

Spring 2020



Potter Connections

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF POTTER TOWNSHIP



Welcome to the Spring/Summer Edition of the Potter Township Newsletter

We hope you find the articles in this spring/summer edition of the Township newsletter interesting and informative. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the entire Township Team, we wish all of our residents a fun, safe and happy summer!

~ Board of Supervisors

Eventful and challenging, words that best describe 2019 for all of us at Potter Township. We were faced with the huge challenge of personnel changes, building and completing a new public sewer facility, and planning for future growth in budgeting and staffing to accommodate our growing community and infrastructure.

As we continue our journey through 2020, our focus will continue to include improvements to road and sewer/water utility networks, opportunities for parks & recreation, and continuing alliances with state and other local governments to provide the level of services that our residents expect.

While additional unfunded mandates place heavy financial burdens on municipalities, fire and EMS services, the Township will explore additional grant & resource opportunities to offset these costs.

An emphasis will be placed on cross training and skill enhancement for the entire Public Works team. This training will allow for increased flexibility for scheduling and provide the opportunity for employees to exercise their skills through rotating assignments. Training for all team members will remain an ongoing process.

Communication is the key that fits 2020. Residents will see an increase in communications through weekly updates to our website, publication of biannual newsletters, door hanger notices to residents of scheduled major road projects in their neighborhood, and distribution of Community Welcome Packets. Volunteers on our Boards and Commissions will have a presence at community events, some of which they will be hosting. Volunteerism – There is nothing like a happy volunteer to recruit more volunteers, and what better way than communicating the satisfaction one gets from helping in their community.

2020 -The beginning of a new decade. The bar has been set high. As our expectations continue to become realities, our willingness to change will bring about new and exciting possibilities.. Our Team is ready to take on the challenges.

~ Lisa Kroner, Secretary/Treasurer

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~ Walt Disney

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Potter Township Tax Collector

Residents receive a combined County and Township tax, as well as the Per Capita Tax bill around March 1st of each year. The School tax bill is received around July 1st of each year. The tax rate for the School District and the County are set by the governing bodies of those two entities. The Board of Supervisors establishes the tax rate only for the Township.

Per Capita tax bills are sent to all adult residents of the Township regardless of if you own or rent your property. The total payment is \$10.00, which goes to the Township only.

A few items to make note of when paying your taxes:

- To pay your taxes, either mail the payment or come to the Tax Collector's Office during the hours printed on your bill. There is also a drop box outside the Tax Collector Office door that you can leave your payment in.
- Cash will be accepted but check or money order payments are preferred. No credit card payments are accepted.
- When paying multiple tax bills, you can pay all bills with one check.
- Please review your payment before mailing to verify the correct amount, and date and signature are included.
- When paying your Real Estate taxes and/or Per Capita taxes with a check, the check should be made payable to: **Potter Township Tax Collector**. Checks made payable to anything other than Potter Township Tax Collector cannot be accepted and will be returned to you.
- Please include a self addressed stamped envelope for a receipt.
- Please notify the tax collector of any address change as quickly as possible. Tax bills are not forwarded. Non-receipt of a tax bill does not excuse the taxpayer from payment responsibility.
- Looking forward to the end of the year, please remember that tax bills not paid in full by December 31st become delinquent and subject to additional penalties.
- Personal checks for the payment of real estate taxes and per capita taxes will not be accepted after December 15th for the payment of real estate taxes due in that calendar year. Payments must be made by certified or cashier's check, money order, or cash from December 15th to December 31st.

TAX OFFICE – SPRING HOURS

Office hours for the March 1st collection will be April 21-30 (discount period ends April 30), Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:30pm, & Wednesdays from 9:00am to Noon

The tax office is closed on weekends and holidays.

To schedule an appointment outside of these days/hours, please call 814-364-1331 or email at wnolf@pottertownship.org.

Penns Valley EMS News

CPR/AED AND FIRST AID TRAINING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. CONTACT: Cindy Ross/Bob Barry at 814-574-1558 or 814-574-3159 or EMAIL AT pvemscpr1@gmail.com for prices Includes training manual and pocket mask.

MEMBERSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE:

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Most Centre County EMS services honor your PVEMS membership.

Your membership covers any amount over and above Health Insurance/Medicare/Medicaid coverage. Your membership saves you money in the event you need an ambulance.

LOOKING TO DONATE TO PVEMS?

We have started two funds: the replacement ambulance fund and the CPR equipment fund. We anticipate needing to replace an ambulance within the next 5 years; and our CPR equipment needs replaced periodically.



Looking for updates on the latest projects, upcoming events, or volunteer opportunities?

To share the latest news in the fastest and most accurate manner, we offer email notifications through a system called **Constant Contact**. Each time our website is updated, email notices are delivered right to your inbox.

