



# MESSENGER

## IT'S FAIR TIME! OUR THANKS TO AREA SPONSORS

The Fair Board members, under the direction of the Township Recreation Coordinator, Darlene Howell, are hard at work planning the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Findlay Township Community Fair.

Throughout its history, the Fair has remained free to the public with funding being provided through local business donations and Township contributions.

The Supervisors, Fair Board and Community would like to thank those businesses that have generously contributed towards the 2012 Fair by sponsoring events, entertainment, providing services, or donating goods/services from their business. To date, they are: Allegheny West Eye Care, Alro Steel Corporation, Amcom Office Systems, Armstrong Telephone Company, BKG Industries, Inc., Chapman Commerce Center, Cieco, Inc. Comcast, First Niagara Bank, Flabeg Solar US Corporation, Floral Magic, Heidler

Equipment, Heyl & Patterson, HHM Insurors, Imperial Heights Garage, Imperial Land Corporation, Imperial Tire & Automotive, Lanxess, Metro Fence Company, Michael Baker Jr., Moody Funeral Home, Norm Cridge Signs, Ohio Valley Industrial Services, PNC Bank, Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Republic Services, Shop 'n Save, Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky, The Buncher Company, Thomas and Little Funeral Service, Valley Security Systems, Vandelay Services & Supplies, Vesuvius, VFW Montour Vally Post 714, Wharton-Herrick Funeral Home.

For those businesses that donated after the printing of this newsletter, your generosity is truly appreciated and your business will receive its due recognition during the Fair through announcements and being listed on the list of contributors located on the Main Stage.



37th Annual

# "FAIR IN THE WOODLANDS"





**Findlay Township Board of Supervisors**

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**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 18th 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 17th 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.

**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 37th 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:**

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

**Thursday, August 16th from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Falcon Pavilion**

**Baked Goods**

Friday, August 17th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Falcon Pavilion  
 The Bake Sale will take place in the Falcon Pavilion from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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

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

## BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST



The Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest will again be conducted 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.

Premiums for the contest are \$10.00 for First Place, \$8.00 for Second Place and \$6.00 for Third Place winners.

## HERSHEY'S BAKING CONTESTS



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.

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 an individual age 8 through and including 18 years. 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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Findlay Township Community Park located off Route 30 in Clinton.



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

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

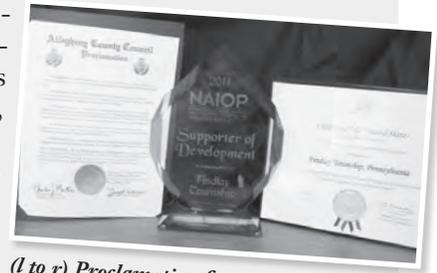
Participants may pre-register until August 15<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$10.00. T-shirts will be guaranteed to all pre-registered runners. Registrations are also being taken from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on the night of the race. Registration forms may be picked up at the Findlay Township Administration Office, by calling (724) 695-0500, or on the Township's website at [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us).

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

## TOWNSHIP RECOGNITION

At the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) awards banquet, Findlay Township received the Supporter of Development Award. As the only Municipality to ever receive this award, NAIOP recognized the Township for its proactive and supportive role in bringing a significant amount of industrial

and office development to the Airport/West Corridor. The Township has experienced over 2,000,000 square feet in new Class A industrial and office development, with estimated investment in excess of \$250,000,000.



*(l to r) Proclamation from Allegheny County Council congratulating Findlay Township, NAIOP Supporter of Development Award, Recognition from U.S. Congress*



*(l to r) Jason Orsini-FTMA Manager, Tom Gallant-Township Supervisor, Janet Craig-Township Supervisor, Tim Murphy-US Congress, Ray Chappell-Township Supervisor, Gary Klingman-Township Manager, Chris Caruso-Township Assistant Manager/Planning Director*

## STRASSBURGER PRESENTATION

At the April Board of Supervisor's Meeting, Township Solicitor, Strassburger, McKenna, Gutnick and Gefsky presented the Supervisors with a framed article from the Pittsburgh Business Times recognizing Findlay Township for its NAIOP award. Pictured left to right are, E.J. Strassburger, Janet Craig, Tom Gallant, Alan Shuckrow, Ray Chappell.



## Public Works News - 2012

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 miles of State roads and 4.7 miles of County roads.

