



MESSENGER

IT'S FAIR TIME! OUR THANKS TO AREA SPONSORS

The Fair Board members, under the direction of the Township Recreation Coordinator, Darlene Howell, have been meeting regularly to plan the upcoming 34th Annual Findlay Township Community Fair.

The Fair has been steadily continuing to grow since its inception in 1976 when it was known as "Township Community Days" and was held in the parking lot of the Municipal Building. Through the assistance of partial funding from the PA Department of Agriculture, the agricultural building and amphitheater/stage were under construction in 2001 and 2003. Throughout its history, the Fair has remained free to the public with funding being provided through local business donations, Township contributions, and a reimbursement grant through the PA Dept of Agriculture.

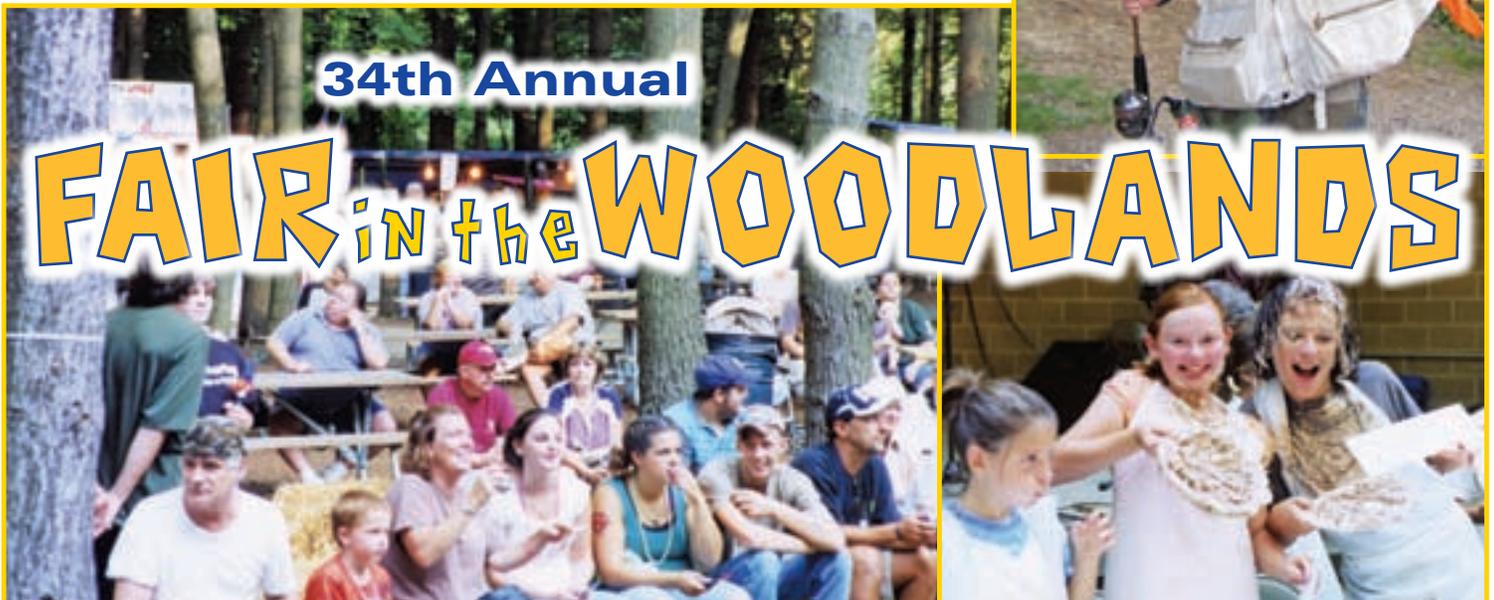
The Supervisors, Fair Board and Community would like to thank those businesses that have generously contributed towards

the 2009 Fair by sponsoring events, entertainment, providing services, or donating goods/services from their business. They are: Accent on Gold, Advance Auto Parts, Allegheny West Magazine, Allegra Print & Imaging, Amy Sue's Hair Creations, Armstrong Telephone Company, Body Systems Fitness, Chapman Commerce Center, Cole's Pub, Comcast, Country Lane, Davis Oil Sales, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dr. Ann Bolind, Attorney Lawrence E. Bolind, Heidler Equipment, Hurley Insurance Brokers, Imperial Heights Garage, Imperial Land Corporation, Imperial Tax & Accounting, Insulators Local #2, Janoski's Farm, Just Tan, King's Restaurant, Mamones Bit of Country, Metro Fence Company, Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Monark Student Transportation, Montour Valley VFW, Moody Funeral Home, Norm Cridge Signs, Ohio Valley Industrial Services, PNC Bank, Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Raceway Beverage, Sam's Club, Speedie's Pizza, Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky, Susan Senay's Sunset Styles, The Buncher Company, Thomas & Little Funeral Service, Today's Hair, Valley Electric Company, Vandelay Services & Supplies, and Wharton-Herrick Funeral Home.

