

Fall 2022

Baldwin Township Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **STORM WATER WEEK SEPTEMBER 26-30, 2022**
 - **Watch the Township Facebook page and stop in the office for daily giveaways, activities and SWM info!**
- **BALDWIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY**
 - **Saturday, October 1st, 12PM**
 - **Light refreshments**
 - **Face painting**
 - **Bounce houses**
 - **Games and more**
- **HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION**
 - **Saturday, October 29th from 4pm-6pm at Armstrong Park (inclement weather location – Administration Building Community Room)**
 - **Please join us for a frightfully fun evening of games and activities! Tye Dye – Photo Booth – Candy Apples – Trick-or-treating through the park and MORE!**
 - **Costume contest (for all kids under 18) with CASH PRIZES!**

Baldwin Township Outstanding Citizen Nominations NOW OPEN

Baldwin Township has launched a program to recognize and honor exemplary Baldwin Township citizens who help to create a community that people are proud to call home and who embody the spirit of Baldwin Township. This honor will celebrate citizens who are leading the way to selflessly add to the richness of our Township; citizens who, through their service and dedication, enhance the quality of life of those in our community; citizens who bring ideas and solutions to the Township; citizens who have the best interest of our community in mind; citizens who make us proud to call Baldwin Township our home.

While we know there are many citizens giving back to the community every day, only ONE (1) recipient will be recognized annually. Completed nomination forms shall be accepted until December 31st of each year. All submitted nominations will be thoroughly reviewed by the Township Board of Commissioners prior to selection. Awardees will be notified the following Spring, with a public award ceremony to be held shortly after.

Nominations forms must be completed and returned to the Township Administration office NO LATER THAN December 31st. Forms may be requested and returned via email: nina.belcastro@baldwintownship.com -OR- Picked up and returned to the Administration Building.



REMINDER FROM BALDWIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

KEEP HOUSE AND CAR DOORS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES!

Help reduce your chance of having a burglary to your home or vehicle. The most important thing you can do is call the police to report a crime or any suspicious activity.

TIPS ON HOW TO AVOID BREAK-INS:

HOME BURGLARIES

- ☞ Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- ☞ Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed.
- ☞ Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- ☞ Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- ☞ Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes, or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys
- ☞ Don't share your vacation plans on social media.

CAR BURGLARIES

- ☞ Do not leave valuables in plain view: (GPS devices, laptops, cell phones, MP3's, wallets, purses)
- ☞ Do not leave windows or sunroof open.
- ☞ Do not leave doors unlocked.
- ☞ Do not leave keys in the vehicle.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Monday, August 29 is the first day of school for Baldwin-Whitehall, Seton LaSalle, Keystone Oaks, and Young Scholars Schools



Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law

School bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, transportation providers and the motoring public all play important roles in keeping our children safe while on or around the school bus.

- ☞ When you meet a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ☞ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**, whether you are on the same street or the cross street.
- ☞ You **MUST STOP** at least 10 feet away from the school bus.
- ☞ Drivers do not have to stop on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.
- ☞ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ☞ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

PENALTIES

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all the following penalties:

- ☞ 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- ☞ Five points on your driving record
- ☞ \$250 Fine

For more information about the school bus stopping law and to see photo examples, visit www.dmv.state.pa.us

MESSAGE FROM CASTLE SHANNON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF,

BILL REFFNER JR.



Hello Friends of Baldwin Township,

As we wind down the summer and enter the fall season NOW is a good time to be checking the Batteries on our Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. Along with the batteries, it's also a good time to check the manufacturer dates on the back of our Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors! So how often should we be replacing these devices??? For Smoke Detectors the general rule is to replace every 10 years, and CO (carbon monoxide) detectors is about 5-7 years, as their filters may become clogged or wear out. You can often determine the date your devices were manufactured by checking the back of the alarm, where manufacturers often print the date that the alarm was built. Your Castle Shannon Fire Department will be happy to supply residents with new smoke detectors.

Please reach out to us during office hours at 412-884-7913 and speak with Lora or you may call me:

Chief Bill Reffner Jr.

412-551-9290.

WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?

MEMBERS NEEDED NOW

All Ages

All Backgrounds

Accountants Mechanics
Electricians Retail Workers
Truck Drivers Cooks
Retiree's Students*

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

We Offer Several Different

Membership Levels

Firefighter
(Interior or Exterior)
Associate
Junior (14-17yo)



Benefits of Membership

FREE TRAINING
FREE LIFE INSURANCE
HALL RENTAL DISCOUNTS
USE OF FITNESS CENTER
FREE UNIFORMS/APPAREL
FREE PARKING @ LRT LOT

*FREE TUITION THROUGH
CCAC'S FireVest PROGRAM

**CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT BECOMING A
MEMBER OF YOUR VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

412-884-7913
recruitment@csvfd.org
www.csvfd.org/join



Looking to volunteer?
Don't know where to look?
Do you want to have fun while helping?

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!

We're looking for a few community members to help work our weekly bingo. This community support would allow many of our active members to concentrate on other aspects of the fire department like training and equipment maintenance. Every little bit of helps whether it's one night a month or several.

If you're willing to answer our call or have any questions, please contact our business office at 412-884-7913 and a member of our Bingo Committee will contact you with additional information.



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.



Baldwin Township
10 Community Park Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

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 AM – 4:00 PM M-F

Building permits and code enforcement issues are
handled by the Building Inspector on
Thursdays 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM