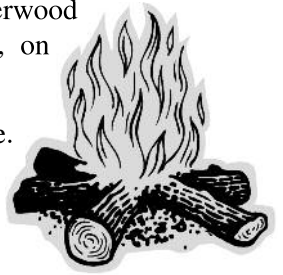


Nottingham Township to hold Bonfire Event October 1, 2011

By Dave Resanovich, Recreation Board Chairman

Nottingham Township will be hosting a BONFIRE EVENT at Sherwood Park located at the Municipal Complex, 909 Sugar Run Road, on October 1, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and family to roast marshmallows by an open fire. *Tres Lads* will provide the musical entertainment between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided at no cost to residents. Come enjoy some music, food, and great friends. Remember —come early and bring your folding chairs and blankets.



Recreation Board holds Clean-up Day and E-cycling Event

A Clean-up Day was organized by the Recreation Board to remove litter along some of the more remote roads of the Township. On May 7, 2011, a total of 25 residents volunteered their services to clean litter along Valley View, Patterson, Sundust, and Mansion Hill roads. Refreshments were served to all that participated.

Two truckloads of e-cycling materials were hauled away from the Township Building on Saturday, July 23, 2011. That is a lot of TV's and computer monitors. Six volunteers were on hand to aid Recreation Board members receive and load the collected items. Public Works employees were also on hand to deliver the e-cycling materials to the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Thanks to all who participated!

ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Polls Open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

*The last day to register to vote before the November election is October 11, 2011.

To download a voter registration form visit our website at

www.nottinghamtp.com

Don't Forget to Vote!



NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP'S Trick – or – Treat Observance

Monday, October 31, 2011

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*All Children should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult!

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Township welcomes newly appointed Supervisor, Todd E. Flynn

Todd E. Flynn was appointed to the Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors on May 16, 2011, to fill the vacancy of long-time Supervisor Ray Barley. Todd is no stranger to the workings of municipal government as he has served as an active member on the Township's Zoning Hearing Board for approximately four years.

Todd graduated from Mount Union University in Alliance, Ohio, and taught at the Upper Saint Clair School District for 35 years until his retirement in 2010. He still coaches the Upper Saint Clair Boy's Golf Team and has done so for the past 20 years.



Todd and his wife, Peggy, have been married for over 38 years. They have called the Evanston Heights area of the Township home for 33 years. The Flynn's have two married daughters, both teaching in the Washington D. C. area. Todd and Peggy will be welcoming their first grandchild in the next several months.

Todd will complete the remainder of previous Supervisor Ray Barley's term, which will end on January 3, 2012. He is running unopposed on the fall ballot for the position of Supervisor. If successful, he will serve a six year term as Supervisor ending in January 2018. Todd is ready to give back to the community he loves and calls home.

Agricultural Security Area (ASA) review planned

The Agricultural Security Law gives townships the ability to create an Agricultural Security Area (ASA) to help protect agricultural lands and operations. Farm landowners, working together, initiate the process of establishing such areas in which agriculture is the primary activity. Participating farmers are entitled to special consideration from local and state government agencies and other "nuisance" challenges; thus, encouraging the continuing use of the land for productive agricultural purposes.



Nottingham Township will be conducting a review of the ASA beginning with a Public Notice to appear in the Observer-Reporter and posted five places throughout the area. Interested residents are invited to modify (join or terminate) the existing ASA. Landowners currently in the ASA will be sent written notice from the Township stating that the review is beginning. This will be their opportunity to alter the amount of property currently in the ASA, or terminate their participation in the ASA.

There are a variety of benefits to the landowner who enrolls their land in an Agricultural Security Area. First, landowners are given limited protection against local regulations. Second, state agencies may not condemn a landowner's property without special permission from the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board. Third, landowners are eligible to participate in the state's agricultural conservation easement program. Finally, there are loan programs available through the Commonwealth with reduced interest for farms enrolled in the ASA's.

All property in the ASA should be viable agricultural land. Cropland, pasture, and woodland can all be included in an ASA, and should be zoned to permit agricultural uses. If you are interested in joining the ASA, or need more information, contact the Township Office at 724-348-5622 Ext. 112. You may also download a modification form from our Township site at www.nottinghamtwp.com.

Message from Chairman Pete Marcoline

I thought this newsletter would be a good opportunity to update Township residents on activities of the Township over the past year that affects them and in some instances, where the cooperation of residents is requested.

Construction of new municipal building underway

On February 7, 2011, the Board of Supervisors authorized the advertisement for bids for the construction of the new Township Municipal Building for General Construction, Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing contracts. The original goal set for the new building costs was between \$500,000 and \$700,000. After receipt of the initial bids on March 15, the Board of Supervisors rejected all bids on April 4 as the overall bids were approximately \$900,000, exceeding the goal previously set.

