

Public Works Department

By Doug King, Director of Public Works



As I write this article on a beautiful, sunny morning in early March, I can't help but reflect on finally having a fairly mild winter! The previous 2 winters were the worst on record in my 14 years as Public Works Director. It is nice to tell you that we got away with purchasing the minimum required allotment on salt. At \$72 per ton, this is a huge savings. This means we have more money to use on road work this summer.

Projects for the summer months are not set in stone, but will more than likely include the following:

- ★ Sundust Road - Cross pipe replacement, inlet box installations and resurfacing of the roadway from Route 136 North to Sugar Run Road.
- ★ Sugar Run Road - Continue cross pipe replacements, base repairs, and resurfacing.
- ★ Munntown Road - Base repairs and cross pipe replacement from Valley View to Green Valley Road. This section of road is to be resurfaced, however, not until the second phase of the Sunoco Pipeline is completed.
- ★ Hamtom Road - Shoulder work and base repair. This road will also be resurfaced upon pipeline completion.
- ★ Seal coating will be applied to sections of Sugar Run, Sundust, Patterson and Green Valley roads.
- ★ Crack sealing will take place in Nottingham Forest and Walnut Ridge.
- ★ Mowing is scheduled to begin mid-May, and again in August, on all Township right-of-ways.

In other Public Works news, we are presently in the bidding process on an expansion project at the Public Works Facility. Although the building construction will be done by an outside contractor, your Public Works Staff will be performing all of the site work. Grading, utilities, drainage work and paving will take place in-house. We are especially looking forward to having twice as much salt storage available. We will be able to wash trucks in a garage rather than out in the cold during the winter months.

Thank you to my Public Works Staff for their diligence in being available for every snowfall and any circumstance that requires our attention. Your commitment to the residents of our Township is greatly appreciated!

Natural Gas News

- ★ Sunoco will be beginning Phase II of pipeline construction in the coming weeks. The 2nd pipeline will be constructed next to the existing line, and will run from the Mark West Plant in Houston to the Chesapeake Bay.
- ★ Range Resources has tentatively scheduled fracking for the Malachosky Site in early April. This process will take upwards of 2 months to complete. Range is actively looking at additional drill sites in Nottingham, as well as in North and South Strabane Townships.
- ★ EQT is seeking final DEP approval for a well pad located on the Lutes Farm at the top of the hill on Lutes Road. However, it is not clear when this site will become active as there are logistical issues to be worked out once permitting is completed. EQT has also remained very active on the Harbison Well Site off of Cooper Road.

Although low natural gas prices have certainly affected the industry, Washington County continues to be a hot bed for drilling and infrastructure.

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SPEEDING IN THE TOWNSHIP - SLOW DOWN

The Township's staff receives numerous complaints from residents about motor vehicles speeding on Township streets and roads, especially in Nottingham Forest, Walnut Ridge and Evanston Heights. Unfortunately, there is little that the Township can do since we do not have a police force. The Township would like to urge all residents who witness excessive speeding, or any type of dangerous driving, to **GET A LICENSE NUMBER, CAR MAKE AND COLOR** and to **CONTACT THE STATE POLICE IMMEDIATELY!** The State Police can be reached by calling **(724) 223-5200**.

The Board of Supervisors have had discussions with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) regarding setting up patrols where speeding is most prevalent, but because the PSP is seriously undermanned, they have been unable to accommodate our request. Supervisors Doug King and Pete Marcoline met with the North Strabane Township Chief of Police and Township Manager regarding a contract with North Strabane for full time police service, but the annual price of the contract was extremely high. The proposed annual cost of police would consume about three quarters of the Township's annual budget. The Board will continue to consider other speed control options that might be appropriate.

CLEAN-UP DAY

The Nottingham Township Recreation Board is once again sponsoring a Road-side Clean-Up Day! Volunteers are needed to help keep our community beautiful. Arrive at 8:30 for coffee and donuts. Clean up begins at 9 a.m. on local roads. Return for pizza and beverages at noon.



