



# POTTER TOWNSHIP NEWS

## FALL 2017

### Firmly in GHRIP

Many Potter residents are familiar with the sight of road maintenance vehicles from surrounding townships appearing on our local roads every summer. For several decades now, Potter has cooperated with our neighbors – **Greene, Hanover, Raccoon, and Independence Townships (we are the “P” in “GHRIP”!)** – to do the heavy maintenance of paving, tar & chip projects, as well as other road-building activities. We share the cost of equipment, share our personnel hours, and even join together to purchase new equipment that would be otherwise unaffordable for a single municipality. **All this – on a *handshake!***

The GHRIP Co-op has been praised and imitated by townships across Pennsylvania for progressively finding ways to cooperate and save taxpayer money with shared road maintenance. Ours has been a model of positive inter-governmental relationships and all of our road supervisors deserve credit for finding ways to keep it working well. They have also done an outstanding job of keeping our road personnel safe: shared activities have seldom produced lost-time injuries.

Potter hosted a cordial meeting with GHRIP Supervisors and some road personnel near the end of the summer to catch up on the condition of equipment and to develop an Inter-governmental Cooperation Agreement to manage vehicle titles and insurance. At that meeting, we underlined our continuing commitment to the Co-op and promised to meet more often to keep the relationships fresh. Potter looks forward to remaining **“firmly in GHRIP”!**

*Rebecca*

### Raccoon Creek Greenway keeps getting greener



If you travel on Raccoon Creek Road – or have a view from Pleasant Drive – you will have noticed plenty of heavy-equipment activity in the last couple of weeks. Our Greenway partner, Independence Conservancy, won a grant to undertake a stabilization program for the side of Raccoon Creek just north of the Tank Farm, on the Conservancy-owned property fondly called “the lemon wedge” for its shape. Creek users recognize that



the bank was washing away right where old pipes from the Tank Farm were located, causing hazardous conditions for anyone in the water or on the shore.

#### Independence Conservancy properties now part of Game Cooperator Program

- **Just as on Potter’s Tank Farm, adjoining parcels to the north and south are also Enrolled with the PA Game Commission to ensure that hunters on the property are safe and licensed, and to patrol for dangerous or criminal activity. Be safe out there this hunting season!**
- **The Game Commission may consider the Tank Farm for future pheasant stocking. Let us know if you are a bird hunter who would like to see this happen!**

Large boulders, donated by Shell as it excavated its project site, have been waiting on the Tank Farm for the last year and were set into the side of the streambank to build it up. Root “wads” from large trees on the property were added to protect the new side and a flood shelf excavated to mitigate future flood events and provide easier pedestrian access to the creek. With safe public access for fishermen, PA Fish Commission can stock the area for trout fishing.

Having heavy equipment at the site also permitted the Conservancy to help Potter open another segment of trail on the Tank Farm, mitigating one deep gorge with a new culvert to direct water and create a safer walking trail. This completes the “Tank Farm Loop” of the Raccoon Creek Trail, getting walkers/hikers from the north side of the property to a gas line easement that takes them back to where the entrance is located. Come enjoy the fruit of this labor of love!



# POTTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



## NEW TANKER

The new Fire Department Tanker cab & chassis was delivered to the builder, KME on September 25th. We hope to take delivery of the truck after the first of the year.



## WINTER SAFETY

Cold weather is fast approaching—time to check your furnaces and change the filters. All chimneys need checked and cleaned prior to use. Don't burn trash, paper or pine in your fireplaces. Be safe and warm this winter! Also, have an emergency kit available in your vehicle and be sure to include water and a warm blanket. Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when the clocks change!

## BREWERY CRUISE

Saturday, October 21st, we are sponsoring a BREWERY CRUISE. Ride in comfort on a McCarter motor coach and enjoy tasting craft beers at five different breweries— lunch & dinner are included. Call Sue Nash (412-974-3754) or Carrie Maylone (724-312-2421) for info.



## PAINT & SIP



Sunday, November 5th, the Fire Department is sponsoring a **PAINT & SIP** at the Municipal Building. Find your inner artist, bring a beverage of your choice and enjoy a fun evening with friends creating your masterpiece. Snacks are included. Contact Candace for more info & reservations-724-709-0359.

## PAINT & SIP

## SOUP & BAKE SALE

We are also having a SOUP & BAKE SALE on Election Day. Any donations of soup or baked goods are appreciated. All proceeds benefit the Fire Department and the purchase of our new tanker.



## FOOD RAFFLE TICKET



Our final fund raiser of the year is our "FOOD RAFFLE TICKET". The ticket winner is based on the 7PM, Pick Three Number of the PA Lottery on November 11th. Tickets can be purchased from any Potter firefighter or at the Township building. Special thanks to our Township friends & neighbors who sell tickets for us! Anyone interested in selling tickets—contact Linda at the Township building or Sue Nash.