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 15th from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the Findlay Township Community Fair Parade. Motorists will be required to use Washington and Potato Garden Run Roads as a detour during the parade.

Traffic delays may also occur on the day of the Semi-Great Race and Fun Walk on Friday, August 14th 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.





Findlay Township Board of Supervisors

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"CRUISIN IN THE WOODLANDS"

The Eighth annual Cruisin in the Woodlands was held on Friday, June 26th in Clinton Park. Fortunately, the weather was perfect and approximately 250 classic cars attended the event as well as hundreds of spectators. The IVFD and Speedies Pizza were on hand selling food and a new addition this year was a vendor/craft show in the Bluebird Pavilion. The Spikeman provided music for what turned out to be a wonderful evening. As always, thanks to Pittsburgh C.A.R.S members for all of their help.

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Findlay and North Fayette Townships joined together once again to hold the annual "Community Clean-Up Day" that was held on Saturday, April 18th. The event was scheduled in conjunction with "The Great Pennsylvania Clean-Up" and Earth Week. Over 100 volunteers, many who were West Allegheny High School students, met at the Activity Center, where they were given a specific road assignment. Hundreds of bags of garbage were collected between the hours of 9 am and noon. Special thanks go out to Allied Waste, PennDOT, Magistrate Anthony Saveikis and Allegheny West Magazine for their contributions and support.

FLEA MARKET 2009

The annual indoor flea market was held on March 21st. We filled both floors of the Activity Center with over 60 tables. Girl Scout Troop 51233 was on hand selling refreshments and helping out.

Date for 2010 is March 20th. Call if you would like to reserve a table.

SKATEPARK DEMO RESCHEDULED

The skatepark show had to be cancelled in July due to inclement weather. New date is Sunday, September 27th starting at 3 PM. Come out and enjoy the talent of these BMX riders and skateboarders. For a sneak peak, go to www.myspace.com/dialedactionsportsteam.

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 Findlay's 34th Annual

"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:

Crafts, Vegetables and Flowers
Wednesday, August 12th from 12 to 7 p.m.
at the Falcon Pavilion

Baked Goods
Thursday, August 13th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Falcon Pavilion
Premium Guideline books can be obtained at the Township Office

**** Baked Goods will be auctioned off on Thursday, August 13th at 7:30 p.m.**

BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST

The Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest will again be conducted, in conjunction with the PA Farm Show, at this year's Findlay Township Community Fair.

Each pie will be judged on the overall appearance, crust-color, flavor, texture and doneness, filling consistency, and creativity.

Do not limit your pie to a traditional two-crust apple pie. Be creative with a variety of fillings as long as the pie includes at least 60% apples in the filling.

Each winner is eligible to enter his/her pie in the Blue Ribbon Pie Contest at the 2010 PA Farm Show. Premiums at the 2010 PA Farm Show are 1st = \$160, 2nd = \$100, 3rd = \$70, 4th = \$40, 5th = \$35.



HERSHEY'S BAKING CONTEST

The Hershey's Baking Chips Cookie, Brownie or Bar Contest and the Hershey's Cocoa Cake Contest will be held again this year during the Findlay Township Community Fair. Entrants must be a Pennsylvania resident.

For the Cocoa Cake contest, entry must be a layered cake made from scratch and frosted using a minimum of 1/4 cup of Hershey's Cocoa and, if frosted, Hershey's Cocoa must be used. Cake entries must be submitted for judging on cardboard.

For the Baking Chips Cookie, Brownie or Bar Contest, exhibitor must be a Pennsylvania resident (age 8 through and including 18 years ONLY). Entries must be a plate of six made from scratch using a minimum of 1/4 cup of Hershey's Baking Chips. If the entry is frosted, Hershey's Cocoa must be used. Entry must be submitted for judging on a doily covered cardboard.

Premiums for both categories are \$10 for First Place, \$8 for Second Place, and \$6 for Third Place.

Each winner is eligible to enter his/her entry at the 2010 PA Farm Show to compete for cash prizes. Premiums at the 2010 PA Farm Show are: 1st = \$500, 2nd = \$250, 3rd = \$100.



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 14th 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 4:00 p.m. on August 10th at a cost of \$10.00. Participants registering after that date must pay a \$12.00 registration fee. Registrations are also being taken until 6:45 p.m. on the day of the race.

All pre-registered participants will be guaranteed to receive a t-shirt. 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.

Runner's High of Grove City, PA will provide timing services. Results will be posted on the Internet at www.runhigh.com.



ANNUAL TIRE COLLECTION SUCCESSFUL ONCE AGAIN

The Independence Conservancy and Findlay Township partnered once again to bring the annual tire collection to the community. It was held on Saturday, April 25th at the Public Works garage on Clinton Road. A total of 426 tires were processed. As always it was a pleasure to work with the tireless volunteers of the Conservancy as they continue to clean up our communities.