The members of the Board of Supervisors 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.

For the year 2012 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.

Three Township Capital Improvement Projects are:

- 1) Install a storm sewer system on Elm Street above Main Street, repair other storm inlets on Elm Street, then repair and pave Elm Street. This project was awarded to Rhino Construction of Lower Burrell, PA.
- 2) Mill and Pave the entire length of Elm Street upon completion of the storm sewer project.
- 3) Replace a failed storm sewer on RIDC Park West Drive. This project has been awarded to Independent Enterprises of Collier Township.

Last fall repairs were initiated on some of the narrow Imperial streets to prepare them for paving. We plan to continue the repairs this summer and pave the repaired streets. These include Nancy Street, Burns Street, Marshall Street, a portion of Anna Street, the upper section of Ida Street, and Kearns Street.

This is year 10 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](http://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.

## What we feed into our storm drains can poison our rivers.

When the rain falls and the snow melts, a flood of water runs off our roofs, roads and yards and down into our streets. Everything the water touches is swept down those streets and fed directly into our storm drains. And then flows out into our rivers—the major source of our drinking water.

Trash. Paint. Oil. Fertilizers. Animal waste. Anything in the path of the storm water can find its way to our rivers through our storm drains.

But there is something we can do about it. In fact,



a lot of dedicated people and municipalities are working on it right now. You can help too.

Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Properly dispose of oil, paints and other household chemicals. And please, don't litter the street or the landscape.

To find out more, visit our website. And discover how to keep our rivers from going down the drain.

**3 Rivers Wet Weather**  
Improving our region's water quality

Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to [3riverswetweather.org](http://3riverswetweather.org) for a free guide on how you can help.

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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



## THANK YOU TO SPONSORS OF SUMMER EVENTS!

Summer events would not be possible without the generous donations of local businesses. This year the FIRST EVER "INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS" were held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Recreation and Sports Complex on Route 30. We estimate that at least 1,000 people attended and enjoyed the nearly 20 minute show provided by Pyrotechnico. The Findlay Athletic Association was there selling refreshments and members of the Fair Board were passing out info for the upcoming event in August. Sponsor give-aways included drawstring tote bags and beach balls

(the balls were a crowd pleaser with everyone before the fireworks). DJ Dan Sheetz played great music before the fireworks, as well as playing Patriotic tunes during the display. It was a great event and it only took about 15 minutes for the parking lots to empty due to the awesome work of Steve Sarachine and his parking crew. We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations: "Fast Eddie's Food and Fuel" and Furnace Films, LLC; Imperial Land Corporation; PennEnergy Resources and Vesuvius. Looking forward to 2013!!!!



### FREE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

We had 3 great concerts in the series this year with the West Hill's Symphonic Band on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Red Dog on July 10<sup>th</sup> and Cahal Dunne on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Armstrong Telephone Company for sponsoring the concert on July 17<sup>th</sup>. They not only brought Cahal back to the park, but also provided bug sprayers, klondikes, snacks and drinks.

### OUTDOOR PARKING LOT FLEA MARKET *Come out and rent a spot or just come to shop!!!*

When: Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (sellers 7 a.m.)  
Where: Clinton Park parking lot

If you would like to rent a parking spot for the sale, please call Darlene at 724-695-0500 x 246 or email [dlarson@findlaytp.org](mailto:dlarson@findlaytp.org). Parking spots are sold for \$5 each and fee is payable day of the event. You can set up a table, sell out of your trunk, lay out a blanket, boxes etc.

## KID'S PROGRAMS



Kid's programs in the township have been rockin' this year. Time for Toddlers, Lunch Bunch, Kid's Cooking, Babysitting 101 and Carnegie Science Center Camps all were very successful in 2012. Looking forward to continuing to bring these programs to families in the community.



## EASTER EGG HUNTS

The Easter Egg Hunt went off without a hitch on Saturday, March 31st. The Imperial Volunteer Fire Department brought the Easter Bunny to the park as always and it looked like all participants went home with baskets full of goodies. Over 50 middle School students attended the Flashlight Hunt in Clinton Park on Friday, March 30th. Participants enjoyed games and snacks in Falcon Pavilion before heading out in the park to find hundreds of eggs. This is a great event that gathers more students each year and hopefully will be around for many years.



