

# NEVILLE NEWS



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## SCENES FROM THE 2018 NEVILLE LIGHT-UP-THE-ISLAND HOLIDAY PARTY



Annabel & Eleanor Cottle  
Visit with Santa



Becky, Parker & John Leon  
at the Peanuts Photo Booth

The 2018 Annual Neville Light-up-the-Island Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

Families had the opportunity to view the amazing Neville Green luminary display and residents' awesome holiday decorations. They traveled on four wheels, via the Pittsburgh Trolley Works, or four hooves, courtesy of Mike's Horse Drawn Carriage Rides.

Indoor fun included balloon artists, face painting, a photo booth, hot chocolate and cookies, and the most important event of the evening - a visit with Santa Claus!

A record 220 children received this year's special gift from Santa and his elves.

Before rushing back to the North Pole to prepare for his big night, Santa Claus asked that everyone take a moment to express thanks to all those who helped make the night special; including, Neville Green, the Neville Island Volunteer Fire Company, and the Neville Township Board of Commissioners and staff.

Santa added each of our event sponsors to his "nice" list and asked that you take a moment to thank them for their generosity towards helping our Island families celebrate the 2018 holiday season.

### SANTA'S "NICE" LIST OF HOLIDAY EVENT SPONSORS!!!

American Made Systems, Inc.  
Causelot Farms/Mike's Carriage Rides  
Davis Controls Corporation  
Eat N Park Restaurants  
Express Container Service  
Fairfield Inn  
Gottlieb, Inc.  
Henry Miller, Attorney-at-Law  
Leo Iron and Metals, Inc.  
Lennon, Smith Souleret Engineering  
McDonalds of Coraopolis  
Mike the Balloon Guy  
Neville Aggregates  
Neville Chemical

Neville Green  
Neville Vol. Fire Company  
Pipelines, Inc.  
Pearhead, Inc.  
Pittsburgh Trolley Works  
Randy Griffin  
SSM Industries  
Sunbelt Rentals  
Target  
Trench Shoring of Pittsburgh  
Triad / Metal Traders  
Tri State Trailer Sales  
Waste Management of Pitts.  
Joseph and Linda Solecki

## 2018 NEVILLE TOWNSHIP 'I WILL' VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

At their December 8, 2018 Meeting, the Neville Township Board of Commissioners introduced the new "I Will" Annual Volunteer Recognition Award and the 2018 Award recipients.

Throughout 2018, the Board was presented with numerous examples of the impact volunteers make in the Neville community. Each time a need arises, volunteers step forward to say "I will" serve. Most often without being asked and too often without proper thanks.

The Board launched a new a program to recognize the two organizations who do so much to make Neville Island a special place to live, work and visit.

**Neville Green** was honored for their many contributions. The most obviously is the gorgeous flowers that greet each resident and visitor as they enter and travel through the Township. Equally important are the many programs that improve, educate and promote Neville Island.

**The Neville Island Volunteer Fire Department** was honored for their efforts to protect the lives and property of our citizens and businesses. We are reminded of their bravery each time we hear the siren. Behind the scenes, we often miss the countless hours of training, equipment maintenance, fundraising and time away from family – an immeasurable gift to our Township.

Each organization was awarded a recognition plaque, had their named added to the permanent plaque at the Municipal Building and received a \$250.00 donation.

The Commissioners plan to continue this program each year. We ask everyone to thank our friends and neighbors who serve and promote positive participation in our Neville Island community.



## 2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

On Thursday, December 13, 2018, the Board of Commissioners approved the 2019 budgets for the General, Water and Sewer funds. Highlights include:

- **No increase in the 2019 Real Estate Tax Rate** - Rate is unchanged at 4.95 mills, including 0.0158 mills dedicated towards the Neville Island Fire Company.
- No increase in resident water rates and belt-tightening measures to absorb the 28% increase in the cost to purchase treated drinking water from the West View Water Authority.
- No increase in resident sewage rates with expense control measures to absorb the 7% increase in ALCOSAN sewage treatment costs.
- A \$350,000 grant award from the PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Program to replace a deteriorating portion of the 16" Neville Road waterline.
- Grant and capital projects include: replacing the Cottage Park Playground equipment, adding police cameras, repairing Township roadways, painting the sewage force main on the Fleming Park Bridge, upgrading the meeting room sound system, updating Township Ordinances and Utility Rules and Regulations to electronic formats, complying with new DEP water sampling program rules, and continuing the annual contribution toward future fire truck replacement.

