



Findlay Township UPDATE

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2011

NEW CONTRACT FOR TRASH & RECYCLING

The Board of Supervisors advertised for bids for a three (3) year contract to be renewed for Trash and Recycling services for the residents of Findlay Township. The low bid was from Allied Waste of Carnegie, PA. (formerly BFI Waste Industries). As a result, the Township will be changing haulers, effective April 1, 2011. The Board is pleased to announce that the rates for the service will be less in all three years than the current rate of \$14.54 per month for unlimited curbside service.

Here are the rates:

- * First Year of the Contract - \$13.21 per month (10% decrease from our current rate)
- * Second Year of the Contract - \$13.47 per month (8% decrease from our current rate)
- * Third Year of the Contract - \$13.88 per month (5% decrease from our current rate)

**UNDER THE NEW SERVICE,
REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZENS (AGE 67+)
WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THEIR TRASH
AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR FREE!!**

In addition, the Township continues to encourage SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING. SIMPLY PUT... All items that can be recycled can be placed into the recycling container i.e. glass, bi-metals, plastics, newspapers, cardboards, etc.. Since Allied Waste utilizes the GreenStar automated recycling site on Neville Island, they are able to handle our recyclables in a co-mingled way. It is also important to note that the recyclables should not be in plastic bags. Rather, they should be placed directly into the blue/white containers without the plastic bags.

The Township will also be discontinuing our 3rd Saturday newspaper drop-off recycling at the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department parking lot starting this April. Instead, you are encouraged to either bundle your newspapers at curbside with your other recyclables or place the newspaper in your recycling container un-bundled.

You will also be receiving more reminders of this change before it goes into effect in April of this year... stay tuned.

Findlay Township Board of Supervisors



Janet L. Craig
Vice-Chairperson

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TOWNSHIP SPONSORED PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

**CHANGES STARTING
JANUARY 1, 2011**

The Board of Supervisors is continuing to offer "FREE" trash and recycling for Senior Citizens, **but effective January 1, 2011, has changed the eligibility age to 67 AND the Senior Citizen must be the owner of the property.** The program would result in a savings of \$158.52 per year.

The Board is also continuing to offer "FREE" ambulance service for senior citizens, **but has also made the eligibility age 67.** This program would result in a savings of \$30.00 a year for a single senior citizen or \$50.00 for a family membership (2 or more senior citizens in the same household).

To 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.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE INFO 2011

PAVILION RENTAL

Pavilion rental for Findlay Township Residents, Findlay Township Businesses and Youth or Adult groups began on Saturday, February 5th. Beginning Monday, February 7th, reservations are available online by logging onto www.findlay.pa.us. (Go to interactive site/reservations) OR by calling the township. You will be asked to pay the rental fee of \$50 and also a \$25.00 refundable deposit (2 separate checks please).

Non-residents may rent beginning on April 1st.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Findlay Township Senior Citizen's Group (age 55+) meets on the third Wednesday of each month (with the exception of July and August). Monthly meetings are held at noon at the Activity Center on Main Street in Imperial. Each meeting includes lunch, bingo and sometimes guest speakers or entertainment. There is a \$2 resident charge for each meeting you attend. The Township provides a Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner and an April Lunch each year for the group. We are planning a few new trips this year that should be interesting. A picnic in June is always a favorite of the members.

Join now and be a part of this fun group.

This year the group enjoyed 4 day trips. In June we had a day in Middlefield, Ohio for an Amish Sampler Trip. In May we went to Rivers Casino to try our luck. September brought us to the Console Energy Center to witness the fabulous "Spirit of America" tour and in December we went to the LaMont for dinner and then off to the Benedum for the "Straight No Chaser" Christmas show. There are 3 trips for 2011 in the planning.

SEVEN SPRINGS SKI TICKETS AVAILABLE

Discount tickets for Seven Springs are once again available at the Township Office through March 31st.

Call 724-695-0500 x 246 for prices and availability.

COME TO THE FINDLAY TOWNSHIP INDOOR FLEA-MARKET

Are you missing the fun of the summer flea markets?? Then come to this indoor flea-market and shop where it is warm and dry. Both levels of the Activity Center will be jam-packed full of sellers, Mark your calendars NOW!

