

SHALER TOWNSHIP PENNSYLVANIA

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Business Office	412-486-9700
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<i>(Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. – 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</i>	
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Shaler Hampton EMS	412-487-6590
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All Emergencies 9-1-1

Municipal Meetings - Open to the public

Board of Commissioners	2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM.
Planning Commission	3rd Monday at 7:30 PM
Zoning Hearing Board	2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM
Library Board at SNHL	2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM
<i>(except July, Aug., & Sept.)</i>	
Committee Meetings	4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
<i>(except May, June, July, Aug.)</i>	
Pension & Insurance	9:00 AM (meets qtrly.)

Hello Summer!
There is a lot going on in the Township this summer. Don't miss out!
Check out page 7 for a list of Township Events including Community Day on July 4.

Sorry We're CLOSED The Township Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Follow us on Facebook
facebook.com/ShalerTownship
facebook.com/PoliceShaler

Follow us on Twitter
twitter.com/ShalerTownship
twitter.com/PoliceShaler

Follow us on Instagram
@townshipofshaler

Don't Miss a Meeting
All Board of Commissioners Meetings are now available to watch live on Facebook Live!

Sign receive email notifications regarding Township news, alerts, events, and meetings at www.shaler.org.

Events



MOVIE IN THE PARK AT KIWANIS PARK

Friday, June 9, 2023
Featuring: **Puss in Boots: The Last Wish**
The movie will begin at dusk when it is dark enough to see the screen.

ADULT SWIM AT CRAWFORD POOL FEATURING DJ RICK WIRTH

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
6:30pm-9:00pm
\$3 admission fee per person
The pool will close early that evening for adults to enjoy the pool! You must be at least 21 years of age with a valid ID to enter. Alcohol is not permitted at Crawford Pool.



FLOAT WITH A FLICK AT CRAWFORD POOL

Friday, June 23, 2023
Featuring: **Sonic the Hedgehog 2**
Gates open at 8:30pm.
A \$1/person donation will be accepted at the gate that will go towards the Backpack Initiative.

Pool noodles and water wings are permitted.
No rafts/innertubes or other inflatables are permitted.

COMMUNITY DAY AT KIWANIS PARK

Tuesday, July 4, 2023
Join us throughout the day as we celebrate our community!
Check our website and Facebook page as we get closer to the event for a full schedule.

- Crawford Pool and the Shaler Shack will be open.
- DJ at the pool
- Fire Truck Rides
- Food Vendors and Community Tents

- Visit with local groups/organizations.
- Uptown Rhythm and Brass Band
- Military Recognition Ceremony
- Fireworks at dusk!



2023 SHALER GREAT LOCAL GARDENS CONTEST

Entries Due: Friday, July 7, 2023
Is gardening your pride and passion? Do you have a neighbor who has a gorgeous garden? Why not celebrate these gardens and talent by entering the Shaler Great Local Gardens Contest? The Shaler Garden Club and the Shaler Library want to honor your hard work and creativity. All in Shaler and surrounding areas are welcome to join this fun, casual contest.

It's easy to enter. Just submit 5 photos of your garden plus a description of what makes your garden special by July 7, 2023. Are you a flower and vegetable gardener, herbs or containers? All types of gardens will be considered and we love a good story! Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 people chosen. Drop off your entry at the Shaler North Hills Library, 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. Photos will not be returned. Winners of the contest will have the opportunity to be a part of the 2024 Great Gardens Tour. For more information, stop by the library or go to www.shalerlibrary.org or www.shalergardenclub.com.

15TH ANNUAL SHALER GREAT GARDENS TOUR

Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 11:00am to 3:00pm
Treat yourself to a walk through five spectacular local gardens packed with creative ideas, colorful blooms, ponds and paths. Join us for this 15th annual Shaler Garden Club's Great Gardens Tour on Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 11am to 3pm. Proceeds from the tour benefit the Shaler North Hills Library. Tickets for the tour can

be purchased at the library located at 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116 for \$15 in advance of the tour or \$18 the day of the tour. Tickets are also available online on the library's website. Your ticket includes hosted visits to the 5 beautiful gardens and a chance to win a lovely prize basket. The event is held rain or shine. For more information, visit www.shalergardenclub.com or www.shalerlibrary.org or call (412) 486-0211 for more information. Shaler Garden Club celebrates 102 years of serving the Shaler community.

