

## SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION

**April 26 and 27, 2010**

For Township residents only. You must call the Township office no later than April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 364-9176 with your name and address for your brush to be collected.

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 in 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!*

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

**\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS \*\***

**\*\*FALL BRUSH** collection will be Sept 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010-call by Sept 24 **\*\*Same rules apply**

## SPRING RIFF RAFF

**April 30 and May 1, 2010**

Riff Raff collection will be held Fri. **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, 7 AM to 3 PM and Sat. **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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. Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>** to arrange for pick-up on Thurs. April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\* In conjunction with the Township's riff raff, Centre County Solid Waste Authority is holding a household hazardous waste event Apr 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>. Call 238-7005, 1-800-60-6649 or email [wasted5@uplink.net](mailto:wasted5@uplink.net) for more info!**

**\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\***

**\*\*FALL RIFF RAFF** will be October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Seniors Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Same rules apply\*\*

**YOUR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** are Bob Corman, Dick Decker, Tom Sharer-Chairman, Ron Sweitzer-Vice Chairman and Jake Tanis. They continue to keep 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.

Potter Township's new Emergency Management Coordinator is Dave Hege. Dave submitted new Emergency plans & Notification resource guides to the Supervisors which they approved in March 2010 & are available at the Township office.

**A huge thank you to Willard Muthersbaugh who served this position since 1970!**

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## **Potter Township's Round Barn 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration!**

This year marks the centennial of this landmark.

Celebration will be on Sat., Oct. 16, 2010. There will be cake, a "bake-off", treats for sale by local organizations, activities for children, and tours of the barn! Township native Ruth Rishel is compiling a book about Calvin Neff and his round barn, with the help of a grant from Potter Township Supervisors. The book will be available for sale this summer. Contact LeDon Young at 364-1495 for more details.

Centre Hall-Potter Town-wide Yard Sales 2010 will be **June 25 & 26 !**

**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.

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

\* 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.

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Your road crew is **Budd Brooks, Road Superintendent, Phil Orndorf, Jr., Foreman, Darrell Knepp, & Dean Smith.**

**Hope you sent your census form in! It's important to the Township that everyone is counted!!**

**Each year during Dec. and Jan. we accept real Christmas trees for recycling.**

The Potter Township Planning Commission is established under Article II of PA Municipalities Planning Code with responsibilities to prepare a comprehensive plan for development of the Township. This was initially achieved with a Township Comprehensive Plan. In 2006 the Supervisors adopted the Penns Valley Comprehensive Plan (PVCP) for the Township & it now serves as the basis for the Commission's operation. Planning Commission members, appointed by the Supervisors, are: Ron Grove-Chair, Pam Winter, Vice Chair, Dick Decker, Karl Eysenbach, Paul Sampsell, Lynda Powell & Kevin Daniels. Meetings, all open to public, are normally the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Township Building.

Since last newsletter, we have developed & supported the passing of a Wind Ordinance for small residential & agricultural electric generating wind mills. We have worked on the clarification of the zoning ordinances & the Township Ordinance for implementing an on lot Sewage Management Program. We had a very successful display at Grange Fair in 2009 & are working on another display for the 2010 fair.

### CENTRE HALL FIRE COMPANY

Call **364-1816** for information or visit their web site at [www.centrehallfireco.com](http://www.centrehallfireco.com)

The 2009 Fire Co. statistics are: responded to 196 calls 20 in Centre Hall Boro, 126 in Potter Township, 15 in Gregg Twp., 7 in Armagh Twp., 2 in Miles Twp., 4 in Bellefonte, 10 in Spring Twp., 7 in Harris Twp., 2 in Penn Twp., 1 in Walker Twp., & 2 in College Twp. Calls include, 30 accidents 3-w/entrapment, 5 chief's calls, 11 outside investigations, 20 public service, 7 medical assist, 2 Haz.conditions, 11 transfers, 19 traffic control, 3 chimney fires, 4 CO alarm sounding, 4 mutual aid-accident, 11 mutual aid-fire, 17 mutual aid-misc, 10 dwelling fires, 1 landing zone, 7 wildfires, 6 automatic fire alarm, 3 chimney fire, 14 wires down, 5 auto fires, 3 training; also 19 stand-bys & 1 specialized rescue.

**2010 Centre Hall Fire Company Carnival is 6/8-12** at the Grange Fair Grounds in conjunction with Centre Hall Borough's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary

\*Entertainment nightly: 6/8 & 6/9 DJ Heverly; 6/10 kiddie tractor pull; 6/11 Fat Girl Slim @ 7&10PM, with Fireworks at @ 10:30 & 6/12 parade at 5:00 with Foxy @ 7&10PM. Bartlebaugh's Amusements.

