

TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA

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2016 INDIANA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

At the January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting, District Magistrate Elissa M. Lang swore in the newly elected Supervisor for District #2 - Indianola, Albert Kaan. Supervisor Kaan replaces Supervisor Jeffrey Peck who did not choose to run for re-election. Incumbent Supervisors Daniel Taylor, Darrin Krally, and Paul Jorgensen, who were re-elected, were also sworn in.

We welcome Supervisor Kaan and wish him all the best during his term in office. The Township would like to thank Jeffrey Peck for his 20 years of service to the community.



Board Members Seated Left to Right: Paul Jorgensen, Daniel Taylor, Michael Schurko, Albert Kaan, and Darrin Krally

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK.....



As a lot of you may have already noticed – once again we are suffering from the effects of a bridge closure that is negatively affecting traffic flow in Indiana Township. Due to the Turnpike Widening project, the reconstruction of the bridge in question will remain closed until October 2016. This is set to be the last closure in Indiana Township due to the project. The official detour has been posted using State roads, as required. However, many commuters are using local roads as detours that are in residential areas which is creating problems for Township residents. I have asked the police to monitor these roads to ensure their safety. I urge all residents to be mindful of speed limits and stop signs on these local roads. Additional detour signage and the use of our new speed monitoring device will be in place soon. Our goal is to make sure large trucks in particular do not use our local roads as shortcuts. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. Direct any questions or comments to our Township Manager and check for updates on the Township's website (www.indianatownship.com).

Submitted by Mayor Michael Schurko, DISTRICT #5-FAIRVIEW

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BUDGET

The Township's 2016 budget is the financial blueprint for the policy decisions which are implemented each fiscal year. It is the most important instrument the Board of Supervisors has for establishing control over costs and directing revenues. Budget decisions determine the level and quality of government services, which in turn, guide our community's future.

The preliminary Township budget is prepared by the Township Manager in consultation with department heads, staff members and within a framework provided by the members of the Board of Supervisors. Revenue and expenditure projections are derived from a review of historic and current trends, knowledge of local events and economic indicators.

The goal of the 2016 budget is to operate within the financial means of the community while maintaining essential levels of services and investing in infrastructure which will enable the Township government to meet the service needs of the future.

2013 was the first year when new property values derived from the Allegheny County reassessment program went into effect. Consequently, in January 2013, the Indiana Township Supervisors reduced the real estate tax millage by .54 mills. At the time there was still a lot of uncertainty over the amount of the final assessment figure. This was due to the large number of unsettled tax appeals; many of which involved the largest commercial properties in the Township. The Supervisors had the responsibility to reduce millage in order to avoid a windfall increase of more than 105% above 2012 receipts. For many commercial properties the appeal process extended into 2015, and resulted in the issuance of significant tax refunds for payments which were made in 2013 and 2014. Consequently, the refunds more than offset revenue gains from new construction and payments received from delinquent taxpayers. Rather than being income neutral it resulted in a revenue reduction. Consequently, an adjustment was necessary in order to properly maintain the Township's infrastructure. This was the first time in more than 20 years that there has been a tax increase other than for the fire departments. The 2016 Township Tax millage is 2.99 and the Fire Tax millage is .48 for a total of 3.47 mills.

Within the context of an unpredictable world, we are responsible for managing a broad range of operations in an analytical and prudent manner, the Township budget is the plan by which we protect against uncertainty from within the organization, as well as, from outside. It is intended to make our actions and the world around us as predictable as possible. The budget provides a big picture perspective and expresses priorities and directs the financial energy needed to accomplish our goals.

The 2016 budget contains funding to enhance recreational facilities, fund our Community Centers and provide support to the Cooper Siegel Community Library. It continues support for our professional police department and our three successful Volunteer Fire Departments. The budget also provides the public works department and administrative staff with the equipment and technology necessary for the Township government's operating and capital needs.

Indiana Township officials are proud of the enhancements which have been made to the Township's facilities, roads, parks, sewer and storm sewer systems. The financial plan envisioned in the 2016 budget builds upon those successes and lays the ground work for the future.

Submitted by Township Manager Daniel Anderson

BURNING PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED

INDIANA TOWNSHIP, LIKE MOST NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES, FOLLOWS THE "ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S AIR QUALITY PROGRAM" AS OUTLINED BELOW. ANYONE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND/OR PENALTIES.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

GUIDELINES FOR ISSUANCE OF OPEN BURNING PERMITS AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE OPEN BURNING REGULATION - §2105.50 OF ARTICLE XXI

(Revised: January 1, 2015)

OPEN BURNING SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE ALLOWED WITHOUT A PERMIT ONLY IF:

a. **For recreation, camping, or a cookout:**

- i. Only dry, clean wood products or other clean-burning fuels are burned;
- ii. Only smokeless fuels, if any, are used to start the fire;
- iii. The pile of material being burned is no larger than 3' wide, 3' feet long, and 2' high;
- iv. The fire is at least 15' from the nearest structure, inhabited area, roadway, property line, or utility; and
- v. No fires are permitted to be burned on Air Quality Action Days. To determine if a day is under this restriction, please visit the Health Department's website at: www.achd.net or call 412-578-8179.

b. **For Warmth of work crews:**

- i. The burning is conducted in a noncombustible container no larger than a 55 gallon drum;
- ii. The material being burned is completely contained by the container;
- iii. Only one container is used for each work crew; and
- iv. The outside temperature is less than forty degrees Fahrenheit (40° F).

TO REPORT SOMEONE WHO IS IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RULES, CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT "9-1-1"

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN 2015

The Code Enforcement Office issued sixty eight (68) new Building Permits in 2015, with a total construction cost of \$6,828,610. Of these permits, eleven (11) were for new Single Family Dwellings and the cost of construction was \$3,851,417. Thirteen (13) permits were issued for Commercial Buildings/Renovations and had a total cost of construction of \$1,860,272. The final fifty two (52) permits issued were for various types of construction, such as additions, decks, swimming pools, etc. with a cost of construction of \$1,116,921. In addition, thirty one (31) Zoning Permits were issued for fences and accessory structures less than 1,000 square feet in size.

Should you need to apply for a Building or Zoning Permit, you can download the forms from the Township website (www.indianatownship.com). Go to the "Departments" tabs, and scroll down to the Code Enforcement Department, and click on the link to "Forms". You may also stop in and pick up an Application for a Building or Zoning Permit at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

The cost of a **residential** Building Permit is as follows: a \$35.00 filing fee, plus an additional \$6.00 for every \$1,000 of the construction cost for projects over \$8,000 in construction costs. For projects under \$8,000 in construction costs, the price is \$50.00 plus the \$35.00 filing fee. In addition, if it is a new home, an additional occupancy fee will apply. The cost of a Zoning Permit is a flat \$50.00.

If a **commercial or industrial** Building Permit is needed, the cost is set by our third party inspection company "Professional Code Services" (PCS) and cannot be determined until the plan has been provided. The fee is based on "use" and "construction type". PCS can be reached at 724-449-2633.

If you are unsure if your project requires a Building or Zoning Permit or have any other questions, please feel free to contact the Code Enforcement Office at 412-767-5333, then dial "4" for the Code Enforcement Department.

Submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Curti

Summer Camp 2016

Township of Indiana ☆ 3710 Saxonburg Boulevard, Pgh., PA 15238 ☆ 412-767-5333

Welcome to Indiana Township Summer Camp 2016! We are excited you are interested in joining us for a fun-filled summer! Emmerling Community Park will once again be the site of Summer Camp and will host all of our fun this year. **Deadline for registration is June 15th!**

Early Bird Registration must be made no later than May 20, 2016!

DATES:	Monday, June 20 - Friday, July 22 <small>SPECIAL NOTE: Camp is CLOSED Monday, July 4th</small>
TIME:	Monday-Friday, 9:00am -1:00pm (drop off no earlier than 9:00am)
PLACE:	Emmerling Community Park (151 Cove Run Road) Rain Location is the Town Hall Community Center
AGES:	Children who have completed Kindergarten through 12 years of age
COST:	EARLY BIRD: (received before May 20, 2016) <i>(mailed registrations must be postmarked May 20, 2016 for the Early Bird rate)</i> Resident: 1 child: \$90 / 2 nd child: \$90 / family of 3 + children: \$225 Non-Resident: 1 child: \$180 / 2 nd child: \$180 / family of 3+ children: \$450 REGULAR REGISTRATION: (received on May 21 - registration deadline June 15) Resident: 1 child: \$120 / 2 nd child: \$120 / family of 3+ children: \$275 Non-Resident: 1 child \$240 / 2 nd child: \$240 / family of 3+ children: \$550

Special Notes:

- All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian/designated person and signed into Camp daily
- All children must be signed out by a parent/guardian/designated pick up person daily
- Please dress according to the weather. Play clothes and tennis shoes are best...we will get messy!
- Remember your sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen before arriving to Camp!
- Please send a water bottle with your child(ren). Campers are responsible for their own bottles and should have his/her name clearly marked on the bottle! Cups will not be given out this year! There are water fountains in the park and we will provide coolers with fresh water throughout the day to fill up water bottles.
- Individually wrapped snacks will be offered daily.
- Occasional field trips will be offered (fees not included in camp registration fee)
- Arts & crafts and athletic activities will be organized daily
- A complete camp schedule will be available at www.indianatownship.com on June 16th
- If/when camp has to be cancelled, a mass e-mail will be sent the morning of the cancellation, no later than 8:15 am. Rain location is in the Town Hall Community Center!

Remember: To get the "Early Bird" rates, you must sign up by May 20, 2016, no exceptions!

Indiana Township Summer Camp 2016

Participant Registration Form

Indiana Township will not accept unless all requested information is completed

REMINDER: Early Bird registrations are due by May 20, 2016 & Registration DEADLINE is June 15, 2016!

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Child's Name	Age	Last grade completed	Date of Birth

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Municipality of above address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Alternate Number (mother): _____ Alternate Number (father): _____

E-Mail Address for immediate contact: _____ @ _____

In case of emergency: _____ Phone Number: _____

Person(s) designated by parents to whom child may be released: (specify ALL persons)

(All designated persons will be required to provide camp staff with proof of identification upon pick up)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ALTERNATE PHONE

ALLERGIES (include food): _____

RELEASE:

I, the undersigned, as parent or legal guardian of the above named child or children, hereby release Indiana Township from any and all liability for damage to, or loss of, personal property or for personal injury arising from the above named child's or children's participation in the Summer Recreation Program except as the same may be caused by the negligent or intentional act of Indiana Township or its employees or agents.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date



COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE AND RETURN



Please return completed form along with a check made payable to "Indiana Township" to:

Indiana Township Town Hall
Attention: Summer Camp
3710 Saxonburg Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

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DO NOT WRITE BELOW, FOR TOWNSHIP USE ONLY:

Amount of Fee: _____ Cash: _____ Check Number: _____

Received By: _____ Date: _____

Summer Camp Counselors Needed!



