



# Findlay Township UPDATE

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## **NEW POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS**

New Political Sign regulations went into effect this year for Political Signs on Township property and along roadways. The new ordinance does not regulate political signs on private property. As in the past, signs are not to be higher than four feet (4') and larger than 16 square feet in area. The new regulations state that no political signs are to be located on any utility pole, fence or within a road right-of-way. The only exception to a road right-of-way is at intersections. Political signs may be located at an intersection provided they are placed no further than 150 feet from the intersecting points of the intersection. All political signs at intersections are not permitted to be displayed earlier than 14 days prior to the election and must be removed within seven (7) days after the election.

Also, 24-hours prior to an election, each candidate will be permitted to display only one political sign on Township property which includes all polling places. No sign is permitted to be attached to a building, which includes decks, railings and the structure itself.



## **TOWNSHIP WILL CONTINUE WITH "FREE" SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS DURING 2013**

The Board of Supervisors will continue the "FREE" trash/recycling and ambulance services to Township Senior Citizens. To qualify for the trash and recycling program, the senior must be the owner and occupant of the property. The eligible age for both programs is 67 years old. To take advantage of the 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.

## **YEAR 2013 BUDGET MESSAGE**

The 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets were approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 27, 2012. This Budget involves no increase in any of the existing tax rates for Real Estate, Earned Income, Gross Receipts, Parking, Realty Transfer, etc. The Real Estate Tax millage is presently proposed to remain at 1.95. It is expected that final numbers from the court ordered Re-Assessment will differ from those we have now. The law requires that we stay within a 5% anti-windfall provision (excluding new construction). Once the facts are in, a final recommendation will be made on setting the millage rate for 2013, The Earned Income Tax will remain at 1% (split 0.5% Township and 0.5% school district on the resident rate). The Gross Receipts (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 coming to a completion for 2012, it is anticipated that our Assessed Value will remain constant (based on give and take of the appeal process). However, commercial and residential growth will actually raise our Assessed Value, due to the rebound of the economy, especially in the Real Estate sector in Western Pennsylvania. In 2012, we have seen across-the-board increases in our Revenue categories. This is due, in large part, to our 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) and our residential areas (Lenox Place, Marion Estates, Maronda Farms, Sun Ridge and the Village at Clinton Lake).

The 2013 Budget continues to offer the Act 50 Homestead/Farmstead Exemption and the Act 77 Senior Citizens Tax Relief Program, as part of our Real Estate Tax program. Of all Allegheny County Municipalities that indicates Findlay Township's ranks 6th out of 130 municipalities in having one of the lowest millage rates.

## **IMPERIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS**

**For information on any of the events listed below,  
please call the Fire Department at 724-695-8845.**

### **Night at the Races – March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Doors open at 5:30 PM.

Betting and Races 7 - 11 PM.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or by calling the Fire Department. Pop, Beer and Food provided, BYOB.

### **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 1 PM**

Kids 2 and under Free

Kids 3-12 package deal \$5.00 includes breakfast and picture with the Easter Bunny.

Ages 3-12 \$2.50

Extra pictures \$3.00 each

Ages 13 and Up \$6.00

### **Good Friday Fish Fry**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 7 PM**

Take out, delivery and eat-in available.

Call for menu

### **Annual Firemen's Day Parade & Street Fair**

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7 PM

### **SUPER 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 PM, kitchen at 6 PM and bingo starts at 7 PM 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 dobber. Please pass this information onto your friends and let's play some BINGO!

Schedule: February 4<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>,  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 1, August 5<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>,  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, No bingo in November and December 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Utah & Arizona Concealed Carry Permit Class**

**(which is honored in 39 states)**

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. IVFD, 115 Main Street,  
Imperial, PA 1526

Register at [www.LethalForce.com](http://www.LethalForce.com) or call 814-853-6052

