

# TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA

NEWSLETTER

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2014

## ALLEGHENY ALERTS EXPANDS TO INCLUDE PUBLIC WORKS & HEALTH INFO

Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced recently that Allegheny Alerts has expanded to include two more departments: Public Works and Health. The free, non-emergency notification service allows individuals to sign up to receive information from the County on topics that they choose in a variety of formats. Beginning in April, users could sign up for alerts from the Parks Department and the Kane Regional Centers; now, users can also select to receive alerts from Public Works and Health.

"We have nearly 1,300 people who have taken advantage of this service and are receiving alerts about the things that interest them," said County Executive Fitzgerald. "With the addition of these two departments, we can continue to be more customer friendly and provide information that can help you better plan your workdays, weekends, holidays and outings, and know what's going on in your part of the county."

In order to receive alerts, you must create a user account by visiting [www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts). Users are requested to provide some basic information which will be kept confidential and not used for any other purpose. Once the account is created, you can choose the topics you want and how you want the information sent to you (email, text, voice) and where (home, work, cell) you want to receive it. You can change the information and topics at any time by logging into your account and modifying your choices.

Alerts will be sent periodically and timing depends on the situation. If you choose food information from the Health Department offerings, you may receive an alert that a food establishment is closed on the day that the action is ordered, but a notice about new food establishment openings could be received monthly. Again, you can change the information and topics you receive at any time, along with how and where you receive those alerts.

Public Works alerts can include information on county roads and bridges, as well as snow updates and state road information, as appropriate. Health alerts can include information on health and environment, air quality, food, public meetings and hearings, events and observances, and information on Live Well Allegheny. In addition to online sign up, residents have also had the opportunity to sign up at kiosks located at various county facilities, as well as offerings at certain special events throughout the county.

Development continues with other county departments with the expectation that there will be additional alerts launched later this year.

*An excerpt from a Press Release issued by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald*

### TRICK-OR-TREAT

Halloween Trick-or-Treat  
will be held

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

*Residents wishing to participate should turn their porch lights on.*

### GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please note since **both Christmas Day and New Year's Day** fall on **THURSDAY**, garbage will be picked up as usual on the **WEDNESDAY** prior to each holiday. There will be no delay in pickup the following week.

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

THE NATIONAL CONFECTIONERS ASSOCIATION HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS TO HELP MAKE THIS HALLOWEEN A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE ONE:

- ✓ Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front and back of costume.
- ✓ Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use cosmetics to create fun or scary faces.
- ✓ Adults should accompany young children.
- ✓ Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- ✓ Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- ✓ Watch for traffic.
- ✓ Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- ✓ Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- ✓ Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- ✓ Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible.



## SAFETY TIPS WHEN WALKING YOUR DOG AT NIGHT

A lot of neighborhoods in Indiana Township have no, or very little, street lighting. If you're out walking your dog at night, you probably realize that there are certain risks involved. One of the biggest issues is not being visible to vehicular traffic.

Here are some tips for making you and your dog more visible whenever you're out walking after dark:

- Be sure to wear light or bright clothing.
- Purchase reflective tape and add a strip to your clothing where it can easily be seen. You may also want to consider applying reflective tape to your dog's collar or purchasing a reflective collar.
- Always carry a flashlight.
- Think about purchasing and wearing shoes equipped with either reflectors or LED lights in the heels.
- Avoid walking in the middle of the road. Stay on the side and be sure to walk against the traffic. This way, you can see oncoming traffic, and hopefully they will see you too.

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with Us!

**Jennifer Romero, M.D.**  
**Hannah Sahud, M.D.**  
**Sarah Schroeder, M.D.**  
**Karl Holtzer, M.D.**

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**412-767-0707**

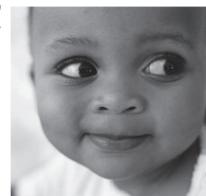
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## Pediatric Alliance~Fox Chapel

We look forward to caring for your family!

We offer routine well child care as well as same day sick care.

Our focus is on wellness, healthy lifestyles, safety and child development.



Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00

Sat. 8:30-12:00

Pediatrician On-Call 24/7

Hartwood Towne Centre  
3394 Saxonburg Blvd. Suite 600  
Glenshaw, PA 15116

# LEAF RECYCLING PROGRAM

In keeping with the Township's "environmentally responsible" attitude, we will once again have a Leaf Recycling Program this Fall. Leaves will be collected curbside by our Public Works Department for **SIX (6) WEEKS** starting **OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>** and ending **DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Leaves must be placed at the curbside by 7:00 am each Monday for pickup sometime during that week.**

Residents wishing to participate in the Leaf Recycling Program **must** purchase brown-paper biodegradable bags at the **Town Hall** during normal business hours. The cost of the bags will be **\$3.00 per pack of five**. Each bag holds approximately one-third of a cubic yard. Residents will be asked to sign-up for the program when the bags are purchased. This list will be used to notify our Public Works Department of the addresses of those participating. **ONLY BAGS PURCHASED FROM THE TOWNSHIP CAN BE USED. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE PICKUP OF YOUR BAGS IF THEY ARE NOT PURCHASED FROM THE TOWNSHIP. ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE PICKED UP! FURTHERMORE, ONLY LEAVES MAY BE PUT INTO THE BAGS - DO NOT PUT ANY BRUSH, YARD CLIPPINGS, ETC. IN THE BAGS.**

Once the bags are collected, they are transported to a composting site in the North Hills. In the Spring, the Public Works Department will pick up the topsoil generated from the compost site for use throughout the Township. Please look for more information in our Spring Newsletter regarding our yard waste pick up dates.

*Submitted by Public Works Foreman John Carson*



## IS YOUR HOMEOWNER'S POLICY CORRECT?

All volunteer fire departments in Pennsylvania receive distributions from the Commonwealth as a percentage of the premiums paid by residents of a municipality for homeowner's insurance. However, in order for the distribution to be made properly, the correct municipality must be indicated on your homeowner's insurance policy. Therefore, it is important that you check your insurance policy and/or contact your agent to make certain that your home is listed in INDIANA TOWNSHIP, not simply "Cheswick, 15024", "Rural Ridge, 15075", "Indianola, 15051", "Pittsburgh, 15238", "Glenshaw, 15116", or "Allison Park, 15101". Otherwise, the distribution to the local fire departments can be reduced.

## "24 HOUR" DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL

Need to leave us something after regular business hours? For your convenience, there is a drop box located in our Town Hall vestibule which is open 24 hours a day. Payments can also be dropped off for Tax Collector Phyllis Will. Please do not deposit any cash and make sure anything placed in the drop box is in a sealed envelope, identifying the intended recipient.

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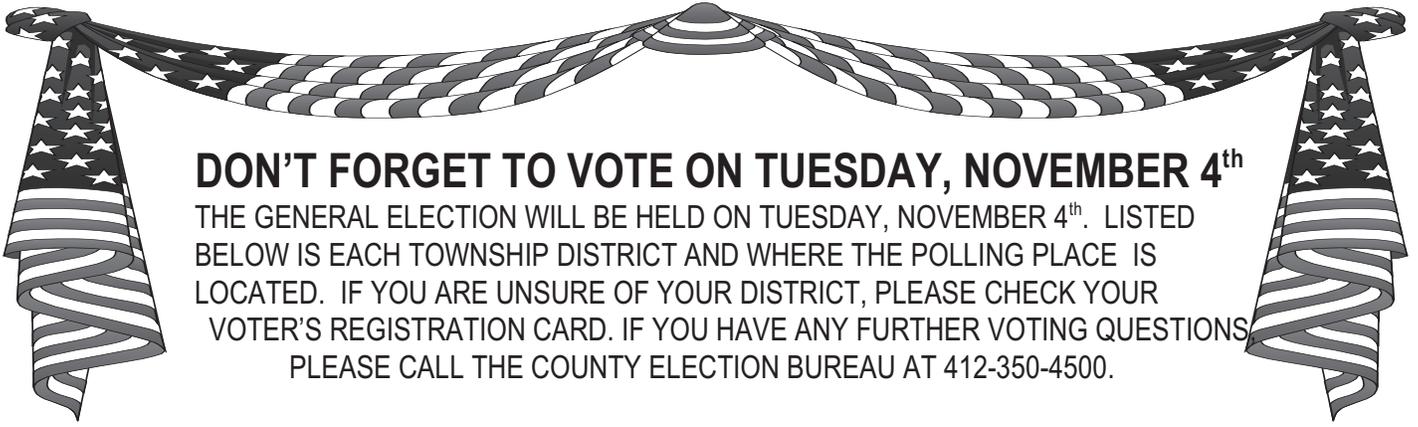
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## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

THE GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>. LISTED BELOW IS EACH TOWNSHIP DISTRICT AND WHERE THE POLLING PLACE IS LOCATED. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR DISTRICT, PLEASE CHECK YOUR VOTER'S REGISTRATION CARD. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER VOTING QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE COUNTY ELECTION BUREAU AT 412-350-4500.

