Findlay Township UPDATE

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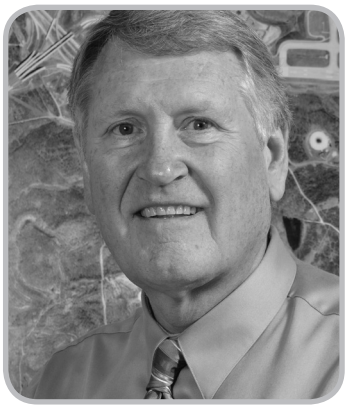
TOWNSHIP MGR. RETIRES



Gary Klingman, the Township Manager since 1989 retired on January 31, 2015. In Gary's 26 years with the Township as its first Manager, he oversaw a great deal of change in the Township. Some of the bigger projects managed were the Township's first Comprehensive Plan, updating the Zoning and Land Development Ordinances, Codification of Ordinances into the Township Code, Employee Handbook, the Recreation & Sports Complex at Leopold Lake, Activity Center, Industry Drive Extension and the Findlay Connector and activities associated with the Pittsburgh International Airport and Route 376. Daily, Gary managed the Township budget that was always balanced and never once included a tax increase.

The Board of Supervisors and employees thank Gary for all he did for Findlay and wish him the best of luck in all he chooses to do in retirement. **THANK YOU!**

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP'S NEW WEBSITE

As we bid Happy Retirement to Gary Klingman, welcome Chris Caruso as our new Township Manager and welcome in several new employees, we also have one more welcome to issue…..

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FINDLAY TOWNSHIP WEBSITE!

We are still at the same www.findlay.pa.us address but we're rolling out a whole new look and style. The new website format offers the ability to be alerted by text or email of emergencies, community alerts (ex. when trash pick-up will be delayed due to bad weather, etc.), calendar events, news flashes, and more….and **YOU** choose which ones you want to receive. Please note: these alerts are not replacing the existing SWIFTREACH notifications, so if you are signed up for those, you will still need to sign up on the new website for the information you choose. Also new to this site is the ability to report a concern to the Township and a login to check the progress of that concern.

This new website went LIVE on February 6, 2015. Just like our old site, you will still be able to request pavilion reservations (after the Pavilion Registration opening date), obtain up-to-date Township information and forms, be linked to Township employees and departments, view upcoming and current events, newsletter, meeting information and lots more.

Findlay Township is committed to providing you, our residents and businesses, with as much current Township information as possible. However, this is a new website, so we ask for your patience as we learn to navigate all the best ways to provide you with information. After taking a look at our website, we certainly welcome any of your suggestions about design and content. Email to: **findlaytwp@mindspring.com**

NEW TOWNSHIP MGR. & ASSISTANT MGR.

Chris Caruso, who has been with the Township since 1991, was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to be the next Township Manager beginning on February 1, 2015. Chris was first hired as the Township's Planning and Zoning Administrator and later took on the additional responsibilities of Assistant Manager, along with Emergency Management Coordinator. As Township Manager, Chris will continue to oversee Planning, Zoning and Emergency Management.

The Township's Assistant Manager job description has been redefined to take on more responsibilities with budgeting and benefits. On February 11th, Tom Garrett, Jr. was appointed Assistant Manager by the Board of Supervisors. Tom comes to the Township effective February 16th with a background in Management from various businesses. Tom lives in McDonald with his family.

POLICE DISPATCHER HIRED

On January 22, 2015 Ms. Kimberly Eisenried of Coraopolis was hired as an Emergency Services Dispatcher for the Township of Findlay. Ms. Eisenried, formerly of Buffalo New York, is a graduate of Orchard Park High School as well as Buffalo State College, where she obtained a Bachelor degree in Teaching, Elementary Education (special education). After graduation, Kim attended the Erie County Police Academy and became a City of Buffalo Police Officer in 1991. During her distinguished 21 year career, she received five (5) letters of commendation as well as the Mayor's award for her part in a homicide arrest/investigation. Kim is the daughter of Mary and William Eisenried, who currently reside in western New York. At the age of three, Kim's father taught her to ice skate. This would eventually evolve into many youth hockey seasons where Kim competed at a high level. Being the first female in western New York to play High School Hockey on the men's team led to twice earning a spot representing our country on the Women's USA Hockey Team. Kim was known as an all-around athlete competing both in softball and hockey in college. She maintains an active lifestyle and her hobbies include motorcycling and her two pet cocker spaniels.

PARKS CUSTODIAN

Don Cimarolli has been hired to fill the part-time position of Parks Custodian beginning on February 2nd. Don, a retiree and resident of the Township, is excited about working a job that is close to home, will keep him active and will help keep our community looking good. In this position Don will be assisting the Parks Department with cleaning the pavilions and parks throughout the Township.

RECYCLING & OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

TIRE RECYCLING

The 9th Annual Tire Collection will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9 a.m. – noon at the Findlay Township Public Works facility at 1058 Clinton Road in Clinton.

The Independence Conservancy, in conjunction with Findlay Township, will again be collecting tires that will be sheared and the rims will be hauled away for recycling.

