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of FINDLAY

# MESSENGER



## *Fair in the Woodlands* Summer 2015





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**SEMI-GREAT RACE AND FUN WALK**

The Findlay Township Fair Board will sponsor the annual Findlay Township Semi-Great Race and 2-mile Fun Walk on Friday evening, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Findlay Township Community Park located off Route 30 in Clinton.

The 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) race takes a scenic route over gently rolling terrain through our community. Trophies will be awarded to the first place finishers and medals to the second place finishers in each of the seven separate age categories.

The two-mile Fun Walk will be a single category for those persons who are not runners, but wish to participate.

Participants may pre-register until August 11<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$10.00. T-shirts will be guaranteed to all pre-registered runners and walkers. Registrations are also being taken at the Oriole Pavilion from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on the night of the race. Registration forms may be picked up at the Findlay Township Administration Office, by calling (724) 695-0500, or on the Township's website at [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us).

Runner's High of Grove City, PA will provide timing services. Results will be posted on the Internet at [www.runhigh.com](http://www.runhigh.com).

**FINDLAY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY  
 FAIR PARADE ROUTE 30 CLOSING**

All residents should be aware that Route 30 in Clinton will be closed on Saturday morning, August 15<sup>th</sup> from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the Findlay Township Community Fair Parade. Motorists will be required to use an alternate route during the parade.

Traffic delays may also occur on the day of the Semi-Great Race and Fun Walk on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. as runners cross Route 30 while completing the race course. The estimated time of the delay will be around 45 minutes.

**s your house number THIS big?  
 It should be!**

Findlay Township passed an Ordinance in 1996 (and it was amended in 1998) which required each building/residence in the Township to have their street number "on a background of a contrasting color—displayed in a position easily observable and readable from the public right-of-way—which shall include the marking of driveways and free-standing mailboxes where conditions necessitate." All numbers shall be three inches (3"), with a preference for four inches (4"), in height.

Run out to the front of your house right now—go ahead, we'll wait—can you see your house number from the street? How about if it's the middle of the night and the ambulance or police or fire department is looking for your house? Findlay Township and their emergency responders remind you that minutes, and sometimes seconds, can be crucial, so please be sure your address is clearly displayed and visible from the street.

- Trim back any bushes or brush that may be covering the number.
- Add a fresh coat of paint if the color is fading.
- Be sure multi-dwelling units are EACH identified (apartments, townhouses, etc.)
- Check on elderly or handicapped neighbors - can you see their house number?  
 Offer to help make it visible.

# WANTED

hearty homegrown vegetables, vibrant flowers and potted plants, yummy baked goods of all kinds, homemade crafts and needlework, various artwork and photographs...

*To be entered for judging in the Findlay Township*

## “FAIR IN THE WOODLANDS”

**\* Open to Adults and Children\***

**\* Residents and Non-Residents are eligible\***

**\* Ribbons and Nominal Cash Prizes will be awarded\***

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION



4-H, Hay and Grain, Vegetables, Fruits & Nuts,  
Floral Exhibits, Needlecraft, Art,  
Photography & Crafts, Contests, Eggs,  
Antique Farm Machinery, Canned Goods

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
*from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Falcon Pavilion*



#### **Baked Goods**

The Bake Sale will take place in the Falcon Pavilion starting at 7:30 in the Falcon Pavilion. Proceeds will benefit the West Allegheny Food Pantry.

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Falcon Pavilion*

The Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest  
and  
the Hershey's Baking Chips Cookie,  
Brownie or Bar Contest  
for youth age 8 through 18 years,  
and the Hershey's Cocoa Cake Contest  
will again be conducted this year.

**Prizes are \$10 for First Place, \$8 for Second Place  
and \$6 for Third Place winners.**



Premium Guideline books are available on the Township's website at [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us),  
the Township Administrative Office and at the following locations:

Janoski's Farm Market & Greenhouse, Clinton Post Office, Western Allegheny Community Library,  
Fast Eddie's Food-n-Fuel Shell Station and Imperial Agway.

# Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application Deadline Extended to End of Year

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program deadline for older adults and residents with disabilities to apply for rebates of rent and property taxes paid in 2014 has been extended from June 30 to December 31, 2015.

## About the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Due to program changes enacted last year to ensure claimants aren't disqualified from rebates solely because of Social Security cost-of-living-adjustments, homeowners and renters may be eligible for rebates even if their eligibility income is greater than these limits. Any homeowner who collected Social Security, received a property tax rebate in 2013 for claim year 2012 and had annual income last year—discounting half of Social Security—up to \$36,129, is encourage to apply for a rebate for claim year 2014. Any renter who collected Social Security, received a rent

rebate in 2013 for claim year 2012 and had annual income last year—discounting half of Social Security—up to \$15,484, is also encouraged to apply.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners.

Since the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program's 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received more than \$5.9 billion in property tax and rent relief. The program is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming.

"The application deadline has been extended again this year to ensure qualified applicants have additional time to take advantage of property tax and rent relief offered through this program," said Acting Revenue Secretary Eileen McNulty. "property tax and rent rebates, combined with general property tax relief from slots gaming, provide significant support to older Pennsylvanians and residents with disabilities."

Each year the department evaluates the program as the statutory June 30 application deadline approaches to determine if funds are available to extend the deadline. To date, funding has been available to allow all who qualify to take advantage of this tax relief.

As of May 22, the Revenue Department had received 449,224 rebate applications. As specified by law, rebate distribution will begin on July 1. After June 30, rebates will be distributed as claims are received and processed.

Applicants may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) and related information online at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) (<http://www.revenue.pa.gov>) or by calling 1-888-222-9190.

It costs nothing to apply for a rebate, and the department reminds residents that free application assistance is available at hundreds of locations across the state, including Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers and state legislators' offices.

Claimants who already applied for rebates may check the status of claims online at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) (<http://www.revenue.pa.gov>) or by calling 1-888-PATAXES (728-2937).

*(Reprinted from PA Dept of Revenue media release)*

## Real Estate Tax Office

Township Taxes were mailed April 1<sup>st</sup>, with a 2% discount on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Face due July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. We are proud to announce that the millage remains the same at 1.6 mils.

The 2015 school bills were mailed on July 1, 2015. They are due at the 2% discount by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Face due October 31<sup>st</sup>. The office will be open on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> for all of us last minute taxpayers. The Homestead Act is giving us a \$10,628 reduction on our assessment which results in a savings of \$196.73 on our School Taxes.

If you have paid off your mortgage and/or changed mortgage companies, please call the County of Allegheny, (412-350-4120) and Findlay (724-695-2995) to notify us of the change.



The Homestead Act (Act 50) is giving a reduction of \$15,000 in Assessed Value off of your Township Assessment. If you have not applied to the County of Allegheny forms for Act 50

can be downloaded from the County Website or you can call this office and we will send you out the forms. [www.alleghenycounty.us/forms](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/forms) then go to Property Tax Abatements & Exemptions.

Act 77 is the Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program. Again, forms must be filed at County of Allegheny and they pass the information onto the Tax Office. This form can also be downloaded (or you can call this office) at [www.alleghenycounty.us/forms](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/forms) then go to Property Tax Abatements & Exemptions or Property Tax Relief for Senior Citizens.

Any questions or concerns, please call Barb Coates at 724-695-2995. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with extended days during the weeks of discount and face.



# Latest From the Findlay Township Police Department



On May 2, 2015, **Officer Aaron Scervo** of the Findlay Township Police Department resigned.

Aaron was hired part-time in January of 2012 and was promoted to full time in August of 2013. Having family on the West Coast, Aaron aspired to work and live in the Pacific Northwest.

In early 2015, Aaron applied at the Auburn Police Department near Seattle Washington and received an offer of employment. He soon uprooted his wife and two dogs to accept the offer, has since settled in a community near Seattle and is currently in the training program of the Auburn Police Department.



On June 10, 2015, after serving 25 years, **Sergeant Donald Sedlacek** of the Findlay Township Police Department retired.

Don's career started in April of 1990. He was assigned to patrol and then spent 16 years as a School Resource Officer in the West Allegheny School District.

In 2008, Don returned to patrol and was assigned as a Patrol Shift Supervisor. During his career, Don initiated and oversaw many of the school programs taught within the district, to include D.A.R.E., Women's Self Defense and many others. He was instrumental in training new D.A.R.E Officers in the region and was often looked to as a mentor by other School Resource Officers.

After attending the FBI National Academy, Don became the FBINA Western Pennsylvania Chapter President and is still an active member in the association. Don is currently spending time with his family and plans to start a new career teaching full-time this fall at Community College of Beaver County.



On July 26, 2015, **Officer Marc Muffi** of the Findlay Township Police Department retired.

Marc was hired in February of 1984. Early in Marc's career, he taught school programs at Wilson Elementary School.

Having served 31 years, Marc was not only a patrol officer, but also a trained Motor Vehicle Accident Reconstructionist often used to reconstruct violent or fatal type motor vehicle accidents.

He is considered an expert witness in this field and has testified in numerous civil and criminal cases. During his career, Marc has received a number of commendations as well as being recognized by the Variety Club in 1985 for his part in a local homicide investigation.

Marc's retirement will provide more time to spend with his family and to pursue his hobbies such as competing in open water swimming events.

On July 8, 2015 the Findlay Township Board of Supervisors hired four (4) officers to fill recent retirements and to prepare for upcoming vacancies.

The new officers are **Michael Johnson** of Clinton PA. Michael was hired as a full-time police officer and is a 1990 Graduate of the West Allegheny School District. He is a 1996 graduate



*Four officers hired by the Findlay Township Board of Supervisors to fill recent retirements and to prepare for upcoming vacancies.*

of Delaware Valley College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and is a 2013 Graduate of the Allegheny County Police Academy. He is also known by many in the area for his wrestling background. Mike spent ten (10) years as the Chartiers Valley High School Wrestling Coach, and the past eight (8) years as the West Allegheny High School Wrestling Coach. He and his wife Stacey live in the community and are raising three children in the district.

In 2014, he was inducted into the West Allegheny Sports Hall of Fame. He has worked the past year as a police officer in Oakdale Boro, Forward Township and Ohio Township. Mike also has a background in his family's Tug Boat business and is certified through the United States Coast Guard as a Steersman of Towing Vessels upon Western Rivers.

**Russell A. Andree** of Houston, PA was also hired as a full-time police officer. He is a 2006 graduate of the Chartiers Houston School District.

After completion of high school, Russell enlisted in the U.S Army, serving eight (8) years as well as a tour of duty in Iraq. Russell attended Community College of Allegheny County obtaining an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the Allegheny County Police Academy. Prior to being hired in Findlay Township, Russell worked briefly as a police officer in Beallsville Police Department as well as Smith Township. He is currently single and resides in Washington County.

**Sean P. Truver** of Upper Saint Clair was hired as a part-time police officer for Findlay Township. He is a 2010 Graduate of Upper Saint Clair High School, where he played Football, Lacrosse and Basketball.

Upon graduation, he attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology. He is also a graduate of the Allegheny County Police Academy. Sean has worked as a police officer for Leetsdale Borough since March of 2015. He is single and currently resides in Upper Saint Clair.

**Antonio G. Mascilli** of Turtle Creek was also hired as a Part-time police officer. Tony is a 2008 Graduate of East Allegheny High School. Tony has an Emergency Medical Service and Volunteer Firefighter background.

He attended Westmoreland County Community College and is a Graduate of the Westmoreland County Community College Police Academy. He currently works as a part-time police officer for Turtle Creek and the East McKeesport Police Departments. He is single and resides in Turtle Creek.



# Reducing Runoff - You Can Do Your Part by Creating the Stormwater-Friendly Garden & Lawn



When the amount of rain falling exceeds the land's ability to absorb it, the result is stormwater runoff.

Without treatment, stormwater that runs from the land into our waterways can be unhealthy for people and bad for the environment. Runoff can carry chemicals, metals, bacteria, viruses, organic compounds, and other pollutants directly into creeks, lakes, rivers, and streams. Runoff can also cause severe erosion and flooding — even during a typical Pennsylvania storm.

Clearly, then, what we do on the land impacts the quality of our water. That means everyone, not just government, plays a role in protecting this valuable resource by reducing runoff and the pollutants it carries.

This summer, homeowners can take steps to help with the effort by making sure their gardens and lawns are “stormwater-friendly.”

## The Stormwater-Friendly Garden

Home gardens can contribute considerable nutrients and other pollutants to waterways if not cared for responsibly. This mainly applies to fertilizers and pesticides.

**Fertilizers:** Instead of using chemical fertilizers, give organic alternatives, such as compost and manure, a try. Compost, a “do-it-yourself” fertilizer that can be created from such things as vegetable scraps and garden clippings, contains the nutrients that help your vegetables grow. When using organic fertilizers, be sure to apply them directly to the ground before planting the vegetables to prevent runoff.

**Pesticides:** Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. If one is posing a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have and research the non-chemical alternatives to controlling it. Pesticides should be a last resort because they could infiltrate groundwater, possibly contaminate drinking supplies, and hurt downstream ecosystems.

## The Stormwater-Friendly Lawn

The following lawn-care steps will not only help to protect local streams and rivers but also result in cost savings for homeowners:

**Set your mower height to 3 inches or higher.** Taller grass slows the runoff and produces a deeper and denser root system, which absorbs more water and prevents erosion. Deeper roots also reduce the need for watering during droughts and suppress weeds from growing up around them.

**Keep grass clippings and chopped leaves on your property.** A mulch-mower is ideal for retaining and spreading clippings on your lawn. The clippings decompose quickly, provide important nutrients for your lawn, and settle to create an organic layer on the soil that encourages stormwater infiltration. Using this mulch may also reduce or eliminate the need for nitrogen fertilizers. If mulching with your clippings is not possible, bag and store them in a compost area and then use the organic material that's created as a fertilizer later.

**Figure out if you really need to fertilize your lawn.** Foreign fertilizer is ideal for the health of local waterways and ecosystems. However, if your lawn is thin or has bare spots, you may not have a choice since a dense, vegetated cover is the most stormwater-friendly lawn.

There are no one-size-fits-all guidelines when it comes to fertilizer. Homeowners' needs vary drastically based on the soil texture and pH and nutrient levels. In fact, soil tests may reveal that your lawn is suffering from “micronutrient deficiency,” a problem that standard chemical fertilizers may not alleviate. Identifying your lawn's needs first will reduce unnecessary applications, create a healthier lawn faster, and reduce your long-term costs.

**If fertilizer is needed, maximize the benefits of slow-release nitrogen and minimize the number of chemical applications.** Typically called “water insoluble nitrogen,” or WIN, on fertilizer bags, slow-release nitrogen limits nutrient runoff and exportation. This type of fertilizer should be applied to your lawn in the spring, instead of the fall, to provide a steady source of nutrients throughout the growing season.

Another tip: Homeowners should wait until the grass begins growing in March to fertilize and then stop fertilizing after October. Fertilizing during a lawn's dormant season increases the risk that the chemicals will run off into streams or leach into your water table because the root systems are less active.

**Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream.** Keeping this distance will help keep chemicals out of waterways. Also, if you live near a stream, consider establishing a natural riparian buffer there instead. To learn more about these buffers, visit [www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org](http://www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org) and click on “Structural BMPs.”

Also, when you're done applying fertilizer, immediately sweep any granulated chemicals off hard surfaces and back onto your lawn. Your walkway, driveway, patio, or local road is often a quick route to the drainage pipes that discharge into local streams.

In the long run, little actions, such as taking a stormwater-friendly approach to your garden and lawn, will have a big impact as all of them work together to protect our water's quality.

*Note: Information courtesy of StormwaterPA and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.*

## “Clean Water is Everybody's Business”

Findlay Township, North Fayette Township and ASSET will present “*Clean Water is Everybody's Business*” at the Botanical Garden this September... What impact do you have on the watershed in Findlay Township?

