

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET PLANNED

The Board of Commissioners invites all residents to the Community Meet n' Greet scheduled for Saturday, September 9th, 2017 in Armstrong Park. Activities will take place from noon - 2pm and include face painting, live music, and complementary food and drinks. The Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department will provide fire truck rides to all children in attendance. Come meet your neighbors and elected officials!

ARMSTRONG PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Board of Commissioners approved a 2017 budget containing funding for several park enhancements. They include the removal of old wooden play equipment and the installation of a more accessible play structure. A soft surface material will be installed under the structure to help keep children safe. Railings will be replaced and repaired. Also, the township is undertaking a multi-year plan to remove old ash trees and replant with disease and insect resistant species. Please be patient while work is ongoing and obey all caution and direction signs posted around work areas.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. M-F. Building permits and code enforcement issues are handled by the Building Inspector on Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ELECTRONICS, HARD TO RECYCLE, AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS ANNOUNCED

Pennsylvania Resources Council is sponsoring eight regional collection events in 2017. All events run on SATURDAY's from 9am – 1pm. There may be fees associated with the disposal of some electronic items due to reductions in state funding. Televisions are accepted for \$30 each. You may recycle almost every chemical product found in the kitchen, bathroom, garage, basement, or garden shed at one of three Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. There is a \$3 per gallon fee for disposal and leaking containers are not accepted. Questions should be directed to the Pennsylvania Resources Council (412) 488-7490 or visit www.prc.org.

ELECTRONICS and HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
May 13 th @ The Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills	May 6 th @ North Park Swimming Pool
June 24 th @ Quaker Valley High School	August 19 th @ Boyce Park 4 Seasons Lodge
July 29 th @ La Roche College	September 16 th @ South Park Wave Pool
August 12 th @ Century III Mall	
October 7 th @ Settlers Cabin Park	

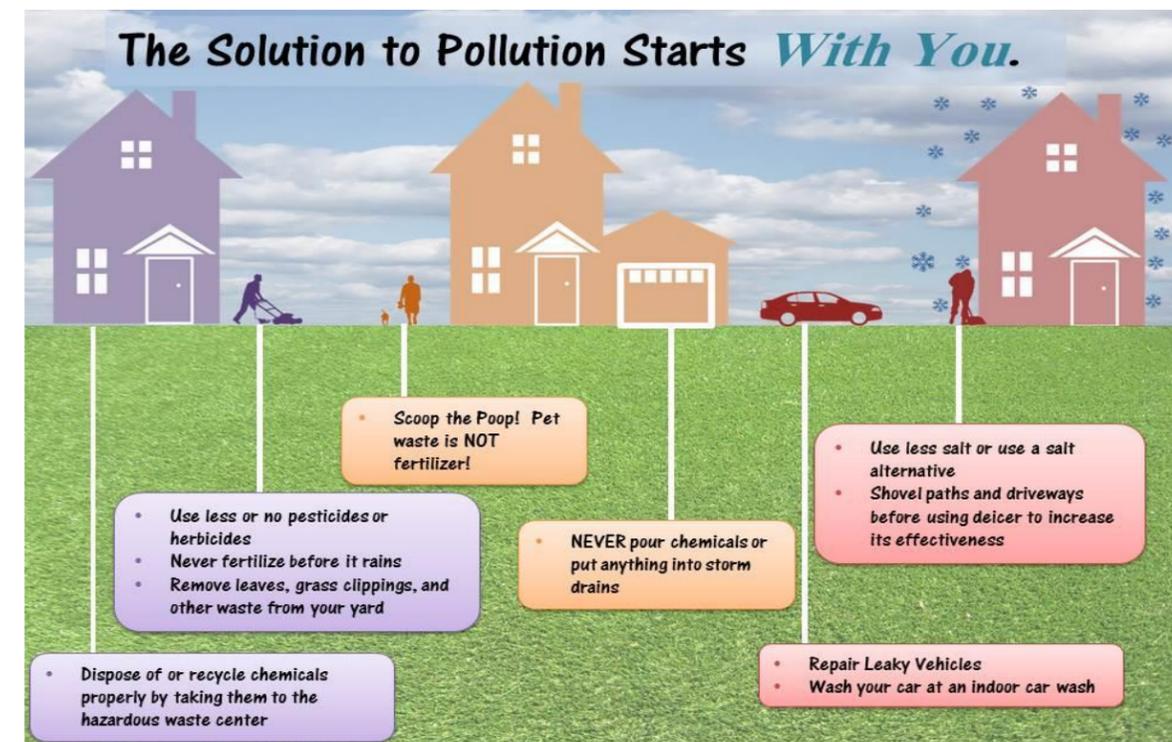
BUILDING PERMITS

Residents may be surprised to know that many home improvement jobs do not require building permits. However, fences, retaining walls, decks and sheds do. Permits ensure work is performed to national construction standards. An improperly constructed retaining wall can result in property damage, legal actions, and costly restoration work. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor- inquire about permits before starting work (412) 341-9597.

SWIMMING PASSES

The Township will again be selling swimming passes to the Whitehall community pool. Our partnership with Whitehall Borough has provided township residents with access to a community pool at a modest price for many years. Summer season passes can be purchased at the Baldwin Township municipal building after May 15, 2017 for \$60 per swimmer. All proceeds are remitted to Whitehall Borough for facility maintenance and operations.

