POTTER TOWNSHIP NEWS Summer 2016

RELOCATION OF STATE ROUTE 18

Shell Chemical is relocating approximately one mile of State Route 18 by 1,100 feet to the south of its current location. The relocation will include widening the road, changing the road's interchange with Interstate 376 (an exit that has previously been dangerous for large trucks) and installing new traffic signals.

Shell Chemical is funding this project and is ready to start work on the relocation. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

JUVENILE BALD EAGLE REHABILITATION AND RELEASE

Thank you to Casey Harrington for reporting and photographing this awesome event!

Recently at the Tank Farm in Potter Township, a young male bald eagle was released back into the wild. Last August, **Beaver County Wildlife Conservation Officer Matt Kramer** responded to a call of an injured eagle on First Energy property in Georgetown. Officer Kramer was able to capture the bird and get it to the proper authorities were it had surgery and spent months in rehab.

We were thrilled to have this young bird released into our Township. The game commission said he should not be a problem for Potter's existing eagles and may not stick around for very long but no one knows for sure.

Congratulations to all who were involved in saving this wonderful bird!

Township Information

Potter Township Municipal Building
206 Mowry Road, Monaca, PA 15061

Municipal Office	**724-495-6220**
Fax	724-495-3222
Email	linda@pottertwp.comcastbiz.net
Secretary/Treasurer	Linda McCoy
Website	www.pottertwp-pa.gov

Emergency	911
Police—non-emergency	724-774-0271
Fire - non-emergency	724-495-3364
Animal Control	724-775-5801

Schools
Central Valley School District

Central Valley Office	724-775-5600
Central Valley High School	724-775-4300
Central Valley Middle School	724-775-8200
Todd Lane Elementary	724-775-1050
Center Grange Primary School	724-775-8201
Latch Key Program	724-774-7020

Utilities

Duquesne Light Co.	412-393-7100
Peoples Natural Gas	800-764-0111
Center Township Water Authority	724-774-7960
Municipal Water Auth of Aliquippa	724-375-5525
J. Young Refuse	724-495-6199

Township Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 10am—4pm
Friday 8am—2pm

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Rebecca Matsco, Chair
Earl Shamp
Al Cwynar

Work Sessions:	
1st Wed	6pm
3rd/5thWed—if needed	6pm
Regular Meetings:	
2nd Wed	6pm
4th Wed—if needed	6pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meetings:	
3rd Thursday	7pm

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Potter Township Road Department just purchased a new skid steer! The uses are endless for our township — grading, excavating, grounds maintenance, planting, lifting, brush clearing, road maintenance, drainage and snow removal!

TAR & CHIP SEASON IS UPON US IN POTTER

A few of Potter's roads will be tarred and chipped this summer. Watch our for our road crews when driving (neighboring municipalities will be assisting). Be prepared for the loose gravel on the road and drive slower to prevent damage to your vehicle!

ALIQUIPPA WATER AUTHORITY RATES

The **Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa** recently passed a Resolution to revise their rates for residential customers as follows:

First 6,000 gallons	**$75.00 minimum**
All over 6,000 gallons	**$12.50 per 1,000 gallons**

If you have already paid your MWAA 2016 first quarter bill at the initial higher rate, you may be entitled to a credit on your next bill. For more information, contact the water authority at 724-375-5525.

Potter Township would like to thank resident, **Midge Conway** for bringing the very large initial increase in rates to the attention of the Potter Township Board at a recent meeting. The Township office relayed these concerns to the water authority (along with many other customers) resulting in the Resolution to lower the rates.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

BEAVER COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEMS

If you hear a siren, turn on a local radio or TV Emergency Alert System station:

AM 1230—WBVP	AM 1020—KDKA	AM 1460—WMBA
Channel 11—WPXI	Channel 4—WTAE	Channel 2—KDKA

RECOMMENDED ROUTE DURING AN EVACUATION

POTTER TOWNSHIP — I-376 — I-79 south to Washington County Fairgrounds—2151 N. Main St., Washington

PICKUP UP POINT FOR PERSONS IN NEED OF TRANSPORTATION

POTTER TOWNSHIP — Potter Township Municipal Building — 206 Mowry Road, Monaca

PUBLIC HOTLINE NUMBERS DURING AN EMERGENCY

BEAVER COUNTY	724-773-6767
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA	855-542-6446