Please note the following tires and donations:
$2 per passenger car or light truck tire – rim size:
12", 13", 14", 15", 16", 16.5" & 17"
An additional $2 for any of the above that are on a rim.

$20 per tractor trailer – 19" to 22" - no rims
$20 per farm tractor rear tire – no rims

DID YOU KNOW THAT FOR EVERY TON OF RECYCLING WE COLLECT, THE TOWNSHIP HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE GRANT MONEY? THAT GRANT MONEY IS THEN PUT BACK INTO BEAUTIFYING OUR PARKS AND FOR TOWNSHIP PROGRAMS.

COMING SOON, we will be announcing more recycling news – watch our website for information.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Findlay and North Fayette Townships have joined together once again to organize a community clean-up day on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9 a.m. till noon. Come out and donate a few hours of your time to show pride in our community and the environment. This is a great opportunity for community service hours. To volunteer, contact Darlene at 724-695-0500 x 246.

We will be meeting at the Activity Center – 310 Main Street, Imperial (Lower Level). From there, bags, gloves and vests will be provided. If possible, please arrange for your own transportation to and from your clean-up site.

COMPUTER AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Now that the landfills are no longer accepting televisions and electronic equipment, Findlay Township is recycling more than ever! Our partner, JVS Environmental, guarantees data destruction for computers and phones and also guarantees that no parts of the equipment turned in will end up in landfills.

We will hold our next "Computer and Appliance Recycling Day" on Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton. All computers, (CPU's), monitors, printers, laptops, non-Freon appliances (ex. washers, dryers, microwaves), telephones, keyboards, mouses, radios and lead acid automobile batteries will be accepted for FREE. Appliances with Freon will be accepted (ex. dehumidifiers, air conditioners) for a $15 fee.

TELEVISIONS: Because the landfills and the thrift stores like Goodwill are no longer accepting televisions, the recyclers have been inundated with TV's. For this reason, JVS is only able to accept ONE TELEVISION PER VEHICLE at this recycling event. Again this year we have negotiated with JVS so that there is no fee for that television (and they can be any size) but the number accepted is still restricted to one.

Additionally, JVS Environmental does not have the ability to transport picture tubes that have been removed from televisions, so PLEASE leave the picture tubes in the television. For more information, contact Cynde at 724-695-0500.

SHRED IT

Findlay Township will be hosting another FREE Shred-It Day on Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 10 a.m. till noon at the Municipal Building Parking Lot – 1271 Route 30, Clinton. Iron City Workplace Services, a professional shredding company, will be here to take your sensitive documents and dispose of them in a safe and quick manner. This is for PRIVATE HOMES ONLY – NO BUSINESSES.

NEW THIS YEAR: *NO ITEMS will be accepted before the event without prior approval. Nothing is to be left at the Municipal Building on Friday or before 10 a.m. on Saturday. The collection area will be monitored by the Findlay Police during these times.*

ONE MISSION

VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

ONE TEAM!

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 Borough and Neville Island.

Findlay Township residents who have a medical emergency should call **9-1-1 or 724 695-7777**.

VAA's mobile intensive care units are staffed by dedicated, professional Paramedics and EMTs who are stationed at our headquarters located at 3550 University Blvd. in Moon Township - 24 hours a day – 7 days week. When possible, VAA also staffs an ambulance at a substation which is located adjacent to the Findlay Township Municipal Building on Rt. 30 in Clinton, PA.

VAA has earned a reputation for providing prompt, professional emergency medical services. ***Last year, Valley Ambulance Authority responded to more than 850 emergency ambulance calls in Findlay Township and the Pittsburgh International Airport.***

Total ambulance responses within VAA's coverage area totaled more than 7,500 in 2014. VAA also provided more than 4,000 non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair van transports to patients within our service area.

Valley Ambulance Authority, a non-profit municipal authority, relies on community support and billing fees to fund its operating budget which totals more than $3 million dollars annually. Residents are often surprised to learn that VAA receives no municipal tax revenue!

Findlay Township residents can support VAA through participation in its annual subscription program. The subscription program provides residents with unlimited emergency medical services and an opportunity to save money by providing a 50% discount on any outstanding balances related to emergency services.

Due to changes in health care benefits, most insurance companies do not pay 100% of total ambulance charges. In fact, most insurance plans now require ambulance patients to make co-payments and/or pay large amounts to cover deductibles. A paid VAA subscription provides a 50% discount for any out of pocket expenses related to emergency ambulance services provided by VAA.

Non-subscribers are often responsible for full payment of any and all applicable ambulance charges, which often can exceed $1,000.00 per trip!

The subscription program also provides access to certain types of non-emergency ambulance services and discounted rates for wheelchair van transports.

The 2015 VAA subscription fees are $60.00 for a family or $40.00 for an individual. Paid subscriptions are effective from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016.

Note: Qualified senior citizens, who reside and have registered with Findlay Township, are covered by a subscription plan which is paid for by Findlay Township.

To keep up with increasing expenses, Valley Ambulance Authority also conducts an annual capital fund raising campaign. Residents interested in subscribing or contributing can submit a tax deductible donation by visiting VAA's web site at **www.valleyamb.org**

VAA also offers CPR and First Aid training programs which are certified by the American Heart Association (AHA). Classes are available for the general public, community groups, sports teams, businesses, corporations, and health care professionals.