CLEAN WATERTIPS FOR ALL SEASONS



Residents are encouraged to report any dumping of liquids or debris into storm drains to the Municipal Office- (412) 341-9597 between 8:30 am – 4:00 pm M-F, or Township Police Department- (412) 341-5937 outside regular business hours.

Thank you for helping keep our waterways clean!

(Image: Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District).

RESERVED FOR ADDRESS BLOCK

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE BALDWIN TOWNSHIP POLICE:

Overnight On Street Parking Ordinance #272 Review

Township Ordinance # 272 prohibits any on street parking within Baldwin Township between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on all dates. The fine for this violation is \$15.00 if paid within 72 hours by mail or in person to the Township between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If the fine is not received within 72 hours, the citation will be forwarded to District Justice David Barton's office for processing. Court costs will be added to the original \$15 fine.



Residents may request temporary permission (24 hours or less) to park on the street under certain circumstances. Permission requests must be made before the start time of the ordinance enforcement period of 2:00 a.m. on all dates. If a request is received at 2:00 a.m. or after, permission is NOT granted and will result in a parking violation tag being issued to the vehicle owner.

Here is a review for current residents and instructions for our new residents on what is required to gain permission for overnight on street parking. You can contact the Baldwin Township Police Department using our non-emergency telephone number of (412) 341-5937 and leave a detailed voice mail message including the following information:

- *Your full name with return telephone number in case permission is denied or the vehicle needs to be moved during an emergency situation.*
- *The address where the vehicle will be located.*
- *The vehicle description to include the license plate, state of issuance, make, model and color.*
- *The reason for your request. Examples include: (temporary out of town guests with not enough driveway space to accommodate their vehicles and yours, driveway repairs or construction which prohibit use, and vehicles that are temporarily disabled.) All off-street parking options must be exhausted prior to requesting on-street overnight parking. Permission requests longer than 24 hours (extended permission) must be discussed with the Chief of Police in advance and are authorized on a case by case basis.*

Please note: Vehicles should be parked on the street and close to (but not on) the curb so as to not inhibit the flow of traffic. No permission will be granted for on street parking in Baldwin Township during periods of emergency or hazardous weather conditions. Additional state traffic citations can be issued for any other observed violations such as a vehicle facing the wrong way against the flow of traffic, blocking a private driveway, parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, parking within 20 feet of an intersection, or parking within 30 feet of a stop sign, parking in a posted no parking area, or parking on a lawn (a violation of Ordinance #331).

Off Street Parking Ordinance #331 Review

Off street parking except for in a designated driveway area is prohibited. Any violation will result in a state citation being issued with a fine of up to \$300, plus costs. This ordinance prohibits the parking of a vehicle on your lawn (yard), sidewalk, or any other area not specifically designated as your driveway.

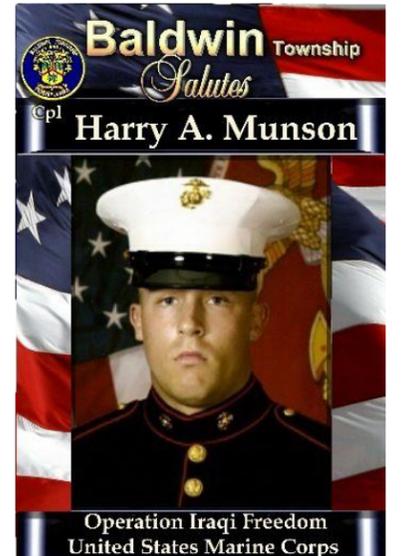
REMINDER: LOCK YOU VEHICLE!

The return of warm weather brings an increase in reports of items stolen from UNLOCKED vehicles. An unlocked door is an open invitation for a crime of opportunity. Remember to lock your doors and hide or remove any valuables. It takes about ten seconds to empty a vehicle of its belongings but it only takes one second to lock it.

INTRODUCING THE BALDWIN TOWNSHIP MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

The Military Banner Program honors our brave men and women who are currently serving and who have served with a 24"x 36" banner displayed on the utility poles lining our streets. Banners will be exhibited between Memorial Day and Veterans' Day for years to come.

Applications are being accepted at the municipal building. You may download an application by visiting www.troopbanners.com/baldwintownship or pick one up in person at the municipal building. Completed applications, along with a photograph and check, must be delivered to the municipal building.



Honorees and their families receive:

- 24"x 36" Military Banner to be displayed around the township
- (2) 12" x 18" family yard banners
- Web presence on the Baldwin Township Military Banner website at www.troopbanners.com/baldwintownship

A one-time fee of \$80 covers the cost to manufacture the banners, banner brackets, and installing the banner. If your banner is damaged, destroyed or weather worn, you may replace it at cost.

Applicants must supply a photograph (preferably showing the honoree in uniform) which will be copied and returned. The photograph will be electronically enlarged for display on the banner so please consider supplying a high quality photograph.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited. Banners will be retired when they are damaged or no longer suitable for public viewing. A new honoree will be hung in the retired honoree's place.

