

Summer 2013

TOWNSHIP
of FINDLAY

MESSENGER



The Township of Findlay's 38th Annual

FAIR IN THE WOODLANDS





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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 17th from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the Findlay Township Community Fair Parade. Detours will be posted during those hours.

Traffic delays may also occur on the day of the Semi-Great Race and Fun Walk on Friday, August 16th 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.

IT'S COMMUNITY 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 38th 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 2013 Fair by sponsoring events, entertainment, providing services, or donating goods/services from their business. To date, they are: Airport Insurance Associates, Amcom Office Systems, Armstrong Group of Companies, Ciego Inc., Franchek Heating & Air Conditioning, Heyl & Patterson, Hurley Insurance Brokers, Imperial Heights Garage, Imperial Land Corporation, Imperial Tire & Automotive, Metro Fence Company, Moody Funeral Home, OhioValley Industrial Service, The Buncher Company, Thomas-Little Funeral Service, Valley Security Systems, First Commonwealth Bank and Chapman Westport.

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.

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.

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 16th 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 14th 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.

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

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.

W-A-N-T-E-D

Hearty Homegrown Vegetables, Vibrant Flowers and Potted Plants, Yummy Baked Goods of All Kinds, Homemade Crafts and Needlework, Various Artwork and Photographs...

To be entered for judging in the

Township of Findlay's 38th 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 15th from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Falcon Pavilion

Baked Goods

Friday, August 16th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Falcon Pavilion - **Judging will start at 5:15 p.m.**

The Bake Sale will take place in the Falcon Pavilion starting at 7:30 p.m.

Premium Guideline Books and Entry Forms are available on the Township's website at 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, Fast Eddie's Food-n-Fuel Shell Station and Imperial Agway



Findlay Township August 16-17, 2013
Fair in the Woodlands

Kid Contests

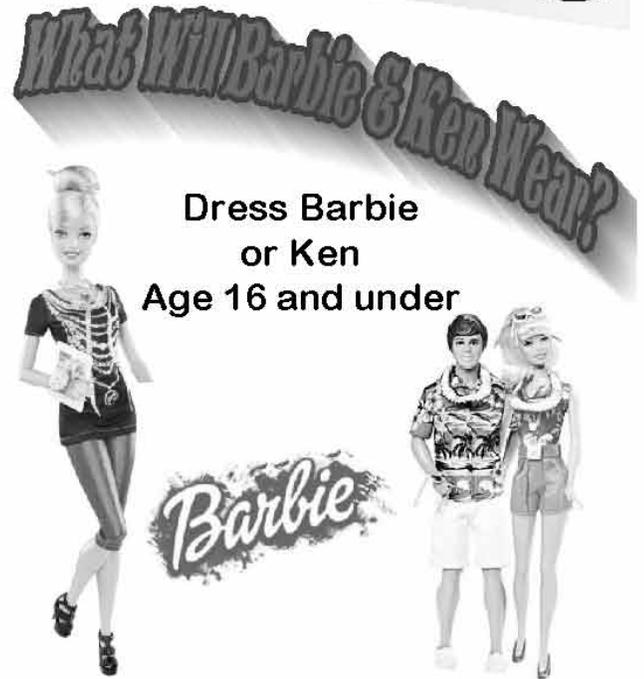
Cash prizes!



Hershey Baking Chips

Age 8 thru and including 18

Cookie, Brownie or Bar Contest



What Will Barbie & Ken Wear?

Dress Barbie or Ken
Age 16 and under

Barbie



Open from
Age 3
through 16

LEGO CONTEST



Scarecrow Contest

open to
all ages

For details on these contests and entries, see the "Fair Booklet" on our website:
www.findlay.pa.us



NEW ENTRY CATEGORY THIS YEAR...
RECYCLED CREATIONS
Can be clothing, jewelry, CD cases, frames,
purses, toys & more.
Recycle with imagination!

Summer 2013 - Police Department

General Safety Tips from the Findlay Township Police Department

The Findlay Township Police Department is concerned with the safety and welfare of all its citizens. In an effort to assure the safety of everyone living in our community, we offer these tips and reminders:

Burglary Prevention

- Keep doors, windows and garages closed and locked at all times.
- Keep scrubs and bushes around your house well trimmed.
- If traveling, use timers on lights and electrical appliances.
- Have Post Office hold your mail.
- Keep grass mowed and trash cans emptied.
- Use motion sensitive lights around the perimeter of your house.
- Consider adding additional dead bolts to exterior doors.
- Form a neighborhood alliance with trusted neighbors to watch out for each other.
- Report all suspicious activity to the police department immediately.

Auto Theft Safety & Prevention Tips:

- Make sure your car is locked at all times.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended.
- Always remove your keys while refueling.
- Keep all personal items, such as checkbook, personal identification, credit cards, purses, wallets and CDs out of view.
- Always activate any anti-theft you have on your vehicle.
- Don't hide spare keys in your car.
- Never leave high tech devices, such as cellular phones, portable TVs and GPS devices visible.