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PLEASE CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE IF YOU OR OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION…

HEARING IMPAIRED	**MOBILITY IMPAIRED**	**HAVE T-T-Y**
NEED TRANSPORTATION	**VISUALLY IMPAIRED**	**SPECIAL MEDICAL ISSUES**

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POTTER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

The Fire Department would like to welcome two new members to our ranks of fire fighters… **Dee McCandless & Robert Smay**! As always, we encourage everyone to come visit us at the fire station on TUESDAY NIGHTS! Potter Fire Department has joined forces with Monaca & Center Twp. Fire Departments for trainings —— allowing us to work together and become more efficient as a team. Volunteers are getting hard to come by with everyone's busy schedule, so we appreciate our new members and working together with our mutual aid stations.

BONFIRE SEASON

We're approaching bonfire season. Please use caution… never have a bonfire near structures, nor on windy days! Have a water source available to extinguish the fire should it get out of control. Be safe and enjoy your summer!

RAFFLE TICKET WINNER

Thanks to all who bought our recent spring raffle tickets! The lucky winner was ROY POORE!

Soup & Bake Sale Cancelled

Due to circumstance beyond our control, we were unable to have the Soup and Bake Sale on Primary Election Day. We are however planning to have it in November on Election Day!

Earn a **$50 donation for Potter Township Volunteer Fire Department** by opening a checking account at WesBanco & earn a bonus of up to $150 for yourself.

Call WesBanco for more details!

The Fire Department would like to extend a special Thank You to Linda & Greg Mitchell for all the plants and aluminum and to Christie & Jim Gabel for the donation of flowers!

Potter Township Volunteer Fire Department shares local Public Safety Program

This year the Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a **Summer Public Safety Explorer Program**. The program will be designed for middle school students with a desire to learn about careers in public safety. The Program is free and the students will be provided with safety related education.

Summer Public Safety Explorer Program details…

DATES: Thursday, July 7th, Thursday, July 21st and Thursday, August 4th
TIME: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
PLACE: Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department
102 Silver Slipper Road, Hookstown, PA
CONTACT: Chief Brian Hanne at brian.hanne@chp.edu / - 724-777-3587
Provide name of parent/guardian, child, email address, mailing address & phone number
You will receive an information packet for enrollment by email or mail.

The Program's purpose is to enhance the student's knowledge and awareness in the avenues of fire and public safety. The educational benefits consist of: CPR/First Aid Training Fire Extinguisher Training/Fire Safety/Public Safety—this includes career field speakers with hands on activities. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in the Program with their child to promote a learning environment for all.

POTTER ZONING ORDINANCES FOR SUMMER PROJECTS

- - - REMODELING THIS SUMMER? - - -

A zoning permit application shall be at obtained least 30 days prior to the start of the project.

A. A zoning permit shall be obtained before any person may:

- Occupy or use any vacant land;
- Occupy or use any structure hereafter constructed, reconstructed, moved or enlarged;
- Change the use of a structure or land to a different use; or
- Change a nonconforming use.

B. Applications for a zoning permit shall be accompanied by an application provided by the Township and such other information as the Zoning Officer may require for administration of this chapter, together with a filing fee as periodically established by the Township.

C. All permits and certificates which are granted by the Zoning Officer or those granted as special exceptions, on appeal to the Board or as a conditional use shall be exercised promptly. If the use and/or the work so authorized are not initiated within one year from the date of the permit or certificate, then such certificate or permit shall be null and void.

- - - KEEPING YOUR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE CLOSE TO HOME? - - -

No more than two recreational vehicles may be stored or maintained outside of an enclosed structure on a lot.

- - - THINKING OF BUYING A POOL FOR SUMMER FUN? - - -

Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep, including in-ground, aboveground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas...

Private swimming pools shall be at least 10 feet from the lot line. Private swimming pools are permitted only when located in the rear or side yards and completely enclosed with a protective barrier at least four feet in height to protect persons or animals from trespassing and to assure that they are not subject to danger or harm. All openings in the barrier shall be equipped with gates or doors which shall be locked when not in use. These shall be considered as accessory uses in residential districts. Swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs shall comply with the Uniform Construction Code.

