



**POTTER TOWNSHIP IS SPELLED WITH THREE “E’s”**

The word “sustainability” can raise eyebrows and even ire in our national political climate. Some feel it’s too weak as a concept to protect our natural environment, while others argue that it limits the exercise of free enterprise. As a technical planning term, sustainability includes three ideas that almost everyone can agree are important for a community:

**Environment** not only means conserving natural resources but also developing access to natural areas for the well-being of people; **Equity** describes the need for representation from all across a community, so every group is included in decision-making; and **Economics** means that decisions will be fiscally prudent, sustainable in both the short- and long-term, and beneficial for people to work.

In Potter Township, we have some great examples of the “three E’s” at motion:

The Raccoon Greenway with its Tank Farm Recreation Area conserves an important habitat and watershed, while further opening these “wild lands” to passive recreation for residents and visitors. The Greenway Steering Committee includes residents from many walks of life, local government, our nonprofit partner Independence Conservancy, businesses like Shell, and Heritage Valley Health System to advise us. The Committee is working on Blending Barn #1 restoration project, which will produce recommendations for structural renewal and reuse by this summer, and a Master Site Plan for the Tank Farm and Rocky Bottom areas that includes financial analysis to demonstrate how proper reuse of this asset can return on our investment.

Potter Township is a truly local government, made up of volunteers who invest their time and skills to enhance the livability of our community. This is a municipal election year, so you will see your neighbors running for Supervisor, Real Estate Tax Collector, Auditor, and more. Others will assist with planning and zoning, social activities, and fighting fires. Volunteers offset the cost of important township functions and are great at building a sense of community where everyone is valued for their contribution. Join a board or serve as an alternate, make our fire department even stronger or help clear litter from our roadsides! Your help matters.

With development expected across our region, Potter Township is seeing the benefit of having prepared for the future. We are in a strong fiscal position and have a great team of people involved who have learned their work well – and learned to listen closely to feedback from the community. Our updated zoning and land development ordinances are proving durable when opportunities and challenges to our community character emerge. We are strengthening our performance by engaging excellent professional services – engineering, CPA, legal, planning consultants – and partnering with others for buying power, shared services and our own education.

**BRING’EM BACK HOME!** Potter Township is a community to be proud of, so you’re invited to plan your family reunion this year to coincide with ours. **Saturday, August 12th**, join your neighbors for our **105th birthday** with great food, entertainment and fireworks at the annual Potter Family Reunion celebration. See you there!

*Rebecca Matsco*

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Police—non-emergency 724-774-0271  
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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

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

## You Can Curb Water Pollution by Starting in Your Own Back Yard

**STORMWATER** — rain that runs off hard surfaces and eventually into local waterways, is a major and fast growing source of pollution that affects every watershed. This runoff may carry sediment, nutrients from lawns, waste from farms and pets, oil and litter from streets, and other contaminants into streams or storm drains.

**Set mower height to 3 inches or higher.** Taller grass slows the rate of runoff and produces a deeper, denser root system, which will absorb more water, prevent erosion, and suppress weeds.

**Retain grass clippings and chopped leaves onsite.** A mulch-mower is ideal for retaining and spreading clippings on your lawn. The clippings decompose quickly, provide important nutrients for your lawn, and settle to create an organic layer on the soil that encourages stormwater infiltration.

**Keep clippings and chopped leaves out of streams, off the street, and out of storm drains.** If mulching is not possible, bag the clippings and store them in a compost area where the organic material can be used as a fertilizer later. Blowing them onto a street or into storm drains deposits the clippings directly into local streams, where they decompose and become major pollutants by increasing nitrogen to unsafe levels for fish and other aquatic life.

**Fertilizers for your lawn...do you need them? If so, what, where, when, and how much?** A dense vegetated cover is the most "stormwater-friendly" lawn so take steps to determine if fertilizer is necessary for your property by testing your soil, applying only during growing season and not fertilizing within 15 to 20 feet of a stream. Organic alternatives to chemicals include compost or manure. Compost can be created in your own back yard, is free, and contains the many nutrients needed for your vegetables.

**Pesticides. When it comes to pesticides, identify the pest and research your options.** Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. If there is a problem, however, identify



**THANKS POTTER RESIDENTS!**

The Potter Township Road Department would like to **THANK** the residents for their cooperation this winter for not parking their vehicles on Township roads and not shoveling snow onto the roadway!

The Road Department has scheduled **STREET SWEEPING** in March & April. Please remember to help the road department by not parking your vehicles on Township roads.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 437

#### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Spaghetti & Meatballs

Salad-Bread-Lemonade or Coffee

Desserts & Soft Drinks—\$1.00 each



**TAKE-OUT  
IS  
AVAILABLE!**

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017  
Time: 4 PM - 6 PM  
Place: Potter Twp. Municipal Bldg.  
Adults: \$10.00



## MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

**Tuesday — May 16, 2017**

**Potter Township Municipal Building**

**Polling Hours 7 am — 8 pm**



# POTTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKET

We have a new ticket that goes off on **May 14th** - \$5.00!

See any firefighter or Linda at the Township Building for tickets!

*If you can help with selling tickets—please give Sue Nash a call—412-974-3754!*



## WINE TRIP

Another WINE TRIP has been scheduled for June 3rd! Planning is still in the works—please contact the Fire Department or Linda at the municipal building in the next few months for more details.