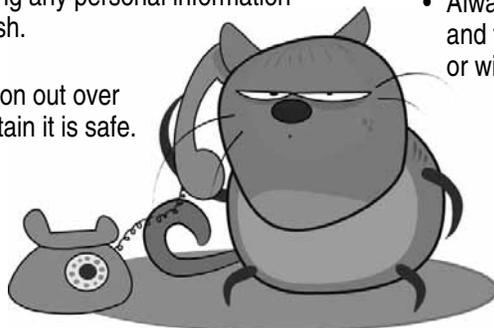


Safety Tips for Children:

- Know your first and last name, including the spelling.
- Know your address, city, state and zip code.
- Know your phone number including area code.
- Know your parent's first and last name.
- Know your parent's place of work and phone number.
- Learn other close relative's phone numbers, such as grandparents, aunts and uncles.
- Know what number to dial in case of an emergency.
- Do not talk to strangers or people you do not know.
- Do not accept rides, candy or toys from strangers.
- Always try to walk, play and travel in groups or with a friend.

Identity Theft Tips:

- Pay attention to your billing cycle on all your bills; follow-up with creditors immediately concerning any missing bills.
- Place out-going mail in post office collection boxes.
- Promptly remove all mail from your mailbox.
- If you are planning to be away, have your mail put on vacation hold until you return.
- Put passwords on your credit card, bank, and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information, i.e. SS#, maiden name, etc. as a password.
- Shred all documents containing any personal information before putting them in the trash.
- Never give personal information out over the phone unless you are certain it is safe.



MAKE SAFETY A PRIORITY THIS SUMMER!

Summer is in full swing, and it's a time for outdoor cookouts, pool parties, and backyard play dates, not bandaging scrapes, nursing burns, or worse.

Therefore, as a service to residents, here are some important summer safety tips compiled from two knowledgeable sources: UL, an independent product safety certification organization, and the National Institute on Aging.

Our goal is to make this a summer to remember—for all the right reasons—for everyone in the township, so please share these reminders with your friends and loved ones.

STAYING SAFE IN THE BACKYARD

- **Keep grills at least 10 feet from any structure:** Grilling mishaps cause more than 8,300 fires and send 3,000 people to the emergency room each year. Never grill indoors or near garages or porches, even if it's raining.
- **Have a spray bottle or fire extinguisher handy:** An unexpected flare-up can burn more than your burgers. Use a spray bottle to avoid flare ups and have a fire extinguisher nearby. Also coals get hot—in some cases up to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit—so dispose of charcoal away from kids and pets and cool it down with a hose.
- **Never use gasoline or kerosene to light a charcoal fire:** Both can cause an explosion. When grilling, use insulated, flame-retardant mitts and long-handled barbecue tongs and utensils to handle food and coals.
- **Check gas grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks:** If the tank valve or grill needs to be repaired, do not attempt to do it yourself. Take it to your local home improvement store or qualified appliance repair person.
- **Inspect outdoor decorative lights carefully:** Some families add backyard ambience with outdoor decorative lighting. Do not connect more than three midget light string sets together. Light strings with screw-in bulbs should have a maximum of 50 bulbs connected together. Be sure to use light strings bearing the UL mark, which means UL has tested samples of the products for risk of fire, electric shock, and other hazards.
- **Carefully inspect backyard playground equipment:** The Centers for Disease Control reports that between 1990 and 2000, 147 children age 14 and younger died from playground-related injuries. Of them, 82 died from strangulation and 31 died after falling to the playground's surface. Most of these deaths, the CDC says, occurred on home playgrounds. Therefore, make sure that your equipment is anchored safely in the ground, each piece is in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, and bolts are not protruding.

STAYING SAFE IN THE HEAT:

ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

When summer rolls around, older adults are particularly at risk for developing heat-related illness because the ability to adequately respond to heat can become less efficient with age.

Keep in mind, though, that a person's risk for hyperthermia, the name given to a variety of heat-related illnesses, such as heat stroke and fatigue, is not based only on the outside temperature. Health and lifestyle play a role, too. Factors that may increase risk include:

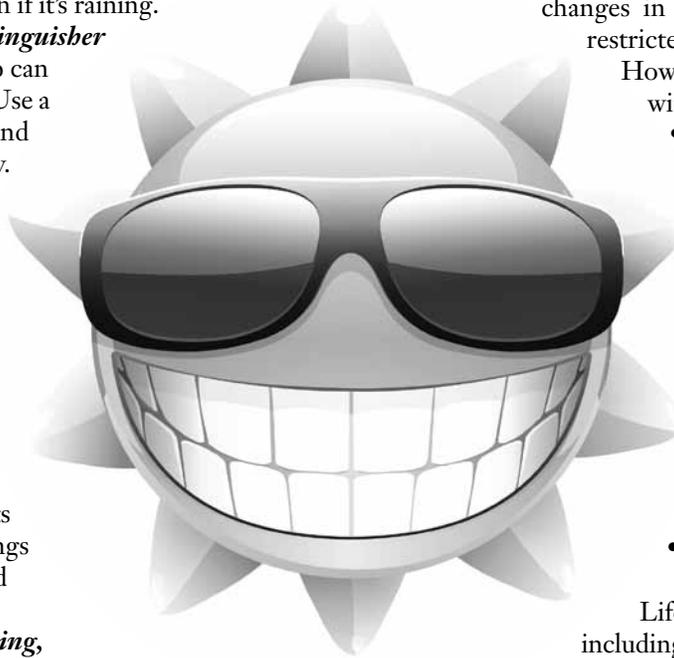
- Age-related changes to the skin such as poor blood circulation and inefficient sweat glands.
- Heart, lung and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.
 - High blood pressure or other conditions that require changes in diet. For example, people on salt-restricted diets may increase their risk. However, salt pills should not be used without first consulting a doctor.
- Medications, such as diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers, and certain heart and blood pressure drugs, that minimize perspiration.
 - Taking several drugs for various conditions. It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician.
 - Being substantially overweight or underweight.
 - Drinking alcoholic beverages.
 - Being dehydrated.

Lifestyle factors can also increase risk, including extremely hot living quarters, lack of transportation, overdressing, visiting overcrowded places, and not understanding weather conditions.

Older people, particularly those at special risk, should stay indoors on extremely hot and humid days, especially when there is an air pollution alert in effect. People without fans or air conditioners should go to places such as shopping malls, movie theaters, and libraries. Many social service agencies, religious groups and senior citizen centers also provide services such as cooling centers. For a list of locations or resources, call your county's Area Agency on Aging.

Heat stroke is an advanced form of hyperthermia that occurs when the body is overwhelmed by heat and unable to control its temperature. As a person's body temperature rises rapidly, the body loses its ability to sweat and cool itself down.

Heat stroke is especially dangerous for older people and requires emergency medical attention. A person with a body temperature above 104 is likely suffering from heat stroke and may have symptoms of confusion, combativeness, strong rapid pulse, lack of sweating, dry flushed skin, faintness, staggering, delirium, or coma. A person with any of these symptoms, especially an older adult, should seek immediate medical attention.



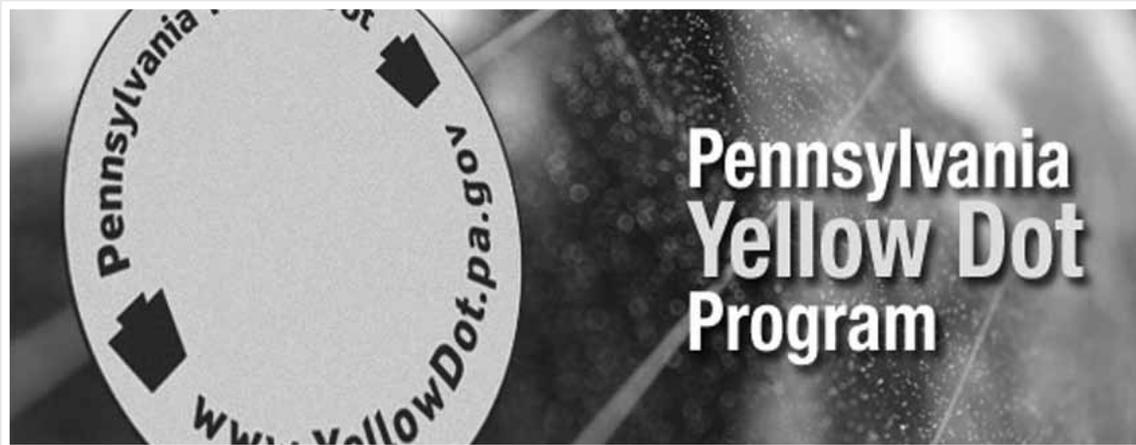
Here are a few tips on what to do if you suspect someone is suffering from a heat-related illness:

- Get the person out of the sun and into an air-conditioned or other cool place.
- Offer fluids such as water, fruit, and vegetable juices, but avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Encourage the individual to shower, bathe, or sponge off with cool water.
- Apply a cold, wet cloth to the wrists and/or neck, places where arterial blood passes close to the surface and the cold cloths can help cool the blood.
- Urge the person to lie down and rest, preferably in a cool place.

Note: For a free copy of the National Institute on Aging's, Age Page on hyperthermia, call toll-free, (800)222-2225, or go to www.niapublications.org/agepages/hyperther.asp.

STAYING SAFE AROUND THE POOL

- **Supervise constantly:** Good supervision means you are able to scan the pool area every 20 seconds and reach the pool in 10 seconds.
- **Put multiple safety barriers between children and the pool:** Install a 4-foot fence with a self-latching gate that has a locking mechanism beyond a child's reach.
- **Empty small wading pools and remove all toys after children are through playing:** Infants can drown in just a few inches of water. Floats, balls and other toys may attract children to the pool when it is unattended.



Pennsylvania is participating in the **“Yellow Dot” Program**, a nationwide effort to improve medical care after a traffic accident. It's intended to help citizens in the “golden hour” following a crash when they may not be able to communicate. A yellow dot in the vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check the victim's glove box for vital medical information.

The program is a cooperative effort among the state departments of transportation, health, and aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, first responders, and local law enforcement.

Participants voluntarily complete a personal information form, which includes their name, address and phone number, emergency contact information, medical history, and medications. They are also asked to include a photo with the completed information sheet, both of which are placed in the participant's glove box, and put a yellow dot decal in the lower left corner of the vehicle's rear window.

Emergency management coordinators and other local leaders are being asked to publicize this program. Please let residents know that they can request a Yellow Dot kit at

www.YellowDot.pa.gov or pick one up at any Area Agency on Aging. To find the office closest to them residents should call toll-free (877) PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

While the Yellow Dot Program is designed for use during vehicle accidents, PennDOT offers another option, the Emergency Contact Information Program, which you may also want to tell residents about. This program allows Pennsylvania driver's license and PennDOT-issued ID holders to log into a secure database and list two emergency contacts. The public can register by going to www.dmv.state.pa.us and clicking on “Update Emergency Contact Information” at the bottom left of the page.

Participants can update the information as needed, but only law enforcement officials can view their information in the system. During an emergency, law enforcement can use the participant's ID to find their emergency contact information.

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!



Once again we were able to bring the **“INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS”** to the township on July 3rd at the Recreation and Sports Complex on Route 30 due to the generous donations of business sponsors. We estimate that at least 1,000 people attended and enjoyed the show provided by Pyrotechnico. The Findlay Athletic Association sold refreshments and members of the Fair Board were passing out info for the upcoming “Fair in

the Woodlands” in August. Also, Consol Energy was on hand answering questions and passing out bubbles to the kids. Other sponsor give-a-ways included flying discs and kick sack balls. DJ Dan Sheets played great music before the fireworks, as well as playing Patriotic tunes during the display. The event included a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new pavilion that will be available to rent for summer 2014.

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

Gold Sponsors (\$1,500 +) -
“Fast Eddie’s Food and Fuel”
and Consol Energy

Silver Sponsors (\$1,000 +) -
Imperial Land Corporation,
Williams & Atlas Resource Partners

Bronze Sponsors (\$500 +) -
AirGround Xpress,
Armstrong Telephone
& Mark West Liberty

Looking forward to 2014!!!!



ANNUAL CLEAN UP EVENTS

The annual “Community Clean Up” was held on April 20th. 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 13th. Almost 1,000 tires were collected this year.

“Shred It Day” was held again on June 1st at the Municipal Building in Clinton. Approximately 50 people took advantage of the event. Watch for all of these events again in 2014

EASTER EGG HUNTS

The Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 23rd. The Imperial Volunteer Fire Department brought the Easter Bunny to the park as always and it looked like all participants went home with a basket full of goodies. Unfortunately, the Flashlight Hunt was cancelled due to bad weather and was not rescheduled. We will try again for 2014.



“CRUISIN IN THE WOODLANDS” 2013

The annual event was held on June 7th in Clinton Park. Pittsburgh C.A.R.S. hosted the cruise and as always it was a great event. Thanks to the IVFD and Speedie’s Pizza for coming in and providing food and drinks.

FALL CRUISE will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 11 – 3 p.m. (rain date September 22nd). 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 (2), GM (2) & Mopar (2), Best Orphan & Best of Show.

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

ANNUAL INDOOR FLEA MARKET

March 16th was the date for the annual flea market at the Activity Center. Over 60 tables were sold filling both levels of the center. The Girl Scouts were there selling food, drinks and snacks.

KID’S PROGRAMS

Kid’s programs in the township have been rockin’ this year. Time for Toddlers, Lunch Bunch, Kids Cooking, American Red Cross Babysitting and Carnegie Science Center Camps all were very successful in 2013.

Check our recreation newsletter or the website for upcoming programs and events.



ADULT PROGRAMS

AARP Safe Driving Classes were held this spring with an addition of a 4 hour refresher course for those who have already taken the 8 hour class.

We will be offering the classes again this fall:

November 7th: 4 hour refresher class, 9 – noon

November 13 & 14: 8 hour class, 9 – noon.

Call Darlene at 724 – 695 – 0500 x 246 to register.

The **FREE SELF DEFENSE CLASS FOR WOMEN** is always a favorite and this year was no exception with 22 attending.

ADULT BEGINNING GUITAR was offered for the first time this winter. Jonathan Cordle is the instructor and is having a great time with a group of 6 – 8 participants. They recently went to Nikos for Open Mic night and performed. If you are interested in this program, call Darlene at the Township office.

WATER AEROBICS

This very successful program is offered Mondays & Wednesdays September through May is at Wilson School from 6 – 7 p.m. Lap Swimming is also offered on Wednesdays from 7 – 8 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

OUTDOOR PARKING LOT FLEA MARKET

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

When: Saturday, September 7th

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. 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.

“TRUCK TOUCH” 2013 – 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 to purchase.

Check out the following websites in September for a complete schedule of activities:

Findlay Township at www.findlaytp.org,
the **Library** at www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org,
or **Macaroni Kid** at <http://robinson.macaronikid.com>

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

WHEN: Saturday, September 28, 2013

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.



New Classes For Fall

"Walk Live" CLASSES COMING TO FINDLAY

Donna Kuzio is opening the doors to a better way of health and weight loss by offering "Live" indoor walk classes. Join her on Tuesday, September 10th at 6 p.m. on the lower level of the Findlay Township Activity Center in Imperial for a **FREE** class to see if you are ready to make the commitment to a more active and healthy life style.