Special thanks to the Findlay Township public works department for all of their help with the event. Next collection will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

The Findlay Township Senior Citizen Group has been busy as always. Spring meetings included a fabulous lunch at the Tonidale and a season ending picnic in June. In addition to monthly luncheon meetings, the group enjoys bus trips throughout the year. On July 8th and 9th, 41 members of the group traveled to Lancaster to see "In the Beginning" at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theater. We are looking ahead to A Canterbury Feast in October and The Rockettes Show and Grand Concourse dinner in November. If you are interested in becoming a member of this wonderful group, please call Darlene at 724-695-0500 x246.

TOWNSHIP SPONSORED PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Board of Supervisors are continuing in 2009 to offer "FREE" trash and recycling for households that have one or more persons, age 65 and older. This program would result in an average savings of \$166.44 per year for curbside pick-up for qualifying households.

The Board is also continuing to offer "free" ambulance service for senior citizens, age 65 and older. This program would result in a savings of \$30.00 a year for a single senior citizen or \$50.00 for a family membership (2 or more senior citizens in the same household).

To register for the programs all you need to do is provide the Township Office with a copy of either a driver's license, Medicare card or other valid information indicating your date of birth.

THANK YOU TO SPONSORS FOR 2009 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

With the good fortune of beautiful weather, we had crowds of at least 300 in the park for each of the concerts. A special thank you goes out to the following businesses who helped to make the series so successful.

Armstrong Telephone Co., SR 30 in Clinton - Sponsored "John McDonald and the Mango Men" and provided drinks, hot dogs and snacks. (As well as a few beach balls!)

Fast Eddie's Convenience Store, SR 30 in Clinton - Sponsored "The Allegheny Drifters" and provided drinks and snacks.

Jerry D's Hangar, Flaugherty Road - Sponsored "Mad Mike's Blues Revue" and provided drinks and hot dogs.

We appreciate their involvement and support of community events. Without their help, many events like these would not be possible. **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2010.** Also, thanks to Supervisor, Janet Craig for being the taxi service at all of the concerts.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held April 4th in Clinton Park. As always, the turn out was great and the "hunters" went home with lots of treats. Special thanks to the IVFD for bringing the Easter Bunny on the fire truck and to Boy Scout Troop 830 for their help.



NEWS FROM THE REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

In 2009, each resident who has the Act 50 Exemption will receive \$207.00 deduction for their 2009 school tax. This will automatically be deducted from the face value before the tax is computed. This is the second year that slots revenue has been in force.

We again remind new residents, or residents who have moved to another location in Findlay Township, to check with the real estate department to make sure you have the Act 50 exemption. We have applications in our office that are available if you do not have it.

ACT 132: HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE TAX RELIEF FOR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES. This is called Residential Visitability Design. We have data available giving you specifications and guidelines to be followed to qualify. Basically, this means you can make your home accessible for handicapped individuals, and if all specifications are met, you can get some tax relief on your real estate taxes.



FINDLAY TOWNSHIPS ANNUAL

FISHING DERBY

AT LEOPOLD LAKE



Phase IIA Water Line Expansion – The Findlay Township Municipal Authority is receiving \$1,600,000 in Stimulus Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the expansion of a 16” water transmission line from the intersection of Burgettstown Road along Route 30 West to the Clinton Commerce Park. This project is an extension of the Potato Garden Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Plan and will bring improved water flow capacities to the western section of the Township. The project is currently in the final design and permitting stage and is slated for construction in October 2009.

Clinton Phase IV Sewer Extension – The Findlay Township Municipal Authority has authorized its Consulting Engineer to start with the initial surveying, design, easement acquisition, and permitting process for the extension of public sewers in the area surrounding and adjacent to Janoski Country Restaurant. The Allegheny County Health Department has cited several failing on-lot septic systems in this area and the Authority is submitting an application package to PENNVEST to try and obtain State funding for this project.

New Hire – The Municipal Authority has hired Joel Rosak for the position of Utility Technician. Joel is a 2002 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, a certified journeyman plumber, and recently has passed the PA State Board of Certification for Water Operators. Joel lives in Hookstown, PA, is married and has a 2 year old son.

FTMA Website – The Municipal Authority has set up a website link on the www.findlay.pa.us home page. Under the *Departments* section, click on Municipal Authority for forms, rates, meeting dates, water conservation tips, contact information, and more.



