



Findlay Township UPDATE

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TOWNSHIP WINS STATEWIDE * AWARD FOR * COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS

Findlay Township's efforts to keep its residents updated and informed about the community have earned the municipality an award in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 46th Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens.

Findlay Township received third place in the Class 2 Newsletters category (for townships with populations of 5,001 to 10,000). Delaware Township, Pike County, and Brighton Township, Beaver County, received first and second place, respectively.

The contest attracted entries from across the Commonwealth in eight categories, including printed, electronic, and most improved newsletters; annual reports; other publications; cable TV programming; social media; and websites.

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 1,454 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township political arenas. Townships of the second class represent more residents ---5.5 million Pennsylvanians---than any other type of political subdivision in the Commonwealth.

EVERYDAY HEROES



On November 15, 2013, while working nearby, William Viviano Jr. and Frank Trecki heard screams for help from a Township resident's home. Upon entering the structure, they noticed an individual confined to a wheelchair and next to him was a chair that had caught fire. They immediately removed the individual from the house, re-entered the home to remove the burning chair and secured a neighbor's garden hose to extinguish the fire.

The Findlay Township Board of Supervisors presented William and Frank with citations for their act of humanity and heroism at their December 11, 2013 meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT * GETS CONTRACT FOR TRASH/RECYCLING * Starting April 1, 2014

The Township Contract for Trash/Recycling has been awarded to Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. They were the successful low bidder for the contract that covers April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018. **Most importantly, collection days will be changing starting in April to THURSDAYS rather than Friday.** From an economic standpoint, rates will be going down and are scheduled as follows:

(Existing Rate for curbside collection is \$13.88 per month)



NEW RATES:

- April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 - \$13.34 per month
- April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 - \$13.61 per month
- April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 - \$13.88 per month
- April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 - \$14.16 per month

Findlay Township Board of Supervisors



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EARNED INCOME TAXES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAXES

Since 2012, employers in Pennsylvania have been required to withhold employees' local earned income taxes much like State and Federal income taxes. Employees are required by law to complete a Residency Certification Form ("Residency Form") providing name, address, Social Security Number, home Municipality and a 6 digit PSD Code for the Municipality in which the employee resides. Unique PSD Codes are assigned to each municipality in Pennsylvania. The completed Residency Form is kept on file by the employer and is used to withhold and distribute the proper tax amount to the Tax Collector representing the Tax Collection District in which the employee's home municipality and school district are located. Errors on the Residency Form result in significant delays in the employee's taxes arriving at the employee's home municipality and school district. It is the employee's responsibility to provide accurate and updated information on his or her Residency Form.

Findlay Township/West Allegheny School District are part of the Southwest Allegheny County Tax Collection District and Jordan Tax Service, Inc. ("JTS") is the appointed Tax Collector. We urge you to go to www.jordantax.com/Act32 for frequently asked questions and answers specific to Taxpayers as well as sample forms, including the Residency Certification Form and the Annual Final Tax Return Form. You can also contact JTS at 412-345-7966 and a customer service representative will assist you. JTS also permits you to file your final return and pay any additional taxes due online.

If you are a resident of Findlay Township/West Allegheny County School District, your PSD Code is 731801. This must be used on your Residency Form and on your Final Local Earned Income Tax Return which must be filed by all taxpayers annually.



Here are some important suggestions to ensure that you comply with your obligations under Pennsylvania's new Earned Income Tax Collection Law and that your taxes arrive on time to your home municipality and school district:

- Check with your employer to ensure that your Residency Form is correct, including your up-to-date Home Address and PSD Code.
- Update your Residency Form with your employer if you move your residence and complete a new Residence Form if you change employers.
- If you file a Final Return with JTS online, make sure that you follow the instructions and mail your Form W-2 and any other Schedules you or your accountant used for your return to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. at:

7100 Baptist Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102

- Use your home PSD Code on your final return. Just because your taxes are being withheld does not relieve you from your obligation to file a Final Return. You must file a Final Return each year regardless of whether you owe any additional taxes. If you did not file a Final Return for tax year 2013, you must do so.

Contact JTS for assistance at (412) 345-7966.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

The Public Works Department is responsible for snow and ice control for 45 miles of Township roads. Additionally, the Department is under contract for snow and ice control for 17 miles of State roads and 4 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 2014, 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.