WHEN: Saturday, March 19th 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

WHERE: Findlay Township Activity Center
310 Main Street, Imperial

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Refreshments will be sold
Tables may still be available for \$10 / 8 footer
Call Darlene at 724-695-0500 x 246

COMMUNITY TIRE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Do you have old tires that you need to get rid of? Well, here is your chance to do so.

The Independence Conservancy, in conjunction with Findlay Township, will be holding it's annual tire collection. Last year's effort collected nearly 600 tires from residents and non-residents. This non-profit foundation has been restoring and protecting our local land and water since 1999. All of the tires are sheared, and rims are hauled away for recycling.

Donations for tire disposal:

\$2 per passenger car or light truck tire -
rim size: 12", 13", 14", 15", 16", 16.5" & 17"

Additional \$2 for any of the above that are on a rim

\$20 per tractor trailer - 19" to 22" No rims

\$20 per farm tractor rear tire No rims

DATE: Saturday, April 9th

TIME: 9 a.m. to Noon

LOCATION: Findlay Township Public Works
1058 Clinton Road
(off of SR 30 at light in Clinton)

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Findlay and North Fayette Townships are joining together once again to organize a community clean-up day. Come out and donate a few short hours to help make our community a place we can be proud of. We encourage any youth groups or high school students to come out and accumulate some community service hours. If you would like to volunteer, please call Darlene at the township office.

Bags, gloves and vests will be provided. If possible, volunteers need to provide their own transportation to and from their clean-up site.

WHEN: Saturday, April 30, 2011

WHERE: Meet at Findlay Township Activity Center,
310 Main Street, Imperial/LOWER LEVEL

TIME: 9:00 a.m.-Noon



RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE INFO 2011

WINTER / SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

The following programs will be happening through the spring. Please check website or call Darlene at 724-695-0500 x 246 for schedules, fees and all additional information

WINTER FAMILY SWIM

March 1, 15, 22 & 29
at Wilson Elementary - 6:30-8:30 PM

WATER AEROBICS

is held at Wilson Elementary
on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

TIME FOR TODDLERS

for those who turned two by September 1, 2011.

LUNCH BUNCH

for those who turned 4 by September 1, 2010.

KID'S CREATIVE COOKING

Youth in grades K - 5

SILVER SCHOLARS COMPUTER CLASSES

Six different classes offered beginning March 2nd
with Digital Camera

FRIDAY SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOPS

NATIONAL SCRAPBOOKING DAY
APRIL 9TH

CRAFT CLASSES FOR SPRING

SELF DEFENSE CLASS FOR 2011

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS
May 24 & 25

LOOKING AHEAD

"Cruisin in the Woodlands"- Car Cruise in Clinton Park tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 24th

Free Tuesday Concert Series begins on Tuesday, June 21st.

"Fair in the Woodlands" - August 19th & 20th

IMPERIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

NIGHT AT THE RACES - March 26th at the Imperial Station. Doors open at 6 p.m. & Racing starts at 7 p.m.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY - Sunday, April 10th 8 a.m.-1 p.m. / Imperial Station.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY - Friday, April 22nd 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Take out, delivery and eat in available at the Imperial Station.

ANNUAL FIREMEN'S PARADE - Friday, June 10th at 7 p.m. Street Fair following.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON ANY OF THE EVENTS, CALL 724-695-8845.

EASTER EVENTS - ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The 14th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16th at 11:00 a.m. in Clinton Park. Meeting place for the hunt will be at the Rainbow's End Playground parking lot.

As many as 3000 eggs may be hiding in the park. Findlay Township residents, preschool through 5th grade, are welcome to attend. Participants will be grouped according to age with prize eggs in each group. Pre-school children will receive goody bags from the Easter Bunny in lieu of hunting for eggs. Children should bring their own baskets to carry goodies. The hunt goes on rain or shine or even snow, so be prepared.

****NEW**** FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Why should all the fun be just for the younger kids??? This year we will be having an after dark Flashlight Egg Hunt in the Clinton Park Fairgrounds. Each participant must bring a regular flashlight, (no spotlights please) and a bag to carry goodies. You cannot share flashlights, everyone must have their own.

Participants will meet in the Falcon Pavilion to register and to pay no later than 7:45 p.m. Prizes, refreshments and some other fun activities will follow the hunt. All participants must have their school ID and must be picked up no later than 9:45 p.m.

