



# Findlay Township

## UPDATE

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### **TOWNSHIP OF FINDLAY - 2022 BUDGET MESSAGE**

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The 2022 Budget is respectfully submitted to the Board of Supervisors and the Residents of Findlay Township. This budget is fiscally conservative with a strong commitment to financial management practices and a strategic plan for continued growth. The Operating and Capital Budgets outline the Township's day-to-day and long term finances necessary to provide top notch services to its residents. Serving as a policy guide for the upcoming year, they also establish long range planning that provides the framework for sound fiscal decision making for the future of the Township.

COVID-19 served as a pause in many ways. It has paused projects, travel plans, birthdays and weddings. The same impact was felt in local governments. Projects were delayed and our budget was tightened. This fiscal conservation helped the Township get through 2021 without transferring money from revenues to balance the budget. Through these challenging times, Township staff continued to provide the best possible services to our residents.

A recent article published by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) noted three leadership tasks for recovery from financial disaster: Bridge the immediate, Reform the short-term budget and Transform plans and policies so that government comes back stronger and more resilient than before. We have bridged the uncertainty created by the pandemic through reduced spending and capital projects. The 2021 budget was reduced by \$1,744,854.00 to bridge the loss of revenues that were anticipated from parking taxes as the travel industry fought through COVID. Transformation came through our daily activities. We learned how to conduct on-line business, the importance of fiscal diversity and looked at future economic growth by completing a Development Feasibility Study.

The 2022 Operating Budget is a comprehensive document that addresses anticipated revenues and expenditures for all Township operations which include general government, building and plumbing inspections, planning, recreation, parks, stormwater systems, public works and police. Throughout the budget process, input was provided by the Board of Supervisors, department heads, boards and Township sponsored organizations. As the single most important policy document adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the budget guides the Management of the Township throughout the year. For 2022, the following policies will remain:

- 2022 will be the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Real Estate Tax will not be increased and remain at 1.60 millage.
- Act 77, Senior Citizen Relief Program. Provides for a 30% discount on real estate tax for qualified homeowners.
- Act 50, Homestead/Farmstead Program. Reduces market value of County Real Estate Taxes by \$18,000 for primary owner/occupied dwellings.
- Local Services Tax (LST), \$47
- Earned Income Tax (EIT), 0.5%
- Parking Tax, 9% for Commercial Parking Lots
- Sanitary Landfill Tax, 12% of Gross Receipts

The 2022 Operating Budget revenues and expenditures are balanced at \$12,311,026.00.

2020	2021	2022
\$12,358,277.00	\$10,613,423.00	\$12,311,026.00

As we look forward to 2022, we are confident that existing and new commercial real estate development will continue to add to our revenues. In 2021, the Potato Garden Run Tax Increment Finance (TIF) was dissolved. This was created in 2007 to divert seventy-five percent (75%) of real estate taxes on 550 acres of vacant land adjoining the Westport Interchange of Route 576 for infrastructure. Due to the success of development generated by the TIF, this 20 year TIF was paid in full in February of 2021. Six years ahead of schedule, which now makes all the real estate 100% taxable. In 2022, the 3.8 million square feet of commercial building real estate associated with Westport will contribute over \$400,000.00 in just Findlay Township taxes.

Capital Budget for 2022 has an approved fund of \$1,777,061.00.

2020	2021	2022
\$2,980,557.00	\$1,456,667.00	\$1,777,061.00

Without sacrificing services and maintenance, the 2022 Capital Budget compared to 2021 is still on the conservative side. There are additional capital items that may get funded. However, we are going to monitor real estate and parking tax revenues as 2022 proceeds. If revenues exceed our projections, we will add additional Capital.

Although 2021 was a challenging year not knowing how long the effects of COVID were going to last on the economy, the Township exceeded our revenue projections and was able to complete the following.

In 2021, the Township was able to do the following Capital assignments:

- Replace a Public Works 7-ton dump truck
- Buy a new 72 inch zero turn mower for the Parks Department
- Seal Coat Ferguson Road, Maple Drive and Country Hollow Road
- Paving the second section of Aten Road, Meanor Street and Phase I of Solar Drive
- Two new Police vehicles
- Body cameras for the Police Department
- Retro-fitting of three stormwater ponds in the RIDC Park West to bring them up to current stormwater standards.

This budget maintains Findlay Township’s ongoing efforts to provide the best possible services to our residents and businesses at the highest quality in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible. Financial accountability through best management policies will continue to be the Township’s top priority.

The 2022 budget will continue to provide Trash and Recycling services, along with Ambulance service subscriptions at no cost to homeowners 67 years of age and older. These services add up to \$135,079.00. Funding for the Western Allegheny

Community Library will increase to \$98,620.00. Insurance premiums for the Township, which includes such items as General Liability, Cyber, Automotive, Public Officials, Workman’s Compensation, Law Enforcement Liability and others, increased 2% from 2021 premiums to \$275,200.00 in 2022. Health Care Insurance for Township Employees will stay the same for 2022 with no increase.

One of the strengths of Findlay Township is its citizens. We could in no way provide all the services and programs our residents have come to expect without you. Thank you to all the residents who volunteer on various Township Boards and at numerous events. Your knowledge and time are invaluable to us.

2021 was a trying year for everyone in our community. But it is times like these that strengthen ones resolve to move forward. And that is exactly what Findlay Township did. We continued to look forward to position the Township as one of the most desired Municipalities in Western Pennsylvania for businesses and residents. None of this is possible without the best Municipal Team there is, our employees, who throughout the year never once closed their doors to the public.

From our Public Works Department, who maintain our roadways, Parks Department that maintains all the parks, Recreation Department that plans and puts on all the community classes and events, Police Department for keeping the Township safe and working with the students of the West Allegheny School District, Inspections for construction, plumbing and stormwater standards, and the Findlay Township Municipal Authority for providing public water and sewage throughout the community. Thank you to all those employees. Throughout the year, the Administrative staff, whom are always there to assist all residents and comply with all Local, State and Federal deadlines and most importantly always coming in under or at budget. Thank you Tom Garrett, Assistant Manager, Cynde Harris, Township Secretary/Treasurer and Laura Savage, Administrative/ Planning Assistant for all your assistance in preparing this budget.

As 2021 comes to a close, we look forward to the opportunity that 2022 will bring us. Findlay Township has become one of the best communities in Western Pennsylvania to live, work and play. This took years of planning and a lot of hard work to implement the mechanisms to succeed. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for all your support and leadership. Janet Craig, Chairperson, Raymond Chappell, Vice-Chairperson and Tom Gallant, Supervisor.

Findlay Township is well positioned for 2022. For more information on the Township, please visit the Township web site at [WWW.FINDLAY.PA.US](http://WWW.FINDLAY.PA.US).

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Caruso  
Township Manager



## **WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Since its inception in 2015, the Society has hosted a number of programs at the Community Library. After being on hiatus due to COVID, the group is hoping to plan future programs and field trips.

For our next committee meeting, we are opening it up to the community in order to attract area residents who are interested in preserving the past and help to plan future programs/trips. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at the Western Allegheny Community Library located on Bateman Road, Oakdale.

On Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the library will be hosting a *Footlocker Program* by The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, who will compare the lives of U.S. soldiers during the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. They will discuss the soldier's equipment and experiences and bring with them a footlocker containing artifacts from the museums collection, including documents and photos that can be handled and passed around by the audience. Register for the Program on the Western Allegheny Community Library's website.

Visit "History Hall" on your next visit to the Community Library and view the displays showcasing the communities of Findlay, North Fayette and Oakdale. Our feature wall now focuses on the Lincoln Highway (Route 30).

Located in the Library entryway is a display showcasing historical artifacts that have been donated by area residents. The Library also has a Pennsylvania collection of local history books, some having been written by local authors.

Please join our Facebook group or visit the Society's link on the Western Allegheny Community Library website. We are always looking for new committee members or ideas for future programs, trips, feature history wall, etc.



## **FINDLAY TOWNSHIP WEBSITE UNDERGOING CHANGES**

When was the last time you visited our Findlay Township website? Coming in the next few months there will be some subtle but exciting changes coming to our site – new colors, new photos, and more information at your fingertips on our front page. As mentioned in the article from the Building Inspection department, several of their forms and information have been updated for 2022 on our website. Ashley Mays and Laura Burns from our Recreation Department are taking over the announcements of Recreation events and Facility information. They are promising more pictures and new ways to access information. Did you see the QR code in your Recreation newsletter that gets you to our website and their newsletter? They are also looking into new electronic ways to pay for events and facilities – we'll be sure to keep you updated on our website and their **Facebook page: /Findlay Township Parks & Recreation**. In addition, Sergeant Stang, Officer Mascilli and Officer Orndoff from our Police Department will be using their skills to keep the Police Department information updated. As always, you can find the most current Police information at their **Facebook page: /findlaytwppolice**. We're looking forward to our website refresh and finding all the best ways to communicate with you.