To subscribe to this free service, simply visit our website at (www.pottertownship.org) and select the "Public Interest" tab at the top of the home page. Scroll down the drop box and click on "Sign up for Updates By Email". This will take you to the subscription registration page.

One more way to strengthen connections with our residents and build a better community!



Little Free Library

Hey Residents of Potter Township! We have some really exciting news! The Potter Township Parks and Recreation Board has been in existence for 1 full year now and we are moving right along with some very neat ideas and additions to share with the residents of all ages.

Did you know that we added a “Little Free Library” to the Potter Run Park? Little Free Library has a “take a book and leave a book” concept but if you don’t have one to leave, it is ok; maybe next time? It was donated by a local resident and will be maintained by them as well. If you like to read, stop in from dawn to dusk and read away. If you have books to share, feel free to drop them off at the Township Building and we will see that they get added to the library. We hope to have some book readings this summer for all to enjoy!



Of course, the Potter Run Park itself is getting used more and more every day. It is not huge, but the kids like it. There may be room for expansion. Share your “KID SAFE” ideas!! If you didn’t already know, the Colyer Lake walking/biking trail is really nice. It is approximately 1 mile and takes about 30 minutes to walk around. More bridge work is planned this spring for those who do not like the stone crossings. Check it out!!

Now that the Township has purchased the old Shaner ball fields (now re-named the **Potter Athletic Complex “PAC”**). We hope to utilize it in many beneficial ways to bring enjoyment to those of all ages and some revenue to the Township. For now, if you like a good old fashioned baseball game once-in-a-while, come and see, admission is free!! It is located along 322 towards State College and across from the Kubota Dealer. The address is 150 Summer Lane, Center Hall, Pa. 16828.

Make Plans to attend a “BOOK READING” at the Potters Mills Park May, June, and July. You can learn more on the Web site.

The Parks and Rec Board will work hard to provide what the residents want and need to be able to stay right here and enjoy our Township’s activities.

The mission of the Potter Township Parks and Rec Board is “to promote lifelong recreational opportunities for community members through outreach and education within Potter Township”.

We are always open to new ideas, suggestions, and of course...volunteers. If you like the idea of some recreation in the township, don’t procrastinate---stop in the Township Office today and sign a Volunteer Agreement or send us some ideas or suggestions. We are currently looking for additional Board Members. Come make a difference in the Township. Check us out at www.pottertownship.org and click on Parks and Rec. “IT STARTS WITH PARKS”

Little Free Library Reviewer Needed!

Do you love reading, and telling others about the great stories you’ve read? We’re looking for boys and girls age 8 to 12 who want to read and review a book from the collection of children’s books in the Little Free Library at Potter Run Park. We’ll even print your review in an upcoming newsletter!



To Our Business Sponsors

This publication is produced at no cost to Potter Township residents thanks to the generous sponsorship of the businesses listed throughout this newsletter. The Township recognizes these businesses as community supporters and encourages residents to also support these local businesses with their patronage.

Potter Township Sewage Management Program

New residents of Potter Township should be aware all properties located in Potter Township that are served by an on-lot sewage disposal system are subject to Potter Township Ordinance Chapter 156. Part 2, Article V. The Ordinance requires all on-lot sewage disposals systems located in Potter Township be inspected and pumped every six (6) years. Notices for the properties subject to that Ordinance this year will receive notice after April 1st of this year. Inspections of the systems must be completed on or before August 31st and those systems required to be pumped must be pumped on or before October 31st. Copies of the pumping receipts must be submitted to Potter Township.

If you receive notice that your property is subject to inspection and pumping this year and you are ready for your inspection prior to being contacted, you may contact our Sewage Enforcement Officer, Stan Wallace at 814-571-7231 to schedule an inspection.

The new Potters Mills Central Sewage Treatment

The new Potters Mills Central Sewage treatment is up and operating following years of water testing, studies, regulatory submittals and engineering. The first discharge of effluent to Sinking Creek occurred in mid November. Most dwellings and business have been connected to the system and the remainder will be connected in the near future. With the exception of a few minor control panel issues the start up has gone smoothly and the treatment plant is performing as designed. As often occurs with a project of the complexity involved with this system and one involving multiple connections of private home and businesses, each with their own set of unique characteristics, there were a few minor delays and problems, but with the excellent support of the engineers, contractors and equipment manufacturer we have almost reached the total completion of the system.

The cooperation of Village residents during the entire process was commendable. Future generations will greatly benefit from the environmental improvement to the community.

The contractor will be returning in the spring to complete pumping of old tanks and restoring yards. After weather improves, the Board of Supervisors is planning an open house at Potter Run Park and will provide plant tours to any interested citizen.



Potters Mills Effluent Treatment Plant

Submitted by: Dick Decker

Sinkholes and Water Quality

If you live in a rural area, you probably get your water from a well or spring. For health and aesthetic reasons, you want the groundwater that supplies your home or farm to be of high quality. But groundwater can become contaminated as a result of human activities, including the misuse of sinkholes -- depressions in the land surface that occur in areas underlain by carbonate bedrock, such as limestone and dolomite. Carbonate bedrock exists in many parts of central and southeastern Pennsylvania.

An important characteristic of carbonate bedrock is that it is easily dissolved by water. Some water from rain or melting snow seeps through the soil to recharge the groundwater contained in bedrock fractures and openings between rock layers. As the water flows through these cracks, the carbonate bedrock gradually dissolves and the openings become large, creating solution channels through which water can easily flow. The dissolution of carbonate bedrock accounts for the development of sinkholes; as the bedrock beneath the soil is dissolved and carried away, the overlying soil settles or collapses to form a surface depression. These depressions vary in size and are usually cone or bowl shaped.

The soil lining the bottom of a sinkhole may be so thin that it provides little filtering of any surface runoff that may drain into the sinkhole. In some instances, streams may flow into sinkholes and disappear underground. This surface water now becomes part of the groundwater flow system. Because sinkholes provide easy access for drainage water to enter the groundwater system, it's important to keep potential water pollutants away from sinkholes. Contaminated water that drains through a sinkhole can pollute the groundwater that you (or your neighbor's) well or spring draws from. Since groundwater can flow easily through solution channels in carbonate bedrock, a sinkhole that receives contaminated water can pollute water supplies located far away from the contamination source.

- If you have a sinkhole located on your property, you can do several things that will help protect groundwater quality
- Most important, don't use sinkholes as dumping sites. Sinkholes may seem like acceptable locations to dump trash, but they're not. The water from precipitation and drainage that flows through trash-filled sinkholes carries contaminants directly into groundwater.
- Never dump rinse water from sprayer tanks or any other hazardous liquids into sinkholes. These liquids will reach groundwater easily.
- Avoid using sinkholes as outlets for drainage tiles. This water may contain contaminants --such as pesticides and nitrate -- that have leached from the soil.

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You can take several positive actions to prevent sinkholes from becoming entrance ways for groundwater contamination:

If you have a sinkhole that contains trash, you should clean it out. This will help curb any further groundwater contamination and may discourage additional dumping.

Keep sinkholes and the area immediately around them vegetated with trees, shrubs and grasses. This buffer of vegetation will help stabilize the area, filter contaminated runoff and provide wildlife habitat. Undisturbed sinkholes that don't receive contaminated runoff aren't a threat to groundwater quality.

Sinkholes are environmentally sensitive areas that need to be treated with care. Remember: What you see in a sinkhole may affect what you get from your water faucet.

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National Safe Digging Month – April 2020

Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. is celebrating 48 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth. Partnering with Pennsylvania One Call are governmental agencies whose efforts are to promote safe digging within their communities. The Potter Township Board of Supervisors support the "National Safe Digging Month" campaign in the State of Pennsylvania and wish to promote this grassroots campaign by recognizing the month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month".

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **Do I have to call if I am digging on my own property?**

Yes, you are required to inform the utilities of any type of work involving the movement of earth with powered equipment.

- **Who should make the call?**

The person who is doing the digging should place the one call notification. If you are a homeowner and you've hired an excavator to do the work, the excavator is required by law to call to have lines located (refer to Section 5 of PA Act 287).

- **How deep must I dig before I am required to call?**

If you are digging with powered equipment the person operating the equipment must call. It does not matter how deep you are digging or where you are digging within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- **Is a one call required when doing paving?**

Yes, since powered equipment is being used and the earth is being disturbed, the utilities need to be aware so valve boxes and manholes are not paved over.

- **What are PA One Call's hours of operations?**

The call center is open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

- **How many days do I have to wait before I can begin digging?**

State law requires a three (3) business day notice (does not include state holidays or weekends), but not more than ten (10) business days prior to the start of excavation. A business day begins at 12:00:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. The first lawful start date for your excavation is determined by your scheduled excavation date (the day you plan to start digging), work should not begin prior to your first lawful start date but no later than 10 business days from the day of your call.

- **Can the lawful start dates change?**

Yes, the first date of the lawful start date is determined by the scheduled excavation date and should be not less than 3 business days from the date of your call. However, if more than three (3) business days notice is given prior to the start of excavation, the first lawful start date will be the date given as your scheduled excavation date.