WHEN: Saturday, April 16th

TIME: 8-9:30 p.m.

(Hunt goes off at 8 p.m., be there by 7:45)

WHO: WA Middle School students

Bring your school ID

WHERE: Clinton Park Fairgrounds & Falcon Pavilion

COST: \$3 per participant

(please try to have correct change)

**This is an outdoor event and will go on rain or shine,
& dress accordingly.**

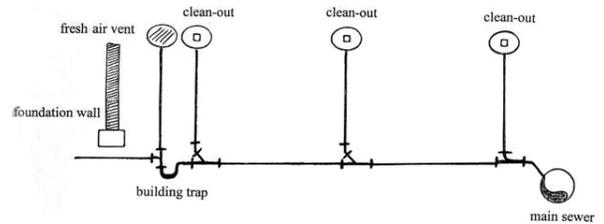
"FRIENDS OF RAINBOW'S END"

The newly formed friends group was busy the last half of 2010 raising funds for the maintenance of Rainbow's End Playground. The group among other things, had a booth at the Fair in the Woodlands, solicited money through a letter donation campaign and held their first fundraiser, an Adult Halloween Party. Wilson Elementary also held special fundraising days at school which they shared with the Friends Group. Member's of the Friends group are: President, **Sherri Browning**; Treasurer, **Valerie Brandy**; Program Director, **Ellen Sansonetti, JoAnn Frank, Carol Hurley, Diane Krivan,** and **Stephanie Schmader**. Consulting members are **Kim Bailey** and **Cookie Menegon**.

PLUMBING 101

During investigation of recent odor complaints, we have found many broken sewer clean-outs in resident's yards. All homes that are connected to the public sewer system have a building trap and fresh air vent located near the structure. This trap prevents sewer gases from entering the building. Broken clean-outs between the trap and the main sewer allow foul smelling sewer gases to migrate into your yard, around your home and through the neighborhood. They also allow storm water to flow into the sanitary sewer system which adds to Treatment Plant costs and ultimately your sewage rates.

Please repair any clean-outs that may get broken by the lawn tractor or mower to help keep sewage rates down and your air clean. If you need assistance, please call the Plumbing Inspector at the Municipal Building.



Take the Stormwater Runoff Challenge

Across:

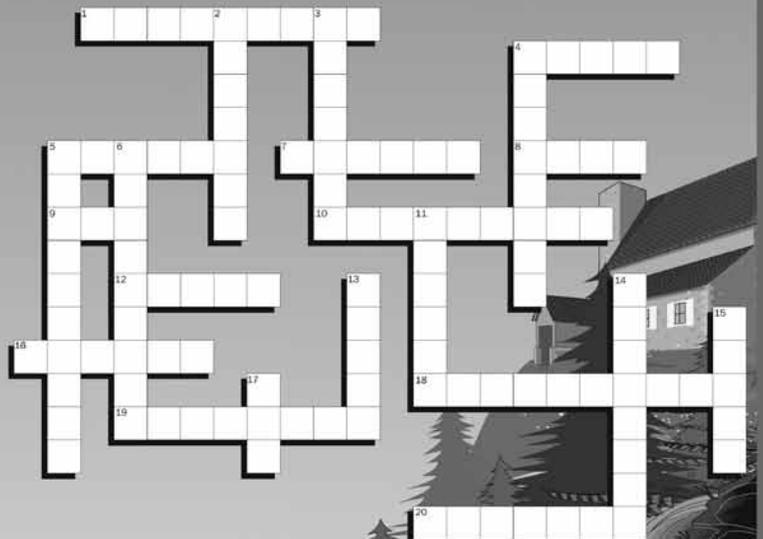
- 1) The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream, or groundwater is known as a _____.
- 4) The _____ of speeding boats can erode shorelines.
- 5) Maintaining your _____ tank will help to prevent bacteria and nutrients from leaking into groundwater and surface waters.
- 7) Wetland plants act like a natural water _____ removing harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff.
- 8) Leave your grass clippings on your _____ to reduce the need for commercial fertilizers.
- 9) A single quart of motor _____, if disposed of improperly, can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
- 10) Fertilizers and animal wastes contain _____ that "feed" algae and other aquatic plants harmful to water quality.
- 12) Polluted runoff from both rural and _____ sources has a significant impact on water quality.
- 16) Storm _____ don't always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
- 18) Follow directions carefully when applying _____ on your lawn—more isn't always better.
- 19) Polluted runoff (also called _____ source pollution) comes from so many places that it's hard to "pinpoint" a source.
- 20) Yard and vegetable food waste are suitable additions to a _____ pile.