**Township website: [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us)  
and Facebook at: /FindlayTwpAdmin**

## **ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS AND SPECIAL NEEDS CITIZENS**

The Findlay Township Police Department, in conjunction with The Findlay Township Recreation Department, are here for you. Any Findlay Township senior citizen or special needs citizen, who would like to be contacted by telephone during extreme weather conditions, can register for our "Check Call List". A Police Dispatcher or a member of the Recreation Department will call to ensure that you are not left without food, water, heat or other necessities during prolonged electrical outages or other extreme situations.

Please contact Laura Burns at 724-695-0500 x241 to have your name added to the list.

## ***BASE COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR RETIRES***

On March 14, 2022, Linda Weible will officially retire as Base Supervisor for the Findlay Township Police Department. Linda grew up in Clinton, where her parents Evelyn and Chester Hughes still reside.

Linda began her career as a Dispatcher and subsequently Base Supervisor forty-four years ago. In addition to answering citizens' calls and ensuring that our officers returned safely to their families at the end of each day, Linda helped to create various training programs for new dispatchers; assisted with the airport disaster plan; the implementation of the Township's Swift Reach automatic notification system; and many other programs to ensure the safety of our citizens and officers.

Linda intends to spend time with her husband, Frank and their two dogs, Willie and Ellie, and travel to see their four children, Frankie, Lorrie, Jason and Lacey and granddaughter, Eva. Linda will also assist the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department, of which her husband is a long time member, when needed with functions such as the Lenten Fish Fries. In addition, Linda will enjoy tending her numerous flower beds, and creating original craft projects.

Linda will be missed, but her legacy continues through those she has mentored through her outstanding career and we all wish her the very best in her retirement.

## ***FINDLAY POLICE OFFICER PROMOTED***

On January 1, 2022, Officer Jamie Sacco was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Jamie resides in the township with his wife Becky and is the father of two (2) sons. As a Sergeant, Jamie will be responsible for supervising the officers on the afternoon shift. Initially hired by the Findlay Township Police Department in January of 2012, Jamie has served as a Patrol Officer for the first several years of his career. In August of 2017, Jamie was assigned as the officer in charge of the COPS Function. This assignment placed Jamie in charge of the Community Relations, Crime Prevention, and Juvenile Functions. Jamie was also responsible for teaching D.A.R.E. to the students at Wilson Elementary as well as many other programs to the students of the West Allegheny School District. Jamie was one of the original officers that started teaching the "Refuse To Be A Victim" program and also instructed the ALICE Program (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) to our citizens, teachers, and business employees in the township. Jamie will remain in charge of these functions while he trains officer Mike Johnson, who will be his replacement. We are excited about Jamie's new role as a supervisor with the department.

## ***WELCOME OUR NEWEST BASE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER***

On January 17, 2022, Findlay Township welcomed our newest Base Communications Officer, Kenneth Crooks to the Findlay Township Police Department. Ken was formerly employed at Allegheny County 911 since 2012 where he dispatched Police, Fire and EMS for the City of Pittsburgh and also TCT – Special Ops for S.W.A.T. and E.O.D. for Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Since 2000, Ken has been a Volunteer Firefighter and EMT and is currently a Lieutenant and President of the North Fayette Volunteer Fire Department. Ken has three (3) dogs a German Shepherd (Ruger), a Husky (Archie) and a St. Bernard (Mako). Ken enjoys, hunting, fishing and traveling to the beach.



## ***WITH RETIREMENT COMES PROMOTION***

On January 24, 2022, Teresa Reaghard was promoted to Base Communications Supervisor where she will be responsible for supervising the entire Communications Center. Teresa and her husband Tim reside in Oakdale where they raised their four (4) children. Teresa was hired by the Findlay Township Police Department in April 1993 as a part-time Communications Officer and worked in that capacity until moving to full-time in January of 1997. Over the last 25 years, Teresa has been involved with the training of many of our Communications Officers and preparing them for their positions. In addition to taking emergency calls and assisting emergency services, Teresa has been a vital part of our annual Shop With A Cop program; coordinated McGruff at the Township fair; and volunteered annually with the Presents from Police program. Teresa brings many years of experience with her to the position of Communications Supervisor and we look forward to her in this new role with the department.

## **REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM**

The Findlay Township Police Department is once again hosting the "Refuse To Be A Victim" class. This NRA sponsored event has been taught to thousands of people across the United States for the past 20 years and our department has instructed these classes over the last five years. The classroom portion of the program is approximately four hours in length. The Police Department also offers a separate class to the participants that includes a day at the shooting range. This class is designed for those with no or very limited exposure to firearms. The course will cover basic firearms safety and basic shooting skills to the participants. The firearms portion of the program will be held at a local firing range where the participants will get the chance to fire a variety of weapons. The best part about both classes is they are free. Please follow us on the Police Department Facebook page to see when the classes will be scheduled.

## **THE FINDLAY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS JOINED NEIGHBORS!**

We are excited to be joining Neighbors in our efforts to connect with residents and improve the safety of our communities. Neighbors allows you, the user, to share photos, videos and information related to local crime and safety incidents so fellow residents can stay informed. The Findlay Township Police Department can view what local residents have posted publicly to Neighbors and can now chime-in with relevant updates or safety alerts to help residents stay informed. Feel free to spread the word and make sure to always report criminal activity or emergency situations directly to the Findlay Township Police Department by contacting (724) 695-7777.

## **Western Allegheny Community Library**



September 17th Western Allegheny Community Library will once again be hosting our annual Fall For Your Library at Celebration's Banquet, Bar & Grill. Presented by Conti Law, this fun community event brings together residents, businesses, and organizations from around the community to celebrate literacy and raise awareness for the multitude of services and programs offered by WACL.

Attendees will enjoy an array of food and beverage pairings, music, games and auctions.

Funds raised from this event will be eligible for a pro-rated match through the The Jack Buncher Foundation's Love your Library campaign.

If you have not yet attended a Fall For Your Library, be sure to make this the year! Tickets will soon be available on the library website at [www.westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://www.westernalleghenylibrary.org).

**Save the Date!**



## **IMPERIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FISH FRY IS BACK!**

IVFD Fish Fry began on Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) and continues each Friday thru Lent (until April 15, 2022). Open from 10AM-7PM, IVFD offers Take Out and Limited Delivery options.

### **Call ahead to:**

724-695-8845 or 724-695-0281

### **Check out their website at:**

[ImperialVFD.org](http://ImperialVFD.org)

### **and Facebook page at:**

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Menu includes Fish Sandwich, Fish Dinners, Shrimp, Fresh Cut French Fries, Homemade Mac and Cheese, Pierogies, Cole Slaw and beverages.

**IVFD is located at  
111 Pine Street, Imperial PA 15126**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE**

I'm happy to say that I will be your tax collector for the next four years 2022-2025. Thank you!

The 2022 Township Taxes will be mailed on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a 2% discount if paid by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Face due July 31, 2022. The Township milage remains the same at 1.6 mils.

The 2022 school bills will be mailed on July 1, 2022. They are due at the 2% discount rate by August 31 and Face will be due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Milage and Homestead Act will be set June of 2022.

If you have paid off your mortgage and/or changed mortgage companies, please call the County of Allegheny, (412-350-4120) and Findlay (724-695-2995) to notify us of the change. Your bank does not notify us!

The Homestead Act (Act 50) is giving a reduction of 15,000 in Assessed Value off of your Township Assessment. If you have not applied to the County of Allegheny, Act 50 forms can be downloaded from the County Website or you can call this office and we will send you out the forms. This gives you a reduction of 15,000 off your assessment. This was a savings of \$24.00 on Township Local Tax, and a savings of \$ 183.30 off of the School District Taxes for 2021. (Money from the Slot machines in the PA Lottery that is divided each June based on how many Homesteads in District.) NEW PROPERTY owners must apply or if you changed anything on your Deed.

Act 77 is the Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program. This gives relief on your County and Township Tax. To qualify, applicants or their spouse must be 60 years of age or older, have a combined maximum annual incomes of \$30,000.00 using 50% of their Social Security payment, and be the owner/occupant of the property for which the applicant is seeking tax relief. In addition, the applicant must have owned a primary resident within Allegheny County for the previous ten (10) years or more. Forms must be filed at County of Allegheny and they pass the information onto our Tax Office. This form can also be downloaded or you can call this office.

### **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program:**

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. Deadline for filing is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be found on [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) Once you have filed, Pennsylvania will automatically send you the form in late January. State Representative Valerie Gaydos's office staff will help you file your return. Call Jim Scott 412-262-3780 for an appointment.

Here to serve you, if you have any questions or concerns, please call Barb Coates at 724-695-2995. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-4:00.