Upon receiving training and certification from Leslie Sansone's Walk Leader Program, Donna is ready to put her training and passion for walking to work by leading and motivating others to make walking a part of their daily lives. To register for the free class or to get any additional information, email Donna at kuziofjr@gmail.com

"Little Prestos" – MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASS

Bring your children for 30 minutes of music, motion and FUN!! Children will play instruments and sing along with music. The instructor, Dan Morrow, owner of "Mind Your Music", is a certified K-12 music teacher. Join Dan for a **FREE** introductory class on Tuesday, September 24th on the lower level of the Findlay Township Activity Center in Imperial. Times are 10 a.m. for 2 & 3 year olds and 10:45 a.m. for 4 & 5 year olds.

To register, contact Dan at 412-680-0450 or email: danmorrow1@yahoo.com. Check out the website: mindyourmusic.net.

Come out and enjoy the experience Dan can bring to your little ones!!

YOGA

Classes are available on the lower level of the Activity Center. Please call Julia at 724-695-1976 for schedule and information.

"BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING SALE"

DONATIONS NEEDED

If cleaning out your children's closets is on your summer to-do list, please keep us in mind! Findlay Township and the West Allegheny Food Pantry have partnered to bring a "Back to School Clothing Sale" to Imperial August 22.

Beginning July 8 through August 16, drop off clothes donations for youth ages 3-18 during business hours to one of the following locations: Allegheny West Eye Care - 236 West Allegheny Road, Imperial or Findlay Township Municipal Building - 1271 SR 30, Clinton. Please donate "like new," designer and brand name clothes that children have outgrown.

Donations can also be dropped off at the Findlay Township Activity Center, 310 Main Street, Imperial on Monday, August 19 between 6 and 8 p.m., or Tuesday, August 20 between 9 and 11 a.m.

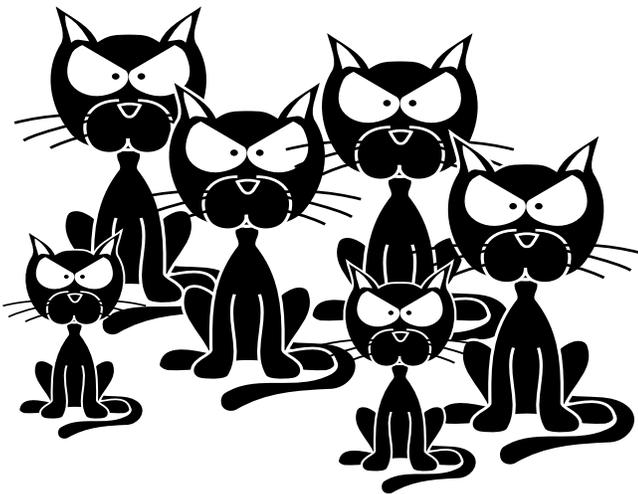
Please mark bags or boxes with the note,
"BACK TO SCHOOL SALE."

Details and times of the event will also be posted on the Findlay Township website, www.findlaytwp.org. Sale proceeds benefit the West Allegheny Food Pantry.

*For more information, contact Cindy Quinn
at quinnmom@verizon.net*



+ PET CPR +



Watch for this new program in the Fall Edition of the Recreation Newsletter!



IMPERIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BINGO

Super bingo will be held on the first Monday of the month, (some exceptions, please check schedule) at the Findlay Township Activity Center at 310 Main Street in Imperial. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., kitchen at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. sharp!!

A package of 12 cards and 5 specials is \$25. Extra cards and specials will be available at the door. Quickies and jackpots will be sold on the floor. Throw away cards are used and you will need a dauber. Please pass this information onto your friends and let's play some BINGO!

Schedule: August 5th, September 9th, October 7th, November 11th and December 2nd.

TABLE AND CHAIR RENTAL

The IVFD is now renting chairs and tables for private events. If you want more information, call the fire department at 724-695-8845.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS, Summer 2013

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 Masters for designated portions of the Township; Tom Gallant for Imperial, Janet Craig for Westbury and the RIDC, and Ray Chappell for Clinton.

For the year 2013, 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) The mill and overlay project for the section of RIDC Park West Drive from Cliffmine Road to Industry Drive was completed using overnight working hours and included adjacent Commerce Drive. This project was completed in June.
- 2) Install a storm sewer on Moody Road.
- 3) Perform repairs on McClaren Road, and Main Street in preparation for future paving.

In 2012 repairs continued on some of the narrow Imperial streets to prepare them for paving. In 2013 we hope to complete the repairs this summer and pave the repaired streets, time and funding permitting. These include Berry Street, Nancy Street, Burns Street, Marshall Street, a portion of Anna Street, the upper section of Ida Street, and Kearns Street.

This is year 11 of the Township's mandatory involvement with Phase II of the Federal Storm Water laws known as the **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**, or NPDES II. The Township web site has information and links to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency for the public. This year the Township will continue inspecting storm water out-falls and testing run off water where required by the law. This may require entering private property on occasion. Permission to enter private property will be requested from any property owner where there may be a need to determine a source of illegal substances entering the storm sewers prior to workers entering the property unless there is an existing storm sewer easement allowing entry. The Township is required to inspect 25% of storm water out-falls annually. For more information and for the link to the DEP website visit the Township website at www.findlay.pa.us.

