



Findlay Township

UPDATE

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2012

The 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets

The 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets are respectively submitted to the Board of Supervisors and to the Residents of Findlay Township.

This Budget involves no increase in any of the existing tax rates for Real Estate, Earned Income, Landfill, Parking Tax, etc. The Real Estate Tax millage will remain at 1.95. The Earned Income Tax will remain at 1% (split 0.5% Township and 0.5% school district on the resident rate). The Landfill Tax will remain at the agreed upon rate per ton with a built-in escalator based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index); the Parking Tax will remain at 9% (less consideration); and the Local Services Tax will remain at \$52.00 per employee with the \$12,000 income exemption.

With the court-ordered Re-Assessment taking place for 2012, it is anticipated that our Assessed Value will remain constant (based on give and take of the appeal process). In addition, the slow rebounding economy is having a negative effect on the value of real estate. The Township has kept pace with growing costs by balancing any loss of revenues with continued growth in our Commercial/Light Industrial Areas (Findlay Industrial Park at Westport, Clinton Commerce Park, McClaren Woods Business Park and the R.I.D.C. Park West Industrial Park) and our residential areas (Lenox Place, Marion Estates, Maronda Homes, Sun Ridge, Woodcreek Manor and the Village at Clinton Lake).

The Township, more than ever, will rely on a TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) in the amount of \$600,000 to assist in the monthly cash flow, in anticipation of a delay in Real Estate revenue caused by the lack of certification of final assessed value numbers in a timely way along with the implementation of the first-time Act 32 mandated Earned Income Tax collection system in 2012.

The 2012 Budget also includes the continuation of Act 50 Homestead/Farmstead Exemption and the Act 77 Senior Citizens Tax Relief Program. On pages 3 to 5 of the budget document, there is a listing of all Allegheny County Municipalities that indicates Findlay Township's ranking of 6th out of 130 municipalities in having one of the lowest millage rates.

Challenges that we face in 2012 include:

- Continued loss of employment at the Airport related to the focus by USAirways on Philadelphia and Charlotte;
- Allegheny County Court-Ordered Real Estate Tax Re-Assessment;
- Final Implementation of the Southwest Tax Collection Committee process for Earned Income Tax Collection (Jordan Tax Service Contract);
- Marcellus Shale development and drilling within and surrounding Findlay Township. Passage expected on legislation setting an Impact Fee that provides revenue to County/Local governments to mitigate the negative impacts.

In 2011, the economy continued on a slow and sometimes bumpy road to recovery. Despite the roller coaster ride on Wall Street, the Township had limited activity in the form of commercial growth at the Findlay Industrial Park at Westport with the addition of Alro Steel Processing facility. McClaren Woods Business Park has additional space occupied and there is recovery activity at the R.I.D.C. Park West with the renovation and upgrade of the Park West Corporate Center and the expansion of the former Solid State Measurements building, now occupied by Clean Air Engineering. Thermo Fisher Scientific has moved into the former Dick's Sporting Goods Building on Industry Drive, with a total of 1,070 employees. Dick's Sporting Goods, with their headquarters located adjacent to North Field at the Pittsburgh International Airport are in the midst of an expansion by up-grading and finishing off previously unused space for additional offices.

In 2011, Building Permits and their value increased, due in large part to the building activities in our commercial/light industrial areas. Building permits increased in number from 69 in 2010 to 90 in 2011. There was also a significant change in value from \$6,675,305 in 2010 to \$14,187,771 in 2011.

Findlay Township Board of Supervisors



Janet L. Craig
Vice-Chairperson

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Chairperson

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Member

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Several Township related initiatives were completed in 2011:

- Major seal coating on all of our rural roads primarily in the Clinton/Hookstown Grade Road areas;
- Camp Meeting Road slide area Soil Nail Launcher project;
- Continued work with Imperial Volunteer Fire Department on plans for new Fire Station on Pine Street in Imperial;
- Ballfield renovations at Little Clinton and Aten Road ballfields;
- Engineering work for Storm Water project at R.I.D.C. Park West;
- Re-roofing of three facilities - Agricultural Building, Falcon Pavilion and Mourning Dove Pavilion at Clinton Community Park
- Geographic Information Systems Upgrades - Planning Department and Storm Water Management
- Activity Center - Deck Replacement
- SINC-UP project with Southwest Pennsylvania Commission to synchronize traffic signals in Moon/Findlay/North Fayette in the Montour Run Interchange.

