

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION

APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2012

For Township residents only.

Must call Potter Township office no later than April 27, 2012 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 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

October 1 and 2, 2012-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.

The Township Ordinances are in the process of being codified; public hearing is 4/23/12 and will then be placed on our web site! The ordinances will be put into a standardized format, eliminate outdated information & update all ordinances put into effect since the last codification in 1998.

Volunteer - get involved - attend meetings & learn about local government. Boards for volunteers to serve on are: Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing, Tri-Municipal Park 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

Centre Hall-Potter Town wide Yard Sales 2012 will be June 22 & 23!

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES FOR REMAINDER OF 2012

Supervisors: Mon. 5/14 only, 6/4 & 6/11, 7/2 & 7/9, 8/6 & 8/13, 9/10 & 9/17, 10/1, 10/8 & 10/15, 11/5 & 11/12, 12/3 & 12/10.
Public Hearing 4/23 for codification of the code of ordinances.

Planning Commission: Wed. 4/25, Tues 5/1 & 5/22, 6/5 & 6/26, 7/3 & 7/24, 8/7-only, 9/4 & 9/25, 10/2 & 10/23, Wed.11/7 & 11/27 and 12/4-only.

SPRING RIFF RAFF MAY 4 and 5, 2012

Riff Raff will be held Fri. May 4, 7 AM to 3 PM and Sat. May 5, 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 2 to arrange for Senior pick-up on Thurs. May 3, 2012.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for FALL RIFF RAFF

Oct 5 & 6 (same rules apply-call 364-9176 with questions)

Senior pick up Oct 4-call by Oct 3

In addition to the Township riff raff, The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority has a household hazardous waste collection event planned to collect flammables, oil based paint, poisons, CFL bulbs, weed killers, chemicals, etc, for April 27 & 28. For more info, call 238-7005.

MEET YOUR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS: Dick Decker- Chair, Jake Tanis-Vice Chair, Melvin K. Dutrow, Denny Foust, and Melicent Sammis. 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 mil for the Fire Company. Welcome Denny, Melvin & Melicent! Many thanks to Tom Sharer & Bob Corman for their many years of service with the Township.

STAFF at 124 Short Road:

Budd Brooks, Road Superintendent 364-9314

roads@pottertownship.org (7:00 - 3:30)

Brenda Burd, Secretary, 364-9176 fax 364-2809 (8:00 - 12; 1:00 - 5:00) secretary@pottertownship.org

Jeff McClellan, Zoning Officer/Sewage Administrator 364-2456/531-4068 zoning@pottertownship.org available Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00-12; 1:00-5:00 & by appointment Wed evenings.

THIS PAST YEAR WE PURCHASED A DOUBLE-WIDE FOR OFFICE SPACE & WE ARE ALL NOW LOCATED AT 124 SHORT RD. COME VISIT THE NEW OFFICE.

The **Potter Township Planning Commission** Current members appointed by the Supervisors, are: Ron Grove-Chairman, Karl Eysenbach-Vice Chair, Tom Doman, Melvin K. Dutrow, Mary Carol Frier, Paul Sampsell & Mike Troyan. Meetings, all open to public, are normally the 1st and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Township meeting room. Watch for their Township display at Grange Fair again this year.

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 strongly urge property owners to make sure their mailboxes are strong & are on strong supports so they will be better able to withstand the force of snow from the plow. We remind you **no parking** is allowed on township roads, in cul de sacs, or in our legal right-of-way.

* **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.**
* Please do not burn garbage, rubber, styrofoam, plastic or other pollutants-it's noxious & against the state DEP law.

* **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 Road Superintendent Budd Brooks, Rodney Johnson, Clarence Taylor & Shannon Dunlap.

Clearwater Conservancy invites you to join them for their 16th annual watershed cleanup day Sat. April 21, 2012. During the past 15 yrs, volunteers removed over 2,780 tons of trash from local streams, roadways, sinkholes & illegal dumpsites. Call Nick at 814-237-0400 or at nick@clearwaterconservancy.org to learn more about participating.

Onlot Sewage Management Program Since the start of our sewage management program in Jan. 2010 we have completed over 400 inspections & had over 60 repairs completed on systems to bring them into compliance with the DEP Sewage Facilities Permitting Program. In addition, over 70 pumping waivers were granted. Most repairs were minor but a few were significant & required correction to ensure protection of our groundwater & keep a safe supply of drinking water for our citizens. As a result of suggestions from citizens on our program, the Supervisors have delayed sending out pumping & inspection notification letters for 2012 until some program modifications can be implemented. These modifications include better communication using the Township web site & revised notification letters, developing a new inspection sheet for use by the SEO, & generate an informational packet for property owners & establish a standardized Pumper Receipt. In addition, the SMP Administrator is in the process of distributing copies of all previous inspection reports to property owners. Going forward, the SEO will provide a copy of the inspection report at the time of the site inspection. We hope these changes will help everyone better understand the program procedures, how on lot septic systems function & the property owner's responsibilities to keep the systems in good working condition so that we keep Potter Township's ground water safe.

