



POTTER TOWNSHIP NEWS

Summer 2017



Eclipse 2017

On Monday August 21st the continental United States will have a total solar eclipse. This is the first total eclipse for the US since 1918. Potter Township will have approximately 80% blockage of the sun, with the most blockage occurring at 2:34pm.

To celebrate this occurrence there will be an Eclipse Viewing Party at the Tank Farm beginning at 1pm. Look for more information in your mail. We do request if you have a telescope to bring it to the Tank Farm for viewing of stars and planets during the eclipse.

**Safety: DO NOT LOOK AT THE SUN AT ANY TIME DURING THE ECLIPSE
1PM-3:54PM—YOU CAN DAMAGE YOUR EYES.**

Normal sunglasses are not safe, you must have glasses that are ISO 12312-2. Do not look at the eclipse through a telescope, binoculars or a camera.

For more information about safety during the eclipse as well as information about the eclipse visit; www.eclipse2017.nasa.gov .

----- Hope you to see you on August 21st at the Tank Farm ! -----

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Emergency 911
 Police—non-emergency 724-774-0271
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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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meetings—if needed:
 Thursdays 7pm

Saturday- August 12
POTTER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC
 4:30PM - ?



**POTTER TOWNSHIP IS 105 YEARS OLD
 CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY & NEIGHBORS**




**FOOD—DRINKS—MUSIC— FIREWORKS
 FAMILY—FRIENDS**



POTTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

We have recently placed an order for a new KME tanker to replace our 1986 GMC Brigadier tanker that has served us well over the years, but has reached the end of its useful life. The Township has graciously given us an interest free loan to pay for the tanker... so our fundraising continues in earnest to pay the Township back.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKET

Speaking of fundraising—congratulations to **'CRAZY KURT'** for winning our most recent "Mother's Day Food Raffle" and also a big thanks for selling tickets for us. Thank you to all who purchased tickets.



WINE TRIP

Our WINE TRIP was sold out this year! Thanks to Casey Harrington for organizing our 3rd wine trip... looking forward to another successful outing!

BOSCOV'S COUPONS

Anyone interested in getting a head start on your Christmas shopping??? The Fire Department is selling a **25% Discount Coupon Book for Boscov's for \$5.00!**

PAINT & SIP

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 the Fire Department is sponsoring a **PAINT & SIP** at the Municipal Building. Come out to visit with your neighbor and find your inner artist. Cost is \$40 per ticket—bring your favorite wine, beer or soda! Adults only!

There will be snacks, a Chinese auction, 50/50 raffles! - Ticket sales end October 28th!

Visit the Township website for more info or contact Candace Carlton at 724-709-0359 or carlton.cm34@gmail.com.

SUMMER BONFIRES

Please use caution when burning this summer—bonfires are fun but can get out of control very quickly. Sky lanterns have become increasingly popular as a way to celebrate. However, they pose a serious fire safety hazard. Make sure the lantern does not land on a rooftop, field, trees, or power lines before the flame is fully extinguished. **BE SAFE!**

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS !!

As always, we are looking for new members to join the department. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Also, if anyone has a gardening fetish and a few hours, we need help keeping the plants around the flag pole weed free!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to **Casey Harrington** for her hard work and fund raising for the past couple of years for the Potter Township Volunteer Fire Department. You will be greatly missed!

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON...

The Department will be working with Linda McCoy to create a new website. We hope to have it up and running soon!

STUFFED ANIMAL DONATION



Woodlawn Chapter #164 of the Eastern Star donated over three dozen stuffed toys to the Potter Township Volunteer Fire Department to comfort children in times of injury, accident or trauma. Lt. Sue Nash accepted the toys from Vicky Michaels and Tom Mason. Vicky serves as Appointed Grand Chapter Committee Member for Support First Responders. Tom is past Grant Patron of the Grand Chapter of PA and is Worthy Patron of Woodlawn Chapter. The presentation was made at Potter Township's Municipal Building on March 25, 2017 during Woodlawn's "Taste of Trivia" luncheon and trivia team challenge. About ninety people enjoyed a delicious lunch and friendly trivia competition. Funds raised will help support Woodlawn's many charitable outreaches including medical research to treat cancer, heart disease, MS, Alzheimer's and more. Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women can belong. **For more information, please visit <http://paoes.org/>.**



POTTER TOWNSHIP ZONING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS

During a recent review of the Ordinances of Potter Township, I discovered several that were so written that they required input and responses or actions on the part of the residents / businesses. I am therefore using this Newsletter to alert ALL recipients to these ordinances and the obligation of the property owners to respond as required by the Ordinances so that they can be better served by the Township.

The following referenced Ordinances are abbreviated for topic identification, for the complete detail of the Ordinances, go to the Potter web site ... <http://www.pottertwp-pa.gov/> , select 'ORDINANCES', then click on the 'General Code' icon.



Please read this information carefully and provide your responses to the Township office or comply with the Ordinance within the next 30 days. (some require a response from EVERY resident)

Ordinance 210-25: Home Occupation (No Impact Home-Based Business)

Home-based Business requires a permit and the business must be conducted entirely within the property buildings with no related parking, noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, dust, or electrical interference with neighbors. *If you are engaged in a home-based business, please pick up a permit application at the Township Office.*

Ordinance 210-100: Vehicle Storage

Residents may not store more than one vehicle outside that does not have a current registration. *Excess vehicles must be removed or moved to within a building.*

Ordinance 210 – 54: Auto/Truck...Services

Doing vehicle repairs on your property comprises a commercial business and is NOT permitted in the Residential District. *You must cease & desist and advise, in writing, that you have done so.*

Ordinance 210 – 102: Storage generally

No lot or premises ...shall be used as a storage area for junk automobiles, appliances or the storage or collection of any other miscellaneous items. *Remove any & all such items from your property and advise, in writing, that you have done so.*

Ordinance 210-127: Noise

As defined, this generally refers to prohibited aspects of a Home-Based Business (Ordinance 210-25). It may also apply if noisy activities are of a frequency or duration such that neighbors are disturbed. *Noise must cease; police may enforce.*

Ordinance 159-14: Potter Township Amended On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance

This provides for the regulation, inspection, maintenance, and rehabilitation of on-lot sewage disposal systems. *Owners must report sewage system clean-out to township office (see below).*

Ordinance 159-20: Sewage Disposal System Maintenance

Requires that a copy of the manufacturer's recommendations and a copy of the service agreement be submitted to the Township. Also, the system must be pumped-out at least every three years (more often if needed) with the service receipts and maintenance reports submitted to the Township within 30 days of the service. *Property owners must provide the most recent receipt & service agreement if you have not already done so.*

Again, please provide your responses or proof of compliance to the Township office within the next 30 days.



David Hagen, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

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AUGUST
ROAD
WORK

The Potter Township Road Department will be tar & chipping Township roads in August. Please remember to help the road department by not parking your vehicles on Township roads.

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Scan here to go to Potter Twp. Website:
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Regular Board Meetings — 2nd Wednesday of each month — 6:00 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

Lauren Patton

Casey Harrington

Lenny Miller

Philip Floyd

Mark Summerville

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

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

ALL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND!

