

Summer 2022

June 30, 2022

NEVILLE NEWS



Neville Township, 5050 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225 *** 412-264-1977 *** www.nevilletownship.us



On Sunday, May 29, 2022, the Keith-Holmes VFW Post 402 Color Guard, VFW Auxiliary and American Legion honored those who have given the greatest sacrifice for our freedom by presenting the annual Memorial Honor Roll Service at Neville Township's Memorial Park.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Coraopolis VFW Post and everyone who participated and prepared the Monument.

The Township salutes all those who have served in the military, and we appreciate the efforts of everyone who works to ensure the sacrifices of generations of local veterans and their families are not forgotten.



Photos courtesy of Jim and Vicki Fiedler



To learn more about our local veterans and military service members, visit our virtual community banner display at www.troopbanners.com. Select "Neville Township."

Updates from the Board of Commissioners



- **Break Retarder Ordinance** - In May 2022, the Board of Commissioners adopted regulations prohibiting the use of truck brake retarders (jake brakes) on Grand and Neville Roads. The new ordinance included a traffic study and approval from PennDOT to correct issues that made the prior ordinance unenforceable. Allegheny County will be installing signs and Ohio Township Police will begin enforcement to quiet truck noise.
- **Grand Avenue Maintenance** - The Board has held several recent meetings with Allegheny County to request maintenance improvements on County-owned Grand and Neville Roads. Improvements have been made to the County street sweeping schedule, concrete median maintenance program, and crosswalks were repainted. The Township also submitted a grant requesting the County study multi-modal transportation on the Island.
- **Parks** - Commissioners have been meeting with State Senator Wayne Fontana's Office, Allegheny County and other agencies to lobby for park improvement grants. The Township was recently awarded \$250,000.00 from the PA Fish and Boat Commission for the future Riverfront Park and has several other grant project applications pending.



FIREWORKS: Celebrate Safely & Courteously

With the Fourth of July just around the corner, many of us are getting excited for Independence Day celebrations. While for some, fireworks bring joy and excitement, for others, including some veterans and persons with PTSD, and many pets, they can be a cause of stress and anxiety. While participating in your holiday fun, please be courteous of your neighbors. By staying within the July 3 - 5 window for fireworks you can celebrate and be respectful of your neighbors. The following laws apply to Fireworks in PA:

- Do not ignite or discharge fireworks on public or private property without the express permission of the property owner.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of any structure.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged towards or from within a building or motor vehicle.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged while a person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Fireworks displays should be left to professionals, but if you choose to ignite fireworks or plan to attend a display, please remember these FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR PETS



1. At a professional or home display, always stay a safe distance from where fireworks are being ignited.
2. Only one adult should use fireworks at a time - light one and quickly back away.
3. Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
4. Never allow children to play with fireworks, even sparklers, which can burn at temperatures of at least 1200 degrees.
5. Never pick-up or try to relight fireworks.
6. After fireworks have burned, fully douse them with water.
7. Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby in case of fire.
8. Pets should be secured INSIDE your home with a safe place to hide.
9. Keep pets busy with a treat and use a tv or radio to mask the noise.
10. More pets are lost on Independence Day than any other day - update their ID tags and microchips.



Plan to celebrate summer by grilling out? ***Sizzle Safely!*** - Outdoor grills are a leading cause of summer fires. Please grill away from deck railings, covered porches and branches. For gas grills, check gas lines before lighting and keep grates and grease trays clean. When using a charcoal grill, never add starter fluid after lighting and let coals cool completely before disposal. ***ALWAYS KEEP A 3 FOOT SAFETY ZONE FOR KIDS AND PETS AROUND ANY HOT GRILL!***



YOUR RIGHT-TO-KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT IS IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

Neville Township values our customers' right to know what is in your drinking water - The 2021 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT is now available. The report is online at www.nevilletownship.us and <https://goh2o.net/NTWD/ccr>. Copies can be obtained at 5050 Grand Avenue or call 412-264-1977. Upon request, a copy will be mailed to your attention free of charge.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR UTILITY BILL

- 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 both hard-to-recycle and dispose of bulk items, and household hazardous waste. When comparing Neville rates, be sure to consider that all services are included in a single bill.
- 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 responds 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, check or money order. Credit card payments can be made on-line only, and a processing fee is applied. A 24-hour drop box is available for after-hour payments.
- If paying by cash, please bring the exact amount. No change is available at the Municipal office. Overpayments will be credited towards the next billing cycle.
- 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 the public utility.



POOL CREDIT PROGRAM: Residents who plan to fill a new or existing swimming pool this season may be eligible for a sewage credit for water not treated by the sanitary system. **The Township Water Department must read your meter PRIOR TO and AFTER filling the pool and there is a minimum charge for these additional meter readings.** Pool Credit Applications are available at the Municipal Building.

POOL PERMITS: A permit is required to install any swimming pool with a water depth of 24" or more. **THIS INCLUDES INFLATABLE POOLS!!!** Why? Pools pose a high risk of drowning and electrocution injury and death. Above-ground and in-ground pools, and spas and hot-tubs require permits and safety inspections. Our building inspector can help you understand the laws governing pool ladders, fencing, door and pool alarms, and the proper electrical grounding for filters and pumps. **PLEASE REQUEST THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO INSTALLATION TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY and NEIGHBORS and to AVOID DELAYS AND FINES.**

Allegheny Lead Safe Homes Program - Homeowners and renters who live in homes built before 1978 are encouraged to learn more about lead paint. Lead is most dangerous to children under age 6 because their brains and nervous system are still developing. Allegheny County offers assistance through the Lead Safe Homes Program, including, lead-paint testing and home repairs. To see if you qualify for assistance or to apply, call 412-227-5700 or visit alleghenycounty.us/leadsafeprogram.



HEITZ OF HEAVEN 5K Run / Walk – Sunday, September 11, 2022



Neville Township is honored to host the annual benefit race for the Heitz 61 Memorial Foundation. Run or walk in memory of Ryan V. Heitzenrater, who passed away in 2013 at the age of 13. Proceeds support higher education, physical well-being and teamwork in young persons involved in sports by distributing scholarships and offering diverse sports programs. More info and online registration at www.Heitz61Foundation.org.



The \$43 million **I-79 Neville Island Bridge Project** is expected to continue through the summer of 2023. Motorists can expect full ramp closures, single-lane, and shoulder closures during off-peak and overnight hour. **There are four southbound weekend full closures planned for 2022.**

To keep motorists informed, PennDOT has created an email distribution list for traffic advisories and construction updates. You can enroll by sending your email address to stcowan@pa.gov. Please write "Subscribe – I-79" in the email subject line. Updates are also posted to the Township website home page.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION? - FIND THE LATEST TOWNSHIP NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS, MEETING SCHEDULES, CONSTRUCTION UPDATES AND MORE AT www.nevilletownship.us.



The Township posts official updates on the Neville Township Home Page at www.nevilletownship.us, under the **"News and Announcements"** section. You can also access the **Event Calendar** to find meeting dates and agendas. Take a moment to explore the Township's website. We offer on-line utility bill payment, forms, minutes, and much more.

Can you spot the Spotted Lanternfly? – The SLF may look beautiful, at least for a bug! But this one is a dangerous insect! Harmless to humans, but deadly to trees, grapes, stone fruits and other plants. The SLF hitchhikes on vehicles and the Department of Agriculture has issued a Quarantine Order to stop the spread of the invasive pest. **Most businesses that operate vehicles must now obtain a SLF permit!** Homeowners and campers should learn how to stop the spread of the SLF. To learn more visit <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly> or visit the latest news section of the Township's website at www.nevilletownship.us



JORDAN TAX SERVICE

ON SITE
REAL ESTATE
TAX COLLECTOR

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

EARTH DAY HONORS

Neville Green and Neville Township are pleased to announce that over 175 bags of litter were removed from Neville Township during the Earth Day 2022 events!!!

We extend our sincere appreciation to our 2022 Earth Day participants and sponsors.

Door Prize Donors: Dick's Sporting Goods / Lynn Belloma * Goehring, Rutter & Boehm Law Firm (Township Solicitor) * LSSE Civil Engineers and Surveyors (Township Engineer) * Neville Green * Neville Island Volunteer Fire Department * Neville Township Board of Commissioners * Neville Roller Drome * Paradise Island Bowl * Pittsburgh Airport Marriott * Suburban Landscaping

Citizen Volunteers: Jared Blinstrus, Cindy Brown, Jim Brown, Russell Brown, Chris Crable, Tyler Faust, Wyatt Fielder, Linda Herbert, Dave Kerr, John Lewis, Emily Olds, Rick Rutter, Logan Schart, Jillian Tilko, James Tussey, Jensen Wehrli, Wayne Withrow, Harry Youngworth

Special Recognition: Sam's Club / Mt. Nebo Rd Store – Refreshment Donation, Jim and Vicki Fiedler- Photos, Neville Green Board Members. Neville Island Volunteer Fire Department, and Todd Phillips, Neville Township Public Works.

Special thanks to the management and employee volunteers from Carmeuse and FedEx for their Earth Day project in our industrial neighborhood.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEVILLE TOWNSHIP CLASS OF 2022!



CARMINE D'ALESSANDRO

DUSTIN DOLAN

ALANA MEITROTT

CRAIG PULFORD



**The Neville Township Board of Commissioners wish all our citizens
A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER**

**Rick Rutter, Chairman * Dave Kerr, Vice-Chairman
Will Belsterling * Jim Brown * Mark Stewart**