## **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS RADIO UPGRADE**

In early 2010, the Findlay Township Police Department began a township wide project as the result of an unfunded federal mandate to narrow band all two way communication equipment. This means that the Police, Fire and EMS communication would now be transmitted on a bandwidth half its former size. The Federal Communication Commission set a deadline of compliance for January 1, 2013. After a review of the township owned equipment, future communication needs and the fact that the project was unfunded, it was a major undertaking. A committee was formed within the township consisting of administrators, department heads and key employees, who identified township needs and implemented a plan to upgrade and replace the majority of the township's communication equipment. It was quickly identified that due to Findlay being the largest township in Allegheny County, we had a vast area in need of communication coverage containing a large amount of area dead spots, or areas that radios would not work. The fact that the Pittsburgh International Airport is located within the township, we were restricted in the usable height of communications towers due to aircraft. The committee also identified future needs and the advent of digital communication. As a result of the findings a nearly complete renovation of the system was needed at a cost of \$344,777.95. Motorola was awarded the contract and construction began in the fall of 2012. Crown Castle Communication partnered with the township, and based on an earlier agreement, provided \$123,830 of necessary equipment and labor to complete the project. The District Attorney's Office of Allegheny County provided a \$10,000 grant and approximately \$80,000 from forfeited narcotics funds from The Drug Enforcement Agency was used to offset the total cost of the project.

The results of the project are that the township's communication system has been dramatically improved. There are no longer dead spots or areas without radio service. Officers can now use their portable radios in locations or buildings that they could not in the past resulting in clearer emergency communication between the officers on the street and the dispatch center. Clear communication is critical in the event of an emergency. The project has also prepared us for the future in that the entire system can be converted to a digital format if needed.





## ONE MISSION - ONE TEAM!

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 who 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 lifesaving care until the closest available ambulance can arrive.

Last year, Valley Ambulance Authority responded to more than 725 emergency ambulance calls in Findlay Township. Total ambulance responses totaled more than 5,600 in 2012. In addition, VAA provided more than 1,700 non-emergency wheelchair van transports to patients within the 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 Valley Ambulance Annual Subscription Program. The subscription program provides residents with unlimited emergency medical services, limited non-emergency ambulance transports and discounted rates for wheelchair van transports.

The 2013 VAA subscription fees are only \$55.00 for a family, or \$35.00 for an individual. Paid subscriptions are effective from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014. *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.*

Subscribers should note that an important change occurred in the VAA Subscription Program which will take effect on March 1, 2013. Previously, paid subscribers received a 100% discount on any of out-of-pocket fees related to ambulance services. However, because of steadily increasing co-payments and deductibles, VAA now offers paid subscribers a 50% discount on any “out-of-pocket” fees related to ambulance services provided by VAA. Participation in the annual VAA subscription program can still save certain residents hundreds of dollars every time that an ambulance is needed.

To keep up with increasing expenses, Valley Ambulance Authority also conducts an Annual Capital Fund Raising Campaign. Residents interested in contributing can submit a tax deductible donation by visiting VAA’s web site at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org).

Valley Ambulance Authority also offers township residents, businesses and community organizations, 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](mailto:jrhenry@valleyamb.org).



## **LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX ACT 32 - PSD CODE 731801**

A tax of one percent (1%) is imposed on all earned income and net profits of the residents of the Township of Findlay and West Allegheny School District. Jordan Tax Service is the TCD for Allegheny County Southwest, which Findlay is a part of. This tax is now mandatory for employers to withhold from payroll. Self-employed must register with [jordantax.com/act32](http://jordantax.com/act32).

Act 32 still requires residents to file their tax returns by April 15 of each year. Contact [jordantax.com/act32](http://jordantax.com/act32) for forms and questions.

## **PUBLIC EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

Findlay Township currently provides a public emergency notification system, "Swift 911," hosted by Swiftreach Networks. This system is designed to provide instant community messages, in the event of an emergency or simple community notification. It is designed to be neighborhood or street specific, can be used to notify select groups or target only specific or affected areas of a community. Findlay Township has used this product with success for many years. Not only will the service provide a voice message at any number you provide, it will also send a text or email to an electronic address of your choice. The Police Department is encouraging Findlay residents and businesses to subscribe or update your contact information. The best part of the process is that is completely free, provided by the Township. Please add or update your information by visiting the Findlay Township home page at [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us) and clicking on the "Swift911" logo in the upper left hand corner.

