



An Active & Healthy Future at “Rocky Bend Nature Preserve”!

With the development of the natural gas industry in our region, Potter Twp has a rare opportunity to improve both our local economy and our quality of life by building out recreational infrastructure that will be enjoyed by residents today and for generations to come. Never knowing just how important it would be, Supervisors in 2006 took possession of the WWII defense site on Raccoon Creek fondly known as the “tank farm” and designated the land for public recreation. Now, in partnership with Independence Conservancy, we have created a park that takes in parcels both north and south of the tank farm, and have proudly named it **Rocky Bend Nature Preserve!**

“Rocky Bend” is instantly recognizable on a map as the big bow that Raccoon Creek makes around the tank farm – but will also remind long-time residents of the “rocky bottom” name that has been variously applied to property both up and downstream of the historic site, where the creek is shallow and paddlers can feel the bottom! “Preserve” establishes the values so important for the area: preserving history, beauty, recreational opportunity and environmental health for residents and visitors.

A DCNR-funded Master Site Plan completed in late 2018 is directing improvements that will immediately benefit the public and promote this unique asset. This year site grading begins, and designated parking and comfort facilities will be added; electric, water and septic service improvements are already underway. Potter, with the Conservancy, has applied for a significant grant from DCNR to restore and repurpose the historic Blending Barn #1 as a picnic shelter, served by the new restroom and parking. Additional picnic areas are planned to encourage individual and group outings to Raccoon Creek and the Shell-funded environmental wetland area, and to host work groups like those from Columbia Gas and Range Resources that have pulled barbed-wire fencing and cleaned our stream banks. Nova Chemicals is stepping up to give us a hand, St. Joe Boat Club has contributed effort along the stream and local Scout groups are already camping. We invite Potter residents to get involved and help plan social and educational events, too.

Come enjoy **Rocky Bend Nature Preserve** with your dog, your family, your friends – or just the nature you love so much!

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



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206 Mowry Road
Monaca, PA 15061

Township Office Hours

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

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Central Valley Office 724-775-5600
Central Valley High School 724-775-4300
Central Valley Middle School 724-775-8200
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Center Grange Primary School 724-775-8201
Latch Key Program 724-774-7020

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Duquesne Light Co. 412-393-7100
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1st Wednesday 6pm
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Regular Meetings:
2nd Wednesday 6pm
4th Wednesday—if needed 6pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meetings—if needed:
Thursdays 7pm



POTTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



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Thank You

The Fire Department would like to thank our **friends and neighbors** for donating towards the purchase of new SCBA's (air packs). Every donation counts and we hope to be ordering the equipment soon.

A special thank you to **Girl Scout Troop 16108** and **Maddie Anderson** for their donation of "Survival Kits for Firefighters". Your kindness and support reminds us of why we do what we do!



Congratulations

Congratulations to the **Lanigan family** for winning our most recent "Food Ticket" and for the generous donation to the department. We will be selling tickets again in the fall for our "Holiday Food Ticket".

News

The Fire Department has purchased a UTV to assist us with fire calls (mainly brush fires) and search and rescue.



The next few weeks we will be training along with our mutual aid departments, with an Instructor from DCNR Department of Forestry.

We would like to welcome **Kurt Whitney** and **Nicole Pflug** to our fire family as associate members.

We are always looking for new members, no experience needed, we provide training. Only requirement is a desire to help keep our community safe. You can usually find us every Tuesday night at the station.



Upcoming Events

June 11th-15th is the Raccoon Fair...



The Potter Fire Dept. will be running a game of chance booth. Come see us, lots of good food and fun!

July 20th from 8 AM - 3 PM is the Community Yard Sale...



at the Potter Twp Municipal Building. Residents can reserve a table for \$10 to sell their items. We are asking for donation of gently used clothing, toys, tools, small household appliances and items. You can drop items off at the Fire Hall on **July 9th** and **July 16th** between 7 PM and 9 PM. *If you would like us to pick up items OR would like to reserve a table, call Lois Podnar at 724-407-3304 or the Fire Department at 724-495-3364.*

August 31st is the tentative date for this year's Midway Reunion Car Cruise...



at the Raccoon Fire Department. Flyers will be posted.

Soup Sales - \$7/Quart and \$4/Pint



Tues., Sept. 13th - *Orders must be placed by Sept. 6th*

Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, & Chicken Tortilla

Sat., Oct. 12th - *Orders must be placed by Oct. 5th*

Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, & Potato Bacon

Tues., Nov. 5th, **Election Day Soup & Bake Sale** - *Orders must be placed by Oct. 29th*

Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, & Chili

2019 Potter Township VFD Soup Sales



NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ORDER BY **FRIDAY, 9/6** AND PICK UP **FRIDAY, 9/13**

SOUP	# OF QUARTS (\$7 each)	# OF PINTS (\$4 each)	TOTAL COST
CHICKEN NOODLE			
VEGETABLE			
CHICKEN TORTILLA			

ORDER BY **SATURDAY, 10/5** AND PICK UP **SATURDAY, 10/12**

SOUP	# OF QUARTS (\$7 each)	# OF PINTS (\$4 each)	TOTAL COST
CHICKEN NOODLE			
VEGETABLE			
POTATO BACON			

ELECTION DAY SOUP & BAKE SALE

ORDER BY **SATURDAY, 10/29** AND PICK UP **TUESDAY, 11/5**

SOUP	# OF QUARTS (\$7 each)	# OF PINTS (\$4 each)	TOTAL COST
CHICKEN NOODLE			
VEGETABLE BEEF			
CHILI			

Contact Information:

Potter Township VFD: 724-495-3364

Lois: 724-407-3304

Sue: 412-974-3754

If you have a favorite that we have offered in the past and it is not listed, please let us know.

THINK SUMMER!!

It's the time when you start thinking about, or planning for that new structure you've been wanting. You will be pleased to know you can now find the application forms on the Potter Township Website under the 'Resources' menu. Just print the application form, fill it out with the information you know, and leave it at the Township office. If you want to speak with the Zoning Officer, he is usually in the office **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from noon to 4PM**. Approved Permits should have the work begun *within 6 months of approval and be completed within 1 year*. (These time frames are negotiable...if necessary, talk to the Zoning Officer...724-495-6220)

 It's also the time when you start thinking about, or planning for landscaping. 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.



Last, but NOT least, continue bringing your septic cleanout receipts to the Potter Twp. office. This provides proof of compliance with the septic cleanout requirements of Ordinance 159-20.



-Dave Hagen, Potter Zoning Officer

THANK YOU...

to **Sheryl Shamp** for making and placing the lettering and design on the Township safe. It looks amazing!



Conservancy Corner

THANK YOU...

to all who helped the **Independence Conservancy** plant trees! Volunteers from BioMost, Potter Township, Shell, and Independence Conservancy planted 1000 live willow stakes and 1800 native tree seedlings at the new wetlands at Rocky Bend Nature Preserve. This green infrastructure was converted from a derelict stormwater pond, and will detain runoff from improvements proposed in "Rocky Bend Nature Preserve Development 2020." It was made possible by a \$100,000 donation from Shell to Independence Conservancy.



NOTICE:

Please be kind to the D&R Sanitation units & the hardworking people who keep them clean for your health and safety. **Put nothing but human waste & toilet paper into the units.** D&R does not collect trash left in or near the portable toilets. Show your appreciation for Rocky Bend Nature Preserve by *leaving no trash behind*. Take it home with you.

-Vicki Michaels, Executive Director

PA Game Commission ... BATS

Those bats that you see around the outside lights on summer evenings might be a survivor from a disease outbreak. Bats have died in record numbers in the past 10 years due to a fungus called **White-Nose Syndrome**. First documented in New York in the winter of 2006-07, **White-Nose Syndrome** is believed to have surfaced in Pennsylvania in 2008 and began killing cave bats in 2009. **WNS** refers to a white fungus on the muzzles and wing membranes of affected bats. Because this fungus is a cold-loving fungus, it is a condition that only affects them while they hibernate. Therefore, it is not harmful to humans, and does not grow on bats during the summer months or when bats are at typical active temperatures. This fungus has been confirmed to be the causative agent of the disease, although the specific mechanism in how it causes mortality is not fully understood.



Perhaps because of their nocturnal nature, secretive habits and unique appearance – not to mention superstitions – bats long have been misunderstood and sometimes feared. *Several misconceptions exist about them.* They include: Bats are prone to rabies; their droppings are a dangerous source of tuberculosis and other diseases; they are aggressive and often attack people; they are dirty and ridden with lice. Bats are no more apt to contract rabies than other warm-blooded animals. *(People should not, however, handle bats, especially those found on the ground or in the open during the day.)* There is no evidence to suggest that bats – or their droppings, called “**guano**” – transmit tuberculosis to man. A host of scientific studies indicate that healthy bats do not attack people, and even rabid bats rarely become aggressive. Bats need to keep themselves extremely clean to fly. They host no more parasites than other animals, and parasites that do afflict bats are very specialized and rarely pose problems to humans. **Histoplasmosis**, caused by a soil fungus that can grow in accumulated bird and bat droppings, does not, as a rule, survive in hot dry attics. However, as a precaution, it's recommended that you *wear a respirator* when stirring up dust in bat quarters or cleaning out large accumulations of droppings.

Bats continued...



Colonial bats might congregate at favorite roosting sites, often in buildings. While these bats do no real harm to human occupants, their droppings, odor and noise may become a nuisance. To exclude bats correctly might take two years. The first summer you should watch the home at dusk to see where the bats are exiting. Try to get a count of the number of bats. If possible, erect a well-placed bat box of good design before August. The box should be large enough to accommodate the bats you plan to evict. When the bats leave in the fall, seal all entrances. Next spring, when they return, they are likely to move into the bat box, rather than search for a new way into your home, or your neighbor's. *Do not seal bats out during June or July because you will trap flightless young inside.*

For more information about bats, including plans for construction of bat boxes, visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission Website at www.pgc.pa.gov.

- Matt Kramer

History Display Case

Come and check out our new history display case located in the Potter Twp. Municipal Building. Many items have been donated from residents. Contact the office (724-495-6220) if you would like to lend or donate any Potter memorabilia to the display.



Potter History Project

Do you have stories of Potter you would like to share? Do you have photos or artifacts?

It's not too late to be part of the Potter History project!

Please call the township office (724-495-6220) and you can be part of this project!



From the desk of Chief Barry Kramer...

Announcement from Shell Chemicals - Staggered Shifts Notification

Beginning on June 3rd, the following staggered shift program will be implemented



Monday-Thursday

Shift 1: 6:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Shift 2: 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday-Saturday

Shift 1: 6:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Shift 2: 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Busses will begin loading at 4:30 AM in the morning Monday-Saturday and depart at 4:15 PM & 5:15 PM in the evening Monday-Thursday and at 2:15 PM & 3:15 PM Friday-Saturday*

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Thurs. July 11th at 8:00 PM

Enjoy a movie with Family & Friends in the Township Park!!!



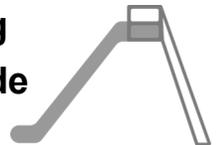
RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET

POTTER DAY CAMP



Friday, July 12th: 8 am - 3 pm

For children entering kindergarten - 5th grade



Crafts * Snacks * Lunch * Games *

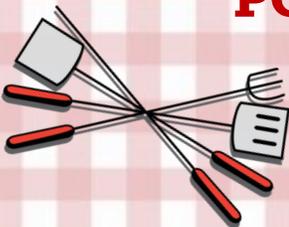
Water Activity

(Please bring a swimsuit & towel)



RSVP to the office (724-495-6220) by **July 3rd**

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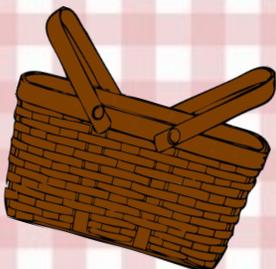
Celebrate with Family & Neighbors!



Saturday, August 3rd

Starts at 5:00 PM

Dinner starts at 5:30 PM



ITS A BACKYARD BARBECUE!!!



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Regular Board Meetings — 2nd Wednesday of each month — 6 PM

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Lauren Patton

Casey Harrington

Lenny Miller

Philip Floyd

Mark Summerville

Regular Meetings — 3rd Thursday of each month — 7 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!

