

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

info@baldwintownship.com

10 Community Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15234

412- 341-9597

Baldwin Township Named 2019 Banner Community Honoree

Baldwin Township was honored at a ceremony on March 8, 2019 as a 2019 Banner Community. The program, sponsored by Allegheny County and the Allegheny League of Municipalities, recognizes communities that show a commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. A total of 65 municipalities and four municipal authorities were recognized this year, the program's seventh year.

"I am extremely proud to have Baldwin Township recognized as a 2019 Banner Community," said Eileen Frisoli, President of the Township Board of Commissioners. "While this is the first year that we received this honor, we are committed to meeting the standards of the program for years to come."

A total of thirteen municipalities and municipal authorities received the designation for the first time this year: ALCOSAN, Aspinwall, **Baldwin Township**, Crafton, Hampton Shaler Water Authority, Harrison Township Water Authority, Leet, Marshall, Oakmont, Pitcairn, Plum, Ross/West View EMS Authority, and West Mifflin.

"I'm delighted to see the Banner Communities program continue to grow. Local governments are the closest to the residents they serve, and I'm thrilled to see so many officials and local leaders continuing to strive towards effectiveness and efficiency for those residents," said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. "These officials often don't receive the recognition that they deserve for their hard work. It's just one of the reasons that we have partnered with the Allegheny League of Municipalities on this program. We're proud to celebrate their accomplishments and thank them for their dedication to bettering the lives of our residents."

The March 8 press event and ceremony were followed by a luncheon sponsored by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic (HRG) at the Rivers Club in downtown Pittsburgh.

Baldwin Township is a member of the Allegheny League of Municipalities, a nonprofit organization created in the early 1960s to coordinate the needs of the area's local elected officials. In 1974, it was officially established as the Allegheny League of Municipalities to coordinate, advocate and educate the hundreds of elected officials within its member municipalities in Allegheny County and southwestern Pennsylvania. The organization educates elected officials, delivers essential resources, and advocates for sound policy and legislation.

Living Well in Baldwin Township

Live Well Allegheny was launched in January 2014 by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald as a comprehensive and innovative strategy on wellness that embraces a broad concept of living well to include physical health, mental wellness, personal and community safety, prevention and preparedness, and much more.

On February 5, 2019, the Baldwin Township Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 2019-2, indicating the intent of Baldwin township to work along with Allegheny County to accomplish the goals of the Live Well Allegheny Campaign.

Plans include: establishing wellness trails accessible to residents of all abilities; promoting and supporting farmers' markets; encourage involvement with community volunteer activities; promote smoke-free buildings and perimeters; and provide health information focused on monthly or seasonal events. The Township will share information on wellness campaign events with the community through social media, email and regular mail.

Please call the Township office if you are interested in participating, planning or volunteering in the Live Well Baldwin Township Campaign!



What's the Deal with Stormwater?

Over the past 100 years, streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roofs have been a steadily increasing part of our communities as we've developed more and more of the landscape.

As a result, rain that would otherwise soak into the ground, instead rushes over these nonporous surfaces and into storm drains, which send it directly into rivers and streams.

Stormwater carries an enormous amount of pollution, including sediment, car oil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, pet poop (and viruses and bacteria), and cigarette butts. As you might expect, this has many negative impacts on streams and rivers.



For more information, visit:

"Be Stormwater Smart." Department of Environmental Protection,
www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/Pages/Be-Stormwater-Smart-.aspx.

Rats!

Rat problems are often a shared neighborhood problem. If there are conditions that cause rats to remain on neighboring properties, like improper garbage storage or dog feces that is not regularly picked up, a complaint can be submitted by calling the Township Office at (412) 341-9597. **The Township has a trained and certified pesticide applicator on staff.** Please resist utilizing store bought bait or traps and call or stop into the Township building to request a baiting permission slip.

Signs of a rat infestation include:

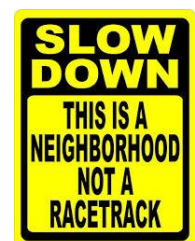
- Live rats
- Rat droppings
- Burrow holes (places where rats live)
- Gnaw marks or holes from rats' teeth
- Tracks or runways, such as rub marks or flattened foot paths outside burrows
- Excessive garbage, pet waste, or clutter that provide rats with food and shelter.
 - Please note that food, garbage, pet waste, construction sites and bird feeders are common attractors of rats

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE BALDWIN TOWNSHIP POLICE

Spring time is usually the start of traffic complaints in the Township. Police will be increasing their frequency of traffic enforcement details throughout the Township over the next few months. Please make complete stops at the posted stop signs, remain within the posted speed limits, and be courteous to all other motorists. Children will also be playing outside and motorists should not be distracted by using their electronic devices while driving. Residents are asked to set the example of proper and courteous driving for those passing through the Township.



