

Carroll Township News

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Thanks for flushing our business down the drain!

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Over-Run Charges- We have been experiencing an unusually wet spring and the over run charges have been exceptionally high. The over run for March 2011 was calculated at \$25.00 and for April 2011 at \$28.10. In order to lessen the burden, the Authority has spread those charges over 3 billing periods. Last months bill included \$14.05 in over run charges and this months as well as next months will be billed at \$19.55.



It's Grass Cutting Time of the Year—AGAIN!

Many Carroll Township Residents blow grass clippings and leaves onto Township or State roadways. This is a violation of local ordinances and is subject to fines up to \$300.00 per day. Wet grass clippings and leaves create a hazard when blown onto streets, sidewalks or any walking surface. To avoid this situation and possible prosecution, simply turn your mower to blow clippings onto your own property.

Did You Know - In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.



She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other counties. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The league disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing the red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

"A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned—this is the sum of good government."

Thomas Jefferson

Memorial Day Services - The Annual parade will start at 9:00 am in Monongahela, followed by graveside services at the Veteran's Section of the Monongahela Cemetery at approximately 9:30 am. Services next pick up at the Victory Hill Honor Roll at 11:00 am; followed by New Eagle at 12:00 noon. Services continue at Sacred Heart Cemetery at 1:00 pm; Ginger Hill Honor Roll at 2:00 pm; Hazelkirk Honor Roll at 2:30 pm; with the Honor Guard returning to the American Legion in Carroll at 3:00 pm.



Event - The Havencrest Car Cruise will be held on June 12, 2011 from 2 pm until 5 pm. The event to be held at: Havencrest
1277 Country Club Road
Monongahela, PA 15063



They are asking for a \$5.00 donation for any cars that you wish to enter.

Spring Cleaning & House Hold Chemicals - This is the time of year when people engage in spring cleanup chores. Often materials which have sat in garages and basements for extended periods of time are now "rediscovered". While most items pose no risk, it is not uncommon for people to find items they cannot identify, or are in damaged containers. More often people simply don't know the correct way to handle or dispose of items which may pose a risk to others or to the environment. Here are few things to keep in mind when going through your garage or basement during your spring cleanup.

Read the product labels

Hazardous products must be handled with respect! Read labels and follow directions carefully. Words to look for:

DANGER—WARNING—CAUTION

- **Poison:** can injure or kill if absorbed through the skin, ingested or inhaled.
- **Toxic:** can cause injury or death if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin.
- **Irritant:** causes soreness or swelling of skin, eyes, mucous membranes, or respiratory system.
- **Flammable:** easily catches fire and tends to burn rapidly.
- **Flammable Liquid:** has a flash point below 140°F.
- **Combustible Liquid:** has a flash point from 140°F to 200°F.
- **Corrosive:** a chemical or its vapors that can destroy any material or living tissue.

Handling Tips For Household Cleaning Chemicals

- Never mix any cleaning compounds together without referring to manufacturers instructions.
- Always use recommended quantities.
- Keep Household chemicals in a secure location away from children.



- Have the number poison control handy near the phone.
- If you accidentally come in contact with or ingest Household Chemicals call 911 for assistance. Be as specific as possible as to the type of material and quantity that you were exposed to.

Closed - The Authority and Township offices will be closed on Monday May 30, 2011 in observance of Memorial Day.

CTA Public Meeting - The next public meeting of the Carroll Township Authority will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 starting at 6pm located at the Municipal Building, 130 Baird Street, Monongahela.