

POTTER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011

MEET YOUR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS: Bob Corman, Dick Decker-Vice Chair, Denny Foust, Tom Sharer-Chair and Jake Tanis. They are proud to continue to keep spending within the budget without increasing taxes! Potter Township millage is 0.58 on your assessed property valuation, and 1.0 mill for the Fire Company.

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION

APRIL 25 and 26, 2011

Call Potter Township office no later than April 22, 2011 at 364-9176 with your name and address for your brush to be collected. For Township residents only.

The rules are:

- Collection will be **one time around** the Township only.
- Be reasonable. Make your pile manageable & don't expect the crew to spend a whole day just chipping your pile of limbs.
- Place brush next to the Township road.
- Pile all cut ends the same direction toward the street.
- We will accept limbs up to 6" in diameter only.
- No old firewood or lumber.
- **It must be piled properly or it will not be picked up.**

Equipment limitations require that brush must be separate from leaves and other debris. We do not pick up leaves.

Please observe these rules for the safety of our crew!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS for FALL BRUSH
September 26 and 27, 2011 same rules apply**

Wood chips are free to Township Residents when available; limited to equivalent of one pick-up load. Please call 364-9314 for more information and availability.

SPRING RIFF RAFF

MAY 6 and 7, 2011

Riff Raff collection will be held Fri. **May 6**, 7 AM to 3 PM and Sat. **May 7**, 7 AM to 12-Noon for Potter Township residents only. You must bring your items to the Township building. Items accepted are: appliances, furniture, heavy metal items your refuse collector will not take and tires off the rims (limited to 6 per household). The loads will be checked at the gate.

We will pick up for Senior citizens aged 65 or older & handi-capped residents but you must call the Township at 364-9176 **no later than Wed. May 4** to arrange for pick-up on Thurs. May 5, 2011.

FALL RIFF RAFF -MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 30 and Oct 1 (same rules apply-call 364-9176 with questions)

Thank you for participating in the 2010 Census. It benefits the Township & you to get an accurate head count.

Volunteer - get involved - learn about local government. Boards for volunteers to serve on are: Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing, Tri-Municipal Park & Rec Advisory Board, Centre Hall-Potter Sewer Authority, Penns Valley Regional Planning, PV EMS, Spring Creek WS Commission. Please send your letter of interest to Township Secretary, 124 Short Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875 or email to secretary@pottertownship.org. A special appreciation goes to our fire fighters, emergency service personnel and to all volunteers who keep us a proud Township.

Watch for infestations of mosquitoes which may carry West Nile Virus or for dead birds possibly infected by the WNV. Call Centre Co. Planning at 355-6791 if you see signs of WNV.

STAFF: Budd Brooks, Road Superintendent 364-9314
roads@pottertownship.org (7:00 - 3:30)
Brenda Burd, Secretary, 364-9176 fax 364-2809 (8:00 - 5:00) @
124 Short Rd secretary@pottertownship.org
Jeff McClellan, Zoning Officer/Sewage Administrator
364-2456 or 531-4068 zoning@pottertownship.org available
Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 125 Short Road

Centre Hall-Potter Town wide Yard Sales 2011 will be **June 24 & 25** !

ON ROADS: The Road Crew tries to avoid damaging anyone's property when plowing but sometimes vehicles are parked in Twp legal Right-of-way & mailboxes are often placed in the legal Right-of-way which means the Township is **NOT** liable for damages to vehicles or mailboxes in Twp legal right-of-way caused by snow removal operations. We remind you **no parking** is allowed on township roads, in cul de sacs, or in our legal right-of-way. We strongly urge property owners to make sure their mailboxes are strong & are on strong supports so they will better be able to withstand the force of snow from the plow.

* **No burning is allowed within the Township Right-of-Way, which is 16-1/2 ft. from the center of the road.**

* Although burning is allowed in the Township, please don't burn garbage, rubber, styrofoam, plastic or other pollutants-it's against DEP regulations.

* If you plan to pave your driveway and it abuts a Township road, you must have a driveway permit. Permit fee is \$25.00. Please contact the Road Superintendent, Budd Brooks, at 364-9314 to acquire a driveway permit.

AND

Your road crew currently consists of Budd Brooks, Road Superintendent, Darrell Knepp & Rodney Johnson.

* *Zoning Permits are required! Jeff McClellan is our Zoning Officer. His zoning hours at 125 Short Road, are Tues. 8:00 am-12:00 & Thurs. 1:00-5:00 pm & Wed. evenings by appt. His office phone is 364-2456. His email address is: zoning@pottertownship.org

* *Jeff is also the Township's Sewage Management Administrator. His hours at 125 Short Road are Tues. 1:00-5:00 pm & Thurs 8:00 am-12:00. Phone 531-4068.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES FOR REMAINDER OF 2011

Supervisors: Mon. 5/2 & 5/9, 6/13-only, 7/11-only, 8/8-only, 9/12 & 9/19, 10/3, 10/10 & 10/17, 11/7 & 11/14, 12/5 & 12/12.

Planning Commission: Tues 5/3 & 5/24, 6/7 & 6/28, 7/5 & 7/26, 8/2-only, 9/13 & 9/27, 10/4 & 10/25, 11/1-only and 12/6-only in Dec.

