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Stormwater-Friendly Lawns & Gardens

With the rainy season upon us let us take a moment to consider what has become a hot topic which is Stormwater Management. Stormwater management is an issue local municipalities are facing. Stormwater runoff occurs when the rain falling exceeds the ground's ability to absorb it. This water then runs off the land and into our waterways. Municipalities are implementing multiple programs to minimize the effects of stormwater runoff on our creeks, lakes, rivers and streams. Not only can the runoff carry harmful pollutants, it also causes erosion.

There are things you as a resident can do to contribute to protecting our drinking water and waterways. One way involves lawn maintenance.

When maintaining your lawns and gardens here are a few

stormwater-friendly tips to keep in mind.

- * Set your mower height to 3 inches or higher. Taller grass slows the runoff and produces deeper roots. Deeper roots will also result in less watering during droughts and helps suppress weeds.

- * Keep grass clippings and chopped leaves on your property. The clippings decompose and serve as a natural fertilizer thus eliminating the need to use chemical fertilizers.

- * Do you really need to fertilize your lawn? Foregoing this process is best for the health of local waterways and ecosystems. Identify your lawns needs to see if fertilizer is actually needed.

- * If your lawn does require fertilizer, utilize a product which includes water insoluble nitrogen. It releases slowly eliminat-

ing runoff.

- * Do not apply fertilizer or pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream. Maintaining this distance will help keep chemicals out of waterways.

- * Once fertilizer has been applied, be sure to sweep granules which have been deposited on sidewalks or driveways back into the grassy area. Paved and concrete surfaces are often a quick route to drainage pipes.

Following these steps as a community will have an impact towards protecting our water.

If you are interested in more ways to protect our waterways, visit:
www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org

This site is a valuable resource for tips on stormwater management.

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Special points of interest:

- **THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS APRIL 26, 2016 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!**
- **OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.**



Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities

The Blair County Department of Emergency Services has implemented a program entitled the Emergency Registry Enrollment Program.

This program allows individuals with disabilities to register information with the County which will help first responders better assist residents.

The information will be entered directly into the 911 computer

system and will be automatically shared with first responders if they are dispatched to your address. This information will ONLY be accessed for emergency purposes.

The information provided will inform first responders if there is someone at the residence with a disability which may require special assistance such as a hearing or visual impairment, technology dependence or if the

resident requires the use of a service animal to name just a few.

If a first responder is aware of the situation, actions may be taken ahead of time to better serve you.

Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and may be returned to the Blair County 911 Center for the registration process to be completed.

SPOT LIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY VALLEY TIRE COMPANY

Valley Tire Co. was founded by James Stankiewicz in 1979 and remains a family owned business operating in 5 states which include Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Indiana and Virginia with 300 employees. Prior to the start up of Valley Tire Co., Mr. Stankiewicz was enlisted in the U.S. Army after which he was a store manager for Good Year Tire.

The Valley Tire sells and installs any size or type of tire made, along with providing a variety of automobile and truck services.

They offer major brand name new

tires including Michelin, Yokohama and Continental. The company also owns and operates a Michelin Truck Retread plant located in Charleroi, PA, home of the first store, manufacturing 500 tires per day.

Their Altoona area location is currently located on Colonial Drive in Duncansville. This was one of the company's first expansion locations and was established 25 years ago.

Fortunately, with the growth of our area, Valley Tire has grown as well and is in the process of completing construction on a new state-of-the-

art facility. This facility is conveniently located on Theater Drive right off Route 764. This area provides easy access to the main travel corridors such as Routes US22 and I-99. Along with tires and auto service, TruTex will be added to service heavy duty truck repair both in house and mobile.

We are looking forward to the opening of the new facility which is in the very near

future.



NOTES FROM THE POLICE CHIEF'S DESK

First of all, I would like to commend the Allegheny Township office personnel who show up daily and perform their jobs professionally as well as the Township Road crew for the job they performed over the winter season and throughout the year.

Most of all, I commend each and every one of the police officers for the work they perform daily which unfortunately goes unnoticed at times.

I'm going to take the time to mention just a few of these examples:

For instance, Officer Reeder was at a crash scene and pushed someone out of the path of a vehicle that was sliding out of control and nearly hit them. Officer Kentner assisted Duncansville Police by entering a burning home, at a great risk to himself, to rescue residents. Most recently, Officer Nagle and Fire Chief Thomas

Smith entered a burning home and successfully extinguished an oven fire before it consumed the home.

Officer Nagle also located a stolen vehicle being operated by a male suspect who was involved in numerous criminal acts before assaulting the owner of the vehicle by hitting him on the head and then stealing his vehicle from the gas pumps at the 58th Street Sheetz Store in Altoona.

Officer Gunnett, Officer Robison, Officer Fownes and Officer Brantner also put forth extra efforts in the performance of their jobs on a daily basis.

Last but not least, my thanks go to the Township Supervisors and their commitments to protect the community which I proudly serve....

Chief Leo Berg

BECAUSE WE CARE

The Allegheny Township Police Department and the Allegheny Township Volunteer Fire Department recently partnered with the Because We Care Foundation. The Because We Care Foundation started October 24, 2015 with the Altoona Police Department. Currently they are officially partnered with over 20 different police and fire departments in Blair & Cambria Counties.

Their mission is to provide personalized bears to law enforcement officers and all first responders. This enables those responding to a traumatic case involving children to provide comfort in the form of a bear.

One hundred percent of all donations go to the purchase of the bears or dogs for local police and fire departments. The stuffed animal is personalized for each department.



Allegheny Township Volunteer Fire & Police Departments

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ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

At the end of January, the Allegheny Township Sewer & Water Authority voted to donate its retired 2007 Chevy Silverado to the Allegheny Township Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department was in need of a truck to utilize for hauling equipment.

The Carson Valley Sewer Extension Project is currently on schedule.