Applications are now being accepted for **SUMMER CAMP 2016!**

Employment applications are available at the Town Hall Administrative office & online, www.indianatownship.com. Preference is given to applicants residing in Indiana Township and 16+ years old. All staff 18 +

years old will be responsible for obtaining and submitting Act 33 & 34 clearance applications PRIOR to the first day of camp. Please note: Summer Camp is held at Emmerling Community Park, therefore this position requires staff to be outdoors every day. All applications are due by **Friday, May 6, 2016**. Applications may be dropped off or mailed to: Indiana Township Town Hall, Attention: Counselor Applications, 3710 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238. If your application is chosen for an interview, you will be notified by Friday, May 13, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must be available all 5 weeks of camp (Monday-Friday, June 20th – July 22nd, 8:30am-1:30pm). Those not available these specific dates and times will not be considered for employment.



LAURI ANN WEST
COMMUNITY CENTER

JOIN THE LAURI ANN WEST COMMUNITY CENTER FOR “COMMUNITY DAY” ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH!

The Lauri Ann West Community Center has officially opened! We hope you have had the opportunity to tour the new building and enjoy some of our wonderful new amenities – a fitness center, full-size gymnasium, indoor fitness track, quality arts and culture programming and a phenomenal new Community Room, along with a full-service café. It is truly a center for everyone in our community and we look forward to sharing it with you.

To celebrate the opening of this new community asset, we invite everyone to join us on Saturday, April 16th for “Community Day”! Between the hours of 11AM and 3PM, the Center will present free fitness and arts programs and activities to everyone! Plan to spend the day with us, or just stop by to take a tour and see everything the Center has to offer.

More information about Community Day and the new Lauri Ann West Community Center can be found online at www.lauriannwestcc.org. Or, feel free to stop by or give us a call. Our address and phone number have remained the same – 1220 Powers Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, 412-828-8566.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY LOCAL PAVING UPDATE:

In 2016, the County has a planned federally funded project to pave Middle Road from Wildwood Road Extension to Route 910 in Hampton/West Deer Township. This will repave 2.11 miles of road and improve drainage.

From the Desk of County Councilman Ed Kress



TRASH AND RECYCLING REMINDERS

The following items are recyclable: ALL papers (newsprint/phone books/magazines/corrugated, etc.), Glass (beverage and food containers only), Plastics #1 - #7 (Food, beverage, shampoo bottles, etc.), Tin, and Aluminum (food and beverage containers). ****NOTE**** Cardboard **MUST** be cut to fit and placed inside the recycling bin. **THESE ITEMS CAN ALL BE PLACED IN YOUR 65**

GALLON GREEN AND YELLOW RECYCLING BIN. Do not forget to place the container with the lid opening towards the street with a minimum of three feet between each container and/or other objects. Also, there is **NO** need to put your container out each week if it is only partially full. You may wait until the container is full and then put it out for collection.

Yard waste, including leaves, garden residue, shrubbery, limbs, twigs, brush, tree trimmings and similar material, but not grass clippings, will be collected once each month from March through December. Residents must call in to the Township Office prior to collection to request this service. Further information on collection dates and the call-in phone number are provided in each quarterly Newsletter.

Following is a reminder of items that **WILL NOT** be picked up during regular trash collection:

- **ALL televisions and other electronic items, including computers**
- Paving materials, stones, rocks, sand, dirt, broken concrete, automobile parts including tires, lead-acid batteries, sod, paints and stains, flammable liquids, 55 gallon metal drums, metal grease drums, pianos, spas, water softeners that have not been emptied of salt, liquids or other chemicals, hot tubs, furnaces, garage door openers and concrete wash tubs
- Refuse caused by other than minor repairs, alterations, remodeling, demolition and/or construction of buildings and other structures
- Bushes, shrubs or other vegetation with earth or soil attached to the root system
- Tree trunks, parts of tree trunks or tree trunks that have been cut into smaller pieces
- Brush, parts of brush or brush that has been cut into smaller pieces

Residents are reminded that trash must be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 am on Wednesdays (unless collection is delayed due to a holiday). Thank you in advance for your cooperation!!

THE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Friday, March 25th for Good Friday

Tuesday, April 26th for Primary Election
Day

Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day

Monday, July 4th for Independence Day



Indiana Township accepts credit cards!

We accept MasterCard, Visa and Discover for payments, with all costs imposed by the credit card companies automatically added to the amount charged. The minimum amount is \$1.50 or 2.45% of the total amount charged.

Damage deposits for all rentals must remain in the form of a check.



WASTE MANAGEMENT'S BAGSTER®

"Dumpster in a Bag" Program

The Bagster from Waste Management is the economical solution to your projects that generate unwanted debris. ***It is a portable dumpster that can be purchased at the Township Building, during regular business hours, for \$29.95.*** The Bagster bag has the capacity to hold up to 3 cubic yards/3,300 pounds of debris. Acceptable items include concrete (1 cubic yard), construction material, plaster, roofing shingles, carpet, etc. The bag measures 8' long by 4' wide by 2'6" tall. The Bagster is the perfect solution for many types of projects including renovations/remodeling, organizing a garage or attic, landscaping, roofing and concrete. Once notified, Waste Management will collect the Bagster within three business days for a fee of around \$150. For additional information, visit www.thebagster.com or Bagster customer care at 877-789-2247.

Please place your Bagster in an area that can easily be picked up by Waste Management when it is full. But the Bagster **CANNOT** be placed right on a public street. It is illegal to block roadways within the Township.

We are hoping that residents find this new program to be very effective in aiding in their clean-up projects, and much cheaper than renting a full-sized dumpster. Let's continue to keep Indiana Township a beautiful place to live!!

GARBAGE- MONTHLY YARD WASTE

The Township's "Garbage Contract" enables residents to participate in a monthly yard waste pick up program. Yard waste is limited to: leaves in biodegradable bags, garden residue, shrubbery trimmings, limbs, twigs, brush & tree trimmings and similar material, but **NOT** including grass clippings. All tree trimmings and limbs should be cut in lengths not over 48" and securely bundled. Each bundle shall not weigh in excess of 40 lbs. and individual limbs shall not be more than three inches in diameter.

Be sure to leave yard waste in a place that is **VISIBLE** for Waste Management drivers. Do NOT place yard waste under trees, shrubs, or anywhere else the waste cannot be seen from the road.

Yard waste will be picked up only ONE scheduled garbage day per month during the period of March through December. **The upcoming pickups will be on: March 23rd, April 20th, May 18th and June 22nd.** The Township **MUST** be notified in advance of your willingness to participate, **EACH** time, at **least** a week and a half in advance. If you live on a private road, you must put your yard waste at the main road. Anyone who fails to notify the Township in time to be put on the list will not qualify for that month's pickup. Please call (412)767-5333, then dial "5" for Administration to be placed on the list for the month.

If you have any additional questions, or need to sign up for the Senior Sticker Program, please contact Waste Management directly at 1-800-458-4090. DO NOT call them to be placed on the yard waste program list.



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Attention Residents of Indiana Township, Pennsylvania

Home Collection Program for Household Generated Special Materials

As part of the residential solid waste and recycling contract with Waste Management, effective October 1, 2015, you have a convenient new opportunity to dispose of your household generated special materials- safely, easily and responsibly. Introducing the At Your Door Special CollectionSM program, a residential service offered by Waste Management to provide year-round collections for you.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. To Participate, you must set up a collection appointment.

There are three ways to schedule a collection:

- Go to www.WMAtYourDoor.com
- Call 1-800-449-7587 (Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm Eastern Time)
- Email AtYourDoor@WM.com

The Call Center operators will guide you through the steps toward a safe and successful collection. You will be asked several questions, including your address and the type and amount of materials available for the pick up. You will be provided a convenient collection date and information about where to place the kit for collection. A kit will be sent to your home in plenty of time for you to gather and pack your materials.

2. Preparing for collection

The collection kit includes an instruction sheet and other items to help pack and secure your household generated special materials. Please read the instruction sheet included in the kit.

3. Material is collected

On the scheduled date, the customer service technician will collect materials directly from your home. They will sort and pack the materials for proper transportation, recycling and disposal. Participants will receive a postage-paid survey card to complete and mail back to help track the program.

4. You have more material than will fit into the Kit?

Remember, this service is available year-round. Just schedule another collection! Small quantities may be combined with your neighbors. Call Center Representatives are available from Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM ET. Leave a message after hours, weekends and holidays. Email the Call Center: AtYourDoor@WM.com

Managing Household Hazardous Waste: The best method of managing Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is to prevent its generation in the first place. This involves selecting the least toxic item "to do the job" and buying only the minimum amounts necessary. Buying in large quantities is not a bargain if half of it has to be discarded. In the future, please consider buying environmentally friendly products.

Did You Know?

Latex paint is not a hazardous waste. It can often be donated to community groups and other organizations for re-use. Please consider this option before disposal.

Used motor oil is not hazardous, but may pollute our groundwater, waterways and soil if not properly managed. Many automotive station, auto parts and supply stores will accept used motor oil for recycling.

Automotive batteries may be exchanged at the place of purchase. Many battery retailers offer recycling even if you are not purchasing a new battery. In some cases, there may be a charge. Some scrap yards will also purchase lead acid batteries.

For more information on HHW, visit DEP through the Pennsylvania Homepage
at www.state.pa.us or directly at www.dep.state.pa.us

This chart shows the typical materials we collect that must be placed inside the Kit for collection. Plus those items that may be placed outside the Kit.