The 2012 Operating Budget includes a Recycling Performance Grant from PA DEP in the amount of \$11,000.

Under Contracted Services, the Township will continue to fund free Trash and Recycling as well as Ambulance Service for existing age 67+ Senior Citizens. Funding for the Western Allegheny Community Library per capita costs are being increased by 38.3% as a means to provide funds for re-location of the Library to a new site. Funds have also been set aside for this purpose in the Capital Budget to pay for a 5-year Revenue Note. Hospitalization costs will increase by 2.5% and insurance costs are expected to increase by 19% with increases in all categories including Workers' Compensation and the addition of coverage for Crime and Fiduciary.

The overall Operating Budget will increase 5.2%. The Combined Operating and Capital will increase by 5.0%.

The preparation of the Budget document included the cooperation and input from Department Heads, Administrative Staff, Boards and Commissions, Agencies and Residents. It represents a reliable, feasible fundable financial plan for the 2012 Budget Year. Every effort will be made to effectively implement these many programs and services.

A copy of the Operating and Capital Budgets are available for viewing at the Township Office during regular business hours or online at www.findlay.pa.us/departments/administration

WEST ALLEGHENY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGAN JANUARY 4

The West Allegheny School District began accepting registration either by telephone or Internet for the kindergarten class of 2012-2013 on January 4, 2012, for all elementary schools. No in-person registrations will be taken. Since the district can accept only one registration per child, parents must choose either the telephone or the Internet option, not both.

Parents may register by telephone (724-213-1010 for Donaldson, 724-693-8451 for McKee, 724-695-3300 for Wilson) OR online at www.westasd.org by selecting the Kindergarten Registration link. Parents may request the morning or afternoon session on a first-come, first-served basis and will be notified by the end of June if their child is assigned to morning or afternoon. Callers must speak to an office staff member and cannot leave a message to register their child for kindergarten.

To enter kindergarten, a child must be five years old before September 1, 2012. There are no exceptions to this policy. The following information is needed for registration: parents' names, address, phone number, and e-mail address as well as the child's name and date of birth.

Registrants will be notified regarding the Kindergarten Orientation dates and will be sent the necessary forms via mail. At that time, parents will be required to present a record of the child's immunizations, original birth certificate, completed physical and dental examination forms, and original proof of residency in the district. Residency must be established through proof of home ownership, rental lease, affidavit, or driver's license with current address.

Parents are reminded that students must attend the school that serves their residence, not the residence of a babysitter, the location of a child care provider, etc.

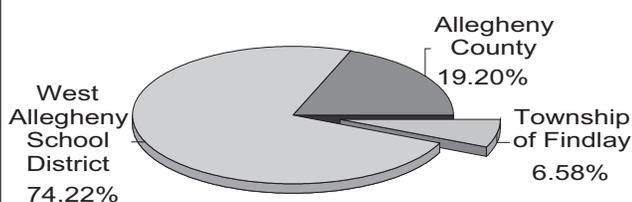
FINDLAY TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES

Continuing its' long-standing tradition, Findlay Township will keep the Real Estate millage rate for 2012 at 1.95. Out of the 130 municipalities in Allegheny County, we rank sixth lowest in amount of millage rate.

It is no doubt that our real estate tax level is resident and business friendly, as is our overall tax structure. As we witness the economy working its way out of the recession-riddled years 2008 to present, we are looking for brighter days ahead. Our financial standing should have us poised for a strong run in the future – Low Taxes and Strong Growth!

TAXING BODY	2012 MILLAGE
Township of Findlay	1.95
West Allegheny School District	22.00
Allegheny County	5.69
TOTAL	28.64

REAL ESTATE TAX COMPARISON



LATEST FROM THE FINDLAY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



Jamie Sacco

On January 11, 2012 the Findlay Township Board of Supervisors hired Jamie Sacco and Aaron Scrivo as police officers. Both candidates were selected after a rigorous selection process that involved a physical ability test, written test, psychological review, three oral interviews, a lengthy background investigation and a polygraph examination. Jamie Sacco is married with a family and currently resides in Moon Township. He is a graduate of Robert Morris University and was employed as a part-time officer in Ingram and Coraopolis. Aaron Scrivo was raised in Peters Township, is engaged to be married and currently lives in the South Hills. He holds a bachelors degree from Penn State University and recently graduated from the Allegheny County Police Academy.



Aaron Scrivo

The officers were hired to fill two vacancies. One vacancy was the result of a retirement earlier in 2011 and the second was due to the recent resignation of Officer Jonathan Mattes.