The Baldwin Township Police Department wants everyone to be aware of a recent spike in vehicle thefts occurring overnight in or near the Township over the last few months. As the weather gets warmer, this type of crime usually increases. I urge all residents to take an extra minute to lock all of your vehicle doors, remove all valuables from plain view and to assure all windows are up and secure. Please do not leave valuables such as cash/change, wallets or purses, electronics, tools or firearms unsecured or in plain view in a vehicle at any time.



Upcoming Events in Baldwin Township

Saturday, May 4th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Baldwin Township's Plant Swap and Rain Garden Extravaganza

Have extra plants or seedlings? Bring them to the Baldwin Township Plant Swap and Rain Garden Extravaganza! Chat with Master Gardeners and local experts, learn how to build your own rain barrel, and help create the Township's first Community Rain Garden! Lettuce Turnip the Beet will be joining us with a kids sustainable gardening project as well! Meet at the Township Building – Rain or Shine!

(Starting) Tuesday, June 4th 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Food Trucks at Armstrong Park

Mark your calendars for the first and third Tuesday of June, July and August to enjoy the delicious tasting of local Food Trucks such as, Revival Chili, Mission Mahi, Potatolicious, Kona Ice, Pittsburgh Po Boy and Porky's!

<u>6/4/2019</u>	<u>6/18/2019</u>	<u>7/2/2019</u>	<u>7/16/2019</u>	<u>8/6/2019</u>	<u>8/20/2019</u>
Kona Ice	Potatolicious	Kona Ice	Pgh Po Boy	Kona Ica	Pgh Po Boy
Pgh Po Boy	Pgh Po Boy	Mission Mahi	Revival Chili	Pgh Po Boy	Revival Chili
The Coop	Revival Chili	Potatolicious	Mission Mahi	Mission Mahi	Mission Mahi
Mission Mahi	Mission Mahi	Porky's	Burgh Bites	Potatolicious	Potatolicious
Potatolicious			Potatolicious	Porky's	

Saturday, September 7th 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Baldwin Township Community Day at Armstrong Park

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, food, vendors, raffles, music and more!

If you are a vendor and would like a table in the vendor tent, please call the Township office!

Saturday, October 26th – 1:00 pm

Baldwin Township Halloween Parade

Registration will take place from October 1st – October 23rd at the Township Building

Treat bags will be handed out at the end of the parade – you must have a registration number to receive a treat bag!

Prizes given to the top 3 costumes!

Saturday, December 14th – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Breakfast with Santa at the Township Building

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a jolly, holiday brunch – photo opportunities will be available!

Baldwin Township Needs YOU!

With all of these exciting events, comes a lot of opportunity for those who want to volunteer! We are currently looking for volunteers for: setting up and cleaning up events, serving/cooking food, preparing treat bags, community clean up, brainstorming for community planning, and MORE! If you are interested in volunteering with the Township, please call 412.341.9597.



Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for South Hills Pet Rescue! We are truly a community with a very big heart! Keep your eyes open for upcoming drives in the next Winter Newsletter!



**Baldwin Township
10 Community Park Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15234**

Prstd Std
US Postage
PAID
Pittsburgh, PA
Permit # 5673

USEFUL CONTACTS AND PHONE NUMBERS

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers:

Baldwin Twp. Police	(412) 341-5937
Overnight Parking Request:	(412) 341-5937
Castle Shannon VFD	(412) 884-7913
MRTSA	(412) 343-5111
Baldwin Twp. Office	(412) 341-9597
Jordan Tax Service	(412) 835-5243
Waste Management	(800) 866-4460

State Officials:

Sen. Wayne D. Fontana	(412) 344-2551
Rep. Dan Miller	(412) 343-3870

Federal Officials:

Sen. Robert Casey	(412) 803-7370
Sen. Pat Toomey	(412) 803-3501

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. – 4:00p.m.