### DISTRICT #1 - DORSEYVILLE and DISTRICT #2 - INDIANOLA

Indiana Township Town Hall Community Center (Rear Building)  
3710 Saxonburg Blvd., Dorseyville

### DISTRICT #3 - RURAL RIDGE

Rural Ridge Volunteer Fire Department  
135 Little Deer Creek Road, Rural Ridge

### DISTRICT #4 - MIDDLE ROAD

Middle Road Volunteer Fire Department  
2034 Middle Road, Glenshaw (Middle Road Area)

### DISTRICT #5 - FAIRVIEW

Fairview Elementary School (Cafeteria)  
738 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, 15238 (Fairview Area)

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION NEWS

Did you know that there used to be a "Dorseyville Observatory" located at the corner of Saxonburg Blvd. and Weber Drive? In 1968, Rody J. Clutter compiled a time capsule with items donated by his friends, relatives, and associates. He buried this time capsule in the concrete pier of his telescope. The observatory was torn down in 2011 and the location of the time capsule is still unknown.



## VACANCIES

There are *two vacancies* on the Historical Commission Board. We would like to have representatives from the Rural Ridge and Middle Road areas submit letters of interest. Please submit a letter of interest to the following: Mr. Daniel Anderson, Indiana Twp. Manager, 3710 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238

**Submitted by Erica Birkner, Member  
Indiana Township Historical Commission**

**RIVER PEDIATRIC THERAPIES** 412.767.5967

River Pediatric Therapies is a private clinic that provides outstanding therapy to children of all ages.

**Services Include**

- Speech Therapy
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3390 Saxonburg Blvd. Ste. #250 Glenshaw, PA 15116

## PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Application forms for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2013 are currently available. All residents who received rebates last year should have received 2013 application forms in the mail by now. Applications are also available online at [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us) 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. Forms are also available in the Township office during regular business hours.

Older adults must reapply for rebates by June 30<sup>th</sup> every year because rebates are based on property taxes or rent paid each year and annual income. **HOWEVER, AS IN THE PAST, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE HAS EXTENDED THE DEADLINE FOR FILING TO DECEMBER 31, 2014.**

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 or 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.

Rebates will be distributed beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, as specified by law. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program's 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received billions of dollars in property tax and rent relief. The expanded portion of the rebate program is paid for with revenue from slots gaming. For more information, visit [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us) or call: 1-888-222-9190.

## Renovating Or Building A New Home?

### *You Can Earn Up To \$2,500 In Property Tax Credits By Making Your Home 'Visitable'!*

The Visitability Tax Credit is a new tax incentive to help residents make their homes accessible to friends or family who use wheelchairs or have trouble climbing stairs. Even if you currently do not know anyone who has a mobility limitation, you are still eligible for this tax credit on your property taxes. You should consider making your home visitable now. You, a family member, or even a friend may need these design advantages in the future. The tax credit is worth up to \$2,500 and can be spread over the course of five years. Making your home 'visitable' is not a difficult task, especially when building a new home or doing other renovations. This tax credit will be helpful to offset construction costs. While renovating or constructing a new home, simply keep a few design features in mind:

- *Each residence must have at least one no-step entrance into the main floor of the home, which can be located on the front, rear, or at the side of the residence. The entrance must be firm, stable, and slip resistant.*
- *Hallways on the floor with the no-step entrance must be thirty-six inches wide.*
- *There must be a powder room or bathroom which can be used by a person in a wheelchair located on the main floor of the home.*
- *Light switches on the main floor must be mounted at forty-two inches above the floor, and door handles must be lever-type rather than knobs.*

### HOW YOUR TAX DOLLAR IS SPENT

FOX CHAPEL SCHOOL DIST.	ALLEGHENY COUNTY	INDIANA TWP.
18.6283 mills	4.73 mills	2.95 mills
71%	18%	11%



The Allegheny County Visitability Tax Credit was created in 2008 by the County Executive and County Council with advice from leaders of the Allegheny County disability community. The goal of this **property tax credit** is to make Allegheny County homes user-friendly for people with mobility impairments so that friends and family members with and without disabilities can get together in each other's homes easily. This also ensures that homes will be usable for the owners throughout their life span.

Allegheny County encourages all residents to make their homes 'visitable.' Residents can find out more about the specific requirements and the application process from their local municipal office when applying for a building permit. For more information, contact Richard Meritzer, staff person for the City of Pittsburgh / Allegheny County Task Force on Disabilities, at [richard.meritzer@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:richard.meritzer@city.pittsburgh.pa.us) or call 412-255-2102.

# 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](mailto: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](http://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**

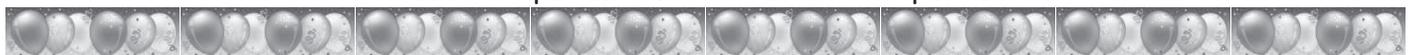
	Hourly	3 Hours	6 Hours	8 Hours
Gymnasium (Hourly only)	\$45/54	-----	-----	-----
Classroom Capacity of 40	\$30/36	\$72/86	\$135/162	\$168/202
Community Room Capacity of 120	\$50/60	\$120/144	\$225/270	\$280/336
Kitchen	\$25/30	\$60/72	\$113/135	\$140/168



### "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.*

Township of Indiana  
**Kevin M. Brozek**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL INFORMATION**

**Kevin M. Brozek Community Center:**

400 Crawford Run Road  
Cheswick, PA 15024

**Recreation Room:**

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:**

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)

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](http://www.indianatownship.com)  
Call Community Services Coordinator for details: 412/767-5333 x 311, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

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# OPEN GYM

The Town Hall Community Center  
GYMNASIUM

is available for OPEN GYM  
the following dates/times:

Thursday, 7pm-10pm

Saturday, 8am-1pm

Sunday, 11am-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)!*

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## 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 in the Town Hall vestibule.

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



## **ALLEGHENY COUNTY TEXT TO 9-1-1 NOW AVAILABLE TO AT&T CUSTOMERS!**

The Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services recently announced AT&T customers in Allegheny County can now utilize Text to 9-1-1 for emergency help when unable to make a voice call. AT&T is the fourth provider to offer Text to 911 services to its customers. Verizon Wireless began offering the service in May, 2014, with T-Mobile adding the service in June, and Sprint adding the service in July.

The Text to 9-1-1 service is available to any customer of the four cellular companies, provided that the caller is within range of an Allegheny County cell tower. Text to 9-1-1 will allow access for the hearing/speech impaired and is also a safe means of contact to 9-1-1 for those who are in a situation where it is unsafe to speak on the phone. Individuals using Text to 9-1-1 should keep the following in mind:

- Customers should use the texting option only when calling 9-1-1 is not an option.
- Using a phone to call 9-1-1 is still the most efficient way to reach emergency help. Texting is not always instantaneous, which is critical during a life-threatening emergency. It will probably take slightly longer to dispatch emergency services in a text to 9-1-1 situation in Allegheny County because of the time involved. Someone must enter the text, and the message must go over the network and must be processed by the 9-1-1 telecommunicator's TTY equipment. The telecommunicator must then read the text and then text back through the TTY equipment.
- Providing location information and nature of the emergency in the first text message is imperative, since the Center will receive only an approximate location of the cell phone and cannot speak with the person sending the text. Text abbreviations or slang should never be used so that the intent of the dialogue can be as clear as possible.
- Customers must be in range of cell towers in the Allegheny County area. If customers are outside or near the edge of the county, the message may not reach the County's Communications Center.
- Texts sent to 9-1-1 have the same 160-character limit as other text messages.
- Customers must have mobile phones that are capable of sending text messages.
- The texting function should only be used for emergency situations that require an immediate response from police, fire, or emergency medical services. Non-emergency issues should still be communicated to the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services through its non-emergency line at 412-473-3056.
- SMS911 should only be used to communicate between emergency help and the texter with no pictures, video, other attachments or other recipients appended to the message.

As of the end of August, 2014, the Center has received over 165 texts to 9-1-1 messages.

*An excerpt from a Press Release issued by the  
Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services*

### **ATTN: PA ID HOLDERS**



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has launched a website designed to allow Pennsylvania driver's license and identification (ID) holders the opportunity to easily and immediately upload their emergency contact information to an online database accessible only to law enforcement and emergency personnel.

The system was developed to ultimately save lives by cutting down on the time needed to locate an emergency contact for individuals involved in situations that render themselves unable to communicate.

The process begins when a user visits [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us) and clicks on the Emergency Contact Information button. Customers will log-in using a secure process that requires the entry of their PA License or ID number, the last four digits of their social security number and their date of birth. Users will then be taken to a secure page where they can add up to two emergency contacts. The information can be changed by the customer at any time by reentering the secure site. Access to the information is available only to law enforcement through a secure law enforcement connection to the system.

***Submitted by Chief of Police Robert W. Wilson***



## 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 to join is to have a working email address that you check on a regular basis. To participate, you can send an email to: [itpdcrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:itpdcrimewatch@gmail.com) or [mmyers@indianatownship.com](mailto: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 can now be alerted by email. This system will only be used when there is a need to get information out to the residents.

Should you have further questions regarding the program, please send an email to [mmyers@indianatownship.com](mailto:mmyers@indianatownship.com) or call me at (412)767-5333, ext. 350.

