

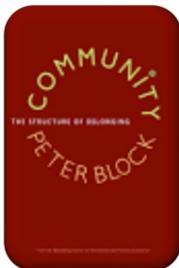


BUILDING COMMUNITY WITH BOOKS

Over the last couple of years, Potter residents have become familiar with our “little free library” in the foyer of the municipal building. Readers of all ages come and go with favorite titles, voluntarily leaving their just-read books for others and taking home something a neighbor has enjoyed. It’s been a great way to connect with one another through words and sharing! This year, **we are adding a community-wide book club** – and inviting you to read the same title at the same time (and we’ll even make sure you can get a copy!). In fact, our Potter reading group will be part of a “big read” across Beaver County that reads and discusses **“Community, the structure of belonging” by Peter Block.**

Here’s what Block says: *This book is written to support those who care for the well-being of their community. It is for anyone who wants to be part of creating an organization, neighborhood, city, or country that works for all, and who has the faith and the energy to create such a place. We know that Potter is full of people with faith and energy; come share your hope with neighbors!*

We will start with a **keynote presentation from Peter Block on “Community” on Monday, October 21st, 3 - 4 PM at Potter Municipal Building.** Then, we’ll meet 2 or 3 times this year at the Township building to have a conversation – with refreshments – around the main themes in the book, and to think aloud about what this could mean for our life together in Potter. Everyone is welcome and all ages are encouraged to read and respond. You may buy your own copy or borrow from our little library. If you’re interested, we would love to know: call the township office or email Rebecca Matsco (Matsco.pottertwp@gmail.com) and tell us if you are planning to join in the conversation or simply read individually. Look for more on Facebook and the Township website.



Potter Township is a place where each of us *belongs*, which Block describes as being part of something, having ownership and accountability. But he calls it a *longing to be*. We all want to live in a place where we can be our truest and best self – and then extend that privilege to others. *You belong* – in Potter’s community book club!

*Come read with us,
Rebecca, Butch & Al*

THE QUESTION OF RECYCLING

More frequently now, Township Supervisors are asked if or when Potter will start a recycling program. We want your opinion! What is your experience with recycling: do you recycle already? Have you recycled in another community? What would work best for you? The Board is looking into cost comparisons and program options. We are also planning to survey voters at the polls on November 5th (this is a municipal election year!) and may pose the question on social media. **Let us hear from you!**



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206 Mowry Road
Monaca, PA 15061**

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

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Email linda@pottertwp.comcastbiz.net
Secretary/Treasurer Linda McCoy
Road Department Justin Cwynar
Website www.pottertwp-pa.gov
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Emergency 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

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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:
Thursdays 7pm**



POTTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



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 Lois Podnar - Treasurer
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247 W. Mowry Road
 Monaca, PA 15061
 Phone: 724-495-3364
 Fax: 724-709-7074
 Email: PotterTwpVFD@yahoo.com

SOUP SALE FUNDRAISER

We are going to try selling soup as a fundraiser for the months of September, October, and November. It will be *pre-order only*...

Soups are \$7/quart or \$4/pint.

SEPTEMBER orders must be in by September 6th

Soups

Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, or Cheesy Chicken Tortilla

Pickup

Friday, September 13th between 4 pm and 7 pm

OCTOBER orders must be in by October 5th

Soups

Chicken Noodle, Chili, and Cheesy Potato Bacon

Pickup

Saturday, October 12th between noon and 5 pm.

NOVEMBER orders must be in by October 29th

Soups

Chicken Noodle, Beef Vegetable, Stuffed Pepper, and Chili

Pickup

Election Day, November 5th.

*We will also have a Bake Sale that day.

Please call Lois to place your orders at 724-407-3304 or Sue at 412-974-3754. Pick up is at the Fire Station. Call with any questions!

THANK YOU...

A great big **thank you** to everyone who donated money this winter! Because of your generosity and our fundraising efforts, we have purchased our new air packs (SCBA's).

Thank you also to all who donated to the Community Yard Sale!