FLOAT WITH A FLICK AT CRAWFORD POOL

Friday, July 14, 2023
Featuring: **Madagascar**
Gates open at 8:30pm.
A \$1/person donation will be accepted at the gate that will go towards the Backpack Initiative.



Pool noodles and water wings are permitted.
No rafts/innertubes or other inflatables are permitted.

ADULT SWIM AT CRAWFORD POOL FEATURING DJ RICK WIRTH

Thursday, July 20, 2023
6:30pm-9:00pm
\$3 admission fee per person
The pool will close early that evening for adults to enjoy the pool! You must be at least 21 years of age with a valid ID to enter. Alcohol is not permitted at Crawford Pool.

MOVIE IN THE PARK AT KIWANIS PARK

Friday, August 4, 2023
Featuring: **Minions: The Rise of Gru**
The movie will begin at dusk when it is dark enough to see the screen.



YARD WASTE PICK UP 2023

Call County Hauling at 724-929-7694 Ext. 2, e-mail to info@countyhauling.com, or schedule online at www.countyhauling.com by 3:00 PM Wednesday of the date below of that week to schedule Yard Waste Collection.

Saturday, June 17 **Saturday, July 15**
Saturday, August 19 **Saturday, September 16**

- Yard waste includes leaves, garden residue, shrubbery with no dirt attached, limbs, twigs, brush and tree trimmings, and similar items, but does not include grass clippings and mulch.
- Yard waste must be placed in a **bio-degradable paper bag**. Tree trimmings are not to exceed 3-inches in diameter. Brush, limbs, twigs and shrubbery must be bundled in lengths not to exceed 4 feet in length and 1-foot total diameter.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash pick up will be delayed by one day only if your pickup day falls on or after the holiday. If the holiday falls on the weekend, there is no delay.

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

BAG YOUR GARBAGE, DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLING!

Electronic Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Collection

To schedule a collection time, call County Hauling at 724-929-7694 Ext. 2 or visit their website at countyhauling.com



"Extended Travel" Billing Waiver Request – also for sale of a vacant home

Form and information located at www.shaler.org under Forms and Trash Collection.

Recyclable Materials

Place only the following materials in your recycling cart.

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| Aluminum cans | Steel cans |
| Corrugated cardboard – broken down | Phone books |
| Newsprint and inserts | Paperback books |
| Office paper | Junk mail and envelopes |
| All Glass | Boxboard (tissue, dry food boxes) |
| Plastics No. 1 - 2 | |

SHALER TOWNSHIP BIDS REFUSE COLLECTION

In the early spring of 2023, the Township prepared specifications for Township wide refuse and recycling collection. The Township has been monitoring the market conditions for this bid and included several alternatives in the bid specifications to ensure that we received competitive quotes. Included in the specifications are weekly collection of both refuse and recycling, seasonal yard waste collection, eight weeks of fall leaf collection and scheduled collection of household hazardous wastes and electronics.

The current market conditions for collection of trash are dictating the services available to municipalities. For many years, the Township has enjoyed what is referred to as "unlimited collection." This service allowed residents using their own cans or bags to place a reasonable amount of trash out for weekly collection. In our discussions with the current vendor as well as other national vendors, we believe that we will be required to consider a new collection system moving forward.

The Township is bidding the contract with two options: Option A – which will be unlimited trash, with minimal changes to the current system. Option B – which will be the cart collection system. The cart collection system will require that each home receive a cart for both refuse and recycling and the weekly pickup will be limited to the materials that fit in the carts. The Township is requiring that either option will allow residents to include one bulk item per week, that is outside of the cart requirement, at no additional charge to the bid price.

Bidders will be permitted to bid on either option A, option B or both options. Learning from the experiences of many municipalities surrounding the Township, requiring bidders to bid on both options will reduce the number of bidders and many of the bidders no longer want to offer unlimited services. There

are a number of reasons for this market change. The number one reason is safety of the collectors. The injury rate among refuse collectors is one of the highest in the worker's compensation industry and it is cost prohibitive to the companies. It is also more cost effective for the vendors to utilize the automated collection method. This method requires less employees on the truck and allows for faster collection. As you may realize, many of the refuse companies are having difficulty securing staffing to continue with unlimited collection.