The primary purpose of a police department is to keep its residents and those who visit the community safe. This includes not only two legged residents and visitors, but also our four legged residents and visitors as well. Those of us who own them know that our pets are a part of our family.

During the year our officers and dispatchers come in contact with many pets that stray and sometimes sneak away from their home or handler. These animals are now out of their environment and become a risk to themselves, the motoring public and pedestrians.

The members of this department often times locate the owners for the pets but sometimes are unable to. Those who are not returned to their owners are sent to an animal agency where they are held for a few days. At times the outcome is grim for the ones who were not claimed.

We at the township are encouraging those who have pets to maintain a type of identification on the animal either in the form of a collar and or micro-chip placement. There are laws governing the ownership and handling of your pet and it is the owner's responsibility to know them. In the event your pet strays from home, please call the police department at (724) 695-1300, we may already have them here.

ROUTE 30 / CLINTON ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Progress is being made on this PennDot project. Findlay Township has been instrumental in putting this project on the map. We have been working over the last few years to get funding earmarked for it. That has been accomplished and the work to acquire Right-of-Way and the preliminary engineering are moving forward.

An appraiser has been hired by the Township to determine the value of the two (2) properties involved in the project. Once complete, the appraisal study will be submitted to PennDot for approval. This is a Design-Build project and it has been indicated by PennDot that bids could be let as early as April, 2012. Construction will involve the demolition of both the former Mamone's Restaurant and the private house that border both sides of the intersection.

In addition, Clinton Road will be widened and a lane added to connect traffic going west. Also, excavation will take place to eliminate a pinch-point where Clinton Road meets Route 30. This has been a scene, in the past, of tractor trailers hung up and disrupting traffic for extended periods of time. Clinton Road elevation, at that location, will be raised to eliminate that pinch-point. If the bids are advertised in the spring, as PennDot predicts, then construction could occur over the summer.

The project will not be without its disruption. During the entire length of the project, trucks will be detoured on Route 30. Passenger Vehicle Traffic will continue to use Clinton Road Interchange from I-376 so that the Clinton Commerce Park will remain accessible and car traffic will be able to reach Route 30 without interference.

For a 30-day period, actual timing yet to be determined, a portion of the intersection will be closed entirely thus not allowing any vehicle traffic through the interchange. Clinton Road will be restricted to local traffic only during this short period of closure. A map of the project is available at the Township office, if you are interested in looking at the details of the project.

Funding for the project is being provided 80% Federal and 20% Local. Cost estimate is \$600,000. The Township is utilizing both Right-of-Way credits and Impact Fees to provide the local match. If there are additional questions, feel free to contact Gary Klingman, Township Manager at 724-695-0500 or at gklingman@findlaytwp.org.

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Plans are in the works for Findlay Township's first 4th of July Fireworks event. The details of the event are still tentative, but are planning to have our show on Tuesday, July 3rd at the Recreation and Sports Complex on Route 30. We are very excited about this new addition to Township events and will work hard to make it a reality. This would

be a great sponsorship opportunity for businesses in the community.

There will be three levels of sponsors, Gold, Silver and Bronze. If you would like information on how to take advantage of this opportunity, call or email Darlene at 724-695-0500 x 246 dlarson@findlaytwp.org.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE INFO 2012

Summer and fall were once again very busy for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The **Annual Fair in the Woodlands** was shortened to only Friday and Saturday last year. Some schedule changes were made to accommodate all of the events, but we think we succeeded. The Fair was a great success and well attended. Dates for the 2012 fair are August 17th & 18th.

One of the highlights of the fall season was the **Annual Outdoor Flea Market** in Clinton Park that was held on September 24th. Over 80 parking spots were sold for this year's event.

Another highlight was the annual **Halloween Pizza Party and Parade** that was held on October 29th. There were approximately 175 kids and adults at the Pizza Party and even more came to join the parade. Thanks so much to members of the IVFD for all of their help with the event. Also a thank you goes out to all of residents that come out and help. Judy Bolind, Rita Chamberlain, Anna Lou Burgess, Bill & Betty Thomas, Virginia McElhaney, Cindy Macek and Judy Heck volunteered for the 2011 event



Most classes and programs continue throughout the year. These include: Line Dancing, Kid's Cooking, Lunch Bunch, Time for Toddlers, Water Aerobics, Lap Swimming, Scrapbooking and Karate. A new program was added this fall, Wellness and Fitness. Please call Darlene if you want any information on these programs or other Township Happenings!!