Down:

- 2) Don't dump used motor oil into storm drains _____ it!
- 3) _____ of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.
- 4) _____ prevent flooding, improve water quality, and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, and wildlife.
- 5) Marking "Do Not Dump, Drains to Bay" on a _____ is one way to educate people about polluted runoff.
- 6) Excess sediment, nutrients, toxics, and pathogens are all types of runoff _____.
- 11) Polluted _____ is the nation's #1 water quality problem.
- 13) The cattail is one wetland _____ that helps purify polluted runoff.
- 14) Too much _____ in water can harm aquatic life.
- 15) Proper crop and animal management on _____ helps to control water pollution.
- 17) _____ impact development helps control stormwater pollution through conservation approaches and techniques.

Choices:

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|------------|-----------|-------------|
| compost | nonpoint | sediment |
| drains | nutrients | septic |
| erosion | oil | storm drain |
| farms | plant | urban |
| fertilizer | pollution | wakes |
| filter | recycle | watershed |
| lawn | runoff | wetlands |
| low | | |



For more information, please visit EPA's
Polluted Runoff web site at www.epa.gov/nps

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IMPERIAL LANDFILL NEWS - WINTER 2010-2011

As part of Imperial Landfill's commitment to environmental protection and community, during Fall 2010 we completed installation of a geo-membrane liner on just over 42 acres. The green, tarp-like liner covers a portion of the landfill and prevents odor from escaping. With this year's completed work, a total of 91 acres are now covered by liner.

Additionally, Imperial Landfill enhanced its gas, storm water and leachate collection systems. Future plans call for moving waste disposal operations farther away from Wilson Elementary School and additional ongoing improvements to environmental management systems.

Finally, we have added a website, www.imperiallandfill.com, which will keep you updated about us. Visit it today!

The Findlay Township Municipal Authority

Project Updates:

The Findlay Township Municipal Authority is currently involved in three capital improvement projects. Updates to each are listed below:

- **Enlow Rd. Sewer Interceptor Replacement**—This project will replace approx. 5,000 feet of 8" sanitary sewer line with a new 18" sewer interceptor. The proposed sewer line is an extension of the Clinton Phase III project that was completed in 2007 and extended a sewer interceptor along McCaslin Road. This project will continue the 18" sewer interceptor to McClaren Road. The FTMA has recently received its construction permit from the PA Department of Environmental Protection and will be advertising for bids soon. Anticipated start of construction is mid-summer 2011.
- **Clinton Phase IV Sewer System**—This project is intended to bring sewer service to the western section of Clinton in the area surrounding and adjacent to Janoski Farms. The FTMA has received all of the necessary easements and State Permits to start the project, however, we are in the process of competing for several grants that could help lower the overall cost of the project. The FTMA anticipates a funding plan to be in place by the end of 2011 with an anticipated construction date of mid-summer 2012.
- **Westport Booster Station**—This project will erect a potable water boosting station near the intersection of Potato Garden and Burgettstown Roads. This station will provide for improved domestic and fire flow capacities to the Westport Area Development near the SR 576 Findlay Connector. The FTMA has issued a notice to proceed to the contractors and anticipates a completion date of July 2011.

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 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. All you need to do is supply the Authority with a voided check. No more stamps, envelopes, or late fees. Call Stacey 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 the 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.

EARNED INCOME TAX OFFICE

**My taxes are withheld!!!!
I am a student!!!!**

Act 511 mandates that all employed and self-employed Residents file a Final Form (WA40) by April 15 just like you do for the Federal and State governments. This includes all taxpayers even if the tax was WITHHELD. This insures that the money withheld is sent to Findlay Township from the employers or the other taxing districts. Once filed, it is then the tax collector's responsibility to collect that money if we have not received it. Residents failing to file by April 15 will be charged a late filing fee of \$10.00 per year.