We have been monitoring the bid tabulations for surrounding communities carefully and can provide you with the following information. Currently Shaler Township has unlimited collection for the cost of \$23.03 per month. Hampton Township's recent bid for automated collection is \$30.51 per month, with no bid for unlimited collection. Cecil Township (Washington County) had a bid ranging from \$26.50 per month for unlimited collection to \$54.90 per month for automated collection. Increases are ranging between 30 and 150% over the existing contract price, with changes in collection methods.

The Township recognizes that any change to the current services will be an adjustment for all residents. We are bidding this contract early in the year so that we have adequate time to adjust to any necessary changes that will be required. The bid opening is scheduled for May 30th, with a tentative award date of the contract of July 11th. The Township will publish the results of the bid tabulations on our website, as well as on social media so that residents are aware of the bids obtained. An award date of mid-July will provide the Township and the successful bidder adequate time to prepare and educate the residents if there is any change in the collection process.

Please watch our website www.shaler.org or social media for updates on the bid opening and prices for services.

LEAF COLLECTION FACTS AND FIGURES

Fall is fast approaching and the leaves will be falling soon. Around this time of year, the Township receives many phone calls asking about alternative options for leaf collection. Currently, the Township requires residents to bag their leaves in biodegradable papers bags and put them out for scheduled collection by the Township's refuse hauler.

We are asked why we don't offer a curbside leaf collection service similar to neighboring communities. The Township obtained facts and figures from a community that does offer this service and has gathered the following information:

Currently, in the Town of McCandless, the program runs for a period of 6-8 weeks depending on weather conditions. The Town has purchased the following equipment for the program: 3 leaf trucks with front vacuums and 2 tow behind units. The cost of each truck is \$300,000 and tow behind vehicles cost \$60,000. The initial cost of equipment exceeds \$1,050,000. Main thoroughfares require that the leaves be bagged similar to what we do in Shaler Township. This requirement is due to traffic volume and safety issues.

The Town commits one driver for each leaf truck, as well as four drivers/laborers for each tow behind vehicle. The budgeted labor cost for this program is \$83,072 per year. In addition, the bag collection program is budgeted at a cost of \$16,992.

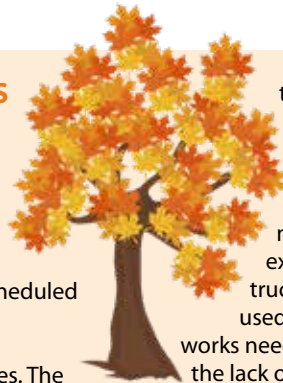
The Town must also pay fees to the disposal site that is located in North Park. These fees include dumping fees of \$24,000. The Town makes the mulch available to their residents at no charge; however, there is a cost of hauling the mulch back to the Town which amounts to approximately \$4,500.

The program is well received by the residents as it provides an easy way to dispose of leaves by just having to rake or blow

them to the curb line. The Town offers free bags to the residents that aren't on the collection route. The program also prevents the leaf waste from going into the storm water system.

From the Town's perspective, the program has many pitfalls. The cost of the equipment is very expensive and limited to a specific program. The trucks only have one use for the Town and cannot be used for snow/ice control, construction or other public works needs. The Town also receives many complaints about the lack of scheduling and pick up. As the Town cannot gauge when the leaves will fall, scheduling the routes is impossible and totally weather dependent. In some cases, it has snowed during the leaf removal period causing road hazards for the trucks as they have to plow roads that have curb lanes stacked with piles of leaves. Often, the equipment is damaged due to residents putting branches, bricks and other debris in the leaf pile which causes equipment breakdown and delays of leaf pick up. Another concern for the Town is the safety of the personnel. The equipment is noisy and operators cannot hear traffic that is behind or beside them. It is physically demanding and there is a concern for worker's compensation injuries.

Shaler Township is a community with diverse neighborhoods that include tightly designed streets, on street parking and many one lane streets in certain neighborhoods. The Township's refuse hauler has many streets that are serviced by a small packer or pickup truck due to tight quarters. In these neighborhoods, the bag collection system would have to remain in effect. Since there would be a large percentage of the residents that would not benefit from this program, plus the upfront equipment purchase and recurring annual expenses, the Township is not likely to consider this program as an additional service to the residents.



BREAKING NEWS

Effective immediately, residents can now include glass in their recycling.