## **WOOD FIRED BOILERS**

Due to the increasing popularity of residents using outdoor wood fired boilers as a means of heating residences and accessory structures, the Township recently adopted regulations for the use of these boilers. All new boilers must be Phase 2 certified and set back no less than 100 feet from any property line. If a wood fired boiler cannot be set back at least 100 feet from all property lines, then the boiler is not permitted on that lot. This setback requirement was adopted so that wood fired boilers are not operating in more densely populated areas where smoke emitted from the boiler can become a problem. The minimum stack height must be 12 feet and all fuel used in the boiler must be clean wood, wood pellets or approved fuel.

## **LOCAL SERVICES TAX**

A tax of \$52.00 is paid by all employees and self-employed working in the Township of Findlay and the West Allegheny School District. Findlay share is \$47.00 and School District \$5.00. For information, call 724-695-0521.

## **REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE INFORMATION**

The Millage for 2013 has not yet been established due to ongoing real estate tax assessment appeals. We are monitoring the situation closely as the County has hundreds of appeals yet to be heard. Many of these are the commercial properties and their values are still being determined.

The 2013 bills are scheduled for distribution by April 1, 2013. If you are not escrowed and do not receive your bill, call the office and we will send you copies immediately. Discount period ends on May 31, 2013. Face: July 31, 2013 and after that it goes into penalty.

If you are a resident and don't have Act 50, the Homestead Act, call the office and we will send you forms to receive the scheduled exemption of \$15,000 from Full Market Value for County and Township taxes or you can access the form at: <http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/opa/act50frm.aspx>. Applying for the Homestead Act automatically qualifies your property for Act 1, which provides for a reduction in school taxes for your residence. To date, this has been averaging about \$200 per year per residence.

Also, if you are a Senior Citizen, age 60 or older, have owned and occupied your primary residence continuously for the past 10 years and your income falls below \$30,000, you can qualify for a 30% reduction on the Township tax through Act 77 (forms available at the Tax Office or online at: <http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/treasure/act77.aspx>)

At any time you pay off your mortgage, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE TO ADVISE US so that we can change the address and at that time let us know if any tax has been paid or do you want to pay it directly. The mortgage companies do not advise us of a paid off mortgage or whether the taxes have been paid. We can check the records and if not, send you a bill so that you do not miss a discount or face deadline. The Real Estate Tax Office phone number is 724-695-2995.

## **A REMINDER FROM OUR ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS....**

Providing safe, reliable electric service to our customers is our top priority. Unfortunately, escalating thefts of copper wire from our electrical facilities are jeopardizing reliable service for our customers and the safety of our employees. It is extremely dangerous for our employees to work on equipment or enter substations that are not properly grounded because of vandalism and theft of neutral wires. The perpetrators also put themselves in grave danger because the neutral and ground wires carry current under certain electrical conditions. Finally, it is expensive to replace ground wire and repair theft-related damages, not to mention the possible degradation of safe, reliable service for our customers.

Findlay Township is asking all residents to phone the Findlay Township Police Department if they notice any suspicious behavior around electrical poles, lines or substation facilities. That call might just save a life!

The next time you get a glass of water from your faucet, think about this. Most of our drinking water comes from our rivers.

When the rain falls and the snow melts, the water runs off our roofs and yards, down into our streets and roads. Anything in the path of this stormwater goes straight down our storm drains. And right into our rivers. Trash. Paint. Oil. Fertilizers. Animal waste. All of it is flushed into the same rivers we get our drinking water from.

But there are solutions. Dedicated people and municipalities are working on it right now. And you can help.

Properly dispose of harmful chemicals, paints and motor oils instead of pouring them down storm drains. Replace chemical fertilizers with organic ones and use them sparingly to reduce harmful runoff. Don't put animal waste into storm drains.

For more information, contact your municipality or visit our website. And tap into ways you can help.



Clean water starts in our own backyards. Go to [www.3rww.org](http://www.3rww.org) for a free Homeowner's Guide on how you can help.