## 2019 UTILITY BILLING BASICS

- Combined water, sanitary sewage and garbage bills are mailed to all residential customers on a quarterly basis.
- **Your single bill covers the cost to purchase and distribute treated drinking water, to convey and treat sanitary sewage and for weekly household waste pick-up and special pick-ups for hard-to-recycle and dispose of bulk items and household hazardous waste.**
- You will not receive separate bills from West View Water Authority, ALCOSAN, Waste Management or any other authority or agency for these services.
- **Full payment is due 15 days after the date on your bill.**
- Failure to pay in 15 days results in a past due notice that includes a 5% penalty added to your account.
- **Accounts 30 days past due will receive a written shut-off notice.**
- Customers who fail to respond within 10 days of the date of the shut-off notice by making payment in full will have their water service shut-off.
- **Once a crew respond for shut-off, a \$75.00 fee will be assessed to restore water service and a customer must be present to reconnect service. Crews cannot accept on-site payments.**
- The Township accepts cash or check. Credit card payments can be made on-line only.
- **Monthly payments are accepted to help budget for your quarterly bill.**
- Customers whose service has been shut-off for non-payment or due to a vacant structure are still required to pay a minimum monthly charge for access to public utility services.

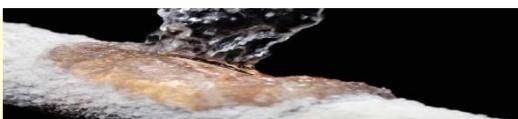
### Need Help Paying Your Utility Bills?

The Clean Water Assistance Fund provides a \$30 credit each quarter to help low income families and individuals reduce their wastewater treatment bills. Visit [www.dollarenergy.com / need-help/Pennsylvania/alcosan](http://www.dollarenergy.com/need-help/Pennsylvania/alcosan).

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills or when facing a crisis of being without heat. A cash grant is sent directly to your utility provider. Visit [www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heating/assistance/liheap](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heating/assistance/liheap).

### COLD WEATHER WATER TIPS

- ✓ Disconnect all outdoor hoses from faucets.
- ✓ **Close all windows and garage doors near water pipes.**
- ✓ Insulate or wrap all pipes and faucets in unheated areas; including: garages and crawl spaces, under open porches, and cabinets against an unheated outside wall.
- ✓ **Check now to find your master shut-off valve and test it to make sure you can shut-off water if a pipe leaks.**
- ✓ If you have a pipe prone to freezing during severe cold weather, let the water in the affected pipe run about half the diameter of a wooden pencil.
- ✓ **Keep the number of a reliable plumber with your emergency contacts.**



### TAKING OUT THE TRASH!



- **Household Trash is collected on Monday mornings.**
- **Trash may be placed at the curb after 5:00 PM on Sunday evenings.**
- **Cans must be removed from the street by 6:00 PM following trash collection.**
- **Garbage must be stored to prevent the attraction and breeding of rodents and insects.**
- **Reusable garbage containers must be kept tightly sealed and covered. Waste cannot extend beyond the top and interior of the container must be kept clean.**
- **Disposable plastic bags are acceptable containers provided they have sufficient wall strength to maintain physical integrity when lifted by the top and must be securely tied.**
- **Containers must be limited to 40 gallons and 40 pounds. Bags are limited to 30 gallons and 35 pounds.**
- **Large, Bulky Items, Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste SHOULD NOT BE PLACED CURBSIDE WITH YOUR WEEKLY PICK-UP. YOU MUST CONTACT WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR PICK-UP KITS AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

Residents impacted by the Fleming Park Bridge Project can receive real-time updates about the shuttle location. Download the "Fleet Complete" app in the Apple App Store or at <https://apple.co./2P7n3do> or in the Google Play Store at <http://bit.ly/2PEAv66>.

Log in username: [nevilleshuttle@gmail.com](mailto:nevilleshuttle@gmail.com). Password: "rider18."

Allegheny County's project work is expected to continue through the Fall of 2019.

### Snow Removal Reminders

It is the responsibility of every property owner and tenant to clear sidewalk of snow and ice within 24 hours after a snow or ice event ends.

Snow cannot be deposited on any public street or sidewalk. **Do not shovel snow into the roadway!**

A 3-foot minimum clear zone must be maintained around a fire hydrant.

If you live on a corner, clear a space for people crossing the street to enter the sidewalk.

Children and persons walking to bus stops, mail carriers, delivery persons, emergency responders, and your friends and neighbors need a safe place to walk.