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

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



Heroes Supporting Heroes Here to Support Senior Citizens



This is a volunteer program that supports the Senior Citizens of Findlay and North Fayette Township, utilizing donated trades, skills and financial support from different organizations. We offer help to ensure you don't have to do everything on your own. We can help with a variety of different services; our goal is to help you with regular household maintenance and repairs. **WE WANT TO HELP** on a practical basis (**REAL** help).

If you have a need and want to get on the schedule for service, provide us with a description of your existing need and your contact information. If we're able to help, there will be a team to show up on an agreed time to accomplish the task at hand. If we can't, then we can at least steer you in the right direction.

Services Provided:

- HVAC heating and air-condition replacement or repair
- Snow removal for sidewalks and driveways
- Tree trimming and tree removal service
- Car maintenance: oil changes, battery replacement, wiper blades, and minor repair
- Computer maintenance and repair

- Small appliance repair (stoves, washer/dryer, and refrigerators)
- Lawn service: cutting grass, weed whacking, leaf pick up, etc.
- Roof repair and gutter cleaning

This service we want to provide to you is "Labor Free"—if parts are needed, it will just be the cost on the parts:

For families that need financial assistance for parts *or* unexpected circumstances or hardships there could be some assistance. This will be evaluated on an individual basis and we can't promise funds will be made available. We need to know the financial need **BEFORE** you pay for something up front, it if at all possible.

With this "volunteer system" we do accept donations, and are always accepting new applications for volunteers.

President/CEO HSH

John Lee

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Cell Phone: 412-952-7098



BETTY SCOTT



At the April Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board recognized Betty Scott for her 19 years as a Board member of the Western Allegheny Community Library.

REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

The 2013 school bills are in the mail and you should have received them by now. If you did not receive your bill, call the real estate tax office and copies of your bill will be mailed to you.

The millage for the school has been lowered from 22 mills to 18.51 mills. If you think your assessment is too high and you have not filed an appeal, or if you did file and were not satisfied with the results, you can file "late appeals". Forms are in the real estate office and can be sent by mail, upon request.

SLOTS REVENUE: If you have the Homestead Act, you will receive a \$10,653 Assessed Value reduction from your total assessed value. This will amount to \$197.19 reduction in your 2013 school tax bill.

If you have any question or need to change your address, **PLEASE CALL THE REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE AT 724-695-2995 TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE LATEST INFORMATION ON FILE.**

COMPUTER AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING



Now that the landfills are no longer accepting televisions and electronic equipment, Findlay Township is recycling more

than ever! Our partner, JVS Environmental, guarantees data destruction and that no parts of the equipment that is turned in will end up in landfills.

We will hold our next "Computer and Appliance Recycling Day" on **Saturday, October 12th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30. All computers, monitors, printers, laptops, non-Freon appliances, telephones, keyboards, mice, radios, and televisions will be accepted for FREE. Appliances with Freon will be accepted, including dehumidifiers, for a \$5-30 fee.

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

[workcampsSM]
home repair youth mission trips

FREE
HOME REPAIR
June 22-28, 2014



Workcamps are intensive one-week trips that help people grow in Christian faith through service. Youth and their Adult Leaders, from around the country, will spend one week in our community performing hands-on home-repair projects for elderly, low-income and disabled families.

The work at each home will be done by 5 young people, and at least one adult leader, representing many Christian denominations. Eligible repair projects may include:

- * Porch repair/construction
- * Step repair
- * Roofing (minor porch work only)
- * Exterior painting
- * Wheelchair ramp repair/construction
- * Weatherization
- * Interior painting
- * Mobile home skirting

Both labor and materials are free to qualifying households. To learn how your home might be included, please contact:

West Allegheny Workcamp
PO Box 787
Imperial, PA 15126
Phone/Fax 412-235-1737
info@westworkcamp.org
(There is an application on the website)

West Allegheny Workcamp, affiliated with West Allegheny Ministerial Association (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization).

MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR ON-LOT SYSTEMS

A correctly designed and properly installed on-lot sewage disposal system can still malfunction if the homeowner does not properly operate and maintain it.

There are many ways to prevent malfunctions and ensure long-term use of on-lot systems. These include:

- Conserve water and reduce wastewater flow into the septic tank.
- Have the septic tank pumped at least every 3 years
- Avoid putting harsh chemicals in the septic system.
- Don't use the toilet to dispose of bulky, slow-decomposing wastes.
- Inspect the septic tank, pipes and drainage field annually.
- Maintain accurate records of the septic system, including design, installation, location, inspections, pumpings, malfunctions and repairs.
- Prevent run-off from downspouts, sump pumps and paved surfaces from getting into the septic system.
- Keep heavy vehicles, equipment and livestock away from the septic system.
- Don't plant trees and shrubs on or near the septic system.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Western Allegheny Community Library is excited to announce the move to the new building will take place at the end of July.

The Library will close at the end of business on Wednesday, July 24 and is slated to reopen at the new building, 181 Bateman Road, on Monday, August 5. The official Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, August 10.

Grand opening festivities will include the ceremonial pass of one book from the old to the new library through a human chain, ribbon cutting, character visits, children's crafts, prize give-aways and other activities.

To participate in the pass-the-book event, please register online at www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org and visit the online Calendar of Events.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to celebrate the opening of the new building!

Continue to watch for updates regarding fall programming for all ages, as well as information about the annual fundraiser, which will be an Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 6!