We would like to **thank** our associate members for all of their hard work fundraising the past couple of months. And **thank you** for cleaning up around the flag pole and the new flowers and plants.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS "FOOD RAFFLE"

\$5.00 a Ticket

HAPPY HOLIDAYS "FOOD RAFFLE"		Tuesday, November 12, 2019
\$250.00 CASH PRIZE and the following:		
Electric Smoker (or \$200 Cash)		Chest Freezer (or \$200 cash)
2 - Beef Roasts	10 lbs. Potatoes	2 bottles of wine (limit \$50)
1 - Turkey	10 lbs. Kielbasa	2 cases pop (your choice)
1 - Ham	10 lbs. Chicken Wings	2 cases beer (limit \$30/case)
2 - Pork Loins	10 lbs. Chicken Breast	Tums
1 - case corn	10 lbs. Hot Sausage	1 - Fire Extinguisher
1 - case green beans	10 lbs. Ground Beef	1 - Smoke Detector

Donation: \$5.00
 Thank you!

Winning number based on PA Daily Pick 3 at 7:00 PM. If ticket is unsold, next day's number will apply. All unsold tickets become the property of the Potter Twp. VFD

Benefits the
 Potter Township Volunteer Fire Department

Raffle Tickets go off Tuesday, November 12th, 2019.

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

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



FOR THIS NEWSLETTER I WILL PROVIDE ORDINANCE INFORMATION ON

~ **FIREARMS** ~

You can see the complete Ordinances by clicking on 'General Code' on the Home page of the [Potter Website](#).

First, the definition:

Ordinance 104-2{3} FIREARM:

Any type of firearm or device which impels a pellet or projectile through the use of a force that is calculated or can reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm, including, but not limited to, pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, whether automatic, semiautomatic or single shot.

It was probably the part that says "can reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm" that prompted the Supervisors at that time to draft the following:

Ordinance 104-3 : Firing and discharge prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, fire, or discharge any firearm or deadly weapon within the Township.

Pretty harsh, right? Especially for a rural municipality. So, to soften the blow, they added this language:

Ordinance 104-4 Exceptions : The prohibited conduct in **§ 104-3** shall not apply to the following:

(this section is rather lengthy, so let me summarize)

- A. Persons authorized by the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.
- B. Persons in law enforcement
- C. Persons possessing a valid Pennsylvania Hunting License
- D. Persons engaged in target practice on theirs, or another's by permission, private property
- E. Persons who meet 4 requirements and have the consent of the Chief of Police to kill fowl, animals, or other pests that may be destroying growing crops.



And finally:

Ordinance 104-5 Violations and penalties

(again summarizing)

- A. Violators shall be guilty of a summary criminal offense, must pay a fine, and may be subject to imprisonment
- B. The fines are: 1st offense—\$100 to \$500; 2nd or more offense—\$250 to \$1,000
- C. Imprisonment is for 2nd or subsequent offense, for a period of not more than 90 days

Thank You to the Recreation Board...

For the AWESOME Picnic this year! The food and live entertainment were fantastic! Many residents have commented about how much they enjoyed the picnic!



Thank You to Justin Cwynar...

for the nice job he did tarring and chipping the road! Also, thank you for the upkeep of the roads and for scraping after tarring and chipping. Many residents have commented on how nice the road is!



Thank You to Casey Harrington...

for heading up the Potter Township History Project and for the wonderful video! The video of the Township's history was premiered at the annual picnic. *The video will be available on our website soon.*



HALL REMODEL

The Hall Remodel began on August 27th. The hall is being "bumped out" to provide more room and a small stage.

NOTICE:

Due to the hall remodel, there will be **NO MORE hall rentals** for the remainder of 2019.



History Display Case

Come check out the [History Display Case](#) at the Township Building, as new items are added!

Donations or lending of memorabilia are welcome!

Contact the Potter Township Office at 724-495-6220.



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE

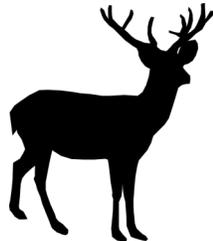


People love to see wildlife. That is a good thing, but when a feeding station is set up in the back yard or next to a home, it can cause some problems.

Disease transmission is the biggest concern

with feeding wildlife. Artificially congregating wildlife through feeding alters natural foraging behavior causing changes in movement and distribution. The artificial competition from crowding at feed sites leads to increased fighting and injury.

Pennsylvania is facing *Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)* in deer, and *mange* in bears. Both diseases were either absent or much less likely to be found a decade ago and both diseases are now escalating in Pennsylvania. Wildlife feeding brings animals into closer contact with one another and for longer periods of time than typical. Increased contact increases exposure.



Feeding sites harbor and concentrate disease agents deposited by infected animals creating a reservoir of disease. Healthy animals become infected by ingesting contaminated feces, eating contaminated feed or nearby vegetation, or in the case of mange and bears, by rubbing against contaminated surfaces where mites persist.

Wildlife feeding can increase transmission of CWD and mange. Infectious agents, like the CWD prion, can be shed in oral and respiratory droplets and other bodily secretions like urine and feces. CWD is always *fatal* to deer and elk. Mange, which is caused by mites on the surface of the skin, is *highly contagious and a common cause of mortality* in bears. These diseases impact wildlife populations by causing mortality or debilitating illness. Other diseases such as bovine tuberculosis, salmonellosis, toxoplasmosis, lungworms, and tapeworms can also be transmitted by feeding.

Risks for nontarget species. Items used to attract big game will draw squirrels, raccoons, opossums, rodents, skunks, and foxes, directly or indirectly.

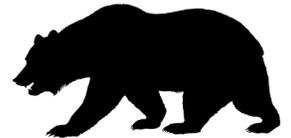
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Please Don't Feed the Wildlife Continued...

Many of these species are known carriers of transmissible disease, such as rabies, canine distemper, parvovirus, leptospirosis, Baylisascaris and ascarid roundworms, avian pox, and trichomoniasis, several of which have important human health implication.

Feeding blurs the lines between wild versus domestic and free-ranging versus private.

Citizens who recreationally feed big game frequently assume a feeling of ownership over these animals. This violates the public trust doctrine that wildlife is a publicly owned resource. Wildlife associate food with humans resulting in habituation and wild animals become indifferent toward humans or human activity. This can lead to increases in vehicle strikes, property damage caused by wildlife, and other nuisance wildlife problems such as human-conditioned bears rummaging through trash or human injury from habituated wildlife getting too close. Some wildlife, like bears, can have home ranges that *span 10 square miles or more*. Habituation depreciates wildlife's natural independence from people, ultimately, "de-wilding" animals for human convenience.



For more information please visit the PA Game Commission Website at www.pgc.pa.gov.
(information obtained from the website)

-Matt Kramer, PA Game Commission

Household Chemical Collection

October 12th - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

at the Brady's Run Park
Recycling Center



Items to be collected:

Automotive fluids, household cleaners, paints, pesticides, and more

*Fee: \$3 a gallon (a few exceptions apply) **CASH ONLY**



Conservancy Corner

Thanks to our volunteers:

Independence

Conservancy sends a hearty **thank you** to all the volunteers who have helped us get good things done at



Rocky Bend Nature Preserve this spring and summer. If you haven't visited the Preserve recently, take time to go down to the 'crick' and enjoy the trails and the scenery while the days are still warm.

Be kind: Leave nothing behind!



You've probably noticed our new Rocky Bend Nature Preserve signs along Raccoon Creek Road. At the canoe launch, we've added something new – a dispenser for trash bags. Please bag all the trash you generate while visiting the park. If you forgot to bring a trash bag with you, take one from the

dispenser. Bag all of your waste and take it home with you. Do not leave bags of trash anywhere in the Preserve, or in the portable toilets. **There is no trash collection at Rocky Bend. You are responsible for taking away everything you bring.**

- Independence Conservancy

Walk in Penn's Woods

October 6th from 2 - 4 PM



at Rocky Bend Nature Preserve

Please join the Conservancy for a "Walk in Penn's Woods" for a guided, leisurely stroll through Rocky Bend Nature Preserve, Beaver County's newest park. *The tour starts promptly at 2:00 PM from the gravel parking lot at 500 Mowry Road..*

Learn about local history, geology, forestry and waterways. The walk is about one mile over mowed grass with a few short, moderate climbs. Enjoy the sweeping bend, rocky cliffs & wooded hillsides along Raccoon Creek. We'll serve light refreshments at the midpoint of the trail. Portable toilets are available. *This walk is not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers. People-friendly leashed pets are allowed; owners must clean up after their pets.*

RSVP by **OCTOBER 1st** to
RockyBend247@gmail.com



Check out <https://sites.psu.edu/walkinpennswoods/> for more information

Community Tire Collection

Sunday, Sept. 21st: 9AM - 12PM

Hookstown Fair Grounds - 1198 Route 168,
Hookstown, PA 15050

Saturday, Sept. 28th: 9 AM - 12 PM

Brighton Township Public Works - 1250 Brighton
Road, Beaver, PA 15009

Saturday, Oct. 5th: 9 AM - 12 PM

Ambridge Borough Building - 600 11th Street,
Ambridge, PA 15003

Up to 18" off rim - \$3 each

Up to 18" on rim - \$5 each

Over 18" off rim - \$5 each

Over 18" on rim - \$10 each

Tractor trailer up to 22.5" (no rims please) - \$20 each

Farm tractor rear up to 75 lbs. - \$20 each

Farm tractor rear 75 to 150 lbs. - \$40 each

Farm tractor rear over 150 lbs. - \$75 each

www.independenceconservancy.org

Potter Township Wildlife

Eagles

Sadly, our Potter eagles did not produce any fledglings this year. According to Game Commissioner Matt Kramer, this is not uncommon and could have been due to any number of factors. Let's hope that we'll see the eagles back this winter and they have success next year!



Rabbits

Do you have a rabbit explosion where you live? Several residents have commented on the increase of the rabbit population in the township and some have commented that they have not heard as many coyotes as usual this summer. This is a normal routine of nature, "both populations are cyclical and will have times when the numbers are high and times when they are low", says Game Commissioner, Matt Kramer. The rabbit population is at its peak in August and early September but then they will begin to trail off. It is nature taking care of nature.



Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are one of the most fascinating birds that visit our area. Hummingbirds are the only bird that can fly *both forwards and backwards* and if you see one feeding, know that their tongue does 13 laps per second on whatever it is feeding. According to the Penn State Extension most of the hummingbirds in our area migrate to Central America which leads to the question, when should I take down my hummingbird feeder? Some people, (including myself), thought if you left your feeder up too long that the hummingbirds would stay here too late and not be able to complete their migration to the south but according to the National Audubon Society this school of thought is wrong. A hummingbird's circannual rhythm will tell it when to start migrating, when the days start to become shorter, a hummingbird knows it is time to start ...

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Hummingbirds Continued...

... heading south. There are some hummingbirds who do not migrate, but they are only on the west coast of North America. So, when should you take down your feeder? The National Audubon Society suggest leaving it up until **one week past the last time you see a hummingbird**, there might be some stragglers who will pass by and need a fill up.



- Casey Harrington

Upcoming Events



TRICK-OR-TREAT:

Thurs., October 31st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Drivers: please drive slowly & watch for kids

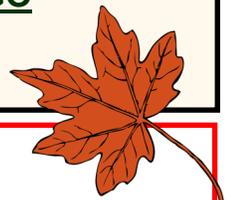
Trick-or-Treaters: wear reflective tape

Please watch your mail for more information concerning the following events.

GOLDEN FIFTIES DINNER



CHRISTMAS BINGO



Time Change...

Don't forget to turn the clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 3rd**





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POTTER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Rebecca Masco Earl 'Butch' Shamp Al Cwynar

Work Sessions — 1st Wednesday of each month — 6 PM

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



PLANNING COMMISSION

Lauren Patton 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!