## **GREETINGS FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT**

2021 was a record year for the amount of permits issued. Thank you to all the residents, business owners and businesses for helping to keep the buildings and properties of Findlay Township safe. With a new year comes new codes. The Pennsylvania Uniform construction Code, Act 45 of 1999, has been updated with new codes. As of January 1, 2022 all new non-residential buildings must meet the accessibility requirements of Chapter 11, Appendix E and various other sections of the 2021 International Building Code. While only minor changes occurred to when items need to be accessible, the major changes have occurred in the Accessibility Standard. The Accessibility Standard is what determines how items are placed throughout buildings to allow them to be accessible. Everyday items such as light switches, robe hooks and toilets all the way to playground equipment, fishing docks and mini-golf courses are covered. Next time you are at your favorite restaurant, movie theater or even your office, look around at things and wonder if you could navigate the space in a wheelchair, blind or with the help of crutches. Almost every aspect of the built community contains an element or elements to help everybody navigate the world.

Also, on February 14<sup>th</sup> of this year the 2018 International codes went into effect, with some amendments by the Commonwealth. The codes adopted as part of this include the residential code for one and two family dwellings and townhomes (no more than three stories in height) the mechanical code, fuel gas code, building code for non-residential buildings, energy conservation code and swimming pool and spa code just to name a few. The documents on our website have been updated to reflect these changes. Should you have any questions regarding any code related items please contact the Findlay Township Inspection Department at 724-695-0500.



## ***PUBLIC WORKS NEWS***

The 2022 Road Improvement Program sees the Township returning to addressing more roads than last year. Several Township roads will be milled and a new 1.5 inch asphalt overlay will be applied. We anticipate working on: Bryan Drive, Pepper Drive, Gregg Street, Berry Street, (Anna Street to Elm Street), Montour Street, Meanor Street, Boggs Road, (Santiago Road to Bruno Lane), Sunset Drive, Municipal Drive, and the access drive to Elm Street Park. Additional roads will be paved with a 2 inch overlay to include: Crescent Drive, Combs Road, and Clinton Park. The following parking lots will be milled and a 1.5 inch asphalt overlay applied: Activity Center and Old Ridge Ballfield. Finally, the following unpaved parking lots will receive a 2 inch asphalt overlay: two lots at Elm Street Park, Aten Park upper lot, and the Leopold Lake lot.

In preparation for the upcoming 2022 road paving contract, Public Works will reconstruct some storm sewer inlets on some of the roads. They will also perform preparation work on the unpaved parking lots listed to be paved.

The Township has also received information from PENNDOT that several roads within the Township will be chipped and sealed, however this list is subject to change. The proposed roads are: Burgettstown Road, Cork-Bocktown Road, Washington Road, including the short dead end segment adjacent to Potato Garden Run Road, Potato Garden Run Road, Flagherty Run Road, Route 30, Clinton Frankfort Road, and a short section of Boggs Road from Potato Garden Run Road to Bugay Lane.

Camp Meeting Road below the Duquesne Light substation will remain closed due to a land slide until a determination of the funding process is complete. The road is unstable in the slide prone area and slides continue to increase in size, likely increasing the cost of repair. Decisions on the repairs remain pending.

In compliance with updated Department of Environmental Protection MS 4 rules, increased maintenance efforts will continue in storm water retention ponds to remove excess heavy vegetation from storm water retention ponds as needed and as weather permits.

Public Works continues to repair storm sewer inlets based upon ongoing inspections.

**Elimination of pollution in the storm sewer system requires the assistance of all residents and businesses. Please remember that storm sewer inlets are not disposal sites for animal waste, grass clippings, leaves, gasoline, paint, paint thinner or engine oil, to name a few. Dumping these or other substances into storm sewers is illegal and harms the waterways that the storm water run off enters. These materials can also cause unnecessary storm sewer repairs that are costly to you, the tax payer.**

The Public Works Department is responsible for snow and ice control for 50 plus miles of Township roads. Additionally, the Department is under contract for snow and ice control for 17 miles of State roads and 2.85 miles of County roads. **Residents are reminded that the depositing of snow from driveways and sidewalks onto the street is illegal. Additionally, liability for accidents caused by snow deposited onto the street by a resident or person hired by a resident falls to that resident.**

The residents of Findlay Township are the eyes and ears of the Township. Please feel free to contact the Public Works Department with any concerns about infrastructure maintenance issues at 724-695-2801.



## ***ANOTHER RETIREMENT AND A (SORT OF) NEW FACE***

Public Works crew member, and Imperial resident, Joey Berreth retired effective January 7, 2022. Joey began his career with us in January of 2004 and since retiring, he seems to be keeping himself busy helping his son with his business ventures and spending quality time with his dog Zoey. "Findlay Township was a good place to work for 18 years," Berreth commented – and we wish Joey all the best in his well-earned retirement.

Beginning on January 31, 2022, the Township hired Anthony Kriznik. Anthony, a long time Imperial resident and West Allegheny graduate, comes to us with PENNDOT experience. Now if Anthony's name sounds familiar it could be when we featured Anthony in our August 2017 newsletter. He had been working on the summer staff for the Township when he had the opportunity to save our then Recreation Coordinator, Darlene Larson Howell, from choking. We are hoping Anthony does not have to use those kind of skills again, but we are happy to have him and his Public Works skills. Welcome back Anthony.



# ***BUILDING THE FUTURE OF TRAVEL: CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING ON NEW AIRPORT FACILITIES***

The lattice cranes and drill rigs visible from the entrance roadways at Pittsburgh International Airport show progress rising on the airport of the future.



Contractors with Mascaro are drilling the foundational ‘legs’ of the new terminal which is being constructed between Concourses C and D. The work consists of 130 caisson shafts, 1,438 auger piles and 3,200 cubic yards of concrete pile caps that together form the deep foundations for the new 700,000 square foot terminal. The \$1.4 billion Terminal Modernization Program also includes construction of a new multi-modal parking garage and rental car complex and existing airside terminal renovations.



Contractors are now preparing the site for the start of steel installation to begin in early March with the setting of three 80-foot-long, 100,000-pound, embedded plate girders that will form a protective slab-on-grade foundation for the new terminal and protect the active passenger train tunnels beneath. The trains will remain in service throughout construction over the next three years.

The new terminal is one that will be built for and by Pittsburgh. Eighty percent of the contracts have been awarded to regional firms, and the project is progressing toward a grand opening in 2025.

The new facilities will consolidate ticketing, security checkpoints and baggage claim for a more efficient and sustainable passenger experience. A major focus of design and construction is on sustainability and flexibility for the future, along with new health and safety features including outdoor terraces that passengers can access after going through security.

## **Construction generating local jobs, economic opportunity**

Construction materials will be sourced and fabricated locally, including some 16,000 tons of steel, 94,000 tons of concrete and 354,000 square feet of wood. The new terminal is on track to receive LEED Silver certification and will be completely powered by the airport’s onsite microgrid, which is comprised of 10,000 solar panels and five natural gas generators.



(l to r) Christina Cassotis, ACAA CEO, Christopher Caruso Findlay Township Manager, Janet Craig, Findlay Township Board of Supervisors Chairperson, Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny County Executive

Much work has gone into design, planning and construction to get to this point, particularly as the aviation industry has faced ongoing uncertainty from the pandemic. Last year, airlines signaled their support by signing a new lease agreement with the Airport Authority through 2028 that allowed for long-term bond financing. No local tax dollars are being used to fund the project.

Additionally, airport officials have partnered with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Pittsburgh Regional Building Trades Council on a first-of-its-kind regional partnership to increase worker safety. And, the airport is increasing efforts to better engage local disadvantaged businesses and minority workers to ensure that everyone has equal access to opportunities.

In 2019, the Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA) established a goal of awarding at least 14 percent of airport construction and concession contracts to small businesses affiliated with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). To equip DBE firms to take on large-scale airport projects, the ACAA has broken down large projects like Pittsburgh International Airport’s new terminal into bite-size pieces that allow for smaller companies to compete. To date, more than 60 DBE firms are involved with the construction of the new terminal, earning more than \$150 million.

The airport modernization program, which is among the largest in recent history in the Pittsburgh region, is expected to generate approximately \$2.5 billion in economic activity and more than 14,000 total direct and indirect jobs over the course of the project.