- **What can be done if I know someone is digging and they did not contact PA One Call?**

According to **Section 7.2 of PA Act 287 as amended**, local law enforcement or emergency management personnel may, in the interest of public safety, order excavators on a site to stop further excavation, if the excavation is being conducted in violation of this act. This may also be enforced under **Section 3302 of PA Title 18** Section b - Risking catastrophe.

If you observe excavation work and have reason to believe that a one call notification was not placed, you may contact PA One Call to place a No One Call notification. PA One Call will search its records for the worksite you describe to determine if a valid One Call notification was placed. If none is found we will notify the utilities in the area of the excavation work.

Additionally, any alleged violation of the Law should be reported to the PA Public Utilities Commission by completing an Alleged Violation Report in the Enforcement section.



Welcome to Our Community!

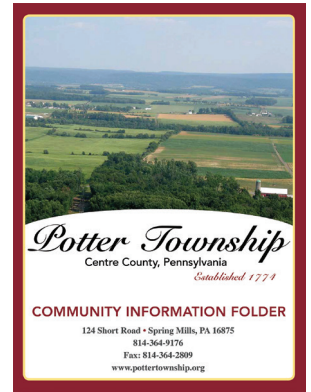
We are excited to provide our citizens with this informational guide created exclusively for our beautiful community.

The folders are distributed to new residents and property owners as a community outreach. The folders are perfect for establishing communication and providing a permanent reference guide.

Information about our community as well as advertisements from local businesses are included in the folders. These advertisements introduce residents to businesses and encourage consumers to shop locally, as well as establish new relationships and strengthen current associations with our residents.

To obtain a folder full of information, please contact us by calling our office at 814-364-9176 or send us an email at: secretary@pottertownship.org

If you are new to Penns Valley, stop by our office and say hello! We would love to meet you, answer any questions you may have and welcome you to our wonderful community!



Potter Athletic Complex

Take Me out to the Ball Game....

In September 2019, the Potter Township Board of Supervisors voted to purchase the baseball fields located at 150 Summer Lane, Centre Hall. Formerly known as the "Shaner Fields", the complex is comprised of 29 acres and includes 2 baseball fields, a concession stand and press box. The baseball fields were previously owned and operated by State College Baseball Club, Inc.

The facility has been named Potter Athletic Complex, or as we fondly refer to it as "the PAC", and is home to two regulation size baseball diamonds, a concession stand, press box and restroom facilities. For many years the fields have been home to Spring Mills Braves, State College Legion Baseball, and State College Wild, just to name a few. The Complex will continue to be home to various baseball leagues, as well as local and regional baseball tournament s for both youth and adults.

The fields themselves have been given new name. These names were selected for their historical value as a part of Potter Township's story.

EMERY FIELD (the lower field, with the overhead lights) was named after Cal Emery who was born in Potter Township (Centre Hall) in 1937. He won the Most Outstanding Player award for the College World Series in 1957. He was a first baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1963. After playing MLB, Cal took on

a position as batting coach for the Chicago White Sox in 1988.

GEISS FIELD David and Catherine Geiss sold forty perches of land (near Tusseysink) to the Potter Township School District on January 25, 1867 for \$25. The one-room frame building was erected the same year and was used continuously until 1956 when Potter Township closed its last seven schools. (from "Potter Township: General Potter's Empire", by Ruth Rishel (1976)

Supervisor Jake Tanis and the Parks and Recreation Board have been working together on repairs to facilities, landscaping and updating the concession stand and press boxes. All hands are on deck to be ready for baseball season. The facilities also include one lighted baseball diamond with dugouts, one baseball diamond with dugouts (no overhead lighting), press boxes, concession stand, storage buildings, parking lot, bleachers, picnic tables, and scoreboards.

Teams have already lined up for the season and fields have been assigned. A schedule for practices, games and tournaments can be found on our website at www.pottertownship.org.

For information regarding single use or seasonal use reservations of sports fields, please contact the Lisa Kroner at 814-364-9176. The field use applications can be found under the Parks and Rec tab on our website.


Bring the family to the ball park this summer for some good old-fashioned baseball fun.

Event Ideas

Our Parks & Recreation Board loves to provide fun programs that our residents enjoy like athletic/leisure programs, community events and children's activities. And if you have an idea for other great events or programs, we want to hear from you! Send your event idea to parksandrec@pottertownship.org.



GO RAMS!



- Our 6th-12th grade **After School Program** is open M-TH, 3:30 to 6pm. We provide snacks, tutoring, gym time, and more.
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The mission of Keep America Beautiful is to inspire and educate people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment.

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From the Zoning Office



Logging:

Are you planning to cut and remove timber from your property? If so, please be aware a permit is required from Potter Township before hauling any timber from the property. Certain Potter Township roads have a posted weight limit, and if your logger plans to use one of the roads with a posted weight limit a bond must be established with Potter Township prior to hauling any timber from the property. Please contact Stan Wallace, Zoning Officer at 814-364-2456 prior to removing any timber.

