



POTTER TOWNSHIP NEWS **Summer 2018**

That's WILD!!

For the last few months, the Raccoon Creek Greenway Steering Committee that was formed to manage a park planning grant from DCNR has worked with Stromberg Garrigan & Associates (SGA), experts in public green spaces, to create a master site plan that includes the Tank Farm Recreation Area and adjoining Independence Conservancy parcels.



Independence Conservancy Office

SGA recently suggested the term “re-wilding” (Google it!) to describe how we will return a former military-industrial site to a more natural state to accommodate recreation, conservation and education. In our wildest dreams, did we ever imagine creating such a

public asset right here in the middle of Beaver County?

Investing in “green” infrastructure like parks or waterways can feel like a wild risk for any community. We wonder how we will we pay for improvements now and maintenance in the future, if there are ways to get a return on our investment. In a **public meeting on June 26th (6 PM at Potter Municipal Building)**, SGA will present its comprehensive report and recommendations to Township residents and interested partners. We’ve had a preliminary peek and see some exciting suggestions for investing in phases that conform to the Township budget, for establishing a formal relationship with the



Site Plan

Conservancy that allows us to share the maintenance burden and ideas for generating adequate revenue to support on-going operations. We look forward to hearing how we ought to invest in various projects and the difference they can make in our community quality of life – and even local real estate values. The township is investing in 2018 by installing a well and septic field at the



Blending Barn

Tank Farm; now, we’re ready for the next “wild” steps forward.

Please join us on the 26th of offer your questions and feedback. It’s time for a walk on the wild side! Thank you for allowing us to serve you,

Rebecca, Butch and Al

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Central Valley School District
 Central Valley Office 724-775-5600
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 Central Valley Middle School 724-775-8200
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 Duquesne Light Co. 412-393-7100
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Township Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 10 am—4 pm
Friday 8 am—2 pm

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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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



POTTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

New Volunteers

We'd like to welcome two new volunteer members – **Casey Seech** and **Autumn Davidson**. They have been with us for a couple months now and have jumped right in with trainings and fund raisers. Very glad to welcome them aboard!

Grilling



Spring has sprung – everyone is getting in the mood for grilling and outdoor fun.

Here's some grilling **safety tips**:

- ◆ Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- ◆ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ◆ Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- ◆ Check the gas tank hose for leaks *before* using it for the first time each year. (Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose – a propane tank will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame – turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911. Do not move the grill!

NFPA FACTS: July is the peak month for grill fires. Roughly *half* of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns! Please be safe and enjoy the outdoors.

New Tanker

The new tanker has arrived and is in service! She's a beauty and will be such an asset to our department and our mutual aid communities! Come on down on a Tuesday night and take a look!



Fundraisers

Raccoon Fair



Potter Township Fire Department members also help at the Raccoon Fair. The Fair is June 12 thru 16 this year. The parade is on Tuesday. Come on down and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors.



A fun day of painting and sipping ...

When: June 24th @ 1 pm.

Contact Candace @ 724-709-0359

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Anybody make good chili?



We are planning a "Fall Festival" Chili Cook Off in October at the Boat Dock. More information will be forthcoming. Practice those chili recipes!

Congratulations to **David Kreson** from Center Township, who won the Summer Fun Food Basket Raffle!

Raccoon Creek Bank & Buffer Project

PA Growing Greener Watershed Protection Program Grant



Looking upstream across the length of the repaired buffer on 4/7/18. Root wads and toe boulders held up well against ice chunks and winter floods.

Curious about the new terrain on Raccoon Creek Road? Independence Conservancy and Stream Restoration Incorporated recently completed a \$99,785 PA Growing Greener Watershed Protection Program Grant to stabilize 500 feet of bank on the main stem of Raccoon Creek in the Greenway. Following recommendations made in the 2014 *Raccoon Creek Region Conservation Plan*, the project is successfully reducing shoreline erosion and re-establishing a streamside buffer of native trees and bushes. The project also addressed an abandoned pipeline, exposed by bank erosion, which posed a hazard to recreational users of the creek.