FOUR TOWNSHIP CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE:

- 1) Mill and overlay Phase II of RIDC Park West Drive and Technology Drive.
- 2) Re-pave McClaren Road.
- 3) Install a storm sewer on Moody Road.
- 4) Perform repairs on 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 12 of the Townships mandatory involvement with Phase II of the Federal Storm Water laws known as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, or NPDES II. The Township web site has information and links to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency for the public. This year the Township will continue inspecting storm water out-falls and testing run-off water where required by the law. This may require entering private property on occasion. Permission to enter private property will be requested from any property owner where there may be a need to determine a source of illegal substances entering the storm sewers prior to workers entering the property unless there is an existing storm sewer easement allowing entry. The Township is required to inspect 25% of storm water out-falls annually. For more information and for the link to the DEP website visit the Township website at www.findlay.pa.us.

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

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.

PROJECT UPDATES

Imperial Waterline Replacements – FTMA is currently in the design phase of a project that would replace a majority of the waterline on Church, Kearns, High, Marshall, Anna, and Nancy Streets. This project is part of FTMA’s Capital Improvement Plan and coincides with our goal to replace aging and undersized infrastructure. In addition, new waterline services will be run to each property and fire hydrants will be added where needed. Work is expected to start mid-summer 2014.

Phase III – Water Transmission Line - The 3rd and final phase of the water transmission line project that brings water from our supplier, the Municipal Authority of Robinson Township, to our water distribution system, is ready for bidding. This project will install approx. 17,000 feet of 16” waterline between Burgettstown Road and McClaren Road. The waterline will mostly traverse Airport Authority property, minimizing property restoration, service outages, and utility conflicts. We anticipate construction to start sometime in mid-2014. FTMA has applied for both Federal

and State grant assistance in funding for this project. As of January 20th, FTMA has received a \$1,500,000 H2O PA State Grant to help pay for the construction of the waterline. Pennsylvania Senator Matt Smith and Pennsylvania Representative Mark Mustio played an instrumental role in obtaining this funding.

Potato Garden Run Sewage Treatment Plant – FTMA has started with the initial stages of survey and engineering for the expansion of the Potato Garden Run sewage treatment plant located on Strouss Road. This plant currently services a majority of the Clinton area along with the Westport Development sites. Due to the development in the area, expansion of the plant will be needed in the near future.

Burgettstown Road Water Tank Mixer – A tank mixer will be installed at the Burgettstown Road water storage tank in the spring. The 1,500,000 gallon tank serves as Findlay’s primary source of stored potable water. The tank mixer will improve both water quality and chlorine residuals throughout the distribution system.

OTHER NEWS

FTMA now offers E-BILLING. E-Bill is a convenient way to receive and view your water/sewer bill every month. Customers who enroll in this service will receive a PDF attachment of their bill to the provided email address. In addition, when signing up for this service, you will receive a \$3.00 discount on the Administration Charge per bill (That is a savings of \$36 annually). Call the Office at (724) 695-3108 to sign up for E-Bill.

As a reminder – water and sewer bills are sent out on a MONTHLY basis. Please continue to look for your bill during the first week of each month. If you do not receive a bill, please contact the office and we can resend or email your bill to you.

Looking for an easy way to pay your bill every month without writing out checks or using stamps? Sign up for ACH Direct Debit and have your monthly water/sewer bill automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the due date of each month. Contact the FTMA Office or go to www.findlay.pa.us under Municipal Authority to download the ACH Agreement form.

If you are a property owner in Findlay Township and have rental agreements with tenants, please be aware that effective July 1, 2013, all water and sewer bills will be in the owner’s name. We would appreciate keeping us up to date with your current tenant information. This will become necessary for water emergencies and/or any access we may need to the water meter.

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 18th. 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 January we saw “Wicked” at the Benedum and had dinner at The Spaghetti Warehouse. An overnight trip to Lancaster to see “Moses” is set for April. AARP Driving classes will once again be held for Senior Citizens this spring. The 4-hour refresher course is now available. Call if you want any additional information on Senior activities.

*** “FREE” SERVICES ***

*Township Will Continue With “Free”
Services for Senior Citizens*

The Board of Supervisors in 2014 will continue the “FREE” trash/recycling and ambulance service 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.