## NEW GENERATOR

The new (used) natural gas generator has been installed on a concrete pad at the Fire Department!



You may have noticed "extra" activity around the fire station recently—we have hosted several trainings involving fire control, emergency driver training and rural water movement. These trainings allow us to "fine tune" our skills and techniques and to show off our building to outside departments!

# TRAINING



## TOUCH-A-TRUCK

The Beaver Valley Mall sponsored a Touch-A-Truck event on August 12th & some of our members participated. Kids & adults had the opportunity to "put out fires" with a garden hose and sit in fire trucks, police cars & even a garbage truck!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



As always, we are looking for more volunteers. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 PM. You can usually find us at the station on Tuesday nights either training, cleaning or working.

## ZONING REMINDERS for RESIDENTIAL AREAS of POTTER TOWNSHIP



First of all, thanks so much to so many of you for your compliance and responses to my information requests that I published in the Summer Newsletter. Your responses were greatly appreciated.

Especially for the receipts for your most recent septic clean out (or, if that receipt couldn't be found, a note of when your next clean out is scheduled.)

But, there are more of you that I need to hear from. The response is not yet 100% on the septic clean outs. Remember this is required by Potter Township Ordinance 159-23 which states:

**'All septage originating within the Township shall be disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act (Act 97 of 1980, 35 P.S. § 6018.101 et seq.) and all other applicable laws and at sites or facilities approved by DEP.'**

It's not just us – it's a State mandate & we want to be in compliance. So, please provide your response or proof of compliance to the Township office as soon as you can and we can wrap up this requirement for another year.

Next, let's talk about structures. Structures require permits. If they are not habitable, like fences, walls, sheds, and garages & pole barns (under 1000 sq ft) they require zoning permits only. However, if they are dwellings, or have State requirements like pools, handicap ramps, or buildings over 1000 sq ft (except agricultural buildings which are exempt) they also require a UCC permit so State requirements are met & inspected by a qualified inspector (MDIA for Potter Twp).

***Again, my thanks to you—DAVE HAGEN—Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer.***

***If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Twp. office 724-495-6620.***

## PARTIES · GRADUATIONS · SHOWERS · REUNIONS

### RESERVE THE POTTER TOWNSHIP HALL FOR 2018 !

Residents—\$150

Non Residents—\$250

Security Deposit—\$100

Full Kitchen—Commercial Refrigerator—Ice Machine—Seating for over 100—Park Pavilion—Large Screen TV—Plenty of Parking

*Call the Township Office to reserve the HALL - 724-495-6220*

## HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa will begin hydrant flushing Monday, October 16th continuing through October 27th. During the week of October 16th, the flushing will begin in the West Aliquippa area and proceed throughout the City and portions of Hopewell Township served by the Authority. Flushing hours are 3:00 pm—11:00 pm. During the week of October 23rd, flushing will be in the areas of Raccoon and Potter Townships served by the Authority. Flushing hours are 8:00 am—3:30 pm.



*Be advised customers may experience no water, low pressure and discolored water during this period.*

*Customers are to run the cold water periodically to clean any discoloration.*

## RECYCLING

In the NOVA Chemicals parking lot, there is a large blue receptacle to recycle packaging foam or any 6 Expanded Polystyrene. With recycling, Expanded Polystyrene, (EPS) is densified, which means to take the air out of the material to make it more economical to ship. According to Andrea Davison, Sr. Environmental Engineer for NOVA Chemicals, the densified material is shipped to Plymouth, Indiana where it is made into little pellets that will have several uses such as picture frames and building material. There are some limits for recycling, no food containers can be accepted for recycling because the EPS must be a clean product. They also do not accept packing peanuts because they often are not a #6 EPS and they only accept white egg cartons that are a #6 EPS.

The next time you purchase a product with packaging foam, think about recycling for EPS will not decompose during your family's lifetime.



Potter Township  
Tuesday—October 31st

Trick or Treat  
5:30 pm — 7:30 pm



Drivers:

Please drive slowly and watch out for the kids trick-or-treating!

Trick or Treaters:

Fasten reflective tape to costumes & bags to help drivers see you!



The Potter Township Recreation Board  
will host its annual  
**Golden Fifties Dinner**  
on Saturday, **November 4th**  
at the Potter Township Municipal Building!  
Doors open at 4:30 pm & dinner to be served at 5:00 pm  
All residents 50 and over are invited!

*Mark your calendars and make plans to have a fun dinner with all your neighbors.  
Get out your poodle skirts, bobby socks, saddle shoes, jeans & leather jackets!!!!*

## ELECTION DAY

Tuesday—November 7, 2017  
Polling Hours 7 am—8 pm

POTTER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL SPONSOR A  
SOUP & BAKE SALE!

Come out and VOTE!

## Holiday Bingo

Snacks & prizes during the holiday season!