Examples of Acceptable Materials that MUST be placed <u>inside</u> the Kit Bag					Unacceptable Materials	
Automotive Products Antifreeze Brake Fluid Cleaner Hydraulic Fluid Transmission fluid Motor Oil Oil filter Polish Wax Gasoline Diesel fuel	Paint Products Latex Oil-based Thinners Artist's paint Spray paint Stain Sealer Caulk Mercury Thermostats Thermometers Switches	Household Cleaners Ammonia Cleaning Compounds Floor Stripper Drain Cleaner Tile/shower cleaner Rust Remover	Flammable & Combustible Materials Kerosene Solvent Certain cleaners	Garden Chemicals Insect Sprays Weed Killers Herbicide Fertilizer Pesticides	Items Improperly Packaged for Transportation	All Medicines
			Swimming Pool Chemicals Pool Acid Chlorine: tablets, liquid	Misc. Household Batteries Hobby Glue	Biological Waste	Empty Containers
					Construction Materials	Asbestos
					Smoke Detectors	Tires
					Unknown Materials	Radioactive Material
				Pressurized Cylinders	Fire Extinguishers	
				Ammunition	Explosives	
				Leaking Containers	Unlabeled Containers	
				Items in Containers Over 5 Gallons	Business supplies from homes	
				Commercial Products	Trash, including bulky items	
				E-Cigarettes		
Acceptable Materials for <u>Outside</u> the Bag						
Vehicle Batteries Up to 4	Fluorescent Tubes and CFL's Up to 5 (placed inside their original sheaths or taped together)	Televisions Up to 1	One Computer System: 1 each- CPU/tower Monitor Keyboard Mouse Desktop printer	Electronics (with circuit Boards): CD Rom, VCR, cell phones, DVD/CD/tape player, Related Cords Up to 25 lbs.		

MATERIAL THAT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED: We do not collect any materials in unlabeled or leaking containers. If you have questions about proper disposal methods for non-acceptable items, commercial chemicals or hazardous materials in containers larger than five gallons in size, please contact the Call Center (800) 449-7587.

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DISPOSING OF OLD TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, ETC.

A lot of people may not realize this but back on January 24, 2013, the State of Pennsylvania passed the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA) that prohibits the collection of covered devices, such as televisions, computers, laptops, monitors, tablets, etc. with regular garbage service. The intent was to keep this "e-waste" from ending up in landfills. However, with Waste Management's Household Hazardous Waste pickup program, you CAN easily dispose of these products. See the information about the program above. Residents just need to call or email the Call Center to schedule a pickup. You may be asked to give the dimensions and approximate weight of what you are putting out. Only one specific electronic item may be put out for each pick up. However, you may call back and schedule another pickup as many times as you need to, at no charge. **We are hoping this will help remedy the problem the Township is having with people leaving electronics out with their regular garbage, and the garbage company having to leave these items curbside.** We hope you will find this program to be helpful.

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION

To assist residents with outdoor Spring cleanup activities, the Township will once again hold its *annual* Spring Brush Collection. Instead of picking up different Districts on different days, we will pick up brush **throughout the entire Township on 5 Mondays: March 28th, April 4th, April 11th, April 28th, AND April 25th**. Residents are asked to place all brush at the roadside **by 7:00 am**, with butt ends facing the street. *The public works department will then be out throughout the week to pick up the brush. They may not complete the pick-up on Monday, but possibly later in the week, depending on their work schedule.* Tree limbs larger than 5 inches in diameter, or longer than 8 feet, will not be picked up. Vines, rose bushes, shrubs, hedges, etc., must be securely tied in bundles no larger than 16" in diameter. Loose material will not be collected. Leaves, grass clippings, and other debris *are not* part of this program, and will not be collected. Please be certain that no metal objects are in the branches. Township personnel are forbidden to enter private property to collect brush/trimmings. Each property owner will be limited to a SINGLE PILE not to exceed 6' in width, by 8' long, and 4' high. If necessary, the amount of material to be collected from each property will be limited.



Residents living on private roads should call 412-767-5333, ext. 319 to schedule pick-up.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT:

Protect our community by Reporting Illegal Dumping & Littering

MAKE NO MISTAKE: Littering and illegal dumping are against the law! There are however, subtle differences between the two. Litter is primarily small items that have been scattered, including paper, food and beverage containers, newspapers and cardboard. Littering can be intentional or accidental. For instance, some trash found along the road – items blown from yards and vehicles or debris left over from accidents is the result of unintentional acts.

Illegal dumping on the other hand, is always intentional and done for many reasons: convenience, ignorance, habit, profit or to hide other illegal activities. Illegal dumping often involves large items or large quantities of small items, such as appliances, tires, bags of household trash, furniture and construction/demolition debris.

Despite their differences, litter and illegally dumped items are costly and time consuming to clean up. Both also pose significant threats to the environment and to the health and safety of humans, animals and the communities they live in.

Therefore, all of us play a role in curbing these problems. One way you can help: when you see someone littering or dumping items where they shouldn't, report the incident to the proper authorities.

PAY ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS: Any improper disposal of trash (littering or illegal dumping) is against the law and violators can be prosecuted. Many residents are uncertain about what to do when they observe this illegal activity.

Most important, if you observe someone littering or dumping, **DO NOT APPROACH** the suspect! Instead, get details and descriptions of the incident and turn them over to an enforcement agency as soon as possible. Helpful information includes:

1. The license plate number and the description of the vehicle involved (make, model, year and condition)
2. Number of people involved along with descriptions
3. Date and time of incident
4. Direction of travel if you witnessed a littering incident, and type of litter thrown from the vehicle
5. Location and directions to the site of an illegal dump and the name of the property owner, if known
6. Your name and telephone number

If a vehicle is involved, the owner is responsible for any trash that has been dropped, thrown or deposited regardless of who committed the offense. The vehicle license number may be all that you need to report after witnessing a littering incident. However, the more information you provide, the stronger the case will be.

WHO TO CALL:

When reporting littering or illegal dumping, always start at the local level. Your township officials are familiar with properties and residents and will be able to respond quickly or point you to the correct authority. Please contact...

INDIANA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT: 412-767-5333 x 315. Leave a message including your name, address, a return phone number and where the dumping took place so that the officer on duty can call you back for details.

INDIANA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT: 412-767-5333 x 320. If you connect to a voicemail service, leave your name, address, a return phone number and where the dumping took place so that the situation can be further investigated.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SUMMER POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

The Indiana Township Public Works Department will be hiring WORKERS for the Summer. APPLICANTS MUST BE A COLLEGE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL STUDENT, OR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR AND PLANNING TO ATTEND CLASSES FULL-TIME IN THE FALL. Consideration will first be given to Indiana Township residents. **Applications will be accepted in the Township Office until WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6th.** Applications are available on the Township website (www.indianatownship.com) or can be picked up during regular business hours at Town Hall on Saxonburg Boulevard (Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm). **ALL SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO A DRUG/ALCOHOL TEST.**

COVERING SEWER MANHOLES IS PROHIBITED!

Residents are not permitted to cover sewer manholes FOR ANY REASON! Whether in the event of an emergency, or during regular maintenance checks, the Township Public Works Department and employees of Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority (DCDBA) must be able to access manholes at all times.

Manholes are not to be covered with dirt, fences, rocks, etc. If a manhole located on your property is currently covered, it is your responsibility to uncover it immediately.

**Submitted by Public Works
Foreman John Carson**

Friends & Neighbors

For important information about district news, meetings, calendar, surveys and useful links, please visit...



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Indiana Township
Supervisor, District 3

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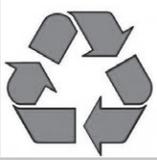
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10 am—1 pm

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Sponsored by Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church and

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Hard drive & cell phone
destruction \$10.00

Donation each item



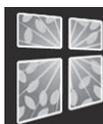
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- UPS Batteries & Backup Systems
- LCD monitors
- Routers, Switches, Wireless Routers
- Phones, Phone Systems, Ink, Toner, AC Adapters, Projectors, Typewriters
- **NO CRT ,TVS, AC UNITS, LARGE APPLIANCES**

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFIT

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church



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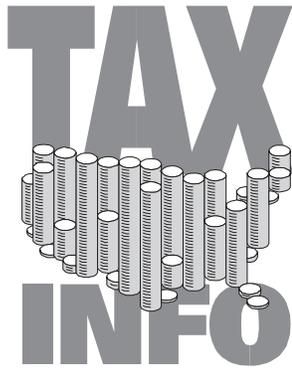
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PROPERTY TAXES

Dates to Remember

ALLEGHENY COUNTY TAXES

Due at discount by March 31st.
Due at face April 1st through April 30th.
Penalty after April 30th.

INDIANA TOWNSHIP TAXES

Due at discount by April 30th.
Due at face May 1st through June 30th.
Penalty after June 30th.

FOX CHAPEL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX

Due at discount by August 31st.
Due at face September 1st through October 31st.
Penalty after October 31st.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX NOTICE DOES NOT RELIEVE ANY TAXPAYER FROM LIABILITY FOR PROMPT PAYMENT OF TAXES IMPOSED BY THE DISTRICT. ALL TAXPAYERS ARE TO BE CHARGED WITH THEIR TAXES AS THOUGH THEY HAD RECEIVED NOTICE, AND ALL NECESSARY ENFORCEMENT STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE PAYMENT.

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Application forms for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2015 are now available. All residents who received rebates last year should have received 2015 application forms in the mail by now. Applications are also available online at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling 1-888-222-9190. Additionally, forms and assistance are available at Department of Revenue district offices (listed in the government section of local telephone directories), local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers and state legislators' offices (located on the inside rear cover of the Newsletter).

Older adults must reapply for rebates by June 30th every year because rebates are based on property taxes or rent paid each year and annual income. The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2015 is June 30, 2016. Rebates will be distributed beginning on July 1, as specified by law. For more information, visit www.revenue.pa.gov.

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLAR IS SPENT:

FOX CHAPEL SCHOOL DIST.
18.6283 mills
70%

ALLEGHENY COUNTY
4.73 mills
18%

INDIANA TOWNSHIP
3.47 mills
12%



Township of Indiana
Kevin M. Brozek
COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL
INFORMATION

Kevin M. Brozek Community Center:

400 Crawford Run Road
Cheswick, PA 15024

Recreation Room: Max capacity: 65

Resident Hourly Rate: \$30.00
Resident 3 Hour Package: \$75.00 (additional hour: \$30)
Resident 5 Hour Package: \$120.00 (additional hour: \$30)

Non-Resident Hourly Rate: \$40.00
Non-Resident 3 Hour Package: \$90.00 (additional hour: \$40)
Non-Resident 5 Hour Package: \$130.00 (additional hour: \$40)

Dining Room/Kitchen: Max capacity: 35

Resident Hourly Rate: \$40.00
Resident 3 Hour Package: \$90.00 (additional hour: \$40)
Resident 5 Hour Package: \$130.00 (additional hour: \$40)
Non-Resident Hourly Rate: \$50.00
Non-Resident 3 Hour Package: \$120.00 (additional hour: \$50)
Non-Resident 5 Hour Package: \$160.00 (additional hour: \$50)

25% rental fee discount if rented Monday-Thursday, 9am-8pm

Alcohol Consumption Permit: \$25.00/rental date



RETIRE YOUR FLAGS
PROPERLY!