Construction:

Most new construction, additions, installation and some remodeling and repairs will require at the minimum a Potter Township Zoning Permit and others may require a Potter Township Zoning Permit and a Uniform Construction Code Permit. Please contact Stan Wallace, Zoning Officer at 814-364-2456 prior to construction with any questions you may have. The Zoning Office will be closed from June 22nd through July 6th.

Celebrate Kindness on 1-4-3 Day

On May 23, 2019, Governor Wolf proclaimed the first-ever 1-4-3 Day in PA with a call to all residents to show kindness in honor of Fred Rogers. Through his celebrated children's program Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, Fred Rogers inspired generations of viewers to embrace kindness.

May 22, 2020 is the 143rd day of the year, and Governor Wolf is encouraging the celebration of kindness throughout the commonwealth.

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1-4-3 or I-Love-You. From the City of Brotherly Love to the birthplace of Fred Rogers, America's most beloved neighbor, Pennsylvania is a place where kindness and gratitude to those who make up our community is part of who we are. That's what makes PA such an incredible place to live.

Fred Rogers regularly used 143 as his special code for "I Love You" - based on the number of letters in each word. Governor Wolf proclaimed that from May 23, 2019 forward, the 143rd day of the year is #143DayinPA-a day when we encourage our residents to share the acts of kindness and good deeds they do for each other. This way, we can all reflect on how grateful we are to have each other. So let's get out and make someone feel the love.

Happy #143DayinPA!

IMAGINE WHAT OUR REAL NEIGHBORHOODS WOULD BE LIKE IF EACH OF US OFFERED, AS A MATTER OF COURSE, JUST ONE KIND WORD TO ANOTHER PERSON.

--- Fred Rogers



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Branch and Limb Collection - May 11 & 12, 2020

Residents must call the Township Office prior to 12 NOON on Thursday, May 7th to schedule their pickup.

Please Note: This is a one-time only spring collection.

Collection Guidelines

- Brush must be piled with the ends of limbs laying in the same direction, preferably pointing toward the road.
- Mixed or tangled piles will not be picked up.
- Maximum diameter of limbs is 6 inches.
- Do not tie brush in bundles.
- Crews will spend no more than 15 minutes at one property.
- Equipment limitations require that brush must be separated from leaves and other debris. *Leaf collection is not an available service.*

Stumps, old firewood, garden plants, ornamental grasses, and construction material will not be picked up.

Riff Raff Collection - May 15 & 16, 2020

Potter Township will hold its fall Riff-Raff Days on Friday, May 15, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. & Saturday, May 16, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Items will be accepted at the township maintenance building only on these dates.

NEW GUIDELINES AND LIMITS

ONLY the following items **will** be accepted:

- Metal items
- Appliances
- Large furniture
- Electronics: Computers, TV's, printers
- Tires-(limited to 6) must be removed from rims. Tires from your property only.

*** This collection is NOT for residents outside of Potter Township.**

The Township will provide riff raff collection for senior citizens 65 or older & physically disabled residents on **Thursday, May 14th**. Requests for this special collection require pre-registration. To register, contact the township office no later than 5 p.m. on **MONDAY, May 11th** by calling (814) 364-9176, ext. 100. Remember to place all items at the edge of your property next to road by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Keep in mind that there are only 2 workers per collection vehicle during this special collection. Items that cannot safely be lifted by 2 workers WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

The Township appreciates your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines as this will allow the continuation of this free service to the residents of Potter Township in the future.

Electronics Recycling



Act 108 of 2010 (The Covered Device Recycling Act), bans all covered devices from landfills, however, the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority offers a free drop off service for residents. Covered Devices includes desktop computers, monitors, laptops, computer peripherals and televisions.

Electronics Drop Off Hours: Mon-Sat; 8am-4pm.

All electronics drop off items must go to the Scale House.

DROP OFF TIP

Electronic Drop Off Hours: Mon-Sat; 8am-4pm. When coming to our facility to drop off electronics, go through Gate 1 and follow the signs to the SCALES for drop off instructions.



Drop Box Available

Residents who wish to drop off their utility payments or permit applications after hours are welcome to use the drop box. The box is located next to the front entrance of the Administration Office.

Please clearly mark the envelope to indicate who the item is for.

Tri-Municipal Park

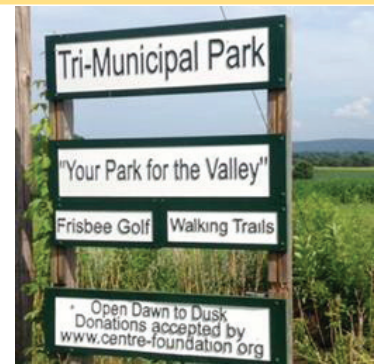
Lot of things going on at Penns Prairie at the Tri-Municipal Park! If you haven't driven by across from Sammis Greenhouse on Lower Brush Valley Road lately you will be surprised! Things are starting to really come into shape.