Your Home. Your Rivers. Make the Connection.

It is important to recognize that everything we do in our homes and on our properties can affect the water quality of our rivers, which serve as the drinking water source for 90% of residents in the region. Here's how you can help be a part of the solution to this wet weather problem:

◆ Use environmentally friendly lawn products and/or limit the use of fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides.



◆ Plant more trees and shrubs on your property or consider installing a rain garden.

◆ Rather than washing your car in your driveway, use a commercial car wash that recycles water.

◆ Disconnect any roof or foundation drains that are connected to a separate sewer system designed only to carry sewage.

◆ Install a rain barrel to capture storm water and use it later to water your garden.

◆ Dispose properly of motor oil or other hazardous household chemicals. Never pour them down a storm drain.

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

"Sprucing Up"

Last year we brought you the first installment of our "Sprucing Up" segment of the Newsletter Notables, this year we continue to extend that theme to other community assets. The following projects are being completed in 2013 to maintain and enhance your Township facilities:

Findlay Township Activity Center: New entrance doors with Handicapped Accessible automatic door openers have been installed at both levels of the facility. The entire project was paid for by a Community Development Block Grant at a cost of \$24,000. In addition, a new guide rail has been installed by our Public Works Department to protect trail users from any possible access by vehicles to the Montour Trail. Also, we have had the block wall on the lower level sealed and painted.



Elm Street Ballfield: We have completed the restoration of the infield of the baseball field. Completing that project by S & S Processing at a cost of \$10,000 signals the completion of a three year process to complete all of the fields

in the Township. These endeavors have resulted in a much improved condition for all of our fields. Using laser technology, the up-upgrades have improved drainage and the appearance of the fields. For the players, that translates into fields that can be used more readily after a rain storm and they look good also. In addition, they are easier to maintain for our Parks Department and the Findlay Athletic Association.

Montour Trail Enlow Parking Lot: In a partnership with the Montour Trail Council, the Township has provided the labor and equipment coupled with the financial support for stone, milling and asphalt being supplied by the Trail council to re-do the parking lot area at the Enlow Trail Head. The Township has had a concern



that the less-than-desirable condition of the parking lot could end up causing a vehicle accident due to the unfavorable conditions. That will be a thing of the past once the Township completes the work, which should be in the near future.



Industry Drive/ParkWest Drive and Sweeney Drive Bikeways: In an effort to keep our Township-wide Bikeways in good condition, K & S Sealing has completed seal coating work on the entire length of Industry Drive, which runs from McClaren Road to the Cliff-Mine Road connection to the Montour Trail. In addition, Sweeney Drive Bikeway in the Clinton Commerce Park also was re-sealed this year. In the future, the Bikeways @ Northfield and Solar Drive will be slated for this same type of work.

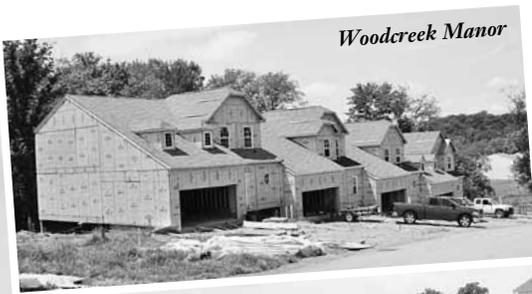
IN THE TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT...

Commercial Development continues on many fronts:

Chapman Westport has instituted a renewed marketing campaign at their center on Westport Road. This 330-acre site is prime for development and has in its favor the great access to the Pittsburgh International Airport and major highway access.

Dick's Sporting Goods: Plans are in the works for an expansion of the Dick's Sporting Goods Headquarters at Northfield. This 100,000 sq. ft. addition is being done to keep up with the growth they are experiencing in the Sporting Goods industry. In addition, the Airport Authority and Dick's have recently announced an agreement for Dick's Sporting Goods to locate two specialty office locations for two affiliate businesses at the Northfield site. Dick's Sporting Goods has now surpassed US Airways as Findlay Township's top employer.

Findlay Industrial Park: The Westport area has seen significant growth in terms of ADC (Appliance Dealer's Cooperative), Okonite, and ALRO Steel, however, it does not stop there. Imperial Land Corporation has recently established Phase II of the site with the extension of Solar Drive. And, just about the time they completed that extension, they are planning to extend it, once again! All to make way for additional commercial/industrial development in the near future. There is no doubt that job growth in this area is strong and getting stronger.



Sun Ridge



Marion Estates

For **RESIDENTIAL** development, 2013 has been a very strong year and it too is getting stronger. Several developments are seeing renewed activity. Those that are experiencing this movement include...

- Lenox Place** on Main Street
- Woodcreek Manor** (off of Craig Street in Enlow)
- Marion Estates in Clinton** on Moody Road
- Maronda Farms** on Moody Road
- Sun Ridge** (on Birch Street in Imperial)



The Village at Clinton Lake—residential units are being expanded, along with the construction of the Club House, which will include a fitness center, meeting room and sales office. The developer has also improved its central attraction The Lake. Three water fountains are operational to improve the water quality and provide a nice aesthetic touch. This development is along Clinton Road in the Village of Clinton.

