

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR NOVEMBER 2012 ELECTION

ALL voters will be required to show a photo ID before voting at a polling place. All photo IDs must be current and contain an expiration date, unless otherwise noted. Acceptable IDs include:



Photo IDs issued by the US Federal Government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania Driver's license or non-driver's license photo ID (IDs are valid for voting purposes 12 months past the expiration date)

Valid US passport (not expired)

US military ID— active duty and retired military (a military or veteran's ID must designate an expiration date or designate that the expiration date is indefinite) Military dependent's ID must contain an expiration date

Employee photo ID issued by Federal, PA, County or Municipal government (not expired)

Photo ID cards from an accredited public or private PA college or university (not expired)

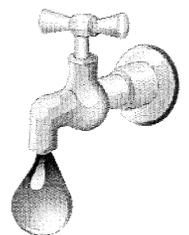
Photo ID cards issued by a PA care facility, including long term facilities, assisted living Residences or personal care homes (not expired)

If you do not have one of these IDs and require one for voting purposes, you may be entitled to get one free of charge at a PennDOT Driver License Center. To find the Driver License Center nearest you, and learn what identification and residency documentation you will need to get a photo ID, or for more information, **visit www.VotesPA.com or call 1-877-868-3772.** You can also learn how you can vote if you have a religious exemption to having your photograph taken.

NO ONE legally entitled to vote will be denied the right to do so. If you do not have a photo ID or are indigent and unable to obtain one without payment of a fee, you may cast a provisional ballot, and will have six days to provide your photo ID and/or an affirmation to your county election office to have your ballot count.

CHANGE IN SEWAGE BILLING

For more than a decade, Baldwin Township residents have paid for water & sewage usage in a single bill issued by Pennsylvania American Water. Starting this fall, **the water company will discontinue billing for sewage.** Beginning in October, the sewage portion of your water bill will be billed separately by Jordan Tax Service. Sewage use rates will be unchanged, residents will just receive two separate bills for water & sewage that will total the same as your previous water bill. Residents will be able to mail sewage bills to Jordan Tax Service, and Jordan will also be handling any delinquent sewage amounts.



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES-PARADE

Inviting all ghostly ghosts, scary monsters, super-heroes and princesses alike! The Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012, at 1:00 PM. All participants will meet in the lower parking lot of the Community Building, 10 Community Park Drive, Pgh., PA 15234. Come out in your best ...or worst... Halloween Finery and meet all the neighborhood goblins and ghouls.



TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2012, between 6:00 & 8:00 PM. All residents and motorists throughout the Township should be mindful of the safety of our children while they Trick or Treat. As always, the Baldwin Township Police Department will be patrolling the streets during Trick or Treat.

CASTLE SHANNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



SPORTSMEN'S CASH BASH

Sunday, October 28, 2012

For ticket & other information

Call: 412-884-7913

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Come & join your neighbors on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 1-3 PM at the Township Community Building, 10 Community Park Drive, Pgh., PA 15234. Kids can have a free picture with Santa Claus and enjoy ice cream with all the trimmings. There will also be raffles so kids can have a chance to win some great prizes. If you plan to attend please email the number of kids you will be bringing to baldwintownship@AOL.com



BUSINESSS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/LIGHT UP NIGHT

The Baldwin Township Business & Professional Assn., striving to make a difference, will celebrate its' 20th

annual 'Christmas Light Up Night' on Sunday, November 25, 2012, at 6PM.

Join your friends & neighbors to welcome Santa & his elves when they arrive by Castle Shannon fire truck at the parking lot at ALDIS at the corner of McNeilly & Sussex Avenues. US Congressman Tim Murphey & State Senator Wayne Fontana will help Santa & his Elves distribute the children's goody bags. This year Mrs. Claus will help Santa seat some children on his lap. All who attend, adults & children individually, will receive a free ticket for multiple gift drawings. Prizes are donated by the members & friends of BPA, whom we would like to thank in advance for their generosity & support. Without them events like these would not be possible. Also, from all of us at BPA to all of you:

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, & HEARTWARMING HOLIDAY SEASON!

MESSAGE FROM THE BALDWIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the start of the 2012-2013 school year, Chief O'Brien, along with all the members of the Township Police Department would like to remind all residents and motorists of the importance of child safety, especially school bus safety. The school year means extra caution while driving, especially around school buses and bus stops. Please get to know school bus rules & laws and review them with your family members, especially young drivers who may be driving to school themselves for the first time this year.

- ♦ When a school bus stops & flashes red lights, traffic approaching from any direction must stop before reaching the bus.
- ♦ Motorists should stop at least 10 feet from the bus.
- ♦ Be prepared to slow down & possibly stop whenever you see a school bus.
- ♦ Know that you must remain stopped for a school bus until the red lights stop flashing & the stop arm has been withdrawn, or until the bus driver or police officer/ traffic director directs you to proceed. Do not move until all children have reached a place of safety.
- ♦ Motorists must stop for a school bus at a four way intersection in all four directions. Driving in front of or behind a school bus while it is loading or unloading children is incorrect. All traffic must stop.
- ♦ Remember the children who are on board a school bus. Township Police, residents, bus drivers and school officials report reckless & irresponsible behavior of some motorists in their efforts to pass or get around a school bus. Bus stops & routes are being monitored by law enforcement, parents & other observers. So, if you find yourself behind a school bus, be patient, & appreciate that our children are being transported safely to & from school.
- ♦ If you are convicted of this law, you will receive ALL the mandatory penalties:

60 Day Driver's License Suspension

Five (5) Points on your Driving Record

A \$250.00 Fine

TRASH COLLECTION 2012

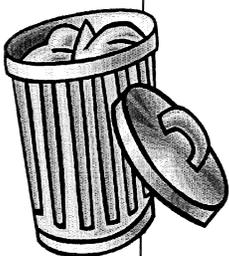
REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION IS ON FRIDAY.
FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF UPCOMING HOLIDAYS THAT
WILL AFFECT REGULAR PICK-UP.

THANKSGIVING DAY-Thursday, November 22, 2012. Pick-up will be
Saturday, November 24, 2012

CHRISTMAS DAY-Tuesday, December 25, 2012. Pick-up will be
Saturday, December 29, 2012

NEW YEARS DAY- Tuesday, January 1, 2013. Pick-up will be
Saturday, January 5, 2013

*Remember, trash should not be placed at the curb before
6:00 PM on the night before pick-up.*



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR & RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

Once again, resident reports about problems with unwanted nuisance cats are on the rise. As always, the cat problem is threefold– owners that allow their cats to roam outside, unwanted cats that have been abandoned, and the resultant colonies of feral cats in our midst that have little or no human contact, and yowl, fight, spray and defile our properties in ever multiplying numbers.

Township Officials and our residents alike continue to grapple with long term solutions. Of course we would prefer that our residents come together to arrive at voluntary and cooperative ways to address this growing problem, so the Township does not have to resort to the sorts of punitive, costly or drastic measures as some other communities have had to employ.

So, please help your neighbors now. Please do not feed stray cats. If you are a cat owner, please keep your own cats indoors, have them neutered or spayed and make sure your cat has an ID tag in case it does get out. Be sure to secure garbage cans and clean up materials around your house that may provide shelter for stray cats. Old tires, boxes and sheds are inviting to strays looking for shelter. If responsible cat owners do the right thing and we all refrain from feeding stray cats, we can work together to address this pesky problem.