Friday, December 1st—6:30 PM



**FALL BACK**

End of Daylight  
Saving Time

Turn clocks  
back one hour  
at 2 a.m.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 am  
“Fall back” by setting your clocks back one hour.

**Potter Township Tank Farm / Rocky Bottom Park  
Master Site Development Planning Project**

**Press Release #1 – October 10, 2017**

**Public Workshop Notice**

Potter Township, PA is currently undertaking the development of a design master plan for the 63-acre "Tank Farm" site and adjoining Independence Conservancy properties known as the Racoon Creek Greenway. The site of the proposed park is the former Monaca Air Force Petroleum Oil and Lubricant Retail Distribution Facility (MAFPOL), which was constructed by the Department of Defense in the 1940's. The Township acquired the property in 2007. The future park could potentially include a variety of passive recreation amenities, with an emphasis on nature-centered low-impact activities such as boating, kayaking, fishing, walking trails, pavilions, and nature/history-based play areas

Public involvement opportunities are scheduled throughout the project timeline. **The first such opportunity will take place on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:30PM to 8:00 PM at the Potter Township Municipal Building located at 206 E Mowry Road, Monaca, PA 15061.**

This meeting will be a highly interactive forum for the community (all age groups are invited to attend) and will include:

- Reviewing initial findings related to evaluation of the existing conditions of the site as well as preliminary ideas for the types of uses that may be considered; and
- Providing the community of all age levels the opportunity to participate in shaping the design of the park, either in groups or in one-on-one dialogue, and to contribute their ideas, vision, and direction for the park's development.

The park master planning effort is expected to be completed by Summer 2018 and is intended to be a strategic roadmap for the implementation of the master plan. The project was partially funded by a Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation grant with matching funds from the Township.

Residents can also stay updated on the project by contacting Potter Township at 724-495-6220 or Independence Conservancy at [vmichaels@independenceconservancy.org](mailto:vmichaels@independenceconservancy.org)

**BEAVER COUNTY SHRED DAY**

**Department of Waste Management**

**OCTOBER 23, 2017 11:00 AM—1:00 PM**

The Shred Truck will be located between the parking garage and the sidewalk to the Beaver County Courthouse

- Free & open to the public
- Confidential shredding provided for personal documents
- 2 banker boxes of documents per person can be shred at the event
- Cameras are mounted to the County Shred Truck to ensure destruction
- Paper tonnages collected are reported on Beaver County's 904 grant



**Potter Township Municipal Building  
206 Mowry Road  
Monaca, PA 15061**

**Municipal Office** 724-495-6220  
Fax 724-495-3222  
Email [linda@pottertp.com](mailto:linda@pottertp.com)  
Secretary/Treasurer Linda McCoy  
Road Department Justin Cwynar  
Website [www.pottertp-pa.gov](http://www.pottertp-pa.gov)

**Emergency** 911  
Police—non-emergency 724-774-0271  
Fire—non-emergency 724-495-3364  
Animal Control 724-775-5801

**Schools**  
**Central Valley School District**  
Central Valley Office 724-775-5600  
Central Valley High School 724-775-4300  
Central Valley Middle School 724-775-8200  
Todd Lane Elementary 724-775-1050  
Center Grange Primary School 724-775-8201  
Latch Key Program 724-774-7020

**Utilities**  
Duquesne Light Co. 412-393-7100  
Peoples Natural Gas 800-764-0111  
Center Township Water Authority 724-774-7960  
Municipal Water Auth of Aliquippa 724-375-5525  
Valley Waste Service 724-843-9373

**Real Estate Tax Collector**  
Christie Floyd-Gabel 724-495-7279

**Township Office Hours**

**Monday—Thursday 10 am—4 pm  
Friday 8 am—2 pm**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Rebecca Matsco, Chair  
Earl "Butch" Shamp  
Al Cwynar**

**Work Sessions:**  
1st Wednesday 6pm  
3rd/5th Wednesday—if needed 6pm

**Regular Meetings:**  
2nd Wednesday 6pm  
4th Wednesday—if needed 6pm

**Beaver County Homestead Exemption**

The Beaver County Tax Assessor can provide you with an application form for the Beaver County homestead exemption, which can provide a modest property tax break for properties which are used as the primary residence of their owners. Additional exemptions might be available for farmland, green space, veterans, or others. Call the Assessor's Office and ask for details.

**Beaver County Assessor  
810 Third Street, Beaver, PA 15009  
724-770-4480**



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206 Mowry Road  
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## PLANNING COMMISSION

**Lauren Patton**

**Casey Harrington**

**Lenny Miller**

**Philip Floyd**

**Mark Summerville**

Regular Meetings — 3rd Thursday of each month — 7:00 PM (as needed)

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***All meetings are held at the Municipal Building, 206 Mowry Road, Monaca, PA 15061***

**ALL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND!**