We all live in a watershed—the area that drains to a common waterway, such as a stream, lake, estuary, wetland, aquifer, or even the ocean. Our individual actions can directly affect it. Working together we can help protect our local water resources.

Are you curious about the water where you live? **Join us for an informational and interactive evening at the Botanical Gardens on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. to find out what you can do to help keep our water clean.** Arrival time is 5:45 p.m. and pre-registration is required. Class size is limited. Call Tim Cook at the Township office at 724-695-0500 to register.

Questions about the evening? Please feel free to email Tim Cook at [tcCook@findlaytpw.org](mailto:tcCook@findlaytpw.org).



# What is a Rain Garden?

Simple rain gardens are generally 3- to 6-inch deep, saucer-shaped depressions that are planted with moisture-loving native plants. Shaping the land and planting gardens in shallow swales imitates nature by creating contours throughout the landscape. This provides flood control, groundwater recharge, and water-cooling benefits, while the plants, soil, and associated microorganisms remove many types of pollutants—such as pesticides, fertilizer, and motor oil—from stormwater runoff.

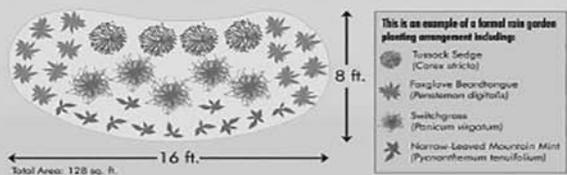
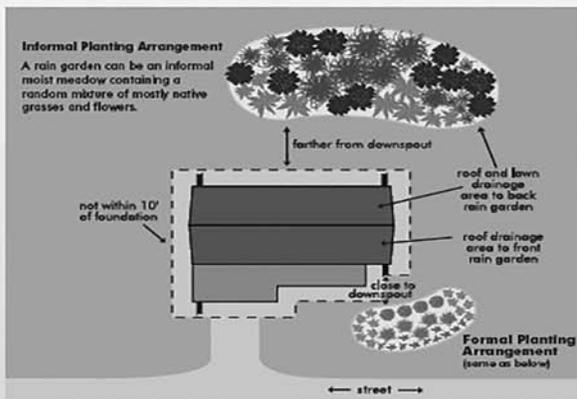


Properly designed and maintained, rain gardens are attractive landscaping features that function like a formal garden, informal moist meadow, or light forest ecosystem. They can look as informal or as formal as you like. While rain garden dimensions vary, remember, *any size rain garden is better than no rain garden.*

## You Can Make A Difference!

- Install rain barrels and rain gardens in your yard.
- Replace pavement with porous surfaces.
- Learn more about stormwater runoff at [RainScaping.org](http://RainScaping.org).
- Spread the word about RainScaping in your neighborhood.

## Home Rain Gardens—Overhead View



Acknowledgement: RainScaping Campaign sponsors—Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program, and RainScaping Campaign Partners. For beautiful solutions to water pollution, visit: [www.RainScaping.org](http://www.RainScaping.org).

# Why Use Rain Barrels?

Rain barrels collect and store rain water from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. Harvest rain water to use when you need it most—during the growing season—to water plants; or to wash your car, patio furniture, and other outdoor items.



Relatively simple and inexpensive to construct, rain barrels can sit conveniently under any residential gutter down spout. Only 1/4 inch of rainfall from the average roof will fill the typical 55-gallon rain barrel. More than one barrel can be installed in a series to collect more rain water; or larger cisterns can be installed for additional water storage. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves you money and energy by decreasing the demand for treated tap water.

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### Did you know?

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer.



Reduce runoff—slow it down, spread it out, soak it in!



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## Township Sponsored Programs for Senior Citizens

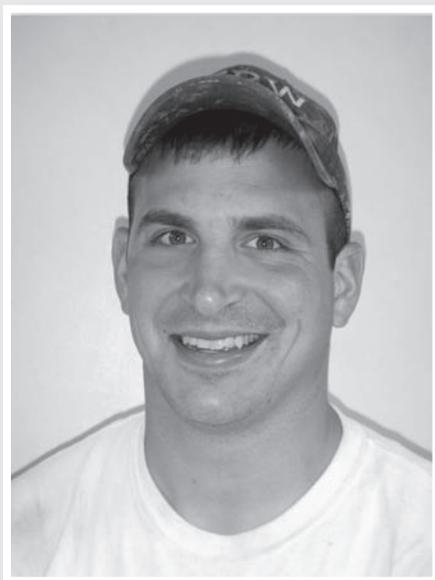
As announced in the Spring Newsletter, the Board of Supervisors continued to offer "FREE" trash and recycling for Senior Citizens, age 67 or older. The Senior Citizen must also be the owner AND occupant of the property. This program saves our senior households \$163.32 per year.

The Board also continues to offer "FREE" ambulance service for senior citizens, age 67 and older. This program would result in a savings of \$40.00 a year for a single senior citizen or \$60.00 for a family membership (2 or more senior citizens in the same household).

**For those residents who have already registered for the ambulance service, once your spouse turns age 67, you must register him/her for the program too.** Otherwise, the Township currently is only paying a subscription for the person that has registered and not the spouse. The spouse must submit proof of age (driver's license, medicare card or other valid information indicating date of birth) to the Township Office.

### Public Works News

#### New Employee – Kurt Kyluck



Findlay Township is pleased to welcome the latest addition to our Public Works crew.

**Kurt Kyluck**, who started in March, is a lifelong resident of Imperial. He graduated from West Allegheny High School in 2008 and attended Parkway Tech for Electrical Maintenance.

Kurt had 4 ½ years experience with the North Fayette Township Public Works Department before becoming a Findlay employee.

In his free time, Kurt enjoys hunting and fishing and being outdoors.

## Aten Road Bridge Update



PennDOT informed the Township on June 18<sup>th</sup> that Pugliano Construction Company came in as the low bidder to replace the Aten Road bridge at a cost of \$856,342.81. As per the Township's agreement with PennDOT, Findlay is only responsible for 5% of the construction cost. The remaining 95% will be shared 15% by the State and 80% by Federal Highway Funds. Replacement of the bridge will not start until after the first of 2016. Leading up to the beginning of construction, the Township and PennDOT will be busy coordinating construction activities with the contractor and making sure all permits have been secured.

Once construction does begin, it is anticipated that Aten Road and Industry Drive (around the bridge area) will be closed for approximately four to five months. The Township will provide updates on our website as the construction date nears.

## Refuse To Be A Victim.

On May 4, 2015 the Findlay Township Police Department held its second Refuse to Be a Victim training session. Approximately 22 area residents met for a four hour classroom session to learn about a free personal safety program that teaches strategies you can use to avoid situations where self-defense is required. This course focuses on proactive courses of action, rather than reactive.

Sponsored by the National Rifle Association, trained Findlay Township Police Officers presented the information. The following Saturday, the class participants were provided an opportunity to live fire an assortment of modern firearms under the close supervision of the training officers. Findlay Township plans to hold additional courses this fall.

Please monitor the Townships website for upcoming dates.





# Parks & Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department has had a busy winter, spring and now summer. Ongoing programs continue to be successful and some new events and classes were added. If anyone has a talent or an idea to share, contact Darlene at (724) 695-0500 x 246.

## KIDS PROGRAMS

Kids programs in the township have been rockin' this year. Time for Toddlers, Kids Cooking, American Red Cross Babysitting and Carnegie Science Center Camps all were very successful in 2015.

Check the website for more information on kids programs.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

The **Free Self Defense Class for Women** is always a favorite and this year was no exception with 20 attending.

**AARP Safe Driving Classes** were held this spring with an addition of a 4-hour refresher course for those who have already taken the 8-hour class. We will be offering the classes again this fall. The 8-hour class will be October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and the 4-hour refresher on November 5. Call to register.

**First Steps in Digital Photography** was offered for the first time this past winter and again this summer. Two workshops are scheduled for the fall. First Steps in Digital Photography (October 5 – 26) and The Next Step in Digital Photography (November 10 – December 1). Classes are held at the Activity Center from 6:30 – 9 p.m. and tuition is \$99. For more information, please call Sherry at 724-695-7947 or email her at: [remalysh@gmail.com](mailto:remalysh@gmail.com).