What has changed and why is the trash collector accepting glass now?

The processing of glass has changed in the past several years and the market has changed in recent months.

At one time, the recycling of glass contaminated the other materials making them unmarketable to buyers that were located outside of the USA.

County Hauling has found new buyers for recycling materials and there is now a market for glass.

The Township has asked County Hauling to accept glass in the last seven months of their contract as a courtesy to our residents.

The current refuse contract expires on December 31, 2023.

If County Hauling is not the successful bidder, will the new contractor be required to recycle glass?

The Township has included glass for recycling in the new contract.

If for any reason, by mutual agreement, glass can no longer be recycled by the new hauler, the Township has included a requirement that the new hauler provide a glass recycling dumpster within the Township at no additional cost.



2023 ROAD PAVING

Road paving is scheduled to run from early June to late August. The tentative list of roads to be paved this year is as follows:

Argonne Avenue (upper)	Scott Avenue
Center Street	Seavey Highlands Drive
Etna Avenue	Seavey Road
Fall Run Road	Shaler Avenue
Grant Avenue	Shaler Drive
Hill Street	Shaw Place Ext
Ledgeview Drive	South Spring Street
Mark Twain Drive	Townview Street
Middlecrest Drive	Verna Drive
North Spring Street	Victory Road
Richard Drive	Wadsworth Drive
Sadowski Avenue	

2023 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM – BERM RESTORATION

After a Township roadway is milled, prepped, and re-paved, the Township's subcontractor begins the berm restoration process. Step one in the process is to connect rain leaders into the newly paved berm to avoid backup of gutters and cause yard flooding. The Township hires a subcontractor to cut these rain leaders



into the berm so that water drains into the new road and into the catch basin. This is followed with the restoration process including laying down topsoil, seeding, touching up areas that are not growing and finally watering. Although this process seems easy to execute, scheduling and weather are significant factors that are not predictable.

Scheduling is based upon when the paving contractor will finish an area and then the subcontractors are scheduled to complete the above tasks. One of the most complex parts of the above process and the most difficult to schedule is watering the newly seeded area. Residents can be a big part of the success of this program by being aware of the weather and watering the newly planted seed when necessary. The Township spent a total of \$93,283 on the berm restoration for the 2022 road paving program.

BUILDING AND ACCESSORY ZONING PERMITS WHEN DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT OR ACCESSORY ZONING PERMIT?

Building Permits are required for the following construction work to your home:

- Additions to your home or building
- Attached decks
- Swimming Pools
- Any structural changes to your home or building
- Garage or carport attached to the home.
- Solar Panels

Please submit the following with your Building Permit Application:

- A set of detailed plans with front, rear, and cross-sectional views and elevations. The plan should include water runoff and erosion control as applicable.
- Energy conservation requirements, per the Pennsylvania Alternative Energy's Provisions or Res-Check. This is required for habitable additions and new homes.
- Copy of the property survey with proposed project and front, side and/or rear setbacks.
- Copy of contractor's workers compensation insurance (if using a contractor).
- Appropriate fees (cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards are accepted)

After the application and all required documents are submitted with the applicable fees, the building inspector will review it to



make sure the project is code compliant and issue a building permit.

Accessory Zoning Permits are required for construction and building projects that do not fall under the requirements for a building permit. An Accessory Zoning Permit is required for:

- Sheds not to exceed 144 sq. ft. in floor area or 10 ft. in height.
- Carports
- Detached garages not to exceed 1,000 sq. ft.
- Other detached accessory structures to one or two-family dwellings.

The Accessory Zoning Permit Application should include a survey of the property to ensure the proposed construction is not encroaching on property boundaries, public right-of-ways or underground utility lines.

Fences – permit not required.

Fences may be installed on the property line with a maximum height of six (6) feet. The maximum height of a fence in a residential district erected between the front building line and the front property line is four (4) feet in height and is required to be at least ten (10) feet away from any paved street. Fences that have one finished or decorative side shall be oriented with the finished side facing outward toward adjacent parcels and away from the interior of the lot to which the fence is associated. Please call the Township for complete requirements for fences and walls.