We have the two full-size, multi-purpose fields almost ready for play. We should be seeing the fields available for soccer and football starting in the fall after the grass has had a chance to grow stronger. We have a nine hole disc golf course that is challenging and has already seen tournament action. Drive back on the center road and to the course and start to play. Many thanks to Gavek Signs for the sign showing the course layout and to Leo Sammis for the neighborly support that he has given the park! The second nine holes are scheduled to be completed this summer. For those not familiar with disc golf, think of a golf course except that instead of hitting a ball into a hole you throw a disc/Frisbee into a basket.

We are in the planning stages for a 5K race to be held at the park in late April that will be held to support a girls softball team that trains out of Spring Mills. We are hoping that this will turn into an annual event that will include the opportunity for all participants to plant a tree associated with Arbor Day.

Speaking of trees, we have a major tree planting planned for late April or early May to enhance the overall appeal of the park and to provide shade where needed. We will be planting over 100 trees of various types and sizes at this time. This is being funded largely by a Tree Vitalization grant from the DCNR but will require a good bit of community involvement to complete. Volunteers are urgently needed to help plant trees (no experience necessary). The plan is to recreate the prairie that was here when the first settlers arrived in the area. What the original settlers found here is best described as an Oak Savannah with open fields and occasional trees that were predominantly oak trees. We will be in need of 30 – 40 volunteers to get the trees planted, mulched, staked and watered, so please if you can volunteer for a Saturday in early May please let us know by email at 1tmpinc@gmail.com or call Karl Eysenbach at 814-364-9423. We will also be in need of some mechanized support as well in the form of backhoes and or augers to dig holes and bucket vehicles (tractors or skid steers) to move trees, mulch, and water around the site. This is a worthwhile project for a worthy cause. It is also something that counts as a charitable donation with the IRS since the park is a registered 501(c)3 organization. We are grateful to the Penns Valley's Outdoor Club at the high school and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for their participation in this project, as well as additional tree and shrub planting that they are planning for the park.

Other things on the near-term horizon include a picnic pavilion that will be available for groups and special events. So, come out and see the park, the disc golf course, the new playing fields and volunteer to help us develop the park.



THIS YEAR, THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd

GENERAL – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD



Potter Township provides two polling places for residents:

Precinct 70 • Centre Hall Lions Club • 153 East Church Street, Centre Hall

Precinct 71 • Potter Township Supervisors Building • 124 Short Road, Spring Mills

The polls are open between the hours of 7am and 8pm

New voters must show identification the first time they vote in a new district.

If you are unsure which voting district you have been assigned to, want to register to vote or have questions regarding the voter registration system in Centre County, contact the Centre County Voter Registration Office at 814-355-6703 or visit centrecountypa.gov

Days Gone By

According to Emmanuel United Church of Christ church records the church was at various times called Earley or Loop Church. The land for the church was deeded in trust to Mr. Conrad Dillman and Mr. Christopher Henney by Barbara and William Earley, Esq. in 1797. The church sits on the edge of the village of Tusseyville, earlier known as Churchville. In 1878 Churchville apparently appealed to the United States Postal Service to establish a post office. The Post Office Department did not allow a name to be used by more than one office in each state, and there was already a Churchville Post Office in Bucks County. The village changed its name to Tusseyville. The United States Postal Service has shared the following information about the Tusseyville Post Office:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>
Samuel M. Swartz	Postmaster	03/21/1878
Discontinued on March 28, 1898; papers to Potters Mills		
Maggie E. Love	Postmaster	06/02/1898
Charles William Swartz	Postmaster	04/21/1903
Boise H. Brown	Postmaster	08/25/1919
Charles P. Ramer	Postmaster	12/07/1920

The Tusseyville post office was discontinued on March 31, 1934 with the mail being delivered from the Centre Hall post office.

Submitted by: Ruth Rishel, resident

Heatstroke prevention and car safety

The dog days of summer are upon us, which reminds us that heatstroke prevention is more important than ever.

On average, 38 children die in hot cars across the United States each year. Together we can prevent these tragedies from happening. In recognition of Heatstroke Awareness Day on July 31, below are tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- **Look before you lock.** Get into the routine of always checking the back seat of your vehicle before you lock it and walk away.
- **A gentle reminder.** Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Or place your phone, briefcase or purse in the back seat when traveling with your child.
- **A routine check.** If someone else is driving your child, or your daily routine has been altered, always check to make sure your child has arrived safely.
- **A key to safety.** Keep your vehicle locked and keep your keys out of reach; nearly three in 10 heatstroke deaths happen when an unattended child gains access to a vehicle.
- **Act fast to save a life.** If you see a child alone in a vehicle, call 911. Chances are the child was left by accident. If the child appears in distress or is non-responsive, remove the child from the vehicle and spray the child with cool water.