## ANNUAL CLEAN UP EVENTS

The annual "Community Clean Up" was held on April 21st. Over 100 volunteers helped to pick up litter on main roads in the community. North Fayette and Findlay Townships join together for this event.

The Independence Conservancy and Findlay Township once again partnered to bring the annual "Tire Collection" to the community on Saturday, April 14th. Nearly 400 tires were collected this year.

"Shred It Day" was held for the second time this year on June 2nd at the Municipal Building in Clinton. Approximately 50 people took advantage of the event. Watch for the next one in 2013.

"Computer and Appliance Recycling Day" was held at the Findlay Township Municipal Building on Saturday, May 12th. Almost 18,000 pounds of electronic and appliance recyclables were collected – up from 9,850 pounds last October... **WAY TO RECYCLE FINDLAY TOWNSHIP!!** We will hold our next "Computer and Appliance Recycling Day" on **Saturday, October 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30. All computers, monitors, printers, lap-tops, non-Freon appliances, telephones, keyboards, mice, radios, and televisions will be accepted for FREE. Appliances with Freon will be accepted, including dehumidifiers, for a \$15-30 fee.

For more information, contact Cynde at 724-695-0500.



## "CRUISIN IN THE WOODLANDS" 2012

The annual event was held on June 1st in Clinton Park. Pittsburgh C.A.R.S. hosted the cruise and as always it was a great event. Thanks to Speedie's Pizza for coming in and providing food and drinks.

**NEW!!** Due to the success of this event, we are adding a FALL CRUISE to the schedule. It will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (rain date October 14th). There will be food, DJ, 50/50 drawing and dash plaques to the first 100 cars. In addition, there will be judging and trophies for the winners. Categories are: *Best Ford*, *GM & Mopar* and *Best of Show*.

A \$5 donation will be collected at the gate to support local Christmas charities.



**“TRUCK TOUCH” 2012 – Library Benefit Event**

Findlay Township has partnered with Macaroni Kid / Robinson and the Western Allegheny Community Library to bring you a one of a kind family event in Clinton Park.

All sorts of vehicles including a school bus, fire engine, bucket truck, construction truck and more, will be there for the kids to climb on and explore. Plans are still in the works, but there will be lots of other fun activities as well as food and drinks. Check out the following websites in September for a complete schedule of activities:

Findlay Township at [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us),  
 the Library at [www.westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://www.westernalleghenylibrary.org),  
 or Macaroni Kid at <http://robinson.macaronikid.com>.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW  
 SO YOU WON'T MISS IT!**

When: Saturday, September 29, 2012

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

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

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

**There is no rain date for this event.**

*In the event of inclement weather,  
 check the websites listed above.*



**NOTES FROM THE REAL ESTATE TAX DEPARTMENT**

The 2012 West Allegheny School bills have been delayed due to a malfunction at Jordan Tax Service. By now they should have reached you. If you did not receive your bill, call the real estate tax office and we will be glad to send duplicate copies to you.

The millage remained the same as last year at 1.95 for the Township, 22.00 for West Allegheny School District and Allegheny County increased to 5.69.

Also, **DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE** if you have paid your mortgage in full or if you have any change in address so that we can promptly furnish you with copies of your tax bill if needed. **Mortgage companies do not notify us that your status has changed.**

**LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION!**

In May, Furnace Films set up shop in the Recreation and Sports Complex for the filming of “*Out of the Furnace*.”

Furnace Films rented the park for one week to set up a staging area for the crew and actors. Actual filming took place along Route 30 near the Recreation and Sports Complex and in Independence Township.

Set in Indiana in the mid 1980's, the movie centers on a man trying to assimilate into society after his release from jail, only to find someone from his past pursuing him to settle a score.

Due to be released in 2013, actors included Christian Bale, Casey Affleck, Zoe Saldana, Sam Shepard, Woody Harrelson, Forest Whitaker and Robert Duvall.



# The Findlay Township Municipal Authority



The Findlay Township Municipal Authority has recently hired Susan Schroeder as a part-time Office Assistant. Susan will be working primarily in the afternoon hours at the Authority Office. Susan lives in Coraopolis with her husband and four children. In her leisure time, Susan enjoys portrait photography, swimming, and does volunteer work for the local animal shelters. Please welcome Susan to FTMA when you see her!