To schedule a non-emergency transport, inquire about CPR training or to obtain more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call 412-262-2620 or visit our web site **www.valleyamb.org**

IMPERIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

The Fire Department has a new home at 111 Pine Street in Imperial. For information on any of the events listed below, please call the Fire Department at: **724–695–8845**

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Date: Saturday, March 7th
Where: Findlay Township Activity Center
Time: Doors open 5:30 PM. Betting & Races 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Cost: Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door or by calling the Fire Department

Pop, Beer and Food provided, BYOB

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

Date: Friday, April 3rd
Where: Imperial Volunteer Fire Department – Pine Street, Imperial
Time: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Take out, delivery and eat-in available. Call for menu
(There may be additional Fish Fry dates, check website later for details)

ANNUAL FIREMEN'S DAY STREET FAIR

Date: Thursday through Saturday June 11th – 13th
Where: Imperial Volunteer Fire Department – Pine Street, Imperial
Time: Parade – Friday, June 12th at 7:00 PM

PARADE ROUTE TO BE DETERMINED – INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

IVFD BINGO

Super bingo will be held on the first Monday of the month at the Findlay Township Activity Center at 310 Main Street in Imperial. Doors open at 5:30 PM, kitchen at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. sharp!! A package of 12 cards and 5 specials is $25. Extra cards and specials will be available at the door. Quickies and jackpots will be sold on the floor. Throw away cards are used and you will need a dobber. Please pass this information onto your friends and let's play some BINGO! As the schedule is announced, it will be posted on the Township website (along with any cancellations)

TABLE RENTALS

The Fire Department now is renting tables for private functions. Call: **724–695–8845** for info

TOWNSHIP WILL CONTINUE WITH FREE SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Board of Supervisors in 2015 will continue FREE trash/recycling and ambulance service to Township Senior Citizens. To qualify for the trash and recycling program, the senior must be the owner AND occupant of the property. **THE ELIGIBLE AGE FOR BOTH PROGRAMS IS 67 YEARS OLD.** To take advantage of the programs, provide the Township Office with a copy of either a driver's license, Medicare card or other valid information indicating your date of birth.

DEAR RESIDENT;

It's that time of year and soon we will be outside free of the winter weather. The following are safety tips for those runners, walkers and bikers who use our roadways and trail system.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

Plan *your outing. Always tell a family member or friend where you are going and when you'll return.*
Know *where telephones are located along your route or always carry your cellular phone with you.*
Wear *identification or carry your driver's license. Write your name, phone number and blood type inside of your shoe. Include any medical alert information.*
Don't *wear jewelry or carry cash.*
Wear *reflective material*

ON THE ROAD OR TRAIL:

Stay Alert *at all times. The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you are. Run, walk or bike with a dog or friend.*
Don't *wear headsets. If you wear them you won't hear an approaching car or attacker.*
Listen *to your surroundings.*
Exercise *in familiar areas.*
Vary *your route. That way a potential attacker won't get to know your routine.*
Run *clear of parked cars or traffic. Run AGAINST traffic so you can observe approaching vehicles.*
Trust *your intuition about a person or an area. If you feel unsafe leave immediately.*
Ignore *verbal harassment. Keep moving and keep your distance. If you think you are being followed,* ***CHANGE DIRECTION.***

CALL POLICE IMMEDIATELY *if something happens to you or you observe something unusual. Be a good witness.*

No one individual or agency working alone can prevent crime. It takes Police and citizens working together in a partnership. Our annual report for 2014 is now posted on the townships web page at www.findlay.pa.us. If you see a crime, report a crime.

Sincerely,
Jesse J. Lesko Jr. Chief of Police

NEW OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

On November 5, 2014, Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) adopted new burning regulations that cover every Municipality in Allegheny County. These new regulations took effect on January 1, 2015. Under the new regulations open burning includes any fire or combustion which occurs in a chiminea, fire pit, outdoor fireplace or grill. No person shall conduct, or allow to be conducted, the open burning of any materials, except where the ACHD has issued an open burning permit. Exempt is open burning safely conducted for the preparation of food, recreation, light or ornament in a manner which contributes a negligible amount of air contaminants in accordance with the following:

- *No materials other than clean wood, propane or natural gas may be open burned except for: Commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs or wood pellets, paper or commercial smokeless fire starters, charcoal for food preparation only.*
- *Fires may be no longer than 3' wide by 3' long by 2' high.*
- *Fires must be at least 15 feet from nearest neighbors dwelling or inhabited area including, property line, roadway, sidewalk and public access area.*
- *Wood burning activities are prohibited on Air Quality Action Days. To receive email, text or smartphone app notifications of burn ban days, go to www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts*

Alerts can also be viewed on line at www.airnow.gov or at ACHD website, www.ACHD.net

WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Western Allegheny Community Library - 25th Anniversary!

Western Allegheny Community Library is gearing up to celebrate its 25th Anniversary this year. It seems hard to believe that our beloved community library is only 25 years old! What began as an idea brought forth by a few local citizens who recognized the need for a library in the area, has now grown into a full service library offering programs and services for all ages that is open seven days a week.