## TRAINING

The Fire Department Trainings for this year are also in full gear! Our training association includes Monaca, Center Township, Hopewell and Aliquippa. Pictured on the left is Ray Malone (Potter Twp Volunteer Fire Dept. Training Officer) presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Dan Kunzman. Mr. Kunzman donated a house on Pleasant Drive for the department's 'Smokehouse Training' last September & October!



**The Fire Department receives 'Foreign Insurance Tax' money from the state. If anyone has homeowner's insurance that is not from PA (ex. USAA), please call them and inform them your fire protection is Potter Twp. VFD. Unfortunately because of our mailing address, Monaca and Aliquippa fire departments receive our funds. Every little bit helps - THANK YOU!!**



## Raccoon Township Fire Department CAR CRUISE Dates

**May 27      July 1      July 29      August 26      September 30**

**Please look for the Potter Township Vol. Fire Department's booth for great food: HOT SAUSAGE • KIELBASA & SAUERKRAUT • HOT DOGS • HAMBURGERS • CHEESEBURGERS • DRINKS**

### Spring Safety Tips

As spring approaches thoughts turn to cleaning up from winter, making repairs around the home and enjoying the outdoors.

#### Inside the Home

- Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords
- Prepare for storm related outages (make sure your flashlights and portable radios have batteries and that other supplies, such as bottled water, are stocked and available)
- Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents

#### Outside the Home

- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street
- Clean up yard debris and cut back dead limbs and grasses
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances
- Clean your grill and check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage
- Keep 100' of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for use
- Never leave a burning/smoldering bonfire unsupervised - make sure it is completely extinguished.

#### In the Garage or Shed

- Clean up and properly store paints, pool and yard chemicals
- Check fuels containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored
- Have all power equipment cleaned and serviced



# Potter Township Hall Rental

**Need a special place for your event?**

*Full service kitchen*

*Ice machine / Large commercial refrigerator*

*Seating for over 100 / Flat screen TV for photos/videos*

*Township park & pavilion*

*Ample parking*



**Book now as Spring & Summer days are *filling up fast!***  
**Call [724-495-6220](tel:724-495-6220) for more information and availability!**

Potter Residents	Hall Rental	\$150.00
Non-Residents	Hall Rental	\$250.00

## POTTER TOWNSHIP ZONING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS

**Private swimming pools** shall be at least 10 feet from the lot line. Private swimming pools are permitted only when located in the rear or side yards and completely enclosed with a protective barrier at least four feet in height to protect persons or animals from trespassing and to assure that they are not subject to danger or harm. All openings in the barrier shall be equipped with gates or doors which shall be locked when not in use. These shall be considered as accessory uses in residential districts. Swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs shall comply with the Uniform Construction Code.

**Fences, hedges, walls,** and other plant materials shall not be located at street corners so as to interfere with vision clearance across the corner lots. The height of such objects is restricted to three feet within a triangular area formed by the intersecting street lines and a line joining points on the street lines and equidistant from the point of intersection. This distance shall be 30 feet from the corner. In addition, no fence, wall, hedge, or other plant material shall be placed or allowed to grow in such a manner as to impede vision from driveways on the owner's lot or adjacent lots.

**Garden sheds, storage sheds** and similar accessory structures (of up to 160 square feet in size) may be permitted in rear and side yard areas, provided such structure does not lie closer than five feet to side lot line or within 10 feet of the rear property line and does not exceed 15 feet in height.

The visible **storage of junk** is not permitted in any Residential District. Junkyards may be permitted as a special exception, where the Zoning Hearing Board finds, after public hearing, that such use will not create a hazardous condition and will otherwise meet certain requirements.

POTTER TOWNSHIP CODES & ZONING ORDINANCES CAN BE FOUND ONLINE:

<http://www.ecode360.com/PO2079> THE ONLINE CODE IS FULLY SEARCHABLE!



## Potter Bald Eagles

It's another exciting spring for our Potter Bald Eagles. The eagles stuck around for most of the winter and in January they were actively tending to their nest. Currently the eagles are showing behavior consistent with incubating egg or eggs. There is no way of no knowing how many eggs are in the nest or even if they are going to be viable eggs but according to Game Commissioner Matt Kramer—our "eagles are doing well and hopefully in a couple of weeks we will have an idea of how many hatched" If you are able to get any decent pictures of our eagles could you please pass them onto the township office. Thank you.

*Casey Harrington*





# POTTER TOWNSHIP

## 2017

### Recreation Board Events



Saturday

March 11

SPRING BINGO

6PM



*ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED - THINK GREEN!!*



Saturday

May 20

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

8AM - 1PM



*SET UP EITHER AT THE TOWNSHIP PARK OR AT YOUR HOME*

Thursday

June 22

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8PM



*ENJOY A MOVIE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS  
IN THE TOWNSHIP PARK*



Saturday

August 12

ANNUAL PICNIC

4:30PM - ?



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

Saturday

November 4

50'S SENIOR DINNER

5PM



*IT'S A "SOCK HOP"*

*ALL RESIDENTS OVER 50 ARE INVITED*



Saturday

December 2

CHRISTMAS BINGO

6PM



*SNACKS & PRIZES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED*





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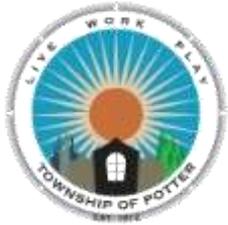
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Lauren Patton  
Philip Floyd

Casey Harrington  
Mark Summerville

Lenny Miller

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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!**