The FTMA is currently in the final phase of design for a waterline replacement project along Stark Avenue between Elm Street and Birch Street. This project will replace two older plastic waterlines with a new 8" waterline and new service connections to the affected property owners. In addition, a critical service loop will be created between Birch Street and Elm Street that did not exist, along with a new fire hydrant on Stark Avenue for improved fire protection coverage. Details regarding the project will be forthcoming as we move forward with advertising and bidding.

Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, the retail water rate will increase by 7.5%. The rate increase will help with the financing of the water transmission line project that is currently in the design phase. This project will improve FTMA's ability to transport water throughout the entire service area, thus increasing pressures, reliability, and fire flows.

The Findlay Township Municipal Authority, in conjunction with the Findlay Township Police Department, has been using the SWIFT 911 emergency call out program to notify FTMA customers of any water outages or emergencies that occur. If you have not signed up for this free notification service, please take a moment to visit the Township website at [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us) and click on the SWIFT 911 link to register. FTMA uses this site to notify our customers of water breaks, hydrant flushing, water alerts, and any planned maintenance that may be occurring in your area.

Don't forget to sign up for our free debit withdrawal payment system for your water/sewer bills. This program automatically deducts your water/sewer bill amount from your checking account on the due date. No more stamps, envelopes, or late fees. The Authority also now accepts all major credit cards as a method of payment as well. Call the office at 724-695-3108 for more details.

Please be aware that dumping of septic waste into the FTMA Sanitary Sewer System is illegal. Please notify FTMA if you witness any type of suspicious activity near any sanitary manhole or see a septic hauler unloading the contents of their truck into a manhole. Also, please report suspicious use of any fire hydrant within our system. Only fire personnel, municipal authority technicians, and public works employees are authorized to operate fire hydrants.

## SWIFTREACH 911 NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Several years ago, the Police Department contracted with Swiftreach Networks, Inc. as the Township's Emergency Notification service provider. SWIFT911 is a high speed notification program with the capability of delivering recorded messages to the entire community via telephone, e-mail, text or pager. Currently, there are over 1,600 phone numbers in the Township's database.

Recently, the system has been expanded and is in use by the Findlay Township Municipal Authority to report water breaks or upcoming work and by the Administration Office and Recreation Department to notify the community of upcoming events.

If you are not receiving these calls or have a non-published telephone number, please go to the Township's web site, [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us), click on the Swift911 Notification link on the left side of the page, fill in the requested information, and submit to add yourself to the notification list. If you are now receiving the messages and wish not to receive them, you can also use the link on the web page to remove your contact information.



## FTMA BILLING CYCLE CHANGES FROM QUARTERLY TO MONTHLY

Starting in October 2012, the Municipal Authority, like most other utilities, will begin issuing monthly water and sewer bills to all of its customers. The monthly billing cycle for residential customers will enable the Authority to detect water leaks sooner and provide more manageable monthly payments for its customers.

Monthly billing will facilitate easier household budgeting for many people. For example, a current water/sewer bill of \$180 over a three month period will now be \$60/month. In addition, it is a better business practice for the Authority to bill closer to the time when the service is rendered.

The monthly bills will also have a new look. The yellow post-card bill will no longer be used. In its place will be a full page perforated bill that will explain charges and services more clearly in addition to providing more customer privacy. There will also be a graph on the bill for consumption indicating water usage over a 12 month period.



## August 2012 - Police Department

The Federal Communication Commission has mandated that the current bandwidth of all radio frequencies across the nation be narrowed by January 2013. This has affected the radio frequency assigned to the police department, fire department and road department. As a result of this mandate, countless hours to formulate a plan to comply with the requirements of the FCC have ensued. Plans are in place to make the necessary upgrades to the system late this fall.

The D.A.R.E. Program, women's self defense and other numerous school programs continue to be offered to students at Wilson Elementary, West Allegheny Middle and High Schools. These programs benefit twofold. It not only benefits the students in the classroom but also helps the patrol officers working in the community as well. Most of the time, when contacted, students who have attended and benefitted from the school programs, act with courtesy and respect towards other officers when encountered for assorted reasons. Most speak openly to the officers as a result of their past positive interaction they may have had with the officers in the schools.