IMPERIAL LANDFILL

For the latest information about the Imperial Landfill, visit imperiallandfill.com. Our website provides contact information, basic facts, and the latest in our ongoing landfill work projects. Imperial Landfill is proudly operated by Republic Services, a leader in the solid waste industry.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS



The Senior Citizen Group meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month (excluding July & August) at the Activity Center in Imperial. A lunch is provided each month with the cost being \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents. Approximately 160 members attended the Annual Christmas Dinner on December 15th. Delicious food, prizes, bingo and a performance by the West Allegheny Show Choir made for a perfect evening.

The group also enjoys trips throughout the year. In August we went to The River's Casino and in October to Jamestown, NY for an "I Love Lucy" tour of the birthplace of Lucille Ball. An overnight to Lancaster to see "Jonah" and the musical "9 to 5" is planned for April.



W.A. Show Choir

FISHING DERBY

The annual Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, May 26th from 7:00 a.m. until 11 a.m. The event takes place at Leopold Lake on Route 30 and is open to Findlay Township residents 15 years and younger. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish in each of four age categories: 5 and under; 6 - 8; 9-11 and 12-15.

This event is FREE, however each participant must bring his or her own fishing rod, reel and bait. Adult supervision will be mandatory for all participants 9 and under. COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE INFO 2012

PAVILION RENTAL 2012 SEASON

Pavilion rental for Findlay Township Residents, Findlay Township Businesses and Youth or Adult groups began Saturday, February 4th. Residents may reserve online by logging onto www.findlay.pa.us. (Go to interactive site / reservations) OR by calling the township. Non-residents may rent beginning on April 1st. Resident rental fee is \$50 with a \$25 refundable deposit (2 separate checks please). Non-resident rental fee is \$75 with a \$25 refundable deposit.

Listed below are events and programs that will be happening in the next few months. Check your recreation newsletter or the website for detailed information on Winter/Spring programming and events or call Darlene at 724-695-0500 x 246
Here is a list of what is happening:

Kid's Programs:

Time for Toddlers, Lunch Bunch,
Kid's Cooking, Hula Hoop Rug Weaving

Adult Programs:

Beginning Basket Weaving, Water Aerobics, Lap Swimming,
Line Dancing, Scrapbooking,
Free Self Defense Class for Women, Summer Wine Trip

Family Swim at Wilson School:

Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15 & 29
6:30 – 8 p.m. \$3/student \$1/Adults

Indoor Flea Market:

Saturday, March 17th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Both levels of Activity Center 310 Main Street

Middle School Flashlight Egg Hunt

Friday, March 30th 8 – 9:30 p.m.
Falcon Pavilion in Clinton Park

Easter Egg Hunt

Ages Preschool – 5th grade Saturday March 31st
11 a.m. at Rainbow's End Playground in Clinton Park

Community Tire Collection

Saturday, April 14th 9 – 12
Findlay Twp Public Works Building 1058 Clinton Road

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

April 16 & 17 9 – 1 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Clinton
Community Clean Up - Saturday, April, 21st 9 – 12
Findlay Twp Activity Center / Imperial / Lower level

FREE "Shred It" Day

Saturday, June 2nd 10 a.m. – 12 Municipal building in Clinton

"Cruisin' in the Woodlands"

Annual Car Cruise in Clinton Park Date not yet determined

Summer Concerts in Clinton Park

There will once again be 3 free concerts this summer. TBA

The Findlay Township Municipal Authority

The Findlay Township Municipal Authority is in the process of finalizing its capital improvement projects from 2011. The following is an update to the status of each contract:

Enlow Sanitary Sewer Replacement: This project involved replacing approximately 5,000 feet of 8" sewer with a new 18" sewer. The contractor will be back on-site in the spring to perform final grading and all necessary landscaping duties to any affected areas.

Westport Booster Station: This project erected a water boosting station at the intersection of Burgettstown and Potato Garden Roads. This project has been finalized and the station is now online and operational.

Route 30 Sanitary Sewer Extension: The Clinton Phase IV sewer project involved installing an 8" sewer to the western area of the township near and adjacent to Janoski Farms. Final testing and inspection should be completed by mid- February 2012. The contractor will return in the spring to landscape and restore all affected areas. The FTMA anticipates sending out Notice to Connect letters in May 2012. Detailed information regarding how to connect to the sanitary sewer and what the requirements are can be found on the Township website under Municipal Authority.