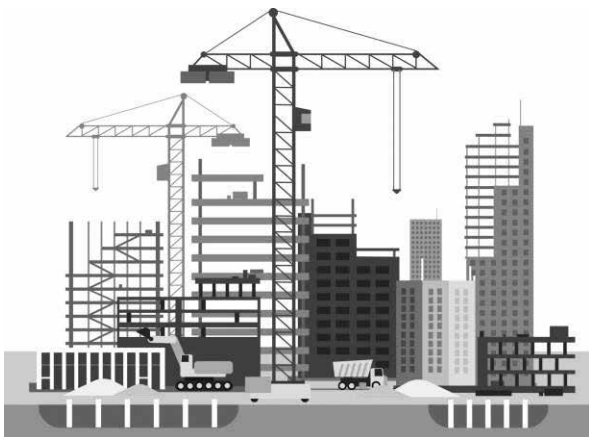


## NEW COMMERCIAL LANDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- **Northpoint Development** currently has two sites under construction in Findlay Industrial Park in the Westport Area off Rt. 576.
  - ▷ Lot G is a 276,702 square foot warehouse/distribution building
  - ▷ Lots 13 & 14 will be two warehouse/distribution buildings. Lot 13 is 197,700 square feet and Lot 14 is 234,700 square feet.
- **McClaren Commerce Center**, off McClaren Road by the McClaren Interchange, is a 95-acre site with two buildings approval for the site. Al. Neyer is currently constructing Building #1, which will be 280,175 square feet.
- **109 McClaren Woods** is a 21.76-acre site with three warehouse/office buildings under construction. Building #1 will be 12,960 square feet, Building #2 will be 28,000 square feet and Building #3 will be 23,205 square feet.
- **Clinton Commerce Park** has two buildings recently completed by Al. Neyer. Building #5 is 400,022 square feet and Building #8 is 70,800 square feet -both buildings are for being planned for warehouse/distribution.
- **P.I.A. Modernization** – read the Airport’s article about their progress in this newsletter

## CURRENTLY APPROVED

- **International Drive**, Northfield at P.I.A. Al. Neyer will be developing a 16-acre site for a 175,000 square foot office/manufacturing building.
- **Findlay Industrial Park, Lots 7A, 8 and 10**. Buncher Company recently received approval for three warehouse/distribution buildings. Lot 7A will be 100,000 square feet; Lot 8 will be 165,000 square feet and Lot 10 to be 450,000 square feet.
- **West Hills Commerce Center** - Armstrong Development is looking to develop the West Hills Par 3 site with two warehouse/distribution buildings. Building #1 will be 144,000 square feet and Building #2 will be 169,000 square feet.



## NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

- **Imperial Ridge**, located off Santiago Road, is a 104 lot single family development. Phase I and II have 55 lots of which 48 lots have already been developed. Phase III, which is currently under development, will have 49 lots available this spring.
- **The Reserves at Twin Lake** is almost sold out. Maronda Homes developed 82 single-family lots of which only 16 lots are still available.
- **The Ridge at Windgate** is a 66 lot single-family plan being developed for Ryan Homes. It is anticipated these lots will be available in the spring/summer.
- **Victoria Ridge** will be located off Flaugherty Run Road across from Charlie Brown’s Airport Parking. Construction of this site is scheduled to start this spring for 66 single-family lots to be sold by Maronda Homes.
- **The Abbey** is a 1,295 Residential Planned Development that has received tentative approval for 788 single-family lots, 151 townhouse units and 356 apartments. Phase I and II have received Final approvals and are currently under development. These two phases will provide 103 single-family lots off Potato Garden Run Road.

## MCCLAREN ROAD Changes are coming!

The Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA) has sent the Notice to Proceed to Golden Triangle for the McClaren Road improvements that will be done in front of McClaren Commerce Center (formerly called Site #9 - the construction area closest to the McClaren Interchange) all the way to the North bound exit ramp from I-376. It is anticipated that construction will start in mid-March with an end date of August 31<sup>st</sup>. The project will be done in four phases. Phase I will include the lane work in front of McClaren Commerce Center, take out the center island and reconfigure the Industry Drive traffic light from a loop detector to radar detection. Phase II will widen McClaren in front of McClaren Commerce Center and the PennDOT maintenance shed, I-376 ramp and bridge lane work. Phase III is the southbound lane work on McClaren, final island work and more ramp & bridge work. Phase IV will install the sidewalk on McClaren (from McClaren Commerce Center to Industry Drive) and guiderail work. When completed, there will be a new traffic light at the northbound exit of I-376, new lane configuration on the bridge in front of the PennDOT shed, reconfigured Industry Drive-McClaren Road interchange that adds turning lanes, widening and turning lane on McClaren Road and another traffic light in front of McClaren Commerce Center.



*The Findlay Township Municipal Authority is the water and sewer service provider for Findlay Township. It is our mission to supply reliable water and sewage services at reasonable rates for our customers.*

**PROJECT LIST**

**CLINTON AREA WATERLINE REPLACEMENT –**

This project will replace aging waterlines in the following locations: Wilson Lane, Phyllis Drive, Sunset Drive, North Poplar Drive, Moody Road, South Poplar Drive and Crescent Drive. This project started in February and will continue till mid-spring.

**LOWER MAIN STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT**

– A waterline replacement project will be starting in March for areas along Main Street and High Street. This project will replace the 1968 waterline with new pipe and connections for the 24 services in this area. Please be on the look out for road detours/delays during this project.

**METER READING SYSTEM**

FTMA has recently switched over to a fixed based tower network to read our water meters. This system is more efficient and allows FTMA to read water meters remotely. The system will also provide our customer service team with more usage data to help resolve customer issues. To make this project successful, our technicians will be changing the MXU units that are on the outside of your home. In some instances, this unit is located on the inside of the house with the water meter itself. When this is the case, we will work with the homeowner to schedule appointments to change the unit. If you see a **BLUE** tag on your door, this will be evidence that one of our techs were at your house to set up an appointment to change the meter/MXU inside the house. All FTMA technicians wear uniforms with FTMA logos and have ID badges.

**E-BILLING/ACH PAYMENTS**

FTMA offers both E-Mail billing and ACH Clearinghouse Payment options. If you sign up for E-Bill, you are eligible to save \$3/month off of the Administration Charge. Monthly bills will be sent to an email of your choice. The ACH payment option allows for your monthly water and sewer bill to be automatically deducted from your checking/savings account every month at the due date. **If you sign up for BOTH features, FTMA waives the entire \$5.35 monthly Administration Fee.** This is an excellent option to avoid any late fees or penalties and save money.

**FTMA WEBSITE**

Please visit our website at [www.ftmawatersewer.com](http://www.ftmawatersewer.com). You can sign up for E-Bills, ACH payments, Swiftreach 911 Notifications, report problems with your service, and get more information regarding ongoing water/sewer projects.

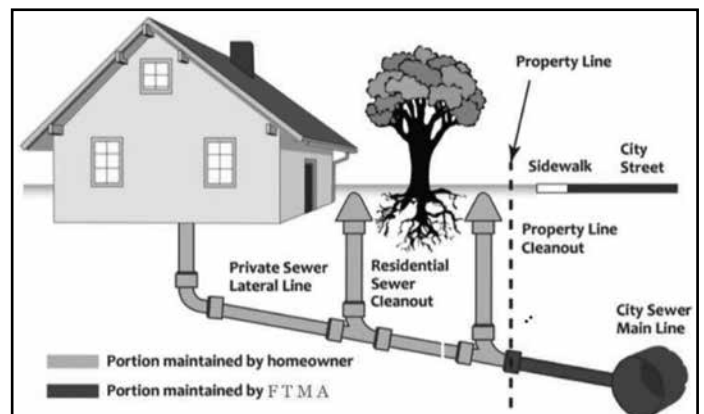
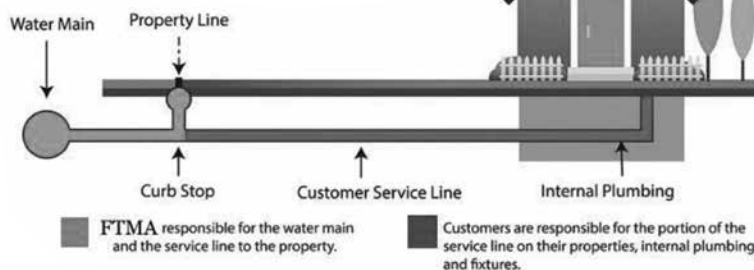
**Employee News**

FTMA has an employee who is celebrating 10 years of service with the Authority. Brandon Carter has reached that milestone earlier this year. Brandon has achieved an accelerated role in the day-to-day operations of the Authority during his time at FTMA. In addition, FTMA has hired a new laborer to fill an open position within the Authority field staff. John Bates Jr. brings his experience in the electrical/construction field to FTMA. We wish him success in his new role!

**CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE RESPONSIBILITY**

The diagram below depicts the ownership responsibility of both FTMA and the property owner. As a reminder, water service leaks on the customer's service line can be expensive to repair. Contact your homeowner's insurance company to see if you are covered from a sewer backup or a water line leak on your property. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the FTMA Office for more information.

**Water service line responsibility**



**All those years  
of Obedience School  
finally paid off.**



**Now we know better!**

Always, always, always  
scoop your dog's poop.  
If left on the ground, the doo doo  
could end up on someone's shoe.  
Even worse, it carries disgusting bacteria that could  
wash into our rivers, streams and water supply.