*Submitted by Officer Marc Myers*

## ATTENTION TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES!

The Police Department keeps a directory of emergency contacts for businesses located in the Township. This is used in case it becomes necessary to make contact in emergency or urgent situations with an owner, manager, or other responsible party. This mostly occurs after hours, but could become necessary during business hours if such a person becomes sick or injured. Most businesses provide this information initially when they obtain their Occupancy Permit from our Code Enforcement office. Over time, these contacts can change. If you would like to review or update your business emergency contacts, please contact Officer Marc Myers at (412) 767-5333, ext. 350 or via email at [mmyers@indianatownship.com](mailto:mmyers@indianatownship.com). Our software allows for up to four contacts per business with both a home and cell number for each contact.

## "A CHILD IS MISSING" ALERT AND RECOVERY CENTER

"A Child Is Missing" is devoted to assisting law enforcement in the search and early safe recovery efforts of children, elderly persons (often with Alzheimer's), and disabled persons via a rapid-response neighborhood alert program utilizing high-tech telephone systems. This alert program is utilized by a number of municipal, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

"A Child Is Missing" will make alert calls (*when requested by the Indiana Township Police Department*) to the last seen areas, to help find these individuals who are missing.

How does the program work? The Indiana Township Police Department will notify "A Child Is Missing" Alert Program with a description of the missing person, their location and any other important information. The Alert Program utilizes computer mapping and enhanced satellite imagery to select an appropriate calling target area. "A Child Is Missing" utilizes a program to establish and maintain the database with quarterly updates. Unlisted numbers and cell phone numbers are not part of this database, but can be added with a simple registration process on the "A Child Is Missing" website at: [www.achildismissing.org](http://www.achildismissing.org). This system generates 1,000 calls in 60 seconds to the area where the person was last seen. Should you have any further questions regarding this program, please contact Officer Kirk Vandenburg at 412-767-5333, Ext 345 or via email at: [kvandenburg@indianatownship.com](mailto:kvandenburg@indianatownship.com).



## NEW STREAMING VIDEO GIVES 511PA USERS BETTER TRAFFIC INFORMATION

PennDOT recently announced that streaming video from its more than 700 traffic cameras is now available on 511PA. PennDOT recently upgraded its 511PA website and mobile application to allow for the continuously streaming footage. Previously, the site and mobile application were limited to providing real-time conditions using still images that were refreshed every five seconds.

“Our 511 system puts travel information at drivers’ fingertips and helps them make travel decisions before and during their trip,” PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch said. “The new streaming video shows real-time traffic flow to help give motorists an even better idea of what to expect on our roadways.”

The streaming video is the latest improvement to the 511PA service. In May, PennDOT announced a 511PA smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices that provides hands-free and eyes-free travel alerts for the nearly 40,000 miles of road that PennDOT maintains as well as the Pennsylvania Turnpike and select New Jersey and West Virginia roadways. Application users can also view the streaming video, travel alerts and more before they travel.

Motorists can check conditions on major roadways by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com). 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts and traffic speed information. 511PA is also available by calling 5-1-1, and by signing up for personal alerts or following regional Twitter alerts accessible on the 511PA website.

PennDOT reminds drivers to “know before you go” and not call or look at any of 511PA’s services while driving.

*An excerpt from a Press Release issued by the PennDOT-Harrisburg*

## INDIANA TOWNSHIP ROAD CLOSURES/DETOURS

As a lot of you may have noticed, there have recently been quite a few road closures and detours within the Township. There is a special “link” on our website where you can easily check for any new closures and/or detours we have been notified of. Go to [www.indianatownship.com](http://www.indianatownship.com) and on the main home page is a direct link to the most current information we have. This will be updated as soon as possible after we receive notifications, so be sure to check it often. We hope you find this link helpful when navigating throughout the Township.

## TOWNSHIP POTHOLE HOTLINE

Anyone wishing to report a pothole on public Township Roads should call Public Works Foreman John Carson directly at the Township Road Garage at **(412)767-5333, extension 319** or via email at: [jcarson@indianatownship.com](mailto:jcarson@indianatownship.com). The Township cannot repair roads that are privately owned or State and County Roads.

Potholes on **STATE ROADS** can be reported to PennDOT at **(412)781-3260**. State Roads located in Indiana Township include:

**SAXONBURG BOULEVARD**

**HARTS RUN ROAD**

**DORSEYVILLE ROAD** (Fox Chapel Rd to Harts Run Rd)

**FOX CHAPEL ROAD**

**GUYS RUN ROAD**

**BURCHFIELD ROAD**

**CHURCH LANE**

**LITTLE DEER CREEK ROAD**

**LeFEVER HILL ROAD**

**RICH HILL ROAD** (Mill Dam Rd to LeFever Hill Rd)

**INDIANOLA ROAD**

**ROUTE 910 LOG CABIN ROAD**

Potholes on **COUNTY** Roads can be reported to Allegheny County at **(412)931-2517**. County Roads located in Indiana Township include:

**CRAWFORD RUN ROAD**

**DORSEYVILLE ROAD**

(Saxonburg Blvd. to Fox Chapel Road - Harts Run Road to Fox Chapel Line - Fox Chapel Line to O'Hara Line)

**MIDDLE ROAD**





## THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP THIS WINTER!

Before you know it, winter will be here and the Indiana Township Public Works Department will soon be hard at work plowing, cindering and salting to make the roads safe for us.

We have approximately 30 miles of Township owned roads; in addition, we also provide snow and ice control on a number of State and County roads within the Township, including all of Indianola Road,

LeFever Hill Road, Little Deer Creek Road, Rich Hill Road and Saxonburg Boulevard, and portions of Harts Run Road, Church Lane, Crawford Run Road, Dorseyville Road, Fox Chapel Road, Burchfield Road, Middle Road, Guys Run Road and Route 910. The remainder of the State and County Roads are maintained by PennDot (412-781-3260) and Allegheny County (412-931-2517); they should be contacted directly with any concerns about their roadways.

### YOU CAN HELP IN THIS EFFORT BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES:

- **PARK YOUR VEHICLES IN YOUR DRIVEWAY** instead of the street or cul-de-sac when snow is predicted. On-street parking not only delays snow removal, but can also create hazardous situations for other motorists and emergency vehicles.
- **TRASH CANS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE CURB**, not in the street.
- **IT IS UNLAWFUL** for any person, firm or corporation to shovel, plow or deposit snow or ice onto the paved or traveled portion of any public highway, road or street.
- **PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING THEIR OWN DRIVEWAYS.** The Public Works Department cannot plow private property under any circumstance. *This includes all Private Roads, also.*
- **USE CAUTION WHEN FOLLOWING SALT TRUCKS DURING SNOW REMOVAL.** Stay a safe distance from the back of the truck so that salt or cinders do not damage your vehicle. When traveling on any narrow roads, please allow adequate room for trucks to maneuver safely around your vehicle. If you encounter a truck attempting to back into a side street, please extend it the right of way.
- **UNLESS YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO REPORT THAT YOUR STREET NEEDS TO BE PLOWED OR SALTED.** Snow routes are completed according to priority, with school bus routes and main roads being cleared first. Side streets and secondary streets are cleared later. Furthermore, the Indiana Township Police Department notifies the Public Works Foreman of dangerous conditions which require immediate attention.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ASSISTING OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT!*

*Submitted by Public Works Foreman John Carson*



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## 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 \$124. For additional information, visit [www.thebagster.com](http://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!!

## 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 NEW 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!!



Every day, you're interacting with the building blocks of the future. You might not realize it, but it's true. In fact, every time you roll your recyclables to the curb, you're giving materials the chance to be transformed into something new. For a long time, the focus has been about doing it for the planet, but recycling also makes a big difference in our community, too.

Recyclebank is helping us change the way we think about recycling. They're constantly posting new content to help us rethink our daily routines, and they're also helping members see how the little things can add up and have a positive impact on the bigger picture.

If you're not familiar with Recyclebank, you're missing out on the chance to turn good actions into great deals. You can earn points for the recycling you already do and by completing fun, interactive features on their website. Best of all, after you've racked up enough points, you can cash them in for discounts on a variety of products and services.

Visit [Recyclebank.com](http://Recyclebank.com) today to sign up!

*Submitted by Daniel L. Anderson, Manager*

## 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 next pickups will be on: December 17<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>.** (There is no monthly yard waste pickups in January or February). 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.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK BOX PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT!

The Township of Indiana now offers a "Prescription Drug Take Back Box". The secured drop off box is located inside the main lobby of the Indiana Town Hall at 3710 Saxonburg Boulevard. Anyone can use the drop off box during normal Township business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m.)

This service is for anyone wanting to dispose of unwanted or unneeded prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs and vitamins. Please do not attempt to dispose of needles or liquid medicines that are not sealed in its original container. This is a safe alternative to disposing of them yourself or keeping them in your house.

*Submitted by Patrolman Marc Myers*



# ABITIBI BINS AVAILABLE FOR RECYCLING!

INDIANA TOWNSHIP NOW HAS ABBITIBI BINS!