Please call the Shaler Township Municipal Office at 412-486-9700 or visit our website at www.shaler.org under Services and Building & Zoning.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Building and Zoning Department of Shaler Township receives numerous complaints throughout the year regarding property maintenance. In an effort to alleviate these issues, the Township has adopted and enforces the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. Chapter 3 of the Code addresses the minimum conditions and the responsibilities of persons regarding the maintenance of structures, equipment, and exterior property. Some highlights of Chapter 3 are as follows.



- A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy premises which are not in a sanitary and safe condition, and which do not comply with the requirements of Chapter 3.

- Occupants of a dwelling unit, rooming unit or housekeeping unit are responsible for keeping the unit in a clean, sanitary, and safe condition that is part of the dwelling unit, rooming unit, housekeeping unit or premises which they occupy and control.

- All vacant structures and premises thereof or vacant land shall be maintained in a clean, safe, secure and sanitary condition as provided herein so as not to cause a blighting problem or adversely affect public health or safety.

- All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of six (6) inches in height. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

- Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and in good repair.

- All structures and exterior property shall be kept free from rodent harborage and infestation. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes which will not be injurious to human health. After extermination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.

- Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed

motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

- The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.

- Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background.

- All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.

Upon receiving a complaint, the Code Enforcement Officer will investigate the problem. If the property is found to be not code compliant, a warning will be issued to the property owner. If, after several attempts to alleviate the problem there is no remedy, the property owner may be issued a citation from the local District Magistrate. All property owners who are found to be in violation of Chapter 3, are encouraged to contact the Building Inspector to discuss the problem and possible solutions. Please contact the Building and Zoning Department at 412-486-9700 with any questions or concerns.



SUPPORT NEW LOCAL BUSINESSES WELCOME TO SHALER!

Convergent K9 Inc.
1606 Butler Plank Road

Three Brothers Bagels
1718 Mt. Royal Blvd.



2023 TOWNSHIP TAXES

The 2023 Township Taxes were mailed to residents on April 1st. If you have not received a tax bill yet and should have, email Erin Bartkins at ebartkins@shaler.org.



HOW DO I ...SAFELY CARE FOR MY LAWN?

All pesticides are poisonous and its use cannot be made completely safe. Residue remains on grass even when dry, exposing people to toxins and contaminated waterways. Here are some tips for safe lawn and garden care from the nonprofit Pennsylvania Resources Council, which aims to preserve environmental resources.

1. Feed the soil. Rake an inch of compost into the surface each spring and fall.
2. Leave grass clippings on the lawn and cut in half the amount of commercial fertilizer used.
3. Mow smarter. Use the mower's highest setting. Grass should be 3 to 4 inches tall to shade roots, conserve moisture and reduce weeds.
4. Control common pests with annual application of beneficial nematodes (wormlike insects).
5. Use nontoxic weed killers or make your own from materials such as baking soda and vinegar.
6. Visit prc.org for more information about safe lawn care and a schedule of upcoming household chemical collections.



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DEER

At the May 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting, an ordinance was adopted prohibiting the feeding of deer throughout the Township. This ordinance was proposed to address several residents who provide food for the deer resulting in problems for their surrounding neighbors. Deer are known to carry ticks which can result in Lyme Disease and can be a serious health concern for young children. The presence of deer also has an impact on landscaping and seasonal plants that become an additional food source.

It is also harmful to the deer population as they become dependent on a food source that allows more deer to survive than the natural habitat can support. This can lead to long-term degradation of the habitat and diminishes the carrying capacity of the neighborhood area. The presence of deer in a confined area can also attract predators such as coyotes.

The Township is asking all residents to refrain from providing food for deer. If you are having an issue in your neighborhood with a resident feeding deer, please contact the Shaler Township Building and Codes Office at 412-486-9700, ext. 216 or 222. You can also email rvita@shaler.org or afrank@shaler.org.



VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

Bauerstown VFD | www.bauerstownvfd.com

Cherry City VFD | www.cherrycityfire.org

Elfinwild VFD | www.elfinwildfire.com

Shaler Villa VFC | www.shalervillavfc.com

Sharps Hill VFD | www.sharpshillvfd.org

Undercliff VFD | www.undercliffvfc.org

On behalf of the members of Undercliff Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to extend a sincere thank you for all your support! Our annual mail-in fund drive will be coming around to those residents in the Undercliff Fire District very soon. We ask that you please consider supporting our fund drive if you can. All the money raised goes right back into the community to help support our mission of providing our residents, visitors, and businesses with first class fire

and rescue services. Below are some current fundraisers happening at Undercliff VFC. Thank you once again for your support. We could not do it without you!

