

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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COMMISSIONER'S MEETINGS

Regular public meetings of the Baldwin Township Board of Commissioners take place on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at the municipal building and start at 7:30 pm. The Board encourages all residents to attend and have a voice in their local government.

CATS AND STRAY ANIMALS

Resident reports about problems with unwanted nuisance cats are on the rise. This is a threefold problem; owners allow their cats to freely roam, unwanted cats are abandoned in the community, and abundant food sources attract and retain ever multiplying numbers of feral cats.

Residents are reminded that it is illegal under Baldwin Township Ordinance No. 461 (enacted 11-26-12) to feed or provide water to any stray or feral cat or dog, or any other stray animal, or to allow any other persons to engage in such activities on your property.

If you are a cat owner, please keep your cat indoors and have it spayed or neutered. Identification tags are highly recommended in the chance that your cat gets loose. Please secure garbage cans and other materials around your property that may provide shelter.

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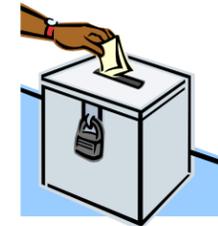
PHOTO ID NOT REQUIRED FOR NOVEMBER 2013 ELECTIONS

Recent legal decisions have temporarily halted the enforcement of Pennsylvania's voter identification law. Voters may be asked by poll workers to show identification, but voters are not required to show, or even have, identification to use voting machines.

First time voters and individuals voting in a new precinct are still required to show photo or non-photo identification.

Acceptable photo identification includes the following:

- ◆ PA drivers license or PennDOT ID card
- ◆ Employee ID or student ID (with photo)
- ◆ U.S. Armed Forces ID
- ◆ Passport



Acceptable non-photo identification showing name and address include:

- ◆ Voter registration card issued by voter registration commission
- ◆ Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth
- ◆ Firearm permit
- ◆ Current utility bill, bank statement, government-issued check, or paycheck

ELECTRONIC DEVICES NOT COLLECTED CURBSIDE

Changes to Pennsylvania law now prohibit the disposal of electronic devices in landfills. These components contain harmful metals and other materials that can contaminate water supplies and strain conventional waste streams. The Covered Device Recycling Act (2010) requires manufacturers to provide recycling programs for computer equipment and televisions sold to consumers. Most electronics retailers offer on-site recycling services, but it is good practice to verify if the location can accept your device.

To supplement retail collection, several "Hard to Recycle" events are held around Allegheny County throughout the year. The Pennsylvania Resources Council (www.prc.org) coordinates these events and accepts a variety of electronic and other non traditional waste items, including automotive fluids, for a very minimal fee. **The next "Hard to Recycle" event is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th at the Mall at Robinson from 9am-1pm.**

2014 BUDGET PREPARATION

The Baldwin Township Board of Commissioners will convene the following meetings at the municipal building for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2014 budget. Meetings start at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

- October 28, 2013
- November 6, 2013 (7:30 pm)
- November 25, 2013



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES-PARADE

Inviting all ghostly ghosts, scary monsters, super-heroes and princesses alike! The Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 1 pm. All participants will meet in the lower parking lot of the municipal building. Come out in your bestor worst... Halloween Finery and meet all the neighborhood goblins and ghouls.



TRICK OR TREAT - (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME - 5:30 & 7:30 PM).

Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013 between 5:30 & 7:30 pm. Please note the time change. All residents and motorists throughout the township should be mindful of the safety of our children while they Trick or Treat. As always, the Baldwin Township Police Department will be patrolling the streets during Trick or Treat.

CASTLE SHANNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



TRAIN SHOW

Sunday, October 27, 2013 9 am - 3 pm.
Adult tickets \$5 and kids 12 and under \$3

SPORTSMEN'S CASH BASH

Sunday, November 3, 2013 12:30 - 6 pm
For tickets & other information
Call: (412) 884-7913

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Come & join your neighbors on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 1-3 pm at the municipal building. Kids can meet with Santa Claus and enjoy ice cream with all the trimmings. There will also be raffles so kids can have a chance to win some great prizes. If you plan to attend, please email the number of kids you will be bringing to info@baldwintownship.com.

BUSINESSS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION LIGHT UP NIGHT

The Baldwin Township Business & Professional Association 'Christmas Light Up Night' on Sunday, December 1, 2013 at 6PM. Join your friends & neighbors to welcome Santa & his elves when they arrive by Castle Shannon fire truck at the parking lot at ALDI at the corner of McNeilly & Sussex Avenues. US Congressman Tim Murphy & State Senator Wayne Fontana will help Santa & his Elves distribute the children's goody bags. All who attend, adults & children individually, will receive a free ticket for multiple gift drawings. Prizes are donated by the members & friends of BPA, whom we would like to thank in advance for their generosity & support. Without them events like these would not be possible.



THE BPA WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND HEARTWARMING HOLIDAY SEASON!

MESSAGE FROM THE BALDWIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the start of the 2013-2014 school year, please get to know school bus laws. Review them with your family members, especially young drivers who may be driving to school themselves for the first time this year.

- ◆ **When a school bus stops & flashes red lights, traffic approaching from any direction must stop before reaching the bus.**
- ◆ **Motorists must stop at least 10 feet from the bus.**
- ◆ **Be prepared to slow down & possibly stop whenever you see a school bus.**
- ◆ **Know that you must remain stopped for a school bus until the red lights stop flashing & the stop arm has been withdrawn, or until the bus driver or police officer/ traffic director directs you to proceed. Do not move until all children have reached a place of safety.**
- ◆ **Motorists must stop for a school bus at a four way intersection in all four directions. Driving in front of or behind a school bus while it is loading or unloading children is incorrect. All traffic must stop.**
- ◆ **Violating this law carries the following mandatory penalties:**

**60 Day Driver's License Suspension
Five (5) Points on your Driving Record
A \$250 Fine**

WINTER WEATHER

Parking on township streets at any time during a winter storm is prohibited. This prohibition remains in place until the storm is over and no further accumulation is predicted in forecasts issued by local radio or TV broadcasts. **The penalty for violating is a fine up to \$600 plus costs.** Additionally, throwing or placing snow or ice on township streets is illegal and carries a \$1,000 fine. Obeying these ordinances make the job of clearing our streets much easier and much safer for all residents.

TRASH COLLECTION 2013

**REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION IS ON FRIDAY.
FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF UPCOMING HOLIDAYS THAT
WILL AFFECT REGULAR PICK-UP.**

**THANKSGIVING DAY-Thursday, November 27, 2013. Pick-up will be
Saturday, November 30, 2013**

**CHRISTMAS DAY-Wednesday, December 25, 2013. Pick-up will be
Saturday, December 28, 2013**

**NEW YEARS DAY- Wednesday, January 1, 2014. Pick-up will be
Saturday, January 4, 2014**



*Remember, trash should not be placed at the curb before
6:00 pm on the night before pick-up.*