

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENTS SPONSORED BY PA RESOURCES COUNCIL

Individuals can drop off “e-waste” such as computers, televisions, cell phones, printer/toner cartridges, CFLs and expandable polystyrene packaging material at no cost. For a nominal fee, individuals can drop off alkaline batteries, fluorescent tubes, small Freon appliances and tires. Questions? Call 412-773-7156

DATES AND LOCATIONS:

August 22 -Allegheny County Airport, West Mifflin; 9 AM – 1 PM

August 29 -Heinz Field, North Shore; 9 AM – 1 PM

FIREMAN’S CARNIVAL @ CASTLE SHANNON VFD

Runs July 27 – August 1. Gates open at 7 PM.

-Volunteers needed!-

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



CHILD IDENTIFICATION CARD EVENT-July 11, 2015

The Dormont-Whitehall Masonic Lodge is offering its free child identification program to all residents on **Saturday, July 11, 2015** at the upper level of the Baldwin Township municipal building from 10 AM – 3 PM. Each parent will receive a CD containing a digital picture and video of their child which can be easily uploaded to the PA Amber Alert system. Fingerprint cards and DNA sample kits are also available.

NEWPORT DRIVE PAVING

Residents on Newport Drive should expect minimal disturbance while their street is being paved this summer. The township and contractor will notify homeowners several days in advance of the project start date. Temporary closures and lane restrictions will be kept to a minimum. Detours will be posted.

GAUGING INTEREST IN MOVIE IN THE PARK/COMMUNITY DAY

The Baldwin Township Board of Commissioners wants to know your level of interest in a township-sponsored movie in the park, community day, cook out, or other creative community engagement activity. Share your ideas by calling the township office (412) 341-9597, emailing them to info@baldwintownship.com, or coming to a public meeting on the first Tuesday of every month (7:30p).

CODE ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING PERMITS NEEDED

Most residents are always looking for ways to increase the value of their home with a fresh coat of paint or a new deck. Please keep in mind, however, that new deck requires a building permit from the building inspector. The same goes for installing a swimming pool, fence, or shed. Permits ensure work is performed to township specifications and located solely on your property. An incorrectly located fence can lead to fines and costly restoration work. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor- get a permit before starting work! Contact the township office for more information.

It’s also extremely important that either the homeowner or contractor call for a “One-Call” before digging. Calling 811 takes only a few minutes and can prevent the embarrassment of rupturing a water line, the costly repair of a telephone line, or the disaster of striking a gas line.



STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Flooded roadways, landslides, and property damage are an all too familiar sight in the South Hills. Decades of development coupled with inadequate storm water management policies have created an unsustainable situation. As a result, the township passed a storm water management ordinance in 2006 requiring all new development produce no additional storm water runoff. The ordinance also applies to the expansion of existing structures and impervious areas including driveways, walkways, and patios. Home additions are also covered under the ordinance. **As a precaution, please contact the township office before undertaking any project that could increase the flow of storm water from your property.** There are a variety of management techniques designed to offset the increased flow.

RESERVED FOR ADDRESS BLOCK

SUMMER MESSAGE FROM THE BALDWIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The summer months bring an increase in children playing in or near public streets. Motorists must pay careful attention to their surroundings, obey posted speed limits, and scan yards for children at play. Children focused on play often lose track of their surroundings and can easily dart into the street. Parents should emphasize the following facts about vehicles to their children:



- ✓ *Cars may not appear to be going fast, but it is hard to judge the speed of a car from a stationary place – especially for a child.*
- ✓ *Vehicles cannot stop in place. It takes time for them to slow down and stop!*
- ✓ *Even though you can see the car, it does not mean the driver can see you.*

Later on in the summer as we prepare to head back to school, take a few minutes to review the following school bus safety information with your child:

- ✓ *Arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes early and be sure to shorten or remove drawstrings or straps from clothing and backpacks that can catch on the bus hand rail.*
- ✓ *Stay out of the street while waiting for the bus. When the bus arrives, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before moving toward the school bus to go on board.*
- ✓ *When entering or exiting the bus, stay out of the 10 foot area around the school bus.*
- ✓ *Walk 10 giant steps in front of the school bus so the driver can see you, look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT to see the traffic, and make eye contact with the bus driver and wait for his signal before crossing in front of the bus.*
- ✓ *DO NOT pick up anything that falls under the bus. Tell the driver if you drop anything.*
- ✓ *NEVER walk behind the school bus.*

Parents, for more information and tips like those listed above on helmet fitting, bicycle safety, car seats, and young drivers please visit www.pakidstravelsafe.org.

VACATION HOME CHECKS

Going on vacation and want to let the police department know about your absence? Simply contact the township office and provide us with a few details and we'll make sure a police officer checks on your home while you're away. This service is available year round to all township residents.

OVERNIGHT PARKING REQUESTS

Township residents with overnight guests may request an exemption to the overnight parking prohibition ordinance. Permission is granted at the discretion of the police department and is not guaranteed. Reasons like driveway maintenance or moving are unavoidable and typically granted permission. Frequent use of this privilege, however, is cause for a request being denied. You must call the police department's non-emergency phone line before 2 AM the night you are requesting permission and either speak to an officer OR leave a message with your name, phone number, license plate and address. The non-emergency number is 412-341-5937.

TRASH COLLECTION

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.

Residents should contact Republic Services @ 412-429-2600 to report a missed pickup or to ask questions about accepted items. (continued on top of next page...)

TRASH COLLECTION (continued from previous page)

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.

RENT OUR FACILITIES

Planning a family reunion, graduation party, or baby shower? Consider the township's park and hall facilities for your next function! Armstrong Park provides a pavilion with nine picnic tables, a charcoal grill, and electricity. Also for rent is a 30' gazebo which is great for more intimate events. Renters may provide their own chairs.

The township municipal building hall located on the upper level is available year round and accommodates up to 85 guests. Tables and chairs are provided and the space is equipped with a kitchen. Contact the township office for rental rates and availability.

SIGN UP FOR TOWNSHIP E-NEWS DELIVERY AND ALERTS BY VISITING WWW.BALDWIN.TOWNSHIP.COM

MESSAGE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN MILLER- District 42

We have had a busy Spring full of events in the community – we had fun with boy scouts and girl scouts at All Scouts Day, heard about electric choice from the PUC, learned how to protect ourselves from identity theft and scams from the Attorney General's office, and enjoyed visiting with constituents on a bus tour to Harrisburg!

We also launched our "Conversations that Matter" series – a run of roundtable discussions on tough issues legislators are working on in Harrisburg and that affect people locally. These conversations analyze issues, share stories, and engage with experts on these difficult topics.

If you missed any of the spring Conversations on *The Cost of Getting Sick*, *The Financial & Social Effects of Addiction*, or *State Mandates: The Impact on Local Schools*, we have three more conversations scheduled this fall:

September 24th, 7pm – *Food Regulations: Allergens, GMOs, & Nutritional Content*
Mt. Lebanon Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard

October 15th, 7pm – *Women in the Workplace*
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 933 Brookline Boulevard

November 19th, 7 pm – *Childhood Trauma*
Dormont Library, 2950 W. Liberty Avenue

This summer we also plan to be out in the district hand-delivering copies of our newsletter which will have more information about our upcoming events for the end of the summer and into the fall. Look for us to be out in the neighborhood, and of course the best way to stay informed is to sign up for my electronic newsletter by going to www.pahouse.com/miller/emailsignup or call my office at 412-343-3870.



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