The Township has a flag disposal bin in the Town Hall lobby. Each fall the flags are given to Allegheny County for proper retirement at the County's Flag Retirement Ceremony in North Park. The ceremony honors all who have and continue to serve our country. As well, the victims of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks are honored. Please contribute by donating your flags.

Indiana Township Town Hall
3710 Saxonburg Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA
15238

Rentals must be paid in full in order to confirm and lock in date. A damage security deposit must be submitted as well. Rules and Regulations are available online at www.indianatownship.com
Call Community Services Coordinator for details: 412/767-5333 x 311, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Township Board & Commission OPENINGS!

Historical Commission:

5 year term

Shade Tree Commission & Park &

Recreation Board:

5 year term

If you are interested in volunteering to fill a vacancy, please submit a letter of interest to:

Manager Daniel Anderson
Indiana Township Town Hall
3710 Saxonburg Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15238 or

danderson@indianatownship.com

Town Hall Community Center Rental Information

Let us help you celebrate! The Town Hall Community Center is available for rent! Please call Holly Sammartino, 412-767-5333 x311 or e-mail hsammartino@indianatownship.com to check availability.

Indiana Township residents can rent one full year in advance!

All rules and regulations are available on the Indiana Township website, www.indianatownship.com as well rental literature is available at the Indiana Township Town Hall.

Facility Rental Rates:

First fee residents/second fee non-residents

Primetime: Monday-Friday, 3:30pm-10pm Saturday and Sunday all day

Non-Primetime: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm, rentals during these times qualify for 25% discount

	Hourly	3 Hours	6 Hours	8 Hours
Gymnasium (Hourly only)	\$45/54	-----	-----	-----
Classroom Capacity of 40	\$30/36	\$72/86	\$135/162	\$168/202
Community Room Capacity of 120	\$50/60	\$120/144	\$225/270	\$280/336
Kitchen	\$25/30	\$60/72	\$113/135	\$140/168



"BIRTHDAY BUNDLE"

3 hours of usage of the classroom & gymnasium

Resident: \$150.00 / Non-Resident: \$180.00



- Alcohol Consumption Permits are available to renters except for Gymnasium use. The fee is \$25.00 per rental date
- A Damage Deposit is required for every rental. Deposit must be in the form of a check in the amount of \$100.00
- Damage Security Deposit must be on file with all necessary rental paperwork to confirm rental date, location, time, etc.

Effective January 1, 2014: An additional fee of \$30.00 per hour for anytime before or after the following facility hours will be charged:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm; Friday: 9am-11pm; Saturday: 8am-11pm; Sunday: 11am-9pm

This fee covers the cost of the maintenance of the facility and grounds following rentals that begin or end after Community Center hours.

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**EMMERLING & MIDDLE ROAD COMMUNITY PARKS
& RURAL RIDGE COMMUNITY PARKLET
RESERVATIONS & FEES**

The Township will begin taking applications for pavilion rentals on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 9:00am! Application must be made at the Township building during regular business hours and are granted on a first-come, first served basis. Individuals must be at least 21 years of age. ***PAYMENT FOR RENTAL AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE AT THE TIME OF SIGN-UP; SHELTERS WILL NOT BE HELD WITHOUT PAYMENT. TWO SEPARATE CHECKS OR CASH ARE REQUIRED; THE TOWNSHIP DOES ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS FOR THE RENTAL FEE, NOT THE DEPOSIT!***

<u>EMMERLING PARK</u>				
Old Mill Dam (by ballfield), Dogwood (by volleyball), Laurel Oak (before Emmerling House)				
Gazebo (different rental fee structure from pavilions)				
<u>MIDDLE ROAD</u>				
Pleasant View (next to ballfield & playground)				
<u>RURAL RIDGE</u>				
Rural Ridge pavilion (no electricity therefore \$10.00 less in every category)				

CATEGORY	# OF PEOPLE	FEE	DEPOSIT	ALCOHOL FEE
TWP. RESIDENT or RESIDENT REPRESENTING A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
	51-100	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
NON-RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT REPRESENTING A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
	51-100	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
ANY PROFITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION	1-50	\$130.00	\$100.00	\$60.00
	51-100	\$210.00	\$100.00	\$60.00

<u>EMMERLING PARK - GAZEBO</u>				
CATEGORY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	FEE	DEPOSIT	ALCOHOL FEE
TWP. RESIDENT or RESIDENT REPRESENTING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
	51-100	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
NON-RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT REPRESENTING A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$155.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
	51-100	\$230.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
ANY PROFITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION	1-50	\$230.00	\$100.00	\$60.00
	51-100	\$305.00	\$100.00	\$60.00

ATTENTION EMMERLING PARK PATRONS:

Restricted public use during Summer Camp Hours!

Emmerling Community Park will be CLOSED to the public Monday-Friday, 8:30am-1:30pm beginning Monday, June 20th through Friday, July 22nd.

Laurel Oak pavilion will remain open during these times for anyone wanting to utilize a pavilion or playground equipment.

This closure is to ensure all campers' safety during camp hours. Thank you for your cooperation.





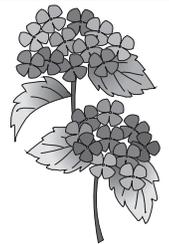
SENECA AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES SPRING PURSE BASH Saturday, May 7th, 2016

The event will be held at the VFW, 1017 Main Street, Sharpsburg PA 15215
Doors open @ 12:00 p.m. - First Drawing starts @ 1:00 p.m.
Ticket price is: \$30.00 in advance of the Event (or \$40.00 at the door)
Only 250 tickets will be sold!!!

For tickets and information contact Seneca Area Emergency Services @ 412.781.8596 Ext.11.
You can also mail a check to: Seneca Area EMS 1885 Main Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215 w/your
information. ****No one under 18 is permitted in building****

The Event includes food & refreshments. There will also be: Pick of the Table of Purses, Chinese
Auctions and 50/50 drawings. Check us out on "Facebook " or at: www.senecaems.org

SQUAW RUN GARDEN CLUB NEWS



The Squaw Run Garden Club will hold its "ANNUAL FLOWER SALE" on Saturday,
April 30th at Squaw Valley Park in O'Hara Township from 9 AM until 2 PM.
A wonderful selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, hanging baskets, and
planters will be for sale as well as the ever popular perennial plants dug from the members'
gardens. Proceeds from the sale benefit local projects such as the Aspinwall Riverfront Park,
Cooper-Siegel Community
Library, Lauri Ann West
Community Center, and Camp
Guyasuta. Additionally, the Club
provides educational grants to
local schools.

Mark your calendar so you
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are dedicated to providing quality service to our
community while protecting life, property and the
environment. Join us for a tour of the station!
Membership applications will be accepted!



SUSPICIOUS PHONE CALLS

The Indiana Township Police Department has received several complaints from residents who have received suspicious phone calls. These calls are known to be scams and the people are not who they say they are. There are currently several different types of phone scams being attempted. One scam is being made from a caller who claims to be an employee of the IRS. They claim you owe money to the Federal Government for unpaid or back taxes. They will tell you they are going to send Local Law Enforcement to arrest you if you do not send them money. This is a SCAM. The IRS will not contact you by phone and threaten you if you owe back taxes. Local Law Enforcement will not be coming to your house to arrest you. ***Do not send any money!***

The most recent scam we have received a report about is a Craigslist car sales scam which happens when someone lists a vehicle for sale using online sites such as Craigslist. Please be aware that this scam exists. Victims are receiving phone calls from supposed interested buyers. The buyer states that they want to see a carfax report to make sure the car is in good shape. The buyer then tells the victim there is a new site available which is cheaper than carfax called carvintest.com. They tell the seller to use this new service for \$19.99 and they even tell the seller that they will refund them for the report when they buy the vehicle. This is a scam and the interested buyer will no longer be interested in your vehicle. Carvintest.com is a scam; do not use this service. I have provided a link to show how it works.

<http://www.ripoffreport.com/r/wwwcarvintestcom/new-york-new-york-10013/wwwcarvintestcom-vintest-misleading-sales-techniques-and-lies-new-york-new-york-1281543>

Another scam being attempted is an unknown caller states that they are an employee of a jail. The caller tells you that a family member has been arrested and that you need to send money. In some cases the caller has a correct name of a family member who has supposedly been arrested. Family members fall for this one since they may not have been in contact with the loved one for some time. The caller normally requests that you send money via Western Union as soon as possible. This is a SCAM. ***Do not send any money!***

Finally, we have also received a report of a Panera gift card balance being used without the card holder being aware of it. Try to keep track of which gift cards you have and what the current balance is. Thieves have found a new way to rob you of your gift card balance. If you buy gift cards from a display rack that carries various store cards, you may become a victim of theft. Crooks are jotting down the card numbers in the store and then wait a few days. They then call to see what the balance is on the card. The thieves will then know if the card has been activated. Once they find the card is "activated," they go online and start shopping with your balance. You may want to purchase your card from a customer service person, where the gift cards are not viewable to the public.

These are not just scams against the elderly; they are targeting all individuals!

Remember: Never give out personal information over the phone unless you called them and they are considered a trusted source. Personal information includes Social Security numbers, birth dates, credit card info, etc. Never agree to send money to anyone who is unknown to you. As with most online and phone scams, these cases are very hard to stop and/or prosecute. Criminals are aware of this fact and most of these scams originate in other States and even other Countries. This makes it very difficult for local Authorities to prevent the activity or make an arrest. Please be careful and remember, if you think it's a scam, it probably is.

Below are several links from trusted sources for more information about these scams. Please pass this info on to friends, family members and neighbors.

