



POTTER TOWNSHIP NEWS

Fall 2018

BE INFORMED – BE PREPARED – BE INVOLVED:

September is National Preparedness Month!

When it comes to keeping people safe, local government has a very specific duty: Potter Township is responsible to citizens and businesses to keep local roadways accessible, to financially aid the nearest Volunteer Fire Department and to ensure a police response in case of dangerous or criminal activity. Potter also participates in a joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with Raccoon Township and Shippingport Borough, which conducts bi-annual drills to prepare our community for a natural or man-made disaster. EOC volunteers review the proper evacuation, communication and emergency response protocols, overseen by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) coordinating with its cohorts at the state (PEMA) and County level. We are grateful for the many years of leadership that our own Jim Bishop has donated as EOC Coordinator. This is a good time to mention that Jim will be stepping away from this volunteer position to enjoy “retirement” from Township government and we will be advertising for a Potter resident to take his place!

Regardless of township efforts, NO form of government can keep your family and property as safe as you can! ReadyPA (www.ready.pa.gov) offers informational resources, timely news, helpful tips and great ideas for volunteering your time to help others prepare for – or recover from – an unanticipated emergency. Find out more on topics ranging from Winter Flooding to Cyberbullying, from Fireworks Safety to Financial Preparedness to Frostbite. Some of these topics require very personal consideration and cover areas that are far outside the proper scope of government. But your effort to prepare will make government interventions less necessary and township responses less costly.



This year, on a pleasant evening in June, Raccoon and Shippingport again came to Potter to drill. Thirty-some volunteers from all three municipalities were assigned to mock positions, to accomplish a wide range of tasks around a simulated emergency. Meanwhile, outside in the municipal park, kids were swinging at the playground and neighbors were greeting one another on their evening walk, oblivious to the preparations being made for an event we hope never happens! We thank you for the trust you place in the Potter residents who think about your safety. Would you join us by making preparations for your household – and getting involved on behalf of the whole “Potter Family”? We would love to have you.

***Thank you for allowing us to serve you,
Rebecca, Butch and Al***

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

Township Office Hours

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

<u>Municipal Office</u>	724-495-6220
Fax	724-495-3222
Email	linda@pottertwp.comcastbiz.net
Secretary/Treasurer	Linda McCoy
Road Department	Justin Cwynar
Website	www.pottertwp-pa.gov
Facebook	Potter Twp Beavercountypa

<u>Emergency</u>	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

Victoria Leininger	412-759-9184
taxcollector@pottertwp.comcastbiz.net	

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

3rd Thursday	7pm
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POTTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

New Members!

We'd like to welcome three new members to our fire family, **Brian Campbell and Candace Orellana** have joined as firefighters and **Donna Campbell** has joined as an associate member. Welcome and thank you for your interest in our "branch" of community service.

Coming into the fall season, please **use caution when burning brush and leaves**. Be aware of wind conditions and always have a water source nearby.



TRAINING

The fire department will be hosting training classes within the next month, so we'll have lots of firefighters visiting and using our facility. The department members continue to train and have some fun as we strive to remain up to date with rescue and firefighting techniques.



Mark your calendars... The next **"Midway Reunion Car Cruise"** at Raccoon Fire

Department is **September 29th**. Come out to support your local fire departments. We will be selling our "infamous" sausage & pepper sandwiches, kielbasa & kraut, gyros, hamburgers and hot dogs! There will be music and "Antique" cars too!





POTTER TOWNSHIP GARBAGE ORDINANCE

Beginning October 1, 2018 - GARBAGE CAN(S) WILL BE REQUIRED

Garbage **MUST** be placed in bags in covered containers per Potter Township Ordinance (see below). No garbage is permitted outside of a proper covered container - (neither on top of the container nor on the ground).

Ordinance 167-26 – Uncovered Garbage

It shall be unlawful to place or permit to remain uncovered anywhere in the Township any garbage or other material subject to decay, except leaves or grass or for the purpose of compost, unless placed in a tightly covered metal and/or tightly covered heavy-duty plastic container not to exceed 32 gallons in capacity or 50 pounds in weight. Uncovered garbage, refuse or ashes on any premises in the Township shall constitute prima facie evidence that the owner/occupant is in violation of this article.

Ordinance 167-31 – Violations & Penalties

Any person violating any provision of this article shall, upon conviction before a District Justice, be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding 30 days. Every violation of this article and each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall be subject to separate and distinct penalties therefor.



- The cover requirement is to prevent the animals from taking trash out of the container. They will tip the container over and if not tightly covered (or fastened with a bungee cord) they can get to the trash more easily.
- The trash collectors **WILL NOT** pick up scattered garbage! It is the responsibility of the resident to do this.
- If your can is not large enough, you can add a can, or get a bigger one. The trash haulers have said they can handle up to a 45 gallon container.
- Please refer to the Valley Waste Service guidelines for more information (the guidelines can be found on the Township website).

Please call the Potter Township Office—(724-495-6220) if you have any questions.

Thank you, David L Hagen, Code Enforcement Officer

A message from your Fire Department...

GENERATOR SAFETY



Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet (1.5 metres) away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot (1.5 metres) distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot. Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

Safety

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin. If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

POTTER TOWNSHIP THANKS KALYN MARKSTEINER

Kalyn spent the summer working in the Township office assisting Linda with many tasks, including updating the website, upgrading forms and providing great customer service to our residents. Kalyn and her family have lived in the Township for over 20 years. She is currently in her fourth year at Penn State studying genetic & developmental biology! We hope to see her in the office over the holidays!



THANK YOU SHELL



On August 30th, the Shell Technical Service Team added a fresh coat of stain to the Township Park fence. Thank you—it looks great!!

Road Department

Thanks to Potter Township's Road Department (**Justin Cwynar**) and the assistance of the GHRIP road crews—tar and chipping on the Township roads is complete and looks great!



Reminder...

Daylight Savings ends—Sunday, November 4



“Fall back” by setting your clocks back one hour.

NOTES FROM CASEY HARRINGTON...



The Bald Eagles had another successful summer with the one fledgling. The young eagle was spotted in Potter as late as August according to Game Commissioner Matt Kramer. If their history dictates their actions, the Bald Eagles seem to take a vacation in December and come back in January when they start working on their nest in preparation for the new breeding season.

The Paper Retriever paper box has a new owner and they want your paper and paper products! In addition to the regular office paper, newspapers, magazines; the new owners want tissue, cereal and all paper board products. They also accept the rolls from paper towels and toilet paper as well as clean paper juice boxes. If you recycle any books they ask that the hard covers please be removed. They still do NOT accept, phone books, napkins, paper towels, wrapping paper or tissue paper. **Be good stewards of the planet and recycle your paper products!!**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS COORDINATOR NEEDED

Potter Township is looking for an Emergency Operations Coordinator (EOC). Our current EOC, Jim Bishop, is retiring after several years of outstanding service to the Township.

The EOC is responsible for reducing the effects of disasters before they occur, through mitigation, planning for and coordinating the operations and response to a disaster, managing resources and coordination of recovery efforts following a disaster as well as providing public information. Potter Township currently partners with Raccoon Township and Shippingport Borough for emergency management services. The new EOC will be appointed by the Board and have formal training available. The position requires attendance at four (4) meetings a year and an emergency drill every two (2) years. This is a volunteer position with the Township. You do not have to be a resident of Potter Township.

The EOC is on call in case of an emergency or disaster and is overseen by the Beaver County 911 Center, PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) .



TRICK OR TREAT
Wednesday, October 31
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!

50'S SENIOR DINNER

Saturday, November 10th at 5:00 PM

All Residents Over 50 are Invited

A Taste of Italy



**** RESERVE YOUR SEAT by November 2nd ****
Call (724-495-6220) or stop in at the township office!

ELECTION DAY

Come out and VOTE

Tuesday—November 6, 2018

Polling hours: 7 am—8 pm

**POTTER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
WILL SPONSOR A BAKE SALE!**



**CHRISTMAS
BINGO**



Friday, December 7 at 6:00 PM

Snacks & Prizes during the Holiday Season

All Residents are Invited!



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Scan here to go to Potter Twp. Website:
pottertwp-pa.gov.org

DID YOU KNOW?...



(Appliance Recycling & Rebate information)

Do you have an old refrigerator cooling a few items in your basement or garage? Did you know it may be using up to four times the electricity of a new model? With all that leftover energy, you could save up to \$150 a year on your electric bill.

Duquesne Light's Watt Choices program will pay you \$35 to recycle that old, energy-wasting refrigerator or freezer and will haul it away at no charge.

Doubly green: recycling and cash

You'll receive your rebate check within six weeks of pickup. Duquesne Light's program partner, ARCA, will break down your old refrigerator and 95 percent of the components will be recycled. Reducing your energy use also reduces the need for more power plants as well as the environmental impact of energy generation. In addition to your \$35 recycling incentive, if you have purchased a new refrigerator or freezer after 6/1/2016, you can obtain an appliance rebate application for your new purchase.

<https://www.dlcwattchoices.com/appliancerecycling/>



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Lauren Patton Casey Harrington Lenny Miller

Philip Floyd Mark Summerville

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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!