HIRING PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

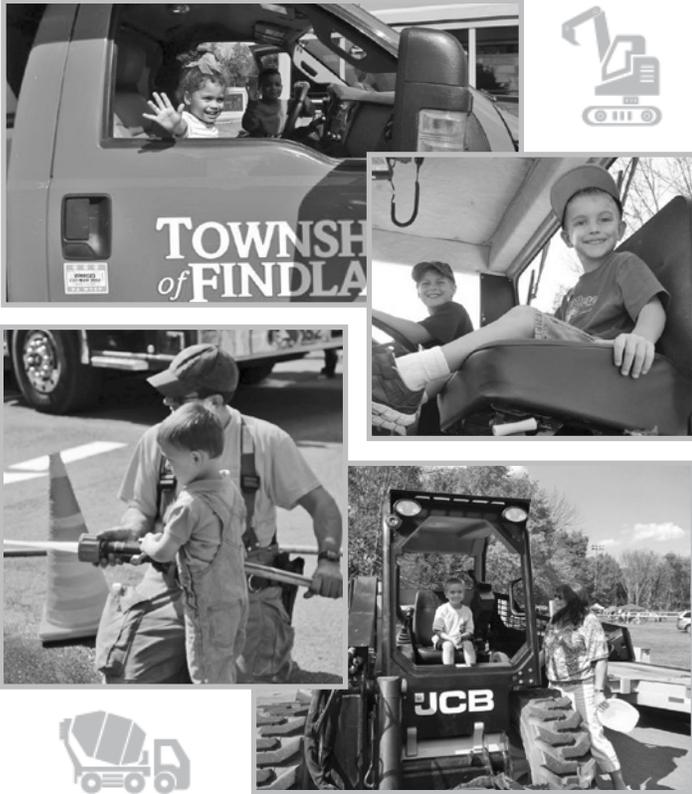
The Findlay Township Board of Supervisors are looking for a part-time (up to 20 hours per week) Administrative Assistant in the Recreation Department. Applicant must have a flexible schedule and would be under the direction of the Recreation Coordinator and complete all necessary work as assigned. Customer service and/or prior recreation department experience would be beneficial. Computer proficiency is required. Starting wage is \$12 an hour. Findlay Township is an EOE. Send resume to Findlay Township – Attn: Recreation Assistant, 1271 Route 30, P.O. Box W, Clinton, PA 15026 or email to findlaytwp@mindspring.com

Deadline for application is Friday, February 28, 2014.

RECREATION NEWS

Once again, Summer and Fall were busy times for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Annual Fair in the Woodlands was held on August 16th and 17th of 2013. Great weather prevailed and the Fair was a success and well attended. Dates for 2014 fair are August 15th & 16th. So far for 2014's event we will be enjoying The Rainbow Train, ELF inflatables, Party Ponies Petting Zoo, Mike the Balloon Guy & friends, and Occasional Reign (Variety).



A highlight of the Fall was "Truck Touch," an 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 27th for 2014. Mark your calendars so you don't miss it!

Another highlight was the annual Halloween Pizza Party and Parade that was held on October 26th. There were approximately 175 children and adults at the Pizza Party who enjoyed pizza and a show featuring Chris the Ventriloquist and Puppeteer. 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.

The Fall schedule included a Car Cruise in Clinton Park. The weather did not cooperate on Saturday so we postponed the cruise and went to the rain-date of Sunday. Cruises are hosted by Pittsburgh C.A.R.S. and sponsored by Findlay Township. The date for 2014 will be September 20th (rain-date the 21st) from 12 PM – 4 PM. Summer "Cruisin in the Woodlands" is scheduled for Friday June 6th (rain-date is June 13th) from 5 PM – 9 PM in Clinton Park.



On November 29th and 30th, Findlay Township and The West Allegheny Food Pantry partnered to bring a Holiday Train Exhibit to the Activity Center. Several hundred people came through the doors in 2 days to view Paul Linko's amazing train collection and display. Paul has been a train enthusiast for over 50 years and we were so excited that he could bring his love of trains to our community. All of his trains were made in the USA and date from 1930-1960. A bake sale and basket auction were also held at the event. We hope to make this an annual holiday kick-off.

Most classes and programs continue throughout the year. These include: Kid's Cooking, Time for Toddlers, Water Aerobics, Lap Swimming, Yoga, Walk Live, Scrapbooking and Karate. Please call Darlene if you want any information on these programs or other Township Happenings!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Indoor Flea Market - Saturday, March 15th
9 AM – 1 PM at the Findlay Township Activity Center

Free Defense Class for Women - Wednesday, March 10th
7 PM – 9 PM at the Municipal Building
You must register to attend.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 12th Preschool – 5th grade
11 AM at Rainbow's End Playground in Clinton Park.

AARP Safe Driving Classes – April 9th (4 hour refresher)
April 30 & May 1 (8 hour class).

Community Clean Up – Saturday, April 26th 9 AM – 12PM.
Volunteers report to the lower level of the Activity Center.

Tire Collection – Saturday, April 26th – 9 AM – noon at the Public Works facility at 1058 Clinton Road.

Computer and Appliance Recycling – Saturday, June 28th
10 AM – 2 PM at the Municipal Building in Clinton (An additional event is scheduled for October 25th).