Going forward, the Authority will start to analyze and design upgrades to its Potato Garden Run Sewage Treatment Facility. Anticipated residential and commercial growth in the watershed will cause us to build a larger facility to handle the increased hydraulic and organic loadings that we are projecting to see in the future. In addition, the FTMA will also be reviewing

our Water Transmission capabilities. As the Township grows, so does the demand on our public water system. FTMA will be reviewing our existing water line infrastructure as we look for ways to improve system reliability and efficiency.

The Findlay Township Municipal Authority, in conjunction with the Findlay Township Police Department, has been using the SWIFT REACH 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 REACH 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. Also, please report suspicious use of any fire hydrant within our system. Only fire personnel, municipal authority technicians, and public works employees are authorized to operate fire hydrants.

DON'T TURN TRASH INTO LITTER...

There continues to be problems with the way residents place their trash and recycling at curbside. The FINDLAY TOWNSHIP CODE (Book of Ordinances) specifies the following:

67.4.4. All municipal waste shall be stored in containers approved by the Municipality or its designated representative. Individual containers and bulk containers utilized for storage of municipal waste shall comply with the following standards:

67.4.4.1. Reusable containers shall be constructed of durable, watertight, rust and corrosion resistant material, such as plastic, metal or fiberglass, in such a manner as to be leak-proof, weather-proof, insect-proof, and rodent-proof.

67.4.4.2. Reusable containers for individual residences shall have a tight-fitting cover and suitable lifting handles to facilitate collection.

67.4.4.3. Reusable containers for individual residences shall have a capacity of not less than ten (10) gallons nor more than forty (40) gallons, and a loaded weight of not more than forty (40) pounds.

67.4.4.4. Disposable plastic bags or sacks are acceptable containers provided the bags are designated for waste disposal. Plastic bags shall have sufficient wall strength to maintain physical integrity when lifted by the top, shall be securely tied at the top for collection, and shall have a capacity of not more than thirty (30) gallons and a loaded weight of not more than thirty-five (35) pounds. *(Individual grocery size bags are NOT acceptable to place curbside).*

67.4.4.5. All containers, either reusable or disposable, shall also comply with the minimum standards established by the National Sanitation Foundation.

67.4.5. Any person storing municipal waste for collection shall comply with the following storage standards:

67.4.5.1. Containers shall be kept tightly sealed or covered at all times. Solid waste shall not protrude or extend above the top of the container.

67.4.5.2. Reusable containers shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times. The interior of the containers shall be thoroughly cleaned, rinsed, drained and disinfected, as often as necessary, to prevent the accumulation of liquid residues of solids on the bottom or sides of the containers.

67.4.5.3. Containers shall be used and maintained so as to prevent public nuisances.

67.4.5.4. Containers that do not conform to the standard of this Chapter or which have sharp edges, ragged edges or any other defect that may hamper or injure collection personnel shall be promptly replaced by the owner upon notice from the Municipality.

67.4.3.4. Garden clippings and tree trimmings shall be placed in approved containers or shall be cut and tied securely into bundles. Bundles shall be not more than four (4) feet in length, not more than two (2) feet in diameter and not more than forty (40) pounds in weight.

67.4.3.5. Newspapers and magazines shall be placed in approved containers or shall be tied securely into bundles of not more than forty (40) pounds in weight.

If the above practices are **not** followed, trash and recycling materials will not be protected from being blown around the neighborhood during periods of high winds. As a result, that trash and recycling then becomes LITTER and has a negative effect on our neighborhoods and the general environment. PITCH IN and do the right thing—batten down the trash or enclose it in the appropriate containers.

Guess where you're really putting your lawn fertilizer.

Every year the snow melts, the rain falls, and the water that runs off your yard carries fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into our creeks and streams. And finally into our rivers. Depositing pollutants that can harm fish, wildlife, and vegetation. Even compromise our major source of drinking water. Our rivers.

But we can all do something about it and still keep our yards looking beautiful. In fact, a lot of dedicated people and municipalities are already



working on it. And you can help too.

Plant more trees and shrubs so you'll have less bare lawn surface that allows storm water runoff. Use eco-friendly lawn fertilizers. If you need pesticides and herbicides, limit their use.

To find out more, visit our website. You'll be helping to protect our most valuable liquid asset. Our water.

3 Rivers
Wet Weather
Demonstration Program

Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to 3riverswetweather.org for a free guide on how you can help.

HONEYWELL PRESENTATION



The Board of Supervisors presents Honeywell employee, Steve Perry, with an Appreciation Plaque. Steve brought together over 40 volunteers, with assistance from "Honeywell Hometown Solutions" to work alongside The Friends of Rainbow's End Group in revitalizing the Rainbow's End Memorial Playground in 2011.

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEW EMPLOYEE



Brandon Carter was hired by the FTMA on January 17, 2012 as a part-time laborer to assist the utility crew with all aspects of wastewater treatment and water distribution. Brandon is from Carrick. He attended 2 years at Robert Morris University studying Applied Mathematics. In his leisure time, Brandon enjoys fishing and playing semi-professional football for the Pittsburgh Colts. The FTMA welcomes Brandon to our team.

TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTRACT FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Township is entering its second year of the Trash and Recycling Contract with Allied Waste. Starting on April 1st, the cost for the collection of trash and recycling will be \$13.47 per month or \$40.41 per quarter.

The following calendar reflects the 2012 dates for trash and recycling collection. Collection of trash will be on Friday of each week. Holidays observed that affect the dates of trash and/or recycling pickup are Memorial Day (5/28/2012), Independence Day (7/4/2012), Labor Day (9/3/2012), Thanksgiving Day (11/22/2012), and Christmas Day (12/25/2012). During those weeks trash and/or recycling will be picked up on Saturday.

- - Holiday Observed
- - Trash and/or recycling collection

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TOWNSHIP WINS STATEWIDE AWARD FOR COMMUNICATIONS EFFORT

Findlay Township in Allegheny County has received an award for its entry in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 44th Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens.

Findlay Township was chosen as the second place winner in the Newsletters - Class 2 category, for townships with populations from 5,001 to 10,000.

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 award-winning monthly magazine.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors 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—5.5 million Pennsylvanians--than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth.

IMPERIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upcoming events for the IVFD are:

- March 10th we will be hosting a **NIGHT AT THE RACES** at the Activity Center, Main Street, Imperial—doors open at 6:00 p.m. Racing from 7–11. Beer, food, and pop provided. BYOB. \$10 admission at the door or call 724-695-8845 for tickets.
- April 1st Palm Sunday is "**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**" 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Kids meal ages 3-11, which includes picture with the Easter Bunny, is \$5.00 and adult ages 12 and up meals \$6.00. Kids under 2 are free.
- April 6th is the **Good Friday Fish Fry** 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Take out, delivery, and dine in available. Call 724-695-8845 for information.
- May 25th The IVFD will be hosting a **1st Annual Golf Outing** at the Fort Cherry Golf Course to benefit the IVFD new fire station fund. This will be a shotgun start, 4 man scramble with dinner to follow at the Findlay Township Activity Center prepared by Coles Pub. Please call 724-695-8845 for more details. Sponsorships for each hole and other skill prizes will also be accepted.
- IVFD annual **Fireman's Parade** will be June 8th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Food and beverage and small games of chance to follow the parade.

EARNED INCOME TAX OFFICE

By now, most Residents should notice the Earned Income Tax being withheld as a payroll deduction in 2012 under the new Act 32.

Jordan Tax Service WILL be sending all residents a form for the 1st Quarter of 2012. If your tax is being withheld just send it back to them with that notation. If you are a resident that is not having the tax withheld, then you will be making the 1st Quarter payment to them.

The **2011 Annual Earned Income & New Profits Tax Return - WA40** - will be due at the Findlay Township Tax Office by **April 17th, 2012**. If you have filed an extension with the IRS, please send us a copy.

All delinquent taxes (2011 and all previous years) will still be collected by Findlay Township's EIT Collector. Please file and make payment arrangements for previous years ASAP. This cuts down on Penalty and Interest and legal costs. Our collections will be expedited because now we will know your employer.

Act 166 mandates that all employed and self-employed Residents file a Final Form (WA40) by April 17th. 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 other taxing districts. Residents failing to file by April 17th 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 DEPARTMENT

On January 12, 2012 Judge Wettick advised that the 2012 tax bills will be issued at the 2011 figures. The new 2012 assessment changes will be released and you will have a year before they will take effect. The new 2012 figures will be used for the 2013 bills.

County Executive Rich Fitzgerald is working on getting the state legislature to declare a moratorium on using the 2012 figures until the entire state complies with the re-assessment issue. We will be monitoring this edict and will keep you informed. In the meantime, it would be prudent to enter an appeal if you feel you are over-assessed.

