

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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BPA HOLIDAY LIGHT UP

The Baldwin Township Business & Professional Association invites you to attend their 'Christmas Light Up Night' on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 6PM. Join your friends and neighbors in welcoming Santa & his elves when they arrive by Castle Shannon fire truck at the ALDI parking lot the corner of McNeilly Road and Sussex Avenue. Elected officials and business owners will help Santa and his Elves distribute goody bags to the children. The members and friends of the BPA want to thank all of the event volunteers. This event would not be possible without their generosity & support.

2015 BUDGET PREPARATION

The Baldwin Township Board of Commissioners will discuss the 2015 budget at the following public meetings:

- October 27, 2014 – 7 pm
- November 5, 2014 – 7:30 pm
- November 24, 2014 – 7 pm
- December 2, 2014 – 7:30 pm



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HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES-

Inviting all ghostly ghosts, scary monsters, super-heroes and princesses alike! The Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday October 26, 2014 at 1 pm. All participants will meet in the lower parking lot of the municipal building. Come out in your bestor worst... Halloween Finery and meet all the neighborhood goblins and ghouls.

TRICK OR TREAT - (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME – 6-8 pm). Trick or Treat will be held on Friday, October 31, 2013 between 6 & 8 pm. Please note the time change. 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.

STREET SWEEPING

The Baldwin Township Public Works Department recently added a street sweeper to its fleet. Sweeping will be performed monthly throughout the township, weather permitting. Please pay particular attention to the street parking rules for your street. Parking is prohibited on all streets from 2 am – 6 am and where identified by signage.

Street sweeping removes gravel, leaves, excess rock salt, grease, antifreeze, oil and other harmful debris that would otherwise wash into catch basins during rain events. Eventually, these contaminants wash into our waterways polluting our source of drinking water. In extreme cases, gravel and leaves can clog catch basins causing flooding and property damage. Homeowners with gravel driveways are asked to regularly sweep loose gravel back into their driveway and consider replacement with a solid surface if practical.

CATS AND STRAY ANIMALS

Resident reports about problems with unwanted nuisance cats are on the rise. This is a threefold problem; owners allow their cats to freely roam, unwanted cats are abandoned in the community, and abundant food sources attract and retain ever multiplying numbers of feral cats.

Residents are reminded that it is illegal under Baldwin Township Ordinance No. 461 (enacted 11-26-12) to feed or provide water to any stray or feral cat or dog, or any other stray animal, or to allow any other persons to engage in such activities on your property.

If you are a cat owner, please keep your cat indoors and have it spayed or neutered. Identification tags are highly recommended in the chance that your cat gets loose. Please secure garbage cans and other materials around your property that may provide shelter.

CASTLE SHANNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

- Saturday, September 13 - Ladies Flea Market
- Sunday, October 26 - CSVFD Train Show
- Sunday, November 2 - CSVFD Sportsman's Bash-Tickets \$40
- Saturday & Sunday, November 22 & 23 - Ladies Craft Show

Call (412)884-7913 or visit www.csvfd.org for more information.



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MESSAGE FROM THE BALDWIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the start of the 2014-2015 school years, please review the school bus laws. 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 must 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, behind or parallel to a school bus while it is loading or unloading children is a violation. All traffic must stop.*
- ✓ **Violating this law carries the following mandatory penalties:**

60 Day Driver's License Suspension
 Five (5) Points on your Driving Record
 A \$250 Fine



Several surrounding communities have seen a spike of vehicle break-ins over the past month. Information received indicates that criminals are canvassing the street after dark checking for unsecured car doors and windows for easy access to items in plain view.

