

Ringgold School District

By Maureen Ott, Ringgold Region III Board Director



Ringgold School District looks forward to the future with excitement as a new school year is about to begin. Students are preparing to begin the year, fall sports teams are busy practicing for a new season, and families are excited and wondering what the new school year holds for them. At Ringgold, several changes are being made for this school year. For the first time, the 5th grade classes will be moved from the elementary schools into the new Middle School building with the current 6th through 8th grades. The new Middle School includes an auditorium, state-of-the-art STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) and science classrooms, a media center designed for flexible use, and many other amenities. Look for information in the future regarding opportunities for the public to tour the new school. Ms. Megan Van Fossan has been named the new Superintendent for Ringgold School district. She comes to us from McGuffey. She has been involved in education for over 20 years and is certified in Advanced Education Leadership by Harvard. For the latest Ringgold information, schedules, and employment opportunities, consult the district website, www.ringgold.org. **Go Rams!**



RECREATION BOARD'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN TRAIL

SATURDAY,

OCTOBER 20, 2018

1 P.M. - 3 P.M. ~ FREE EVENT
 ~ CANDY ~ HAYRIDE ~ GAMES ~
 ~ COSTUMES ARE WELCOME ~

GENERAL ELECTION:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018
 POLLS OPEN FROM 7AM TO 8PM
 FOR HELPFUL INFORMATION ON
 VOTING IN PENNSYLVANIA,
 GO TO VOTESPA.COM



!!!ANNUAL BONFIRE!!!



Saturday, September 22, 2018
 6:30 - 10 p.m.

Featuring Tres Lads



...Free Event ... Light Refreshments ...
 Marshmallow Roasting...

**A 50/50 Raffle will be held to benefit the
 Finleyville Food Pantry.**

Canned goods will be accepted to be donated to
 the food pantry as well.



Remember — bring your
 folding chairs
 or blankets!



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Message from the Chairman

By Peter V. Marcoline, Jr., Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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TOWNSHIP RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED

The Township Recycling Facility, which was opened a number of years ago pursuant to a Federal Grant received from Washington County, will be permanently closed October 31, 2018. It has served as the primary recycling facility, excluding electronic recycling, used by residents of Nottingham Township and Washington County since that time.

Unfortunately, while recycling contributes to the overall health and welfare of each Washington County community which uses it, the "bottom" has dropped out of the market for the sale of the material recycled, which was for the most part to China. These economic conditions have resulted in companies such as Waste Management (Waste), which purchases our recyclables transported to the recycling facility at Neville Island, to be unable to sell the material received and severely restricts the amount of recyclables that Waste will accept and pay for from now on.

Because the Township facility is the only single stream recycling facility left in our area, Waste has informed the Township that it will no longer be accepting anything but aluminum and cardboard. Waste Management has also informed the Township that a "tipping fee" of \$45.00 per ton for every ton of recyclables received, which is usually in the realm of 5-7 tons per truck load, will be charged. The Township only receives around \$40.00 from Waste for a load of recycled material transported to Neville Island. Waste has also informed us that a "contamination fee" of \$150.00 per ton will be charged for every ton of material that contains non-recyclables material such as rubber tires, household garbage and so forth. Unfortunately, most of the recycled material we transport to Neville Island will be contaminated. There will always be those persons who abuse the facility; and the definition of "contamination" and what is considered "contamination" has been expanded on by the recycling industry in recent months.

Here is a breakdown for one (1) month's expense to the tax payers:

➤ Shipping of container to Neville Island	-\$300.
➤ Tipping charge @ \$45 a ton (7 ton average)	-\$315.
➤ Revenue from recyclable (average per month)	<u>+\$ 40.</u>
Monthly Cost to Run Facility	-\$575.

*This negative amount does not show the proposed \$150 per ton for "contamination" fee.

Because of the aforementioned problems, the Township has determined that it can no longer financially operate the facility. The date of October 31, 2018 has been set for the complete shutdown of the facility.

Washington County has informed us that they will accept and take our compactor and other recycling equipment, which will be stored at the Park facility on Route 136. No plans have been made at this time for a site to be operated at this location. As soon as a home is found for the equipment, we will certainly update our residents.

Nottingham Township will still be taking part in the Home Pick-up for Household Hazardous Waste through Waste Management for those difficult to get rid of items. This service is included as part of the residential solid waste contract with Waste Management. A list of items accepted can be found on our website at www.nottinghamtwp.com or by calling Waste Management at 1-800-449-7587. *Schedule your pick-up today!*

CASTLEWOOD FIELDS – Planned Residential Development (PRD)

Final Approval was made by the Board of Supervisors on the Castlewood Fields Planned Residential Development earlier this year subject to certain conditions, which are in the process of being satisfied. Those conditions include a Developer's Agreement, an Agreement between the Township and the developer. This Agreement will require approval from the Township's Solicitor.

The only significant impediment that remains is the approval of all permitting from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is slowly being accomplished. Once all the permitting has been received, construction of the facility should move forward.

The Castlewood Fields Planned Residential Development is on a 92.9 acre site adjacent to the Walnut Ridge Plan and consists of 178 single family residences and 119 townhouses or multi-family residences.

The Castlewood Fields Planned Residential Development will have a Homeowners Association, which all residents must join, and which will have a significant impact on how the residents live and take care of their homes and properties on a daily basis.

SUPERVISORS ENACT THE SPECIAL EVENT BARN ORDINANCE

On July 2, 2018 the Board of Supervisors enacted the Special Event Barns and Venues, Banquet Halls and Conference Centers Ordinance No. 114 of 2018 to permit the special event barn land use in the A-1 Agriculture Zoning District.

The use of the Special Event Barn is for all types of parties when such commercial use is secondary to the farming activity on the property. A Special Zoning Permit is required for a Special Event Barn.

The Ordinance also authorized Banquet Halls and Conference Centers with overnight lodging to accommodate all participants in an event where meetings, seminars and conferences are conducted. There are no Banquet Halls or Conference Centers located in the Township nor planned at this time.

View this and other popular ordinances at our website at www.nottinghamtp.com.

VENETIA COMMONS LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On August 6, 2018 the Board of Supervisors approved the Venetia Commons Land Development Plan The Plan approved consisted of a building and combination asphalt/gravel paving for a storage and maintenance facility for a contractor with a minor office function. The Plan was approved with conditions set forth in the Widmer Engineering Review dated May 31, 2018 and compliance with the Planning Commission Checklist.

Also, adopted at the time, was Amendment B to Zoning Ordinance 110, defining “Contractor’s Yard” and to permit such use as permitted by right in the M-1 Industrial District.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALSO APPROVED THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISION PLANS ON THE DATES INDICATED:

May 21, 2018 - Leroch - Mizgorski Minor Subdivision Plan • June 4, 2018 – Lendway Minor Subdivision Plan

Gun Awareness – Know what your shooting at!

Did you know that most firearm accidents are preventable? Protect yourself and others by taking firearm safety very seriously. Every year countless numbers of individuals are injured, maimed and even killed by unintentional gun accidents. Safety and awareness must always be your first concern when handling, using or storing any firearm.

In recent years, the issue of target shooting on private property has become a major concern. On occasion, stray bullets have been known to hit residences and other structures. This can be quite disturbing. We have all heard the horror stories of people accidentally being shot while sleeping in their beds or just driving by in their car.

Nottingham Township is primarily a rural community made up of a County Park, large farms, and vast wooded acreage. A lot of the residents of the Township are hunters and enjoy the sport of hunting and target shooting on their property, or on the property of someone they know. In fact, there are a few gun clubs in the area if you would like to practice with your firearm.