Shred It Day – Saturday, June 7th – 10 AM – 12 PM at the Municipal Building in Clinton.

Free Concert Series – Schedule TBA

Independence Day Fireworks – Thursday, July 3rd 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 x 246

LOCAL GIRLS CAPTURE SPORT KARATE WORLD TITLES

At the Super Bowl of sport karate competition, the National Black Belt League (NBL) Super Grands, a local trio of sisters made martial arts history by capturing 12 championship belts and eight NBL World Titles, Brigid Chase, "Hurricane" Hope Chase and Elizabeth Chase of West Allegheny School District.

15-year-old "Hurricane" Hope Chase made history by herself by becoming the first ever NBL competitor to earn two Overall World Grand Championships at the Super Grands New Year's Eve Grand Finale in two opposite spectrums of sport karate competition---traditional forms and point sparring.

"This is the first time ever that a competitor captured an Overall Grand in both forms and fighting," stated NBL founder and President Boice Lydell.

Besides winning two overall World Grand Championships, Hope Chase won four NBL World Titles in creative weapons, Korean forms, point sparring and team sparring. Part of the reason for Hope's "Hurricane" nickname, is not only her world-class cardio conditioning and fighting ability, but her blazing fast mastery of nunchucks (nunchaku). Hope Chase also captured two NBL Silver Belts making it to the finale stage two additional times for continuous sparring and traditional weapons utilizing the aforementioned traditional nunchaku. Earning an NBL Silver Belt is akin to winning a silver medal at the Olympics.

16-year-old Brigid Chase earned two NBL World Titles in team sparring and continuous sparring. Her sparring team which consisted of her sister Hope Chase and also 11-year-old Sara Russell of Allegheny Shotokan in North Huntingdon, PA, represented Team Kumite, one of the foremost sport karate teams in the world founded by Bill Viola, Jr. of Kumite Classic Entertainment in Pittsburgh, PA. Brigid was considered the MVP of Team Kumite at Super Grands.

Brigid maintained a number one seeded ranking throughout 2013 in her continuous sparring division in the NBL and proved the ranking accurate by capturing the

continuous sparring NBL World Title in her junior girls' division defeating last year's champion and world class competitor Karina Perea.

Brigid also made it on the finale stage for the second year in a row at Super Grands with her traditional self-defense routine. She earned a NBL Silver Belt in 2012 and stepped it up in 2013 to earn another in a very hard fought and competitive division coming in second to NBL World Champion Ricardo Menderez out of Mexico. The success of her self-defense display comes first and foremost from her hard training at White Viper Karate where she studies and also helps teach anti-bullying self-defense techniques.

Also for the second year in a row, 13-year-old Elizabeth Chase won an NBL Silver Belt in her continuous sparring division winning seven out of nine bouts to make it to the stage finale again. To win any black belt division at Super Grands, one must not only perform or fight better than a myriad of other seeded and wild card competitors, but also pass through a vast array of top martial arts judges many times over to continue to advance.

White Viper Karate brought 18 local students to the 24th annual NBL Super Grands including the three Chase girls. 14 of those students, all from West Allegheny, competed in the color belt amateur circuit of the NBL called SKIL. Two color belts, Sean Williams of Imperial, PA and Corrie Klobchar of Clinton, PA both won SKIL Amateur World Titles for Team White Viper. Others that finished in the top three included Kyleigh Trecki of Clinton, PA, Gary Klobchar, Jr. of Clinton, PA and Nicky Yokoyama of Oakdale, PA.

"It's something special to take local West Allegheny residents from this little school in Findlay Township to the World Games and experience success not only with my daughters, but with the entire team," said Peter Chase. He added, "We did it as a family, we teach karate as a family, and we promote a family atmosphere on our team. I think that positive disposition goes a long way in helping individuals and families achieve their martial arts goals on a global scale."

FAA NEWS

Findlay Township and FAA have been awarded the USSSA 10U and 12U fast pitch softball tournament this summer. Moon has held it over the past couple of years. We expect to bring in about 30 teams and expecting 1,000 people. This will take place on June 20th through June 22nd. Right now our athletic association is working with USSSA and is planning on using Big Clinton, Little Clinton, and Elm Street ballfields.



LIBRARY

Welcome to our newest youth services team member Nicole Harding. Nicole is a recent transplant to the Pittsburgh area and has many years of library experience. Nicole will be leading our After School Storytime on Monday afternoons, PJ Family storytime on Thursday nights, as well as other some other special programs. Stop into the library to welcome Nicole!