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

NEWS FROM THE REAL ESTATE OFFICE:

The 2011 Township Tax Bills will be mailed by April 1, 2011. The millage will be the same as last year—1.95.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are to receive the bills at your home address (you do not have an escrow); and you do not get your bill during the first week of April, CALL THE OFFICE: 412-695-2995 and a duplicate will be mailed to you. This also applies to the school district's tax bill when it comes out the first week of July.

Also, we again want you to know application forms are available in our office for the Act 50 Homestead Exemption and Act 77 for the Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief Program.

An update on the County's re-assessment process: We are in the western area of the county and we will be the last to be re-assessed. This job must be completed by 2012.

You can appeal your present taxes by completing a 3-part form and mailing it in before March 31, 2011. These forms are available in our office.

The tax office is now able to accept credit card payments for both the Township Tax Bills and the School Bills. You can do this by stopping at the office with the credit card or by phone and we will process your payments. **JUST REMEMBER**—you have to pay the 2.45% fee the credit card company charges.

NEWSLETTER NOTABLES

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Despite the economic downturn, developments (both residential and commercial) in Findlay Township continue to move forward. We have various projects in various stages of development. The potential is great, especially as we see a recovery in the economy. The Township, in conjunction with the Findlay Township Municipal Authority, has been working on infrastructure projects that compliment these development projects. We have strived to stay out in front of these development projects so they can be assured that all needed infrastructure is in place and it is working.

DID YOU KNOW... that Alro Steel is poised and ready for construction of a 91,903 square foot building in the Findlay Industrial Park at Westport. A 15-acre parcel will allow for expansion in the future also for a 91,000 square foot addition, if and when it is necessary. We should see plenty of activity at this site starting in the Spring.

DID YOU KNOW... that Burns and Scalo are preparing to develop a parcel on Industry Drive adjacent to the former Dick's Sporting Goods Headquarters. Work on the construction of a one-story, 64,000 square foot office building on this 13-acre parcel should begin this Spring.

DID YOU KNOW... that the Allegheny County Airport Authority has received State funding to prepare two (2) sites for development this year. The first site is an expansion into Phase 2 of the Clinton Commerce Park. The State funds will be used to prepare for the installation of vital infrastructure.

The second site is 96 acres at the southeast corner of the McClaren Interchange of Interstate 376. Tentative plans layout three 100,000 square foot office buildings and one

110,000 square foot flex/ office building. The State grant will provide funds to create an access to the site off of McClaren Road, along with providing all of the needed infrastructure to develop the site. Zoning for the site is MXU, Mixed Use.



DID YOU KNOW... that the Chapman Commerce Center is completing their installation of public improvements and should be poised and ready for development this year. This site is located at Westport directly diagonal to the Findlay Industrial Park on the northwest portion of Westport Road, adjacent to the Findlay Connector. Chapman Properties are expected to develop the buildings on site and then lease them to various companies, yet to be determined. The site encompasses 330 acres. (see photo above)

DID YOU KNOW... that the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of finalizing plans to build a 1,400 square foot Fire Station on a 1.52 acre parcel on Pine Street in the Village of Imperial. The existing station on Main Street would be vacated once this station was completed. The Fire Department is working on acquiring the necessary funding to make this a reality. The parcel is the site of the former Findlay Vocational School.

DID YOU KNOW... that there are various residential developments underway or on-going in the Township. The developments include:

Name	Size	Type
Lenox Place (Main Street – Imperial)	55 total units	Patio Homes and Townhouses
Marion Estates (Clinton – Moody Road)	92 total units	Single Family
Maronda Farms–Phase 1 (Colt Circle–Moody Road–Clinton)	31 units	Single Family
Sun Ridge–Phase 1 (Birch Street–Imperial next to Mystic Hills)	22 units	Single Family
Woodcreek Manor–Phase 1 (Craig Street–Enlow Road)	84 units	Carriage Homes and Townhouses
The Village @ Clinton Lake (Clinton Road–Clinton)	117 units	Townhouses (various sizes)

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★ FINDLAY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT ★

Dear Resident:

The following is a portion of the Findlay Township Police Department's Annual Report. You can find the complete report online at www.findlay.pa.us

We have seen more changes occurring during 2010 within the police department. Jonathan Mattes was hired as a part-time Police Officer. His hiring is the result of a two year Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant. Jonathan, originally from Central Pennsylvania, earned a Bachelors Degree at York College and is a recent graduate from the Allegheny County Police Academy. He has completed the 16 week FTO program demonstrating that he possesses the tools needed to be a great addition to the department.