Builders used bioengineering and traditional techniques to reinforce the eroding streambank: re-grading,

stone toe protection, rootwad deflectors, live willow stakes, brush layering, rock vanes, and erosion control blankets. 500 feet of streambank was re-shaped, while an additional 400 feet was enhanced with shrub and tree seedlings to provide habitat for wildlife, beauty and shade for visitors.

Additional permitting allowed for partial removal of a gravel bar, deflecting Raccoon Creek's energy away from the eroding bank and towards the center of the channel during higher flows.

On April 7, two dozen enthusiastic volunteers planted 2700 live willow stakes, 800 native tree and shrub seedlings, and 15 balled & burlapped shade trees along the 900-foot project site. Neighboring landowner Shell Pennsylvania Chemicals donated 2000 tons of native sandstone boulders to build four rock vanes, a kayak launch and visitor-friendly features. At the top of each rock vane, a path was left open through the tree seedlings for people to reach the water.

With in-kind contributions and donations, the original scope of work, and more, was finished in April of 2018, on time and within the grant budget. Partners include BioMost, Inc.; Independence Conservancy, Inc.; PA DEP; Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds; Shell Pennsylvania Chemicals; and Beaver County Conservation District.

For additional information contact: Independence Conservancy, Inc. [PA non-profit 501(c)(3)], PO Box 248, Industry, PA 15052; info@independenceconservancy.org; www.independenceconservancy.org.

Thank You!

On May 15th an ambitious crew of about 30 people spent a day cleaning up flood debris from the Raccoon Creek Greenway in Potter Township. Volunteers from Range Resources' Canonsburg office brought trucks, trailers, and even a small boat to help them retrieve three tons of tires, appliances, furniture and household garbage from both banks of Raccoon Creek. Beaver County Jail's Community



Service Crew worked with Independence Conservancy's tire shear to clean up an illegal dump, properly disposing of a hundred tires and rusty wheels. Sure-footed people in hip waders ventured deep into a wetland to pull out plastic pipes, barrels, bottles and things no longer identifiable. **Thanks** to these hard-working folks for making nearly two miles of creek bank and a mile of Raccoon Creek sparkle! They had so much fun; they want to come back next spring.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Come participate in fun summer activities!

THEMED DAYS

Tuesday: Superhero



Wednesday: Tie Dye

*bring a shirt of your choosing to tie dye



Thursday: Under the Sea



Who: kids ages Kindergarten—6th grade

When: Tuesday, July 10 to Thursday, July 12

9 AM—12 PM

Where: Potter Township Municipal Park

206 Mowry Road

Monaca, PA 15061

Contact the office at

724-495-6220 by **July 5**

to reserve your spot.

Come join us for Movie Night on Thursday as a fun way to wrap up camp!



**Independence
Conservancy**

Independence Conservancy thanks Potter Township for its collaboration and Potter Township thanks Independence Conservancy for beautifying the municipal building with the donation of planters.



West Nile Virus Surveillance Program

The Beaver County Conservation District will be conducting sampling from May through October. Traps will be placed around Beaver County and are marked with identification and contact information

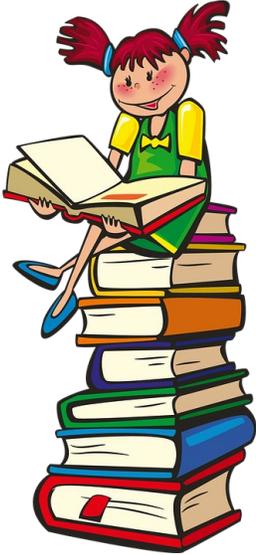
Safety Tips:

Wear protective clothing or mosquito repellent, clean gutters, remove any standing water and old tires, etc.



For more information, visit: www.westnile.state.pa.us or www.cdc.gov

SUMMER STORYTIME



Come join the **B.F. Jones Memorial Library** and **Potter Township** for Storytime this summer!