## EXERCISE PROGRAMS

**WALK LIVE**, the indoor walking program, was held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and has a great following. It will start back up on September 15<sup>th</sup> and is \$5 a class. To register or for any additional information, email Donna at [kuziofjr@gmail.com](mailto:kuziofjr@gmail.com) or call the Recreation Department.

## YOGA

Classes are available on the lower level of the Activity Center on Friday and Sunday evenings. Summer schedule is irregular so please call Julia at 724-695-1976 for information.

## WATER AEROBICS

This popular program was held at Wilson Elementary on Mondays and Wednesdays and continued going strong this past winter and spring. It will start back up in September. If you are interested in attending, please call the Township office and ask for Darlene or Stephanie.

## ANNUAL CLEAN UP EVENTS

The annual "Community Clean Up" was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 50 volunteers helped to pick up litter on main roads in the community. North Fayette and Findlay Townships join together for this event.

The Independence Conservancy and Findlay Township once again partnered to bring the annual "Tire Collection" to the community on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Over 1,000 tires were collected this year.



"Shred It Day" was held again on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Building in Clinton. Thanks to excellent participation, we ended up shredding 7,500 pounds! That means in a couple of hours, Findlay Township saved 64 trees, 19 cubic yards of space at the landfill, 26,250 gallons of water, and we kept 225 pounds of pollutants from entering the atmosphere. Not bad for a morning's work!



**Computer and Appliance Recycling** was held on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Despite the cold, damp day, we collected two trucks full of computer equipment, televisions and appliances—even more savings to the landfill!

Our next Computer and Appliance Recycling will be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Watch for all of these events again in 2016.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg hunt was held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Imperial Volunteer Fire Department brought the Easter Bunny to the park as always and it looked like all participants went home with a basket full of goodies.

## FISHING DERBY

The Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and despite some not great weather, the kids had a great time. This year we welcomed a new addition to our Derby – Joe Fazio and Team Fat Katz Fishing. Joe was a big help to the Parks Department in stocking the lake and providing t-shirts and encouragement to all the kids who made it out to the Derby. You can visit Team Fat Katz Fishing on Facebook.



## THANK YOU TO FIREWORKS SPONSORS!



Once again we were able to bring the “INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS” to the township on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Recreation and Sports Complex on Route 30 due to the generous donations of business sponsors.

Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate this year and

we did not have as many people as in years past.

We were able to shoot the Fireworks around 10 p.m., much to the excitement of the many people who stayed through the rain and enjoyed the show provided by Pyrotechnico.

The Findlay Athletic Association was on hand selling refreshments, members of the Fair Board were there with info for the upcoming event in August. Consol Energy passed out beach balls to the kids as well as providing ice cream to everyone. DJ Dan Sheets played great music before the fireworks, as well as playing Patriotic tunes during the display. The event included a VFW Color Guard and National Anthem this year.



*We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations.*

Gold Sponsors – Consol Energy

Silver Sponsors – Imperial Land Corporation

Bronze Sponsors - Fast Eddie's Food and Fuel, & Williams

Additional Sponsors - Armstrong Telephone & Amcom Office Systems

*Looking forward to 2016!!!!*

## PICKLE BALL IS HERE IN FINDLAY TOWNSHIP

We are happy to announce that we now have two Pickleball courts in the township located at the Recreation & Sports Complex at Leopold Lake. You will find the courts on the front basketball court next to the Skatepark on the first level of the complex. If you are not familiar to the game, it is a cross between badminton, tennis and ping pong. The nets are lower (36”) and it is played with paddles and a large wiffle ball. The lower net and ball weight make it more accessible to people of all ages and abilities, while still being competitive. If you would like to learn more about this fast growing sport, join us for free clinics that will be at the courts. First clinic date will be on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 – Noon and more will be scheduled—watch the website for announcements!

If you would like to try playing, you can borrow paddles and balls from the Recreation Department.



Please call 724-695-0500 x 246 or 240 to reserve equipment. You will be asked to leave a \$20 deposit that you will get back when you return equipment.

## Upcoming Events!

### OUTDOOR PARKING LOT FLEA MARKET

*Come out and rent a spot or just come to shop!!!*

**When:** Saturday, September 5th

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (*Sellers 7 a.m.*)

**Where:** Clinton Park parking lot

If you would like to rent a parking spot for the sale, please call 724-695-0500 for Darlene (x246) or Stephanie (x240) or email [dlarson@findlaytwp.org](mailto:dlarson@findlaytwp.org) or [sstrain@findlaytwp.org](mailto:sstrain@findlaytwp.org)

Parking spots are sold for \$5 each and the fee is payable the day of the event. You can set up a table, sell out of your trunk, lay out a blanket, boxes etc.

### “TRUCK TOUCH” 2015 – Library Benefit Event

Findlay Township has partnered with the Western Allegheny Community Library to bring you a one of a kind family event in Clinton Park. All sorts of vehicles including a school bus, fire engine, bucket truck, construction truck and more, will be there for the kids to climb on and explore. Plans are still in the works, but there will be lots of other fun activities as well as food and drinks to purchase.

Check out the following websites in September for a complete schedule of activities. Findlay Township at [www.findlaytwp.org](http://www.findlaytwp.org), or the Library at [www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org](http://www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW  
SO YOU WON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENT!**

**When:** Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (*There will be a NO HORN TIME between 11 and 12:30 if you have a child that is scared of the fire sirens*)

**Where:** Clinton Park near the Little Clinton Ball field, Oriole Pavilion and Rainbow's End Playground

**Cost:** This is a free event, however, we will be taking donations as you enter the park. All money collected will benefit the Western Allegheny Community Library.



# ...More Upcoming Events!

## THE WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY LIBRARY "BOOK BUS"

The Book Bus will be at the Findlay Township Activity Center on the following Tuesdays from 10 – Noon: August 11, September 1 & 22, October 13, November 3 & 24 and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Once the "big kids" go back to school, bring your preschoolers and check out what the bus is all about.

## "FALL FOR YOUR LIBRARY" Fundraising Event

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.



The Western Allegheny Community Library invites you to "Fall for Your Library" as we celebrate the next chapter of the library's story.

Wine and dine at the annual fundraising event which will feature food selections from local eateries, silent and raffle auctions, wine, beer and music.

Findlay Township is donating the use of the new pavilion and park area located at the Recreation and Sports Complex that sits high on the hill adjacent to Leopold Lake on Route 30.

Stop by the library or visit the website at [www.westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://www.westernalleghenylibrary.org) for details. Tickets began selling on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40 a person in advance and \$45 at the event.

## STORYWALKS IN CLINTON PARK

Findlay Township has partnered with The Western Allegheny Community Library to bring a new program "Storywalks" to Clinton Park. Families will walk a designated path to read a story that will be posted on story boards in the park. Meet at Oriole pavilion in Clinton Park for both of these events.

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. - *Halloween Storywalk*

Wear your costumes (optional) and come on out for a spooky story walk that is sure to have some Halloween surprises. After the walk, join us at the Oriole pavilion for refreshments!!

Great chance to get outdoors and have some fun family time!

## CRUISIN' IN THE WOODLANDS

The FALL "CRUISIN IN THE WOODLANDS" will be held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 11–3 p.m. (Rain date September 20<sup>th</sup>).

There will be food, a DJ, 50/50 drawing and dash plaques to the first 100 cars. There will be one Trophy for Best of Show. A \$5 donation will be collected at the gate from participating cars to support local Christmas charities.