Brought to you by 3 Rivers Wet Weather and the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permittees of Southwestern Pennsylvania. For a complete list of these concerned communities, visit [www.3riverswetweather.org](http://www.3riverswetweather.org). For more information on stormwater regulations, visit [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)



# RECREATION NEWS



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

The Annual Fair in the Woodlands was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of 2012. Great weather prevailed and the Fair was a success and well attended. Dates for 2013 fair are August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. So far for 2013's event we will be enjoying The Rainbow Train, ELF inflatables, Party Ponies Petting Zoo, Mike the Balloon Guy & friends, Jack Tady Polka Band and Occasional Reign (Variety).



A highlight of the fall was "Truck Touch," a new event for families held in Clinton Park. All sorts of vehicles were available for the kids to climb on and explore, as well as other activities and a concession stand. Findlay Township, Western Allegheny Community Library, Macaroni Kid Robinson and Imperial Tang Soo Do School partnered to bring this one of a kind event to the community as a fundraiser for our new library. Truck Touch is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> for 2013. Mark your calendars so you don't miss it!

An addition to the fall schedule was a Car Cruise in Clinton Park on October 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a Saturday afternoon event hosted by Pittsburgh C.A.R.S. and sponsored by Findlay Township. The date for 2013 will be September 21<sup>st</sup> (raindate the 22<sup>nd</sup>) from 11 AM – 3 PM. Summer "Cruisin in the Woodlands" is scheduled for Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> (raindate is June 14<sup>th</sup>) from 5 – 9 PM in Clinton Park.



Most classes and programs continue throughout the year. These include: Kid's Cooking, Lunch Bunch, Time for Toddlers, Water Aerobics, Lap Swimming, Scrapbooking and Karate. We are adding some recycled craft classes and beginning guitar this winter also. Please call Darlene if you want any information on these programs or other Township Happenings!!



Another highlight was the annual Halloween Pizza Party and Parade that was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately 175 children and adults at the Pizza Party who enjoyed pizza and a show by "Jugular the Juggler." Despite the rain, we all paraded down to the Imperial Fire Station for treat bags and some prizes. 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 members of the Findlay Seniors and residents that come out to help.





# RECREATION NEWS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Family Swim at Wilson School

March 7, 14 & 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

### Indoor Flea Market

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 1 PM at the Findlay Township Activity Center

### Free Defense Class for Women

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 7 – 9 PM at the Municipal Building  
You must register to attend.

### Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 11 AM at Rainbow’s End Playground in Clinton Park.

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Flashlight Hunt at 8 PM in Clinton Park (meet at Falcon Pavilion) Cost : \$3

### Community Clean Up

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – noon

Volunteers report to the lower level of the Activity Center

### Tire Collection

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – noon at the Public Works facility at 1058 Clinton Road

### Computer and Appliance Recycling

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 2 PM at the Municipal Building in Clinton

### Shred It Day

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 10 AM – noon at the Municipal Building in Clinton

### “Groundhog Trail” Spring Wine Trip

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

### Free Concert Series

Schedule TBA

### Independence Day Fireworks

Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at dark at the Recreation and Sports Complex on Route 30 in Imperial.

*For information on any of the events or classes, please call the Township at 724-695-0500*

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 2012, we went to Canton, Ohio, River’s Casino and Lancaster on an overnight to see Jonah and “9 to 5.” Trips for 2013 that are scheduled include an overnight Casino Hop in March and dinner and a show in Sugarcreek, Ohio for June. AARP Driving classes will once again be held for Senior Citizens this spring. The 4 hour refresher course has been added for 2013. Call if you want any additional information on Senior activities.

## Library Announcement: New Year, New Building!

The Western Allegheny Community Library is in the process of renovating the new building at 181 Bateman Road for a move in spring 2013. The Library anticipates conducting a one-million dollar capital campaign in 2013 to completely renovate the entire facility. The new space will provide nearly four times as much space and will provide plenty of room for an expanded programming schedule, adequate space for library materials and rooms dedicated solely for tutoring and study. Opportunities abound with the promise of more space and the Library Board of Trustees and staff are excited to introduce the community to these amenities. In the meantime, please continue to visit the current library at 8042 Steubenville Pike, check out the online calendar of events at [www.westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://www.westernalleghenylibrary.org) for programs for all ages and stay posted for an opening day at the new building.