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FINDLAY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Survey



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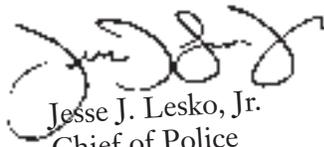


Dear Residents,

On behalf of our Board of Supervisors and the members of our police department, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those citizens who expended their time and effort to respond to our last community survey. Constructive communications and feedback from our citizens are the primary factors allowing us to judge the quality of our performance, evaluate our strengths and weaknesses and direct our future efforts and resources toward correcting our faults and providing services to fulfill the needs and concerns of our citizens. Traffic control has consistently been a high priority. As a result of our last survey, we shifted some of our traffic enforcement focus from our high accident roadways and intersections into our residential neighborhoods while continuing to monitor our overall rates of accidents and injuries. We have purchased speed display boards, participated in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, revised our approach to parking enforcement and have focused more attention toward enforcing the junk vehicle ordinance.

In conclusion, we cannot fulfill our mission without community support. This survey and our past surveys provide us with valuable information regarding the continuation of our existing programs and refocusing our manpower and efforts regarding a number of our daily enforcement activities. Please help us to provide superior service and to build a mutual trust with open and honest communication by taking the time to complete and return the enclosed survey in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided with this newsletter. As always, please feel free to contact us with any concerns or comments.

Thank you,


Jesse J. Lesko, Jr.
Chief of Police

JJL:lew

"You Can Make A Difference"

Please take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to complete the attached survey.
(Residents who return the survey by Monday, August 31, 2009, will have their name entered into a drawing for a chance at one (1) free rental of a pavilion or the community/activity centers during 2009 or 2010. [Upon Availability])
(If you do not meet the deadline, please send the survey back at your convenience.)

Findlay Township Police Department Community Survey 2009

- In what area of the Township do you reside? (please check one answer)
 Clinton Imperial Westbury Other (specify) _____
- How safe would you feel walking alone during daylight hours in the following areas?

	Very safe	safe	unsafe	Very unsafe
a. In your neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____
b. In the park nearest your residence	_____	_____	_____	_____
- How safe would you feel walking alone during the night time hours in the following areas?

	Very safe	safe	unsafe	Very unsafe
a. In your neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____
b. In the park nearest your residence	_____	_____	_____	_____
- Have you limited or altered your activities in the past two years because of a fear of crime in our community?
 Yes No
- What type of crime in our community concerns you the most? _____
- Which of the following, if any do you feel have been significant problems in your neighborhood during the past year? (check those that are applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assaults/Fights | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Thefts | <input type="checkbox"/> Stray Animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Violations | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burglary | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Property Appearance | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspicious Person/
Prowler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/Narcotics | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Violations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Disturbances | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Houses/
Buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junk/Abandon Vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Drinking | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Crime/Gangs | <input type="checkbox"/> Robbery | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile/Spouse Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Sale of Alcohol to Minors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise Violations | <input type="checkbox"/> Sale of Tobacco to Minors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

- Please indicate your opinion of the following programs.

	Worthwhile	No Opinion	Not Worthwhile
Accreditation	_____	_____	_____
Bicycle Patrols on the Montour Trail	_____	_____	_____
Child Safety Seat Inspections	_____	_____	_____
Crime Prevention Programs/Safe House (Neighborhood Watch, Operation ID, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
D.A.R.E. Program	_____	_____	_____
DOT Truck Inspection	_____	_____	_____
Drug/Narcotics Enforcement	_____	_____	_____
D.U.I. Intervention (checkpoints, Increased Patrols)	_____	_____	_____
Increased Patrol/Residential area	_____	_____	_____
K-9 Program	_____	_____	_____
School/Safety Program for Youth	_____	_____	_____
Traffic Enforcement	_____	_____	_____

Vacation/Vacant House Watch _____
 VIN Etching (auto theft prevention) _____
 Other (Specify) _____

8. Would you like to see some services/programs added or eliminated? (Please Specify) _____

9. Please share any suggestions you may have that would help the Findlay Township Police Department serve you better. Include any additional services you would like to see offered that are not listed above.

10. Have you had contact with a member of the Findlay Township Police Department in the past 5 years?

_____ Yes _____ No

11. If you answered yes to question #10, please answer the following:

What was the nature of your contact with the police department? (Check those applicable)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victim | <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in a Traffic Accident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Witness | <input type="checkbox"/> Received a citation or summons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complainant | <input type="checkbox"/> Physically Arrested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seeking Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Received a warning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Programs/Community Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual Contact | |

Was your contact with:

_____ a sworn police officer _____ civilian personnel (records, Dispatcher, etc) _____ a volunteer

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| Did the member leave you with a favorable impression of the dept.? | _____ Yes | _____ No |
| Did the dept. member present a professional image? | _____ Yes | _____ No |
| Did the dept. member appear competent? | _____ Yes | _____ No |
| Was the dept. member courteous and sensitive to your needs? | _____ Yes | _____ No |

12. Do you feel your police department should maintain and publish racial profiling statistics as it currently does?

_____ Yes _____ No

13. How would you rate the overall performance of the Findlay Police Department? (Please check one)

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Poor |

14. OPTIONAL: Background Information (please check the applicable factors listed below) for statistical purposes

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Sex: | Age: | Race: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> 19-25 <input type="checkbox"/> 46-55 | <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> 26-35 <input type="checkbox"/> Older than 55 | <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Indian |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 36-45 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

15. OPTIONAL: Name, address and telephone number.

Would you like a member of our Community Oriented Policing Unit to contact you regarding a home security survey or for any other purpose?