Where: the Potter Township Municipal Building

When: Mondays, starting on June 18 at 11:00 am

(The last Monday is TBD)

Who: kids ages kindergarten to 3rd grade

Recreation Board Events, Summer 2018

Potter Township



★ MOVIE IN THE PARK ★

Thursday, July 12 at 8 PM

Enjoy watching *Sherlock Gnomes* with family and friends in the park!



Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 4 at 4:30 PM



Come celebrate with family and friends!



Its Nationality Day

NEW: POTTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE FOR OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS

PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE: Potter Township has adopted an Ordinance, identified on our Website in eCode as “**Chapter 153: Rental Occupancy Reports**”. This chapter provides for a reporting procedure of residential rental units and penalties for failure to report. The last page of this Newsletter is the **POTTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ANNUAL REPORT**. If you are currently living in a dwelling that you don't own, and whether it is owned by a third party or a relative, (and whether you pay rent or not) this Ordinance still applies to you. Please fill out this form and mail or drop off at the Municipal Office at 206 Mowry Road—thanks!

Reminder— if you are not an owner, please notify the owner of the property of this requirement.

FOR RESIDENTS THAT FOLLOW THE TOWNSHIP INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE:

Just a reminder...eCode can be searched by a 'key word'. This is a quick and easy way to search topics that concern or even interest you regarding Township Ordinances. When on the Website, 'click' on Ordinances, then, General Code. At the right of the black band across the top 'click' in the area that says “Enter search term...” Here you enter what you're looking for (be brief, one or two words) and 'click' on the right arrow next to that to search. If you

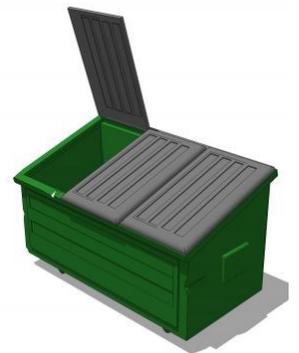


would like some assistance, I'm usually in the office Tuesday thru Thursday from 1 to 4.

Please call me...724-495-6220.

FOR RESIDENTS THAT USE THE TOWNSHIP DUMPSTERS:

There are three dumpsters behind the Municipal Office at 206 Mowry Road. They should be used the same as you would a trash can for your home... household trash and garbage, only. And, it should be in bags that can be tied shut. Please don't leave a bag on the ground near the dumpster. That interferes with the loading process, and worse, it encourages animals to visit (and usually shred the bags while here). Also, since these dumpsters are also used by the Township Hall renters, please be considerate and don't fill the dumpsters before or during the weekends...thanks!



REMEMBER...

This is your home, let's all do our part to keep Potter Township looking like the great place it is to live!

DAVID HAGEN - ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



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POTTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ANNUAL REPORT

1) Property Address: _____

2) Dwelling Type (Circle One. If other, please describe):

Single Duplex Apartment Townhouse Other _____

3) Owner name: _____

Owner address: _____

Owner phone: _____ Email: _____

4) Is a property manager or other local contact utilized? YES NO

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

5) List all occupants at this address (Name and Age). Use additional sheet if necessary:

NAME	AGE	NAME	AGE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

6) Number of off street parking spaces at this address: _____

7) If rental property utilizes a septic system, has the proof of maintenance been provided to the township YES NO

By signing this application, I certify that all facts in the report are true and correct. I understand this report must be updated within 20 days of any change of occupants.

Date _____ Signature _____

Date Received by Township _____



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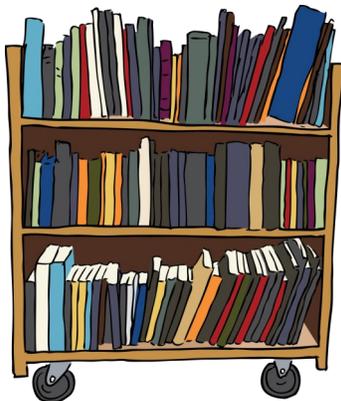
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Potter Township Library

Come check out the LIBRARY located in the entryway of the municipal building!



Take a book... Lend a book



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(as needed)

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

ALL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND!