# POTTER TOWNSHIP NEWS

Winter 2016

***Dear Neighbor,***

I appreciate a good welcome mat, the kind that will stand up to plenty of scuffing and scraping and challenging weather conditions. This year, I'm especially proud of the welcome mat that Potter Township residents extended – it's durable, looks great in all kinds of conditions and feels inviting.

In 2016, we welcomed Linda McCoy to her first full year as township secretary and, while the supervisors appreciate her skills in the office and with the community, your visits have also made her work more enjoyable and fulfilling. We said a quiet "hello" and "goodbye" this summer to a team of undercover drug investigators who set up their temporary office in our municipal building to fight the regional drug epidemic. Beaver County was fortunate to have their help, and our residents and staff were very patient while the "guest room" was occupied

Again this year, our bald eagle pair occupied their nest along Route 18 and raised their young—just like so many of us in Potter- and our Tank Farm became the launch site for another young eagle returning to the wild.

When Shell decided to stay in the neighborhood, we got a new Route 18 and 376 interchange as our front door. We griped about the mud that our sometimes noisy guest brought along, but Potter hospitality has held up well and we are giving the new neighbors time to adjust. The project also introduced us to new faces from the environmental activist community and, within weeks, we knew folks by name and asked them to join us at our Family Reunion. Mrs. Cwynar baked cookies for every supervisor meeting so we could host a healthy "community conversation" about life in Potter.

Across the township this year, long-time residents moved on and brand new households were established. The scuffing and scraping of changes coming to our community means we get out and shake our mat from time to time so we can see the "Welcome" a little more clearly, since we are not the first residents of Potter Township and we won't be the last. I hope you know that you are welcome here!

See you soon,

**Rebecca**

## Township Information

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

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| **Municipal Office** | **724-495-6220** |
| Fax | 724-495-3222 |
| Email | linda@pottertwp.comcastbiz.net |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Linda McCoy |
| Road Department | Justin Cwynar |
| Website | www.pottertwp-pa.gov |
| Facebook | Potter Twp Beavercountypa |

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

**Schools**

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| **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**

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| 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 |
| Valley Waste Service | 724-843-9373 |

**Real Estate Tax Collector**

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| Christie Floyd-Gabel | 724-495-7279 |

**Township Office Hours**

**Monday—Thursday 10 am—4 pm**
**Friday 8 am—2 pm**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Rebecca Matsco, Chair**
**Earl "Butch" Shamp**
**Al Cwynar**

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| **Work Sessions:** | |
| **1st Wednesday** | **6pm** |
| **3rd/5thWednesday—if needed** | **6pm** |
| **Regular Meetings:** | |
| **2nd Wednesday** | **6pm** |
| **4th Wednesday—if needed** | **6pm** |

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

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| **Regular Meetings—if needed:** | |
| **Thursdays** | **7pm** |

## POTTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

# HALL RENTAL

**Please remember to book you hall rental for 2017 early. Dates for the summer are filling up fast!**

***SEATING FOR OVER 100***
***FULL SERVICE KITCHEN WITH COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR & ICE MAKER***
***TOWNSHIP PARK & PAVILION***
***FREE WIFI***
***FLAT SCREEN TELEVISION***
***PLENTY OF PARKING***

**Residents…….$150.00 Non-Residents…….$250.00**
**Security Deposit …….$100.00**

Call 724-495-6220 for more information.

## POTTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

**A 'Shout Out' to Nicole Cwynar and the Potter Township Recreation Board Members for another great year of fun & exciting activities in the Township!**
**The Rec Board acquired a few new members this year who are excited to bring their ideas to the table.**
**The Board will meet in January to set the schedule for next year.**
**Look for the Township Spring Newsletter for the scheduled 2017 activities!!!**

## NEW GARBAGE SERVICE IN POTTER TOWNSHIP

**Valley Waste Service** has been awarded a 3 year contract to provide residential garbage service in Potter Township! They are a local family-owned company and wish to extend a welcome to their new customers! A newsletter from the company will be going out to all residents soon, explaining their guidelines for garbage pickup.

**PLEASE NOTE—GARBAGE PICKUP WILL NOW BE FRIDAY MORNING BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2017**

J. Young Refuse's **last pickup** will be on **Wednesday, December 28, 2016.**
Valley Waste Service will **start their pickup** on **Friday, January 6, 2017.**
**Friday pickups will start at 6:00 am in the Township.**

If you have any questions, please call the Township Office (724-495-6220)
or Valley Waste Service (724-843-9373).

Congratulations to Amanda Rodgers of Center Township—winner of the **"HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET"** - and thank you for the donation too!!!!

***The Fire Department thanks everyone who donated baked goods and soups, along with their time in helping to make this year's SOUP & BAKE SALE a HUGE SUCCESS!!!***

# SAFETY

***It's that time of year again…***
***cold weather will soon be here!***
***Please have your furnaces and chimneys checked.***

***Did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when the clocks changed?***

**Carbon Monoxide Poisoning occurs mainly in cold weather.**
**Exposure to CO can cause loss of consciousness and death.**
**Common Symptoms are—*HEADACHE, DIZZINESS, NAUSEA, VOMITING & CONFUSION.***

**CO POISONING PREVENTION TIPS:**
**NEVER use a gas range or oven to heat your home - NEVER run a generator or gas powered engine outside an open window where exhaust can come into an enclosed area and NEVER run them inside a basement, garage or enclosed structure.**
**If CO poisoning is suspected, call 911 IMMEDIATELY!**

**WINTER HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO GET TOGETHER. BUT—THAT ALSO MEANS A GREATER RISK FOR FIRE. FOLLOWING A FEW SIMPLE TIPS WILL ENSURE A HAPPY AND FIRE-SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

**C**hoose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant
**K**eep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn
**S**ome lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both
**R**eplace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections
**R**ead manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

**T**est your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan
**K**eep children and pets away from lit candles
**K**eep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet
**S**tay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop
**A**sk smokers to smoke outside & remind them to keep their smoking materials away from children

## *Before Heading Out or to Bed*

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go the bed!
Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed!