# NEWSLETTER NOTABLES

## ON THE DEVELOPMENT SCENE:

**Carpenter Powder Products** is in the process of becoming our newest addition to the Findlay Industrial Park – Phase II. In December, 2012, the Township Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the preliminary and final land development applications be approved. The Board of Supervisors then approved each application at their meeting on February 13, 2013. Carpenter is proposing a 127,250 square foot light manufacturing facility on a 30.8 acre parcel. Their focus of business is a specialty steel supplier. They are one of the world’s largest suppliers of spherical gas atomized metal powders. Micro-Melt is a trade-mark powder metal alloy that offers a homogeneous, fine and super clean microstructure. They supply a wide range of products from advanced aircraft and medical alloys to stainless and tool steels.



The RIDC ParkWest has been re-developing and re-inventing itself over the course of the last two (2) years. **Clean Air Engineering** has moved into the former building occupied by Solid State Instruments on Technology Drive. They have just completed a 15,000 square foot addition. In this age of sustainability, Clean Air Engineering merges economic development with environmental stewardship by providing their clients with solutions in air quality management and emissions measurement to thermal performance and efficiency determination. **Park Place I and Park Place II** buildings (formerly occupied by US Airways) on Commerce Drive are nearing completion and full occupancy. The majority of space is being leased by Marcellus Shale Industry companies, i.e. Atlas Energy, Williams MidStream, etc. In addition to the redevelopment of the Office buildings, USAA Realty is constructing two (2) above-ground parking structures to better accommodate the parking requirements for the facilities.



**Diamond Cargo Express LLC** has recently moved its operations to the former Packaging Specialists building next to Janoski’s Farm and Greenhouse at 1728 Route 30 in Clinton. They provide local and regional handling services around the Pittsburgh and Tri-State area. They are a full-service Warehouse and Distribution Company which covers a 150 mile radius of the City of Pittsburgh. Formerly in Carnegie, they have been able to expand their operations, while locating in a strategic location having access to major forms of transportation through air and highway corridors (I-376, I-576, PIA, etc.).



# NEWSLETTER NOTABLES

## TOWNSHIP-RELATED PROJECT:

If you have not had an opportunity to utilize the **new** intersection of Route 30 / Clinton Road, you are in for a big surprise. Gone is the Mamone's Restaurant building and gone is the William J. Wolf Estate house. What is now in their place is a newly expanded and modernized intersection. With the expansion of truck traffic through the intersection with existing companies like AGX, Diamond Cargo, Flabeg, Knepper Press, FedEx Ground, American Tire Distributors, etc. and the various trucks conducting commerce through the Township connecting with I-376, there was a tremendous need to up-grade this intersection. The Board of Supervisors recognized this, some 4 years ago. With patience and perseverance, along with public/public and public/private partnerships, the Township was able to take this project from idea to reality. Thanks go out to the Maronda Foundation and the William J. Wolf Trust for their willingness to donate Right-of-Way for the project. In addition, thanks goes out to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for their willingness to partner to accomplish this Safety Improvement Project through the Federal Highway Administration. Findlay Township got the ball rolling with its offer to use Developer Impact Fees (no Township tax dollars were used for engineering and construction) to complete the Preliminary Engineering and the Right-of-Way acquisition. The FHWA funding was an 80% Federal and 20% Local split. Final engineering and construction of the project were then paid for through the Federal funds. Lane Construction was the Contractor and they were able to complete the project in a period of 30 days. It involved the closing of the intersection for that period of time. With a detour posted, the Contractor went to work to meet the deadline. They were able to open up the intersection before the deadline and it has been open for business since then and functioning in an extremely efficient manner. Total cost of the project was \$650,000. Our State Association (PSATS) has, as its theme for 2013 – Building Bridges (Partnerships that get the job done) and we consider this project a shining example of that theme.



## ***PUBLIC WORKS NEWS, 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) Mill and overlay the section of RIDC Park West Drive from Cliff-mine Road to Industry Drive.
- 2) Install a storm sewer on Moody Road.
- 3) Perform repairs on the remaining section of Park West Drive, Technology Drive, 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. We plan to complete the repairs this summer and pave the repaired streets. 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](http://www.findlay.pa.us).