Please consider sharing this life-saving information with your family and loved ones this summer. For more information, visit nhtsa.gov.



Fireworks Safety Tips

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.



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Key Milestones for the 2020 Census

- **September 2018** —The Census Bureau's recruitment Web site went live: 2020census.gov/jobs. For each decennial census, the Census Bureau begins recruiting thousands of paid census takers to help ensure a complete and accurate count. Interested applicants can visit the Web site to apply for a variety of jobs beginning in 2019 and through summer 2020.
- **April 2019** —The 2020 Census Web site goes live: 2020census.gov. This site will be available in multiple languages and will provide downloadable materials, answers to frequently asked questions, and more information about how individuals and organizations can help spread the word about the 2020 Census.
- **August 2019** —New Statistics in Schools classroom activities are available on-line: census.gov/schools. The Statistics in Schools program provides resources for teaching and learning with real-life data.
- **January 2020** —The first enumeration of the 2020 Census takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska. Local census takers must get a head start while the frozen ground allows easier access to remote areas with unique accessibility challenges.
- **March 2020** —The public can begin responding to the 2020 Census on-line at 2020census.gov. Replying by mail or phone will also be an option.
- **April 2020** —Every 10 years, we observe Census Day on April 1.
- **June 2020 through July 2020** —Census takers go door to door to count people who have not responded to the 2020 Census. Census takers are Census Bureau employees and will provide proof that they are official government personnel.
- **December 31, 2020** —By this date, as required by law, the Census Bureau reports to the President of the United States the population count and the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives to each state.
- **2021** —Initial 2020 Census data are made available to the public on census.gov.

2020 Census at a Glance

The census is much more than just a head count. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals, and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. It also helps us see how our communities have changed over time. That's why an accurate count is so important.

UNDERSTANDING THE CENSUS

Once every decade, the federal government conducts a census of the entire population to count everyone in the United States and record basic information about them. Our nation's founders believed this data was so important that they mandated the decennial census in the Constitution.

EASY AND CONVENIENT

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses on-line, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer.

CONFIDENTIAL AND SECURE

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

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2020 Census Safety and Security



Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are protected by law. Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot release any information that identifies you individually. Every Census Bureau employee and contractor is sworn for life to always protect your information. Violating that oath carries stiff penalties for all Census Bureau workers — a fine up to \$250,000 and/or up to five years in prison.

The Census Bureau uses your information for statistical purposes only, such as helping to inform decisions for new hospitals, schools and roads.

Responses to the 2020 Census are secure.

The Census Bureau has a team of cybersecurity experts who monitor and protect all agency technology around the clock. Our cybersecurity meets the highest standards for protecting your information. From the moment we collect your responses, our goal — and legal obligation — is to keep them safe. The Census Bureau's technology is protected by strong authentication and authorization methods and is fully "locked down" so that it can only be accessed by fully vetted individuals who are trained in data and cyber security. These individuals make sure we keep pace with evolving threats and security advancements.

No matter how you respond, your information remains protected.

The Census Bureau designed the information collection process with layers of security to keep your information safe and secure.

Whether you respond online, by phone, by mail, or if a census employee comes to your door, your information is collected, transmitted and kept secure throughout the process. When you are on our secure website, you can verify it's safe by making sure the address begins with 'HTTPS' and includes a lock symbol. If you're visited by a census employee, know that the technology they use has the same strong security controls, and is fully compliant with the standards mandated for Federal systems.

The Census Bureau works with the federal intelligence cyber community and industry experts to stay abreast of emerging cyber threats to continuously update protections and safeguards for your information.

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The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

To make sure you and your community are counted, learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting 2020census.gov.

Retiree



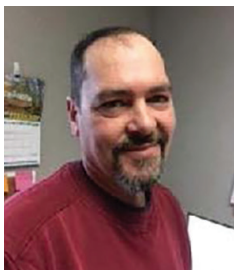
Budd Brooks

Budd started his Potter Township career in 1982 and, after 37 years, he retired on December 27, 2019. Budd was hired as part of the road crew and became the Road Superintendent just two years later. Budd was an easy-going, knowledgeable leader, who was always there working side-by-side

with his crew members. Budd is looking forward to spending time with his family.

The Board of Supervisors want to personally thank Budd for his steadfast loyalty and commitment to our Township and its residents. We will miss Budd and wish him all the best in his retirement.