Looking back on the past 25 years a lot has changed, but one thing remains the same - the library is built on a commitment to the community. Since 25 years is a huge milestone, naturally the library plans to celebrate all year. Stop by to take part in the ongoing promotions, which offer fun and prizes for all ages.

The first promotion is already underway. Inspired by Willy Wonka's "Golden Tickets," the library is marking their Silver Anniversary by hiding "Silver Tickets" in books and other materials. Every silver ticket is worth a chance at the monthly drawing. One winner will be drawn each month throughout the year. Prizes include gift cards for (you guessed it) $25! Also, if you're lucky enough to find a Silver Ticket, be sure to stop by the customer service desk to pick up your instant prize.

Look for other fun promotions throughout the year, including "top 25" lists around the library. Look back at what was hot in 1990, as well as top books, music, movies, and more. Show your support for the library by purchasing a 25th Anniversary t-shirt, available in youth and adult sizes, for only $10 each. And be sure to stop in on the 25th of each month during 2015 to enjoy a special treat.

In November, the library will celebrate their official birthday with an open house style event that will be free to the public. The event will include historic photos of the area and stories from the past 25 years. If you're interested in helping with the committee to celebrate the library, please email Librarian Amanda Kirby at kirbya@einetwork.net.

Youth Programs:

BABY STORYTIME & PLAYGROUP
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM *(No storytime Feb. 18th & Apr. 22nd)*

TODDLER STORYTIME & PLAYGROUP
Wednesdays, 10:30 AM *(No storytime Feb. 18th & Apr. 22nd)*

PJ STORYTIME
Mondays, 6:30 PM *(No storytime Feb. 23, Mar. 23 & Apr. 20)*

PRE-K ART & SCIENCE
Mondays, 11:00 AM *(No class Mar. 2nd & 23rd, Apr. 20th)*

PAWS FOR READING *(Grades K – 3)*
Saturdays, Mar. 21st, Apr. 18th, May 16th, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LEGO CLUB
Wednesdays, 4:00 PM *(No class Apr. 1 & 22)*

CRAZY 8'S CLUB *(Grades K – 2)*
Mondays, Mar. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th; Apr. 6th & 13th, 4:15 PM

MIDDLE GRADE MYTHBUSTERS *(Grades 4 – 7)*
Tuesdays, Feb. 10th, 24th, Mar. 10th, 24th; Apr. 7th, 21st, 4:30 PM

CHESS CLUB
Wednesdays, Feb. 18; Mar. 4th, 18th; Apr. 1st, 15th, 29th, 6:00 PM

FANS OF FANTASY BOOK CLUB *(Grades 4 – 7)*
Thursdays, Feb. 26th; Mar. 26th; Apr. 23rd, 6:00 PM

TEEN GAME NIGHTS *(Grades 6-12)*
Thursdays, Feb. 12th, Mar. 5th, Apr. 16th, 6:00 PM

TEEN ZONE *(Grades 6 – 12)*
Sundays, Feb. 15th, Mar. 15th, Apr. 12th, 3:00 PM

90 SECOND VIDEO CAST *(Grades 6 – 12)*
Monday, Mar. 9th, 4:00 PM

COME TO THE LIBRARY AND MAKE A VIDEO *"book trailer!"*
Learn how to create a 90-second video from idea to creation.

STUMP THE LIBRARIAN *(Grades 6 – 12)*
Tuesday, Mar. 10th, 6:00 PM
See if you know more than the Technical Services Librarian when it comes to library tech!

All Ages & Family Programs:

HUG & KISS HUNT | Friday, February 13th, all day
In celebration of Valentine's Day, drop by to search the stacks for hidden Hershey's Hugs & Kisses.

PAINTED BIRDHOUSES | Sunday, Mar. 22nd, 2:00 PM

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT | Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6:00 PM
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG)

Adult Programs:

THERAPEUTIC USES FOR ESSENTIAL OILS
Natural Aids for Healthy Weight Loss - Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 6:30 PM
Natural Ways to Detox Your Home & Body - Tuesday, Feb. 24th, 6:30 PM

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS - *Planning for the Future*
Thursday, Feb. 19th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

PINTEREST PLAYGROUND
Easter Wreath - Sunday, Mar. 8th, 2:00 PM **Fee:** $3
Red, White, & Blue Wreath - Tuesday, Apr. 14th, 6:30 PM **Fee:** $5

SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY SERIES
Using YouTube – Feb. 12th, 6:30 PM
Tumbling over Tumblr – Mar. 19th, 6:30 PM

BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS FOR SENIORS
Monday, Mar. 9th, 2:00 PM

THE COOKBOOK CLUB
1st Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 PM

THE BOOKWORMS | 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 1:00 PM

COUPON EXCHANGE | 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 PM

YA @ HEART | 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 6:00 PM

ANIME/MANGA CLUB | 4th Tuesday of the Month, 6:00 PM

YARNIES | Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

Stop by the library or check out our website at www.westernalleghenylibrary.org for full program information and to sign up today!

