Food Raffle, Music, Baked Goods, Baskets, 50/50 Raffle



MEET WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS AND FIND YOUR NEW OCCUPATION!

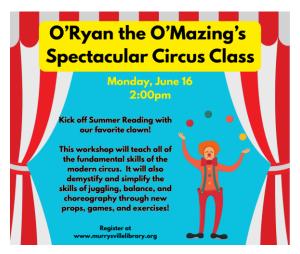






Summer Reading 2025: Color our World!

Mark your calendars! Summer Reading 2025 will kick off on June 16! The theme this year will be Color Our World, with a focus on learning how art impacts our lives!



O'Ryan the O'Mazing's Spectacular Circus Class- Join O'Ryan the O'Mazing for a unique, hour long workshop and learn the fundamental skills of the modern circus! Kick it off by learning the basics of physical theater, character work, storytelling, and learn how to use your body to communicate to your audience! Wrap it up by demystifying and simplifying the skills of juggling, balance, and choreography through props, games, and fun exercises! Workshop is geared for kids, but all ages and abilities are welcome!! Workshop will be on Monday June 16, at 2:00PM!

Registration for this program opens June 9.



51st Annual Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival July 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2025

Thursday through Saturday 11am to 8 pm, and Sunday 11 am to 6 pm

252 Twin Lakes Road Latrobe, PA 15650

info@artsandheritage.com



Township Numbers and Personnel

Washington Township Municipal Building	
Municipal Authority of Washington Township	724-727-5881
Police Department	.724-727-3410
Tax Office	.724-727-3521
Road Department	724-727-9669
Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department4078 Route 66, Apollo, PA 15613	.724-727-3079
Building Code Official	800-682-6342
Sewage Enforcement Agency	724-354-6070
Code Enforcement Officer	724-727-3410
Emergency Management Coordinator	. 724-571-7211