***Since Fido can't...do your part.  
Carry a bag and pick up the poop.***



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# Cleaning Up Stormwater Runoff

A SERIES OF WATER QUALITY FACT SHEETS ABOUT STORMWATER RUNOFF

**W**hat is stormwater runoff? It is the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, rooftops, lawns, and farmland. The flowing water carries salt, sand, soil, pesticides, fertilizers, leaves and grass clippings, oil, litter, and many other pollutants into nearby waterways. Since these pollutants are washed off a wide area and cannot be traced to a single source, they are called nonpoint source or runoff pollutants.

## *Storm Sewers – Rivers Beneath Our Feet*

In developed areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement which do not allow water to soak into the ground. Instead, storm sewers are used to carry the large amounts of runoff from these roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways.

Storm sewers are simply pipes laid underground, often below streets. Inlets or drains located along curbs and in parking areas collect the runoff, which then flows to nearby streams or lakes. A common misconception is that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. It does not. In fact, stormwater usually receives no treatment. Water that runs off lawns, streets, and parking lots flows directly into lakes and streams.

## *Stormwater is Not Clean Water*

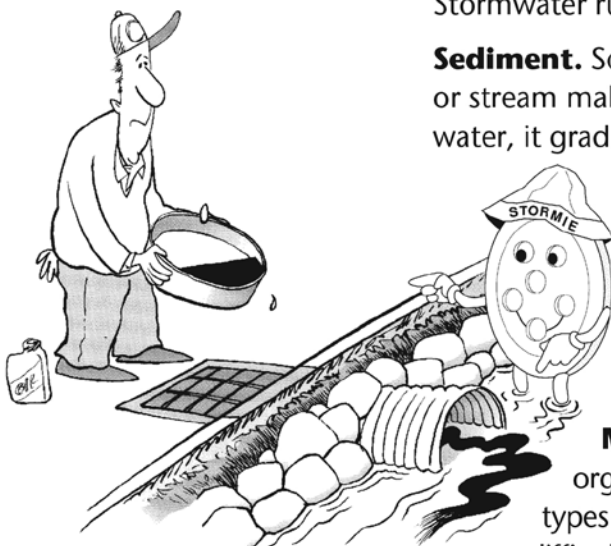
Stormwater runoff carries pollutants that seriously harm our waters:

**Sediment.** Soil particles washed off construction sites or farm fields into a lake or stream make the water cloudy or turbid. When sediment settles out of the water, it gradually fills in the stream or lake bed.

**Phosphorus.** This nutrient, often attached to soil particles, fuels the growth of algae and aquatic weeds. These plants are important in providing habitat for fish and wildlife. However, rapid and excessive growth of algae and aquatic plants can degrade water quality and interfere with swimming, boating and fishing.

**Micro-organisms.** Bacteria, viruses and other disease causing organisms make waterways unsafe for swimming, wading and other types of recreation. Some of these organisms, notably Cryptosporidium, are difficult to remove through water treatment and may endanger people who depend on drinking water supplies drawn from lakes or streams.

**Toxic chemicals.** Motor oil, lead from gas and auto exhaust, zinc from roof drains and tires, and pesticides in stormwater runoff may kill aquatic organisms or impair their health, growth or ability to reproduce.



**Did you know that oil dumped into the storm sewer pollutes our water?**

**The Goals of Urban Stormwater Programs are to:**

- Slow down water, decreasing its ability to cause erosion and carry pollutants.
- Reduce the amount of runoff by encouraging water to soak into ground.
- Prevent pollution by reducing the use of toxic chemicals, controlling erosion and by covering outdoor storage piles.
- Remove pollutants by routing runoff through settling ponds, grass filter strips or other treatment devices.

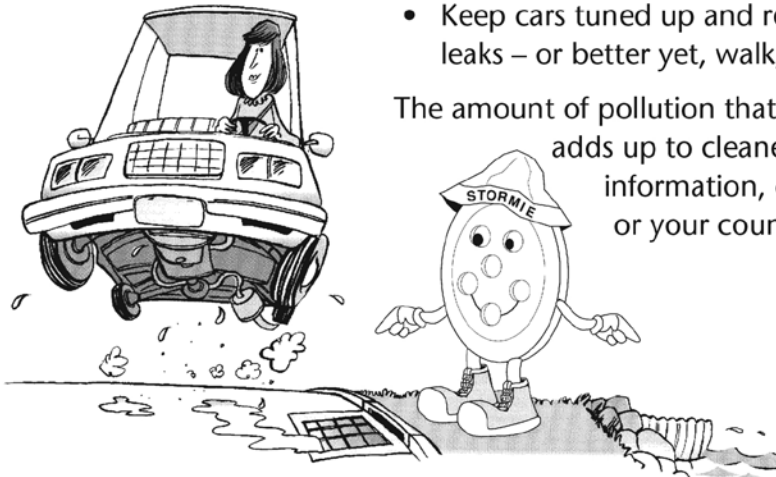
Federally mandated stormwater permits require many industries and cities to control stormwater runoff. Even communities without stormwater permits require erosion controls on construction sites and better stormwater management in new development.

Federal laws also require all farmers who participate in federal programs to develop farm conservation plans that help control cropland erosion, barnyard runoff and other sources of water pollution.

***We Can All Help!***

Each of us contributes to stormwater pollution and each of us can help stop it. Here are some ways you can help:

- Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.
- Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.
- Clean up pet waste – bury it or flush in down the toilet.
- Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks – or better yet, walk, bike or take the bus.



The amount of pollution that you stop may seem small, but together it all adds up to cleaner water for everyone to enjoy. For more information, contact the Department of Natural Resources or your county Extension or Land Conservation office.

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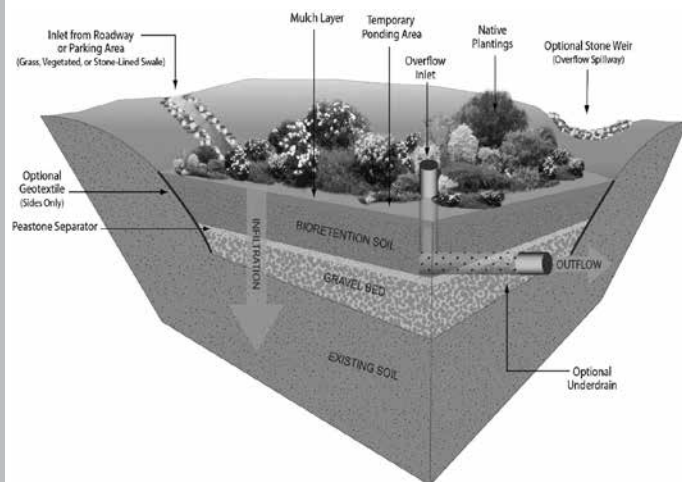
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## **FINDLAY TOWNSHIP IS “GROWING GREEN”**

The Township, in partnership with the Allegheny County Conservation District, has received a \$173,767 “Growing Green” Grant to construct stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP’s) at the Findlay Township Activity Center. The purpose of the project is to improve water quality in the Montour Run Watershed by reducing the quantity of stormwater and pollutants reaching the Montour Run. This project will convert two grass parcels (approximately 2,500 square feet) adjacent to the building into a rain garden and bioswale to capture, infiltrate and clean stormwater from the parking lot, roof and adjacent roadway. These BMP’S combined will capture approximately 37,403 gallons of stormwater, filter suspended sediment, absorb nutrients, and provide educational green infrastructure exposure to visitors of the Activity Center and the adjacent Montour Trail. Be sure to visit our website at [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us) to watch the progress of this Growing Green project.



## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT CHANGES COMING**

With a new Recreation Coordinator comes changes to the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department will no longer be mailing the tri-annual Recreation Newsletter. Instead, look for postcards highlighting upcoming events. We are going digital! Coming soon, you will be able to register and pay for events online.

Visit the Findlay Township Website:  
[www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us)  
for frequently updated events or use the QR Code for faster access. Also, join us on Facebook:  
Findlay Township Parks & Recreation.

## **FINDLAY HIRES A NEW RECREATION COORDINATOR**

On August 25, 2021 Ashley Mays joined the Findlay Township team as the new Recreation Coordinator. Ashley is a West Allegheny graduate and is a Findlay Township Resident. After living in other parts of the country, she knows there really is no place like home. She hopes to bring a love of this community’s spirit and traditions to the evolving population of Findlay Township. She has long loved attending Findlay Township’s events with her own family; her husband Pete, and sons Leo (10) and Dax (8). Ashley has brought back popular past programs, such as Creative Cooking and Time for Toddlers. She also hopes to enhance current favorites, like the Ice Cream Social and the Fair in the Woodlands, while creating new programs like the Lunar New Year Event and ChocolateFest. She said, “I love to get people out and enjoying everything Findlay Township has to offer, while highlighting local businesses.”

Ashley’s background is in education. She taught in a variety of classrooms including preschool, elementary, middle school learning support, and high school life skills. She spent the last two school years as a long-term substitute at Wilson Elementary teaching Kindergarten. She says, “I miss getting to see the kids every day, but now I get to see them year after year at events, and create programming that grows with their interests. Many of the skills that made me successful in the classroom, have aided me in my current position. I think about all the ages and exceptionalities I worked with and try to create events that will be fun and accessible to everyone.” Ashley also loved bringing technology into the classroom and had success even with the youngest learners using online platforms. She is currently working on updating the Recreation Department’s Webpage. She hopes to make the recreation page more user friendly, and encourage participation for all in the upcoming events.

We are excited to see all Ashley brings to our Township!

## **TIME TO SAY: WHAT A JOB WELL DONE!!!**

In July of 2004, Anna Marie “Cookie” and Linn Menegon teamed up as the Township’s dynamic duo new custodial couple at our Activities Center. Over the years they kept the center clean and maintained through thousands of events. They set up for baby showers, then before they knew it it was a graduation party for the same baby. Research might even reveal that they set up for that babies wedding. Over the years the Menegon’s were a key part of our Townships growth in renting out our facilities due to their excellent work and we extend our sincerest thanks. In October 2021, the Menegon’s announced their retirement, so if you happen to see Linn and Cookie, wish them the best in the next chapter of their life together.

## **FINDLAY TOWNSHIP ACTIVITY CENTER WELCOMES JEAN ROCHE**

Following the retirement of the Menegons, Jean Massimo Roche, a seven-year Imperial resident, has been hired to fill the part-time position of Findlay Activity Center’s Caretaker. Jean has three grown sons, Christopher, William and Sean and tells us her pride and joy is her 8-month old granddaughter, Savannah. Jean’s career was as an AutoCAD design draftsman working for various Mechanical Contractors throughout Western PA. Jean’s new role at the Activity Center includes daily cleaning and maintenance of the Activity Center. She also contacts Activity Center renters to determine table layouts for their events. She is there to greet renters and unlock the doors before events, and lock up when their party is complete. Jean is very much looking forward to helping people make their events as special as they had dreamed.

## **TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION**

Do you ever notice the numerous plantings throughout the Township – in front of the municipal buildings, at the parks, intersections and sign areas?

They are beautiful, aren’t they? We think the Parks Department does a great job with them but we are actively seeking volunteers that would be interested in assisting by helping to plant, mulch, and maintain these areas. All supplies would be provided, all we need is you!

If interested please contact Sue Peindl at [speindl@findlaytpw.org](mailto:speindl@findlaytpw.org).

## **CROCHET FOR A CAUSE Continuing to Warm Hearts in 2022**

Crochet for a Cause is going strong again in 2022.

The group donated 300 hand-made blankets in 2021. These blankets all went to nursing homes, dialysis centers, Project Linus and Rehab Centers.

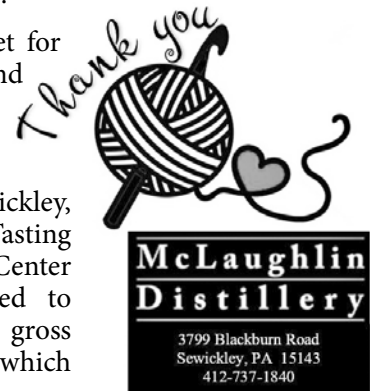
This dedicated group continues to meet monthly to construct blankets that are distributed at the end of the year.

Why do we wait until the end of the year to pass out all the hand-made items? We have found that the holiday season is the best time of year to distribute them due to the fact that some patients have no family and these blankets offer comfort in more ways than one.

If you are interested in volunteering, we’d love to have you join us. All skill levels are welcome. We also welcome any donations of yarn, fleece fabric or gift cards to Michaels, JoAnn Fabric or Walmart. For more information on how you can help our Crochet for a Cause group, contact Sue Peindl at [speindl@findlaytpw.org](mailto:speindl@findlaytpw.org)

And the warmth continues....

The Township and Crochet for a Cause would like to extend a special “Thank You” to McLaughlin Distillery for their generous donation. McLaughlin Distillery (Sewickley, PA) hosted a free Whisky Tasting event at our Activity Center in January. They committed to donating a portion of their gross sales to Crochet for a Cause – which turned out to be \$500!



## **PARKS DEPARTMENT ON THE MOVE**

The Findlay Township Parks Department has added a new face this fall.

Ryan Menegon is a 2021 graduate from South Side Beaver High School and joined our Department on October 18, 2021.

If you see Ryan out and about please welcome him!

Not only has the Parks Department been adding manpower to their Department, but we have also recently added some new equipment.

Two Ferris 72” mowers have been added to the Parks arsenal to maintain all the parks and ballfields throughout the Township. These new mowers are heavy duty, faster cutting with zero turn that will provide for more larger mowing areas than our previous 60” mowers.



# RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2022

Visit our website for a full list of events and programs:

[www.findlay.pa.us/254/Recreation-township-events](http://www.findlay.pa.us/254/Recreation-township-events)

Join us on Facebook: **Findlay Township Parks & Recreation**

**2021 has come and gone. Here is a look back on just a few of the many successful events that took place.**

On August 20 & 21, Findlay Township hosted the **Fair in the Woodlands** at Clinton Park. The event was kicked off with perfect weather for the 5K race. Saturday, the township lined up along Route 30 for the parade, and the fun continued into the night as the community was treated to games, inflatables, a petting zoo, pony rides, and live entertainment.

The **Rhythm and Ribs BBQ** was a perfect end to the summer concert season, on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Spirit of Dixie, Tuned Up, and Ruff Creek performed while the crowd devoured BBQ by Jumpin' Jack and Celebrations.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, The Findlay Township Police Department hosted the "**Truck Touch**" Event in Clinton Park, to benefit the Police Benevolent Fund. Children enjoyed learning about and exploring a plethora of vehicles. The highlight of the event was watching a helicopter land right on the ball field. Children were later able to walk up to the helicopter to see it up close and meet the pilots!

The **Halloween Spooktacular** debuted it's new location at Clinton Park on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Children showed off their Halloween Costumes while they trunk-or-treated, decorated pumpkins, and competed crafts in the Blue Bird Pavilion. Afterwards they played games, danced to spooky music, and were treated to Pizza in the Falcon Pavilion.

The Township hosted a **Veteran's Day Celebration** on November 10<sup>th</sup> in the Activity Center. A light lunch was served, followed by a patriotic performance by the West Allegheny Show Choir. This is a heartwarming event that we look forward to continuing in 2022.

**Holiday Canvas Painting** was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Children and adults both enjoy this engaging event, painting holiday pictures on pre-drawn canvases. Join us for the next canvas event in March!

The **Findlay Township Senior Group** resumed meeting the third Wednesday each month at the Findlay Township Activity Center. A delicious lunch is always served, followed by a short meeting, guest speakers, and bingo. It's a wonderful opportunity to socialize with other seniors in the area. If you're 55+ call to join!

**Time for Toddlers** resumed meeting two Mondays and Two Tuesdays each month. It has been an excellent opportunity for our youngest community members and their families to get out, socialize, and play.

**Crochet for a Cause** met select Thursday evenings at the Activity Center. They made and donated nearly 300 blankets to dialysis centers, Linus Project, and local nursing homes.



# RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2022

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## findlay Township fair in the Woodlands

### August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Featuring the Findlay 5K and Fun Walk,  
Parade, Inflatables, Petting Zoo,  
Pony Rides & Live Entertainment



### Rental information

#### Activity Center

\$150 refundable security deposit (separate check)  
\$60/hour Upper Level  
\$55/hour Lower Level

RESIDENT PAVILION RENTALS AVAILABLE NOW  
NON-RESIDENTS RENTALS BEGIN APRIL 1

#### Rec and Sports Pavilion:

\$150 refundable security deposit (separate check)  
Without kitchen: \$100      \$150 Non-Resident  
With Kitchen:      \$175      \$250 Non-Resident

#### All other Pavilions:

\$75 refundable security deposit (separate check)  
Resident: \$60      Non-Resident: \$85

\*Cash, Check, Money Order, or Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard) accepted for all rentals.

To make a rental reservation  
call Laura: 724-695-0500 x241  
or email [lburns@findlaytwp.org](mailto:lburns@findlaytwp.org)

#### Community Tire Collection Program

Saturday, April 23  
9:00AM-12:00PM

@Public Works



24<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Easter Egg Hunt & Egg Drop Contest

Saturday, April 9, 11:00 AM  
Rec and Sports Complex

Over 3500 Eggs Hidden for  
ages Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Goody Bags from the Easter Bunny  
\*while supplies last

#### Kids Spring Cookie & Craft Day

Findlay Activity Center  
Wednesday, April 13  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Call to Register  
724-695-0500 x240





### Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 28  
7:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
FREE Event

\*Bring your own rod, reel, & bait

## Independence Day Firework Celebration

Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Recreation and Sports Complex

### FREE CONCERTS IN THE PARK & FOOD TRUCKS

#### May 26 @ Clinton Park

James Tobin and the Dewey Decimators

Food Trucks: Mobile Chef World Fusion  
& Dos Bros Tacos

#### June 23 @ Clinton Park

Monty Python Band

Food Trucks: La Petite Tour de France  
& Hibachi Lou 412

#### July 21 @ Clinton Park

Doo Wop Doctors

Food Trucks: Yovi, Ice Cream Truck, and  
Popcorn

#### August 2 @ Rec & Sports Complex

West Hills Symphonic Orchestra

Food Trucks: Streets on the Fly &  
Gyros N AT



### Kids Creative Cooking

2/16, 3/16, 5/18  
4:00-5:15

Findlay Activity Center

Call to register:  
724-695-0500 x241

IMPERIAL VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

**BINGO**

FINDLAY ACTIVITY  
CENTER

2/28, 3/28, 4/25



### Kite Day

Saturday, April 2  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Rec and Sports pavilion  
and  
soccer field

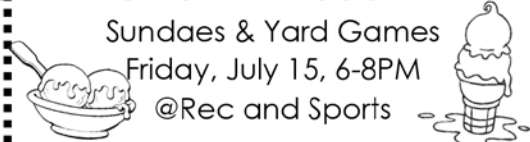
### Spring Community Clean-up

Saturday, April 23  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Meet at the Activity Center  
Lower Level

Call to Register:  
724-695-0500 x240

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sundaes & Yard Games  
Friday, July 15, 6-8PM  
@Rec and Sports



\$10  
to sell

## FLEA MARKET

FREE  
to shop

**INDOOR @ FINDLAY ACTIVITY CENTER**

**MARCH 5, 9:00AM- 1:00PM**

**OUTDOOR @ CLINTON PARK**

**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, & AUGUST 27  
9:00AM- 1:00PM**



**Cruisin' the Woodlands**  
Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 5-9 PM  
Clinton Park

## **SPRING LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

The 2022 Spring Leaf & Yard Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022. All materials are to be placed in paper (30 gallon) biodegradable bags only and put at curbside before 6 a.m. on the day of the pickup. Limbs and branches are to be bundled and are not to exceed 3 inches in diameter and 36 inches long. The biodegradable paper bags can be purchased at most hardware stores like Home Depot and Lowe's.

## **SHRED EVENT**

Findlay Township will be hosting another FREE Shred Day on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 10 a.m. till noon at the Municipal Building Parking Lot – 1271 Route 30, Clinton. Iron City Workplace Services, a professional shredding company, will be here to take your sensitive documents and dispose of them in a safe and quick manner.

***This is for PRIVATE HOMES ONLY  
- NO BUSINESSES.***

## **COMPUTER AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING**

We will hold our next "Computer and Appliance Recycling Day" on **Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton. All computers, (CPU's), monitors, printers, laptops, non-Freon appliances (ex. Washers, dryers, microwaves), telephones, keyboards, mouses, radios and lead acid automobile batteries will be accepted for FREE. Appliances with Freon will be accepted (ex. refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, water coolers) for a \$40 fee (current at the time of this printing)

**TELEVISIONS:** JVS is only accepting **ONE TELEVISION PER VEHICLE** at this recycling event. Again this year we have negotiated with JVS so that there is no fee for that television (and they can be any size) but the number accepted is still restricted to one. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS!!**

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:** Broken television tubes or television tubes out of the case, alkaline batteries, vacuums, software, cd's or VHS tapes, or general trash

For questions or more information, contact Cynde at Findlay Township: 724-695-0500.

### **REMINDER:**

NO ITEMS will be accepted before the event without prior approval. Nothing is to be left at the Municipal Building on Friday or before 10 a.m. on Saturday. The collection area will be monitored by the Findlay Police during these times.

***The fall recycling collection will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022.***

## **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE (The Three R's)**

Remember the three R's? It does not mean what it used to in the old days! In 1988 the state passed Act 101, The Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act. This mandated that Municipalities had to come up with plans on how to reduce their waste stream. It started with larger cities/municipalities then filtered down to smaller ones. In March of 1995, Findlay Township fell into this category and passed Ordinance No. 241, which made recycling mandatory in the Township.

Since then recycling has evolved with changing and new technologies, market needs, and the bidding process for recycled materials. Currently our vendor, Waste Management, accepts:

- \* Cardboard, aluminum, tin cans, office paper and magazines, and Plastics (#1 and #2)

(How do you know a plastic is #1 or #2? Look for the triangle with a number in it, usually on the bottom of the container)

**How else are we encouraging the three R's?**

- \* We have a hazardous waste pick-up program called "At Your Door" (info in this newsletter and also under Trash & Recycling on the Township website)
- \* We offer a spring and fall leaf and yard waste collection
- \* Twice yearly we arrange for a Computer & Appliance Recycling day in cooperation with JVS Environmental
- \* In conjunction with Independence Conservancy, we offer a yearly collection of tires
- \* Currently three times per year we have a traveling Glass Bin come to the Township to collect glass bottles, jars and jugs
- \* Findlay Police offer National Drug Take Back Day collections for prescription drugs (usually twice a year) along with the collection box that is always accessible in our Municipal Building lobby.

The Township's website has all the information on "At Your Door," the current Trash/Recycling calendar and special collections. You can print the calendar from the website or we can mail you a calendar along with other information. Still not finding the answer? Give us a call!

If you find your current recycling cart is overflowing before recycling day – we do offer additional carts for \$20 at the Township office. If you find you are one that is a non-participant, remember, not only is recycling required by the State and Township, we also receive State grant money based on the amount we recycle. So while it only may be one laundry detergent bottle and a couple of junk magazines – if each home puts that out every month, that could equal enough grant money to buy flowers for all our parks.

So THANK YOU to all who participate! **REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE** for our future

### **Other links and resources for recycling:**

Upcoming PRC Hard to Recycle Events –

<https://prc.org/programs/collection-events/hard-recycle-collections/west/>  
*None announced yet, watch website and sign up for email announcements*

### **Allegheny County Recycling Resource Directory**

Other sources for recycling different items

<http://www.achd.net/recycling/>

### **Pennsylvania Resource Council Recycling Hotline**

Call to find options

<https://prc.org/pa-dep-recycling-hotline/>

### **Additional information on curbside recycling in PA**

A great resource for the question "is this recyclable?"

<https://prc.org/curbside-recycling/>

# GLASS RECYCLING . . . FINDLAY TOWNSHIP - WAY TO GLASS!

With so many of our residents requesting a way to recycle glass since it was removed from the curbside Single Stream recycling collection, Findlay began looking for alternatives. When we asked around, we learned is that there IS still a market for recycled glass and in fact, the use of glass in consumer goods manufacturing has increased by 10%. Western PA actually has its own material recovery facility right here at Neville Island and two secondary processing facilities, CAP Glass and Owens Illinois, within 200 miles of us.

When glass was removed from the Single Stream recycling collection it was mainly due to the contamination. Glass was contaminating the collection of cardboard and paper. Glass on its own is 100% recyclable and infinitely reusable. With that in mind, PRC has been working to promote source separated glass collections.

So where does that leave us with glass recycling? Enter the PRC Traveling Glass Recycling Collection Bin!

Findlay Township has arranged to have the Glass Collection Bin here three times in 2022 – Our last two self-serve drop-offs collected **1.54 TONS** of glass and a whopping **3.68 TONS** in January. We filled that dumpster!

With such a strong showing, Findlay Township will be continuing to schedule the PRC Traveling Glass Recycling Collection bin. The next visits from the bin will be

**JUNE 11-16, 2022 and OCTOBER 15-20, 2022**  
**Public Works Facility**  
**1058 Clinton Road, Clinton**  
**6AM - sundown each day**

The bin accepts ALL COLORS OF GLASS BOTTLES, JARS AND JUGS ONLY. Lids and labels **do not need to be removed**, but please empty all containers. Items not accepted: cut glass, glass bakeware, mirrors, porcelain and ceramics, stemware, light bulbs, and TV's. Also, the bin does not accept cardboard boxes or bags of any kind, so please take those carrying items back home with you.

The Board of Supervisors are proud of our residents and the amazing response to these collections. Sponsorship packages are available for any businesses that may be interested in investing in our environment by sponsoring the Travel Glass Collection bin.

For any questions, contact Cynde at the Township Office at 724-695-0500 or [charris@findlaytp.org](mailto:charris@findlaytp.org)

**START SAVING THOSE  
BOTTLES FINDLAY,  
LET'S FILL THIS BIN UP AGAIN!**

*(We welcome acceptable glass from Findlay and our friends  
from outside the Township)*



First Day of Glass Collection



Last Day - Filled to the Top!



# Township of Findlay

## 2022 Collection Schedule

Trash collection every Thursday (unless noted)

Recyclables every other Thursday (unless noted)

Please see below for your recycling collection week. Recyclables must be placed loose in your recycling bin. Please do not bag recyclables. **NO GLASS OR PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLE**

If a holiday falls on or before a Thursday, pickup for the week will be on Friday. If the holiday should fall on the weekend, your pickup day will not change.

