

# Mayor's Update – Monday September 15, 2025

## Michael A. Marino

Welcome to the start of Autumn, a time of year where Long Valley shines and welcomes visitors from Pennsylvania, New York and throughout the state. We welcome all of our visitors and hope you enjoy your stay with us. This economic activity helps our local businesses thrive and allows us to have a vibrant economy and I look forward to seeing everyone out and about.

Now that the calendar has turned to September, our school and recreation sports leagues will begin with their fall schedule. We would like to wish everyone a successful season. Also our music and art programs will soon also come into full swing and we would like to wish all of the students a great year of artistic creativity and great music.

The 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Naughtright and Flocktown Road has been in place since July 23, 2025 and I am happy to report that there have been no accidents since the implementation. We know that there have been some close calls and that an adjustment period was needed, but we would like to thank everyone for their diligence. The township will continue to monitor the intersection and react accordingly.

We will now begin the implementation of the new 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Old Farmers and Parker Road that was previously approved.

In our consent agenda tonight, we will be approving the continuation of the Hunting Program which is managed by the Washington Township Land Trust. There are no additional properties being added and to date, the program has been very successful. I would like to thank Joe Koller and the Land Trust for managing the program.

Last week the township experienced an anomalous power line issue regarding power surges from the JCP&L managed power lines. I was in regular communication with our Office of Emergency Management and JCP&L to identify and rectify the situation. As of today I can report that there was damage to a section of line on Schooley's Mountain Rd. that caused two lines to come in contact with one another causing the surge. The line has been fully repaired. As mentioned, in my "Rave" communications, should anyone have any specific questions, please contact the JCP&L customer service line. My liaison advised that they are aware that customers had experienced a long hold period, but they did implement a "call-back" service that allows a customer to leave their number to save their place in line and a representative would call them back. I'd like to thank Matt Lopez and Bruce Clark who worked with me to ensure we communicated the best we could to our residents.

This Saturday, September 20th, the Long Valley First Aid Squad Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Duck Derby at Koehler Pond. Tickets will be available the day of the event from 11:00am - 1:00pm with the race starting at 1:00pm. There are prizes from sponsors in our area and a grand prize of \$1,000. Please come out to support our volunteer first responders.

On Saturday, September 27th from 8:00am - 11:00am, there will be a residential paper shredding event for Washington Township residents. Stickers may be picked up beginning September 22nd from the DPW office. Please see the township website for additional information.

Finally, I would also like to thank all of the residents for their continued patience as we see continued road repair work this summer and now into fall. As I mentioned in a prior mayor's update, the majority of the work being performed is by our utility companies who are upgrading the infrastructure. As a result of this work, when completed, the utilities will be repaving all of the streets that were impacted. As many of us have experienced, work on Schooley's Mountain Road has begun and we have begun to see improvement. Lastly, I am glad to state that repair work on the collapsed culverts on Dorset and Devon Rd has begun. It has been a long road for the residents of Dorset and Devon and the township committee would like to thank the residents for their continued patience.

Thank you very much and I wish you an enjoyable start to Autumn.

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