2023 Car Raffle:

- 2023 GMC ACADIA DENALI
- Drawing Sunday, October 1, 2023 (Based on Evening PA Lottery "Pick 4")
- \$15 per ticket with two chances per ticket.
- Tickets available in person at the station or online at undercliffvfc.org.

Weekly Friday Night Bingo:

- Join us every Friday night for a fun night of BINGO! General admission is just \$16! Doors open at 6:00 PM and Games Start at 7:00 PM.

Weekly Online Raffles:

- Be sure to follow us on Facebook (@UndercliffVFC) to participate in our online raffles each week.

PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE SAFETY INFORMATION

With our narrow streets and lack of urban lighting, Shaler Township feels somewhat more rural than suburban in most locations. Whether you're running on Mount Royal Blvd or just simply walking your dog on Dressel Road, you want to be conspicuous to oncoming traffic. Always face traffic and wear white or brightly colored reflective clothing. Reflective vests and belts are also extremely useful as they are easily noticed by drivers and can be worn with little or no issue. A small flashlight or using your cellphone light is simply not enough to warn drivers of your presence on the roadway at night. Let's not forget about your pup. A reflective collar or leash is recommended for them as well. This is especially important if you are out between sunset and sunrise. Furthermore, we do recommend these same clothing rules during daylight hours. The worst type of clothing to wear while running or walking between sunset and sunrise is dark blue, black, or navy, which renders you virtually invisible to traffic. These same common sense clothing rules apply to people riding bicycles as well.

To Be Seen is to Be Safe.

Now bicycles, unlike pedestrians, should be ridden in the same direction as the traffic flow but are not required to do so by law. Just remember though, drivers aren't looking for bicyclists riding on the



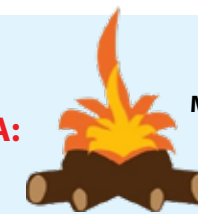
wrong side of the road. It is best to use common sense. If you ride between sunset and sunrise, Pennsylvania law requires your bicycle to be equipped with a front lamp and rear and side reflectors that are visible from at least 500 feet distance. Helmets are highly recommended for everyone. Pennsylvania law does require anyone under the age of 12 years old to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. This applies to anyone operating the bicycle, riding as a passenger, or riding in an attached restraining seat or trailer. Lastly, remember while biking to obey all traffic laws including red lights and stop signs. This will help keep you safe on the road.

Shaler Township Fire Police Recruitment

Shaler Township is currently accepting applications for Fire Police Officer. The Fire Police in Shaler Township are a volunteer organization structured under each of the six volunteer fire departments within the Township. They operate under the direction and authority of the Shaler Township Police Chief. The primary role of the Fire Police Officer is to assist the Shaler Township Police with regulating traffic and providing crowd control at emergency scenes. Fire Police Officers will also be called to assist with special events within Shaler Township. Fire Police Officers are provided free training, equipment, and uniforms.

Please contact the Shaler Township Police at 412-492-2222 or send an email to firepolice@shaler.org for further information.

A NOTE FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF SHALER FIRE MARSHALL, BOB VITA:



With the warmer seasons upon us, we find ourselves spending more time outdoors with friends and family enjoying a campfire in our backyards. Before lighting that fire, we'd like you to take a few minutes to review the open burning regulations for the Township. According to the definition provided by Allegheny County, open burning means any fire or combustion from which air contaminants pass directly into the open air without passing through a flue. The term includes any fire or combustion which occurs in a chimney, fire pit, outdoor fireplace, or grill.

WHAT CAN YOU BURN

Only clean dry, seasoned firewood, propane or natural gas may be burned with the exception that charcoal may be used in outdoor fireplaces or grills for the purpose of cooking. Commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs or wood pellets may be used in outdoor fireplaces. Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters may be used with clean wood to start a fire.

IMPORTANT: Open burning is never allowed for the removal or disposal of trash or the accumulation of brush, trees, leaves, etc.

MAXIMUM SIZE OF FIRE

Any volume of clean wood being burned shall be no larger than 3' wide by 3' long and 2" high and shall be at least 15 feet from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area, property line, roadway, sidewalk or public access way.