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

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

### ***News from Imperial Landfill***

In August 2011, Imperial Landfill submitted an application for a major permit modification to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). If approved by PADEP, this permit modification would allow the Imperial Landfill to relocate the approved disposal area to the northern area of the landfill property and further away from Wilson Elementary School. As of this time, PADEP is still reviewing this application.

\*Imperial Landfill's newest disposal cell (Phase VA) was constructed in late 2011 and early 2012. In 2013, Imperial Landfill intends to commence with the construction of a new disposal cell, encompassing approximately 2.7 acres.

\*Summer 2012 Imperial Landfill completed an annual expansion of its landfill gas extraction system. Last year's construction resulted in the installation of 15 new landfill gas extraction locations. Imperial Landfill will continue to upgrade its gas system in 2013.

In spring 2013 we plan another Citizens Advisory Panel meeting and our annual open house will be in late summer 2013. Both dates have yet to be determined.

# TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

[www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us)

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

## Elected Officials

### Supervisors:

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

### U.S. Congressman:

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

### State Representative:

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

### State Senator:

Matthew Smith (412) 571-2169  
319 Castle Shannon Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

### 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  
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Police Department (Non-Emergency) . . . . . (724) 695-1300  
Public Works Department . . . . . (724) 695-2801  
Findlay Township Municipal Authority . . . . . (724) 695-3108  
Act 511/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

### Act 511/LST 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

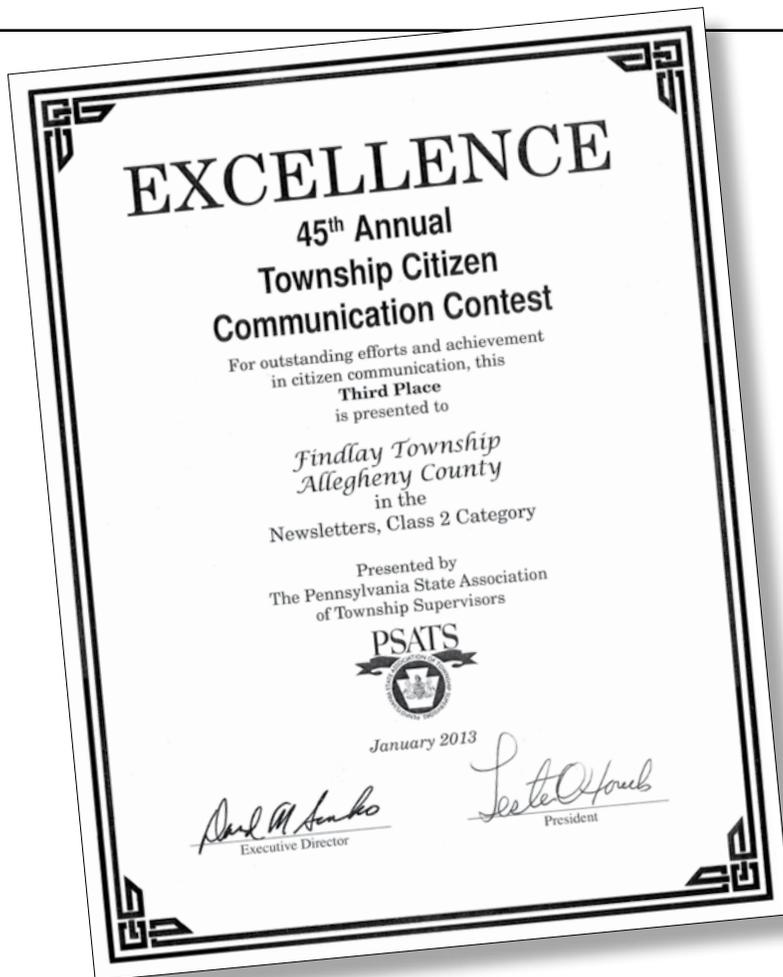
SUPERVISORS - 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
PLANNING COMMISSION - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - 4th Monday at 6:00 p.m.  
ZONING HEARING BOARD - 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

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



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