The 2012 Local Tax Bills should be mailed by April 1, 2012.

If you feel you do not have the Homestead Exemption, please call our office - 724-695-2995 - to check and if you do not have it for your main residence, we will mail an application to you. This covers a \$15,000 FMV exemption on your county and local tax and also has to be in effect to qualify for the tax exemption for the school district. So far, each year we have seen approximately a \$200.00 exemption on our school tax. The amounts are based on the slots revenue and vary year to year.

If you change mortgage companies or if your mortgage is paid off, you must notify this office of the change to guarantee your bills will go out in a timely manner. The county advises that we will have until May 31, 2012 to pay their tax at discount.

TOWNSHIP SPONSORED PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

For 2012, the Board of Supervisors will continue the "FREE" trash and recycling program for Senior Citizens, age 67 and older. The Senior Citizen must be the owner AND occupant of the property to qualify. The program would result in a savings of \$161.64 per year.

The Board is also continuing to offer "FREE" ambulance service for senior citizens, **with the eligible age being 67**. 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.

WEST ALLEGHENY ANNOUNCES CAST FOR 42ND STREET

West Allegheny School District will present the musical drama 42nd Street as its 2012 spring musical production with five performances in the newly-renovated auditorium at West Allegheny High School: Friday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 11, 1:30 p.m.; Friday, March 16, 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 17, 7:00 p.m. The Gold Card Luncheon will be held prior to the matinee performance on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

The musical 42nd Street is based on the novel by Bradford Ropes and the subsequent 1933 film adaptation. The 1980 Broadway production won the Tony Award for Best Musical, and its 2001 Broadway revival won the Tony for Best Revival.

The show focuses on the efforts of famed dictatorial Great White Way director Julian Marsh to mount a successful musical extravaganza at the height of the Great Depression. Peggy Sawyer, a star-struck chorus girl, gets her big break when the star breaks her ankle. Every audience enjoys watching the underdog succeed in a story of hard work, love, and being in the right place at the right time. Musical hits include "You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me," "We're In the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," and "42nd Street."

Rehearsals are underway with leads cast as follows: Erin Rodgers as Dorothy Brock, Shannon Lisowski as Peggy Sawyer, Jaymie Macek as Maggie Jones, Joey Bandi as Bert Berry, Ryan Borgo as Billy Lawlor, Brandon Cannon as Pat Denning, Dave Kline as Julian Marsh, and Matt McBurney as Abner Dillon. Meagan Bruno is the director of a cast of over 75 high school and middle school students.

Tickets will be available at the high school office beginning on February 13, 2012, at \$10 - adults and \$5 - senior citizens, West Allegheny Gold Card holders, and students.

For information, contact Tom Snyder, Arts Coordinator, at 724-695-5269 or by e-mail at tsnyder@westasd.org.

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. Members should also be available from Thursday through Saturday of Fair Week which will be August 16, 17 & 18 for 2012.

CALL NOW to become part of this popular community event!

FEMA

As 2011 was one of the most active years for disasters in recent history, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is encouraging all Americans to "Resolve to be Ready" in the new year by taking simple steps to prepare for emergencies.

As a recent report by National Climatic Data Center highlights, 2011 had seen more billion-dollar natural disasters than any year on record. In 2011, the U.S. experienced its first hurricane landfall since 2008, the most deadly series of tornadoes since the 1950's, significant earthquakes and severe flooding - hazards that impacted every region of the country. All of these events have served as important reminders that disasters can strike anytime, anywhere, and being prepared is one of the most effective things we can do to protect our homes, businesses and loved ones.

FEMA's Region III's Administrator, Mary Ann Tierney, is urging everyone to make a New Year's resolution to be prepared through three simple steps: get an emergency supply kit, make an emergency plan, and be informed of the hazards in your area.

"One of the most important lessons we can take away from this year's devastating storms such as Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee is that disasters can impact all of us, no matter what part of the country we live in," said Tierney. "They can range from flooding and earthquakes to tornadoes. While we can't control where or when they might hit, we can take steps in advance to prepare for them—everyone's proactive preparedness efforts can go a long way toward protecting and empowering families, businesses, homes and entire communities to become their own emergency managers. Resolving to be 'Ready in 2012' could be the most important pledge you make this year."

Americans across the country have already proven that making emergency preparations in advance can pay off.

By making a resolution to take a few preparedness steps in advance, you can minimize the impact of an emergency on you, your family, or your businesses.

