# POTTER CONNECTIONS

Official Newsletter of Potter Township

In an effort to decrease expenses in 2021, the *Potter Connections* newsletter (color edition) will not be published this year.



**POTTER TOWNSHIP RIFF RAFF COLLECTION** - Due to budgetary constraints, the Riff Raff collection program has been **cancelled** for this spring and fall. This program will be re-evaluated later this year for 2022.

**POTTER TOWNSHIP BRUSH COLLECTION** - Due to budgetary constraints, the Brush and Limb collection program has been <u>cancelled</u> for this spring and fall. This program will be reevaluated later this year for 2022.

**Congratulations** to *Laura Romig*, winner of the 2020 Grange Fair tote – COVID Edition. Laura registered for Constant Contact through our website and was the lucky winner. You can be a winner too by visiting our website at <a href="www.pottertownship.org">www.pottertownship.org</a> and registering for *Constant Contact*. This is a free service to receive updates by email. Just click on 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.



Register during the month of March and your name will be entered in a drawing for a fabric storage cube with pillow and throw. Must be a resident of Potter Township to enter the contest.

### FROM THE ZONING OFFICE:

Stan Wallace has decided to step down as Zoning Officer after being with us six years. He is taking some good memories and friendships with him. Everyone enjoyed Stan's personality and how he just seemed to enjoy working. He had a great attitude towards his work and was very reliable. He plans to spend more time with his wife and his family, and travel. Thank you for your dedication Stan! You will be missed!

**Christopher Dobson** recently stepped into the role of Zoning Officer for Potter Township. He can be reached at 814-364-2456 or by email at <u>zoning@pottertownship.org</u>. The Zoning Office hours will remain: Tuesday 8-Noon and Thursday 1-5.

Residents and contractors are reminded that permits will be issued within 30 days of application submission. Remember to take this into consideration when planning your next project.

Potter Township requires permits for most new construction, additions, installation and some remodeling and repairs. Some projects may only require a zoning permit; other projects may require both a zoning permit and a building permit.

Late Fees are assessed for the failure to obtain the necessary permits prior to construction or alteration of land or structures. The late fees are as follows *and in addition to* application and permit fees: Agriculture and/or Residential \$150, Commercial and/or Industrial \$300.

## **NEW FACES**

Anne Sanger joined the Potter Township team in October 2020 as an Administrative Secretarial and Zoning Assistant. In her new position, she will be assisting with the process of obtaining plan approval for subdivision and land development plans, and serving as the secretary for the Planning Commission. She is also serving as the administrator of the Sewage Management Program.

The Potter Township office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The office is closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch. CDC guidelines for masking and social distancing are being followed in the office as well as the public meetings.

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Looking for some *free* family fun this summer? A long line-up of baseball tournaments will be held at Potter Athletic Complex (the PAC). Baseball teams from organizations such as US Elite, Baseball U, Future Stars and All Star Baseball have reserved the baseball fields to host tournaments. Check out one of these events:

May 8<sup>th</sup> – US Elite 14U
June 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> – US Elite 14U
June 18 & 19 – Baseball U
June 27 – Future Stars
July 2, 3, 4, 5 – Future Stars
July 10 & 11 - All Star Baseball Academy
July 31 & Aug 1 – All Star Baseball Academy
August 7 & 8 - Future Stars
August 28 & 29 – All Star Baseball Academy

Frqfhvvlrq#wdqg#roxqwhhw – The concession stand at the Potter Athletic Complex will be open during all tournaments. Please consider joining us for a few hours to help staff the concession stand. Dates and times are available under SignUp Genius found at www.pottertownship.org.

#### **Parks and Recreation Committee:**

Hello Everyone,

Spring has arrived...YEA!!!. At least that is what the calendar says. Sometimes Mother Nature has her own start and stop dates.

2020 is now over, but our Nation is still faced with many challenges and it always will. Let's not dwell on the past, but embrace what the future will bring.

That is one of the things I like about the outdoors. There is always a place somewhere out there to get away from it all and breath in some fresh air, take a walk, jog, bike ride, or just sit and admire some beautiful sites.

Parks and Recreation is an important park of our lives. The Potter township Parks and Rec Board is working hard to see that you do not need to go far to enjoy all those desires right here in the Township.

As a reminder, we currently have a beautiful Lake, Colyer Lake, that offers Canoeing, Kayaking, hiking or biking around the 2.6 mile trail and plenty of benches along the way to sit and stare at the beauty surrounding it. We have the Tri-County Municipal Park with walking and open areas for games. Don't forget Potter Run Park and its free little library. It is a Great place to take the kids to let them play while you read a book. Want to watch a Baseball game and eat a hotdog?? Check out the Potter Athletic Complex "PAC". There will be evening games as well as weekend tournaments starting this Spring all the way through the fall.

The Park and Rec team is also planning an Easter Egg hunt, book reading at the Park, Yoga classes at the lake, and other outdoor activities for all to enjoy.

Want to be a part of all the outdoor fun or have any ideas of things you would like to see in the Township? Check us out on the Web at <a href="www.pottertownship.org">www.pottertownship.org</a> We would love to hear what you have to say and to join the team as a Board member or a volunteer.

IT STARTS WITH PARKS!!!

Hope to hear from you soon



#### **List of Events for 2021:**

Children's Book Readings – Potter Run Park – June, August & October Colyer Parade Float – July 4<sup>th</sup>
Yoga Classes at Colyer Lake – June and September
Colyer Lake Trail work – April, May, June, July, August and Sept.
National Night Out – Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Trunk-or-Treat – October

**National Night Out** - Communities across the country are planning to come together the evening of Aug. 3 for National Night Out, an annual event intended to foster a closer relationship between local police departments, first responders and community leaders and the people they serve. National Night Out has grown since 1984, when it drew 2.5 million people across 400 communities in 23 states, according to the national campaign's website. Currently, 38 million people in 16,000 communities across the nation take part in the event.

This event, hosted by Potter Township Parks and Recreation, will be held at Potter Athletic Complex (the PAC) located at 150 Summer Lane, Centre Hall. Check back frequently at www.pottertownship.org for updates on NNO 2021.