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS 2015

The Public Works Department is responsible for snow and ice control for 45 miles of Township roads. Additionally, the Department is under contract for snow and ice control for 17 miles of State roads and 3.5 miles of County roads.

The members of the Board of Supervisors serve as Road Masters for designated portions of the Township; Tom Gallant for Imperial, Janet Craig for Westbury and the RIDC, and Ray Chappell for Clinton.

For the year 2015 one focus of the Department will be using our limited resources on routine maintenance of roads based on priority of conditions. All Capital projects depend on available funding.

The Aten Road Bridge Replacement is a number one priority for the Township. Design is ongoing and once approved, Federal and State funding mechanisms will allow the project to proceed.

Plans are to perform repairs on Main Street in preparation for future paving, possibly in 2015 or 2016.

In 2012, 2013 and 2014 repairs were done on some of the narrow Imperial streets to prepare them for paving. The water line project is complete and no longer an obstacle. We hope to complete the repairs this summer and pave the repaired streets. The lower section of Church Street was paved last year. Proposed paving includes the rest of Church Street, Berry Street, Nancy Street, Burns Street, Marshall Street, a portion of Anna Street, Ida Street, and Kearns Street.

Residents are reminded that the depositing of snow from driveways and sidewalks onto the street is illegal. Additionally, liability for accidents caused by snow deposited onto the street by a resident, or person hired by a resident, falls to that resident.

This is year 13 of the Township's mandatory involvement with Phase II of the Federal Storm Water laws known as the **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**, or NPDES II. The Township web site has information and links to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency for the public. This year the Township will continue inspecting storm water out-falls and testing run off water where required by the law. This may require entering private property on occasion. Permission to enter private property will be requested from any property owner where there may be a need to determine a source of illegal substances entering the storm sewers prior to workers entering the property unless there is an existing storm sewer easement allowing entry. The Township is required to inspect 25% of storm water out-falls annually. For more information and for the link to the DEP website visit the Township website at **www.findlay.pa.us**.

Elimination of pollution in the storm sewer system requires the assistance of all residents and businesses. Please remember that storm sewer inlets are not disposal sites for animal waste, grass clippings, leaves, gasoline, paint, paint thinner or engine oil, to name a few. Dumping these or other substances into storm sewers is illegal and harms the waterways that the storm water run off enters. These materials can also cause unnecessary storm sewer repairs that are costly to you, the tax payer.

The residents of Findlay Township are the eyes and ears of the Township. Please feel free to contact the Public Works Department with any concerns about infrastructure maintenance issues at **724-695-2801**.

REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Township Taxes will be mailed April 1st, with a 2% discount if paid by May 31st. Face is then due by July 31st, 2015. We are proud to announce that the millage remains the same at 1.6 mills.

The 2015 school bills will be mailed on July 1, 2015. They are due at the 2% discount by August 31st with face due by October 31st.

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 $15,000.00 in Assessed Value off of your Township Assessment. If you have not applied to the County of Allegheny, the Act 50 forms can be downloaded from the County Website or you can call this office and we will send you the forms.

Act 77 is the Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program. Again, forms must be filed with the County of Allegheny and they pass the information onto the Findlay Tax Office. This form can also be downloaded from the County of Allegheny Real Estate or the Findlay Township website or you can call this office.

Any questions or concerns, please call Barb Coates at **724-695-2995**. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM with extended days during the weeks of discount and face.

Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Residential

Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.

Lawn Care – Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

Auto Care – Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a waterbody.

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

Pet Waste - Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local water.

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

Septic Systems - Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens (bacteria and viruses) that can be picked up by stormwater and discharged into nearby waterbodies. Pathogens can cause public health problems and environmental concerns.

- Inspect your system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary (every 3 to 5 years).
- Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

Commercial

Commercial - Dirt, oil, and debris that collect in parking lots and paved areas can be washed into the storm sewer system and eventually enter local waterbodies.

- Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
- Cover grease storage and dumpsters and keep them clean to avoid leaks.
- Report any chemical spill to the local hazardous waste cleanup team. They'll know the best way to keep spills from harming the environment.

Agriculture

Agriculture - Lack of vegetation on streambanks can lead to erosion. Overgrazed pastures can also contribute excessive amounts of sediment to local waterbodies. Excess fertilizers and pesticides can contaminate waterways with bacteria, making them unsafe for human contact.

- Keep livestock away from streambanks and provide them a water source away from waterbodies.
- Store and apply manure away from waterbodies and in accordance with a nutrient management plan.
- Vegetate riparian areas along waterways.
- Rotate animal grazing to prevent soil erosion in fields.
- Apply fertilizers and pesticides according to label instructions to save money and minimize pollution.

Forestry

Forestry - Improperly managed logging operations can result in erosion and sedimentation.

- Conduct preharvest planning to prevent erosion and lower costs.
- Use logging methods and equipment and equipment that minimize soil disturbance.
- Plan and design skid trails, yard areas, and truck access roads to minimize stream crossings and avoid disturbing the forest floor.
- Construct stream crossings so that they minimize erosion and physical changes to streams.
- Expedite revegetation of cleared areas.

Education is essential to changing people's behavior. Signs and markers near storm drains warn residents that pollutants entering the drains will be carried untreated into a local waterbody.