The K-9 team has been used numerous times throughout 2011-12. The incidents where the K-9 has been used involved warrant services, building searches, narcotic searches, and tracking. The K-9 has conducted locker searches at the West Allegheny School District and has provided a demonstration of the

abilities of a K-9 to the students during their Street Law classes. Five public demonstrations have been conducted. K-9 Axel has maintained his certification and has completed 195 hours of training during the 2011-12 calendar year.

The department's Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Team has maintained their certifications as CMV Inspectors. There were 90 inspections performed on commercial motor vehicles throughout 2011. There were numerous safety violations and trucks that were found to be unsafe. Although we will be not able to state how many crashes have been avoided as a result of these inspections, we feel that the inspection team is an effective tool in reducing the amount of commercial motor vehicle involved crashes that may have occurred if the trucks were allowed to remain on the road.

The department currently has four officers trained and certified in the installation of child car seats. Please visit the police department webpage for further information on the services that we provide such as the vacation home checks and child car seat installations. Please remember that these services are provide free of charge to township residents only.

Contained in this newsletter is the 2012 Community Survey. This survey, completed every 3 years, helps identify problematic concerns of citizens living in the Township. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the police department.

### VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY - ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, WE'LL BE THERE!



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.

Findlay Township residents in need of an *emergency ambulance should call 724-695-7777 or 9-1-1.*

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 ambulance calls in Findlay Township.*

Total ambulance responses in all five municipalities totaled more than 7,000 in 2011. 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.

The 2011 VAA subscription fees are only \$55.00 for a family or \$35.00 for an individual. Paid subscriptions are effective from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. *Note: Resident senior citizens, who 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 contributing can submit a tax deductible donation by visiting VAA's web site at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org)

Valley Ambulance Authority also offers township residents and businesses the opportunity to receive CPR and First Aid training. Monthly classes are held at the Authority headquarters located at 3550 University Blvd, Moon Township, 15108. Group training classes can also be scheduled at other locations within Findlay Township.

To schedule a non-emergency transport or secure additional information about Valley Ambulance Authority, please call 412-262-2620 or visit VAA's web site at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org)

# "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 Friday, August 31, 2012, 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 2012 or 2013. [Upon Availability])  
(If you do not meet the deadline, please send the survey back at your convenience.)

## Findlay Township Police Department Community Survey 2012

- 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)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <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/<br>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/<br>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	_____	_____	_____
Shop With A Cop	_____	_____	_____

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)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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

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:

- Male  
 Female

Age:

- 19-25     46-55  
 26-35     Older than 55  
 36-45

Race:

- White     Asian  
 Black     Indian  
 Hispanic     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.*



Aten Rd. - Ball field



Aten Rd. - Ball field



Activity Center - Asphalt

**SPRUCING UP!! .....**

Several projects have been completed this Summer that are breathing new life into our Park System and Public Places. Basketball courts at Aten Road, Elm Street, Municipal Center and the Recreation and Sports Complex have been re-sealed, color coated and re-lined. The Tennis Court at Elm Street has been completely re-paved, re-sealed, color coated and re-lined. Bikeway/Walkways at the Recreation and Sports Complex, Elm Street to Imperial Pointe, internal circulation at Elm Street, Community Center Complex and the Aten Road ballfield have all been re-sealed. In addition, the Parking Lots at the Activity Center at 310 Main Street have been crack sealed, double seal coated and re-lined.

The Aten Road ballfield also received the installation of a concrete block decorative wall to correct a long-standing maintenance issue behind the baseball field backstop.

All of this work has been done to preserve and revitalize our Park and Recreation facilities. We will continue over the next couple of years to re-invest, where necessary. Several areas will be getting new fencing and playground equipment. We will be finalizing our Master Plan for the Recreation and Sports Complex by adding a pavilion for larger groups than are presently accommodated by our existing pavilions coupled with other amenities, such as, restrooms, bocce courts, concessions, etc.



Elm Street - Asphalt



Elm Street - Basketball



Clinton - Ballfield



Old Ridge



Elm Street - Tennis Court

## In The Township Economic Development Department...

NEWSLETTER NOTABLES



• **The Village at Clinton Lake** is off and running. The Lake and Lakeside have been refurbished to make way for various rental units being developed by AR Builders. They have started construction of the fourth building comprised of four (4) units, bringing the total that will be available thus far this year to sixteen (16) units. The development is on Clinton Road, midway between Interstate 376 and Route 30. AR Builders is planning to begin the construction of the common open space and recreation facilities to include a clubhouse, pool, etc. to compliment the lake and surrounding areas.