Vests, gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

Where: Nottingham Township Municipal Building

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon



Nottingham Township 9th Annual Car Show

The Nottingham Township Recreation Board is proud to host their 9th Annual Car Show on Saturday, June 18, 2016. The show will be held at the Township Municipal Complex from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the popular DJ, Mike Greci. The show will feature specialty cars, trucks and motorcycles from throughout the area. Donations are requested for an entry fee for all vehicles, but spectators enter for free!

This year the Car Show will not only have the "Touch a Truck" program for children, but also a **petting zoo!** That's right, *Barnyard Petting Zoo* will be on hand for children to pet, and feed, the small animals from noon until 2:00 p.m. during the car show. Let your little ones enjoy the barnyard babies; chicks, ducklings, piglets, lambs and goat kids! Cost to children to enter the petting zoo will be free! Should your little one wish to feed the little barnyard babies, a small fee will be charged for a cup of animal feed or bottle of animal milk.

Food vendors will be on site and everyone attending will be eligible for door prizes! A 50/50 raffle will be held, with proceeds being donated to a local charity. Awards will be given to various categories of cars or trucks and motorcycles. We know that there are quite a few custom and specialty vehicles stuffed away in garages throughout the community. Why not bring those vehicles out and join the fun? Bring your folding chairs, blankets and come enjoy the day! Don't forget, the day is Saturday, June 18th.

Make it a family day!



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. If you are unsure of your voting location, or validity of your registration, contact the Washington County Elections Office at 724-228-6750. The last day to register is March 28, 2016.

Message from the Chairman

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

UPDATE ON RECYCLING

In the fall newsletter, we informed Nottingham residents that due to the rising cost of hauling and processing recyclable materials, the Township was considering closing the operation of the site. As of the preparation of this Newsletter, the recycling facility has been closed since January 1, 2016, but we are happy to inform residents of the Township that the recycling facility will reopen in March 2016. Use will be only for Nottingham Township residents. The recycling facility will continue to be open at least for the foreseeable future as a result of the Township obtaining a substantial reduction in hauling fees of \$140 per month by contracting with a new hauler.

Washington County again requested Nottingham Township allow the use of its facility to all residents of Washington County. The Township precluded use by non-residents as our residents were bearing the costs of the operation for the entire County. As a result, the Supervisors are presently in negotiations with Washington County to provide a monthly grant or payment to the Township to help offset the additional cost of the operation of the recycling facility. If our negotiations are successful, we will be able to accommodate non-residents. It is unknown how much money Washington County is willing to contribute or when negotiations will be finalized, but until funding of some type is agreed to, the use of the facility will be limited solely to Township residents.

Township residents may continue to use the Household Hazard Waste Program (HHW), which is included in your residential service with Waste Management, to recycle such items such as paint, electronics, batteries, televisions and the like. You can contact Waste Management at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) toll free number **800-449-7587** and schedule a pick-up!

Starting December 2015, the Washington County Planning Commission announced that waste such as computer monitors, computer towers, CPUs and other items may be recycled at the Washington County Fairgrounds on the first Tuesday of each month starting January 5, 2016 between the hours of 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The materials will be collected at the Washington County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall No. 1. There may be charges for recycling certain items and residents who are interested in using this service should contact the Washington County Planning Commission at **(724) 228-6811** to get a detailed list of the items.

PEDDLING, SOLICITING OR TRANSIENT MERCHANTS ORDINANCE

On September 21, 2015, the Township adopted Ordinance No. 107 requiring peddlers, canvassers and transient merchants to obtain a permit from the Township to solicit residents of the Township to purchase their product or their services. The Ordinance includes home improvement contractors, who will be required to have registered with the Pennsylvania Attorney General prior to the issuance of any permit by the Township. The Ordinance has limited exceptions and anyone interested should contact the Township Office or view the Ordinance on line at our website at www.nottinghamtp.com.

Solicitors who obtain a permit will be required to display the permit on their person at all times while soliciting. Signs have now been put up throughout the Township indicating that there is no solicitation without a permit. Because the Ordinance was recently adopted, it may take a period of time to ensure all those entities or individuals, who wish to solicit, are aware of the permit requirement. To date, several individuals and at least one entity, have been notified by the Township that they must comply with the Ordinance before any soliciting.

