

# O'HARA NEWSLETTER

Township of O'Hara—A Council Manager Community  
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## Trash/Recycling Collection Update

1. With the transition to automated collection all items must fit in your trash or recycling cart with the lid closed. Waste Management will not collect anything left outside of the carts.
2. You may purchase up to two (2) additional trash and/or recycling carts for a fee by calling Waste Management at (800) 451-3060. When the automated attendant asks for your account number simply say you do not have one and you will be transferred to a customer service representative.
3. **ONE** bulk item will be collected on trash day during the first full week of each month. You do not need to call the Township for bulk collection.

The bulk collection dates for 2023 are: Friday, July 7 (July 4th Holiday delay); August 10; Friday, September 8 (Labor Day Holiday delay); October 5; November 9 and December 7.

4. Bulk items include furniture (table, chair, sofa, mattress/box spring, household appliances (no freon), carpet (cut and tied in 4' bundles), toilet, hot water tank, etc. Extra bags of trash or boxes are **not** considered bulk items. Additional bulk items can be collected for a fee by contacting Waste Management at (800) 451-3060.
5. Items not collected by Waste Management on trash day cannot remain at the curb.
6. Trash and recycling carts may not be left at the curb after collection. All carts must be removed by 10:00 pm on collection day.

Thank you for your cooperation and your patience during this transition to automated trash and recycling collection. □

## New Police Sergeants Named

Township of O'Hara Council is pleased to announce the promotion of Patrol Officer Frank Benigni and Patrol Officer Ian Hill to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Benigni has been with the department for 14 years. Sergeant Hill has been with the department for 3 years.



The new Sergeants will join Sergeant Ben Wolfson and Superintendent Jay Davis in the command structure of the department.

Please join Council and staff in congratulating Frank and Ian. □

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## In Memoriam

James “Jim” Zaenger passed away on Sunday, June 11. Jim, a retired Professional Engineer (Civil Engineering) was a resident of O'Hara Township since 1965.

Jim served as a member of the O'Hara Township Council for 18 years, starting in 1978, with a break while he worked out of town. In 1992, he was elected Council Vice President and served three consecutive terms in that post.

Please join Township Council and Staff in extending sympathies to Jim's family.

Francis “Bud” Peitz, Jr. passed away on Wednesday, June 14. Bud was a Field Engineer for Bell Telephone for 31 years.

Bud was an avid community member belonging to numerous civic organizations. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Constables Association and served as Constable for O'Hara Township for many years.

Please join Township Council and Staff in extending condolences to Bud's family. □

## Recreational Fire Permits

This is a reminder to all residents who like to roast marshmallows and tell ghost stories while sitting around the campfire. Remember to get your recreational fire permit from the Township for 2023.



There is no fee associated with this permit. The application form is available at the Township office or on the Township website at [www.ohara.pa.us](http://www.ohara.pa.us) under [Documents and Forms/Code Enforcement Ordinances](#). □

## Social Media

“Like” us on Facebook or “Follow” us on Twitter at the Township of O'Hara to learn about Township news and events. □

## Fall Leaf Collection

The Fall leaf collection program will begin on Monday, October 16. The final collection round will begin on Thursday, December 1. This means that ***once an area is collected after December 1, any leaves placed at the curb will not be picked up.***

As in the past, the east and west sections of the Township have been divided into zones. This enables the Public Service Department to follow a set collection route and better communicate with the residents as to where leaf collection is currently being conducted, where it has been done and where it will be done next.

The Township website will be updated daily with this information. Visit [www.ohara.pa.us](http://www.ohara.pa.us) and look for the link to [Leaf Collection](#).

Residents are reminded that leaves must be placed within four (4) feet of the curb, ***but not in the street.*** Leaves left in the street can create a safety hazard, especially if it rains or snows. Township Code Chapter 295 provides for fines for those who unlawfully and substantially interfere with, obstruct or render dangerous for use or passage any street, road, sidewalk, river or public way or place.

Remember that no other debris may be mixed in with the leaves. Also, placement of obstacles in front of the leaves may hinder collection. A request is made that cars, trash cans or other objects not block access to the leaves. A notice will be left at any home where there is a problem with the collection of leaves. This door hanger will give the reason for the non-collection and give a phone number to call for further collection information.

Please call the Township at 412-784-1784, ext. 203 with any questions or comments regarding the leaf collection program. □

## Electric Vehicles and Chargers

Township Council is excited to announce the addition of a new EV car charging station at the municipal building and two new chargers at O'Hara Township Community Park. One new charger is activated in the park, the other will be activated soon with a service upgrade by Duquesne Light.

These chargers join our charger fleet of one at the Lauri Ann West Community Center and the original one at O'Hara Community Park. The chargers were paid in part with a grant from Driving PA Forward.



Also being added to the Township vehicle fleet are two Chevrolet Bolts. These Bolts will replace two Ford SUV's. One Bolt is already in use by the Township Engineer, the other is currently in production and will be used by the Township Building Code Official.

Happy charging and driving!!☐

## Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park continue at O'Hara Township Community Park. The free movies start at dusk, weather permitting (rain dates will be announced if necessary).

\*\*\*\*\* **Special THURSDAY Showing** \*\*\*\*\*

July 6 - *Minions - Rise of Gru* (PG)

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July 18 - *Top Gun - Maverick* (PG-13)

August 1 - *Lightyear (Disney)* (PG)

August 15 - *Dungeons & Dragons* (PG-13)

### *Mystery Movie*

Saturday, September 9

*The Great Muppet Caper* (G)

### *Halloween Movies*

Saturday, October 7

*Trick or Treat Scooby Doo* (G)

Saturday, October 21

*Hotel Transylvania-Transformania* (PG)

**Come out and Join the Fun!**

## Solicitation Regulations

The Township regulates "for profit" door-to-door solicitors and requires them to obtain permits. They are given the Do Not Solicit List when their permit is issued. Per Federal law, the Township cannot regulate "non-profit" solicitors. We do ask that when they are in the Township they notify us and follow our Do Not Solicit List.

Residents who do not want solicitors at their home may complete a No Solicitation Request at the Police station or download one at [www.ohara.pa.us](http://www.ohara.pa.us) and mail it in or drop it off. This list is given to solicitors and they are not permitted to solicit these homes. Residents may also place a **NO SOLICITORS** sign on their door or window and solicitors are not permitted to solicit these homes. Please feel free to cut out and post the sign below.

If you experience any problems with a solicitor, please call the Police department at 412-782-1403.☐

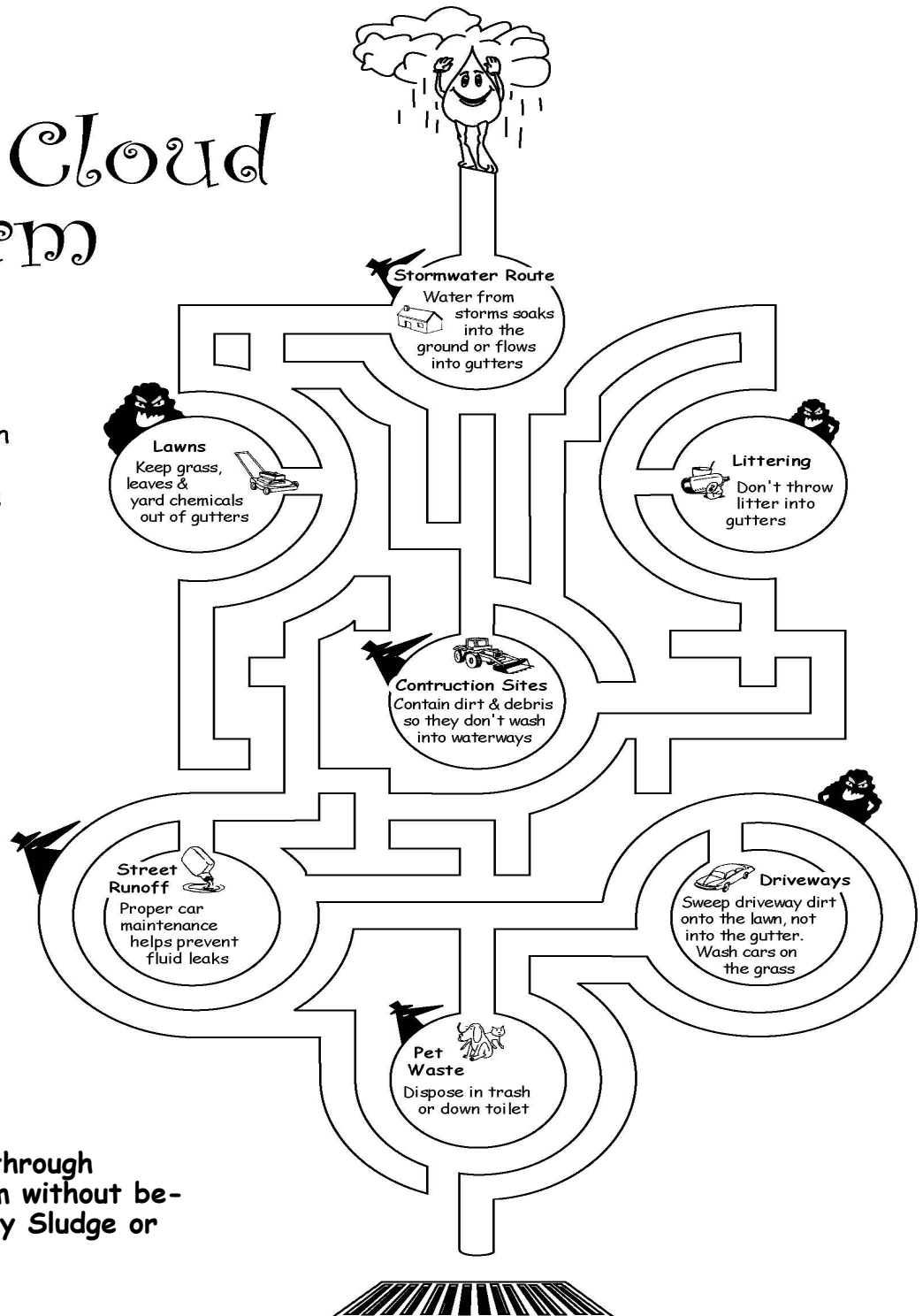
# NO SOLICITORS

## Kid's Contest

Children up to 12 years old can send in or drop off this maze/coloring page at the Township office at 325 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 until July 22 when all names will be placed in a drawing for a gift card from an O'Hara Township food establishment. Please mark the child's name and a contact number on the back. □

# From Storm Cloud to Storm Drain

The Stormwater system channels rain and snowmelt into gutters, which drain into streams and rivers. When people pollute stormwater, they also pollute our natural waterways.



Help Droplet journey through the stormwater system without becoming contaminated by Sludge or Toxic Waste.



## Chicken Keeping

On Tuesday, June 13, the Township of O'Hara Council passed Ordinance #1411 amending Township Code Chapter 455 (Zoning) to provide for domestic chicken keeping as a permitted accessory use in the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, CD-1 and CD-2 Zoning Districts with related regulations.

Information and the chicken coop permit application can be found by searching Chicken Coops on the Township's website at: <https://www.ohara.pa.us>. □

## E-Waste Recycling Information

As part of the Township's residential solid waste and recycling contract with Waste Management, residents have a convenient opportunity to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) safely, easily and responsibly. The "At Your Door" Special Collection Service is a residential service offered by WM to provide year-round HHW collection. Some items that are included are paint, household and garden chemicals, automotive fluids and batteries, fluorescent lights, televisions, computers and other electronic equipment.

For more information visit <https://www.wm.com/us/en/home/common-hazardous-waste>. You can schedule a collection appointment by calling 1-800-449-7587, by registering on-line at [www.wmatyourdoor.com](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com) or by e-mailing: [atyourdoor@wm.com](mailto:atyourdoor@wm.com).

Another e-waste recycling option is Guardian Storage. Guardian Storage located at 1390 Old Freeport Road in O'Hara Township, offers drop off electronic recycling. Stop by the leasing office, let them know you have electronics to drop off and they will direct you where to go to drop the items. Once dropped off, Evolution E-Cycling LLC will pick up and recycle the items. Visit: <https://www.guardianstorage.com/where-to-recycle-electronics/> for more information. **Please note that Guardian Storage cannot accept TV's.**

Staples® also offers a free electronic recycling program and you can earn Staples® Rewards for some items. Staples® is located at 999 Freeport Road in the Waterworks Mall. Visit <https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling> for information on the program. **Please note Staples® cannot accept TV's.** □

## Fall Brush Collection

The Township's Fall brush collection service will run Monday, September 18 thru Friday, September 29. Requests for collection **will not** be accepted after 4:30 pm on September 29. However, collection will continue until brush is collected from all residents who have called in requests. Brush **will not** be collected from homes not on the list.

Residents may call 412-784-1784, ext. 203 to request brush collection. If leaving a message, please make sure to leave your name, address and phone number. You may also email a collection request including your name, address and phone number to [OHarabrush@ohara.pa.us](mailto:OHarabrush@ohara.pa.us).

Requests are for one pick-up only. **If additional material needs to be placed at the curb after collection, another request for collection must be made.**

### Township Brush Collection Regulations

- Limbs and brush must be placed along the curb within 4 feet of the street, ***but not in the street.***
- Limbs 4 inches or less in diameter may not exceed 8 feet in length. Limbs 4 to 6 inches in diameter may not exceed 4 feet in length.
- Limbs/logs larger than 6 inches in diameter will not be picked-up.
- Hedges, vines, shrubs and other brush must be separated from tree limbs and securely tied in bundles not to exceed 16 inches in diameter.
- All root balls or dirt must be removed. Brush with root balls or dirt attached will not be picked-up.
- Residents are reminded that this is not a tree removal service. Each property is limited to one truckload of brush equal to about six cubic yards.
- Wood chips may be available by calling Todd Giammatteo, 412-784-1784, ext. 206.

A notice will be left at homes where the brush is not properly prepared for collection explaining why the brush was not collected and will give a phone number to call for further information.

In advance, thank you for your cooperation. □

## Vacation Checks



Summer is here and residents may be traveling out of town on vacation or to visit family members.

So you can enjoy your visit without worrying about your home, you may wish to have a Police Officer check your home on a regular basis while you are away.

The Vacation Check form is available at the Police station or on our website at [www.ohara.pa.us](http://www.ohara.pa.us) under the Documents/Forms section. Print and complete the form and just drop it off at the Police station. □

## Comments Encouraged

Township Manager, Julie Jakubec encourages residents to let her know their concerns and comments.

Please feel free to stop and see Julie at the Township building, call her at 412-782-1400 or send her an e-mail at [JJakubec@ohara.pa.us](mailto:JJakubec@ohara.pa.us). □

## Smoke Detector Reminders

Parkview Volunteer Fire Department and EMS and Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Company wish to remind all residents about the importance of checking your smoke detector batteries on a regular basis. A smoke detector can save your life. So, plan on checking the batteries of all your smoke detectors on a monthly basis. Also, remember a good time to replace your batteries is every time the clock springs forward and falls back.

A reminder for everyone who has hard-wired smoke alarms with their security systems; Consumer Reports recommends the replacement of all hard-wired detectors every ten years. Hard-wired detectors can begin to deteriorate with age so replacement every ten years is a good rule of thumb.

Let's all have a plan so that if a fire starts everyone gets out safely! □

## Selling Your Home?

While your real estate agent and closing company will handle many of the matters related to selling your home, there are some things you can do to make the process easier.



Unpaid taxes and municipal fees can hold up your closing. This includes real estate tax, stormwater management fees and earned income tax. If you are not sure if you owe real estate tax or stormwater fees, contact Jordan Tax Services, Inc. at 412-345-7962. For earned income tax information contact Keystone Collections Group at 1-866-539-1100.

Make sure all utility bills (phone, water, sewer, electricity, etc.) are current.

Fox Chapel Authority (412-963-0212) and Hampton Shaler Water Authority (412-486-4867) require back-flow prevention devices be installed on all waterlines prior to their final reading. Contact your specific water company for further details.

Township Code Chapter 358, Article V requires that a Sanitary Sewer Certificate be obtained prior to the sale or transfer of property.

A Sanitary Sewer Certificate is issued after the Township and a registered plumber perform an inspection verifying that no storm, ground or surface water is directed into the sanitary sewer system.

Property owners arrange and pay for a registered plumber to perform the test. The Township witnesses, inspects and certifies the test at a cost of \$100 for residential buildings and \$200 - \$400 based on square footage for commercial buildings.

It is advisable to have the test done early in the sale process, since repairs **must** be made prior to closing. Once issued, the Certificate is valid for one year from the date of the initial inspection.

To review Township Code Chapter 358, Article V or for more information on the Sanitary Sewer Certification process, visit our website at [www.ohara.pa.us](http://www.ohara.pa.us) or contact the Township at 412-782-1400. □

# Community News

## ***Lauri Ann West Community Center***



Celebrate the Center (CTC) is the Lauri Ann West Community Center's premier fundraiser and a highly anticipated social event in the Township of O'Hara.

This annual community celebration draws hundreds to the picturesque hilltop terrace in the Township of O'Hara to enjoy a night of fine food, music and libations. Here, families, friends, colleagues and area businesses gather to support a community resource for wellness, learning, growth and discovery.

2023 is a special year for us because it marks the 40th anniversary of the old Boyd Elementary being opened as a community center. Years of hard work and determination by a small group of community members helped to open the doors. This year, while celebrating how far the Center has come, we also want to focus on those who made it happen! Join the Center in honoring the legacy volunteers, donors and employees. **The Center Shines On!**

**SUMMER CAMPS** at the Lauri Ann West Community Center feature a mixture of sports, STEAM discovery, activities in the gym and outdoor time in the sunshine. With new adventures each day and new themes weekly, your child will never be bored! Our top priority is the health and safety of our campers, their families, our staff and the community. We closely follow local, state and national guidelines to ensure all recommended COVID-19 safety measures are met.

For more information or to register, please visit [www.lauriannwestcc.org](http://www.lauriannwestcc.org) or call 412-828-8566. □

## ***Cooper-Siegel Community Library***

### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

Lecture: History of The Strip District  
Friday, July 7, 2:00 pm

Author Talk: William Miller Author of Steel City  
Saturday, July 15, 1:00 pm

Lecture: Notorious Pittsburgh  
Friday, July 21, 2:00 pm

Author Talk: Virginia Montanez (PittGirl)  
Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 pm

### **TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS**

Anime & Cosplay Club:

Second Tuesday, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

Creative Corner:

Wednesdays 4:30 pm (Ages 11 – 18)

Lavender Book Club:

Second Wednesday, 6:30 pm (Ages 12 – 18)

### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Wiggle Storytime:

Tuesdays, 10:30am (Ages 2 and under)

Make & Take:

Tuesdays, 4:30 pm (Grades K - 6)

STEAM Storytime:

Fridays, 10:30 am (Ages 2 – 5 years old)

Ocarina Class: Weekly July 12 – Aug 8

Wednesdays, 3:30p m (Grades K-6)

Chess Camp: \$195

June 26 – 30, 10:00 am – Noon (Grade K – 8)

Los Zorritos Spanish Camp: \$100

July 10 – 14, 10:00 am – Noon (Grades K – 3)

Teddy Bear Picnic:

August 4th, 10:30 am (Ages Birth – 8)

Summer Reading Challenge – All Summer!

Summer Reading Party: Allegheny RiverTrail Park

Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### **BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS (YEAR-ROUND)**

Booked for Lunch (All genres):

Second Friday, Noon – 1:00 pm

Evening (Fiction): Fourth Monday, 7:00 pm

Memoir/History: Third Wednesday, 6:30 pm

For program information or to register, please visit [www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org](http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org) or call the Library at 412-828-9520. □

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## TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA MEETING SCHEDULE

### Township Council

Robert John Smith, At-Large, President      Cassandra R. Eccles, Ward 5, Vice President  
 Richard S. Hughes, Ward 1      George Stewart, Ward 2  
 Michael Hammill, Ward 3      Olivia T. Payne, Ward 4      John R. Denny, At-Large

Regular meeting: Second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Workshop meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm; Second Tuesday following Regular meeting

### Planning Commission

Edward M. Crates, Chairperson  
 Charles F. Bleil      Richard Citrin  
 Joseph M. Kelly      Jerry Nist  
 Giovanni Scolieri      Joseph Zgurzynski  
 Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm

### Zoning Hearing Board

Scott Duffy, Chairperson  
 Thomas Gray      Richard Lockwood  
 Emily Glick, Alternate      Judie Lai, Alternate  
 Vacancy, Alternate  
 Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm

### Parks and Recreation Commission

Mark Yon, Chairperson  
 Matthew DiGirolamo      S. Joseph Jablonski  
 Mary E. Lasher      Mary Lee Mahon  
 Shamus Petrucelli      Michael J. Veltri  
 Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm

### Civil Service Commission

David R. Schaffner, Jr., Chairperson  
 Judy Bossart      Jeffrey Reese  
 Jason J. Riley      Robert R. Ward  
 Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:00 pm

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building, 325 Fox Chapel Road and are open to the public.  
 All Township citizens are cordially invited to attend.