Residential Landscaping

Permeable Pavement – Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Instead these surfaces rely on storm drains to divert unwanted water. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing stormwater runoff.

Rain Barrels – You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.

Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales – Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.

Vegetated Filter Strips – Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants stormwater picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.

Construction

Construction - Erosion controls that aren't maintained can cause excessive amounts of sediment and debris to be carried into the stormwater system. Construction vehicles can leak fuel, oil, and other harmful fluids that can be picked up by stormwater and

- Divert stormwater away from disturbed or exposed areas of the construction site.
- Install silt fences, vehicle mud removal areas, vegetative cover, and other sediment and erosion controls and properly maintain them, especially after rainstorms.
- Prevent soil erosion by minimizing disturbed areas during construction projects, and seed and mulch bare areas as soon as possible.

Automotive Facilities

Automotive Facilities - Uncovered fueling stations allow spills to be washed into storm drains. Cars waiting to be repaired can leak fuel, oil, and other harmful fluids that can be picked up by stormwater.

- Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of cleanup materials.
- Provide cover over fueling stations and design or retrofit facilities for spill containment.
- Properly maintain fleet vehicles to prevent oil, gas, and other discharges from being washed into local waterbodies.
- Install and maintain oil/water separators.

NEWSLETTER NOTABLES

Findlay Industrial Park – GFS (Gordon Food Service) is in the process of completion of its 401,523 sq. ft. office/warehouse/distribution center on Solar Drive in the Findlay Industrial Park. Also nearing completion is the 15,300 sq. ft. maintenance building. GFS is preparing to occupy the necessary office space to begin the move to full operations. All operations are expected to be in the new facility by August. To further occupy the 62-acre site, GFS has adequate space to accommodate an additional 112,685 sq. ft. expansion. GFS is presently looking for employees in all facets of their operations. If you are interested, visit our website at **www.findlay.pa.us** and scroll down the home page for the information on how to apply.

Burns and Scalo's development on Industry Drive involves a 60,256 sq. ft. single story office building on an 8-acre parcel. Over ½ of the building has been leased to CH2M Hill, an environmental engineering firm. The remaining 50% of the building is available at this time.

Northfield Development Area – Dick's Sporting Goods has filed a Preliminary Land Development application with the Township to expand their existing campus and tie it together with the vacant Northfield site. A concept Master Plan has been submitted depicting the proposed buildings and amenities that will be placed on the entire site.

Chapman Westport – Thru Tubing Solutions is nearing completion of their 16,000 sq. ft. warehouse office building on a 3-acre parcel on Campus Drive in the Commerce Park. Although this is the first building in Chapman Westport, already there has been announced serious interest on the part of GE to build a research and development facility comprised of 120,000 sq. ft. on a 10-acre parcel. The facility would focus on the use of 3-D printing as a means to produce various parts used in the airline industry.

Pittsburgh Airport Industrial Park – Elmhurst's newest building in the development is nearing completion. The 46,800 sq. ft. building can be seen from I-376 on a hill overlooking the merge point of I-376 and Business I-376. This is the final building parcel in that park.

Enterprise Drive in the RIDC ParkWest – In order to continue to meet the demands of the consumer health care sector, Walgreen's Specialty Pharmacy has committed to the construction of a 85,000 sq. ft. free-standing building on a 12-acre parcel. Site improvements and infrastructure installation have already begun on the site. Approximately 450 jobs will be retained and created by the project. Walgreens is the largest drug retailing chain in the United States and #37 on Fortune 500 list. Specialty Pharmacy works to deliver pharmaceuticals to patients of rare, complex and frequently chronic conditions. Due to acquisitions and organic growth, the company has surpassed the capacity of their current location in the Pittsburgh area and thus they are making the move to Findlay Township.

Lenox Place–Phase II–Sahrista Development is underway with the public improvements on this 6.5 acre parcel off of Main Street in Imperial. Construction of the second phase includes a total of 18 units with 4 acres of Open Space. Construction will begin in the summer.

Maronda Farms received approval for 21 lots in Phase 3 that would extend Trotter Lane and Quarter Horse Lane. Also approved was Phase 4A for an additional 27 single family lots. Phase 4A will have 7 lots on Filly Circle with the remaining lots on Horseshoe Drive. Construction of only Phase 4A will begin this Winter/Spring.

Consol Gas Drilling at the Pittsburgh International Airport – Consol has completed Vertical Drilling at both Well Pad #1 and #2. Well Pad #1 is idle while they wait for horizontal drilling to be completed at Well Pad #2. On well Pad #2, they are working on the fourth of six wells. They are expecting to complete that operation by sometime in late March. When complete with horizontal drilling on Well Pad #2, the rig will move to Well Pad #1. They are expected to begin vertical drilling on Well Pad #4 (this well site is north of the McClaren Interchange) in the very near future. Consol continues to maintain a Complaint Line to address concerns that may crop up during the drilling process. That Complaint Line phone number is **724-705-6522**. Alex E. Paris Corporation is also in the process of installing pipelines for Consol in the Airport property to begin accepting gas from the wells when they are complete.

ANNUAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

FREE SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN
Wednesday, March 18th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Municipal Building in Clinton

SPRING WINE TRIP | Saturday, May 30th

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASSES
8 HOUR CLASS – Monday and Tuesday, April 13th & 14th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

4 HOUR REFRESHER CLASS | Wednesday, April 22nd
9:00 AM 1:00 PM

Both are held at the Municipal Building in Clinton.

SCRAPBBOOKING WORKSHOP | Saturday, May 9th
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM at the Activity Center | Cost - $60

To register:
call **724–307–3333** or email **michellekoestercm@comcast.net**

INDOOR FLEA MARKET
Saturday, March 21st | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Activity Center

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, March 28th | 11:00 AM
Rainbows End Playground in Clinton Park

FISHING DERBY
Saturday, May 23rd | 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Leopold Lake
Ages 15 and under Cost – **FREE**

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP
Saturday, April 18th | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lower level of the Activity Center

(WINTER/SPRING 2015) NEW HAPPENINGS

EXERCISE PROGRAMS

We are adding some new exercise programs to our schedule this season.

PiYo – A combination of Pilates and Yoga held Tuesdays on the lower level of the Activity Center from 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Senior Yoga and Qi Gong – Held on the lower level of the Activity Center Thursday from 9 -10 AM

Ask about discounts for Findlay residents and Findlay Senior Citizen Group

THE ACTIVITY CENTER NEW WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

WEDDING PLANNING ON A BUDGET
Tuesday, February 24th | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Cost $10

FAMILY MEALS IN 30 MINUTES OR LESS
Thursday, February 26th 6:30 PM | Cost – **FREE**

FIRST STEPS IN DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
Wednesdays, March 11th – April 1st 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Cost - $99 *(for four classes)*

MOMS AND GRANDMAS WITH CAMERAS
Thursday April 23rd | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM | Cost - $50

GLAMOUR MAKEOVER WORKSHOP
Wednesday, April 8th | 6:30 PM | Cost - **FREE**

AARP CARFIT
Thursday, April 9th | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Cost - **FREE**

MIND, BODY SPIRIT EVENT
Sunday, February 15th | 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Cost - **FREE**

GARDENERS HUDDLE
Saturday, March 28th | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Cost - $25

SEMI-SUPER MORNING BINGO
Friday, April 10th | 10:00 AM at the Activity Center
Cost - $10 per packet

SPRING FLING/LITTLE LAMBS
CLOSET WILSON PTA FUNDRAISER
Saturday, May 2nd | 9:00 AM | 12:00 PM

Independent sales consultants & kids consignment event

Contact Shannon at kumpfmillerclan@me.com to reserve a table on for more information

Most, if not all programs require pre-registration. For more detailed information on any programs and events, check out the website or call **724-695-0500 ext. 246 or 240**.

Or you can email dlarson@findlaytwp.org or sstrain@findlaytwp.org

Most classes and programs continue throughout the year. These include: Kid's Cooking, Time for Toddlers, Water Aerobics, Yoga, Walk Live, Scrapbooking and Karate.

Please call Darlene if you want any information on these programs or other Township Happenings!!

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

If you haven't done so yet, head up and check out the new library at 181 Bateman Road.

Log onto westernalleghenylibrary.org to check out programs.

Need a good book to read? Have some interesting literature to share? Check out Findlay Townships Little Free Library, located at the Activity Center on Main Street. It is painted bright purple and green so you can't miss it on the sidewalk! We have partnered with The Western Allegheny Community Library to bring you and your family a wonderful place to "take a book and return a book". There is also a Little Free Library in North Fayette Township and Oakdale Boro.

This is a terrific resource to share your favorite reads with your friends and neighbors. Please feel free to check out what is already in there or you may add in a few books of your choice. The library is for adults and children of all ages so you may include children's books as well. Make sure to return the books that you borrow to ensure that everyone who wants to participate can have to opportunity to enjoy a wide selection.

TRAIN EXHIBIT

On November 28th, Findlay Township and the West Allegheny Food Pantry partnered to bring a Holiday Train Exhibit to the Activity Center. Several hundred people came through the doors to view Paul Linko's amazing train collection and display. Paul has been a train enthusiast for over 50 years and we were so excited that he could bring his love of trains to our community. All of his trains were made in the USA and date from 1930–1960. A bake sale and basket auction were also held at the event. We hope to make this an annual holiday kick-off event.

The annual fall ***"Cruisin' in the Woodlands"*** was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th in Clinton Park. Perfect weather prevailed and well over 100 cars participated. Cruises are hosted by Pittsburgh C.A.R.S. and sponsored by Findlay Township. The next cruise will be this coming summer.

"Cruisin' in the Woodlands" on Friday June 5th (raindate is June 12th) from 5–9 p.m. in Clinton Park.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club is a year old now and going strong. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Activity Center. Some exceptions to the meetings may occur.

In December the club hosted a bus trip to The Spaghetti Warehouse and Phipps Conservatory. Thirty five members and garden enthusiasts attended.

Coming in 2015 - A "Garden Huddle" is scheduled for Saturday March 28 from 8:30-12:30 at the Findlay Township Activity Center. There will be a speaker covering topics from Basic Tree Planting to New Varieties of Plants for 2015. There will also be a continental breakfast, Chinese auction, door prizes, snacks and giveaways. Admission is $25.00.