## RHYTHM, RIBS AND BARBEQUE IN CLINTON PARK FEATURING "THE BILLY PRICE BAND"



If you are looking for something to do on a Sunday when there is no Steeler game, it is going to be hard to find a better option than this combination of some of the best BBQ and Blues musicians in the area. Come join us for Blues Music and Great Food at this awesome outdoor event to be held in Clinton Park on **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. Smokin Jack's Barbeque will be on hand cooking up pulled pork, ribs, chicken, sausage, corn on the cob and more. We will also have the good old hot dogs, hamburgers, Philly cheese steak, french fries, corn on the cob and MORE! The IVFD will be on hand selling beer and other beverages. Grab a plate of food and a beverage and sit down to listen to the great line up of blues music. This is a free event, but all food and beverages will be available to purchase. *Check out the music line up:*

2:00 p.m. – The Dave Iglar Band

4:00 p.m. – BluSoul

6:00 p.m. – The Billy Price Band



**DON'T MISS THIS FIRST EVER EVENT!!!!**

## HALLOWEEN EVENTS - PRE-PARADE PIZZA PARTY



Come to the Findlay Township Activity Center located at 310 Main Street in Imperial on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> before the parade and enjoy a pizza party and show. After the show we will head out for the parade at 1:30 p.m. Call **724-695-0500**.

**Pizza Party:** 12 – 12:45 p.m.  
**Entertainment:** 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$2 per person

**YOU MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS  
TO ATTEND THE PIZZA PARTY  
AS SEATING IS LIMITED**



The annual parade will be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Participants will meet at the Findlay Township Activity Center and march to the new Imperial Fire Hall. All ages are welcome and there will be prize drawings in each age group. Prize tickets will be given out to those in costume only! In the event of inclement weather, we will stay at the Activity Center for drawings. Please note that if you are not attending the Pizza Party, you can still participate in the drawing and parade. Get your tickets inside the door of the center when you arrive.

## TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Findlay Township will have Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m.



We planned four day trips this year. **The Canal Country Wine Trip** was on March 28<sup>th</sup>. A full bus of ladies traveled to Ohio and enjoyed a day of tastings, great food and relaxation.

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 48 people traveled to Morgantown, WV for a show and lunch at the **Lakeview Resort**. The day ended on a sweet note with sundaes at **Sarris**.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the **Findlay Township Garden Club** is hosting a trip to Barberton, Ohio for the **Mumfest**. There are still seats available for this fabulous day out. If you are interested, call Darlene at 724-695-0500 x246 or Stephanie at x240. We can send you the full itinerary.

Another interesting day trip is the **“Bedford Dine Around”** and **Covered Bridge Tour** on October 14<sup>th</sup>. There are no openings at this time on the bus, but you could always get on the waiting list in case of a cancellation.

### GARDEN CLUB

The **Findlay Township Garden Club** finished 2014 with a bang. The group went on a trip to **Phipps Conservatory** for the Candlelight Christmas show at the end of 2014 and are headed to the **Mumfest** in September.



The club held a Garden Huddle on March 28<sup>th</sup> that was a huge success! We had speakers, snacks, give-a-ways and door prizes.

Some of the activities the club has done is take a trip to **Bedner's Greenhouse**, planted the Imperial Honor Roll and planted the Rainbow's End Playground entrance in Clinton Park.

The Garden Club's monthly meetings also have interesting speakers like Pat Leiphart who educated the group on herbs and Hank Brinzer who spoke about bees.

Be sure to watch for the Garden Club display and raffle at the Findlay Township Fair in the Woodlands. The group will be raffling off various garden items, many of them handmade.

Regular meetings are the third Thursday of the month. For more information, contact Sue Peindl at 724-350-9837.

## FINDLAY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEWS

### UPDATED PROJECTS

**Lower and Upper Imperial Waterline Replacement Projects:** FTMA's contractors finished installing nearly 4,500 feet of 8" and 6" waterline replacing the undersized and aging 3" waterline that was present. The project was completed this spring, and will improve service reliability to the Imperial Area. In addition, six (6) new fire hydrants were added along with numerous new main line valves. In all, 41 properties received new service line connections to the installed waterline.

**Camp Meeting Road Sanitary Sewer Extension:** FTMA is currently studying a sewer extension that would serve approximately 50 properties along Camp Meeting Road and adjacent areas. Many of these areas have failing septic systems and the extension of a public sewer will remedy those failures. The Authority has authorized NIRA Engineering to collect surveying and background data so that a preliminary design can be reviewed. As soon as a design is complete, and the permitting process starts, FTMA will communicate with the affected properties regarding the timeline and costs of the project. Currently, this is estimated to start in late 2016/early 2017.

**Potato Garden Run Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion:** FTMA is preparing to submit for a construction permit to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for expansion of its Potato Garden Run Sewage Treatment Plant. The existing plant on Strouss Road will be decommissioned and a new 500,000 gallon per day plant will take its place. With both the residential and commercial growth in the watershed, the new plant was needed to process and treat the additional flows that are projected to happen within the next five (5) years. The project is slated to start construction in mid-2016.

### WATER THEFT

Theft of water is the unauthorized use or receipt of water without the consent of FTMA. This can occur by use of an unmetered by-pass or through a fire hydrant without proper backflow prevention and meter. FTMA does not produce its own water, thus we have to purchase all of our water through interconnects with other Authorities. FTMA's operations staff is very diligent regarding water leaks and unaccounted water. If you see anyone using a fire hydrant or accessing water through

an unauthorized connection, please contact the office so we can further investigate. If you need to use water for a construction site or other temporary reasons, please contact FTMA so we can arrange for a temporary meter and necessary backflow prevention so that you can properly obtain your water needs.

### COLD WEATHER PROTECTION

The past two winters have been very harsh, and thus the Authority has received plenty of "no water" calls during that time. Per Authority Rules and Regulations, it is the responsibility of the property owner to protect the meter from freezing conditions. Please make sure your water line entering your house is in a heated space or has heat tape installed and operational. You can also purchase thermal insulation very inexpensively at a local hardware store as a way to help against cold temperatures and freezing. If you have any questions, please contact the Authority for more information.

### SEWAGE DEDUCT METER

With the cost of sewage increasing, the use of a deduct meter has become very popular. These meters are typically used for lawn irrigation and/or properties with swimming pools. The meter is purchased and installed by the homeowner and records all water that is being used for "outdoor activities". When the bill is generated at the end of the month, any usage on the deduct meter will only be billed for water use, not sewage. The savings will be \$6.71/1000 gallons used once the new sewage rate becomes effective September 1, 2015. The cost of the deduct meter is \$200, which includes the fee for the FTMA Utility Technician to set up and program the meter to work with your existing house meter.

### E-BILLING/ACH PAYMENTS

FTMA offers both E-Mail billing and ACH Clearinghouse Payment options. If you sign up for E-Bill, you are eligible to save \$3/month off of the Administration Charge. Monthly bills will be sent to an email of your choice. The ACH payment option allows for your monthly water and sewer bill to be automatically deducted from your checking/savings account every month at the due date. This is an excellent option to avoid any late fees or penalties.

## FTMA Employee Celebrates 20-Year Service Anniversary

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, **Jim Ervin** celebrated 20 years of service with the Findlay Township Municipal Authority. Jim started his career with the water and sewer authority back in 1995 as a laborer.

He quickly moved into a role as a meter reader and system operator. In 2010, Jim was promoted to Operations Foreman.

He is responsible for assisting with the day to day field operations of the Authority. Jim would like to have 40 years vested at the Authority before he retires.

If you see Jim, please congratulate him on his years of service!



## Sewage Rate Increase

Effective September 1st, 2015, the sewage rate for all Potato Garden and Montour Run watershed customers will increase from \$5.83 to \$6.71 per 1000 gallons used.

This increase will be used to offset the additional debt that will be incurred due to the necessary upgrade and expansion of the Potato Garden Run sewage treatment plant. FTMA has been planning this project for several years, and has already made a substantial financial investment for the engineering, permitting, and site survey to get this project ready for construction.

The upgrade to the Potato Garden Run sewage treatment plant is necessitated by the growth that is occurring in the community. A new five-hundred thousand gallon per day plant will be sized to handle flows for today and into the future, with the ability to expand up to one million gallons per day if needed.

This \$12,000,000 project is scheduled to begin in early 2016. FTMA is financing this project through the following programs:

- \$3,000,000 Federal Grant from the Economic Development Administration.
- \$500,000 of deferred tax money from the Clinton Commerce Park II TIF Plan. This funding source was secured with the help of the Findlay Township Supervisors, West Allegheny School Board, and the Allegheny County Council.
- Remaining construction funds will be sourced through a combination of FTMA capital and a bond borrowing

The use of grant income and TIF proceeds will help reduce the total overall amount of capital that is needed to complete the sewage treatment plant project. These transactions all work to keep rates as low as possible for our customers.

Since 2006, FTMA has invested very heavily in infrastructure upgrades to improve the water and sewer service to existing and future customers. During that time, FTMA has installed nearly \$12,000,000 worth of improvements to the water system.

### These include, but are not limited to:

- 1.5 million gallon water storage tank
- Aten Road water booster station
- Westport water booster station
- Ten miles of water transmission lines
- Replacement of five miles of undersized and aged piping
- Tank mixers for improved water quality
- New system valves and fire hydrants
- Remote monitoring stations for improved operations

FTMA has been very successful in obtaining nearly \$9,000,000 dollars in both Federal and State grants to help offset the costs to our customers for the above projects. Because of these capital improvement projects, our customers receive better service, including improved water pressure, fire protection, and water quality.

The increase in the sewage rate will cost most residential customers approximately \$3.50 more per month. The overall cost of service for sewage services for Findlay Township customers is still one of the lowest in the surrounding Pittsburgh Area. A list of local sewage rates can be found on our website [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us) under the Municipal Authority section.

*Sincerely,*

*FTMA Board of Directors*



# VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY



## *Sun and Water Safety Tips*

Valley Ambulance Authority (“VAA”) is proud to serve as the designated community provider of emergency medical services and medical transportation for Findlay Township. VAA also provides EMS services to neighboring communities including Moon Township, Crescent Township, Coraopolis and Neville Island.

In this edition, we encourage all residents to be safe this summer by following these helpful tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

### **CHILDREN AND FUN IN THE SUN**

- For babies under 6 months, there are two main recommendations from the AAP to prevent sunburn which are 1) avoid sun exposure, and 2) dress infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, with brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. However, when adequate clothing and shade are not available, parents can apply a minimal amount of sunscreen with at least 15 SPF (sun protection factor) to small areas, such as the infant’s face. If an infant gets sunburn, apply cool compresses to the affected area.
- For all other children and adults, the first, and best, line of defense against harmful ultraviolet radiation exposure is covering up. Wear a hat with a three-inch brim or a bill facing forward, sunglasses (look for sunglasses that provide 97% -100% protections against both UVA and UVB rays.
- Stay in the shade whenever possible, and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours - between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. On both sunny and cloudy days, use a broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater that protects against UVA and UVB rays.
- Be sure to apply enough sunscreen and follow the instructions on the label. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating. Use extra caution near water and sand (and even snow!) as they reflect UV rays and may result in sunburn more quickly.



### **HEAT STRESS IN EXERCISING CHILDREN**

- The intensity of activities that last 15 minutes or more should be reduced whenever high heat or humidity reach critical levels.
- Before outdoor physical activities, children and adults should drink freely and should not feel thirsty. During activities less than one hour, water alone is fine. Always have water or a sports drink available. Take breaks to drink every 20 minutes or as needed when active in the heat and humidity.
- Clothing should be light-colored and lightweight and limited to one layer of absorbent material to facilitate evaporation of sweat. Sweat-saturated shirts should be replaced by dry clothing.
- Practices and games played in the heat should be shortened and there should be more frequent water/hydration breaks.
- Children and adults should promptly move to cooler environments if they feel dizzy, lightheaded or nauseous.



### **POOL SAFETY**

- Never leave children alone in or near the pool or spa, not even for a moment!
- Whenever infants or toddlers are in or around water, an adult – preferably one who knows how to swim and perform CPR – should be within arm’s length, providing “touch supervision.”
- Keep rescue equipment (a shepherd’s hook – a long pole with a hook on the end — and life preserver) and a portable telephone near the pool. Choose a shepherd’s hook and other rescue equipment made of fiberglass or other materials that do not conduct electricity.
- Avoid inflatable swimming aids such as “floaties.” They are not a substitute for approved life vests and often can give children and parents a false sense of security.
- Children ages 1 to 4 may be at a lower risk of drowning if they have had some formal swimming instruction. However, there is no evidence that swimming lessons or water survival

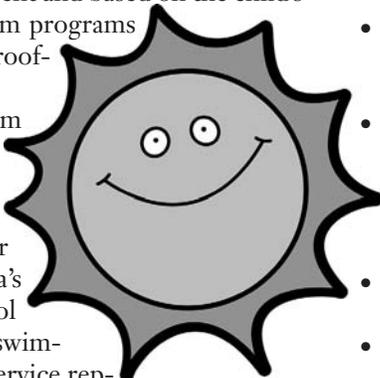


skills courses can prevent drowning in babies younger than 1 year of age.

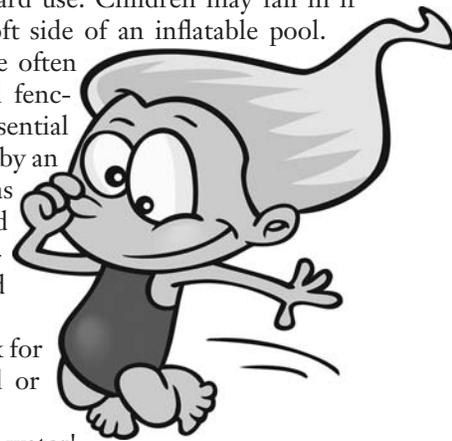
- Install a fence at least 4 feet high around all four sides of the pool. The fence should not have openings or protrusions that a young child could use to get over, under, or through.
- Make sure pool gates open out from the pool, and self-close and self-latch at a height children can't reach. Consider alarms on the gate to alert you when someone opens the gate. Consider surface wave or underwater alarms as an added

layer of protection.

- If the house serves as the fourth side of a fence surrounding a pool, install an alarm on the exit door to the yard and the pool. For additional protection, install window guards on windows facing the pool. Drowning victims have also used pet doors to gain access to pools. Keep all of your barriers and alarms in good repair with fresh batteries.
- The decision to enroll a 1- to 4-year-old child in swimming lessons should be made by the parent and based on the child's developmental readiness, but swim programs should never be seen as "drown proofing" a child of any age.
- **Avoid entrapment:** Suction from pool and spa drains can trap a swimmer underwater. Do not use a pool or spa if there are broken or missing drain covers. Ask your pool operator if your pool or spa's drains are compliant with the Pool and Spa Safety Act. If you have a swimming pool or spa, ask your pool service representative to update your drains and other suction fitting with anti-entrapment drain covers and other devices or systems. See PoolSafely.gov for more information on the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.



- Large, inflatable, above-ground pools have become increasingly popular for backyard use. Children may fall in if they lean against the soft side of an inflatable pool. Although such pools are often exempt from local pool fencing requirements, it is essential that they be surrounded by an appropriate fence just as a permanent pool would be so that children cannot gain unsupervised access.



- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa area first.
- Don't dive into shallow water! Diving accidents can cause lifelong injuries! The American Red Cross recommends a minimum of 9 feet of water depth for head first dives including dives from pool decks.
- Share and frequently discuss proper safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors.

### OPEN WATER SWIMMING

- Never swim alone. Even good swimmers need buddies!
- A lifeguard (or another adult who knows about water rescue) needs to be watching children whenever they are in or near the water.
- Younger children should be closely supervised while in or near the water – use "touch supervision," keeping no more than an arm's length away.
- Make sure your child knows never to dive into water except when permitted by an adult who knows the depth of the water and who has checked for underwater objects.
  - Never let your child swim in canals or any fast moving water.
- Ocean swimming should only be allowed when a lifeguard is on duty.
- Teach children about rip currents. If you are caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore until you escape the current, and then swim back to shore.



*For more tips on sun and water safety, visit*

**WWW.HEALTHYCHILDREN.ORG**

*For more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call 412-262-2620 or scan the QR code listed below to visit our web site at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org)*



# New Business Landings

1. **Gordon Food Service (G.F.S.)** Opened its 680,000 square foot warehouse/distribution center in May on Solar Drive within Findlay Industrial Park near the Westport Interchange. This regional distribution facility is on a 64-acre parcel.
2. **General Electric (G.E.)** Is currently constructing a 126,000 square foot office/research facility with a 90,000 square foot future expansion on North Campus Drive within Chapman Westport. Planning to be open this fall, this facility will be a 3D research/development facility for GE.
3. **Westport Woods** a 101 acre business park with 10 lots for development started this past spring. The developer is installing the roadway along with all utilities in preparation of future lot developments.
4. **Walgreens**, along Enterprise Drive in the RIDC Park West, is complete with the building shell and is now working on finishing the interior. This 91,000 square foot facility will be ready this fall for office and specialty pharmaceutical development
5. **Oxford Development** is currently in the process of constructing a 47,800 square foot office building along Industry Drive. This will be the first of two identical office buildings to be constructed on the site. Under Armor will be occupying part of the first building once complete.
6. **Elmhurst** recently completed a 46,800 square foot warehouse/office building on a 4.6 acre parcel off of Spring Run Road Extension. This is the last site to be developed as part of the Pittsburgh Airport Industrial Park. To date, a tenant has not committed to the building.

**Dick's Sporting Goods** received preliminary approval to expand its existing Campus along Court Street and along International Drive, North Field. At its existing campus, a 180,000 square foot 7-story building, 5-story 130,000 square foot building, 1-story 6,500 square foot building and additional 1087 parking spaces were approved. For the North Field Site, International Drive will be reconfigured as a boulevard. The south side of International Drive will have four buildings up to 833,810 square feet and the north side will have three buildings up to 460,000 square feet. To date, no construction schedule has been set for any of the buildings.

7. **Clinton Commerce Park Phase II** started in July with grading, roadway and infrastructure installation. Phase II, which is 361 acres, will extend Sweeney Drive by 2,044 feet. This extension will provide access to five building pads with up to 1.4 million square feet of building space.



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# Residential Developments... Taking Off!

A. **Lenox Place, Phase II** just completed the roadway and infrastructure improvements to accommodate an additional 18 townhouse/twin dwelling units. Upon buildout, a total of 55 units will exist.

B. **Maronda Farms, Phase III & IV** Phase IV site work is almost complete and will open up an additional 27 single family dwelling lots with the extension of Filly Circle and Horse Shoe Drive. Phase III, which extends Trotter Lane and Quarter Horse Lane, will provide another 21 lots. Phase III will be getting started later this summer.

C. **Marion Estates, Phases II & III** infrastructure started this spring. With a new developer on board, Marion Estates Phases II & III will provide 68 single family lots for development. Roadway and utility improvements should be completed by fall.

D. **Village at Clinton Lake** continues to develop. This past fall/winter saw the completion of the Clubhouse and pool. To date, 64 townhouse units out of 115 have been built.

E. **Woodcreek Manor** located off of Craig Street continues to develop townhouses. Phase I has 27 units out of 82 complete.

**Findlay Crossings** a Mixed-Use development planned off the Flaugherty Run Interchange of Business Route 376 received final approvals in May. The master site plan has four parcels for a convenience store/gas station, two 4-story hotel sites and 270 apartments. The developer will be starting this fall with infrastructure to prepare the site for development of the apartments.



# Game Changers:

## Unconventional Shale and CONSOL Energy's PIA Project

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*Pennsylvania was the birthplace* of the oil and natural gas industry in the 1800s, and now, a century and a half later, unconventional shale has again put western Pennsylvania in the energy headlines. This time the focus is on natural gas more than oil, and with wells that are at least one hundred times deeper than the first oil well drilled in 1859. The rapid growth in supplies in an area exceptionally close to major demand markets has been a benefit to regional economic growth and has helped reduce U.S. dependence on imported energy.

The energy and economic impact of the Marcellus Shale's development over just a few years has been stunning. The innovative advances in horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing have increased technically recoverable reserves by a factor of more than forty. Improved rig efficiency and well productivity have made the Marcellus the largest single natural gas producing shale play in the country and in the world. Besides the economic benefits and increased jobs, the Marcellus has enhanced energy supplies to regional markets and helped reduce U.S. energy imports.

CONSOL Energy continues to make significant progress on its flagship natural gas development project at the Pittsburgh international Airport. The project comprises up to 50 wells on six well pads, with five pads located in Findlay Township and one in

Moon Township, as well as related gathering pipelines and production equipment and facilities.

Significant additional revenue for Allegheny County, PIA and local communities; a more competitive and financially stable airport; jobs and economic opportunity for businesses across the region – what an excellent example of a public-private partnership and how governments and private industry can come together to find common sense solutions that do not require tax payers to foot the bill.

We intend to continue to honor our 150-year legacy in the region by ensuring that this project is the model for safe and responsible shale gas development here in southwestern Pennsylvania and beyond.

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### Operational Update

- Pad 2 -- In mid-June CONSOL completed drilling and hydraulic fracturing on the six wells on Pad 2. Production equipment is now being installed and those wells are planned to be in production in late 2015 or early 2016.
- Pad 1 -- Drilling was completed on this eight well pad in early June, with hydraulic fracturing and completions scheduled to begin in 2016.
- Pad 4 -- Vertical drilling is complete on four of twelve planned wells.
- Pads 3 and 6 -- Land clearing is now complete with pad construction plans being developed.
- Pad 5 -- CONSOL is working with Moon Township to secure local permit approvals to begin land clearing and pad construction work.

### Innovating to Minimize Community Impact and Protect the Environment

CONSOL's drive for operational excellence has led the company to implement a number of unique measures with this project:

- Installed water lines connected to the Findlay Township Municipal Authority water system, which eliminates significant truck traffic during hydraulic fracturing and reduces noise and emissions.
- Drilling rigs are powered by electricity from the grid to reduce noise and emissions.
- Ancillary on-site equipment (pumps, compressors, etc.), usually diesel-powered, is run on electricity from the grid to reduce noise and emissions.

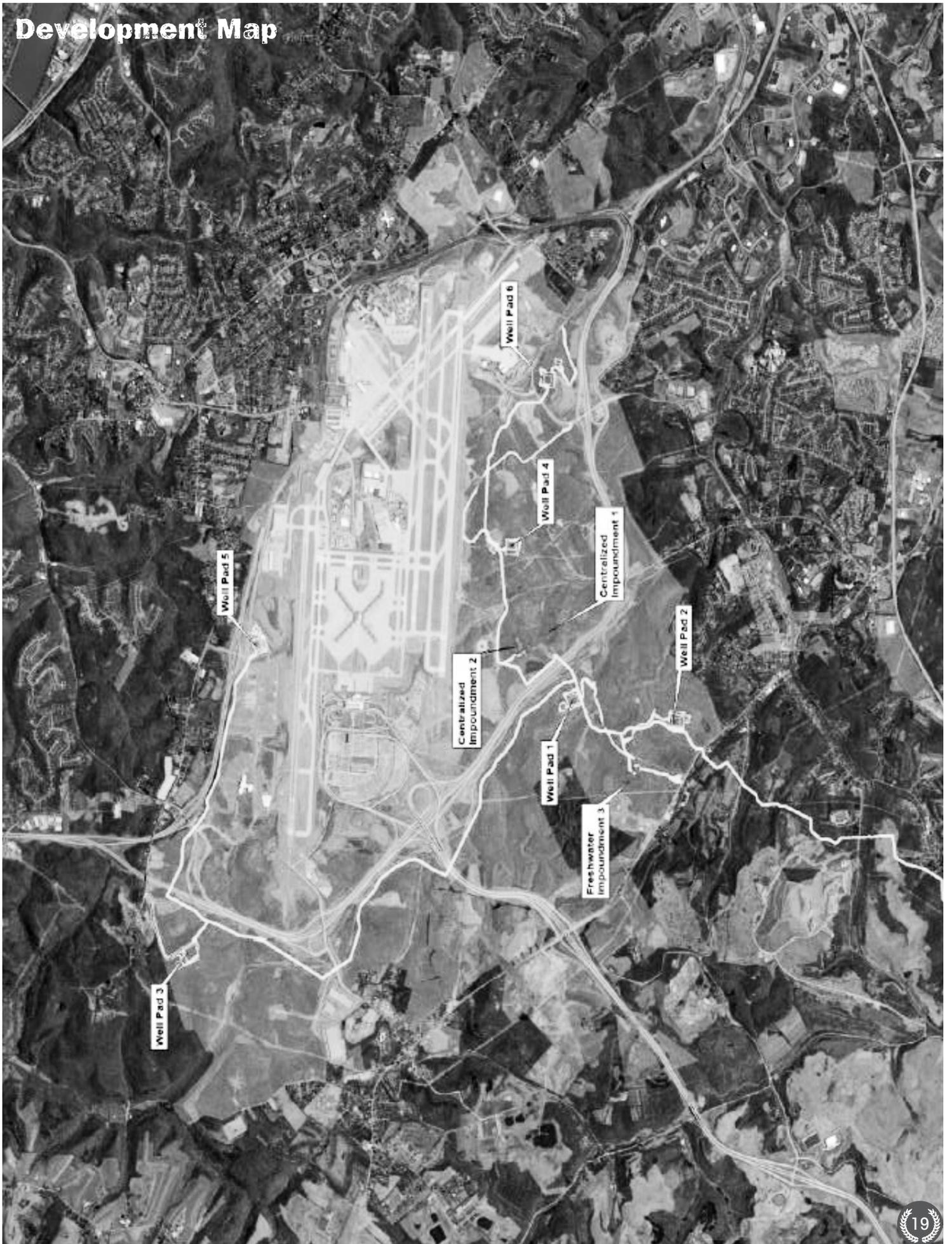
- "Walking" rigs are being used for both vertical and horizontal drilling to reduce rig moves and associated noise, emissions and truck traffic.
- Partnered with Halliburton to utilize Tier 4F equipment for hydraulic fracturing. This equipment is the most efficient ever used in the industry, exceeds current federal EPA requirements, and reduces emissions by 36% over industry-standard equipment.
- Hydraulic fracturing only occurs during daylight hours.
- Established a 24-hour hotline (724-705-6522) for local resident concerns.

### Partners in Progress

CONSOL is proud to partner with and support Findlay Township and the many worthwhile community-based and non-profit charitable organizations working to improve the quality of life for township residents:

- Imperial Volunteer Fire Department CONSOL Training Room
- Rec. & Sports Complex Playground
- Findlay Township Independence Day Celebration
- CONSOL STEM Scholarships
- TC House (residential facility for adults with Down Syndrome)
- Findlay Township Fair in the Woodlands
- West Allegheny High School Marching Band
- Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce

# Development Map





# TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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## Elected Officials

### Supervisors:

Janet L. Craig, Chairperson  
Thomas J. Gallant, Vice-Chairperson  
Raymond L. Chappell, Member

### U.S. Congressman:

Tim Murphy . . . . . (412) 344-5583  
504 Washington Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

### State Representative:

Mark Mustio . . . . . (412) 262-3780  
1009 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 220  
Moon Township, PA 15108

### State Senator:

Office Vacant Until Election . . . . . (412) 571-2169  
*(Office staff still assisting residents)*

### District Magistrate:

Anthony W. Saveikis . . . . . (724) 695-2070  
8052 Steubenville Pike  
Oakdale, PA 15071

## West Allegheny School District

Administrative Office . . . . . (724) 695-3422  
Senior High School . . . . . (724) 695-7368  
Middle School . . . . . (724) 695-8979  
Wilson Elementary . . . . . (724) 695-3300

## Post Offices

Imperial . . . . . (724) 695-0698  
Clinton . . . . . (724) 695-0114  
Coraopolis . . . . . (412) 264-4629

## Township Offices

Township Office . . . . . (724) 695-0500  
Imperial Vol. Fire Dept. (Emergency) 911 or (724) 695-7777  
(Non Emergency) (724) 695-8845  
Valley Ambulance (Emergency) . . . . . 911 or (724) 695-7777  
Police Department (Emergency) . . . . . 911 or (724) 695-7777  
(Non-Emergency) (724) 695-1300  
Public Works Department . . . . . (724) 695-2801  
Findlay Township Municipal Authority . . . . . (724) 695-3108  
Real Estate Tax Office . . . . . (724) 695-2995  
LST Collector (Berkheimer) . . . . . (412) 881-3075  
EIT Collector (Jordan Tax) . . . . . (724) 731-2300

**Manager:** . . . . . Christopher J. Caruso

**Assistant Manager:** . . . . . Thomas C. Garrett, Jr.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** . . . . . Cheryl L. Rinehart

**Building Inspector:** . . . . . Russell Collins

**Plumbing Inspector:** . . . . . Timothy Cook

**Police Chief:** . . . . . Jesse Lesko

**Planning Department Secretary:** . . . . . Cynde Harris

**Receptionist:** . . . . . Kathy Cain

**Recreation Coordinator:** . . . . . Darlene Howell

**Recreation Administrative Assistant:** . . . . . Stephanie Strain

**Real Estate Tax Collector:** . . . . . Barbara A. Coates

**Parks Coordinator:** . . . . . Steve Sarachine

**Public Works Director:** . . . . . John O'Neal

## Township Meetings

SUPERVISORS . . . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . . 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY . . . . . 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:00 p.m.  
ZONING HEARING BOARD . . . . . 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**All meetings are held at the Findlay Township Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton, PA.**

The Township of Findlay's  
**FAIR IN THE WOODLANDS**

**August 14th & 15th, 2015**

**Clinton Community Park - 86 Clinton Park Drive, Clinton, PA**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015**

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. . . . .Registration of Crafts, Needlework, Flowers, Vegetables, Fruits,  
Canned Goods, Hay and Grain, Antique Farm Equipment

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015**

2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. . . . .Baked Goods Registration  
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. . . . .Registration for Semi-Great Race/Fun Walk (Oriole Pavilion)  
6:00 p.m. . . . .Opening Ceremonies  
6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. . . . ."Clewless" (Band)  
7:00 p.m. . . . .Start of Semi-Great Race/Fun Walk  
7:15 p.m. . . . .Seed Spitting Contest (ages 8 to 18)  
7:30 p.m. . . . .Bake Sale (Falcon Pavilion)  
7:45 p.m. . . . .Hula Hoop Contest (ages 5 to 16)  
8:15 p.m. . . . .Presentation of Race Awards  
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. . . . ."Christian Beck Band" - (Country)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015**

10:30 a.m. . . . .Parade (Route 30)  
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. . . . .Imperial Dragon Tang Soo Do School  
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. . . . .Karen Prunzik Broadway Dance Studio  
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. . . . .West Allegheny Little Indians Cheerleaders  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. . . . ."Amazing Adaptations" - Aviary Program  
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. . . . .White Viper Martial Arts  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. . . . .Pedal Pull (Ages 3 to Adult)  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. . . . .Jack Tady & the Tady Bears (Polka)  
6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. . . . .Youth Pie Eating Contest (ages 8 -12 and 13 -16)  
7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. . . . .Adult Pie Eating Contest (ages 17 and up)  
8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. . . . ."BluSoul" (Blues and Soul)  
10:15 p.m. . . . .FIREWORKS (Ballfield)

*Sound provided for all Main Stage Events by Chuck Simon/ProSound*

**FREE ATTRACTIONS**

Rainbow Express Train - Friday 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday 11:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Mike the Balloon Guy & Co. (Balloons, Air Brush Tattoos) - Saturday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Petting Zoo, Contests, Pedal Pull  
Inflatables by ELF Entertainment (6 - 10 p.m. on Friday and 12 Noon to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday)

**ADDED ATTRACTIONS**

Pony Rides

**EXHIBIT PICK-UP (FALCON PAVILION)**

Saturday, August 15th from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. • Sunday, August 16th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED IN FAIRGROUNDS**





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