Hearing Held for Grant Funding in East Franklin Township

A special hearing was held at the beginning of the public meeting of supervisors in East Franklin Township.

Program Manager Autumn Vorpe-Seyler from the Armstrong County Planning and Development office conducted the meeting regarding 2019 funding from the Community Development Block Grant program.

"East Franklin Township is expected to receive an allocation of $89,266. The County takes $16,067 for administrating the grant, leaving the Township with $73,199," Seyler told supervisors Barry Peters, Dan Goldberg, and David Stewart.

Seyler said that the township began receiving funds in 1985 and used them for funding water systems and sewage improvements. In 2015 through 2018, approximately $225,000 was allocated for housing rehabilitation.

Township Secretary Debra Comman re-

Thousands Planned to Visit Widnoon Ice Cream Stand on State Tour

Travelers are "pursuing their scoops" on the newly expanded Pennsylvania Ice Cream Trail will end up in Widnoon to get their frozen treat.

In a list of 32 stops listed on this year’s Pennsylvania creamery tour, only one in Armstrong County has been included. Widnoon Soft Serve is on the list and expected to bring thousands of ice-cream lovers from across the state to the back road ice cream stand near Templeton.

"The only thing better than eating delicious ice cream is knowing your purchase supports Pennsylvania farms and Pennsylvania’s economy,” Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding said Wednesday.

Washington Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Deputy Secretary Carrie Fischer Lepore said the dairy industry is an important part of Pennsylvania’s agriculture and the overall economy.  

“We’re proud to support that industry through these ice cream trails,” Lepore said. “These ice cream trails help tell the stories of Pennsylvania’s ice cream makers and how their ice cream is a truly homegrown treat for families to enjoy all summer long.”

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