• **Sun Ridge (Phase I and II)** is experiencing some steady activity for Maronda Homes and First Place Bank. This single family Plan has 5 houses complete with another 6 lots having been issued building permits. First Place Bank has completed all infrastructure installation for both phases of the Plan. A total of 59 units will be constructed at full build-out.

• **Lenox Place** has seen a resurgence in recent months. A number of units (patio homes) are nearing completion while a foundation is underway for a 2-unit structure. A total of 55 units are planned for the development with 22 being completed to date.



• **Maronda Farms** is heading for new heights as it unveiled its Presidential Series at a news conference and tour on July 17th. The Stallion Drive section of the Plan is nearing full build-out. As a result, they have signed a developer's agreement with the Township to install public improvements for Phase II of Maronda Farms. Wrapping around one of the lakes on the property, a total of 21 lots will become available once improvements are completed.



• **Marion Estates** continues moving forward, despite the economy, with JAD Construction nearing completion on two (2) houses at the entrance to the Plan. First Choice Realty and First Commonwealth Bank are marketing the remaining lots in Phase I. To date, 18 houses are nearing completion or are already completed. A total of 92 lots are planned in Phases I and II combined.

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**YARD MAINTENANCE**

Township ordinance requires property owners to maintain their yard areas so that grass does not exceed ten inches (10") in height. Throughout the year, property owners are reminded that yard maintenance is required and failure to do so can lead to fines, liens and/or court hearings. Please do your part to keep Findlay a livable community and maintain your yard.

**RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE PICK-UP**

Just think what your streets, yards and open space would look like if no one used containers or garbage bags when placing household garbage curb-side for weekly pick-up. It's not a pretty sight. Nor is it when un-contained garbage is put out the night before and animals tear it apart, leaving bits and pieces of garbage everywhere.

The Township refuse service is not responsible to pick up loose garbage or garbage that has been torn open by animals. So please, make sure all household garbage is placed curb-side in containers or garbage bags the morning of scheduled pick-up.

**TOWNSHIP SPONSORED PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Board of Supervisors is continuing to offer "FREE" trash and recycling for Senior Citizens, **age 67 or older**. **The Senior Citizen must also be the owner AND occupant of the property.** The program would result in a savings of \$161.64 per year.

The Board is also continuing to offer "FREE" ambulance service for senior citizens, **age 67 and older**. This program would result in a savings of \$35.00 a year for a single senior citizen or \$55.00 for a family membership (2 or more senior citizens in the same household).

To take advantage of both 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.





• **Commercial Development** continues strong with Phase II expansions occurring at Clinton Commerce Park, Findlay Industrial Park and McClaren Woods. In Clinton Commerce Park, State R-CAP funds have been received for site preparation which coupled with Tax Increment Financing dollars will complete all necessary public improvements. This opens up an additional 361 acres allowing for 1.4 Million square feet of building pads. At Findlay Industrial Park, State R-CAP funds also have been received and has allowed Imperial Land Corporation to proceed into Phase II, which includes extension of roads, water, sewer and storm sewer infrastructure. This opens up an additional 373 acres allowing for building expansion. In McClaren Woods, this final 27 acre parcel will make way for a new 130,000 square foot Office/Warehouse building, which will complete the Plan.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF's) is being proposed through the Allegheny County Economic Development Department for the following:

- Clinton Commerce Park Phase I;
- Westport Woods in Potato Garden Run;
- McClaren Site # 9;
- Route 30 Commerce Park.

The TIF Committee, comprised of representatives from the County, WA School District and Findlay Township, has been formed over the summer. It is expected that final proposals will be considered in early Fall, 2012. These projects could begin as early as mid to late Fall, 2012.

The Township has also started work on the Elm Street Storm Project being completed by Rhino Construction of Lower Burrell, PA. In addition, following the completion of the Elm Street Storm Project, the entire length of Elm Street (Gregg Lane to Main Street)

will be profile milled and re-paved with Super Pave asphalt. Bids will be approved at the July 26th Workshop Meeting with work set for August/September.