For more information on how to get prepared, visit: www.Ready.gov or www.Listo.gov.

PROFILES IN PROGRESS

In a continuing effort to keep our residents and businesses informed of the residential and commercial developments taking place or planned for the future, we offer the following:

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS:

	Units Complete to date or in progress	Total Build Out
• Maronda Farms	36	66
• Marion Estates	17	33
• Lenox Place	21	36
• The Village @ Clinton Lake	8	117
• Sun Ridge	7	60
• Woodcreek Manor	11	80
TOTAL	100	392

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS:

	Businesses already in place	Total Build Out
• Clinton Commerce Park (Phase I)	Flabeg Knepper Press American Tire Distributors FedEx Ground	1.5 Million square ft. of Office/Flex Space for both Phase I & II
• Clinton Commerce Park (Phase II)	(none to date) infrastructure stage is underway in 2012.	(combined above)
• Findlay Industrial Park @ Westport (Phase I)	Okonite Appliance Dealers Coop. Alro Steel	113 acres (multiple sites)
• Findlay Industrial Park @ Westport (Phase II)	(none to date) infrastructure stage is underway in 2012.	373 acres (multiple sites)
• Westport Woods @ Westport	(none to date) infrastructure stage in 2012	101 acres (10 lots)
• Route 30 Commerce Park	(none to date) beginning infrastructure in 2012	185 acres (multiple sites)
• Northfield Development Area Pgh. Intl. Airport	Dick's Sporting Goods Hdq.	105 acres (5 addtl. lots) Flex / warehouse
• Industry Drive Extension	Thermo Fisher	3 lots remain (60,000 sq. ft. Burns and Scalo proposed 2012)
• McClaren Woods Business Park	Caldon Calgon-Carbon Boule' Amcom Lewis Goetz	400,000 sq. ft. (Total – 5 lots)
• Enterprise Dr. – RIDC ParkWest	Nurse Oncology BEA Industrial Scientific	50 acres (Total – 6 lots)
• McClaren Airport Site #9	(none to date) Infrastructure stage in 2012	96 acres (Total 410,000 sq ft.)

The winning combination of Economy / Infrastructure will keep this economic development on the move, going forward. With our sights set on 2012, the prospects are good and it should be an exciting year ahead. STAY TUNED !

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

www.findlay.pa.us

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

Elected Officials

Supervisors:

Thomas J. Gallant, Chairperson
Janet L. Craig, Vice-Chairperson
Raymond L. Chappell, Member

U.S. Congressman:

Tim Murphy (412) 344-5583
504 Washington Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

State Representative:

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

State Senator:

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

District Magistrate:

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

West Allegheny School District

Administrative Office (724) 695-3422
Senior High School (724) 695-7368
Middle School (724) 695-8979
Wilson Elementary (724) 695-3300

Post Offices

Imperial (724) 695-0698
Clinton (724) 695-0114
Coraopolis (412) 264-4629

Township Office (724) 695-0500
Imperial Vol. Fire Dept. (Emergency) 911 or (724) 695-7777
Valley Ambulance (Emergency) 911 or (724) 695-7777
Police Department (Emergency) 911 or (724) 695-7777
Police Department (Non-Emergency) (724) 695-1300
Public Works Department (724) 695-2801
Findlay Township Municipal Authority . . (724) 695-3108
Earned Income/LST Collector (724) 695-0521
Real Estate Tax Office (724) 695-2995

Manager:

Gary J. Klingman

Assistant Manager - Planning/Zoning

Administrator - Emergency Management Coordinator

Christopher J. Caruso

Secretary/Treasurer:

Cheryl L. Rinehart

Building Inspector:

Russell Collins

Police Chief:

Jesse Lesko

Plumbing Inspector:

Timothy Cook

Planning Department Secretary:

Cynde Harris

Receptionist:

Kathy Cain

Earned Income/Local

Services Tax Collector:

Barbara A. Coates

Recreation Coordinator:

Darlene Howell

Real Estate Tax Collector:

Dorothy McCullough

Parks Coordinator:

Steve Sarachine

Public Works Director:

John O'Neal

Township Meetings

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

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



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McDonald, Pa. 15057
724-926-4181**

**Tee time: 7:30 a.m.
\$95.00 per Golfer**

**Includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, skill holes,
Hole in One prizes, team skins, dinner following at Findlay Township Activity Center in Imperial, PA.**

All proceeds benefit the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department

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