RESTRICTIONS ON WHEN YOU CAN BURN

You are prohibited from burning when weather conditions such as wind or drought make open fires dangerous and may cause fire to spread. Also, wood burning is not permitted on Air Quality Action Days except for conducting such burning for the commercial preparation of food. (AIR QUALITY INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR LOCAL WEATHER STATIONS)

SAFETY WHILE BURNING

Any open burning should always be supervised by a responsible person. Please remember to always have a source nearby to extinguish the fire during and at the conclusion of any burning activity. When having a recreational fire, we always want you to be safe and especially be considerate of your neighbors. The Open Burning Ordinance is available on our website Chapter 95 of the Code.

For any questions about open burning, please contact the Township Fire Marshall, Bob Vita at (412) 486-9700, Ext. 222.

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[YouTube/ShalerLibraryTelevision](https://youtube.com/ShalerLibraryTelevision)

Email notification: Sign up on our website at www.shalerlibrary.org for our monthly emails.
Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for updates added after press time.



HOLIDAY HOURS AND CLOSURES: (You may return items in our outdoor bookdrop with no late fees)

- **Closed Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day—see us at Shaler Township Community Day!**
- **Watch for additional closures in August/September for facility work.**

SUMMER READING FUN FOR ALL AGES: "ALL TOGETHER NOW!"

Visit the Library in person or sign up online for our 2023 Summer Reading Program! Gather this summer with a great book! Prizes, amazing programs and just a whole lot of fun for all ages!

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Giant Children's Book Sale – Saturday, June 10 & Sunday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day

Shop our FUNtastic two-day Children's Book Sale for books, games, puzzles and more, all at bargain prices!

Great Gardens Tour – Sunday, July 9 from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Shaler Garden Club, rain or shine. Tour 5 beautiful local area gardens with great variety, color and detail. Tickets on sale at the Library: \$15.00 in advance of the tour; \$18.00 the day of the tour. Proceeds benefit SNHL.

Great Local Gardens Contest – If you have a beautiful garden you'd like to share with others, enter our Great Local Gardens Contest by July 7! Entry forms are at the Library and online. Winners announced Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh Collage Collective Art Exhibit – Join members of the Pittsburgh Collage Collective on Saturday, July 15 for the opening of this exhibition coordinated with the Berkeley Roundtable's Postal Collage Collaboration show out of Berkeley, CA. The show runs Saturday, July 15 through Thursday, August 17 during Library hours (subject to room availability around library programs). Members will be on hand with demonstrations and more.

14th Annual Car Cruise! – Saturday, August 5 at 5:00 p.m. Grab your fuzzy dice, rev your vintage wheels, and come out for a great time with raffles, food, and more. Dance to favorite oldies with DJ Clint Stokes and check out cool cruise cars!



SUMMER FUN FOR ADULTS: "ALL TOGETHER NOW!"

Get Out and Experience Some Local Sites! Our Experience Kits are a great way to explore some cool historic sites and

museums in our area. You'll receive free passes for 2 adults and 6 children to each site with your Library card. 2023 sites include: Heinz History Center (with Fort Pitt Museum and Meadowcroft), Old Economy Village, Historic Fort Steuben, David Bradford House & Whiskey Rebellion Education Center, and Fort Ligonier Railroaders Memorial Museum & Horseshoe Curve. Kits must be reserved. Contact Adult Services to schedule.

FEATURED PROGRAM: Please register on our website, through links on our social media, or by calling 412-486-0211.

Nature Snippets (for Adults) – Thursday, June 8 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Featured topic: Feathers. How do the feathers of birds function? Why are some long or short? Fluffy or stiff? Curved or straight? What about all those colors? Join Master Naturalist Pat Milliken for an engaging look at the biological characteristics of feathers.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Dementia Friends Information Sessions – third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Join us to learn more about Dementia Friends of Pennsylvania and the ways in which we can help to create a more positive experience for those living with dementia. Register at tinyurl.com/shalerfriends, call 412-486-0211, or stop by for assistance to register.

Act Out: Adult and Teen Readers Theater Troupe – third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. What is Readers Theater? Think old-time radio shows or the more recent Twilight Zone Radio series. Use your voice (and sometimes a few props or costumes) to share a great drama or comedy without memorizing a script! Register at tinyurl.com/shalertheater.

