

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

E-newsletter for the week of
June 1 through June 7, 2026



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The next scheduled Supervisors' meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 pm** in the meeting room.

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



*Congratulations to the Class of 2026.  
Best wishes for a bright future ahead.*

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2026 Kunkle Park Pavilion Rental Information

Call the office today (724-727-3515) or stop in to reserve your pavilion for the 2026 rental season.



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



The **Washington Township Police Department** would like to introduce their newest members. **Patrolman Dylan Keffer and his Police Service Dog, K9 Dirk**. Patrolman Keffer has spent the last 10 years as a patrolman with the Delmont Borough Police Department, with the last two years as a K9 handler, with K9 Dirk. K9 Dirk is a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois who is crossed trained in narcotics searches, article and evidence searches, building searches, tracking and apprehensions.

The Washington Township Police Department will be establishing a K9 Fund which will be used to offset the expenses of the K9 Unit. Anyone wishing to donate to the K9 Fund can either mail or drop off a donation at the township building located at 285 Pine Run Church Rd. Apollo, PA 15613.

Any donations will be used solely to support the Washington Township Police Department K9 Fund.

Thank you.

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>

THE PICKLEBALL COURTS AT KUNKLE PARK ARE NOW OPEN!!



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 \$30 registration fee.

On Friday afternoons, players enjoy a nice lunch in the pavilion. For additional information, contact Gary at 724-681-2070.

“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!](https://www.washingtontwpfire102.com/)

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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 3rd 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.



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.



A FirstEnergy Company

Planned Outage Processes and Direction for Detailed Notifications - [Planned Outages \(firstenergycorp.com\)](#)

- Register for an online account - [Benefits of an Online Account](#)
- Online Means to make Contact - [Contact Us \(firstenergycorp.com\)](#)
- Tracking Work Requests - [Electrical Service Project Tracker \(firstenergycorp.com\)](#)
- Outage Map - [FirstEnergy Storm Center PA \(firstenergycorp.com\)](#)
- Communication - [Communication Tools](#)
- Tree Issues - [Report Tree Problem](#)



Westmoreland Cleanways Recycling Center

To view the Westmoreland Cleanways website: [Click HERE](#)

General Public:

Mondays Noon – 5 p.m. (Closed-Labor Day, Sept. 6)

Wednesdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

2nd Saturday of Each Month 8:30 a.m. – Noon

724-879-4020

To view the Westmoreland Cleanways Recycling Flyer,

[CLICK HERE](#)

To view the 2026 SPRING NEWSLETTER

[CLICK HERE](#)





Project Lifesaver is a program that helps quickly locate loved ones with cognitive conditions who may wander, such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism or Down syndrome.

👨👩 How it works:

- ✓ Participants wear a small wristwatch-style transmitter that emits a unique signal.
- ✓ If a participant goes missing, search teams use their signal receiving equipment to track and locate the missing person.

➡ Caregivers can now enroll online here:

🔗 <https://www.westmorelandcountypa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx...>

Help us spread the word by sharing this post so more families know about this lifesaving program! ❤️

[#ProjectLifesaver](#) [#WestmorelandCounty](#) [#PublicSafety](#)

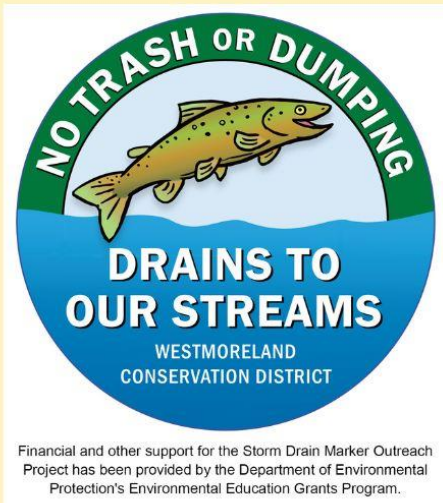


You can prevent nonpoint source pollution



- Keep litter, pet waste, leaves, and other debris out of the street and storm drains that drain directly to streams and rivers.
- Follow directions when applying chemicals or fertilizers to your lawn and garden.
- Dispose of oil, antifreeze, or other household chemicals properly.
- Keep soil on your property. Eliminate bare spots or use barriers to prevent soil from washing away.

Have you seen me?



You might see these markers on some of our storm drains. Storm drains can connect directly to our local streams and rivers. Trash, debris, chemicals, and soil can get washed into these drains, polluting our waterways and harming aquatic life.

We can prevent pollution by making sure that only rainwater runoff goes into the storm drains.





Pennsylvania handheld device ban while driving now carries fines

A Pennsylvania law banning the use of handheld devices while driving has been in effect since last June, with violators being issued warnings. **Starting June 6, violators will instead face fines.**

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.

Effective June 6, violators will be issued 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. <https://www.pa.gov/.../traffic-safety.../distracted-driving>



The deadline for senior citizens and Pennsylvanians with disabilities to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2025 has been extended to Dec. 31.

Income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program 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 age 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, or contact my office for help at 724-387-9113 or 724-472-4102. Additional information about the program is available at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/revenue/prr> Rebates will be distributed beginning July 1, as required by law.



Join Rep. Jill Cooper for a

TELEPHONE TOWN HALL



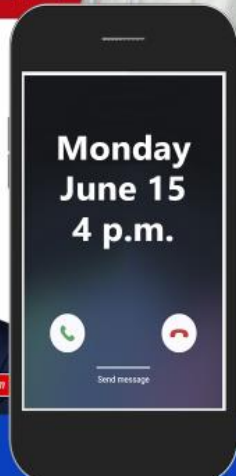
Call in directly:
877-229-8493

Use ID Code:
122184

With special guest
Rep. Craig Williams,
to discuss energy
and data centers



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Mark your calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CAREER FAIR

Friday, July 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The Lampfighter, 6566 Route 22, Delmar.

SCAM JAM

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to noon
New Kensington Senior Center, 3039 Third Ave., New Kensington.
Register by Aug. 13 by calling 724-387-9113 or 724-472-4102.

SENIOR EXPO

With Rep. Abby Major

Thursday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to noon
Lower Barrel VFW 92, 1601 Wildlife Lodge Road, New Kensington.

SENIORS FOR SAFE DRIVING

Thursday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
New Kensington Senior Center, 3039 Third Ave., New Kensington.
Register by calling 1-800-559-4880 or at seniorsforsafedriving.com.

VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Saturday, Oct. 31, 8:30-11 a.m.
Rizzo's Malabar Inn, 126 Rizzo Road, Crestline.
Register by Oct. 26 by calling 724-387-9113 or 724-472-4102.

Local Events



Poke Run Church Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 20, 2026

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.



CHRIST’S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Christ’s Lutheran’s much-loved Annual Flea Market is back, and you’re invited to join us for a day of treasure hunting, community connection, and giving back.

Date: Saturday, June 6

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Christ’s Lutheran Church, 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, located on Route 286, just past Holiday Park and next to the Dairy Queen.

Come browse a wide variety of gently used items — from household goods and décor to books, toys, and unique finds — all at great prices.

Bonus: Enjoy homemade baked goods and refreshments while you shop!

Bring your friends and bring your bargain-hunting spirit. We can’t wait to see you there!

Media Contact:

Laura Vincenti

Parish Administrator

412-795-1212

office@christsmurrysville.org

christsmurrysville.org



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.





FALL 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, November 8, 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, November 7, 2026. Have use of rented space until 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 8, 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





July 2, 3, 4, 5 Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival

The annual Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival will take place at Twin Lakes Park and includes over 50 live performances, 220 arts and craft exhibitors, heritage and history demonstrations, and ethnic food booths.

Festival hours are 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

Visit www.artsandheritage.com or call (724) 834-7474.



MURRYSVILLE
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
Endless Possibilities.

All About Herb Gardening June 9 at 6:45 PM

This beginner-friendly presentation will cover the basics of planting, growing, and harvesting a variety of common herbs. Whether you have a garden bed or just a small space for containers, this program is a great place to get started.



Register at www.murrysvillelibrary.org

Understanding Waste, Landfills, and Recycling with Westmoreland Cleanways June 16 at 10:00 AM



Dive into the ins and outs of solid waste management, from how landfills function, to our need to minimize our garbage.

Register at www.murrysvillelibrary.org

For more info on programs at the library,
<https://www.facebook.com/murrysvillecommunitylibrary/>

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)

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)

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 Official800-682-6342

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