- - - SO YOU LIKE TO WORK ON VEHICLES? - - -

Except for motor vehicles actively used in connection with farming, commercial, or mining activities in zoning districts where permitted by this chapter, the exterior storage of not more than one motor vehicle that was manufactured for highway use that does not have a current inspection sticker shall be considered an accessory use, but two or more shall constitute an auto salvage business and shall not be permitted as an accessory use.

HAVING A GARAGE, YARD OR PORCH SALE?

Community activities, auctions, garage or yard sales, special events of charitable or public service groups — such signs shall be limited to a maximum area of six square feet and located on the property where such event or activity is to be held. Signs shall not be erected earlier than 30 days prior to the advertised event or activity and shall be removed within 48 hours following the event or activity.

POTTER TOWNSHIP'S ORDINANCES CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT:

General Code — http://www.ecode360.com/PO2079

ZONING OFFICER—DAVE HAGEN—724-495-6220

SEPTIC SYSTEM CARE

For rural communities like Potter Township, maintaining your septic system helps preserve water resources and prevents costly repairs.

There are several things you can do to care for your system:

DO	pump your system regularly, at least every 3 years.
DON'T	pour fats, grease or solids down drains or into toilets, which can clog pipes and drainfields.
DON'T	flush coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene products, cigarette butts or cat litter.
DO	repair faucet leaks, spread out laundry and dishwasher loads throughout the day.
DO	protect your drainfield and buried pipes.
DON'T	park on or drive over these areas.

For more information - check out the SepticSmart page at www.epa.gov.

Congratulations Rebecca!!!!

On April 29thr, **Rebecca Matsco**, a very busy woman not only in our Township but also in the community with many other activities, was awarded the **Civic Appreciation Award** by the Young Lawyers in the Beaver County Bar Association. Potter Township is very fortunate to have her serve on our Board of Supervisors.

Check us out on FACEBOOK!
PotterTwpBeavercountypa

September 1, 2016
Annual Siren Test for FENOC

Hearing a siren does not mean you should evacuate. Local radio and television stations would be the primary means of providing information and instructions to the public.

Have you had a chance to go to the new Potter website? It is growing daily! Please call the Township office if you have any suggestions on what you would like to see on the site.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Potter residents, **Tom & Lois Podnar** for hosting our website through the **Microlite Corporation**.

AES FACILITY DEMOLITION AND REMEDIATION PLAN

NOVA Chemicals' Beaver Valley plant is located at Monaca, Pennsylvania, approximately 25 miles (40 kilometers) northwest of Pittsburgh. The facility manufactures expandable polystyrene (EPS) resins and ARCEL® advanced foam resin. This site also houses the Styrenics Technology Center and the offices for Styrenics Business leadership. Until 2015, a coal-fired cogeneration plant (125-megawatt), owned by AES Corporation, provided electricity to West Penn Power and steam to NOVA Chemicals' Beaver Valley facility and BASF Corporation. The power plant, built in 1942, was acquired by AES in 1985. The property on which the plant is located was leased to AES by Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) on that same date. The ground lease was assigned by ARCO to NOVA Chemicals as part of our acquisition of the Beaver Valley Site in 1996. The coal-fired plant, which included four coal boilers, two turbine generators and coal handling equipment, was shut down by AES in 2015. NOVA Chemicals, as site owner, is now in the process of demolishing and remediating the site.

Three-Phase Demolition / Remediation Plan

Phase 1: Target Completion April 2016 — Secure / Isolate the Site:

- stabilization of stacks
- asbestos abatement of selected external piping insulation
- encapsulation of fibers on external walls of boilers
- removal of precipitator loose fiberglass insulation and metal cladding
- coal storage yard assessment

Phase 2: 2016 to 2017 — Transition of Beaver Valley Utilities to "Stand-Alone": Relocate or replace electrical equipment, river water pressure control system and lime slurry effluent equipment as required to support the Beaver Valley operation.