Location:

*Town Hall Building, 3710 Saxonburg Blvd., Pgh., 15238 (parking lot)  
Please do not put your items in plastic bags, items will not be accepted if in plastic!*

We have two ABITIBI BINS available for recycling specific materials. Please be sure to read the signage on each bin before disposing of your items. Each bin accepts different types of materials. Bins are emptied by Abitibi every other Wednesday. **If bins are full, DO NOT place materials OUTSIDE OF BIN!** Items outside of bin will not be picked up!

**YELLOW BIN:** Newspapers/ Inserts, Magazines, Catalogs, Office/School Papers & Mail (on left)

**BLUE BIN:** Cardboard and Phonebooks (NOTE: If bin is full, DO NOT leave cardboard on ground next to bins) (on right)

**PLASTIC IS NOT ACCEPTED (including plastic bags)!**

**Please follow all rules! Abuse of this program will result in termination of services!**



The Indiana Township Town Hall Community Center will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

Election Day: November 4

Veteran's Day: November 11

Thanksgiving & Day after: November 27 & 28

Christmas Eve: December 24

Christmas: December 25

New Year's Day: January 1, 2015

*\*This includes Open Gym and the Book Share*



## Hey Neighbor!

The Middle Road Community Park will be hosting "Moonlight Madness" on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The field lights will be lit late into the night.

This activity is run by the Fox Chapel Area Youth Soccer Association.



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# IDENTITY THEFT SOARS

## Don't Become a Statistic — Learn How to Protect Yourself

Identity theft, which occurs when someone uses your personal information to steal your hard-earned money and ruin your credit, is one of the nation's fastest growing crimes. In recent years, Pennsylvania ranked No. 14 among the states with the highest rates of such thefts, which strike more than 15 million people a year, many of whom reported the fraudulent use of their credit cards and bank accounts. As a result, victims, ranging from the elderly to tourists and children, lost an estimated \$24.7 billion in 2013.

As a public service and to keep you and your family members from becoming a statistic, our Township is sharing the following checklist from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. We urge you to take these seven steps to protect your identity and your assets:

**1) Shred all sensitive documents, including bank statements, credit card bills, receipts, utility bills, ATM receipts, and pre-approved credit offers.** One of the most common methods of identity theft is "dumpster diving," where a thief will root through trash bins in search of vital information.

**2) Use unique passwords that only you know.** Ideally, all passwords should be a minimum of eight characters and include at least one symbol that is not a number or letter, such as an ampersand (&) or percent symbol (%). Never use the same password for all of your accounts and be sure to change your passwords every month. Avoid re-using old passwords or using birthdates, friends' names, maiden names, or easily guessed words, such as "God," "password," "administrator," etc. Most important, never use your Social Security number as a password.

**3) Never write down your passwords.** Try to memorize all passwords so that the information is not susceptible to theft. Keep in mind, if you forget your password, procedures are often in place at banks and other places to reset or remind you of your password. While these procedures may be involved and time-consuming, they are better than risking your financial security.

**4) Be wary of providing your Social Security, account, and credit card numbers, passwords, and user IDs.** Be suspicious of any communication that asks for this information or directs you to a website or toll-free number where you are asked to enter it. If the communication pertains to an existing account or a government program that you are enrolled in, the person or entity there should already have this information. When in doubt, hang up the phone or delete the email and consult your local Blue Pages, the back of your credit card, or a previous financial statement for a trusted contact number. If the communication was legitimate, the entity or agency will be aware of it and direct you to the appropriate personnel. When approached about participating in a new account or program, do not hesitate to check up on the person or company soliciting you before supplying sensitive information. Another option: Simply ask the entity to accept a substitute for your Social Security number. While many companies use Social Security numbers to identify accounts, they are often willing to substitute another number for this purpose.

**5) Secure your mail.** Never leave mail unchecked for long periods. In addition to dumpster diving, identity thieves often attempt to pilfer sensitive documents from full mailboxes. They know that the longer a mailbox is left unchecked, the more likely it is to contain this information. If you are going away, call the Postal Service toll-free, (800) 275-8777, and ask it to hold your mail. Likewise, if an expected bill doesn't arrive, immediately contact your credit or service provider because an identity thief may have diverted your mail to another address. Opt out of junk mail by contacting the sender and asking to be removed from their mailing list; calling 888-5-OPT-OUT (888-567-8688) to be removed from mailing lists for free credit card offers; or contacting the Direct Marketing Association to request the removal of your name from their mailing lists. When sending mail, do not leave it in an unsecured mailbox. Instead, drop your outgoing letters in a blue Postal Service mailbox or take it into the local post office. In addition, never put identifying information, such as account numbers, on the outside of your mail.

**6) Use extreme caution when surfing the Internet.** Only provide personal information to secured sites that use encryption technology because it is all too easy for identity thieves to use the Internet to intercept key details. By using secured sites — denoted by an "https" URL in your web browser's address bar or a small yellow padlock in the browser's lower right corner — you can ensure that no one else can view your data transfer. Data encryption further scrambles the information so that if there are eavesdroppers, they only see meaningless random characters. In addition to using secure sites, make sure you have up-to-date virus protection on your computer to protect against malicious programs, such as Trojan Horses, that can record your keystrokes, websites visited, and personal information saved on your computer. Even if you have adequate virus protection, you should avoid storing personal information on your computer. Also, by using disposable email accounts for each Internet transaction, you enhance your security and can avoid spam emails.

**7) Check your credit report today.** Often, identity theft victims aren't aware of the theft until it is too late and their credit rating has been seriously damaged. However, you are entitled to a free copy of your credit report every 12 months. Take advantage of this to be absolutely certain that your credit information is accurate. Free reports are available from the following credit reporting bureaus: Trans Union, (800) 680-7289/www.transunion.com; Equifax, (888) 766-0008/www.equifax.com; and Experian, (888) 397-3742/www.experian.com.

One thing to keep in mind about identity theft: Some people have spent years trying to clear their name with creditors. However, with a dose of care and caution, you can avoid a similar headache.

*Article is from PA State Association of Township's "Townships Today" Quarterly Newsletter*

# Indiana Township Police K-9 Shirts For Sale!

Please contact K9 Officer Scott Palmer to place your order 412-767-5333, Ext. 339 or via email at [spalmer@indianatownship.com](mailto:spalmer@indianatownship.com). Shirts are also available for sale in the Town Hall Office during regular business hours.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

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# **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**

*(October, 1995)*

1. **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 sixteen square feet by three feet high (16 sq.ft. X 3 ft. high); and
- iv. The fire is at least ten feet (10 ft.) from the nearest structure, inhabited area, roadway, property line, or utility; and

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).

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



## **PROPERTY TAXES.... Now Due!!!!**

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED ACT 169 WHICH ESTABLISHES ONE DATE (DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>) FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND REQUIRES THE ANNUAL RECONCILIATION OF REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> TO ALL TAXING DISTRICTS.

**ALL TAX PAYMENTS PERTAINING TO THAT PARTICULAR YEAR MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>. SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS WILL TAKE PLACE BY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AND ANY UNPAID TAX ACCOUNTS WILL BE TURNED OVER IMMEDIATELY TO THE DELINQUENT COLLECTORS.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR TOWNSHIP OR SCHOOL TAXES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR PHYLLIS WILL AT (412)486-5559.

**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.**

*Submitted by Phyllis Will, Real Estate Tax Collector*



# ALARM LAW

The State legislature passed a law addressing the growing problem of nuisance false alarms. In Indiana Township, the police and fire departments answer hundreds of false alarm calls each year. This law provides for fines of up to \$300 for home or business owners who have more than three (3) false alarms in any twelve (12) month period. If you are having problems with persistent false alarms at your home or business, please contact your alarm company to have the problem corrected.

It is also important to remember to LOCK your doors after activating your alarm system when you leave your home or business. Many times, police officers arrive at an alarm call only to find that the property owner turned on his alarm system, and then left without locking the doors. In addition, it is very important for the police to be able to locate your home in the event of an actual emergency. **THEREFORE, IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED DUE TO 9-1-1 RENUMBERING, PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPLY YOUR ALARM COMPANY WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS.** This is critical to ensure prompt police/fire response. If you have any questions regarding the Alarm Law, contact Officer Marc Myers at 412-767-5333, extension 350.