PAVILION RENTAL 2014

Pavilion rental for Findlay Township Residents, Findlay Township Businesses and Youth or Adult groups began Saturday, February 1st. Beginning February 3rd, 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 \$60 with a \$25 refundable deposit (2 separate checks please). Non-resident rental fee is \$85 with a \$25 refundable deposit. (These fees do not include the new pavilion). Please note that here has been a fee increase from 2013.

NEW PAVILION AT THE RECREATION AND SPORTS COMPLEX

Barring any unforeseen problems, the new pavilion is scheduled to be completed by July 1st. Therefore, at this time there can be no rentals before July 5th. The pavilion is located at the Recreation and Sports Complex located off of Route 30 above Leopold Lake. It will seat 150 - 165 and have full kitchen facilities and a restroom nearby.

Rental cost: Residents - \$100 (\$175 with kitchen)
Non-residents - \$150 (\$250 with kitchen)

A \$100 refundable security deposit will also be required.

RECYCLING-ELECTRONICS, MEDS AND TIRES

Now that the landfills are no longer accepting televisions and electronic equipment, Findlay Township is recycling more than ever! Our partner, JVS Environmental, guarantees data destruction for computers and phones and that no parts of the equipment that is turned in will end up in landfills.

We will hold our next "Computer and Appliance Recycling Day" on **Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 10 AM to 2 PM** at the Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton. (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR USUAL MAY DATE). All computers, monitors, printers, laptops, non-Freon appliances, telephones, keyboards, mice, and radios will be accepted for FREE. Appliances with Freon will be accepted, including dehumidifiers, for a \$5-30 fee. **TELEVISIONS:** Because the landfills and the thrift stores like Goodwill are no longer accepting televisions, the recyclers have been inundated with tv's. The television manufacturers are mandated to pay for a portion of recycling, but so far, the manufacturers have not been keeping pace with the amount of televisions that are being recycled. For this reason, JVS is only able to accept **ONE TELEVISION PER VEHICLE** at this recycling event. We have negotiated with JVS so that there is no fee for that television (so they can be any size) but the number accepted is restricted to one.

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



PA Resources Council published the following article in October, 2013:

CONSUMERS FIND E-WASTE HARD TO RECYCLE

While the quickening pace of technological advance may be good for tech junkies, the environment may not be as appreciative of the old electronics that are thrown out as junk.

Over 400 million electronic devices are sold every year according to the EPA, replacing older "obsolete" technology. A computer's lifespan used to be six years, but has decreased to only two due to new features emerging so quickly that technology becomes out of date shortly after it emerges.

While it was permissible in the past to put out a TV set or perhaps a whole computer on the curb for pickup, a law was passed in 2010 in Pennsylvania that made it illegal for garbage collectors to accept such devices. Shortly after, another law was passed that made it illegal for any landfill to accept these electronics, with only certified "e-waste" recyclers being able to accept them. This had led to problems.



"The market has become flooded with this material," says Dave Mazza, Regional Director of Pennsylvania Resources Council. "In the first six months of the year, there was probably a triple or quadruple increase in the amount of e-waste coming into drop-offs and various e-waste recyclers." Manufacturers of devices listed under the e-waste law are mandated to provide funding to "recover" an amount of old material equal to the weight of material sold in new devices. If a manufacturer sells a device that weighs five pounds, they must recycle five pounds of old material. This hasn't been the case though.

"I think it was everyone's understanding that this was supposed to be a one to one deal starting in January 2013. So for every pound, there would be a pound of material that was offset and recycled, and the cost of that was to be covered by the manufacturers," says Mazza. "What happened was there was a little bit of renegotiation going on between the state and these manufacturers, and they decided to phase this in over a period of years. So instead of 100 percent the first year, the manufacturers were only responsible for 35 percent."

This leaves 65 percent of materials being unfunded for recycling.

Some devices such as cell phones and computers contain high value materials such as precious metals that can be resold, but older television sets and devices are made of lower value material that make it difficult for overwhelmed e-waste facilities to cover the costs associated with recycling and proper disposal.

Goodwill and other facilities are not able to handle the financial burden of recycling television sets, which has resulted in them no longer accepting them. With few options for disposal, some consumers have decided to dump old televisions over hillsides and other places they shouldn't be, putting the environment at risk.

"A 19-inch television set can contain anywhere from six to eight pounds of powdered lead. That's what's inside the picture tubes," according to Mazza. "Yes, we've seen an increase in illegal dumping of these."

There is reason to be optimistic however. Manufacturers will be required to provide more funding for disposal, and as more facilities come online, more opportunities for safe recycling will be available to consumers.

See more at:

<http://www.alleghenyfront.org/story/consumers-find-e-waste-hard-recycle#sthash.7t4goLXX.dpuf>

GOT DRUGS?