- ▶ <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Report-Phishing>
- ▶ <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on>
- ▶ <http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud>

Submitted by Officer Marc Myers



GARBAGE COLLECTION DELAYS:

Week of Memorial Day... DELAYED 1 DAY (*Pickup on Thursday, June 2nd*)
Week of Independence Day ... DELAYED 1 DAY (*Pickup on Thursday, July 7th*)
Week of Labor Day ... DELAYED 1 DAY (*Pickup on Thursday, September 8th*)



ANIMAL TRESPASSERS BOX TRAPS

Box Traps are available through the Township, and must be signed out. If an animal is caught, you must notify Hoffman Kennels, the Township Animal Control Agency, who will then pick up the trap and animal and return the trap to the Township office. If you are unsuccessful in trapping the animal, the traps should be returned, clean and empty, to the Township Building. They may be kept for one week at a time and are available on a first come, first served basis.

If Hoffman Kennels picks up a trapped animal at your home more than **once** in a calendar year, you will be charged **\$65.00 for each subsequent pickup** (the first pickup is free). Traps are not available to non-residents of Indiana Township. ****NOTE**** During the Winter months, NO traps will be given out from November 1st through March 31st. Furthermore, the Township reserves the right to deny use of the trap during inclement weather. If you have an ongoing pest problem, you may want to consider purchasing a box trap of your own. The Township uses Havahart Box Trap Model #1079, which can be purchased from Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Ace Hardware, True Value/ServiStar Hardware, Lowe's, etc. Or, you may purchase one directly on the internet at www.havahart.com. Havahart can be contacted directly at 1-800-800-1819.

CRITTER CONTROL SERVICES

You may use one of the many companies who specialize in the removal of nuisance wildlife, such as: SQUIRRELS, BATS, BIRDS, RACCOONS, PIGEONS, SKUNKS, GROUND HOGS, and OPOSSUMS. There are many companies out there that provide complete animal removal services, as well as prevention and exclusion services, such as repairing entry damage, installing chimney caps, and screening attic and exhaust vents. Please look for companies that perform these services either on-line or in your local yellow pages.

PARKING ORDINANCE

The Indiana Township Police Department would like to remind all residents that the Parking Ordinance is in effect and to make sure that you obey the posted signs. The police department will be enforcing the Parking Ordinance and parking tickets will be issued.

We would also like to advise parents who are driving their children to the bus stop not to park on both sides of the roadway and to make sure that all vehicles can gain access onto an intersecting street without problems. Furthermore, please remember that according to the PA Vehicle Code, you **CAN NOT** park within 30' of a stop sign.

An additional reminder that during weather conditions such as rain, snow, etc., all drivers should operate their vehicles in a safe speed, and are required by law to have all windows free of snow, ice, and other obstructions. During a rain storm, make sure your headlamps are on and wipers are in use.

If you have any questions in regards to parking violations, speeding vehicles, or any other traffic complaints, please contact the Indiana Township Police Department at 412-767-5333, ext. 315.

*Submitted by
Officer Robert Thompson*



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PennDOT ENCOURAGES PENNSYLVANIANS TO SIGN UP FOR FREE LIFE-SAVING PROGRAMS

PennDOT today encouraged Pennsylvanians to sign up for two free programs aimed at saving lives in emergency situations – the Yellow Dot and Emergency Contact Information (ECI) programs.

Emergency responders need as much information as possible, as quickly as possible, when victims are involved in a crash or emergency situation. These programs provide vital information on victims when they can't speak for themselves.

Participants in the Yellow Dot program fill out the program form with their emergency contact, medical contact and medical information, insert it in the program's folder and then place it in their vehicle's glove compartment. Participants then place a yellow dot sticker on their vehicle's rear window. This sticker alerts emergency responders to check a vehicle's glove compartment for the folder, helping emergency responders provide specific care to participants after a crash.

The ECI program offers Pennsylvania driver's license and PennDOT-issued ID holders the opportunity to log into a secure database and list two emergency contacts. Customers can update the information as needed, but only law enforcement officials can view their information in the system. In emergencies, law enforcement can use participants' ID to find their emergency contact information.

While the Yellow Dot program is used only in vehicle crashes, the ECI program is usable in other emergencies as well as crashes.

To learn more about the Yellow Dot program or to sign up for a program folder, visit www.YellowDot.pa.gov. To sign up for the ECI program, visit www.dmv.state.pa.us and click on the program icon.

INDIANA TOWNSHIP DUE DATES FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES

By policy, positively no 2% discount will be allowed on taxes not actually received at the tax collector's office or stamped RECEIVED at the Township Building before the close of business on **April 30, 2016** or by mail not post marked on or before April 30, 2016. To be accepted at the face amount, taxes must be postmarked between May 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016. Delay in delivery of mail or messenger, or failure to receive a tax statement **can not** be considered an excuse for non-payment before expiration of discount or face period payments.

RECEIPT POLICY

Indiana Township and Fox Chapel School District real estate tax receipts will only be returned when a self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided with the payment. If no envelope is submitted, you will not get a receipt in the mail.

Submitted by Phyllis Will, Tax Collector



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Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- » Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- » It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- » Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- » There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- » A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- » People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- » Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



FACTS

- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working.



Middle Road VFD

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS WITH SECURITY SYSTEMS

If you have a security alarm system at your home, please make sure to advise your security company of alternate phone numbers where you can be reached, as well as a secondary contact and phone numbers. In the event the police and/or fire department are called to your home on an alarm call, a secondary contact is very helpful should you not be able to be reached and entrance is needed into your home.



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www.nfpa.org/education

CRIME WATCH EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM

The Indiana Township Police Department "Neighborhood Crime Watch" uses emails to help stop crime in the Township. All residents of the Township are welcome to join.

All you need is a working email address that you check on a regular basis. To participate, send an email to: itpdcrimewatch@gmail.com or mmyers@indianatownship.com. Be sure to provide your email address, name and home address so you can be grouped in the correct "Crime Watch" area.

This system is only used to send out Crime Watch Alerts. Officers will not respond to any emails sent to this address. When there are incidents taking place in the Township, residents will be alerted by email. This system is only used when there is a need to get information out to the residents.

Should you have further questions regarding the program, please contact me at myers@indianatownship.com or (412)767-5333, ext. 350.

Submitted by Officer Marc Myers



NEWS FROM SENATOR VULAKOVICH

Senator Randy Vulakovich is hosting several Seniors for Safe Driving courses in 2016. This program is available for drivers 55 years of age and older. The benefits of taking the course are becoming a safer driver and receiving a minimum of 5% discount on your auto insurance. No exam will be given and the course is classroom instruction only. The fee for the class is \$16 payable to Seniors for Safe Driving. The class will be held at the Shaler Township Municipal Building located at 300 Wetzel Road Glenshaw, PA 15116. The two day course for first time participants is being held on July 14 and 15, 2016 from 10am-1:30pm and a one day refresher course for previous participants who wish to renew their certificate will be held on April 7, 2016 from 10am-2pm or September 8, 2016 from 10am-2pm. Call 1-800-559-4880 to register for a class or register online at www.sfsd-pa.com.

Senator Randy Vulakovich is also sponsoring a Senior and Disability Resource Expo. The expo will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016 from 10am-1pm at the Springdale Veteran's Association located at 1151 Pittsburgh Street Springdale, PA 15144. The Expo will feature a variety of informational booths geared toward senior citizens, individuals with a disability or multiple disabilities and their caregivers. Exhibitors will range from state and federal agencies to non-profit organizations as well as local disability advocacy groups that provide services affecting the health, safety, and welfare of senior citizens and individuals with a disability. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments and door prizes will be offered.

***For more information on either event , please call 412-487-6600
or go to www.SenatorVulakovich.com***

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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY REMINDER....

Anyone wishing to have a brick in place for the MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, held each year at the Township Building, **MUST**
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 WORLD WAR II

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

BRICK #3

Phone: (____) _____

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 ____ Resident/Family-Business Section

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Indiana Township Police K-9 Shirts For Sale!

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Limited quantities available! Stop in the Town Hall Administration Office Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm to get the last of the first edition K-9 Ares t-shirts.

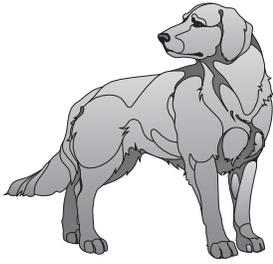
PRICES:

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T-Shirts can be purchased with cash or check made out to "Indiana Township K-9 Fund".

Hurry while supplies last!



DOG OWNER'S: BE AWARE!

Residents who have failed to purchase a yearly **COUNTY** license(s) for their dog(s) aged three months of age or older are violating Pennsylvania law. **THE FINE IS \$300 FOR EACH UNLICENSED DOG!** The State Dog Law requires owners to obtain dog licenses by *January 1st of each year.* License applications are available through the County Treasurer's Office (either at their office downtown or online at their website: www.alleghenycounty.us) or through local Borough and/or Township buildings. As a convenience to residents, we are providing a copy of the Dog License Application below.

Applications should be mailed to the address listed on the application below. The fees are listed on the application. In addition, lifetime permits are available for dogs that are permanently marked; please call the County Treasurer's Office for more information. ***If your dog had a current license last year, renewal applications were mailed out around the 2nd week of December, 2015.***

The County also requires that all dogs and cats three month of age or older have been vaccinated against rabies. ***VIOLATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S RABIES OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS CAN RESULT IN FINES UP TO \$300 PER DAY FOR EACH UNLICENSED DOG OR NON-VACCINATED ANIMAL.***

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the County Treasurer's Office at (412)350-4111.

ALL NEW RESIDENTS, TENANTS, AND/OR BUSINESSES must register with the Township. In accordance with Ordinance #287, failure to do so **WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER OCCUPANCY** may result in the issuance of a citation to the property owner and/or tenant. ***Please contact Jacque Rouggie at the Township office at 412-767-5333, extension 322 or via email at: jrouggie@indianatownship.com to obtain the proper form.***

JOHN K. WEINSTEIN
Allegheny County Treasurer

Annual dog licenses are valid from January 1st through December 31st of each year. If you wish to purchase a current year dog license, please follow these simple steps:

1. Complete and sign this application and mail along with check or money order.
2. If you are applying for a spayed or neutered dog you must submit written verification from licensed doctor of veterinary medicine or a written affidavit.
3. Make your check or money order payable to:
John K. Weinstein
Allegheny County Treasurer
Room 109 Courthouse
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2497

Note: If you wish, you may mail this application in the same envelope with your real estate tax payment. If you do so, please write a separate check for each.

Thank you for licensing and protecting your dog!