Phase 3: 2016 to 2018 — Demolish AES Facility and carry out the following in alignment with all regulatory and NOVA Chemicals' standards and requirements:

- market high asset value equipment
- complete hazardous materials assessment and remediation
- remove external buildings and infrastructure
- complete abatement of pipelines
- repurpose coal storage yard
- demolish main Power House building in a controlled fashion.

Potter Township 2016 Community Events

Movie in the Park

Enjoy a movie with family and friends in the Park after dark!

July 15 **8:00 pm**

Annual Family Reunion Picnic

Come out & enjoy a real Potter 'Hoedown'!

August 13 **4:30 pm — ?**

Golden Fifties Dinner

Enjoy dinner at the Township Building with friends!

October 1 **5 pm — ?**

Movie in the Dark

Enjoy a movie with family & friends in the Township Building!

October 22 **Time: TBA**

Trick or Treat

Always a fun night in Potter Township !!

October 31 **5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

Holiday Bingo

Snacks & prizes during the holiday season!

December 3 **6:30 pm**

TANK FARM CLEAN UP DAY

On April 30th, Board Members Rebecca Matsco and Butch Shamp, Road Foreman Justin Cwynar, Vicky Michaels from Independence Conservancy, former Potter intern Kevin Kisow, Shell Chemical representatives, Joe Minnitte, Shannon Debes, Terry Letherby, James Bouanchaud, Jim Sewell & Dan Kubaczyk and local residents met at the Tank Farm for 'Cleanup Day' - a joint effort that day among **Potter Township, Independence Conservancy and Shell Chemical**. Ms. Matsco reported that they had a terrific time and got a lot done with two barns getting cleaned out! Thanks to all who helped!!!!!!

It looks like they did a great job!! If you see Rebecca—ask her how to operate a backhoe!!!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 437 NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 437 would like to thank the residents of Potter Township and surrounding communities for supporting them by attending their first annual Spaghetti Dinner on April 30th at the Potter Township Municipal Building. The Troop raised over $1000 which will go towards materials and camping fees. Troop 437 camped for 4 months in a row starting in February. The troop also worked intensely on their orienteering abilities during 3 of these camping events. In April, the scouts assisted in a Scout Sunday event at Mt. Pleasant Church which ended with a flag retirement ceremony behind the church. Showing their leadership skills, the troop has been mentoring the Webelos at the Pack level by leading them on a 3 mile hike and orienteering in May. They have also been working on their Eagle Scout Required Merit Badge, "Citizenship in the Community".

Seven scouts attended the Potter Township Board Meeting on May 11th. At this meeting, each scout was provided an opportunity to share what citizenship in the community meant to him. The scouts each spent a minute or two boldly expressing themselves to the residents and township supervisors how as a scout they had shown their ability to be a good citizenship by providing specific ways they have assisted in the community. This was also some of the scouts' first time with public speaking. The township commended each scout and spent time talking to them warmly after the meeting and also provided some wonderful cookies during this social time. Troop 437 feels at home in Potter Township and is open to provide assistance in any way to their residents.

Laura L. Given, Troop 437 Assistant Scout Master

Duquesne Light
Our Energy...Your Power

Hazlett Tree Service will be trimming trees in Potter Township from May—October

for Duquesne Light

Unmanaged trees, shrubs and brush growing near power lines can result in interruptions of electric service to customers. Duquesne Light works with communities throughout its 800 square-mile service territory in Allegheny and Beaver counties to manage the "urban forest" so that everyone can enjoy trees that are compatible with safe, reliable electric service.

PENNSYLVANIA ATV REGULATIONS

All ATVs in Pennsylvania, except ATVs used solely for business or agricultural purposes, need to be registered and titled with DCNR.

It is illegal to ride your ATV on private property without permission from the landowner.

ATVs may be operated only on streets and highways designated and posted as an ATV road by the government agency having jurisdiction over that road.

Potter Township

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POTTER TOWNSHIP FAMILY REUNION

AUGUST 13, 2016

Break out your **boots** and **hats**—there's a **HOEDOWN** this year in Potter Township!

Come out and join us for fun & food with family and friends!

Dessert Contest **Bounce House**

Sno-Cones **Cotton Candy** **Popcorn**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH SETUP THAT MORNING!

Please call the Township Office - 724-495-6220 - if you are able to help!