One of our most anticipated projects for 2012 is the Route 30/Clinton Road Intersection Improvement Project. Findlay Township has partnered with PennDOT to complete this project. A contract has been awarded to Lane Construction of Pittsburgh. The project will include demolition of two structures (the former Mamone's Restaurant and a house that was owned by a private trust). Once the structures are removed, utility re-locations will then occur. The contractor has proposed the actual road construction for the project to commence just after Labor Day. PennDOT has approved a 30-day road closing of Clinton Road only, if needed, to complete the project. All Detour Routes will be properly posted. Work on this segment of the project must be completed by October 25, 2012.

• The Township has for quite a few years had in place a Memorial Tree Dedication program. If you have a loved one, relative, friend, etc. that you would want to memorialize with the planting of a tree on Municipal property, the following form would need to be filled out and submitted to the Township for consideration. The process is simple... the person dedicating the tree would make the purchase of the tree at a local nursery; the Township approves the location; the Township has a metal label engraved for a plaque located in the Municipal Building that pinpoints the location of the tree and to whom it is dedicated, along with the date of dedication. If you have an interest, it is a great way to honor someone and at the same time provide much needed greenery to our Parks and Public places.



# Township of Findlay MEMORIAL TREE DEDICATION



FROM: NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF TREE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Park)

PLANTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

TYPE OF TREE: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Findlay Township reserves the right to approve the type and location of all trees selected.*

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Purchased From _____	
Plate Engraved _____	(Date)

CUT ON DOTTED LINE

TO BE ENGRAVED

LINE 1 \_\_\_\_\_

LINE 2 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Park

# TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

[www.findlay.pa.us](http://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  
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### **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  
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 Earned Income/LST Tax Collector . . . . . (724) 695-0521  
 Real Estate Tax Office . . . . . (724) 695-2995

**Manager:**  
 Gary J. Klingman

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 Christopher J. Caruso

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 Cheryl L. Rinehart

**Building Inspector:**  
 Russell Collins

**Police Chief:**  
 Jesse Lesko

**Plumbing Inspector:**  
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**Planning Department Secretary:**  
 Cynde Harris

**Receptionist:**  
 Kathy Cain

**Earned Income/Local Services Tax Collector:**  
 Barbara A. Coates

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 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 17th & 18th, 2012**

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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Thursday, August 16, 2012

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

### Friday, August 17, 2012

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Baked Goods Registration  
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Registration for Semi-Great Race/Fun Walk  
6:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies  
6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. "Blue N' Evil" (Blues)  
7:00 p.m. START OF SEMI-GREAT RACE/FUN WALK  
7:15 p.m. Seed Spitting Contest (ages 8 to 18)  
7:30 p.m. Bake Sale in Falcon Pavilion  
7:45 p.m. Hula Hoop Contest (ages 5 to 16)  
8:15 p.m. Presentation of Race Awards  
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. "Vanessa Campagna" - (Country)



### Saturday, August 18, 2012

10:30 a.m. **PARADE / ROUTE 30**  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Karen Prunzik's Broadway Dance Studio  
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. West Allegheny Little Indians Cheerleaders  
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Imperial Dragon Tang Soo Do Karate School  
1:30 p.m. Needle in the Haystack (ages 2 - 6 yrs.)  
1:30 p.m. Youth Hay Bale Toss (ages 5 to 12)  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. "Juggler"  
3:00 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. White Viper Martial Arts  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pedal Pull (ages 3 to Adult)  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. "Jack & the Tady Bears" (Polka)  
6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Pie Eating Contest (ages 8 to 18)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hay Bale Toss (ages 13 and up)  
8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. "Night Life" (Oldies/Variety)  
10:15 p.m. FIREWORKS - (Ballfield)



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

## FREE ATTRACTIONS

Rainbow Express Train - Friday 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday 11:30 - 8 p.m.  
Mike the Balloon Guy & Co. (Balloons, Air Brush Tattoos) - Saturday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Petting Zoo, Contests, Pedal Pull  
Inflatables by ELF Entertainment (6 - 10 p.m. on Friday and 12 Noon - 9 p.m. on Saturday)  
Beaver Valley Antique Tractor & Crafts Assoc., Janoski's Toy Tractor Display  
Helicopter Landing Demo & Display - Clinton Ballfield (conditions permitting)

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Pony Rides

## EXHIBIT PICK-UP - FALCON PAVILION

Saturday, August 18th, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. • Sunday, August 19th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED IN FAIRGROUNDS**





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