COMING SPRING OF 2014

Sports & Recreation Complex Pavilion



Available For Rental For Large Scale Graduation Parties,
Church Festivities, Reunions & Many Other Types of Events.

Seats 150 To 165. Kitchen Facilities Will Be
Available For Both Catering & Food Preparation

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY JULY 3, 2013

SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPALITY

In February, Findlay Township announced it is among the first municipalities to become certified through the Southwestern Pennsylvania Sustainable Community Essentials Certification program. Findlay Township was recognized at the silver level of certification for meeting the program's rigorous performance criteria which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.

The Sustainable Community Essentials Certification, developed by Sustainable Pittsburgh, is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. It applauds municipalities for their demonstrated commitment and sustainability performance.

In earning the silver certification, Findlay Township is acknowledged for its progress in addressing such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, mitigating blight, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations.

"Findlay Township is proud to be recognized as a Silver Certified Community by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Sustainability Community Essentials Certification Program," said the Township's Board of Supervisors. "Findlay Township has a long history of commitment to saving taxpayer dollars, using resources efficiently, and applying best practices in municipal government and community development. We are pleased to be recognized and be part of the regional community of good government."

"We are delighted to see Findlay Township distinguished among local governments that are leading the way in applying sustainability to both their operations and management as well as within the community," said Court Gould, Executive Director of Sustainable Pittsburgh.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Sustainable Community Essentials Certification is intended to bring recognition to municipalities in the region that are applying the policy and practice of sustainability as their way of operating in order to advance community prosperity. It also serves as a mechanism for sharing best practices for creating a more sustainable southwestern Pennsylvania.

Details about Findlay Township's certification performance can be found by linking to www.sustainablecommunityessentials.org.

A 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, Sustainable Pittsburgh (SP) affects decision-making for the Pittsburgh region to integrate economic prosperity, social equity, and environmental quality, bringing sustainable solutions to communities and businesses. Over the past 15 years, SP has proven adept at building coalitions for change on issues that get at the heart of sustainability for southwestern Pennsylvania.

The Benefit of Bees

Bees need our help: they're critical pollinators—alongside butterflies and hummingbirds—but they're misunderstood. Many people are afraid of bee stings and think bees are aggressive, but when bees visit a garden, they're really not interested in people. They come for the buffet of bloom.



"You can stick your nose right up to a bee in a flower and it's not going to fly up in your face and sting you," says Stephen Buchmann, a bee expert and coordinator of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign.



Bees pollinate 80 percent of the flowering plants and 75 percent of the fruits, nuts, and vegetables grown in the U.S., according to the NAP-PC. A good-looking and hard-working insectary garden—designed to attract bees and other

pollinators—will increase your harvest of apples, okra, blueberries, and beans, among other crops. Insectary gardens also play an important role in preserving the diversity of ecosystems in modern times. Native plants, which provide food and nectar for many more insects than non-native plants do, are the foundation of a pollinator-friendly garden.

Most gardeners have no intention of giving up beloved non-native flowers like tulips and peonies, but once you start looking around your garden, you're likely to see that many native daisies, asters, sunflowers, and other flowers that bees and butterflies love are already some of your own favorites, too. The exuberant and colorful cottage-garden style, with lots of different kinds of trees, shrubs, and flowers, and with edible plants and herbs planted right in among them or close by, is just as attractive to pollinators as it is to us.

Pollinators depend on combinations of plants that bloom from spring through summer and fall. You don't have to have a large garden to help them: a single flower pot or a window box will attract bees and butterflies and help restore a little bit of the habitat that has been lost to development.

Stop imagining bees as dangerous and aggressive, and think of them as watchable wildlife. Showy flowers attract lots of bees, and that's as it should be: they're here to help.



TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

www.findlay.pa.us

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

Elected Officials

Supervisors:

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 504 Washington Road
 Pittsburgh, PA 15228

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

State Senator:

Matt Smith (412) 262-2260
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District Magistrate:

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

West Allegheny School District

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 Senior High School (724) 695-7368
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 Clinton (724) 695-0114
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Manager:
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 Russell Collins

Police Chief:
 Jesse Lesko

Plumbing Inspector:
 Timothy Cook

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Receptionist:
 Kathy Cain

**ACT 511/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.

The Township of Findlay's 38th Annual FAIR IN THE WOODLANDS

August 16th & 17th, 2013

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 15, 2013

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 16, 2013

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 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.

"Camp Cordle Rock School" (Local Youth Band)

7:00 p.m.

START OF SEMI-GREAT RACE/FUN WALK

7:15 p.m.

Seed Spitting Contest (ages 8 to 18)

7:30 p.m.

Bake Sale 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.

"Good Brother Earl" - (American Rock)



Saturday, August 17, 2013

10:30 a.m.

PARADE / ROUTE 30

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Imperial Dragon Tang Soo Do Karate School

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

West Allegheny Little Indians Cheerleaders

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

Kelsey Friday and Rick Witkowski (Kids & Family Entertainment)

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.

White Viper Martial Arts

3:00 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Luannes's School of Dance

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.

"Occasional Reign" (Dance band)

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)



ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Pony Rides



EXHIBIT PICK-UP - FALCON PAVILION

Saturday, August 17th, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. • Sunday, August 18th, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED IN FAIRGROUNDS



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