The department has continued its status as an Internationally and State Accredited law enforcement agency. In 2010 the department completed two thorough on-site reaccreditation assessments. The department is one of only eight departments in the state to hold this distinction.

In March 2009 the department received funding from the PA Alliance for Security and Preparedness to pay for drivers training at the Beaverun Motorsports Complex in Wampum, PA. The officers of the department are required to attend drivers training every two years. The funding received, \$2,620.80, paid for 56% of the total cost of the training. In 2010 the department has again received similar funding to maintain this intense level of training.

In November 2009 the department applied for another opportunity to acquire training through the use of funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This training is called Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (A.L.E.R.R.T.) and is worth \$28,000.00. This training has been completed and every member of the department has received training at either a local school or business on the response to an active shooter type of situation. Having paved the way for training, our department assisted in training nearly 180 officers in the region. The department now has three ALERRT certified instructors who will annually provide training within our department as well as assist other agencies as needed throughout the COG.

As we enter 2011, the Findlay Township Police Department is prepared to meet any and all challenges and remains committed to its citizens by providing a quality service to all of the residents and visitors of Findlay Township.

Sincerely,

Jesse J. Lesko, Jr.

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Chief of Police

READY TO RESPOND: EVERY HOUR-EVERY DAY!

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

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. In an effort to reduce response times, VAA uses on-call employees, at certain times of the day and night, to serve as first responders to medical emergencies within Findlay Township. These dedicated first responders carry essential EMS equipment and supplies in order to provide prompt, high quality life saving care—until the closest available ambulance can arrive.

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 8,500 in 2010. In addition, VAA provides more than 5,000 non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair van transports to patients within the five (5) community service area.

Valley Ambulance Authority, a non-profit municipal authority, is largely supported through tax-deductible subscriptions and donations. VAA relies on community support and billing fees to fund its operating budget which totals more than \$3 million dollars annually. Findlay residents are encouraged to participate in the annual subscription program. The subscription program provides residents with the opportunity to *save money* by avoiding any unnecessary fees—in the event that EMS services are 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, 2011 through December 31, 2011. *Note: Qualified senior citizens, who reside and have registered with Findlay Township, are covered by a subscription plan which is paid for by Findlay Township.*

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

In conclusion, we would like to thank all residents of Findlay Township for their continued support of Valley Ambulance Authority. Additional information can be obtained by contacting J.R. Henry, Executive Director at 412-262-2621 or via email at jrhenry@valleyamb.org.



RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

The 2009 International Residential Building Code in Pennsylvania now requires the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in new one and two family dwellings that are permitted after January 1, 2011. These systems are designed to control fire growth and give the occupants time to get out of the building before flashover (total engulfment) occurs in the room of origin. It also gives firefighters time to respond for rescue operations.

The US Fire Administration reports that 84% of fire deaths occur in one and two family homes. Fire loss data from communities that require residential fire sprinklers show that they can reduce fire deaths in dwellings to nearly zero.

If you need more information, please contact the Inspections Department.

TOWNSHIP BUDGETS

The 2011 Operating and Capital Budgets have been approved and are being implemented by the Findlay Township Board of Supervisors. Total Operating Budget has increased by 2.6%. Total Operating Budget is \$7,841,997 and the Capital Budget is \$898,193 with a combined total of \$8,740,190.

This Budget involves various modifications of existing programs and services to respond to limited resources. Some of the changes included health care contributions by employees initiated along with the planned establishment of a S-125 Cafeteria Plan that will allow employees to contribute at pre-tax conditions and utilize a flexible spending account for co-pays and deductibles. A Defined Contribution Pension Plan was created for "New Hires" in addition to the existing Defined Benefit Plan for the Administrative Staff and Public Works. There were age modifications to our Free Trash and Recycling program and the Ambulance Subscriptions—new participants will now have to be 67 years or older and the prime owner of the residence. In order to adequately fund our Capital Budget, it was decided that an increase in the Parking Tax from 7% to 9%, effective February 1, 2011 was an appropriate choice. Given the added infrastructure being dedicated to the Township through various developments (residential & commercial), the Parking Tax increase will be dedicated for the purpose of maintaining that infrastructure and Township equipment used in the maintenance process.

Challenges that we face in 2011 that will have an impact on our operations include:

- Continued loss of employment base related to the major exodus by US Airways;
- Allegheny County Real Estate Tax Re-Assessment to be completed by 2012;
- Final implementation of the SouthWest Tax Collection Committee process for Earned Income Tax Collection by Jordan Tax Service.
- Marcellus Shale development within and outside Findlay Township.

Opportunities that we can look forward to in 2011 include:

- Earned Income taxes will increase due to new jobs being created at the various commercial/light industrial sites throughout the Township;
- Building Permit fees will grow in 2011 due to the introduction of Northfield Development Area @ PIA and Chapman Commerce Center @ Westport. Additionally, the Findlay Industrial Park @ Westport will see more growth along with possibilities at the Clinton Commerce Park. Residential development is expected at Lenox Place, Maronda Farms, Woodcreek Manor, Sun Ridge and the Village @ Clinton Lake.
- Marcellus Shale lease income at Municipal facilities.

In 2010, the economy forced people to take a "wait and see" posture. In spite of that, some of the residential / commercial developments remained active.

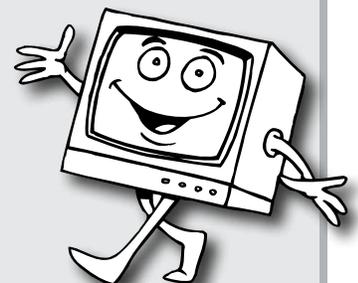
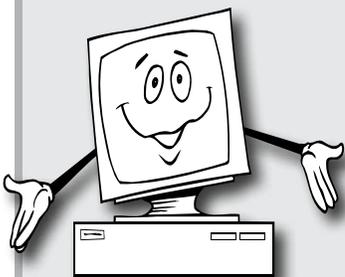
In addition, public improvements at Sun Ridge (residential) and Chapman Commerce Park (commercial) were completed, thus paving the way to future growth. The property at 400 Industry Drive has received final approval and Burns and Scalo are moving forward with the construction in 2011. They will construct a single story 64,752 square foot building on this 13-acre site on Industry Drive. The Airport Authority has begun exploratory work for its development site just off of Interstate 376 @ the southwest corner of the McClaren Road Interchange. They are also investigating the possibility of Marcellus Shale extraction on Airport property, along with the initiation of public improvements for the Route 30 Industrial Park.

The 2011 Budget certainly represents a reliable, feasible, and fundable financial plan for the New Year. Every effort will be made to effectively implement these many programs and services.

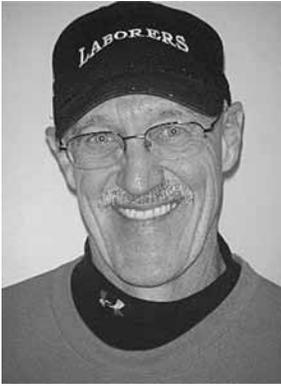
COMPUTER AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Findlay Township will hold their Computer and Appliance Recycling on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. till noon at the Findlay Township Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton. In the past, our recycler, JVS Environmental, has had to charge for the collection of computer monitors and televisions.

JVS is working aggressively to obtain grant funding so that collection of these, and all computer and appliance items, will be free. Watch our website www.findlay.pa.us for further details or contact the Findlay Township office at 724-695-0500.



PUBLIC WORKS RETIREMENT



Findlay Township announces the retirement of Paul Redick, the longest serving Public Works employee currently working with the Township. His retirement is effective on February 1, 2011.

Paul was hired for Public Works in June of 1970 and has served the Township continually for 41 years. For the majority of that time Paul was the working Foreman for the public Works Department, supervising and working alongside the crew on all facets of infrastructure maintenance and installation.

Paul's leadership and expertise will be greatly missed. We wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.



LOOKING FOR FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

Would you like to get more involved in your community? Do you have new ideas or talents that you could bring to our annual "Fair in the Woodlands"? If you answered "YES" to either of those questions, then call Darlene at the Township office to discuss becoming part of the Fair Board. We have vacant seats on the board and are looking to fill them.

Meetings are held monthly from January until the Fair in August. **CALL NOW** to become part of this popular community event!

REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS

As spring arrives, the Township would like to remind residents of property maintenance issues that need to be taken into consideration:

- All lawn areas must be maintained and grass cut less than ten inches (10") in length.
- Any vehicle parked outside must have a current registration and inspection.
- In residential plans (Imperial Pointe, Westbury, Marion Estates, Maronda Farms, Lenox Place, Mystic Hills, Woodcreek Manor), all front yard lamp posts must be maintained in operating order. In lieu of street lighting, these plans were required to install front yard lamp posts with dusk-to-dawn sensors. Without these lights working properly, Township streets and residences become very dark for kids.

- All motor vehicles must be parked on an improved surface. Please do not park vehicles in lawn areas, which include the grass strip between curbs and sidewalks.
- Swimming pools must be maintained at all times and water must be chemically treated to prevent algae and/or bacteria.
- All trash and recycling materials must be placed curbside in approved containers. (i.e. cans, bins, large garbage bags). Grocery bags are not approved storage containers for curbside. If you use grocery bags to collect items from your residence, please place them in a larger garbage bag or container before putting them curbside.

The Township is asking all its residents to help make Findlay Township a better place to live by taking care of the exterior of your property.



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VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED FOR TOWNSHIP BOARDS

From time to time openings occur on various Boards throughout the Township and we are always looking for your talent and/or expertise to volunteer your time to fill those openings. Volunteers are always welcome to serve on various committees for the annual Findlay Township Community Fair. Other boards within the Township are the Findlay Township Municipal Authority, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, the UCC, Board of Appeals, Library Board of Trustees and Valley Ambulance Board.

If you are interested in serving on a board, send an e-mail to Gary Klingman at gklingman@findlaytwp.org or send your letter of interest or resume to the Township Office at P.O. Box W, Clinton, PA 15026.

SUPERVISORS OFFERING "FREE" PROGRAMS TO SENIOR CITIZENS AGAIN IN 2010

The Board of Supervisors are continuing in 2010 to offer "FREE" trash and recycling for households that have one or more persons, age 65 and older. This program would result in an average of \$169.80 per year for curbside pick-up for qualifying households.

The Board is also continuing to offer "FREE" ambulance service for senior citizens, age 65 and older. This program would result in a savings of \$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.

FRIENDS OF RAINBOW'S END PLAYGROUND

We are in the very early stages of forming a "Friends" group to help with the maintenance of The Rainbow's End Playground in Clinton Park. This will include some fundraising to cover the costs of yearly upkeep. I am looking for anyone who might be interested in helping with this new endeavor. If you are interested, please contact Darlene at the township office by phone: 724-695-0500 x246 or by email darlene@findlaytwp.org.

PAVILION RESERVATIONS

Resident pavilion registration began on Saturday, February 6th. You may now go online to www.findlay.pa.us and view calendars and reserve pavilions. You will need to set up a profile with a user name and password. Pavilions are \$50 with a \$25 deposit and are available to rent from April 1st through October 31st. Non-residents will be able to rent beginning April 1st.

NEWS FROM THE REAL ESTATE OFFICE:

The 2010 Township Tax bills will be mailed by April 1, 2010. The millage will be the same as last year - 1.95. Allegheny County has changed their rules regarding ACT 50. If you make ANY change to your deed, you must re-file for ACT 50. Do this quickly as they will immediately remove you from the list. Forms are available in the Real Estate Office and will be mailed to you upon request.

Regarding ACT 77 - The Senior Citizens Property Tax Relief Program, if a deed change is made, the Treasurer's Office will review the change and if they deem it necessary, will mail you a letter requesting clarification. You would not need to re-file unless requested by the Treasurer's Office.

Appraisal forms for 2010 are now available at the Real Estate Office. Filing deadline is March 31, 2010. Also, you will be receiving mailers from the county within the next few weeks verifying the data characteristics of your property. This information will be used for the re-assessment scheduled for completion by 2012.

Township Wins Statewide Award for Communications Effort

Findlay Township has received First Place in the "Newsletters-Class 2" category for its entry in the PA State Association of Township Supervisors' (PSATS) 43rd Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens.

All entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to township residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability.

Judges for the contest included members of the association's Publications-Public Relations Committee, representatives from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, and staff members of the *Pennsylvania Township News*, the association's official monthly magazine.

PSATS represents Pennsylvania's 1,455 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal political arenas. Townships of the Second Class represent more residents - 5.4 million Pennsylvanians - than any other type of political subdivision in the Commonwealth.