2016

License# _____ **DOG LICENSE APPLICATION** Year of license _____

DATE	DOG'S NAME	DOG'S AGE	BREED
ALL PRICES INCLUDE SERVICE FEE ALLOWED BY LAW.			
REGULAR FEE			
MALE \$8.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	NEUTERED MALE \$6.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	FEMALE \$8.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	SPAYED FEMALE \$6.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
PERSON WITH DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN FEE			
MALE \$6.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	NEUTERED MALE \$4.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	FEMALE \$6.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	SPAYED FEMALE \$4.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
COLOR OF DOG:	SPOTTED <input type="checkbox"/>	WHITE <input type="checkbox"/>	BLACK BROWN OTHER--INDICATE <input type="checkbox"/>
If the license is issued by an agent rather than the COUNTY TREASURER, an additional 50¢ will be charged.			
PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE THAT REQUIRES THE DOG OWNER TO BE A SENIOR CITIZEN, AGE 65 OR OLDER, OR A PERSON WITH DISABILITY, YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE OR DISABILITY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER OR AGENT.			
OWNER'S NAME		TELEPHONE NO. ()	OWNER'S BIRTH DATE MO. DAY YR.
STREET OR R.D. NO.		TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH	
CITY STATE		PA	ZIP CODE

I HEREBY VERIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE DOG THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS DOG LICENSE APPLICATION. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT SUBJECT TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF 18 Pa. § SECTION 4904 (RELATING TO UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).

SIGNATURE OF DOG OWNER/APPLICANT REQUIRED
MAIL TO COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

*ALL FEES ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



24th Rural Ridge Reunion!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016

12:00pm - 6:00pm

Past and Present Rural Ridge Residents meet every year at the Old Rural Ridge School House (Kevin M. Brozek Community Center). Talk, laugh, reminisce while taking a trip down memory lane with photo collections of family and neighbors! Please bring your old photos and stories! Photos will be added to the current Rural Ridge albums, if you choose!



Join us in welcoming the Ridge Runners Antique Car Club and tour the Old Rural Ridge School House! We look forward to seeing you!

Please join us!

www.indianatownship.com

Handicapped parking will be located near the pavilion facility for convenience.

OPEN GYM

The Town Hall Community Center
GYMNASIUM
is available for OPEN GYM
the following dates/times:

Thursday, 7pm-10pm
Saturday, 8am-1pm
Sunday, 8am -1pm

**Open Gym days/times may change due to availability!*

*****All children 11 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult (18 yrs+) while in the facility*****

**Gymnasium will open & close promptly at above noted times (no exceptions)!*

**Please share the gym with all who attend*



Pets in Township Community Parks

Residents of Indiana Township are privileged to have access to beautiful parks and recreation areas within the Township. However, some residents are not living up to their responsibilities and, in fact, are violating State law and Township ordinances at the same time. Two different state laws are currently being violated on a regular basis. Namely, people are letting their dogs run loose in the park and not picking up after their dogs, even though the Township provides pet waste stations stocked with waste bags in the park. At best, this activity can be an annoyance to other park visitors and, at worst, can be a health hazard to the young children who use the park.



Currently, park rules allow pets in parks, but they must be on a leash and pet waste must be picked up. The nearby Hartwood Acres County Park has a fenced area where dogs can run free. We encourage everyone who wishes to "run" their dogs to use that area. If these problems continue in Middle Road Park, the Township will consider banning all pets from that park in order to alleviate the problem. We encourage all pet owners to follow the rules in order for the Township to continue welcoming pets in the Community Parks. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

WALKING AND BIKING SAFELY THROUGHOUT INDIANA TOWNSHIP



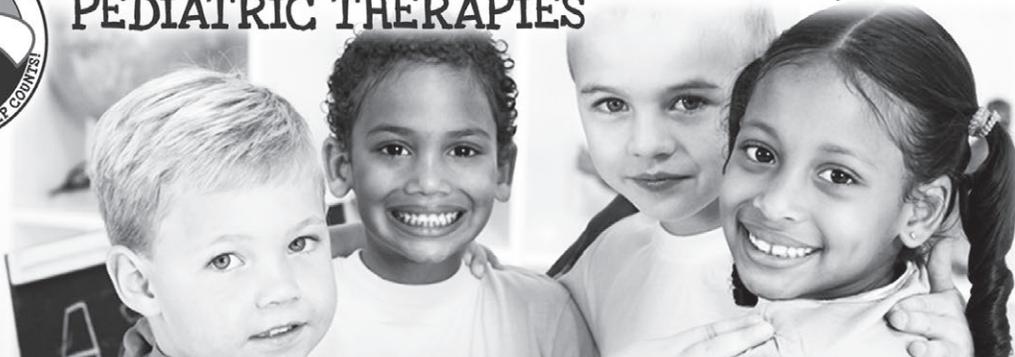
The following tips are recommended when walking and/or biking in our Township:

- Use sidewalks and/or off-road paths when available rather than walking along the roadways.
- Always walk facing traffic so you can see any on-coming vehicles and react to the vehicle should you need to.
- Use caution when crossing any roadways, specifically at night when drivers do not expect to see pedestrians walking.
- There is safety in numbers: try and use the same routes used by other walkers and runners.
- Be aware of tripping hazards. Walk with your eyes, noting the ground 15' ahead to see any upcoming hazards. Watch for uneven sidewalks, roots, rocks, potholes, trash, etc. This is especially important to do if it is dark out.
- Headlights can make it difficult for a person to see for awhile - don't be blinded by any oncoming headlights.
- When walking or biking at night, be sure to wear light colored, reflective clothing to be easily seen. Reflective strips are also a good option, but be sure to make sure they are large enough for vehicles to see you. Also, flash lights and head lamps are a good idea to use.
- Bikers should always wear a helmet, no matter what their age.
- Bikers should ride with the traffic, obey all traffic laws, and use the appropriate hand signals.
- Bikers should try and make eye contact with vehicle drivers to be sure they are paying attention.
- When biking at night, always have lights on your bike, along with reflectors, to ensure drivers can see you.



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Fox Chapel Area Adult Education

Class Openings in March and April 2016

The Spring 2016 semester of Fox Chapel Area Adult Education classes began on March 2nd, although the majority of classes begin in late March and April. Spring classes meet at the Fox Chapel Area High School (unless otherwise noted).

One Night Offerings

"Camera Phone Photography" has seats available in two of the four advertised sessions: Wednesday, March 30 or Monday, April 4th from 6-7:30 p.m. If you're like most people, your phone is your camera. Whether you're capturing family adventures, sharing your life with your social network, or creating beautiful works of art, learn how to get amazing results from your camera phone.

"Discover Your Organizing Style" will help you tame your desk, unclutter your closet and storage areas, manage your time, save your sanity. Discover the organizing style that works for you. Managing your life can be fun! Find out on Tuesday, April 19 from 7-8:30 p.m.

"Healthy Homemade Snacks" is designed for individuals who are pressed for time but want the food they grab while on the run to be healthy and nutritious. Join the fun on Thursday, April 14 from 7-9 p.m. as we make and bake a variety of healthy snacks for your cupboard and freezer.

"Heart-saver CPR & AED Training Including Infant And Child Training" On Wednesday, April 13 from 6-9 p.m., join us at Foxwall EMS on Squaw Run Road and learn adult, child and infant CPR, foreign body airway obstruction removal, use of the AED (automated external defibrillator). This class is for the lay person and not for health care professional certification.

Classes that Meet over a Series of Weeks

"Calligraphy" will take place on Thursday evenings, March 31 to May 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. Create beautiful letters and designs through the art of calligraphy. Lessons will consist of group instruction followed by one-on-one attention.

"Chalk Painting" will teach you the techniques AND have you taking home a painted framed chalkboard that will complement your home décor. Chalk paint is easy to use, quick to dry, and works beautifully on furniture without priming or sanding. Each class includes hands-on painting and guided practice. Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. for 3 weeks, April 7 to April 21.

"Get To Know Your iPad" If you own an iPad that is using iOS 7 or later, join us for four Thursday nights of learning March 31-April 21 from 7-9 p.m. Do you want to use your device for more than playing games, checking email and searching the web?

"Kitchen/Bath Design: Tips & Tricks" Are you looking to update or remodel your kitchen or bath? Join a kitchen and bath designer and learn a straightforward approach to simplifying the process before you step into a showroom or start the work yourself. Mondays, 4 weeks (April 4 to April 25), from 7-8:30 p.m.

"Line Dancing" Learn classic American, novelty, and country western line dances. No partner needed; fun for dancers and non-dancers. Monday evenings, 4 weeks (April 4 to April 25), from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the O'Hara Elementary Gym on Cabin Lane.

"Meditation" reduces stress, creates a tranquil mind, and can relieve medical conditions like high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, and the effects of chemotherapy. Using simple techniques, learn to maintain mental and emotional balance in your life. Tuesday evenings, 8 weeks, March 29-May 17, 7-8 p.m. Open to ages 13 and above when accompanied by an adult.

"Pinterest, Instagram, Twitter" If you want to understand terms like pins, hashtags, boards, followers, and more, join us on Wednesday evenings for 3 weeks, April 13 to April 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. Learn to use these social media sites for enjoyment, organization, business exposure and growth. Better understand how your children use them. Each site will be demonstrated on a mobile device and computer.

For further assistance, please check the FCAAE website at www.fcaae.org or call 412.696.1410 and leave a voice mail message for the Executive Director or send an email to director@fcaae.org.

SHADY SIDE ACADEMY NEWS



Admissions Open Houses

Families interested in applying to Shady Side Academy are invited to attend an open house to tour campus, meet the faculty and school head, and learn more about the SSA experience. RSVP online at www.ShadySideAcademy.org/VisitUs.

Junior School (PK-5, Point Breeze)

Wednesday, April 20, at 9:15 a.m.

Middle School (6-8, Fox Chapel)

Thursday, May 5 at 9 a.m.

Senior School (9-12, Fox Chapel)

Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m.

SSA Summer Programs – Register Now!

Shady Side Academy offers a wide array of affordable, fun summer programs for kids entering grades K-12 on its Middle and Senior School campuses in Fox Chapel. Offerings include day camps, sports camps, specialty camps, summer school classes and more. Camps fill quickly, so register now at www.ShadySideAcademy.org/Summer or call 412-447-2230.

Parent Education Program April 5

Shady Side Academy presents “Parenting With Identity in Mind” with Rosetta Lee on Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts. Learn how we can instill positive self-identity in our children and coach them to be positive influences on others’ identities. Free and open to the public. www.shadysideacademy.org/parenteducation.