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H Holiday

♻️ Recycling Week

★ Holiday Schedule-Service delayed by one day

# Attention Residents of Findlay Township

## Home Collection Program for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

As part of the residential solid waste contract with Waste Management (that began in 2019), you still have a convenient alternative opportunity to dispose of your household hazardous waste (HHW) - safely, easily and responsibly. The **At Your Door** Special Collection Program, a residential service offered by Waste Management provides a year-round collection for you.

*This service is in addition to your waste and recycling service provided by Waste Management and there is no additional cost to participate.*

### 1. To Participate, you must set up a collection appointment.

There are three ways to schedule a collection:

- Go to [www.WMAtYourDoor.com](http://www.WMAtYourDoor.com)
- Call 1-800-449-7587
- Email [AtYourDoor@WM.com](mailto:AtYourDoor@WM.com)

Our representatives will guide you through the steps toward a safe and successful collection. You will be asked several questions, including your address and the type and amount of HHW available for the pick -up. You will be provided a convenient collection date and information about where to place the containment bag for collection. A kit will be sent to your home in plenty of time for you to gather and pack your HHW.

### 2. Preparing for collection

The collection kit includes an instruction sheet and other items to help pack and secure your household hazardous waste (HHW). Please read the instruction sheet included in the kit.

### 3. HHW is collected

On the scheduled date, the customer service technician will collect HHW directly from your home. They will sort and pack the HHW for proper transportation, recycling and disposal. Participants will receive a postage-paid survey card to complete and mail back to help track the program.

### 4. You have more HHW than will fit into the Kit?

Remember, this service is available year-round. Just schedule another collection! Small quantities may be combined with your neighbors. Representatives are available from Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM ET. Leave a message after hours, weekends and holidays. Email us at: [AtYourDoor@WM.com](mailto:AtYourDoor@WM.com)

The first chart shows the typical HHW we collect that must be placed inside the Kit for collection, and the chart below that shows the HHW that may be placed outside the Kit.

Examples of Acceptable HHW that MUST be placed <b>INSIDE</b> the Kit Bag					Unacceptable Waste	
<b>Automotive Products</b>	<b>Paint Products</b>	<b>Household Cleaners</b>	<b>Flammable &amp; Combustible Products</b>	<b>Garden Chemicals</b>	Waste improperly packaged for transportation	All medicines
Antifreeze	Latex	Ammonia	Kerosene	Insect sprays	Biological waste	Empty Containers
Brake Fluid	Oil-based	Cleaning Compounds	Solvent	Weed killers	Construction waste	Asbestos
Cleaner	Thinners	Floor Stripper	Certain cleaners	Herbicide	Smoke detectors	Tires
Hydraulic Fluid	Artist's Paint	Drain Cleaner	Certain cleaners	Fertilizer	Unknown waste	Radioactive waste
Transmission Fluid	Spray Paint	Tile /shower Cleaner		Pesticides	Pressurized cylinders	Fire extinguishers
Motor Oil	Stain	Rust Remover			Ammunition	Explosives
Oil Filter	Sealer				Leaking containers	Unlabeled containers
Polish	Caulk	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Swimming Pool Chemicals</b>	<b>Misc. Household</b>	Waste in containers over 5 gallons	Business supplies from homes
Wax		Thermostats	Pool acid	Batteries	Commercial products	Trash, including bulky wastes
Gasoline		Thermometers	Chlorine: tablets, liquid	Hobby glue	E-cigarettes	
Diesel Fuel		Switches				
Acceptable HHW for <b>OUTSIDE</b> the Kit Bag						
<b>Vehicle Batteries</b>	<b>Fluorescent Tubes and CFL's</b>	<b>Televisions</b>	<b>One Computer System</b>	<b>Electronics</b> (with circuit boards)		
Up to 4	Up to 10 (placed inside their original sheaths or taped together)	Up to 1	1 each CPU/tower Monitor Keyboard Mouse Desktop printer	CD Rom, VCR, Cell phones, DVD/CD/tape player Related cords Up to 25 lbs.		

**HHW THAT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED:** We do not collect any HHW in unlabeled or leaking containers. If you have questions about proper disposal methods for un-acceptable waste, commercial chemicals or household hazardous waste in containers larger than five gallons in size, please contact the Operations Service Center (800) 449-7587.

# TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

[www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us)

***For meeting agendas and current events, visit our website.***

## *Elected Officials*

**Supervisors:**

Janet L. Craig, Chairperson  
 Raymond L. Chappell, Vice-Chairperson  
 Thomas J. Gallant, Member

**U.S. Congressman:**

Conor Lamb (412) 344-5583  
 504 Washington Road  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15228

**State Representative:**

Valerie Gaydos (412) 262-3780  
 1005 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 106  
 Moon Township, PA 15108

**State Senator:**

Devlin Robinson (412) 785-3070  
 1700 N. Highland Road, Suite 307  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15241

**District Magistrate:**

Anthony W. Saveikis (724) 695-2070  
 8052 Steubenville Pike  
 Oakdale, PA 15071

### **West Allegheny School District**

Administrative Office . . . . . (724) 695-3422  
 Senior High School . . . . . (724) 695-7368  
 Middle School . . . . . (724) 695-8979  
 Wilson Elementary . . . . . (724) 695-3300

### **Post Offices**

Imperial . . . . . (724) 695-0698  
 Clinton . . . . . (724) 695-0114  
 Coraopolis . . . . . (412) 264-4629

Township Office . . . . . (724) 695-0500  
 Imperial Vol. Fire Dept. (Emergency) 911 or (724) 695-7777  
 Imperial Vol. Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency) . . (724) 695-8845  
 NorthWest Ambulance (Emergency). 911 or (724) 695-7777  
 Police Department (Emergency). . . . . 911 or (724) 695-7777  
 Police Department (Non-Emergency) . . . . . (724) 695-1300  
 Public Works Department . . . . . (724) 695-2801  
 Findlay Township Municipal Authority . . (724) 695-3108  
 Real Estate Tax Office . . . . . (724) 695-2995  
 LST Tax Collector (Berkheimer) . . . . . (412) 881-3075  
 EIT Tax Collector (Jordan Tax) . . . . . (724) 731-2300

**Manager:** . . . . . Christopher J. Caruso

**Assistant Manager:** . . . . . Thomas C. Garrett, Jr.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** . . . . . Cynde Harris

**Building Code Official/Inspector:** . . . . . Jonathan Slair

**Building Inspector:** . . . . . Don Schrecengost

**Parks Coordinator:** . . . . . Reynold Smith

**Planning Secty/Admin Asst:** . . . . . Laura Savage

**Plumbing Inspector:** . . . . . Timothy Cook

**Police Chief:** . . . . . John Hart

**Public Works Director:** . . . . . John O'Neal

**Real Estate Collector:** . . . . . Barbara Coates

**Receptionist/Recreation Asst.:** . . . . . Laura Burns

**Recreation Coordinator:** . . . . . Ashley Mays

### *Township Meetings*

SUPERVISORS - 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
 PLANNING COMMISSION - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
 ZONING HEARING BOARD - 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - 4th Monday at 6:00 p.m.  
*(Municipal Authority meets at 90 Strouss Road)*

***All meetings are held at the Findlay Township Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton, PA.***



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## ***SWIMMING POOLS***

### ***You're Getting a New One, Now What?***

Just a friendly reminder that all swimming pools with a design water depth of more than 24 inches require a building permit and Zoning approval. There are certain requirements that have to be met, depending on whether the pool is above ground or in-ground. Typically, fences are not required for above ground pools if the pool walls are more than 48 inches above the ground. This can change based on items around the pool though. If a wall, pool equipment or even the natural grade is within 3 feet of the pool then a barrier may be required on the top of the pool wall. A lockable or removable ladder is also required. In-ground pools can be a real challenge to meet the barrier requirements. Almost always a fence is required around the pool area. Your home is also allowed to make up part of the barrier; however, any doors and windows that lead to the pool area must have a UL listed alarm installed. Typically, a security systems door and window sensors do not meet this code. The alarm control

box in these systems does not sound continuously until it is reset, as is required by the UL listing. The fences installed around the pool area are meant to keep people, pets and other unwanted items out of the pool. If a retaining wall is part of the fence, then the side away from the pool must be 48 inches high as well. Automatic covers that comply with the applicable ASTM standard are allowed for in-ground pools and will usually eliminate the need for any fences. It would be wise to speak with your insurance agent prior to going this route. Some insurance carriers may see things differently. If you have any questions at all regarding any of these requirements, or would like more information please feel free to contact the Building Inspection Department at 724-695-0500 or check out our Pool Submittal Guide at <https://www.findlay.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/1993/SWIMMING-POOLS-1-31-22>