The **Onlot Sewage Management Program** is now beginning its 2nd year. During 2010, 396 letters were sent out by the Township for septic tank pumping and 228 of the letters to people to pump their septic tanks were also scheduled for a site inspection. The site inspections were conducted in the southern end of the Township which is the headwater area of the Seven Mountains. As a result of those inspections, 59 repair permits were issued with 55 repairs being completed to date. The majority of these repairs took place on the DCNR leased campsites. This Spring another 380+ notices will be mailed from the Program Administrator. Please read your letter carefully to find out what you need to do as all letters are not the same. The Township Board of Supervisors wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation in this matter.

Potter Township
124 Short Road
Spring Mills, PA 16875

The **Potter Township Planning Commission** Current members, appointed by the Supervisors, are: Ron Grove- Chairman, Karl Eysenbach-Vice Chair, Dick Decker, Melvin Dutrow, Paul Sampsell, Mike Troyan, & Pam Winter. Meetings, all open to public, are normally the 1st and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Township Building. The Commission wishes to thank Lynda Powell for her service on the Commission. Lynda was instrumental in setting up the display for the Township at Grange Fair the last couple years and offered to continue that service. Thank you Lynda!

2011 Centre Hall Fire Company Carnival is June 7-11 at the Grange Fair Grounds Rides by Bartlesbaugh's Amusements.

There will be nightly entertainment ending with a parade Sat. 6/11 at 5:00. Contact Brian Tice for more information.

CENTRE HALL FIRE COMPANY

Call 364-1816 for information on how you can serve. Visit their web site at www.centrehallfireco.com

In 2010 the Fire Co. responded to 169 calls. 17 in Centre Hall Boro, 104 in Potter Township, 9 in Gregg Twp, 7 in Armagh Twp, 4 in Haines Twp, 4 in Miles Twp, 6 in Bellefonte, 2 in Spring Twp, 6 in Harris Twp, 2 in Penn Twp, 1 in Milesburg, 2 in Granville Twp, 2 in Lewistown, 1 in Burnham, & 1 in Porter Twp. Calls include 19 accidents, 1-w/entrapment, 12-automatic fire alarms, 2 chief's calls, 4 chimney fires, 1 CO alarm sounding, 8 dwelling fires, 4 hazardous conditions, 4 inside investigations, 3 landing zone, 10 medical assist, 5 mutual aid-accident, 21 mutual aid-fire, 6 mutual aid-misc, 3 outside investigations, 7 public service, 1 search detail, 1 specialized rescue, 8 stand-by, 18 traffic control, 11 transfer, 5 wildfires, 9 wires down & 5 auto fires. Thank you responders!

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The Township Ordinances are in the process of being re-codified and will be on-line hopefully by the end of 2011.

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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Emergency (Fire, Police, Ambulance) **911**
- PA State Police non-emergency 355-7545
- Centre Hall Branch Library 364-2580
- Centre Hall Post Office 364-1895
- Spring Mills Post Office 422-8789
- Real Estate Tax Collector, Bill Pyle 364-9240
- Earned Income Tax Collector, Brenda Hile 364-5125
- Building Inspector, Harry Burd 364-1133
- Sewage Enforcement Officer, Charles Herr 422-8577
- Centre Hall-Potter Sewer Authority-Dave Hartnett 364-2710
- Township web site: pottertownship.org

POTTERS MILLS The Township has become proactive & is undertaking a 537 study of sewerage facilities for Potters Mills & surrounding area. The study will start by completing the onlot septic system inspection already scheduled for the area. It will include water supply & runoff water testing, locating existing septic system components & wells. It will analyze sewage treatment options, solution costs & schedules. The Township recently purchased a property at the North end of the Village of Potters Mills with the plan of using it as a site for a common treatment system. Preliminary planning is considering the use of onlot septic tanks with only effluent (liquid portion) pumped to the treatment area. An income survey will be conducted in an effort to help obtain grants &/or low interest financing. Affected property owners & others involved with the study attended public informational meetings 3/17/11. Questions may be addressed to any Supervisor.

Township representatives serving on boards: Penns Valley Regional Planning (2-year term) are: Ron Grove thru 12/31/11 & Dick Decker thru 12/31/12; On Tri-Municipal Park & Rec Advisory Board are: Denny Foust (3-yr), Mark Sharer (2-yr), Michael Troyan (1-yr) & Dave Whiteman is Alternate; On Fire Co. Tax Committee is Denny Foust & Jake Tanis; On Centre Hall-Potter Sewer Authority (5-year term) are: Mark Ralston thru 12/31/12 & John Mazich thru 12/31/15; Zoning Hearing Board are: Dennis Grove, Mike Clitherow, Todd Bowersox & John Zerby, thru 12/31/13 & Madge Ludwig until 12/31/11; On Spring Creek Watershed Commission (annual) is Bill Fleckenstein with Ann Glaser as Alternate; Vacancy Board (annual) is Melicent Sammis; Penns Valley EMS (6-yr term) is Tom Sharer thru 12/31/12.

RECYCLE

Recycle bins in the Township are at the Township building, next to Snappy's along SR 45, Country Club Park along SR 45 near Harris Twp, & at Boy Scouts Camp in Seven Mountains.

We accept Christmas trees during December & January each year.

And

Centre County Solid Waste Authority will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event April 29 & 30. Call 238-7005 for info.