## 20 FALSE ALARM REDUCTION TIPS FOR CONSUMERS

1. Choose a dealer wisely! Choose a company that is a NBFAA member, look for an I.Q. Certified Company, and purchase a system only from a licensed alarm dealer.
2. Demand thorough training so you are comfortable using your system.
3. Keep a sheet with simple operating procedures for the system handy.
4. Everyone who has a key to your home or business must know how to operate your security system.
5. Remind visiting relatives, kids returning from school, etc. how to use your system.
6. Require all alarm users to use the system in a very responsible way.
7. Be comfortable with how much time you have to arm and disarm your system.
8. Request that all power consuming devices be point identified.
9. Service and maintain the system regularly before false alarms occur.
10. Before leaving-securely close and lock all protected doors and windows.
11. Make sure all doors and windows stay closed whenever your system is armed.
12. Keep pets, fans, heaters, balloons, etc. away from motion sensor areas.
13. Contact your alarm company if you are planning any home improvements.
14. Contact the alarm company and tell them of any changes in your telephone service (call waiting or fax line) or if you get a new area code.
15. Contact your alarm company as soon as you obtain a new pet.
16. Have all alarm system users practice the process to cancel an accidental alarm.
17. When a false alarm occurs-Don't Panic! Enter your disarm code carefully to reset your alarm.
18. If you set off your alarm by accident do not leave until you are certain that either your system is reset or your central station calls you and you give your pass or ID code (this is different from your disarming code).
19. Understand that every time your alarm goes off, it is like calling 9-1-1.
20. If you don't understand any aspect of your system, ask your dealer.

Submitted by Officer Marc Myers, INDIANA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



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# TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

## *Poorly Maintained or Malfunctioning Heating Systems Are Often to Blame*

As another heating season begins, the Allegheny County Health Department is reminding residents about the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. "We recommend that everyone be sure that all heaters and other fuel-burning devices are working properly. Installing carbon monoxide detectors can also help detect a problem before it can cause poisoning," said Acting Health Director Dr. Ron Voorhees.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas that is the by-product of incomplete combustion of a fuel. Hundreds die each year nationwide from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning, but most deaths could be prevented through greater awareness and education.

Common sources of carbon monoxide are a malfunctioning or incorrectly vented furnace, hot water heater, space heater, fireplace, cooking stove or other type of fuel-burning equipment. Misusing a charcoal grill or a cooking stove to warm a house and leaving a car, van or truck running in an attached or integral garage are other possible carbon monoxide sources.

Furnaces and fireplaces should be cleaned and inspected before each heating season. Carbon monoxide detectors can help as well, but are no substitute for regular furnace maintenance.

Carbon monoxide poisoning may include any of the following symptoms: headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, rapid heartbeat, loss of hearing, blurry vision, vomiting, disorientation, seizures, loss of consciousness, coma, respiratory failure and cardiac arrest. Anyone who experiences symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning should leave the premises and immediately call 911.

Everyone is at risk, but individuals with health problems such as heart or lung diseases, the elderly, infants, children and pregnant women are especially vulnerable.

The Health Department is offering a free brochure entitled "What You Should Know To Protect Your Family From Carbon Monoxide." The brochure is available from the Allegheny County Health Department by calling 412-687-ACHD (2243) or visiting its web site at [www.achd.net](http://www.achd.net).

***Submitted by the Allegheny County Health Department - Public Information Office***

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*for residents in the*

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**At the Indiana Township**

**Town Hall**

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**YOU MUST R.S.V.P. BY CALLING 412-828-6881 EITHER ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>. BE SURE TO LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION.**

If you plan to attend, please arrive PROMPTLY at Noon as the meeting will begin at this time. Should you arrive AFTER the scheduled starting time, please be sure to ring the doorbell in the vestibule (*located to the right of the door*) so we can let you inside.

**BASED UPON BOTH ATTENDANCE AND ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING MAY ADJOURN SOONER THAN 2:00 PM.**

## Community Concern Mows Ball Field

I played baseball as a kid. It was a lot of fun. Two District #3 boys like to play baseball as well. So much so that they got involved and showed us adults how to solve a community problem. You see, Troy H. and Hunter Z., who live along Rich Hill Road, grew tired of playing on a ball field that was neglected due to a few extenuating circumstances. Some of the circumstances were a homeowners association in disarray, an apathetic partnership and an overall "someone else will take care of this" attitude until it becomes a real problem.

In short, the Shawnee Ridge Housing Plan owns a ball field that is shared with Rich Hill Estates. It is not Township property. For many years, the field was maintained by a professional landscaper and the cost was split between the two organizations. Unfortunately, the relationship, along with the Shawnee Ridge HOA, fell apart. We later learned that the Shawnee Ridge HOA was broke and that the relationship with Rich Hill Estates diminished as well. In the meantime, the grass on the ball field continued to grow and grow. The grass grew so high (approximately 4 feet) that boys like Troy H. and Hunter Z. could not play baseball on the field anymore.

So rather than complain or argue about who should do what and pay for what, the two boys got out their lawnmowers, continuously filled up their gas tanks and mowed the field on their own, at their own expense. The end result was a fresh cut ball field. I must say, it looked awesome! Certainly a job well done. Congratulations boys for working so hard to make this happen. Enjoy the fruits of your labor and PLAY BALL!!!

At this time, the adults have to take it from here and ensure that this situation does not repeat itself. Anyone interested in helping with this situation can contact me at any time. We need your time, dedication and support.

**THANKS AGAIN BOYS!!!**

*Sincerely, Darrin J. Krally,  
Twp. Supervisor- District #3: Rural Ridge*

## Friends & Neighbors

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



[www.darrinjkrally.com](http://www.darrinjkrally.com)

*Darrin J. Krally  
Indiana Township  
Supervisor, District 3*

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# FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) NEWS

## NOAA WEATHER RADIOS - EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE ONE!

A NOAA Weather Radio can help you monitor dangerous storms: it transmits alerts of severe weather and dangerous conditions before they arrive.

The National Weather Service (NWS) broadcasts forecasts and severe weather warnings and watches 24 hours a day over the NOAA radio network. A watch means that potentially life-threatening weather is heading toward your area. A warning means that potentially life-threatening weather is imminent or already occurring.

NOAA's radio system is an all-hazards system, providing watches and warnings for such incidents as floods, tornados, oil spills, 911 telephone outages, terrorist and AMBER alerts, as well as post-event information. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency recommend that every home and business have a NOAA Weather Radio receiver as standard equipment for around-the-clock reports.

Weather radios are available at electronics stores at prices ranging from \$20 to \$200. Here are some features you should look for when purchasing one:

- Alarm tone - This allows the radio to be set on silent but produces a special tone to alert you to severe weather.
- Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) - This feature provides area specific information by filtering out alerts that do not affect your immediate area.
- Hand crank or battery operated - A radio should be able to operate on batteries or be hand-cranked to produce operating power.
- Tunable to all NWS frequencies - Visit [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr) for frequencies.
- For those with a hearing impairment - A feature that allows radios to connect the alarms to other attention-getting devices such as personal computers and text printers.

More information is available online at [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr).

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## **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT STORM OR FLOOD**

Heavy rains and flooding can occur anytime. Officials recommend that Pennsylvania residents prepare now for the next storm or flood. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), some simple actions can be taken to lower your chances of flood property losses and to make sure your family is safe.

**CREATING AND KEEPING RECORDS SAFE:** Create a file with your personal information in it. Keep the information in a safe deposit box or in a waterproof container in your home. The file should contain:

- ✓ Life and property insurance policies and your agent's contact information.
- ✓ A copy of your deed if you own real estate.
- ✓ Financial records and bank account numbers.
- ✓ An inventory of your possessions.
- ✓ Photographs of each room and its contents.
- ✓ Critical documents such as wills, trusts, and medical directives.

**PREPARING YOUR HOME:**

- ✓ Keep your sump pump in good working order.
- ✓ Clean out debris from gutters and downspouts regularly so rain water can flow through.
- ✓ Keep fuel tanks anchored to prevent them from floating away and possibly causing harm.
- ✓ Raise electrical items such as switches, circuit breakers, and wiring at least 12 inches above the point you think floodwaters might reach.
- ✓ If possible, raise the furnace, water heater, washer, and dryer onto cement blocks at least 12 inches above the point you expect flood water might reach.

**SAFEGUARDING YOUR FAMILY:**

- ✓ Make a safety kit with a 3 day supply of drinking water and canned food, a can opener, first aid items, blankets, a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) radio, and a flashlight with batteries.
- ✓ Put emergency contact telephone numbers by each phone, program them into your cell phones, post them on the refrigerator and teach your children how to dial 911.
- ✓ Know your community's evacuation plan and practice the flood evacuation route with your family. Find safe routes from home, work and school-those on higher ground.
- ✓ Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to be the contact for your family in case of an emergency.
- ✓ Make plans to protect and care for your pets.
- ✓ Purchase flood insurance. When the next flood comes you will be glad you have an insurance settlement to help you recover from any losses you have. To find the agent closest to you, go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) and enter your address.

For more information on emergency preparations visit [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) or [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), or call FEMA's Helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily. Those with speech or hearing impairments may call TTY 1-800-462-7585. If you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. Operators are multilingual and calls are answered seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. You also can register online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by smart phone or tablet at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov). If you have a disability and need help registering, please don't hesitate to contact FEMA to ask for help.

*FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.*

## NHCO: Helping People Get on the Road to Independence

Transportation is one of the top three reasons people come to North Hills Community Outreach for help, behind hunger issues and utility help. Due to cuts in public transportation and the expense of buying a vehicle, many people have to take jobs on the bus line with less than optimum hours. Imagine your life without a car...imagine walking with your toddler on cold winter mornings down a dark road to catch a bus to day care, then catching another bus to a minimum wage job in a shopping district, then doing the same thing on the way home. Imagine not having a car to get your kids to the doctor, sports, worship or the grocery store.

NHCO's Community Auto program helps working people in need. Our unique vehicle donation program accepts donated vehicles that in turn are repaired and sold to low-income working families who need a car to get to work. Having a car means having better job opportunities for working families! ***This program changes lives!*** We accept vehicles in any condition, and you could get the maximum tax deduction. Visit [www.communityauto.org](http://www.communityauto.org) or call 724-443-8300 for more information.

Seniors also need help with transportation. NHCO's Free Rides for Senior shuttle, a partnership of St. Margaret Foundation, offers free rides for senior citizens along the lower Freeport Road area (Sharpsburg to Blawnox) on weekdays. The shuttle is entirely volunteer run, and *we desperately need drivers and on-board dispatchers!* Consider offering just three or four hours a week to make a huge difference in the lives of many seniors who otherwise could not get to medical appointments or the grocery store, or just socialize! No special license needed, and training is provided! Please contact Kerry at [kkmulhern@nhco.org](mailto:kkmulhern@nhco.org) or 412-449-0151, or visit [www.nhco.org](http://www.nhco.org) for more information.



*Beth is a single mom, full-time student and part-time employee. She saved and bought this Prius from Community Auto and now she doesn't have to rely on friends to get to school, day care, and work.*

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## FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

In 1928, a group of business leaders decided that they wanted to create the best new community in Pittsburgh. To do it, they formed the Fox Chapel District Association. Since then, FCDA has been instrumental in building - among other things, the Highland Park Bridge, Squaw Valley Park and its well loved trail, two libraries and soon a beautiful new community center. In November, it will be three years since FCDA was at the forefront of the effort to purchase the Aspinwall Marina to become a riverfront park – ***and we are thrilled to announce that four acres of the Park will open in mid to late October this year.*** (Like Aspinwall Riverfront Park on Facebook to be the first to know the exact date!)

A reporter recently called the Park, “the most innovative project going on in the whole City.” We think so, and are looking forward to sharing more of what so many of you are helping to create. The Park's unique location – beside the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and along the River - inspired the theme of the design, called “Raindrops to Rivers”. Mounds of earth ripple out from a center garden like a raindrop, with “rivers” of perennials flowing over them.

Soon after buying the property we surveyed 1,800 people to determine what our community wanted in a park. The number one and two responses were trails and nature. The portion of the Park opening in October delivers both: offering a 1/4 mile walking trail, native gardens, groves of trees, a boardwalk, a wetland garden designed to minimize waste water flowing into the River, and a hillside amphitheater which showcases beautiful views of the river and the town.

Like those early founders of FCDA, we still have big dreams for our new Park and our community - foremost among them is creating the most unique River access in the region. We look forward to the privilege of continuing to work with you to make these dreams come true. Looking forward to seeing you at the Park this fall!



***Submitted by Susan Crookston, Aspinwall Marina Project***

# BOUQUET PARK POOL

www.bouquetpark.com

It's not too early to start planning on how you will spend the summer of 2015. Bouquet Park Pool is the perfect place that is affordable and close to home. Bouquet Park Pool is a family oriented, heated outdoor swimming pool and is just minutes from the Pittsburgh Mills Mall. **Indiana Township residents are welcome to join at the same rate as Springdale residents.**

Visit our website to see what we have to offer. Our memberships include family and individual memberships, weekend and senior memberships, there is something for everyone. A pool representative is always available to discuss with you which option will be the least expensive to meet your needs. Our pool has amenities including a baby pool, a swim team, adirondack chairs, a refreshment stand, friendly staff members, and plenty of sun as well as shade to enjoy. We now show movies on our inflatable screen which will be every other Saturday night, after we close. You can swim while you watch, or just relax and enjoy the show. If you enjoy not cooking on Sundays, we have our monthly barbeques where we supply the main course, and everyone brings in their favorite side.

Parking is free with handicapped spaces available. Come to a place where everyone feels welcome from the time you walk in until you leave. Give your family something to do everyday of the summer! Questions may be sent to: [bouquetpark@gmail.com](mailto:bouquetpark@gmail.com) or call: Janeane at 724-274-8920.

## 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](mailto:jrouggie@indianatownship.com) to obtain the proper form.**

## REMOVING DEAD DEER FROM ROADWAYS

(412)781-3260

Please call the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at this number to remove deer hit by vehicles and are on the side of the road. However, this is for STATE- OWNED roads only. Also, keep in mind they remove **deer only**...please do not call for the removal of any other types of animals. When calling, be sure to tell them your name, address (including Township and County) and phone number, as well as the approximate date the deer was killed and its location.

## THE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for Election Day  
Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans' Day  
Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving  
Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Eve  
Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Day  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years' Day



## REMEMBER!!

For the safety of yourself and family members.... Lock your doors and windows **every** time you leave home!!!

# **CHRISTMAS FIRE SAFETY TIPS**



The Holiday season is upon us. This is a time of joy but there is also an element of danger. To keep your holiday season joyful, we would like to take a few moments to discuss important safety issues. Christmas, along with Hanukkah, is undoubtedly the highlight of the holiday season. Gatherings of people, food, drink, fancy clothing, candles, decorations and the fireplace are all part of these events.

New Year's comes right around the corner and we are all exhausted. The issue of our personal and loved ones' safety tends to take a back seat to all of this celebration. Holiday safety should be part of our planning when preparing for these festive days. Below are a few suggestions to make your holiday season remembered for it's joyfulness and not for it's tragedy.

- Be sure to test your smoke detectors.
- Clean the oven and stove prior to the holiday. Often the extra load on these appliances causes a fire due to the high use and extra grease build-up.
- Keep kitchen clutter away from the stove and oven.
- Be extra careful with matches and candles.
- Avoid loose, flammable clothing. Clothing often catches on fire around candles, matches, fireplaces and stoves (both electric and gas).
- Keep decorations away from sources of heat such as open flames, electric heaters and exposed electric bulbs.
- Don't overload electric outlets. Inspect electrical cords and light sets. If in doubt - throw them out.

## **Christmas Tree tips:**

- Keep your Christmas tree in a sturdy base filled with water and check the water level daily.
- Spraying the Christmas tree with a flame retardant is always a good idea.
- Make a fresh cut on the trunk of your tree and place in a sturdy holder.
- Place the tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces and heaters.
- Do not use candles on or near the tree.
- Safely dispose of your tree before it becomes dangerously dry; however, never burn tree or tree parts in your fireplace.

## **Christmas Light tips:**

- Purchase only UL approved lights.
- Check all indoor and outdoor lights for frayed cords, replace if necessary.
- Never use lights that have an empty socket.
- Lights should not touch combustible materials. Use only outdoor lights for "outdoors".
- Turn off all Christmas lights prior to leaving your home or going to bed.
- Mini lights are safest because they produce less heat.
- Avoid using extension cords, but if you do follow instructions carefully.
- Do not overload electrical circuits such as wall outlets and extension cords; use a circuit strip.

## **Christmas Wrapping tips:**

- Keep combustible materials away from heat sources.
- Never burn wrappings in your fireplace.

In closing, every home should have an operating fire extinguisher and smoke detector. We would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season.



**INDIANA TOWNSHIP WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING  
NEW BUSINESS TO THE TOWNSHIP:**

**ELSEWHERE HAIR & NAIL HAVEN, 715 Dorseyville Road, Unit D1**

*(Fairview Area)*

# Park Pavilion Rentals

The Township will begin accepting applications for pavilion rentals on **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45am**. Applications will be accepted **IN PERSON ONLY** at the Indiana Township Town Hall building during regular business hours. Renters must be at least 21 yrs. of age. Payment for rental must be made at the time of application by cash, check, Mastercard, Visa or Discover. However the Damage Security Deposit must be in the form of a check.

**NOTE: Application will not be accepted without payment and damage security deposit...no exceptions!**

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

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 DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE AT THE TIME OF SIGN-UP; NO SHELTERS WILL BE HELD WITHOUT PAYMENT. TWO SEPARATE CHECKS OR CASH ARE REQUIRED; THE TOWNSHIP DOES ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS FOR THE RENTAL FEE BUT NOT THE DEPOSIT!**

<u>EMMERLING PARK</u>				
Old Mill Dam (by ballfield), Dogwood (by volleyball), Laurel Oak (before Emmerling House)				
<u>MIDDLE ROAD</u>				
Pleasant View				
<u>RURAL RIDGE</u>				
<i>Rental Fees are under review. Fees will be determined at the January 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting.</i>				
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
	51-75	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
NON-RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT REPRESENTING A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$155.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
	51-75	\$230.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
ANY PROFITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION	1-50	\$230.00	\$100.00	\$60.00
	51-75	\$305.00	\$100.00	\$60.00



**American Association of University Women, Fox Chapel Area Branch**  
FOX CHAPEL AREA BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
(AAUW) PRESENTS:

**CAN GAMES AND SCHOOL MIX?**

WHEN: Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 9:30 AM  
LOCATION: Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church (*corner Fox Chapel and Field Club roads*)  
SPEAKER: Nikki Navta, CEO, Zulama

Could gaming help keep kids from dropping out of school? It's worth a try! believes Nikki Navta, founder of the innovative new video software company Zulama. Re-engaging students who are turned off by school is just one of her objectives in developing video games that also deliver quantifiable educational outcomes.