On April 18, 2011, after changes were made to the building specifications to lower costs, new bids were solicited through advertisement and received on May 29. The overall bids totaled \$676,200, within the goal set by the Board of Supervisors. Bids were accepted from the following contractors:

General	Masco Construction	\$435,900	Electrical	Three Rivers Electric	\$84,650
HVAC	Tower Construction	\$76,850	Plumbing	Newman Plumbing	\$78,800

Construction has gone well. As of the date of this newsletter, the framework of the building has been erected and roof trusses installed. Completion of construction is anticipated for late fall. Supervisor Doug King continues to work closely with the architect for the selection of the color scheme for the building, to include the siding and brick work. It is the intent of the Township that the building be not only well constructed, but aesthetically pleasing. Doug closely monitors the day to day construction activity of the building.



The construction of the new Municipal Building is being financed by funds set aside and on hand by the Township and a loan from Washington Financial in the amount of \$350,000. The cost of construction will not result in a tax increase to Township residents.

All residents are welcome to visit the Township Municipal Complex to observe the construction of the building and provide whatever comments are appropriate to the Board of Supervisors.

Act 32 Countywide Earned Income Tax Initiation - Board of Supervisors decline increase to Local Services Tax (LST)

As of January 1, 2012, the collection of earned income taxes from Township residents will be changed to a County by County basis within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nottingham Township's present tax collector for the earned income tax is the Keystone Collections Group located in Irwin, PA. On the effective date of the changeover to a County by County collection system, the Washington County Tax Collection District (WCTCD) will be responsible for the collection of the earned income taxes owed by Township residents. Fortunately, Keystone Collections Group will be the tax collection agent for the WCTCD so the transition from the present to the new system should be smooth for Township residents. Please feel free to contact the Township Office if you have any questions regarding the implementation of Act 32. Further information is available by visiting Keystone Collections website at www.keystonecollects.com.

The Board of Supervisors had the option of increasing the Local Services Tax from the current \$10.00 to \$52.00 per year. Mindful of the commitment that the Board of Supervisors made to the residents of the Township not to increase taxes to pay for the construction of the new Municipal Building, the Board of Supervisors will maintain the current Local Services Tax at \$10.00 per person and will not increase that tax to the allowable \$52.00 as many neighboring communities have done.

Township's recycling center huge success!

The Township Recycling Center was opened for use as a county-wide recycling center on November 4, 2010. The federal grant covered the cost of construction, but did not cover maintenance costs associated with its use, which are absorbed by Nottingham Township. The Township must also bear the cost of transportation of the recyclable materials collected at the site by a contract hauler to Greenstar, the recycler, located on Neville Island near McKees Rocks, PA. The cost of transportation is \$395 per haul. Greenstar then pays the Township for the material collected on a per ton basis.

The use of the recycling facility by Township residents has far exceeded the expectations of Township Officials. The facility, which uses a compactor, is filled approximately every 30 days. The use of the facility is so great that the recyclables dropped off are compacted at least three times a day, if not more. As of the date of this newsletter, the contract hauler has delivered a total of 22.25 tons of recyclable material, or 44,500 pounds, to Greenstar Recycling. Township officials are hopeful that this trend will continue. Thanks to all of you who participate!

Township residents are encouraged to bring their recyclable materials to the facility, which is open 24 hours a day. Township residents are requested not to drop-off garbage at the facility, which includes rubber tires, food containers, furniture, paint and food waste, as these materials cannot be recycled. Township residents are also requested not to drop-off their recyclable materials in plastic garbage bags, as the plastic bags clog the machinery that Greenstar uses. A bin for plastic bags is available for the deposit of those bags at the recycling site. The cooperation by all concerned will certainly be appreciated.

On-street parking during snow emergencies and the hours of 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM prohibited in the Township

Winter is fast approaching. If we experience another winter like the last two, we can expect snow-covered or icy road conditions. Township residents are reminded that on-street parking during a snow emergency is prohibited inasmuch as it obstructs Township snowplows from cleaning the roads. In many instances, the snowplows will be working during darkness and vehicles parked on-street can be difficult to see, especially if there has been heavy snowfall and the vehicle is covered with snow. This can result in an accident with possible serious injuries to Township personnel, as well as extensive damage to both the snowplows and the parked vehicle.

Township residents are also reminded that parking on any Township street during the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. is prohibited and strictly enforced. In the event there is a need to park your vehicle on the street, such as when a driveway is being sealed or coated, or where your vehicle(s) cannot be parked in the driveway for other valid reasons, residents are encouraged to inform the Township of the situation to avoid an Ordinance violation.

Important Information from your Tax Collector

- **Ringgold School Taxes were sent out August 15, 2011.** If you have not received your tax notice please call the Tax Collector at 724-348-6081.
- **Nottingham Township Taxes are now due at penalty.**
- **All Real Estate Taxes will be liened December 31, 2011.**

Those of you who have not signed up for the *Homestead & Farmstead Exclusion* please do so when the County sends out the application in December. The Homeowner Tax Relief Act was enacted to allow school districts to reduce property taxes through homestead and farmstead exclusions. You must be the recorded owner and resident of the property to participate. If you have questions on the *Homestead & Farmstead Exclusion* contact the Washington County Assessment Office at 724-228-6850.

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