If any resident is approached by someone soliciting for the sale of products or services of any kind, and that individual or representative does not have a Nottingham Township permit displayed on his/her person, the resident is requested to contact Nottingham Township at **(724) 348-5622**. Please help us by getting the name of the solicitor and/or company, and area of the Township in which they are soliciting.

Remember - never open your door to someone you don't know! Safety first.

UPDATE OF SUB-DIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (SALDO AND ZONING ORDINANCE)

I reported to residents in the fall newsletter that the Township was in the process of updating the Sub-Division and Land Development Ordinance (Ordinance No. 32), as well as Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 50). I am pleased to report that the amendment updating the SALDO, i.e., Amendment L, was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 5, 2015.

Our Planning Consultant, John Trant, has prepared and presented to the Board of Supervisors a completely updated Zoning Ordinance, which is presently before the Township Planning Commission for review and recommendation. Once the Planning Commission's recommendations are received by the Board of Supervisors, a public hearing will be held before the Supervisors to review the new Zoning Ordinance. At that time, public comment is invited and encouraged prior to any adoption.

The Bryant One-Room School - Reflections by Rita Hamilton Lutz

Bryant School was located on Little Mingo Road just southeast of the Barr/Sugar Run/Little Mingo crossroads (at the watering can). It was located on the flat ground just off the road on the north side and just to the northwest of the one-lane bridge.

The school house had a vestibule out front where we would hang our coats on the one side, and store our books in a bookcase on the other side. Inside there were different sizes of desks to accommodate the students. The first grade class sat upfront on the left facing the teacher, with grades 2, 3 and 4 behind them. On the right were grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. A single potbelly stove was centrally located to heat the room in winter.

There were two outhouses, one for the girls and the other for the boys. Also, outside there was the "coal house" where the fuel for the potbelly stove was stored. Some eighth grade boys were paid \$3.00 a month to keep the fire in the stove going during school. They would also check the fire on Sundays. One teacher taught all 8 grades. I remember being taught reading, writing, arithmetic and music. I'm sure that the other grades had a more expanded course of study.

We all carried our lunches from home and had recess together where everyone came out to play. I remember the teacher letting the first grade class (all 5 of us), go out to play in the afternoon while she taught the other students.

I'm not sure when the school opened but I know my Dad (William Hamilton) attended the school from 1930 to 1938. His teacher was Miss Smiley. All of the one-room schools in Nottingham Township were closed in 1952. All students, at that time, were sent to Ginger Hill.

I remember my days in the one-room school house being a great learning experience. This was because each grade was taught in the presence of all the

other students who had to wait their turn. So the younger kids would have exposure to lessons that they would be learning in later years while the older kids could review subjects that they struggled with in previous years.

(ed. Note – Rita's teacher, Miss Smiley, continued to teach until her retirement from Ginger Hill School where she was then known as Mrs. Fields. Oh, and one of the last things Rita remembered from her days at Bryant School was that she had to walk up hill, both ways, due to the dip in Barr Road!)

At a "Grand Finale" held May 8, 1987, observing the closing of the Ginger Hill School, over 200 students, former students, teachers and visitors were in attendance. Rita Lutz was one of the 155 to sign an attendance sheet. Some of the attendees indicated that they had attended one-room school houses in Nottingham Township. In addition to the Bryant School there was the Henry and Sumney schools; there was also one located in Carroll Township, Haywood School.



A typical one-room school house

As indicated in Caldwell's Atlas of 1876, the five school houses in Nottingham Township at that time were SH No. 1 – Devore (1798 - ?); SH No. 2 – Munntown (1856 – 1909); SH No. 3 Bryant (? - 1950); SH No. 4 – Sumney (1835 – 1951); and SH No. 5 Henry. Ginger Hill School served Nottingham residents from 1923 -1987.

PLEASE VISIT OUR HISTORIC SH DISPLAY
DURING THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON APRIL 26TH.

If you have old photos or stories to share,
please give Sandy Mansmann a call (724-413-9921)
or email at s_mann41@hotmail.com.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 22, 2016
Haunted Halloween Trail!



6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 24, 2016
Bonfire!



Save the Date!

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