With a background in both mathematics and fine arts, as well as years of experience working with textbook publishers, Nikki recognized the need – and a terrific opportunity – to propel traditional learning materials into the digital age.

Developed with the help of faculty at Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center, Ms. Navta's programs mix lessons in science, technology, engineering and mathematics with a healthy dose of fun. Her video games for middle and high school students represent an energizing blend of both technology and creativity, resulting in new skill sets requiring collaboration, critical thinking, oral and written communication, and creative expression.

Join us for this dynamic and interactive presentation, in which audience members will be encouraged to become students again. Come prepared to LEARN, but don't expect a classroom anything like the one you remember! The public is welcome to attend this AAUW-sponsored presentation, and the program is free.

***AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy,  
philanthropy, education, and research.***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Lindsay Bond Totten, Publicity Chair, Fox Chapel Area Branch, AAUW. Phone: 412-826-0626 or at Email: [lbtotten@comcast.net](mailto:lbtotten@comcast.net).**

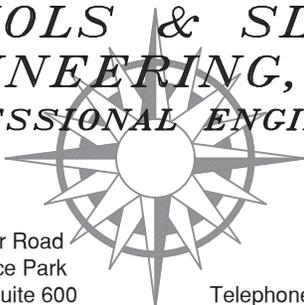
**IRON CITY BASEBALL UPDATE**

Iron City Baseball 14U Travel Team, a non-profit organization, is looking for players for their 2015 Season. Tryouts are on Monday evenings from 6-8pm by appointment, starting Monday October 27th 6-8pm at the PISA complex in Harmar on Rich Hill Road. If interested, please call Don at 412-952-9894 or via email at [IronCityBaseball@comcast.net](mailto:IronCityBaseball@comcast.net).

Submitted by Renee Wagner

Iron City Baseball formerly Indiana Township 9U Travel Team

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT AUDUBON SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

All events take place at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road, Fox Chapel. Register for events by calling (412) 963-6100 or visit [www.aswp.org](http://www.aswp.org).

**Free! Birds and More Naturalist Led Hikes** – Every Wednesday morning at 9 am at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

**Full Moon Hike** – November 6<sup>th</sup> at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Explore the reserve under the light of a full moon.

**Audubon Nature Store Pre-Holiday Sale – November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Audubon Nature Store Holiday Sale – December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** - Enjoy light refreshments and get first dibs on our selection of sale items including holiday gifts, greeting cards, ornaments, home décor and more during this one-day event! Audubon Nature Store is located at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve.

**DIY With Audubon: Design Your Own Walking Stick** – December 6<sup>th</sup> at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Create the ultimate hiking tool—then take it home to use on future walks. Registration is required at least 2 days in advance of this program.

**Holiday Teas with Audubon** – November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. Get into the holiday spirit with Audubon! Our holiday teas are held in the historic mansion at our Succop Nature Park, located just 30 minutes from Indiana Township! The Park is beautifully decorated for the holidays! Join us for tea, snacks, holiday carols, and a craft.

**Pittsburgh Christmas Bird Count** – December 27<sup>th</sup> for Pittsburgh. Please visit our website at [www.aswp.org](http://www.aswp.org), for the dates of all regional Christmas Bird Counts.

**Maple Madness** – March 21, 2015 at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. March means maple! Join us for a hike through the history through the history of maple sugaring. And enjoy a pancake brunch with real maple syrup! Reservations are required.

## SHADY SIDE ACADEMY NEWS

### Admissions Open Houses

Families interested in applying to Shady Side Academy for the 2015-2016 school year are invited to attend an upcoming admissions open house to tour campus, meet the faculty and school head, and learn more about SSA. RSVP online at [www.ShadySideAcademy.org/VisitUs](http://www.ShadySideAcademy.org/VisitUs).



Junior School (PK-5, Point Breeze)	Thursday, Oct. 16, at 9:15 a.m.
	Saturday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m.
	Thursday, Dec. 4, at 9:15 a.m.
Middle School (6-8, Fox Chapel)	Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 9 a.m.
Senior School (9-12, Fox Chapel)	Saturday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m.
	Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

### Hillman Performing Arts Series

Don't miss these upcoming Hillman Series shows! All shows are Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at The Hillman Center for Performing Arts, located on the SSA Senior School campus at 423 Fox Chapel Road. Learn more and buy tickets online at [www.thehillman.org](http://www.thehillman.org) or call the box office at 412-968-3040.

November 15, 2014	Cirk La Putyka: Slapstick Sonata
December 6, 2014	Author Robert D. Kaplan
February 28, 2015	ArcAttack: Tesla Coil Music
March 7, 2015	National Dance Company of Ireland: Rhythm of the Dance
April 11, 2015	Popovich Comedy Pet Theater



PRESENTS:

## GLITTER & GLOW – A GIRLS' NIGHT OUT TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON!

**GLITTER & GLOW**, a festive evening of shopping fun is back for a seventh fabulous year, led by co-chairs Wendy Mitchell and Judy Hannon, both of Fox Chapel. Join the fun on Wednesday, December 3rd at the Fox Chapel Golf Club from 7 to 9 pm for a unique shopping opportunity that combines irresistible gifts, Holiday décor, delicious food and a social night out with friends!

Nibble on delicious hors d'oeuvres while you peruse the Silent Auction that has become famous for its creative collection of Holiday décor and unique gifts – many of them hand-crafted by Fox Chapel Garden Club members.

Got your gift list conquered? Then visit the Holiday Boutique, filled with dozens of fresh green arrangements and wreaths that will instantly give your home that special Holiday flair. Showy potted amaryllis bulbs are perfect for those last-minute hostess gifts, and you'll definitely need some of the homemade sweets to satisfy the crowd.

Co-chairs Wendy Mitchell and Judy Hannon expressed their delight at the diversity of items in this year's Silent Auction. "Once again, the creativity of the members of Fox Chapel Garden Club has been extraordinary. Many of the items in the Silent Auction are one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted by our members," says Judy. Wendy added, "It's a great opportunity to check some of those items off your gift list, have a fun evening out with friends and family."

Club president Christine Bennet stated: **GLITTER & GLOW** enables the Fox Chapel Garden Club to support many worthy organizations throughout our entire area, including the Aspinwall Riverfront Park, the Cooper-Siegel Community Library, the St. Margaret Foundation "Garden of Hope" as well as many others. Through this support, we endeavor to make a positive impact on the quality of life for all residents of the area."

So celebrate this wonderful season with **GLITTER & GLOW** and support our community at the same time!

## SENECA EMS TOY BASH!

Seneca Area's 2<sup>nd</sup> Toy Bash will be held on November 22, 2014 at the VFW in Sharpsburg. The first drawing is at 1:00 p.m. Boy and Girl Tickets are \$20.00 each. The Ticket includes complimentary food and drinks throughout the event. We will also be holding a Chinese Auction including a variety of baskets, raffles, and a big 50/50, along with smaller 50/50's. This event is for adults only. The event is being held to help parents in time for children's Christmas gifts. If interested in purchasing tickets, please call the Seneca Area EMS station at 412-781-8596, ext. 11.

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Inquires contact Becky Benesh = 412-596-9370 = [becky@burchfielddance.com](mailto:becky@burchfielddance.com)

# JINGLE, MINGLE AND SHOP

Fox Chapel Country Day School announces a Save the Date for its annual Jingle, Mingle and Shop event to be held on Friday, December 5th, 2014 from 8 AM – 2 PM in the Great Hall of Christ Church adjacent to the School at 620 Squaw Run Road East. There will also be a preview party on Thursday, December 4th, 2014 from 6 PM – 9 PM. Jingle, a holiday boutique, is open to the public and offers the convenience of one-stop shopping along with an exciting experience for the entire family. Jingle will include unique retailers selling a variety of gifts for men, women, and children including specialty, handcrafted and one-of-a-kind items that cannot be found in most stores. Shoppers will find extraordinary gifts for everyone on their lists, all in one place! An assortment of holiday greens and poinsettias will be available through advanced order, with some additional greens available for sale on the day of Jingle. Proceeds from Jingle will benefit the school. Founded in 1948, Fox Chapel Country Day School is a small, independent, elementary school providing a foundation that is centered in academics and the arts, in which each child may achieve both academic success and personal self-confidence. Additional information about Jingle and Fox Chapel Country Day School can be found at [www.foxchapelcountryday.com](http://www.foxchapelcountryday.com). Please send any questions to [Jingle@foxchapelcountryday.com](mailto:Jingle@foxchapelcountryday.com).



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## IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE!

If you pay off your mortgage and your mortgage company is paying your taxes out of escrow, or if you move, please be sure to contact the Real Estate Tax Collector, Phyllis Will, at 412-486-5559 with the new mailing information.

