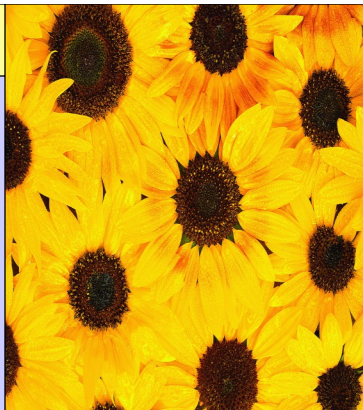




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## *Clean-Up Days for Oneida Township Residents*



**ONEIDA TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAYS FOR RESIDENTS ONLY**  
**APRIL 29 & 30, 2011**  
**DELIVERED WASTE ONLY – NO PICK-UP**  
**HOURS: 8 AM TO 8 PM FRIDAY**  
**8 AM TO 5 PM SATURDAY**  
**DO NOT BRING: HAZARDOUS WASTE, LIQUID PAINTS OR SOLVENTS, GAS OR PROPANE CYLINDERS, LAWN OR YARD WASTE, HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**  
**TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR A DISPOSAL FEE**  
**REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS MUST HAVE THE DOORS REMOVED.**  
**SALVAGE RIGHTS ASSIGNED**

**Oneida Township Personnel**  
  
John A. Skipper, Chairman  
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Susan A. Alexander, Treasurer  
Doris Hayden, Secretary  
James Ferrenberg, Jr., Roadmaster  
Edson S. Crafts, Solicitor  
Susan P. Hurley, Tax Collector  
  
**OFFICE HOURS**  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

## *New Flood Maps are now Available for Review*

The National Flood Insurance Program administered by FEMA is updating the county's Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Small changes in the flood plain are evident in the areas of Center Union and Cold Springs Road along Stone Creek.

Residents in these areas should review the proposed maps at the township office to determine if Flood Insurance is necessary.

Lack of Flood Insurance will result in loss of FEMA benefits should major flooding occur.

Maps are available for review at the township office. Please call and make an appointment to view the maps.

If you have an issue or concern that you would like us to consider for the newsletter please let us know.



## *Methamphetamine Use on the Rise Residents Beware*

Methamphetamine is a powerfully addictive stimulant that dramatically affects many areas of the central nervous system. The drug can easily be made in clandestine laboratories from relatively inexpensive over-the-counter ingredients and can be purchased at a relatively low cost. These factors make Methamphetamine a drug with a high potential for widespread abuse. Sometimes referred to as “speed”, “meth” and “chalk”; in its smoked form it is often referred to as “ice”, “crystal”, “crank”, “fire” and “glass”. Available in many forms, it can be smoked, snorted, injected or orally ingested. It is a white, odorless, bitter tasting crystalline powder that can be easily dissolved in water or alcohol.

Is methamphetamine in our area? It is all around us and we would be naïve to think it is not in Oneida Township. PA State Police have discovered more than a dozen labs in the past 4 months in the Altoona area and also a clandestine lab in Todd Township, Huntingdon County.

Meth Labs can be found in storage buildings, like rental units, due to being readily available, cheap and usually paid for in cash. Cars, car trunks, trucks and vans are used as mobile meth labs. A newer trend is to use igloo-type coolers. The chemicals and processes are packed into the cooler which can be transported and left alongside the road or in a parking lot. The cooler may also be carried into the woods and left until the process is complete. Meth labs can also be found in closets, secret rooms, bathrooms or motel rooms.

If you think you have come upon a meth lab, **STOP**, back away and contact law enforcement officers. **NEVER** pick up any containers that may be suspect. **BE AWARE** that not only are guns involved in the process, but many labs have cameras for security. Some labs are rigged with bombs and trigger devices if handled. Chemicals to watch for are: alcohol, benzene, ether, toluene/paint thinner, Freon, acetone, chloroform, black iodine, lye, Drano, muriatic acid, battery acid/sulfuric acid, Epsom salt, lithium batteries, propane cylinders, hot plates ephedrine, cold tablets, energy boosters, rock salt and diet aids are all used in the manufacturing of Methamphetamine.

What to do if you think you have come upon a meth lab:

**DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING—DO NOT  
TURN OFF BURNERS—DO NOT TOUCH  
LIGHT SWITCHES OR LIGHTS—**

**DO LEAVE THE PREMISES—CONTACT  
YOUR LOCAL PA STATE POLICE STATION  
FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE—BE A GOOD  
WITNESS.**

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