_____ Yes _____ No

Please feel free to attach additional sheets to express your views if needed.

John Campbell's Retirement

On July 4th, John Campbell retired from the Findlay Township Road Department. John was first hired in 1981 as a part-time police officer and then was promoted to a full time police officer in 1983. After 16 years of being a police officer, John retired from law enforcement and joined our Public Works Department for the last 12 years. In his 28 years with the Township, John was a dedicated employee that always rose to the occasion. We wish John all the best in retirement.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

The Public Works Department is responsible for snow and ice control for 41 miles of Township roads. Additionally, the Department is under contract for snow and ice control for 17.00 miles of State roads and 4.7 miles of County roads.

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

In 2009 one of our long term employees reached retirement age and is now relaxing. John Campbell began his career in Findlay Township as a police officer. He joined the Public Works Department in 1997 and remained until his retirement on July 4th.

This is year 7 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.

Elimination of pollution in the storm sewer system requires the assistance of all residents. Please remember that storm sewer inlets are not disposal sites for animal waste, grass clippings, leaves, gasoline, or engine oil, to name a few. Dumping these substances into storm sewers is illegal and harms the waterways that the storm water run off enters.

For the year 2009 one focus of the Department will be using our limited resources on routine maintenance of roads based on priority of conditions.

The remainder of Aten Road will be resurfaced in August. Tentative start date is week of July 29. Portions of Aten Road will be profile milled to facilitate required elevation adjustments prior to resurfacing.

Surface milling and re-paving of the cul-de-sacs in Imperial Pointe, with the exception of Ponderosa Drive, is scheduled for August 3rd.

The Township intends to seal coat several rural roads in Clinton in 2009. The list is being prepared based on available funds and road conditions.

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 maintenance issues at 724-695-2801.

WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULES ORIENTATIONS FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Back-to-school preparations at West Allegheny School District include building orientation sessions and a schedule of specific dates and times for secondary students to pick up their class schedules. Orientations are designed to introduce the administration and faculty, provide information about procedures, curriculum, special programs, and facilities. There will also be opportunities for attendees to tour the buildings and have questions answered at the following dates and times.

Tuesday, August 4:

Donaldson New Family Orientation, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 5:

Wilson New Family Orientation, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 6:

West Allegheny High School Grades 9-12 Schedule Pickup, 1-6 p.m.; Wilson Kindergarten Orientation, 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Monday, August 10:

Donaldson Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13:

West Allegheny High School Grades 9-12 Schedule Pickup, 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 17:

West Allegheny Middle School Grade 7 Orientation, 10:00 am and Grade 8 Orientation, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18:

West Allegheny Middle School Grade 6 and New Student Orientation, 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.;

McKee New Family Orientation, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 19:

McKee Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 20:

McKee Grade 1 Orientation, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 26:

West Allegheny High School, Freshman Orientation

Parents may call the school their child will attend for more information about the orientations (Donaldson: 724-213-1010, McKee: 724-693-8451, Wilson 724-695-3300, Middle School: 724-695-8979, and High School: 724-695-7368).

*Carol Bonnar, Communications Coordinator
West Allegheny School District
724-695-5274*



Valley Ambulance Authority Ready to Respond; Every Hour; Every Day!

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.

VAA's mobile intensive care units are staffed by dedicated, professional Paramedics and EMTs which are stationed in and around Findlay Township - 24 hours a day - 7 days week.

VAA has earned a reputation for providing prompt, professional emergency medical services. Last year, Valley Ambulance Authority responded to more than 800 emergency calls in Findlay Township. VAA responds to more than 8,000 ambulance calls annually. In addition, VAA provides more than 5,000 non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair van transports to patients in the five (5) community service area.

Valley Ambulance Authority, a non-profit municipal authority, relies on community support and billing fees to fund its annual operating budget which is more than \$3 million dollars. Findlay residents can support VAA through participation in its annual subscription program. The subscription program provides residents with the opportunity to *save money* by avoiding any unnecessary fees - if they need to use the emergency services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority. The subscription program provides for unlimited emergency medical services, limited non-emergency ambulance transports and discounted rates for wheelchair van transports.

Annual VAA subscription costs are only \$50.00 for a family or \$30.00 for an individual. Paid subscriptions are effective from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. *Note: All senior citizens age 65 and over, who reside in Findlay Township, are covered by a subscription plan which is paid for by Findlay Township upon registration.*

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

Oversight of Valley Ambulance Authority is provided by the Board of Directors, who are appointed by each of the member municipalities. Findlay Township is proudly represented on the VAA Board by Township residents Joe Gertz and Steve Yurkowski.