New Faces



David Boliek

David Boliek came to Potter Township on December 9th as the Public Works Superintendent. He is from the Penns Valley area. Most recently he worked as a Construction Site Superintendent for Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. on commercial projects within Pennsylvania. David began working with his father in his family's stone masonry business

in grade school and has continued the business throughout most of his life. He enjoys spending time outdoors and traveling.

Sally Tanis

Emergency Management Coordinator, has received her Basic Certification from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. She has completed the training requirements in the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, Section 7502, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Directive 2017-2. Mrs. Tanis was appointed as Potter Township's Emergency Management Coordinator in January 2017. The municipal coordinator helps the community to achieve proper levels of preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation for various emergencies or



disasters that might affect the municipality. Thank you Sally for your countless volunteer hours spent on education, training exercises and keeping Potter Township's emergency operations plan up-to-date.



Frederick Walter

Frederick Walter joined the Public Works team on March 2, 2020, as a Utility Worker/Laborer. He was most recently employed as a carpenter with Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. before coming to Potter Township. Fred will be assisting in the operation of the small sewer and water facilities, as well as road maintenance and repair.

Spring/Summer Events and Programs

In response to growing concerns regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Potter Township is cancelling or postponing Township-produced events and spring programs through April 12, 2020 (Easter Sunday) in order to follow the mandated closures set forth by Governor Tom Wolf and the recommendations of PA Department of Health, and the CDC.

The cancellations will allow us to better address the public health concerns of the community and also allow us to redirect Township public safety and other personnel in a more effective manner for preventive measures. While this is a difficult decision to make, public safety has and will always be the top priority of Potter Township.

In the event that township-produced activities are rescheduled at a later date, the community will be notified through the Township website, social media and other channels. The Township is continuing to review special event permits issued to other entities using Township facilities including Potter Athletic Complex (PAC) and Potter Run Park. Additional determinations will be announced on Friday, April 10, 2020. If you were registered for the use of the baseball fields at the PAC, you will receive a phone call and/or email detailing your options moving forward. The safety of event participants, attendees, staff, volunteers, sponsors and spectators is a top priority. The decision to cancel is consistent with this priority to prevent the potential exposure and spread of illness.

Playground equipment is not sanitized routinely, so please use at your own risk. During your park visits, please practice social distancing and good hygiene as recommended by the CDC.

The Township will remain in close communication with local, state and federal partners and take further action as needed, based on the recommendations of these agencies. Residents are encouraged to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)'s prevention strategies. If you suspect you are ill, please stay home except to seek medical care to prevent the spread of illness. Please visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19 for more information.

Important Township Contact Information

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pennsylvania State Police
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Non-emergencies:
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Centre Hall, PA 16828
814-364-1816

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Spring Mills
Scott Weaver, Office Manager
814-422-8015
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pvemsmanger@gmail.com

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Centre Hall, PA 16828
814-364-2710

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134 North Hoffer Avenue
P.O. Box 54
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814-364-1772

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Meetings of the Potter Township Board of Supervisor are open to the public and respectful input is welcomed during the public comment time.

The deadline to enter items into the official Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda is 3:00 PM Thursday, prior to a meeting.

Meetings are held in the meeting room at 124 Short Road, Spring Mills and begin at 7:00 p.m.

The remaining meetings for 2020 are as follows:

- Board of Supervisors – April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18; June 1 & 15; July 6 & 20; Aug 3 & 17; Sept 14 & 28; Oct 5, 12 & 19; Nov 2 & 16; Dec 7 & 12.
- Planning Commission- April 7 & 21; May 5 & 26, June 2 & 30, July 7 & 28; Aug 4; Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 4, Dec 1.
- Parks and Recreation- April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9

Updated meeting schedules and approved meeting minutes can be found on our website at www.pottertownship.org

2020 Calendar of Events

JUNE 2 – Primary Election Day

MAY 11-12 – Spring Branch & Limb Collection

MAY 11 – Deadline for Seniors/Disabled residents to register for Spring Riff Raff collection on May 14th (call 814-364-9176)

MAY 14 – Collection of Riff Raff for Seniors/Disabled residents only

MAY 15 – 7AM – 3PM bring your Riff Raff to the Township Building

MAY 16 – 7AM – 12-Noon bring your Riff Raff to the Township Building

JUNE 26-27 – Centre Hall Town-wide Yard Sales

AUGUST 4 – National Night Out 6PM – 8:30PM

SEPTEMBER 10 – Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day

The Township Office will be closed the following dates:

May 25 – Memorial Day
July 3 – July 4 th Holiday
September 7- Labor Day

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
November 27 – Day After Thanksgiving
December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day
January 1, 2021 – New Years Day

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