# RESERVE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



33 Lonsdale Street Pittsburgh, PA 15212 reservetwp.com 412-322-1551 Winter 2021/2022



OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM OFFICE CLOSED: December 23<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas (Observed) December 31, 2021 – New Year's Day (Observed)

COUNTY HAULING GARBAGE 888-883-0333 Garbage Collection Holiday Schedule Christmas Day & New Year's Day NO DELAY 2022 Budget Up for Approval 12/14/21 The Reserve Township Board is set to approve its 2022 Budget with **no tax increase**. A copy of the Ordinance is displayed in the Township Office.

Dear Reserve Township Residents,

As 2021 is coming to an end, it is difficult to believe that another year has gone by! The Board welcomes two new administrative staff and one public works employee: Scott Lewis, hired February 2021 as a public works road crew; Karen Henschel, hired August 2021 as Administrative Assistant; October 2021, the Board appointed Natalie Thiess as Township Manager. We welcome all new hires and are excited to work with them in the upcoming years.

The Township has been making progress with projects and looking forward to further progress in 2022. Our focus is and continue to be the services of public safety, public works, and administration. We give thanks to the Reserve Township Fire Department who gives their time and dedication to provide fire safety and protection to the community.

We would also like to thank our residents that make Reserve so unique. Keep being positive and resilient for 2022. Like the years before, we can get through anything.

On Behalf of The Board of Commissioners and the Staff at Reserve Township, We Wish You All a Joyous Christmas and a Holiday Season Filled With Peace, Love & Laughter And A Healthy 2022.

Ron Neurohr Reserve Township Board President

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED FOR THE HOLIDAYS THIS YEAR !!!

CELIK INSURANCE AGENCY \* DOGGYWOOD \* GRUNDLER MONUMENTS \* HOG'S HEAD BAR AND GRILL \* JESTEADT AUTO MARINE \* JOYCE LEE BEAUTY SALON \* MOUNT TROY INN \* STEWART WELLNESS CENTER \* WALTMIRE PHARMACY \* SENATE ENGINEERING \* HUGHES FUNERAL HOME \* MURRAY'S SERVICE \* VALERIANO CONTRACTING SERVICE \* DR. CHERYL ROSATO, DMD \* BRENCKLE'S GREENHOUSES \* SHELLHASS FUNERAL HOME \* JOHN & DOLORES ALIOTO \* SHOP N SAVE BABCOCK BLVD \* ABC TRANSIT \* JIM & LISA ROEMER/LOCK & GO SELF STORAGE \* RESERVE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT \* WESBANCO \* SHARON SWEENEY AND STEVE TRUNICK \* JOHN KAIB

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE CELEBRATIONS MEMORABLE!!

# MEET YOUR NEW TOWNSHIP MANAGER: NATALIE THIESS



Ms. Thiess was appointed October 2021 by the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Thiess began her municipal career as an intern with Local Government Academy at Ross Township and was hired after the internship concluded. She also worked part time at Shaler Township. Following working there, she was hired at Moon Township. Her first position as Manager was at Bradford Woods Borough where she served as Manager for almost six years. While working at Bradford Woods, she attended University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs where she completed her Master's in Public Administration, majoring in Governance and International Public Management and minoring in Energy and Environment.

A word from Natalie: "There is something special about Reserve Township and I am excited to be serving the Board and residents in any way I can. I hope to continue the great progress of services and build on the foundations of the Township."

## WINTER SNOW REMOVAL IN RESERVE TOWNSHIP

The Township's Public Works Division is responsible for clearing ALL the public roads in our community. We ask for your cooperation by <u>Keeping Your Vehicles Off the Streets and Cul-de-sacs During</u>

**Snowfalls**, especially those streets that have signs posted "No Parking, Snow Removal".

\* Snow routes are completed according to priority, with main roads and school bus routes being cleared first. Side streets and secondary streets are cleared later. The Township Police notifies the Public Works of dangerous conditions which require immediate attention. If you have an emergency, call 911.

## **PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES**

- PARK YOUR VEHICLES IN YOUR DRIVEWAY
- IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO SHOVEL SNOW ONTO ANY STREET IN THE TOWNSHIP. Police will enforce this law.
- USE CAUTION WHEN FOLLOWING SALT TRUCKS DURING SNOW REMOVAL.
- PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO REPORT THAT YOUR STREET NEEDS TO BE PLOWED OR SALTED.

# WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

NEXT WATER READING - MARCH 1, 2022

PAYMENT DUE DATE - APRIL 15, 2022

## WATER AND SEWER INCREASE FOR 2022

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE for WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR 2022. THESE INCREASES ARE SET BY PWSA AND ALCOSAN

# WATER & SEWER BILLING SYSTEM

- You can access the online bill pay through Reservetwp.com under the Water tab, under Departments
- Please use new 4-digit account number when sending in your payments
- No Post-Dated checks will be accepted

# NOTICE TO LANDLORDS AND TENANTS

As per Ordinance #513, no water bill will be put in tenants' names unless a billing change request form is filled out by the owners of the property, and an application for sewer and water service is completed and a \$200.00 security deposit is received. All forms can be found on the Township Website and in the Township office.

Note: This does not release the owners from delinquent bills. Owners are still responsible for any & all outstanding bills not paid by tenants.

## **ORDINANCES AND FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

#### Ordinance #583

Prohibiting the storage or accumulation of junked or abandoned vehicles, litter/trash, rubbish, and debris, also including grass and general maintenance of your property within the Township.

## Ordinance #405

Collection and disposal of garbage and other refuse materials; including containers, no larger than 30 gallons with a lid: Put out no earlier than 24 hours prior to pick up, return to an obscure portion of the property immediately.

#### Ordinance #608

Tenant Registration requiring owners, landlords, managers to provide certain information to the township about tenants in the property.

\*\*Please be aware that if cited by the above, or any Township ordinance, there can be monetary fines up to \$50-\$600 per day of the violation\*\*

## Township "24 Hour" Lock Box

Need to leave us something after regular business hours? For your convenience, there is a drop box located outside our main door. (It is under surveillance 24/7)



#### RESERVE PARK RECYCLING 408 Hoffman Road Pittsburgh, PA 15212 Reserve Township

Reserve Park Recycling in Reserve Township is happy to offer a free Christmas tree drop off to all Reserve residents. The trees will be processed to make mulch and compost!

The facility also still offers free recycling drop off for glass, cardboard, and metal.



#### What You Can Do to Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution at Home

#### - Winter Pollution Prevention Practices -

Do employ these simple practices during winter weather to prevent 'stormwater pollution' – (Stormwater pollution is a major cause of water pollution in our urban and suburban streams.)

- Shovel snow first to remove it from paved surfaces, like driveways and sidewalks, before applying snow melt and deicing products.
- Pile shoveled snow downslope of paved surfaces to help prevent icy and slippery conditions on pavement as snow melts and refreezes.
- Shovel snow onto lawn and vegetated areas where melting snow can soak into the ground.
- Limit the use of deicing chemicals and products on sidewalks and driveways since they can readily flow into storm drains and streams as ice melts. When deicing products that contain salt and other constituents, dissolve, they seep into ground water and flow into streams where they can impair water quality, diminish soil fertility, damage plants, and harm aquatic life.
- Use environmentally-friendly alternatives, such as clean clay cat litter, sand, or fireplace/stove ash, to avoid the need for products that can have damaging impacts and be harmful to the environment.
- Take a 'Snow Day' -- postpone errands on snow days avoiding trips on the road to help your community clear roads safely, possibly limiting the need for excessive road salting and deicing.
- Sweep up after snowmelt -- Sweep and dispose of residual sand, grit, and litter to help prevent accumulation in streets and roadside ditches; clogged storm drains and culverts; and sediment pollution in streams.
- Keep gutters and drainage pathways clear and free of debris to prevent snowmelt from backing up and forming ice in places where you want runoff to flow freely.
- Direct, or route, snowmelt runoff into nearby gardens and vegetated areas before applying salt and deicing products.