Sense and Sound: A Fresh Perspective on Poetry – last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fresh perspective on poetry. Think you don't like poetry? You might be surprised! Register at tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry.

Food For Thought Cookbook Discussion Group – second Wednesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Check out a Library cookbook based on a different theme each month. Make a meal from it and bring it to share with the group! No registration needed. Call the Reference Desk for information: 412-486-0211 x112.



Caregiver Support Sessions – third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Free monthly sessions with Erin McMaster, Memory Care Advisor from Promedica Memory Care, for persons caring for or supporting a loved one with Alzheimer's, Dementia, or other cognitive/memory issues. Registration helpful but not required. Walk-ins/drop-ins always welcome!

"ALL TOGETHER NOW" WITH OUR YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

We are so thankful for your continued love and support. If you have questions or concerns, please share them with us in person or via email at shaleryouthservices@gmail.com.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS (PLEASE REGISTER.)

Fairy House Making with the Shaler Garden Club – Friday, June 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Following a story about fairy houses, children build their own fairy houses on the Library grounds using natural materials.

Pokémon Party – Friday, June 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Geared toward preschoolers and grade schoolers, with their super-special grown-up, but all are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult to allow for maximum fun!



FUN FOR ALL AGES! (NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.)

Weekly Dance Party – Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dance, dance, dance! Toddler, preschool, and kindergarten favorites, plus the Chicken Dance, and more!

Glue Sticks and Googly Eyes – Thursdays through August 17 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. A story and a craft! Wear your jammies if you like! Geared toward preschoolers and grade schoolers, with their super-special grown-up, but all are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult to allow for maximum fun!



MONTHLY PROGRAMS (PLEASE REGISTER.)

Tail Waggin' Tutors—Last Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Read to your favorite therapy dog! Kids in Kindergarten and up can register for a 15-minute session one month at a time.

Fun Food for Kids with Miss Eileen—Saturdays: June 10, July 8 & August 12 at 1:00 p.m. for those entering Grades 1-6. Make & enjoy a tasty snack and a great story!

American Girl Dolls with Miss Eileen & Miss Judy—Last Saturday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for those entering Grades 1-6. Explore the world of an American Girl through crafts, stories, and games!

BIRTH THROUGH PRESCHOOL

(Please see description for suggested ages. No registration is necessary for these programs at the Library.)

Ants to Zucchini – Mondays through August 14 at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Phonological & print awareness, letter knowledge, and more! Great for 18 months through 3-1/2 years, with a caregiver.

Book Babies at Night – Mondays through August 14 at 6:30 p.m. Songs, stories, and fun for ages birth through 18 months with a caregiver.

Book Babies – Tuesdays through August 15 at 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. Songs, stories, and fun for ages birth through 18 months with a caregiver.

Mathventure – Wednesdays through August 16 at 10:15 a.m. Fun with early math concepts through stories and song. Great for ages 3-1/2 to 5 years, with a caregiver.

Storytime Express – Fridays through August 18 at 10:15 a.m. Geared to ages 3-1/2 to 5 years, but don't worry; this is not just for preschoolers! Everyone loves a great story, right?

Saturday Family Storytime – Saturdays through August 19 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Stories and songs for kids from birth to age six and their families.

ENTERING GRADES K-6 IN THE FALL

Please see individual program descriptions for ages and registration requirements.

Tween Craftin' – Tuesdays: June 13 through August 15 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for those entering grades 4-6. (No program on July 4.) Visit our website for individual program and registration information.

Pizza and a Story – Wednesdays through August 16 at 12:15 p.m. for those entering grades 1-4. Come and listen to a great story and eat pizza! What could be better?

Kindergarten, Here We Come! – Thursdays through August 17 from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. Are you starting Kindergarten this fall? Let's celebrate! Stories and games for you and your super special grownup.

Readers Theater – Thursdays through August 17 from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. for those entering grades 3-6. Come and try out your skills (or lack of, no worries!) with fun scenes and plays we will perform each week - just for ourselves! No experience or registration is necessary.

Saturday Family Storytime – Saturdays through August 19 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Stories and songs for kids from birth to age six and their families. No registration is necessary.

ENTERING GRADES 7 AND UP IN THE FALL

Fabulous Teen Programs – Saturdays: June 17 through August 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. More details soon...but we CAN promise that there will be snacks!