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency (Fire, Police, Ambulance) **911**
PA State Police non-emergency 355-7545
District Magistrate Tom Jordan 364-1492
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, Centre Tax Agency 234-7120
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 537 Study is continuing with the completion of a preliminary income survey & collection of two rounds of water samples. It took about 6 months to obtain DEP approval with our study scope & for them to agree to share our costs associated with the Study. Preliminary conceptual design options have been completed & about 30% of the study submittal document has been drafted. Availability of Grant funding is a concern but it is best to continue with preparation of a final submittal document so that we will have a "shovel ready" project as funds become available. The draft study document will be finished within the next few months & we will be conducting a more detailed income study to help with soliciting Grant funding during the summer. Thank you for your participation in the prior income study-we will be doing another study in the near future. This is an essential step to obtaining Grant money. At this time, it appears the project will not be ready for construction until late 2013 or early 2014. We will try to post progress reports on the Potter Township web site as the project moves forward.

Township representatives serving on boards:

Penns Valley Regional Planning (2-year term) are: Ron Grove thru 12/31/13 & Dick Decker thru 12/31/12; on Tri-Municipal Park Advisory Board are: Denny Foust, Mark Sharer, & Michael Troyan with Dave Whiteman as 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 members are: Dennis Grove, Mike Clitherow, Todd Bowersox & John Zerby, thru 12/31/13 & Madge Ludwig until 12/31/16-Alternate is Allen Ishler; on Spring Creek Watershed Commission (annual appointment) is Bill Fleckenstein with Ann Glaser as Alternate; Vacancy Board (annual appointment) is Craig Weidensaul; Penns Valley EMS (6-yr term) is Tom Sharer thru 12/31/12, TCC Act 32 committee is Denny Foust. **Many thanks to all of you!!**

Potter Township
124 Short Road
Spring Mills, PA 16875

WHEN THE FIRE COMPANY SENDS OUT THEIR REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS THIS YEAR, PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

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.

Also, we accept real Christmas trees during December & January each year at a designated area next to the Township office.

ABOUT YOUR MUNICIPAL TAXES.....

Township real estate millage is 1.58 mils (1 mil to Fire Co. & .58 mil to Township) + a \$10 Per Capita fee. The school millage is 40.4557 mils; the County millage is 7.84 mils on your assessed real estate value. The next time you get your tax bill, don't blame the Township for their high taxes, take a look at who really gets your tax money.

Municipal wage tax is 0.5% of wages & the school's wage tax is 1.3% of wages.

(excerpted from Town & Gown's 2011-2012 tax guide)

A special thank you to our volunteer fire fighters, our emergency service personnel & all others that make our Township a good safe place to live.

April 2012 West Nile Virus season begins. It's a mosquito borne disease. Eliminate sources of standing water such as unused pools, stagnant ponds, poorly functioning roof gutters & used tires lying around. Please contact Centre County Planning Office at 355-6791 to report wet areas that are breeding large amounts of mosquitoes so they can take samples for testing for west nile virus. State wide last year there were 1,323 positive tests on mosquitoes, birds & horses; additionally there were 6 human cases, so caution is advised. Any questions, comments or concerns should be addresses to Albert Lavan, Centre County WNV Program at 355-6791.

CENTRE HALL FIRE COMPANY

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

Thank you to the men & women serving in the fire company. We appreciate the many hours of rigorous training you must endure just to volunteer to serve the people.

In 2011 the Fire Co. responded to 126 calls (down 43 calls from 2010): 16 in Centre Hall Boro, 84 in Potter Township, 4 in Gregg Twp, 2 in Armagh Twp, 1 in Miles Twp, 2 in Spring Twp, 7 in Harris Twp, 1 in Penn Twp, 2 in Benner Twp, 2 in Brown Twp, 1 in State College, 3 in Millheim & 1 in Blair Co. Calls include 28 accidents, 11 automatic fire alarms, 1 barn fire, 2 chief's calls, 4 chimney fires, 2 CO alarm sounding, 11 dwelling fires, 2 fire police, 3 hazardous conditions, 2 landing zone, 15 medical assist, 1 mutual aid, 2 outside investigations, 2 pole fires, 6 public service, 1 rekindle, 3 specialized rescue, 6 stand-by, 3 traffic control, 4 transfer, 8 vehicle fires, 3 wildfires, & 3 wires down. Thank you responders!

In 2003, Potter Township, Gregg Township & Centre Hall Borough jointly purchased a farm for the purpose of creating a park. It is located along Upper Brush Valley Road across from Sammis' greenhouse. The Tri-Municipal Park Advisory Board is appointed by each of the 3 municipalities to research & plan this park. All plans & expenditures are approved by all 3 municipalities. They will be looking for donations in the form of monetary or manual labor or materials. Please consider attending their meetings, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Centre Hall Borough Office. Please consider volunteering time, money or materials to help make this park work. If you are interested in serving on the park committee, please contact the secretary of the municipality where you live to offer your service.