The D.E.A. and several local police departments, including the Findlay Township Police Department, regularly participate in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Program. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Program aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Dispose of those old, expired or unused prescribed medications at the Findlay Township Police Department, 1271 Route 30, Clinton, on Saturday, April 26, 2014, between the hours of 10 AM -2 PM.

Additionally, there is also a convenient location to safely and effectively dispose of unwanted or expired prescriptions, over-the-counter and other medicines in between scheduled Drug Take-Back days.

Through a \$100,000 federal grant to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency and additional funding from the Staunton Farm Foundation, the Moon Township Police Department is one of three locations in the Pittsburgh area that now has a MedReturn box – accessible 24/7. The green box is located in the lobby of their building at 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA 15108.

The MedReturn boxes can accept prescriptions and over-the-counter solid medications, liquid medications, inhalers, creams, nasal sprays, and pet medications.

The MedReturn box
**WILL NOT ACCEPT NEEDLES OR
INTRAVENOUS SOLUTIONS.**

A list of locations and additional information can be found on the State Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs website at www.ddap.pa.gov

TIRE RECYCLING

The 8th Annual Tire Collection will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9 AM – 12 PM at the Findlay Township Public Works facility at 1058 Clinton Road in Clinton.

The Independence Conservancy, in conjunction with Findlay Township, will again be collecting tires that will be sheared and the rims will be hauled away for recycling.

Please note the following tires and donations:

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

An 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



REAL ESTATE TAX NEWS

The millage for 2014 is 1.60 mills. 2014 bills are scheduled for distribution by April 1, 2014. If you are NOT escrowed and did not receive your bill, call the office. Discount period ends May 31, 2014. Face: July 31, 2014 and after that it goes to penalty.

If you are a resident and do not have the Homestead Act, call the office and we will send you copies to get the exemption of \$15,000 FMV (Fair Market Value) for County and Township taxes. This exemption also covers a dollar amount from the school that is established each June based on Gambling money.

Act 77 covers Senior Citizens with income below \$30,000. This form can also be obtained or mailed from the Real Estate Tax Office.



If you pay off your mortgage,
PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE TO ADVISE
so that we can change the billing address. Mortgage
companies **DO NOT** notify taxing district if the
mortgage has been paid off



Phone Number: (724) 695-2995
E-mail: bcoates@findlaytp.org

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS

Accessory Structures including detached garages, fences, sheds and walls shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

In general, the exterior of any structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary. All windows, doors, porches, roofs, roof drainage, stairs, sidewalks and driveways shall be maintained and all peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be repainted.

It is unlawful to store or accumulate openly on any property scrap materials including appliances, fixtures, motor vehicle parts, machinery, containers, building materials, cardboard, cans, bedding, tires, glass, paper, wood, yard cleanings, hazardous waste and other waste.

- The storage of all garbage or rubbish for municipal collection shall be stored in weather-proof containers with lids and stored on the owner's premises except when placed curbside for pick-up. Containers and sealed disposable bags are permitted to be placed curbside **no earlier than 24-hours prior** to regular scheduled pick-up.
- Any motor vehicles that are not licensed, have a valid inspection and registration or not in working condition must be stored in a garage-like structure or removed from the property.
- All vehicles must be parked/stored on an improved parking surface.
- Brush, grass and weeds must be maintained so as not to exceed ten inches (10") in height.
- Swimming pools and water must be kept clean and in a sanitary condition at all times.



NEWSLETTER NOTABLES

A Groundbreaking was held on Saturday, January 18th for the new Imperial Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station to be built on a 1.52 acre parcel on Pine Street in Imperial. All three (3) Supervisors (Tom Gallant, Janet Craig & Ray Chappell) were on hand for the event along with Township Manager Gary Klingman and Public Works Director John O'Neal. The building will be 10,400 square feet and will include four (4) truck bays, training room, kitchen, dayroom, offices and handicapped accessible restrooms. The building project will commence in the Spring and should be completed by late Summer/early Fall. The existing Fire Station is expected to be sold for a possible private re-use of some type.



Sprucing Up New signs have been installed at the Municipal Building and at the Activity Center. The Municipal Building sign was relocated from the Activity Center with a bit of refurbishing. The Activity Center sign is a brand new digital that allows us to provide better advertising of up-coming events and Township notices. It was paid for through a public/private partnership between the Township and Valley Electric and Valley Security Systems, who helped to underwrite 50% of the cost and also provide some of the installation costs.

The Township Building is getting a new look with the installation of new energy efficient windows throughout the entire building. The project, consisting of removal of the glass block windows, involves the replacement of 40 windows with tinted glass and mapes panels that



provide additional insulation for the ceiling cavity in the building. The windows are manufactured by Peerless and being installed by Specified Systems from Canonsburg, PA. Total cost of the project is \$98,040. The Township received an \$8,000 Energy Grant from Consol Energy to help underwrite the cost. The remainder of the funds are from the Township Capital Reserve Fund.

On the Development Scene...

Findlay's first private Marcellus well drilling site is on Clinton/Frankfort Road (Murdocksville Road) in the western corridor of the Township. All drilling, fracking and flaring activity has been completed. The first well has been capped and awaits the completion of the pipeline access. Range Resources is the company handling the site. Range Resources is also planning on drilling at three (3) other well sites in the Township.



NEWSLETTER NOTABLES

RIDC ParkWest

Prominent Fluids, which has an existing building at 136 Industry Drive, is expanding onto a 6.18 acre parcel on Mercantile Drive, directly adjacent to its existing building. The new building will house light manufacturing and office space in a 25,938 square foot building.



GFS (Gordon Food Service)

GFS is a fourth generation family owned business that is building a 680,000 square foot distribution center in Phase III of the Findlay Industrial Park. A Groundbreaking was held on September 23, 2013 and since then a great deal of grading and steel structure work has been on-going.



Chapman

Chapman Westport will see its first building in the Commerce center with Thru Tubing Solutions. This 16,000 square foot building (with a 4,000 square foot planned expansion) is being built on a 3 acre parcel. Chapman has a total of 300 acres available for development.



At 400 Industry Drive...

Development activity is taking place on the Burns and Scalo site, just west of Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. Planned for the 13 acre site is a single story 60,000 square foot office building. Construction on the building will begin as soon as the weather breaks.

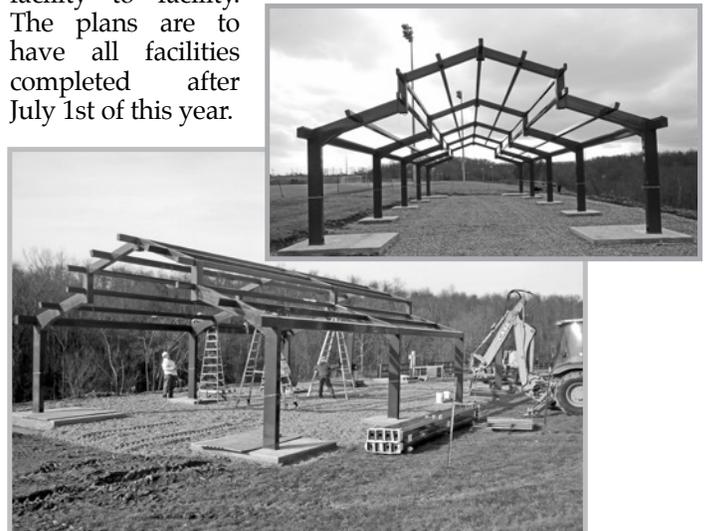


Also, on the other end of Industry Drive (220), adjacent to 200 Industry Drive (occupied by TRG), Grant Industrial Controls is planning to start construction on a 24,980 square foot office/distribution/warehouse facility on a 3.17 acre lot.



Pittsburgh Airport Industrial Park is expanding by developing on a 4.6 acre site, just south of the existing Park complex. Greylock L.P./Elmhurst Group is planning to construct a 46,800 square foot office/warehouse facility. Construction is planned to start this Spring.

The Township is off and running with the Pavilion construction at the Recreation and Sports complex. This 30' x 84' Pavilion will be complimented by a 24' x 24' Kitchen facility and a 22' x 19' Handicapped Accessible Restroom facility. Additionally, there are parking lot expansion plans along with walkways to improve pedestrian circulation from facility to facility. The plans are to have all facilities completed after July 1st of this year.



“IT CAN WAIT!” DON’T TEXT AND DRIVE

Valley Ambulance Authority would like to remind and encourage drivers of all ages
“NOT TO TEXT and DRIVE”.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, “distracted driving” played a role in more than 14,000 crashes in Pennsylvania in 2010. These crashes resulted in the tragic deaths of 68 people. As evidenced by these statistics, distracted drivers can cause tragic accidents which result in serious bodily injury and can be potentially lethal to not only themselves, but also their passengers and other innocent victims. While a text may seem important at the time, no text is worth your life or that of someone else! “A text can wait” is a common theme of many anti-texting campaigns.



