Fall 2023 NEWSLETTER

Baldwin Township

UPCOMING EVENTS

PUMPKINS

Stop by the Administration Building between October 2nd and October 27th to pick up your free pumpkin! We would love to share photos of your decorated pumpkins on our website! Please send you decorated pumpkin photos to:

charla.pfeil@baldwintownship.com

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 28, 4-6 pm
Armstrong Park Parking Lot

Get those costumes ready, because we are having a SPOOKtacular celebration in Armstrong Park! If you would like to host a "trunk" please email:

nina.belcastro@baldwintownship.com

NO LATER THAN October 20, 2023.

TRICK OR TREAT

Tuesday, October 31, 6-8pm

Trick-or-Treat will take place in the Township on October 31, from 6-8pm. Please turn on your porchlight if you are handing out treats! If you are trick-or treating, please ONLY visit houses with porchlights on.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

OUR WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK

The new Baldwin Township website is live. Check out our new look at baldwintownship.com

Help for Residents with PENNSYLVANIA 211

Dial 211 or 1-888-553-5778 or text your zip code to 898-211 for immediate assistance day and night.

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.

PENNSYLVANIA 2-1-1 Southwest
United Way

MESSAGE FROM BALDWIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

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- You MUST WAIT until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.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**

Understanding, Treating, and Preventing Alzheimer's Disease
Castle Shannon Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 26th

Today in the United States, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that about 1 in 9 people - 6.7 million Americans - age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's Disease. By the time people are 85 or older, a third will have developed Alzheimer's. As the number of seniors in the U.S. continues to increase, so too will the number who are living with this disease. In fact, barring breakthroughs in prevention or treatment, the number of Americans with Alzheimer's could grow to 12.7 million by 2050 and 13.8 million by 2060.

While the numbers alone are staggering, they only tell part of the story. Alzheimer's, like other serious illnesses, impacts not just the person with the disease, but also their loved ones. With Alzheimer's, though, the impact can be particularly devastating, robbing the individual who is ill of the knowledge of who they are – and the knowledge of who the person is that is sitting by their side and holding their hand. Its effects impact minds, bodies, relationships, finances, families – virtually every aspect of life. But there is reason for hope, as research continues to lead us to new understandings and new treatment possibilities.

That is why I am hosting an event called Understanding, Treating, and Preventing Alzheimer's Disease at the Castle Shannon Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 26th.

Our speakers at this event are both local experts in Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Jennifer Lingler, Director of Outreach, Recruitment, and Education at the University of Pittsburgh's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and Sara Murphy, Vice President of Programs and Services at the Greater Pennsylvania Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will share information and answer questions about Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. They will talk about the importance of early identification, discuss newly approved treatment options, share information about what we can all do to reduce our lifetime risk of developing Alzheimer's, and talk about supports and services for individuals with the disease and their loved ones.

If you are concerned about how Alzheimer's disease might impact your life or the life of someone you love, now or at some point in the future, I hope that you will join us for this special event on Thursday, October 26th. The event is free to attend, and no pre-registration is required. If you have questions or are looking for information, this will be a great place to find some answers!

MESSAGE FROM CASTLE SHANNON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF, BILL REFFNER JR.

As the fall and winter months quickly approach with shorter days and the colder temperatures, I immediately start thinking about making soup, holiday baking, hosting Steeler game parties, and Sunday dinners. Which got me to thinking about this year fall Newsletter Article. SO, the Theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU!" which runs from October 8-14, 2023.

PRACTICE SAFE COOKING

- Never leave your stove unattended while cooking. Stay in the kitchen while you're frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food. If you must leave the room—even for just a moment—turn off the stove.
- Keep your cooking area free of combustible materials. Keep anything that can catch fire, such as food packaging, oven mitts and towels, away from your stovetop.
- Create a kid-free zone. Create a space of at least three feet around your stove and other areas where hot food is prepared.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. This way, they can't be bumped into, and children can't grab them.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby. Make sure you have the correct type of extinguisher and know how to properly use it.
- Keep cooking equipment clean. Crumbs in a toaster, built-up grease on the stovetop, and excess dust behind your appliances are fire hazards.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves. Loose clothing can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Long Hair - If you have longer hair be sure to have it pulled/tied back or kept under a hat while cooking near gas stoves.
- Never throw hot grease in the garbage. Let grease cool before disposing of it in the garbage. Never pour grease or oil down the drain.
- Avoid using kitchen appliances if you're sleepy or have consumed alcohol.

IN CASE OF A FIRE

By practicing safe cooking in the kitchen, you can help reduce the risk of fire or injury. If a fire does occur, it's important to be prepared.

- Your safety comes first. If you cannot safely extinguish a fire, get outside quickly, close the door behind you to contain the fire, and call 9-1-1.
- Smother grease fires. To smother a small grease fire, slide a lid over the pan, turn off the stovetop, and leave the pan covered until it's completely cooled.
- Keep oven and microwave fires contained. Turn off the heat and keep the door closed until the flames are completely out.

According to www.NFPA.com, cooking equipment is the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries, causing 49% of home fires that resulted in 21% of the home fire deaths and 45% of the injuries.

We are always here for you, so if you need anything, have questions please feel free to reach out to us at:

412-884-7913

Baldwin Township
10 Community Park Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

USEFUL CONTACTS AND PHONE NUMBERS

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers:

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

State Officials:

Sen. James R. Brewster	412-380-2242
Rep. Dan Miller	412-343-3870

Federal Officials:

Sen. Robert Casey	412-803-7370
Sen John Fetterman	717-782-3951

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