Upcoming Hillman Center Events

Don’t miss these upcoming events at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts, located on the SSA Senior School campus at 423 Fox Chapel Road. Learn more and buy tickets at www.thehillman.org or call 412-968-3040.

Sunday, Apr. 24, 3:30 p.m. – The Jive Aces: *Jump, Jive & Wail*

Sunday, May 15, 3:30 p.m. – Special Event: An Afternoon With Garrison Keillor



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS FOOD SAFETY TIPS DURING A POWER OUTAGE

The Allegheny County Health Department is offering advice on how to preserve perishable foods during a power outage and loss of refrigeration and how to tell when food is spoiled and should be discarded. Health officials offer the following recommendations:

- Use appliance thermometers in refrigerators and freezers. Safe temperatures are a maximum of 40° F for refrigerators and 0° F for freezers. Most food borne illnesses are caused by bacteria that multiply rapidly above 40° F.
- Keep freezer doors shut. A full freezer should keep food safe about 2 days; a half-full freezer, about 1 day. Add bags of ice or dry ice to the freezer, if the power will be out for an extended time. You can safely refreeze thawed foods that still contain ice crystals or feel cold to the touch.
- Refrigerated items should be safe as long as the power is out no more than 4 to 6 hours. Discard any perishable food that has been above 40° F for 2 hours or more, and any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture. Keep the refrigerator door closed; every time you open it, cold air escapes and raises the temperature inside.
- If the power will be out more than six hours, transfer perishable foods to an insulated cooler filled with ice or frozen gel packs. Keep a thermometer in the cooler and make sure the temperature does not go above 40° F.
- Never taste food to determine its safety. Some foods may look and smell fine, but if they've been at room temperature longer than two hours, bacteria that cause foodborne illness can begin to multiply very rapidly.

Some types of bacteria will produce toxins which are not destroyed by cooking and can cause illness. Please call the Allegheny County Health Department at **412-687-ACHD** or visit www.achd.net for advice about the handling of specific foods in a power outage and when they should be saved or thrown out.

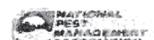
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PUBLIC'S HELP NEEDED TO STOP BIRD FLU OUTBREAK IN PENNSYLVANIA

State officials continue to brace themselves for a bird flu outbreak. The highly contagious disease has killed nearly 50 million birds nationwide, mostly on commercial chicken and turkey farms, and led to egg shortages and sharp price increases. So far, Pennsylvania has been lucky. Its \$13 billion poultry industry has dodged an epidemic that has affected 21 other states, including Iowa, the country's top egg producer.

State Department of Agriculture officials say it may only be a matter of time before the first cases of the H5N2 strain are reported here. This past summer, the disease was detected in Michigan, just 150 miles from the Pennsylvania border. And this time around, officials fear the damage could be far worse as colder temperatures make it easier for the bird flu to spread. "This is the largest animal disease outbreak in the nation's history, and it could get bigger," state veterinarian Dr. Craig Shultz says, noting that a fall/winter H5N2 outbreak has the potential to kill an additional 100 million birds nationwide. "We're living with the expectation that we will be exposed and are planning for a worst-case scenario. This is the time," he adds, "to put extra emphasis on flock protection." Along with instituting quarantines, state officials have put poultry farmers on high alert and are requiring them to comply with stricter cleaning standards at their operations. The Ag Department is also turning to the public for help in preventing the disease and minimizing its spread. We can make all the plans we want, but they will be meaningless without the help of our partners," department spokeswoman Brandi Hunter-Davenport says. "It takes everyone to do their part for us to have any chance against this disease."

An emphasis on education

For now, the best thing that Township residents, including those who have small backyard flocks and pet chickens, can do is get educated about the bird flu, its symptoms, and prevention strategies, also known as bio-security. The public can turn to two sources: www.agriculture.pa.gov and www.usda.gov, for information about the virus, updates, and basic tips for protecting backyard and commercial birds.

People need to know about the risks and what to look for," Shultz says. For instance, poultry owners should be watching flocks and pets for unusual behavior, severe illness that may include sneezing, coughing, and swelling around the eyes, neck and head, and sudden death. Species that may be affected include domesticated chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, ostriches, and swans. Farmers and residents should report serious or unusual health problems immediately to their veterinarian, local Penn State Extension office, or state and federal agriculture agencies, which are manning 24-hour hotlines. The state Department of Ag can be reached at (717) 772-2852, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture can be contacted toll-free at (866) 536-7593. Poultry owners should also get a premise identification number from the state Department of Agriculture. Applications can be filled out online by clicking on the "Premises Registration Form" link at www.agriculture.pa.gov. "Large or small, personal or commercial, we must know the location of as many flocks as possible across the state to effectively fight the avian flu if it arrives in Pennsylvania," Shultz says. "Premise identification gives us a way to contact [poultry owners] in case we identify the flu near their flock and need to warn them to take extra precautions." If the bird flu is found in your township, local officials and first responders will receive advisories, daily updates, and help from the Ag Department and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Avoiding a repeat

The last major bird flu outbreak in Pennsylvania occurred in the early 1980s, and state officials are hoping that the precautions they are taking now will help them avoid a repeat. "The avian influenza has not been found in our state, but we need to plan and act as if it could at any moment," Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding said in a recent news release. "When this virus hit in 1983 and 1984, 17 million birds were lost. That equated to a \$65 million negative impact on our state's economy. We are doing everything possible to avoid that kind of devastation — or worse — with this outbreak."

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Join us every Wednesday morning at 9 am for a free, naturalist-led birds and more nature hike. And be sure to sign up for summer camps and Mothers' Day brunch with Audubon! We're located at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road in Fox Chapel. Visit www.aswp.org or call (412) 963-6100 to learn more

Upcoming events

APRIL:

2nd: Great Pittsburgh Eagle Egg Hunt
9th: Citizen Science: Project Budburst
14th: Preschool Program: Spring Peepers

15th: Frog Watch
23rd: Permaculture: Sustainable Landscapes
30th: Migratory Bird Hike

MAY:

5th: Babes in the Woods
7th: Mothers' Day Brunch
12th: Preschool Program: The Dandelion Seed
14th: Opening Day: Audubon Center for Native

14th: Migratory Bird Hike Plants
14th: Birding 101
15th: Nature Hike: Birds and Blooms
28th: Citizen Science: Hummingbirds at Home

JUNE:

2th: Babes in the Woods
4th: Make and Take: Create a Walking Stick
9th: Preschool Program: Swimmy the Fish

17th: Citizen Science: Firefly Watch
18th: Organic Gardening Solutions
24th: 'Round the Campfire'

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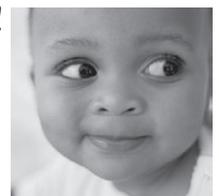
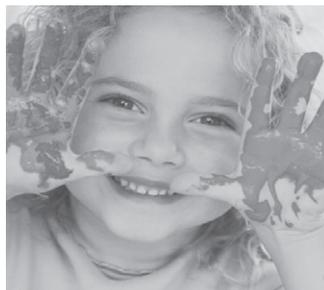
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LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS: Please register by calling the reference department at 412-828-9520, ext. 15 or by sending an email to coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net.

NOTE: Some programs & classes will have fees & some are free.

Sunday Music at the Library: A free concert each month at 2 pm is held during the months the library is open on Sundays. The schedule is: May 1: Michael Griska performs the music of India on the sitar & surbahar. **Summer Reading Program:** Win a gift card for reading! Begins in June. **Free Guitar Classes for all ages:** A class for those beginning with guitar, held once a month. Contact the library for details. **Get Help with Your Gadget:** Get one-on-one help with your tablet, laptop, phone, etc. Call the library for an appointment. **Eat at La Cappella:** On the first Wednesday of each month, La Cappella restaurant in the Waterworks Mall donates a percentage of sales to the library when diners bring a coupon from the library. Dine in or take out. Call or stop by the library for a coupon. **Local Author Philip Beard** discusses his new novel, "Swing" which has baseball as a theme on April 9 at 11 am. **Local author Dorit Sasson** discusses "Accidental Soldier", her memoir of life in the Israel Defense Forces on May 4 at 7 pm. **On April 6 at 7 pm Post-Gazette Backyard Gardener Doug Oster** gives spring gardening advice in the spring. **A divorce workshop for women** will be held on May 21 at 9 am. There is a fee & registration is required by calling 724-493-9695. **The Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council** train tutors in a 2-part workshop on June 4 & 11. Contact the library, registration is required. On June 23 in the evening, the library will hold a fundraising event with a **local Pittsburgh personality & author** - contact the library for details. **Become a literacy tutor,** contact the library for details. Or if you need help with learning English, contact the library to arrange tutoring. **E-readers are** now available for loan with free ebooks for you to read. Choose from Ipad mini, Google Nexus, Kindle Paperwhite or Fire, & Barnes and Noble Nook. **Adventures in the Burgh:** This group takes a field trip each month to a place of interest in Pittsburgh. Check with the library for dates & times. **Meditation with a Monk:** Bhante Punna from the Buddhist Cultural Center will lead meditation sessions. The techniques are appropriate for all adults regardless of beliefs or religious affiliations. Check with the library for dates & times. **Tea at the Library:** Held once a month, themes vary. Enjoy a proper English tea. Small fee for refreshments. Contact the library for more dates & themes. **Computer Classes:** The library offers several tablet, phone & computer classes throughout the year. **Free Continuing Education Courses Online:** Use your library card & connect to Universal Class from our website, over 500 courses including Microsoft Office courses, for all ages, & you earn CEU hours. Free Streaming Video & Music Downloads are new to our library, connect from our website. Also get free ebooks, eaudio, & emagazines from our website. **Wise Walk Walking Program:** Walk for fitness! Ask the Reference Department for details. *Please check with the Reference Department for a current schedule of services & events for adults. Consider donating your used books, DVDs, & more to the library & your donation is tax-deductible.*

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN: Registration is required. Please register by calling the children's department at 412-828-9520, ext. 18

Storytimes for Toddlers: Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 am. **Storytime for Preschoolers:** Tuesdays at 10:30 am. **Baby Lapsit Storytime:** Fridays at 10:30 am. **Summer Reading Program:** Begins in June: Win a Prize for Reading! **Beechwood Farms Presents Hummingbirds at Home:** Scientists need your help counting hummingbirds! Find out all about these amazing insects. April 9 at 2 pm. **Lego Days & Movie Matinees:** Held regularly, check with the library for days. **Book Bingo:** Prizes will be awarded. Ages 5-10. April 10 at 2 pm. **PA One Book Every Young Child:** Every PA student is encouraged to read "Kite Day" by Will Hillenbrand. Activities & a storytime will feature the book. April 18-22. **April Showers:** Spring story time presented by Shady Side Academy Senior School students. April 21 at 10:30 am. **Earth Day:** A full day of activities presented by Howard Hanna Real Estate. April 23. **Birthday Book Club:** For a \$25 donation, you may select a book or topic in honor of a child's birthday or other special event. Each book will have a special book plate inside with the child's name.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS: Registration is required. Please register and get more details by calling the teen department at 412-828-9520, ext. 10

Mother/Daughter Book Club: held once a month. **Science Fiction Book Club:** held once a month. **Teen Newsletter:** Write, draw or take pictures for our newsletter. **Summer Reading Program** for teens, begins in June. *Please check with the Teen Department for other events being held.*



THE NEW WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AT CHATHAM UNIVERSITY

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:30 AM
Location: Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church
(corner Fox Chapel and Field Club roads)
Speaker: **Jessie Ramey, PhD, Director,**
The Women's Institute, Chatham University

Women may have come a long way, but they still face obstacles on many fronts, especially in workforce and business development, politics and government, and in the health professions at the leadership level. The Women's Institute at Chatham University was launched in 2015 to tackle these and other social inequalities and to help advance women's excellence in today's challenging economy.

Jessie Ramey, the Women's Institute's first director, will explain the role the institute expects to play within the context of the university's mission. And she'll share with the audience some of their hopes and goals for Chatham's graduates.

Dr. Ramey is a historian, teacher, award-winning author – and mom. A former instructor at the University of Pittsburgh and researcher at Carnegie Mellon University, Jessie now serves on Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto's Task Force on Education in addition to her responsibilities as the new Women's Institute's director.

The public is welcome to attend this free AAUW-sponsored presentation. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Lindsay Bond Totten, Publicity Chair, Fox Chapel Area Branch - AAUW at: lbtotten@comcast.net

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Second Annual Neighborhood Block Party: Enjoy live entertainment, family fun, and a variety of food and beverage stations (can you say “Bling your Brownie”?) hosted by The Chadwick in Wexford, Thursday, April 21, 5:30-8:30pm. All-inclusive tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for children (3-10) and a portion of each ticket is tax deductible. Register online at nhco.org/2016-neighborhood-block-party or contact Cheryl at clenglish@nhco.org or 412-487-6316 opt 1 x3111.

15th Annual Mini-Masters Mini Golf Tournament: Enjoy a round of mini golf, delicious buffet dinner and silent auction Thursday, May 12 at Neville Island! Rolling golf start begins at 5:00 p.m. A great “office evening out!” \$175 per foursome or \$45 single player. Register online at nhco.org/2016-minimasters-registration or contact Nancy at nljonesr@nhco.org or call 412-307-0069.

Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community: Bring the family and the dog and join NHCO May 14 at Stage AE on the North Shore. This fun, noncompetitive 3-mile walk brings Pittsburghers together to support their favorite charities. No registration fee is required, and you can fund raise as much as you like. Walk, donate or be a “virtual walker.” A fun morning packed with entertainment! Visit WalkForAHealthyCommunity.org, then click Pittsburgh/North Hills Community Outreach, or contact Maria at mschristina@nhco.org or 412-408-3830.

Free Admission for Concession Volunteers at the Men’s US Golf Open!

NHCO has an amazing opportunity to raise a significant amount of funds by staffing the only air conditioned concessions tent at the US Open, June 13-19, at Oakmont Country Club! The Open donates funds to NHCO for each volunteer hours worked, and volunteers can watch golf’s greatest in action before and/or after their 8-hour shift. This is a great opportunity for a group of friends or office workers to help families in need and spend a fun day together. Please contact Harriet at 412-408-3830 x 3204 or h zgibbs@nhco.org, or register at volunteerspot.com/login/entry/679052588051.

For more information about NHCO’s 20-plus programs and our many volunteer opportunities, please visit www.nhco.org or follow us on Facebook or Twitter @NHCOhelps

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PennDOT LINE PAINTING

With warm weather and sunshine coming to the region, PennDOT has started, or will be starting, line painting operations on major roadways in Allegheny County.

PennDOT advises motorists to exercise caution and patience, and suggests allowing at least 250 feet (*13 car lengths*) behind line painting equipment to avoid damage. Motorists should avoid passing the paint vehicles unless directed by a paint crew member or flag person to do so. Passing too quickly can cause damage to fresh paint lines and may result in paint on the motorist's vehicle. Line painting vehicles normally pull over every two and one-half miles or when safety permits. Recent technological advancements on the mix of formulas have produced fast dry paints that are dry to the touch within 2 to 3 minutes. It is crucial to stay off these lines during the curing period.

Motorists who accidentally get paint on their vehicles should immediately wash the paint off with a high-pressure water stream and detergent. Dried paint can be removed with de-natured alcohol and a soft cloth. Generally, PennDOT is not responsible for paint on vehicles.

Roadway line painting is an important part of PennDOT's highway safety initiatives. Paint lines provide direction, delineation, and guidance to motorists. Glass beads applied on top of wet paint during the painting process provide retro reflectivity. These small, spherical beads reflect light during dark hours and periods of low visibility. As the glass beads become worn or wet, the reflectivity becomes greatly diminished resulting in reduced visibility during dark and wet hours.

Lines need repainting each year because of normal wear, tear, and weather. Winter maintenance activities such as plowing, spreading anti-skid materials, and studded tires are very abrasive to paint lines and can cause fading. Normal weathering caused by snow, rain, and ice also contribute to line reflectivity reduction.

State roads with the highest traffic volumes and safety needs are painted first. These include interstates and the National Highway System followed by secondary roadways. PennDOT establishes painting schedules to minimize delays to motorist. On days before holidays and on Fridays, crews will focus on secondary routes to minimize inconvenience for motorists. Motorists should use caution and be aware of changing traffic patterns when driving through the area.

PennDOT reminds motorists they can log on to 511pa.com or call 511 from any phone to check traffic conditions on major roadways before traveling.

PennDOT Urges Motorists to Call 1-800-FIX-ROAD to Report Potholes on State Roads

With the freeze-thaw cycle taking its annual toll on pavement, PennDOT urges motorists to call 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623) to report the location of potholes on state roads.

Callers are asked to be as specific as possible when reporting pothole locations. For state routes, callers must report the county, municipality, street name, or preferably the state route (SR) number found on small, black-and-white signs posted along state roadways. Callers should also offer a description of any familiar landmarks that will help PennDOT find the problem area.

The hotline may be used to report any maintenance concern on state roads such as potholes, deer removal or signage issues.

Once notified, PennDOT will work expeditiously to address concerns when weather permits; however, winter services remain the primary focus of maintenance crews at this time of year.

To report potholes on local roads, motorists should contact the municipality in which the pothole is located.

Potholes develop when water seeps below the road through small cracks in the pavement surface. As the water repeatedly freezes and thaws, a cavity below the road is formed and larger cracks develop, causing the pavement to crumble.

The 1-800-FIX-ROAD hotline should not be used to report traffic accidents, disabled vehicles or other emergencies. Motorists should continue to call 911 to report those types of incidents.

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»» GARBAGE REMINDER ««

ORDINANCE #253 MANDATES THAT EVERY TOWNSHIP RESIDENT MUST SUBSCRIBE TO GARBAGE SERVICE. REGULAR GARBAGE PICKUP IS ON WEDNESDAYS. Recycling is also mandated. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags; place them in your recycling bin! Cardboard, newspapers and magazines can now be put in your recycling bin as well. **IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON A MONDAY, TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, YOUR GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP ON THURSDAY. IF THE HOLIDAY FALLS BETWEEN THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, THEN IT WILL BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY AS USUAL.** The Township's hauler is Waste Management, who can be reached at 1-800-458-4090, should you have any questions.

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

MEETING INFORMATION

REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING

2ND TUESDAY at 7:00 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

4th WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM

(November meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday and no meeting is held in December)

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Various 1ST THURSDAYS at 7:15 PM

(Refer to Twp. website for schedule)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Various 1ST MONDAYS at 7:00 PM

(Refer to Twp. website for schedule)

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Town Hall at 3710 Saxonburg Boulevard in Dorseyville



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2016 ANNUAL DEER CREEK/ EMMERLING COMMUNITY PARK CLEANUP

Save the date and help make a difference. On **April 2nd, 2016** (rain date: April 9th, 2016), the Tri-County Trout Club is sponsoring the annual stream and park cleanup. Supporting this event is Indiana Township, the Oakmont Boy Scouts and PA Cleanways. For the past 30+ years, we have removed hundreds of tires, all kind of debris and filled many dumpsters - and every year there is less to clean up! We will be meeting at 7:30 am at Emmerling Community Park for registration. Coffee, hot chocolate & donuts will be provided in the morning. Trash bags, gloves and safety vests will be passed out along with stream assignments with experienced club members. We can't predict the weather so dress warm and bring sturdy shoes or boots. If you plan on crossing the stream, waders & boating vests are recommended. A hot lunch will be provided at noon and we should wrap things up in the early afternoon. All groups and volunteers are welcome. Let us know if you plan to participate. You can call Tim Olszewski at 412-400-1331 or via email at Toslick1965@Yahoo.com. More information is available for this event at www.gacofpa.org. Once at the website, click on "find an event", select Allegheny County and scroll down to the April 2nd date.

LOCAL TAX RETURNS ARE DUE APRIL 18, 2016

It's that time of year again. The 2015 local earned income tax return filing deadline is approaching. The due date is extended to, Monday April 18th this year because Washington DC is commemorating Emancipation Day on Friday April 15.

Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can e-file on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

Keystone Collections Group's e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2015 tax return. It lets you file your tax return when it is most convenient for you. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C). Keystone redesigned e-file to make it even faster and more user-friendly.

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, visit Keystone's Frequently Asked Questions or call Keystone's Taxpayer Helpline at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions 24/7 to Taxpayer Support. Taxpayer Service Agents try to respond to all online inquiries within three business days.

Taxpayers with earned income in 2015 are required to file a Final Tax Return by Monday, April 18, 2016.

IMPORTANT