Findlay Township residents in need of an emergency ambulance should call 724-695-7777 or 9-1-1. To schedule a non-emergency transport or secure additional information about Valley Ambulance Authority, please call 412-262-2620.

IMPORTANT EARNED INCOME TAX CHANGE FOR 2009

Dear Tax Preparers and Advisors:

We realize that local tax issues often take a back seat to federal and state issues, so you may not have been aware of an important change to the local earned income/net profits tax that could affect some of your clients. PA Act 32 of 2008, which Amends Act 511 of 1965 (the "Local Tax Enabling Act"), changes the way business losses are treated. In the past, taxpayers filing a local earned income tax return were permitted to deduct a loss from an unincorporated business (for which services are rendered) against earned income (such as wages). This offset was allowed based on the PA Supreme Court decision on the O'Reilly vs. Fox Chapel School District case, decided March 16, 1989. Alternatively, a taxpayer could not offset losses from one business against profits from another, as decided in the Aronson vs. City of Pittsburgh case (Pa. Cmwlth. 1985).

Effective with tax year 2009, pursuant to PA Act 32, business losses **cannot** be used to offset earned income. A loss from one business, however, **can** be used to offset net profits from another business. This is an important change that should be taken into account when advising taxpayers about estimated payments, etc. The 2009 Township of Findlay and West Allegheny School District tax returns will be modified to reflect this change. Since most tax preparers use purchased software, you may want to check to be sure that this change is incorporated. This will eliminate the need for us to adjust incorrectly filed tax returns and send balance due notices to your clients.

Please see examples below, which are taken from the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the PA Governor's Center for Local Government Services webpage on Act 32:

- *If a taxpayer has a \$40,000 net loss from a business selling garden supplies and \$20,000 of earned income from his job at the local grocery store, the business loss may not be used to offset his earnings and so taxes will be due on the full \$20,000 of earned income.*
- *If a taxpayer has a net loss of \$30,000 from a business selling garden supplies and a net profit of \$50,000 from a business selling used cars, and earned income of \$60,000 from his job as an accountant, the taxpayer's local income tax liability will be based on \$20,000 of net profits and \$60,000 of earned income because the taxpayer can offset one business loss against the second business profit.*
- *If a taxpayer has a net loss of \$50,000 from his garden supply business, a profit of \$30,000 from his used car business and income of \$60,000 from his job as an accountant, the taxpayer's local income tax liability will be based on \$60,000 of earned income. The loss from the first business may be used to offset the gain from the second but the net loss from the combined businesses cannot be used to offset earned income.*

In an effort to educate taxpayers, we have also posted this information on the Township's website. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions on this, or any other earned income tax issue. We value your input and strive to maintain a good working relationship with tax preparers and advisors for the benefit of our taxpayers.

Barbara A. Coates
EIT & LST Collector

EARNED INCOME TAX – HAVE YOU FILED?

Findlay Township residents who have not filed their 2008 WA-40 will be receiving a reminder notice during the month of September. Act 166 mandates all employed and self-employed residents file a Final Form (WA-40) by April 15th. This includes all residents even if the tax was withheld by your employer. The filing insures that the money withheld was sent to Findlay Township. Residents failing to file by April 15 will be charged a late filing fee of \$10 per year.

If you did not receive a form or misplaced it, please call 724-695-0521 for forms or forms can be downloaded from the Township website, www.findlay.pa.us.





FINDLAY INDUSTRIAL PARK is located off the Westport Interchange of the Findlay Connector. Phase I is comprised of 36 acres with access provided by Solar Drive which is 1500 feet in length.



OKONITE is a 79,100 square foot distribution center for electric supplies. Located in Lot #2 in the Findlay Industrial Park, Okonite is expected to be completed by October.



A.D.C. Located on Lot #1 in the Findlay Industrial Park, A.D.C. is a 155,000 square foot warehouse/distribution center for appliances. Construction will be completed by the end of the year.



FEDEX is set to occupy the 200,000 square foot addition to the existing Buncher building on Sweeney Drive in the Clinton Commerce Park. Completion is set for November.



FLABEG started construction in February of a 229,000 square foot light manufacturing building in the Clinton Commerce Park. To be completed by the end of the year, Flabeg will be assembling solar panels at this facility.

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS is on track to open the beginning of 2010. Located on 116 acres between the Flaugherty Run Interchange and the Cargo area at the airport, the campus consists of 670,000 square feet of office space and a 60,000 square foot aviation center.



NORTH FIELD is a 105 acre development that would expand the existing cargo area at the airport off business Route 60. Currently under construction, North Field will be accessed by a 2500 foot long roadway for five future cargo buildings.

