

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2020

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING IN THE TOWNSHIP

Regular Township garbage pickup will take place every Friday. All garbage materials should be placed at the curb **after** 6:00 p.m. on the prior day and **before** 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of pickup. If a holiday falls on a Friday, pickup will be postponed until Saturday. Please refer to www.wm.com for the latest alerts and possible pickup changes. All questions and complaints regarding garbage pickup may be directed to Waste Management at **800-866-4460**.

Baldwin Township provides the free use of dumpsters for residents to dispose of recyclable materials.

Recycling Bin Do's:

- **Food and beverage cans**
 - Clean and empty tin, aluminum and steel cans.
 - Empty aerosol cans are also recyclable. If the can has a plastic lid, remove it before recycling.
- Clean and dry plastic containers (put the cap back on before tossing in the bin)
- Paper, newspaper and magazines are good to recycle.
 - If paper is soiled or wet, compost it.
- Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard
 - Cardboard pizza delivery boxes without leftovers or liners should be recycled; but leftover crusts, cheese and other food should not.
- Food & Beverage Containers
 - Make sure containers are completely empty to avoid contamination.



Recycling Bin DON'Ts:

- **Bagged Recyclables**
 - Do not bag recyclables. They must be loose in the bin. If you collect your recyclables in a bag, empty them directly into your cart and reuse the bag!
- **Plastic Bags**
 - Plastic bags are not accepted as part of curbside recycling programs - they get tangled in equipment and threaten worker safety.
- **Plastic Wrap & Film**
 - Plastic wrap, bubble wrap, sandwich bags and freezer bags should not go in the recycle bin.
- **Cups with Wax or Plastic Coatings**
 - Cups with plastic or waxed coatings are not recyclable. The plastic lids should be trashed as well.
- **Polystyrene Foam & Plastic**
 - Polystyrene foam, plastic "to-go" containers and cups are made of non-recyclable materials
- **Household Items**
 - Clothing, textiles, shower curtains, mini-pools, fencing and furniture don't go in the recycling.
- **Medical Waste**
 - Medical waste can pose a safety hazard and never goes in curbside recycling or waste bins.
- **Garage Waste**
 - Car parts, scrap metal, tires, filters, propane cylinders and the like are safety hazards



COVID-19 – Staying Healthy, Staying Safe

Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.

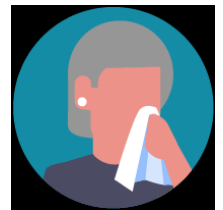
Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- **Everyone should wear a cloth face cover in public** settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker. Currently, surgical masks and N95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.



Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily**. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



For more information, please visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

If you have an **URGENT** question about COVID-19, you may contact the Allegheny County Health Department at: 412-687-2243.

Help for Residents with PENNSYLVANIA 211

Residents can dial 2-1-1 for assistance with everything from paying utility bills to health care, substance abuse and job placement. This one-stop health and human services resource can assist you with everyday needs and in crisis situations. Dial 211 or 1-888-553-5778 or text your zip code to 898-211 for immediate assistance day and night.



Building Permits

Baldwin Township has a new Building Inspector, with new office hours! Chris (of BIU) will be at the Township Building every **Thursday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**. To schedule a meeting with the Township Building Inspector, please call the Administration Office at 412.341.9597.

Residents may be surprised to know that many home improvements do not require building permits – particularly replacement projects or indoor improvements. However, many outdoor projects such as fences, retaining walls, decks and sheds **DO** require proper permitting from the Township. Proper permitting ensures that 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! The Township currently utilizes BIU for all permitting needs.

Township Pet Safety

Following local and state animal regulations are essential in keeping our pets and residents safe. Further, many regulations serve to protect local PROPERTY as well. Here are a few reminders on responsible pet ownership:



What are Pennsylvania's Dog Laws?

- All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the County Treasurer.
- All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.
- It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.
- No dog under eight weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred.
- You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where dogs may easily eat it, whether it is your own property or elsewhere.
- You must have a current kennel license if you operate a facility that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year.
- Dogs and cats 3 months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws.

A few more reminders from Chapter 2 of the Township Code of Ordinances (§2-103. Domestic Animals.)

- It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any domestic animals, except household pets, except as provided in this Section.
- Large animals shall be confined in quarters no part of which shall be closer than 100 feet from the exterior limits of any dwelling or of any property line.
- Small animals shall be kept confined in quarters no part of which shall be closer than 25 feet from the exterior limits of any dwelling or of any property line.
- The keeper of every such domestic animal shall confine the same in an enclosure sufficient to prevent such animal from running at large, and such enclosure shall be of a size conducive to good sanitation practices, and adequate and sanitary drainage facilities shall be provided.
- Every keeper of a domestic animal shall cause the litter and droppings therefrom to be collected daily in a container or receptacle of such type that, when closed, it shall be rat-proof and fly-tight, and after every such collection shall cause such container or receptacle to be kept closed. At least twice a week, every such keeper shall cause all litter and droppings so collected to be disposed of in such a manner as not to permit the presence of fly larvae.
- Every keeper of a domestic animal shall cause all feed provided therefor to be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, container, or receptacle. (Ord. 427, 4/4/2006)

Upcoming Events in Baldwin Township – STAY TUNED

Because of the everchanging environment surrounding COVID-19, many of our scheduled events have been postponed and/or reimagined to ensure safety to all attendees. Please keep an eye on the Township website and Facebook page for updates and changes.

POSTPONED!

Plant Swap and Nature Day

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – 4:00 – 7:00 (or later)

National Night Out! To participate, all you need to do is turn on your porch light!



POSTPONED and CHANGED!

Baldwin Township Community Day at Armstrong Park

Saturday, October 24, 2020 – 12:00

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, October 31, 2020 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Happy Halloween! Trick-or-Treat takes place in the Township Halloween Night from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please drive safely and follow safe trick-or-treating practices!

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Election Day!



Saturday, December 12, 2020 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Breakfast with Santa at the Township Building join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a jolly, holiday brunch – photo opportunities will be available! Please pre-register by calling the Township at 412-341-9597 or email info@baldwintownship.com

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 Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m.