If able, become a "Snow Angel" - volunteer to help members of our community, especially seniors, who struggle to remove snow and ice from their property.



### Are you Ready? Winter Weather Checklist:

- ✓ Maintain your heating equipment with an annual cleaning and install and check batteries in carbon monoxide detectors.
- ✓ Insulate your home with storm windows or heavy plastic.
- ✓ Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing and wear waterproof boots to stay warm and dry and avoid slips.
- ✓ Listen to the local news or the national weather service for critical storm info.
- ✓ Avoid black ice on the roads by looking for a slight sheen on the road surface.
- ✓ Never pass a salt or plow truck during winter operations - look for the amber light!
- ✓ Have a plan to bring pets indoors during extreme winter weather.

Allegheny County Health Department's Air Quality Program receives frequent complaints about smoke from fire place chimneys. There are no regulations against indoor wood burning but keeping wood piles covered and off the ground promotes dry wood and less pollution. Tips and helpful information on indoor burning are available at [www.epa.gov/burnwise](http://www.epa.gov/burnwise).

County regulations for outdoor fires and open burning can be located on the Open Burning page at [alleghenycountv.us/Health-Department](http://alleghenycountv.us/Health-Department).



The Neville Township Board of Commissioners would like to thank the management and employees of Waste Management of Pittsburgh for sharing the true meaning of the holidays with our community.

Employees collected turkey and holiday dinners, kitchen pantry items, clothes and toys - all generously donated directly to Island families who needed a special boost this season.



**Neville Township’s  
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM  
(MS4) Program**

As required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Neville Township obtains and maintains a MS4 Permit that regulates the discharge of stormwater into the waters of the Commonwealth, including the Ohio River. The MS4 permit includes storm sewers, catch basins, inlets, pipes, swales, ponds and all systems that collect, convey or manage stormwater.

Stormwater is simply rain that hits the ground and is either absorbed into the ground to replenish ground water sources or that runs off into public streets. Stormwater travels the streets and makes its way into the storm drains and pipes that carry the water to our local streams and rivers.

As stormwater travels our streets, it picks up oil, anti-freeze, detergents, paints and other harmful pollutants. Trash, dirt, grass and other debris travels with the rainwater into the streams and rivers that are our sources for drinking water and recreation.

To protect the health and safety of all those who use and enjoy our waterways, residents and businesses must do the following:

- Never dump anything besides stormwater into a storm drain, inlet, pipe or stream. Dumping is considered an “Illicit Discharge” and is a violation of Township Ordinance.
- Pick-up your pet waste immediately and dispose of it properly. Pet waste is not permitted in streets, storm drains, inlets, catch basins, pipes or streams or rivers.
- Wash water from vehicles is not permitted to enter the street or storm drains. Wash vehicles in lawn or gravel areas or at a commercial car wash.
- Pick-up litter, garbage, dirt, concrete or construction dust and all debris from yards, sidewalks and driveways so that it is not washed into the streets and storm drains.
- Recycle or properly dispose of all hazardous chemicals, including paints, used oil and chemicals.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, and even road salt properly to prevent excess runoff.

**If you witness an Illicit Discharge, report the violation to Neville Township at 412-264-1977.**  
More information on the Township’s storm water management program is available by contacting the Township.

**2019 BOARDS AND OFFICIALS**

**Board of Commissioners:** Bill Leon, Rick Rutter, Jim Brown, Greg (Gig) Mundell, Al Whitaker

**Planning Commission:** Dorothy Antonelli, Bill Easton, Robert Grannis, Robert Shuty, Bonnie Swank, Lori Valencik, Wayne Withrow.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Walter London, David Kerr and Raymond Antonelli Sr.

*THANK YOU TO ALL OFFICIALS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEVILLE TOWNSHIP  
and A SPECIAL THANKS TO SPOUSES AND FAMILIES FOR SACRAFICING FAMILY TIME*

**Look for these Inserts in the Winter  
Newsletter:**

- **Winter Weather Flood Risk Action Sheet.**
- **Neville Green Newsletter.**
- **Neville Vol. Fire Dept. Newsletter.**
- **Neville Community Action Panel Annual Newsletter and Report.**



The Township is nearing the completion of a multi-year, multi-phase program to upgrade computer technology. A new server, operating system and firewall were installed to improve customer service and security. The Township’s server can now support a website and you can visit us on-line at [www.nevilletownship.us](http://www.nevilletownship.us).

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