CHAPMAN COMMERCE CENTER is a 302 acre commercial development located west of the Westport Interchange off the Findlay Connector. This planned development will consist of 2.5 million square feet of commercial development on 16 sites. Phase I, which is set to start this fall, will consist of Westport Road and Campus Drive construction along with a 97,000 square foot building.

Findlay Township received a grant worth \$10,162.00 for its recycling efforts in 2008. The Recycling Performance Grant Program provides incentives to help Pennsylvania's communities increase the amount of materials recovered through recycling and provide economic growth in the State through job creation and market expansion. Because of your efforts as a resident of this Township, Findlay continues as one of the leaders in the recycling initiative. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !**



LEAF AND YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR 2009

As a means to comply with PA DEP regulations, the Township will be providing for **SEPARATE PICK-UP OF LEAF AND YARD WASTE ON TWO (2) SATURDAYS THIS FALL**. This is being done as an effort to reduce use of landfill space for these materials. **LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION WILL OCCUR ON SATURDAYS NOVEMBER 7TH AND NOVEMBER 21ST**. During these **SEPARATE** collections, material must be placed in paper (30 gallon) biodegradable bags only and put at curb side before 6:00 a.m. that day. Limbs and branches are to be bundled and are not to exceed 3 inches in diameter and 36 inches long. Waste Management, the Township's Contractor, will be doing the collection. **LEAF BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED AT MOST HARDWARE STORES (IMPERIAL HARDWARE, HOME DEPOT, LOWE'S, ETC.). Do not use plastic bags since they are not biodegradable.**

Another option for addressing disposal of Leaf/ Yard Waste is backyard composting. Composting is the natural decomposition of organic materials into a form that returns nutrients to the earth and allows for better soil aeration. Findlay Township strongly encourages the proper practice of backyard composting. To learn the fundamentals of backyard composting, a composting workshop sponsored by the Penn State Cooperative Extension will be held on Saturday, October 10th at Brady's Run Park from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 per person (checks payable to PSCE of Beaver County). To pre-register for this workshop, please call 724-774-3003. The \$10.00 fee does include a complimentary composting bin for each participant.



The Township will hold a Computer and Appliance Recycling on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Findlay Township Municipal Building parking lot 1271 Route 30, Clinton. The following items will be accepted:

- * Central Processing Units (CPU's)
- * Laptop Computers
- * Keyboards
- * Mouses
- * Radio Equipment
- * Telephone equipment
- * Desktop Model copiers
- * Scanners
- * Cell phones
- * Non-freon containing household appliances (washers, dryers, etc.)
- * Lead-acid automobile batteries

The following items will be accepted with a nominal fee:

- * Computer monitors (\$4.00/each)
- * Televisions (\$1.00 per inch of screen size)

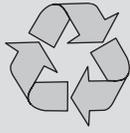
The Township is working in conjunction with JVS Environmental for this recycling effort. Businesses and schools are welcome and encouraged to participate and take advantage of this recycling opportunity. JVS will extend homeowner disposal rates for businesses that choose to participate in the event. JVS asks that businesses please pre-register by calling 814-442-4481 or the Findlay Township office at 724-695-0500 so that larger volumes of electronics waste may be accommodated. If you are a business and are not able to make it to the event, JVS also offers pick-up services. JVS Environmental is a fully permitted electronics decommissioning and recycling company located in Southwestern PA that fosters a zero landfill policy regarding all items accepted. JVS protects your privacy by offering guaranteed data destruction services by physically destroying all digital media.



MORE RECYCLING...

The Southwestern PA Household Hazardous Waste Task Force is sponsoring a Safe Disposal of Common Household Chemicals at the Allegheny County Settler's Cabin Park (Wave Pool Parking Lot) on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Fee is \$2.00 / gallon and only cash will be accepted. Acceptable Items include: aerosol cans, automotive fluids (motor oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze, brake fluid), batteries, chemistry sets, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), gasoline, kerosene, household cleaners (ammonia, drain openers, acid cleaners, oven cleaners), mercury, paint products (latex, oil based, alkyd based, rust preventatives, creosote, paint thinners, furniture strippers), pesticides, photo chemicals and pool chemicals. **THEY DO NOT ACCEPT** ammunition, appliances, bulk waste, commercial and industrial waste, compressed gas cylinders, drugs, explosives, medical waste, tires, fluorescent tubes, and radioactive materials.

**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle**



AND MORE RECYCLING

The Township continues to provide its drop-off Newspaper Recycling on the third Saturday of every month in the parking lot across the street from the Imperial Fire Department building (between Main Street and Route 30 and Kovach's and O'Neil's Cabinet Shop). This dumpster is only for newspaper collection – please, no magazines or catalogs.

Plans are also in the works for Imperial Pointe Phase II milling/paving for 2010. This phase would complete the paving rehabilitation for that area and would include the milling/paving of Birch Street and the overlay paving of Ponderosa Drive. The Township will be utilizing its Liquid Fuels funding to complete this Project.