## FACTS

- Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles
- Nearly half of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source

## MIDGE CONWAY

Midge Conway, a long time resident of Potter Township, recently sold her home on Mowry Road and moved to be near her family. Midge and her husband Joe moved to Potter Township in 1965 where they raised their two daughters Terry & Colleen. Both Joe and Midge generously volunteered their time and talents in many ways with Joe serving as Fire Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Emergency Operations Management and Midge serving on numerous boards and committees - Ladies Auxiliary, Potter School PTA, Board of Elections, Recreation Board and Township Auditor. She assisted with many of Potter's fund raisers such as hoagie sales, bake sales and fish frys. Her last official duty was November 8th where she finished her service to Potter on the Elections Board.

***Midge - Thank You for all you service - you will be missed. It's time to relax and enjoy your family!***

*The success of Potter Township is a reflection of the ever-increasing dedication and enthusiasm that the staff and volunteers display on a continual basis. The Board would like to personally thank you for your contribution of time, creativity and energy. We look forward to working with you in the new year!*

### *EMPLOYEES*

Thank you **Justin Cwynar, Linda McCoy, Angelo Manoleras and our part-time intern Kalyn Marksteiner** for proving great customer service to our residents!

### *PLANNING COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS*

Thank you **Pete Urtz, Lenny Miller, Ron Robinson, Casey Harrington, Philip Floyd, Tim Robinson and Lauren Patton** for helping us develop well!

### *RECREATION BOARD VOLUNTEERS*

Thanks to **Nicole Cwynar, Barbara Nelson, Christie Floyd-Gable, Linda McCoy, Patricia Karanovich, Lauren Patton, Marie Dohanich and Denise Lanigan** for keeping us socially connected!

### *POTTER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT*

Thank you to **Chief Vicki Carlton** and her volunteers for keeping Potter safe!

… as well as the countless volunteers who make our Annual Family Reunion a success
and our Emergency Coordinator Jim Bishop, who reassures and keeps us ready for anything.

# Merry Christmas from Rebecca, Butch and Al

## REACH OUT AND CONNECT WITH POTTER TOWNSHIP

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| Website | www.pottertwp-pa.gov |
| Facebook | Potter Twp Beavercountypa |

Join us on facebook

Do you want your next newsletter e-mailed to you?
Please contact the township office via email:
linda@pottertwp.comcastbiz.net.

# WINTER TOWNSHIP ROAD SAFETY

At this time of year, residents are reminded to avoid parking on township roads, which is prohibited year-round but a hazard when plows are at work. Fines may be incurred for each infraction and vehicles may be impounded for frequent or continuing infractions. Temporary parking permits may be obtained for special circumstances but must be applied for at the Municipal Office. When clearing your driveway, **please do not push snow out onto the road**. This can cause another driver to have a serious accident when driving through the mound of snow. Please push your snow to the side of your drive. Also… please make sure your mailbox post is secure during snow plowing season!

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

SWIFT 911 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES

The Beaver County, Pennsylvania Emergency Alerts Swift 911 mass notification system is utilized to alert residents regarding emergencies such as fires, outages, floods, hurricanes, evacuations and more. Beaver County Emergency Alerts deliver messages via multiple contact methods including voice, text and email.

**Register now to receive Beaver County, PA emergency alerts…**
**http://www.beavercountypa.gov/beaver-county-emergency-alerts-swift-911**

## FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CUPBOARD

**1st SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**
**9:00 AM—11:00 AM**
**Christian House Baptist Church**
**814 Route 18—Raccoon Township 724-495-3330**

FOOD PANTRY

**The Food Pantry & Clothes Cupboard provides food and resources to people in need living in the surrounding communities.**
**If you do not have a need, but have the ability to donate or volunteer, please call the church and see what you can do to help your neighbors!**

## CENTRAL VALLEY PTA - WARRIOR PANTRY/ BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

Central Valley PTA has partnered with the Warrior Pantry/Backpack Buddies Program. Please help stock their shelves and fill the backpacks. Donations will be used to help support families in need within the district. Because… every child should hunger for knowledge, not food.

**SUGGESTED ITEMS:**

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| Breakfast Bars | Cereal | Pop Tarts | Juice Boxes | Fruit Cups | |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Pudding Cups | Apple Sauce | Mac & Cheese | Cereal Bars | Fruit Roll Ups |
| Ramon Noodles | Raisins | Peanut Butter & Jelly | Canned Vegetables | Pasta | |
| Soup | Tuna | Box Potatoes | Rice | Crackers | Cake Mix |

***Monetary donations will be accepted. Checks can be made out to CVSD Food Pantry.***
***For information on donations, please contact Marianne Neville @ 724-775-4300 Ext. 14116***

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**Fax: 724-495-3222**

# REORGANIZATION MEETING NOTICE

**The Supervisors' Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:00pm at the Municipal Building.**

**All residents are invited to attend.**

*The Township Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays from December 26, 2016 through January 2, 2017.*

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**The Potter Township Supervisors and Employees extend to you and your family our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**
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