## FOX CHAPEL AREA NEWCOMERS' CLUB

If you are new to the area and are looking for ways to network, become familiar with your new surroundings, and meet new people in the area, please check out the Fox Chapel Area New Comers' Club! We are predominantly made up of women, but please do not let that inhibit your decision to come check us out! We meet September - May.

Find out more about us on our website, <http://foxchapelnewcomers.org/>.  
**Submitted by Member Erica A. Birkner**

# Cooper-Siegel Community Library

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www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org

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**LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:** Please register by calling the reference department at 412-828-9520, ext. 215 or by sending an email to [coopersiegelref@einetwork.net](mailto:coopersiegelref@einetwork.net). *NOTE: Some programs and classes will have fees and some are free.*

**5K Race Fundraiser:** On November 8 the library hosts a 5K run/walk to benefit the library on the Shadyside Academy Campus. To volunteer or participate, please call the library at 412-828-9520 ext. 215. **E-readers are now available for loan** with free ebooks for you to read. Choose from Ipad mini, Google Nexus, Kindle Paperwhite or Fire, and Barnes and Noble Nook. **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 and times. **Victorian Tea:** Enjoy a proper English tea. Small fee for refreshments. Contact the library for date. **Tech Help:** The library offers one-on-one help with computers, tablets, phones and other devices. Contact the reference department for details. **Computer Classes:** The library offers several classes throughout the year. Please contact the reference department for details. **Free Continuing Education Courses Online:** Use your library card and connect to Universal Class from our website, over 500 courses including Microsoft Office courses, for all ages, and you earn CEU hours. **Free Streaming Video and Music Downloads** are new to our library, connect from our website. Also get free e-books, e-audio, and e-magazines from our website. **Sunday Music at the Library:** A free concert once a month at 2 pm is held during the months the library is open on Sundays. **Winter Reading Program:** Sign up to win prizes for reading! Begins in January.

*Please check with the Reference Department for a current schedule of services and events for adults. The library is accepting cell phones, laptops, MP3 players, and digital cameras to be recycled by the Pittsburgh Zoo for endangered animal programs. Consider donating your used books, DVDs, and more to the library and 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. 218

**Story Times:** For toddlers (ages 24 to 36 months) are held on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 am. Story times for preschoolers (ages 3 to 5 years) are held on Tuesdays at 10:30 am or Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Baby lap-sit story times (ages infants to 24 months) are held on Fridays at 10:30 am. **Winter Reading Program:** Starts in January. Win a Prize for Reading! **Movie Time:** November 16 at 2 pm. **Lego Building:** November 2 and December 14 at 2 pm. **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 by calling the teen department at 412-828-9520, ext. 210

**Art Club:** Stop by the last Friday of each month at 5 pm for a fun craft and snacks! **Book Bingo:** November 9 at 2 pm: Play bingo and win prizes! **Candy Wrapper Art:** November 6 at 6:30 pm: use your used candy wrappers to decorate. **Mother/Daughter Book Club:** held once a month. **Teen Newsletter:** Write, draw or take pictures for our newsletter. **Winter Reading Program** for teens starts in January.

*Please check with the Teen Department for other events being held this fall and winter.*

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## FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT COMPUTERS AND/OR INTERNET SERVICE!!

**ATTENTION STUDENTS WITHOUT COMPUTERS OR INTERNET:** The Rotary Club of Fox Chapel Area and Volunteers of America's All of Us Care program are partnering to provide students without computers in the Fox Chapel Area School District with a free computer and one year of Internet access. Qualified families must have students on the free or reduced lunch National School Program and cannot currently have Comcast Internet. For more information call 412-782-5344, extension 208.



## TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

### ***Township Manager***

Daniel Anderson (Ext.312)

### ***Chief of Police***

Robert W. Wilson (Ext.316)

### ***Public Works Foreman***

John Carson (Ext.319)

### ***Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal***

Jeffrey Curti (Ext. 320)

### ***Engineer***

Daniel Slagle (412-269-9440)

### ***Solicitor***

Irv Firman

### ***Tax Collector***

Phyllis Will

2505 MIDDLE RD, GLENSHAW, 15116 (412)486-5559

### ***Earned Income Tax Collector***

Keystone Collections Group  
(724)978-0300 Fax: (724)978-0322  
[www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com)

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PAUL JORGENSEN, Mayor (*Dist.#1*) . . . . . (412)767-5711  
DANIEL TAYLOR, Deputy Mayor (*District #4*). (412)486-0109  
DARRIN KRALLY (*District #3*). . . . . (412)828-6881  
JEFFREY PECK (*District #2*) . . . . . (412)512-4504  
MICHAEL SCHURKO (*District #5*) . . . . . (412)963-0324

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Township Office & Police (non-emergency). (412)767-5333

Fax Number. . . . . (412)767-4773

**EMERGENCY (Police/Fire/Ambulance). . . . . 9-1-1**

**WEBSITE:** [www.indianatownship.com](http://www.indianatownship.com)

## TOWNSHIP E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

General: [admin@indianatownship.com](mailto:admin@indianatownship.com)

Police: [police@indianatownship.com](mailto:police@indianatownship.com)

## FOX CHAPEL AREA

### SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

(representing Indiana Township residents)

Sandra Garbish. . . . . (412)767-5323

Robert Mauro. . . . . (412)963-6152

Terrence L. Wirginis. . . . . (412)963-6712

## »» 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! 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.

## YOUR VOICES IN GOVERNMENT

### FEDERAL SENATORS

**ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.**

393 Russell Senate Office Bldg.

Washington, DC 20510

(202)224-6324

(412)803-7370 (*Pgh. Office*)

**PAT TOOMEY**

100 Station Square Drive

Suite 225

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(412) 803-3501

### COUNTY COUNCIL:

**RICH FITZGERALD, CTY EXEC.**

101 Cty Courthouse, 436 Grant St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(412) 350-6500

**COUNCILMAN ED KRESS, DIST. #3**

Room 119, 436 Grant Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(412)350-6535

### CONGRESSIONAL

**KEITH ROTHFUS, 12<sup>th</sup> District**

6000 Babcock Blvd., Ste. 104.

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

(412)837-1361

### STATE SENATOR

**JIM FERLO (38<sup>th</sup>)**

1633 Pacific Avenue

Natrona Heights, PA 15065

(724) 230-2000

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

**FRANK DERMODY (33<sup>rd</sup>)**

1321 Freeport Road, Ste. 202

Cheswick, PA 15024

(724) 274-4770

### STATE GOVERNOR

**TOM CORBETT**

Platt Pl., 301 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste 204

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

(412)565-5700

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

All of Us Care/Volunteers of America. . . . . (412)782-5344

Boyd Community Center. . . . . (412)828-8566

Cooper-Siegel Community Library. . . . . (412)828-9520

## TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

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

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

## MEETING INFORMATION

### REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING

2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY at 7:00 PM

### PLANNING COMMISSION

4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY at 7:00 PM

(No meeting is held in December)

### PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Various 1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAYS at 7:15 PM

(Refer to Twp. website for schedule)

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY at 7:00 PM

(No meeting is held in December)

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



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## GARBAGE RATES

Once again, the Township is maintaining its Garbage Contract with Waste Management, who will continue to be our hauler. Garbage day is on Wednesdays each week (except for certain MAJOR holidays). Garbage and recycling MUST be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. on the day of pickup.

The rates from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 will be as follows:

- **Regular Curb Service:** \$17.24/month  
*(Payments made for the entire contract period and prior to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will receive a 5% discount)*
- **Senior Stickers:** \$5.00/sticker, per bag
- **Backyard Pickup** (walk up or drive in up to 150'): \$32.24/month  
*(Limit of (2) 40 gallon cans or equivalent bags and (1) recycling bin per week)*
- **Drive In Pickup** (walk up or drive in over 150'): \$37.24/month  
*(Limit of (2) 40 gallon cans or equivalent bags and (1) recycling bin per week)*

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTE: These prices are subject to change slightly due to fuel adjustments\*\***

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.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

As is the case each year, the garbage hauler will again pick up Christmas trees with your regular trash during December, January, and February...however, this year, you once again have a chance to HELP YOUR LOCAL PARKS! To be cost effective, the Township will only be picking up trees during one week this year. The Township is planning to pick up Christmas trees (be sure to remove all trimmings!) starting **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**. **Trees must be placed at the curbside by 7:00 am on Monday for pickup sometime during that week.** The trees we pick up will then be mulched and used for trails, etc. in our parks! This effort will help beautify the Parks while saving money! Trees to be picked up by the Township should be placed along the curb for pickup.



Submitted by Public Works Foreman John Carson

## IMPORTANT GARBAGE REMINDER FOR ALL RESIDENTS

We work with the Township garbage collector, Waste Management, to ensure every residential trash account is current. If you are unsure about the status of your account or have any questions, please contact Waste Management directly at 1-800-458-4090. Ordinance #253 mandates that all residents of Indiana Township have garbage service. All Township residents are also required to recycle.

Submitted by Jeff Curti  
Code Enforcement Officer