The Township will be receiving a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for an ADA (American with Disabilities Act) up-grade to its facilities at the Clinton Community Park. The grant will cover 75% of the cost to install concrete sidewalks that would connect the Oriole Pavilion and the baseball/concession area to the handicapped accessible restroom facility. Construction would take place in May thru August of 2010.

WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org

HOURS: Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you have a home computer you have tremendous access to the Library system.

If you don't have a card you can apply for a temporary one online.

The Online Library Card Application allows library patrons to self-register online for a temporary (30-day) library card. Patrons will need to visit an Allegheny County Public Library to upgrade their card.

What can you do with your Online Library Card?

You may immediately place requests on library material in **The Catalog**.

You will be asked to upgrade to a full service library card in order to do any of the following:

- Check out items from any of the Allegheny County public library locations.
- Access the Internet from any library public access computer.

How do you sign up for the Online Library Card?

Go to the Online Library Card Application page and fill out the form.

To upgrade to a full service library card

Please bring your current photo identification with proof of address to any Allegheny County Public Library to receive your permanent library card. A signature is required from a parent/legal guardian when picking up a library card for a minor.

What can you do with a full service card?

- View checked out item.
- Renew items (*as long as there is not a Hold on the items*)
- Place requests
- Cancel requests
- Pay fines online
- Save preferred searches
- Star rating (*You can rate titles to help other readers*)
- Save titles in a Wish List
- Keep a Reading History (*This will keep a record of books you have read*)

Let your library card work for you.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

www.findlay.pa.us

For meeting agendas and current events, call the Township Info Line at (724) 695-5579.

Elected Officials

Supervisors:

Thomas J. Gallant, Chairperson
Janet L. Craig, 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:

John Pippy (412) 262-2260
1009 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 210
Moon Township, PA 15108

District Magistrate:

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

West Allegheny School District

Administrative Office (724) 695-5211
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
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
Earned Income/LST Tax Collector (724) 695-0521
Real Estate Tax Office (724) 695-2995

Manager:

Gary J. Klingman

Assistant Manager - Planning/Zoning

Administrator - Emergency Management Coordinator
Christopher J. Caruso

Secretary/Treasurer:

Cheryl L. Rinehart

Building Inspector:

Russell Collins

Police Chief:

Jesse Lesko

Plumbing Inspector:

Timothy Cook

Planning Department Secretary:

Cynde Harris

Receptionist:

Kathy Cain

Earned Income/Local Services Tax Collector:

Barbara A. Coates

Recreation Coordinator:

Darlene Howell

Real Estate Tax Collector:

Dorothy McCullough

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.

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP'S

"FAIR in the WOODLANDS"

AUGUST 13, 14, & 15, 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.

Registration of Crafts, Needlework, Flowers, Vegetables, Fruits, Canned Goods, Hay and Grain, Antique Farm Equipment

Thursday, August 13, 2009

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Registration of Baked Goods

Opening Ceremonies

King Beaver Barbershop Chorus

Baked Goods Auction

"Teen Dance" Bluebird Pavilion

"Herb Swoager" - (Variety Music)

Friday, August 14, 2009

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

8:15 p.m.

8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Registration for Semi-Great Race/Fun Walk

Opening Ceremonies

Tamarack Cloggers

START OF SEMI-GREAT RACE/FUN WALK

Sponsored by "Dick's Sporting Goods"

Seed Spitting Contest (Ages 8-12 & 13-18)

Hula Hoop Contest (Ages 5 & up)

Race Awards

"Girlz in Black Hats" (Country)

Saturday, August 15, 2009

10:30 a.m.

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

10:15 p.m.

PARADE / ROUTE 30 - PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

West Allegheny Little Indians Cheerleaders

Karen Prunzik's Broadway Dance Studio

Needle in the Haystack (ages 2 - 7)

"Cindy Speck" (Ventriloquist)

Pedal Pull (Ages 3 - 10 & 11 - Adult)

"One Voice" (Gospel)

Youth Hay Bale Toss (12 and under)

Imperial Dragon Tang Soo Do Karate School

Pie Eating Contest - Main Stage Area

Hay Bale Toss (Ages under 40 and over 40)

"Johnny Angel and the Halos" (Oldies)

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 - 8 p.m.

Mike the Balloon Guy & Co. (Balloons, Air Brush Tattoos) - Saturday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Petting Zoo, Scavenger Hunt, Drawings, Contests, Pedal Pull, Teen Dance (Thursday)

Inflatables by ELF Entertainment (6 - 9 p.m. on Thurs. & Fri. and Noon to 9 p.m. on Sat.)

Beaver Valley Antique Tractor & Crafts Assoc., Janoski's Toy Tractor Display

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Pony Rides

EXHIBIT PICK-UP - FALCON PAVILION

Saturday, August 15th, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. • Sunday, August 16th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



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