

# THE INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



Est. 1848  
Independence Township  
Beaver County, Pennsylvania

**SPRING/SUMMER  
2026**

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## Your State Representative

PA STATE REP.  
**JOSH KAIL**  
Serving PA's 15th Legislative District

**Vanport Township**  
690 State Ave.  
Beaver, PA 15009  
Phone: 724-728-7655



Office Closed  
February 9<sup>th</sup> thru  
13<sup>th</sup>

**JOIN US AT INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE HOTTEST EVENT THIS WINTER!**

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off

**FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 6- 9 PM**

Whether you want to Cook & Compete or just want to Eat, you are bound to have a whole lot of fun!!!

A Judging Committee will determine the Best Chili Award. The People's Choice Award is determined by the public.



**\$10 Admission**

**\$5 Kids 13 and under**

Nachos & hotdogs will be for sale in the kitchen!

Paint Sticks

BYOB



We will provide condiment bar & corn bread!

Have a killer recipe?  
**\$20 Entrance Fee for Participants**

### COMPETITOR INFORMATION:

- Believe you make the best chili in Independence Township?
- Register with Deb at the Township Office - 724-378-3739 and send in your \$20 entry/donation fee - We will provide taste cups & spoons all you need is the chili and a serving spoon!
- Bring a roaster of your best chili (we strongly suggest a roaster or sterno pan so you do not run short!)
- Win a prize and fame of the best chili in Independence!

### VISITOR INFORMATION:

- Believe you can pick the best chili in Independence Township?
- Pay \$10.00 at the door to taste all of the best chilis in Independence Township & vote for your favorite!

# SQUARE DANCE NIGHT

HOSTED BY: MT. OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us for a potluck dinner and a  
fun night of learning square dance!

Where? Independence Township  
Community Center  
116 School Rd.  
Aliquippa, PA 15001  
When? Friday, January 23  
from 6-9pm

**Bring friends and your favorite dish and join us!**

There will be main dishes provided. And  
there will be other activities for younger  
children. Generally, children 7+ can  
participate in square dance!



**RSVP/ Questions/ Concerns Elizabeth 412-935-4184**

Independence Elementary PTA

★ 8th Annual ★

# NIGHT AT THE RACES

**Saturday, March 7th**

Independence Community Building (104 School Road, Aliquippa)

Doors open at 5:30 pm • Racing begins at 7 pm

**Cost: \$35 for 1 horse or \$40 for 2 horses**



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Event is Adults Only 21+ • Food & Drinks Included

**Tickets available on Zeffy\***

**Ticket Sales End February 25<sup>th</sup> – Limited to 175 Tickets!**

Questions? Contact

Casey Biser [caseybiser@indypta.com](mailto:caseybiser@indypta.com)

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Molly Morley [mollyolly07@gmail.com](mailto:mollyolly07@gmail.com)

**Buy Early – Don't Miss Your Chance for a Parent Night Out!**



**INDEPENDENCE TWP. VOL. FIRE DEPT.**



# ***SPORTSMAN'S BASH 2026***

**Saturday,  
March 14, 2026  
4-8 P.M.**

**Built for Sportsmen. Loaded with prizes.**

Tickets are \$40 each and include 2 numbers as well as **FREE FOOD & DRINKS!** Doors open at 3:00 P.M.

Contact an ITVFD member for more details.

- Over **\$15,000** In Prizes
- Grand Prize - WINNER TAKE ALL!
- 50/50, Floor Games, Raffles
- Cash Prizes
- Mystery Prizes



**ONLY  
500 TICKETS  
SOLD!**

# YOUR TOWNSHIP PARK

It is complete! You have a new walking trail and road to the canoe launch! So much work and effort went into applying for and finally receiving a grant to be able to construct this walking trail! The grant covered most of the cost and the balance was Act 13 funds! There are signs and benches along the walking trail. The walking trail is 3,542 feet which is 0.67 (2/3) miles. There will be new signs installed and enforced! Help to keep our Park nice! We hope that you enjoy it!