### TOWNSHIP E-MAIL/PHONE DIRECTORY

Web site: [pottertownship.org](http://pottertownship.org)

- Potter Township Office-Brenda Burd:  
Phone 364-9176; fax 364-2809  
Hours: 8-12 & 1-5 M-F  
Email: [secretary@pottertownship.org](mailto:secretary@pottertownship.org)  
124 Short Rd, Spring Mills 16875
- Potter Township Zoning-Jeff McClellan:  
Phone 364-2456  
zoning hours: Tues 8:00-11:30 & Thurs 1:30-5:00  
Email: [zoning@pottertownship.org](mailto:zoning@pottertownship.org)  
125 Short Rd, Spring Mills 16875
- Sewage Management Administrator-Jeff McClellan:  
Phone 814-531-4068  
125 Short Rd, Spring Mills 16875

sewage mgmt hours: Tues 1:00-5:00 & Thurs. 8:00-12:00 noon  
Jeff is in his office Tues. & Thursdays-Zoning & Sewage Mgmt

- Road Superintendent-Budd Brooks:  
Phone 364-9314  
Email: [roads@pottertownship.org](mailto:roads@pottertownship.org)  
124 Short Road, Spring Mills, PA 16875
- Sewage Enforcement Officer-Chuck Herr:  
Phone 422-8577

### 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  
Centre Hall-Potter Sewer Authority-Dave Hartnett 364-2710

Zoning Permits are required! Jeff McClellan is our Zoning Officer. His current office hours at 125 Short Road, are Tues. 8:00-11:30 a.m. & Thurs. 1:30-5:00 p.m. & Wed. evenings by appt. His office phone is 364-2456. His email address is: [zoning@pottertownship.org](mailto:zoning@pottertownship.org)

**TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES FOR REMAINDER OF 2010**

Supervisors: Mon. 5/3 & 5/10, 6/7 & 6/14, 7/12 only, 8/2 & 8/9, 9/13 only, 10/4 & 10/11, 11/1 & 11/8, 12/6 & 12/13.

Planning Commission: Tues 5/4 & 5/25, 6/1 & 6/22, 7/6 & 7/27, 8/3 only, 9/7 & 9/28, 10/5 & 10/26, Wed 11/3 only & Tues 12/7-only

All meetings are held at 124 Short Rd , Spring Mills at 7:00 pm

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Congratulations/best wishes to Mary Briggs upon her retirement! Thank you for your many years of great service!

Meet your new real estate tax collector Bill Pyle. Bill's address is 226 Red Mill Rd, Spring Mills; phone #364-9240. His Office hours are M & W 3:00-6:30 PM and Thurs 3:00-5:30 PM. He will be closed 5/17-21,6/2-3,7/19-23,8/16-20 & 10/4-7. Watch your tax notices for office hours & closings. You can call for an appointment or stop by chance.,

### Sewage Management Program

The Potter Township Board of Supervisors has adopted a management program for onlot sewage disposal systems, Ordinance #2-2009. A Sewage Management Program (SMP) is set up to ensure the proper maintenance of all onlot sewage disposal systems within a township along with protecting the health of its citizenry & its ground water supply. This program mandates pumping of all septic tanks & the inspection of all tanks & absorption areas. The SMP is for all residents/structures not served by public sewer. The program also mandates the repair of any malfunctioning systems and legal action to be taken on all regulatory violations not brought into compliance.

As a result of enacting this SMP, the Township has been divided into 6 sections. Each year, property owners in 2 of these sections will receive septic tank pumping notices. Also each year property owners in 1 of these 6 sections will be notified that a site inspection will be required. A site inspection will be either a visual walkover inspection or a visual walkover inspection with an inspection of all tanks with lids off. Notices for tank pumping will be every three (3) years and site inspections will be every six (6) years.

If you are aware that a repair is needed on your property, you can save the inspection cost by contacting our Sewage Management Officer, Charles Herr at 814-422-8577 for information only on obtaining a repair permit. Two examples of a repair that is mandated by the Ordinance is that all steel septic tanks must be replaced by an acceptable septic tank as well as the installation of an acceptable tank between a structure & a cesspool servicing that structure. The repair permit will be honored as your site inspection. For any questions, pertaining to the Sewage Management Program, please contact Program Administrator Jeff McClellan at 814-531-4068.

### What is a vernal pool?

A vernal pool is a natural small temporary pond that dries up each year. They are often the only wet areas found in

otherwise dry upland forest habitats. They support a variety of wild life. These small, sensitive wetland habitats can easily be disturbed or destroyed by human activity.

Do you have one? Free help is available to private landowners who want to protect vernal pools on their land.

Call to get a free management plan prepared by a professional biologist.

Call Betsy Leppo, PA Natural Heritage Program (717) 948-3839 or Katie Ombalski, Clearwater Conservancy (814) 237-0400 by **MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Volunteer – get involved! One never knows when a Township volunteer position opens (Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, EMS). Please send your letter of interest to Township Secretary, 124 Short Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875 or email to [secretary@pottertownship.org](mailto:secretary@pottertownship.org) Thank you for your interest.*

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**The latest buzz on the farm purchased by Potter, Gregg and Centre Hall, (Tri-Municipal Park)..... Potter received an anonymous donation in 2009 so a separate checking account has been established for donations only for specific use for the farm. If you'd like to make a donation for this purpose please make your check payable to Potter Township and note on your check 'farmland park & rec account' & mail it to 124 Short Rd, Spring Mills, 16875**

- **Potter Township has recently adopted the Tri-Municipal Master Plan by Resolution #7. The plan is available for review at the Township office.**

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**VOTE!! In 2010, elections will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> (primary) & Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Gen. Election). Polling places are: Potter South @ Township Building, 124 Short Rd, Spring Mills & Potter North @ Centre Hall Lions Club, 155 E. Church St., Centre Hall (Rt 192)**

If you have 'gently used' furniture, working appliances, household furnishings that are "too good" to throw away, Interfaith Mission is always looking for such items & they pick up. Call Interfaith Mission at 814-234-7731.

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**Recycling bins in the Township are located at:**

- 1. Next to Township Building**
- 2. Next to Snappy's along Rte 45**
- 3. At Country Club Park along Rte 45 near Harris Twp line**
- 4. At the Boy Scout Camp in Seven Mountains**