The Baldwin Township Police Department recommends taking the following precautions:

- Park in well-lighted areas
- Close all windows, lock all doors
- Activate any theft deterrent device you may have
- Put packages or valuables out of sight: Loose money, GPS units, laptops and other expensive items in full view invite theft.
- If you park in a commercial lot or garage, leave only the ignition key with the attendant.
- Do not keep license, registration or title in car. If left in car, thieves can use these documents to sell your car if stolen, or to impersonate you when they are challenged by police. Owners who indiscriminately leave keys, registrations and other identifiable material in their vehicles may return to their residence only to find that they are the victims of a burglary.
- If you have a garage, use it. Lock both the vehicle and the garage

WINTER WEATHER

Parking on township streets at any time during a winter storm is prohibited. This prohibition remains in place until the storm is over and no further accumulation is predicted in forecasts issued by local radio or TV broadcasts. **The penalty for violating is a fine up to \$600 plus costs.** Additionally, throwing or placing snow or ice on township streets is **illegal and carries a \$1,000 fine.** Obeying these ordinances make the job of clearing our streets much easier and much safer for all residents

TRASH COLLECTION 2014-2015

REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION IS ON FRIDAY. Collection is delayed until Saturday in observance of the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day
Remember, trash should not be placed at the curb before 6:00 pm on the night before pick-up.

Any collection problems should be reported to Republic Services customer service line: 412-429-2600.

TRASH COLLECTION TIPS FOR BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY

Collection is limited to fifteen (15) bags or containers and no more than 2 bulky items including stoves, washers, dryers, and refrigerators free of refrigerant. **NO televisions, DVD players, speakers, or computers /monitors.** Containers and bags must weigh less than 50 lbs. Construction debris must be in a closed container and not weigh more than 50 lbs. Yard waste must be tied in 18" diameter bundles, can be no greater than 4' long, and weigh no more than 40 lbs. *Contact Republic Services with questions about accepted items 412-429-2600.*

ELECTRONIC DEVICES NOT COLLECTED CURBSIDE

Pennsylvania law now prohibits the disposal of electronic devices in landfills. Such devices contain harmful metals and other materials that can contaminate water supplies and strain conventional waste streams. The Covered Device Recycling Act (2010) requires manufacturers to provide recycling programs for computer equipment and televisions sold to consumers. Most electronics retailers offer on-site recycling services, but it is good practice to verify if the location can accept your device.

To supplement retail collection, several "Hard to Recycle" events are held around Allegheny County throughout the year. The Pennsylvania Resources Council (www.prc.org) coordinates these events and accepts a variety of electronic and other non-traditional waste items, including automotive fluids, for a very minimal fee. **The next "Hard to Recycle" event is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th at the Mall at Robinson from 9am-1pm.**

MESSAGE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN MILLER

Greetings and thank you for the opportunity to say hi!

I am the State Representative for the 42nd Pennsylvania House District – which now includes Baldwin Township. I am very excited for the opportunity to be your voice in Harrisburg. As a former Commissioner in Mt. Lebanon and a volunteer firefighter, I have come to know our local communities quite well. My office has already been meeting with your officials, and I am very excited about the future for Baldwin Township and our region.

I want to be sure you know that my office is here to serve you. We can assist you with many state and government programs. This includes PennDOT forms, Property Tax Rebate forms, unemployment, professional licenses, and unclaimed property assistance. We offer notary services and Port Authority bus passes for seniors at no charge. We also have a variety of informational brochures about state services, local non-profits, and state and county maps.

We pride ourselves on constituent service, so contact my office anytime, whether to share your opinions or to seek assistance with any state agency or service. You can reach us by phone, email, or stop in at 650 Washington Road in Mt. Lebanon. We also send out email blasts with district updates and a monthly online newsletter. You can sign up for those by emailing me at RepMiller@pahouse.net. You can also follow us on social media, including [facebook.com/RepDanMiller](https://www.facebook.com/RepDanMiller) or twitter [@RepDanMiller](https://twitter.com/RepDanMiller).

My office will be holding a variety of events on several important topics in the coming months. A few of them are included below. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events this fall!



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Social Media Safety September 18th at 7p, Keystone Oaks High School	Learn how to keep your kids safe with latest info on appropriate settings for social media sites and apps.
Future Fair October 2 nd from 3p-7p, Seton-La Salle High School	A supplement to college & career fairs, planned with local schools, entrepreneurs, and business groups.
Veterans Mobile Service Van November 10 th at noon, Dormont Rec Center Lot	Allows veterans & their families to get connected to benefits and services offered by the state and county.
18 and the Law November 13 th at 7p, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building	How the law affects you when you turn 18 on issues ranging from contracts and leases to vehicular law to drugs and alcohol.