A field trip is planned for late September to the Barberton Mum Festival, Lake Anna Park, Barberton Ohio. More details will be in the summer newsletter.

Workshop and planting events are being scheduled for spring and summer and a pot luck for early fall.

Any Garden Club questions please contact Sue Peindl **724-350-9837**.

PAVILION RENTAL (2015 SEASON)

Pavilion rental for Findlay Township Residents, Findlay Township Businesses and Youth or Adult groups began Saturday, February 7th. Beginning Monday, February 9th, residents may reserve online by logging onto **www.findlay.pa.us** OR by calling the Township. You will be asked to pay 2 separate checks for the rental fee of $60 and the $25.00 refundable deposit.

(These fees are not applicable for the new pavilion.)

Non-residents may rent pavilions beginning on April 1st.

(Non-Resident fee is $85 and the $25 deposit.)

NEW PAVILION AT THE RECREATION AND SPORTS COMPLEX AT LEOPOLD LAKE

The new pavilion at the Recreation and Sports Complex began its rental season in July of 2014. The pavilion is located at the Recreation and Sports Complex at Leopold Lake, located off of Route 30 above Leopold Lake. It seats 150 – 165 and has full kitchen facilities, restrooms and a playground nearby.

Rental cost: Residents - $100 ($175 with kitchen)
Non-residents: $150 ($250 with kitchen)
A $100 refundable security deposit will also be required.

This facility is not available to reserve online - you must do it person or by phone.

THE FINDLAY TOWNSHIP ACTIVITY CENTER

Located on Main Street in Imperial, The Activity Center will be the site of many Township programs. The center has two floors, which are also available to rent. The top floor, which seats 200, has a full kitchen, bathroom and a complete sound/video system.

The bottom floor seats 100, has bathroom facilities, a refrigerator and carpeting. It is ideal for groups and business meetings.

For additional information or to reserve the center, call Stephanie at the Township Office, Monday, Wednesday or Friday at **724-695-0500 ext. 240**. We take rentals all year and there is no limit on how far ahead that you can book. This facility is not available for online reservations.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

The Senior Citizen Group meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month (excluding July & August) at the Activity Center in Imperial. A lunch is provided each month with the cost being $2 for residents and $3 for non-residents. Approximately 160 members attended the Annual Christmas Dinner on December 18th. Delicious food, prizes, bingo and a performance by the West Allegheny Show Choir made for a perfect evening. The group also enjoys trips throughout the year. This year we had an overnight to Lancaster and a Day Trip to The Carlisle Inn in September. Plans have been made for a trip to the WV Theater in Morgantown and lunch at Lakeview Resort in July and a Bedford County Dine Around in October. For information on how to become a member, call **724–695–0500 ext. 246 or 240.**

TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

Jim Scott from State Representative Mark Mustio's office will be on hand to help senior residents fill out their Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms on Friday, March 6th from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at the Municipal Building in Clinton. You must call the Township to make an appointment.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

www.findlay.pa.us

For meeting agendas and current events, visit our website.

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:
Matthew Smith (412) 571-2169
319 Castle Shannon Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

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

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Secretary/Treasurer:
Cheryl L. Rinehart

Building Inspector:
Russell Collins

Police Chief:
Jesse Lesko

Plumbing Inspector:
Timothy Cook

Planning Department Secretary:
Cynde Harris

Recreation Coordinator:
Darlene Howell

Receptionist:
Kathy Cain

Real Estate Tax Collector:
Barbara A. Coates

Recreation Admin Assistant:
Stephanie Strain

Parks Coordinator:
Steve Sarachine

Public Works Director:
John O'Neal

Township Meetings

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

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

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RECREATION NEWS

Once again, summer and fall were busy times for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Annual Fair in the Woodlands was held on August 15th and 16th of 2014. Great weather prevailed and the Fair was a success and well attended. Dates for 2015 Fair are August 14th & 15th.

A highlight of the fall was "Truck Touch," an event for families held in Clinton Park. All sorts of vehicles were available for the kids to climb on and explore, as well as other activities and a concession stand. Findlay Township, Western Allegheny Community Library, Macaroni Kid Robinson and Imperial Tang Soo Do School partnered to bring this one-of-a-kind event to the community as a fundraiser for our new library. Truck Touch is scheduled for September 26th for 2015. Mark your calendars so you don't miss it!

Another highlight was the annual Halloween Pizza Party and Parade that was held on October 25th. There were approximately 125 children and adults at the Pizza Party who enjoyed pizza and a show featuring the "ICEMAN" Reptile Show. We all paraded down to the Imperial Fire Station for treat bags and some prizes. Thanks so much to members of the IVFD for all of their help with the event. Also a thank you goes out to all of members of the Findlay Seniors and residents that come out to help.

FINDLAY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (FAA)

For information on t-ball, baseball, softball and flag football, log onto: **www.leaguelineup.com/findlaysports**

WEST ALLEGENY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (WAYSA)

For information on youth soccer, log onto: **www.leaguelineup.com/westasoccer**