Can target practice be lawful on your own property? Under some circumstances, in fact it can be. Safety should always be the number one priority when handling a firearm. Regardless of what the law requires or does not require, take as many precautions as possible to ensure that all target practice is done safely. Always be aware of what is beyond your target, and take preventative measures to ensure that you do not hit anything you do not intend to destroy. That would be a bullet you cannot take back!

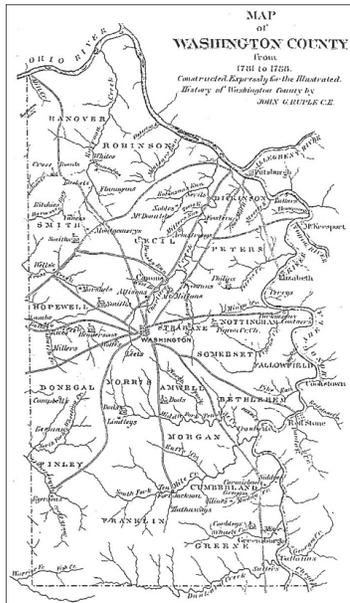
Remember, that target shooting requires a backstop which prevents bullets from traveling more than 15 yards beyond the target. It also must account for deflection of 45 degrees in any direction. Whether you make your own backstop or the lay of the land forms a natural backstop makes no difference, as long as it serves its necessary purpose. The idea is that it must prevent your bullets from hitting things other than the intended target.

It is extremely important to do everything possible to ensure that target shooting, any shooting, is done safely. While there are criminal and civil penalties which come with certain behavior, it is always best to go above and beyond when safety is at stake. As law abiding gun owners, and responsible gun owners, it is important we each do our part and not become just another statistic.

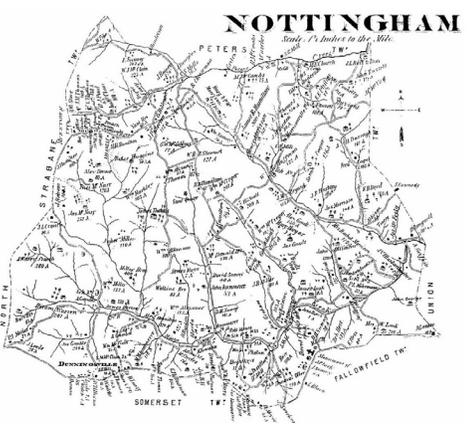
!REMEMBER!

1. Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction. Common sense should dictate what the safest direction is depending on the circumstances.
2. When shooting know your target and what is beyond. Always be aware of what is behind your target and **DO NOT SHOOT** at a target that is in front of something you would not want to shoot.
3. Never shoot at hard surfaces (including water). Water is dense and can cause bullets and shotgun shot to ricochet and fly-off in an unintended direction; and hard surfaces like metal, rocks and hard wood can do this too—and even send projectile straight back to the shooter, including the bullet!
4. Never, never, never mix guns with alcohol and/or drugs.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACT



In 1781, Washington County was divided into 13 original townships, with Nottingham Township as one. At that time, Nottingham was bounded on the north by Peters Township, on the east by the Monongahela River, on the south by Fallowfield, and on the west by Strabane Township. But its present boundaries are Peters on the north, Union and Carroll on the east, Fallowfield and Somerset on the south, and North Strabane on the west. It is centrally distant east from Washington Borough thirteen miles. Its greatest length is six miles, and breadth four miles. Dunningsville is its principal town.



[from the 1876 Caldwell's Centennial Atlas of Washington Co.]



The Nottingham Township Recreation Board held their annual car show on Saturday, June 16th. A great time was had by all. Donations were collected for local charities. Two (2) checks of \$346 were donated to both the Valley Inn Volunteer Fire Department, and Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc., which provides service dogs to veterans.



Thanks for your participation!

Nottingham Township Trick-or-Treat
HALLOWEEN
Wednesday, October 31st 6 - 8 P.M.

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