

THE INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



Independence Township
Beaver County, Pennsylvania

**FALL/WINTER
2026**

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Trick or Treat
Thursday, October 29th
6-8 pm

**Your State
Representative**

PA STATE REP.

JOSH KAIL

Serving PA's 15th Legislative District

VanportTownship

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

ELECTION DAY!!!

TUESDAY, NOV. 3rd

**MAKE YOUR VOICE
HEARD!!**





**THERE IS A BOX AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO DROP
OFF YOUR DONATIONS!!**



Care Packages for Deployed Troops

COLLECTING DONATIONS

Suggested Shopping list...

- Chapstick
- Cough Drops
- Beef Jerky
- Individual Razors
- Individual Drink Mixes
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste,
Toothbrushes, and
Floss
- Travel Kleenex

Thank you!

Financial donations
to cover postage is
always greatly
appreciated!

Scan the QR code to make
donation





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



13th Annual Chili Cook Off



FEBRUARY 27TH 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!

Beaver County Annual Fall Career & Job Fair 2026

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

JOIN US AT THE BEAVER VALLEY MALL 10AM-2PM





Calling all Western PA students: Apply to serve!

I was in my senior year of high school on 9/11, and in the aftermath of the attacks I was determined to serve our country. I was admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy—and I went on to serve in uniform across several deployments. Now, as our Congressman, I'm honored to nominate the next class of future military leaders.

My office is accepting nomination applications from eligible young Western Pennsylvanians to attend a United States service academy. The service academies are the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs), the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (no congressional nomination required), the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point), the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis).

Each applicant for a nomination from my office must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- **Age:** Be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years old (age 25 for the Merchant Marine Academy).
- **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen and a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- **Marital Status:** Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- **Residence:** Be a legal resident of Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District.
- **Skill / Fitness:** Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

The deadline to apply is 5:00 PM EST on Friday, October 9th, 2026. The nomination application is on [my website](#). Any questions should be directed to PA17ServiceAcademyNominations@mail.house.gov or with a call to my Carnegie Flagship Office at (412) 344-5583.

It's a great honor to nominate outstanding young constituents to the nation's service academies, especially as Naval Academy alum myself. I strongly encourage any patriotic young person interested in military service to apply.

If I can help you or your family with issues related to federal agencies, [please let my office know](#). For more on my work in Congress, sign up for [my e-newsletter](#) and follow me on [social media](#).

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher R. Deluzio".

Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress



RehabNet.com
Help for addiction recovery

Hello,

I'm reaching out to share a resource that may be helpful to individuals and families in the Independence area.

Drug and alcohol misuse can affect people in every community, from big cities to rural areas. When someone is looking for help, having access to reliable treatment information can make it easier to take that first step, especially for those who may not have insurance or the financial means to pay for treatment.

RehabNet offers a free online guide to connect people throughout Pennsylvania with trusted drug and alcohol treatment options. Our updated 2026 guide is available here:

<https://rehabnet.com/pennsylvania/>

Our goal is simply to make sure people in Pennsylvania communities, large or small, know where to turn when they or someone they care about needs help. Thank you for your time and for the work you do to support Independence residents. Please reach out with any questions.

Best regards,

Julie Adams

Community Outreach Advocate

[RehabNet.com](https://rehabnet.com)



NIGHT
— at the —
RACES

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 21, 2026

\$35 Per Person
Includes Admission, Dinner & Your Horse

Independence Township Community Center
116 School Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Doors Open – 6:00 PM
Dinner – 6:30 PM
Races Begin – 7:00 PM

Basket Raffle
Fun • Food • Racing • Prizes

More details and ticket information coming soon!

Benefits ongoing improvements at Hookstown Fair Grounds



How do I report a deceased deer for removal?

If you see a dead deer along a Township or private road, contact the [PA Game Commission](#) at 1-833-PGC-WILD. For deer or animals along State roads, call [PennDOT](#) at 1-800-FIX-ROAD or report it at customercare.penndot.gov.



If the deceased animal is on your private property and not along the road, it will need to be privately removed, we suggest calling a professional service. Please note that they need to be called right away before it deteriorates to the point of not being able to remove it.

What do I do if a tree is down across the road?



If there is a tree down blocking the road, please call 9-1-1. They will decide who needs contacted and dispatched.

What if someone comes to my door trying to sell me something?

You are not permitted to solicit in the Township of Independence without a permit. If someone comes knocking at your door trying to sell you ANYTHING, ask them to see a copy of their **Independence Township** permit. If they do not have one, send them to the township office to get one!



What if I want to build a shed, garage or install a generator?



Building something? Go to the portal and fill out your permit application on-line at www.Code-Sys.com

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104 School Road

Aliquippa, PA 15001

e-mail: 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, November 1ST

November 11th
Office Closed



Office Closed
November 26th & 27th

December 25th Office Closed



Phone: 724-378-3739



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