“Your most important job when behind the wheel is to focus only on driving. Most people would never close their eyes for five seconds while driving, but that’s how long you take your eyes of the road, or even longer, every time you send or read a text message,” PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch said. “It’s not just your own life you’re risking; it’s the lives and safety of every motorist around you.”

The PA Legislature banned “texting while driving” on March 8, 2012 by passing a law which prohibits any driver from using an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read or write a text-based communication while his or her vehicle is in motion.

An IWCD is defined as a wireless phone, personal digital assistant, smart phone, portable or mobile computer or similar devices that can be used for texting, instant messaging, emailing or browsing the Internet.

A text-based communication is defined as a text message, instant message, email or other written communication composed or received on an IWCD.

The texting ban does NOT include the use of a GPS device, a system or device that is physically or electronically integrated into the vehicle, or a communications device that is affixed to a mass transit vehicle, bus or school bus. However, Valley Ambulance Authority would like to encourage and remind all drivers to not attempt to program or type into a GPS, while their vehicle is in motion.

The penalty for conviction of this summary offense is a \$50 fine.

According to many experts, texting while driving is probably one of the most dangerous things you can do behind the wheel. Texting while driving is a serious issue and should be as unacceptable as drinking and driving.

Valley Ambulance Authority encourages residents to spread the word that a “text can wait” to drivers of all ages!

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

2014-15 VAA Subscription packets will be mailed to all residents in mid- February. This year’s subscription fees are still only \$55.00 for a family or \$35.00 for an individual. Paid VAA subscriptions are effective from March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. Note: Resident senior citizens, who have registered with Findlay Township, are covered by a subscription plan - which is paid for by Findlay Township.

To obtain more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call (412) 262-2620 or visit VAA’s web site at

www.valleyamb.org



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 at Findlay Township Activity Center
March 8th Doors open at 5:30 PM. Betting and Races 7 PM – 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 at Findlay Township Activity Center
Sunday, April 12th 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
April 18th, 10 AM – 7 PM. Main Street Imperial

Annual Firemen’s Day Parade & Street Fair
Friday, June 13th, 7 PM, Main Street Imperial

Table RentalsThe Fire Department now is renting tables for private functions. Call 724-695-8845 for info.

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 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd

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:

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
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
LST Tax 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

Local Services

Tax Collector:

Barbara A. Coates

Recreation Coordinator:

Darlene Howell

Real Estate Tax Collector:

Barbara A. Coates

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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Refuse To Be A Victim.

The Findlay Township Police Department will offer the following training program this spring to local residents. Refuse to Be A Victim® is an NRA sponsored event that has been taught to thousands of people across the United States for the past 20 years.

The classroom portion of the program is approximately four (4) hours in length. The practical portion of the program will be conducted at a local firing range and will also be four (4) hours. Dates of the program have not yet been set, but we encourage you to monitor the Township's web page at www.findlay.pa.us. You may also contact Officer Jeff O'Donnell or Officer John Hart at (724) 695-1300 to sign up for the program.

Improve your personal safety strategies with NRA's Refuse To Be A Victim® Program.

Experts agree that the single most important step toward ensuring your personal safety is making the decision to refuse to be a victim. That means that you must have an overall personal safety strategy in place before you need it.

Through a four-hour seminar called Refuse To Be A Victim®, you can learn the personal safety tips and techniques you need to avoid dangerous situations and avoid becoming a victim.

Hundreds of federal, state, and local law enforcement officials across the country have implemented Refuse To Be A Victim® into their crime prevention and community policing initiatives.

Course Fee: Free

FAQ'S REGARDING THE COURSE:

Here are some frequently asked questions that may be helpful to your understanding of the Refuse To Be A Victim® program.

Q: Is this a self-defense course?

A: It is a personal safety program that teaches strategies you can use to avoid situations where self-defense is required. This course focuses on proactive courses of action, rather than reactive. Criminals prefer easy targets. By making yourself more difficult to prey upon, you lessen your risk of criminal attack. That means having a personal safety strategy in place before you need it.

Q: Who can attend the seminars?

A: The Refuse To Be A Victim® seminar covers topics that pertain to both men and women. The information covered is appropriate for young adults to senior citizens. In addition, the Refuse To Be A Victim® program materials also include a special teaching module for parents which discuss tips for children ages pre-school to college. Women-only seminars are also available.

Q: Can I organize a "private" seminar?

A: Refuse To Be A Victim® seminars can be conducted for private corporations, businesses, and other groups and clubs. The flexible, comprehensive curriculum can be custom-tailored to fit your group's needs.

Q: Do I need to own a firearm?

A: If you intend to participate in the live fire portion of the program you may bring your own approved firearm. If you do not own a firearm one will be provided for the training.