- No motorized vehicles are permitted on any grass or trails (if you wish to take your pet to the creek, you must park and walk it down on a leash)
  - Pets must be leashed
- Place all Litter in Receptacles



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



# INDEPENDENCE DAY OF CELEBRATION

\*\*\*SATURDAY\*\*\*

## JULY 11, 2026

More details to come later!



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# ROAD DOGS



Another great recipient of Act 13 monies is our roads! These monies allow us to repair more miles of Township roads every year! In 2026, we are hoping to be able to tar & chip approximately 9-10 miles!



Did you know that the township has no paved Township roads? All paved roads are state-owned. All township roads are tar & chip.



Therefore, salt cannot be used on them for winter maintenance. Salt makes our roads soft and deteriorates them. If you are salting your paved driveway, make sure it isn't melting onto a Township road or you will see the result!

We have already had a few decent snow storms. Hopefully, there aren't many more and winter will be behind us!



As summer approaches, salesmen begin going door to door trying to sell their wares. Please note that there is a No Soliciting Ordinance in Independence Township. Any solicitation, including religious, solar, paving, politics, menus, books, etc. are not permitted **WITHOUT** a permit. These permits enable our police department to vet these individuals and be aware of their vehicles in the Township. If anyone comes to your door, please ask them to see an **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP** solicitation permit. If they do not have one, tell them to come to the office and apply for one.

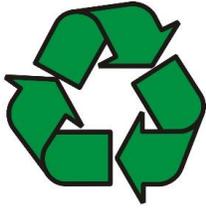
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## Independence Township Tax Office News

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**(TAXES DUE)**

Any unpaid Independence Township and Hopewell School District taxes will be turned over for collection to Tax Claim on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not paid your taxes, now is the time!



## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER RECYCLING 2026 CALENDAR

Please adhere to acceptable recyclables so we can continue offering this service – no plastic buckets, chairs, toys, etc. The **ONLY** thing you put in this truck is what you would put in a bin if you had this service at your home!

Jan. 2 & 3

Feb. 6 & 7

Mar. 6 & 7

Apr. 3 & 4

May 1 & 2

Jun. 5 & 6

Jul. 3 & 4

Aug. 7 & 8

Sep. 4 & 5

Oct. 2 & 3

Nov. 6 & 7

Dec. 4 & 5

Truck will be taken out Monday morning and Truck may be taken to dump Friday during day so please call before you come down.

Collection Truck at Twp. Lot

Please do not leave other trash at recycling site.

The recycle center will not accept plastic grocery bags so do not throw these into the truck!!!!

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!!!**

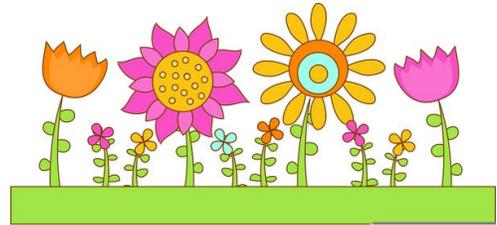
Independence Township shares the use of the recycling wagon with other neighboring communities. You can take your recyclables to the municipal buildings of these areas on the following weekends:

Independence Township  
Beaver County  
104 School Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001  
e-mail: [twpoffice@independencetwp.comcastbiz.net](mailto:twpoffice@independencetwp.comcastbiz.net)

Twp. Office Phone: 724-378-3739  
Twp. Office Fax: 724-378-8792  
Twp. Office Hrs. Mon- Fri 8 am- 4 pm  
Real Estate Tax Collector Hrs. Wed 9 am – 2 pm

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
Daniel V. McLaughlin, Chairman  
John J. Fratangeli  
Wayne R. Potts

Supervisors' Meeting 4:00 pm  
Second Wed. of each Month at  
Community Center (Fire Hall)



Sunday, March  
8th

St. Patrick's Day  
March 17<sup>th</sup>



Happy Easter  
April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Office Closed Good Friday  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>



**VOTE 2026**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**



Phone: 724-378-3739



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Township Community  
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