



COLLIER TOWNSHIP

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Collier Commissioners hire Jeffrey Hinds as Township's first Finance Officer

Collier Township, PA – the Collier Township Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote have hired Jeffrey M. Hinds, CPA, as the township's first Finance Officer. Mr. Hinds, whom has over 33 years experience in accounting with history as a self-employed CPA, private sector controller and public account, and holds an Accounting degree from Waynesburg College, will become the newest addition to the Collier Township Administration.

The hiring of Mr. Hinds will fill a vacancy in the Administration, created earlier this year by the retirement of long-time Township Secretary Roberta Schmitt. Former Assistant Township Secretary Valerie Salla was promoted by the Commissioners to Township Secretary. The Board of Commissioners through this attrition eliminated the office of Assistant Township Secretary and created the office of Township Finance Officer.

The Finance Officer will manage and supervise the financial operations of the Township, perform all of the necessary accounting work, serve as the chief financial advisor to the Township Manager and Commissioners and assist in preparing the annual budget and long-term capital budget plans of the municipality.

“We welcome Mr. Hinds to the Township staff, and feel very confident that with his extensive knowledge and understanding of public accounting; our township funds will be managed efficiently and professionally. Through the creation of the office of Township Finance Officer, our taxpayers can be assured that the Collier Commissioners are working diligently to protect and do what is best with your public funds,” stated Board President Robert Schuler.

Jeff Hinds and his wife are residents of Collier Township, have three adult children, and he is actively involved with the Pastoral Council of Carnegie's St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

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Collier Township Honored as a 2013 Banner Community

Collier Township, Pennsylvania – has been named a 2013 Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities for providing effective, efficient and accountable services to its residents and businesses. The designation also acknowledges Collier Township's efforts to inform and engage citizens through frequent and open communication, public events and community activities.

"The Banner Community Program recognizes municipalities that implement best practices in all aspects of their operations and that govern in an inclusive, collaborative manner," said Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, who is also chairman of the Allegheny League of Municipalities. "These are cities, boroughs and townships that understand fiscal accountability, customer service, and civic responsibility."

To be recognized as a Banner Community, a municipality must demonstrate its commitment to the following best practices each year:

- Training and education for its elected and/or appointed officials;
- Active participation in professional organizations, such as the Allegheny League of Municipalities, Allegheny County Boroughs Association, Allegheny County & Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners, and Allegheny County Association of Township Officials;
- Active participation in its Council of Governments, as well as intergovernmental cooperation, sharing of services, and other joint efforts with one or more municipalities;
- Sponsorship and/or promotion of community events and activities, such as a community day, parade, cleanup day, municipal open house, crime awareness effort, and benefits or fundraisers; and
- Routine communication with residents through a newsletter, website, email or other method, as well as active participation with local elementary, middle and high school students, such as speaking to classes, sponsoring special events, and offering internships and/or student shadow days.

"Collier Township is really honored to be named a 2013 Banner Community," said Robert Schuler, President of the Board of Commissioners, "Residents and businesses rely on the various services we provide on a daily basis, and they expect and deserve us to be as efficient, effective and professional as possible. We take that responsibility very seriously. That's why we're always striving to improve our operations and to provide the highest quality of life for our community."

A best practice that Collier Township implements is enhanced communications with residents through newsletters, events mailings, email blasts, utilization of a new LED Message Board, enhanced website which posts all agendas and meeting minutes of all Authorities, Boards and Commissions, implementation of an internet based complete Parks and Recreation management system called eTrak-plus that will allow residents desktop and online registration, scheduling, membership management, league scheduling and reporting.

"There is no limit on the number of municipalities that can be recognized as Banner Communities," added Fitzgerald. "In fact, we encourage all municipalities in our region to be the best they can be and to work to achieve the designation."



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COLLIER COMMISSIONERS LAUNCH NEW TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

COLLIER TOWNSHIP, PA – this morning, the Collier Township Commissioners have launched the new Township website, using the existing address of www.CollierTownship.net

“The new website, developed by Zoltun Design, is more interactive, easier to navigate, and portrays the Township in a more professional manner. We encourage our residents, businesses and virtual visitors to frequent the site often and to make it an integral tool of interacting and connecting with their local government,” stated Board President Robert Schuler.

Other benefits of the new website include the ability to subscribe to the community calendar and news feed, one click navigation to any page in the site, upgraded news and photo gallery system, interactive Google Maps to show locations and to get directions to various township facilities, and a centralized Document Management Area for finding forms, agendas, and meeting minutes. Furthermore, the new site is more efficient for Township Staff to manage and thus reduces administrative costs for the management of the website.

“CollierTownship.net is a rejuvenated website that truly showcases our community in a first class manner, making Collier’s online presence as superior as its magnificent physical place in our region’s landscape. The new website portrays Collier Township in a manner that not only will allow current residents to retrieve needed municipal information and data, but will also aid potential new residents and businesses to realize that Collier Township is a perfect place to live, work and enjoy our many parks, trails and recreational facilities,” stated President Shuler.

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COLLIER TOWNSHIP AWARDED \$75,000.00 GRANT FOR COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER L.E.D. LIGHTING ENHANCEMENTS

Collier Township, PA – The Collier Township Board of Commissioners proudly announce that the Township was awarded a \$75,000.00 Community, Infrastructure, Tourism Fund (CITF) Grant from the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority that will make possible Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting enhancements to the new Collier Community Recreation Center.

The new 38,356 square foot Collier Community Recreation Center will include an Olympic grade gymnasium, a lounge, community room, party room, kitchen, dance / activity room, a kids zone, a 3,530 square foot elevated walking track, lecture rooms, and an outdoor patio; and through this CITF grant award - all of these new amenities will be lit with LED technology. Lighting the facility with LED's compared to traditional incandescent lighting is projected to reduce the total energy consumption for lighting between 40 to 50 percent overall.

According to Board President Robert Schuler, "equipping the new Community Recreation Center with LED lighthing, the facility will be sustainable, energy efficient and a fiscally responsible asset to our community. We thank County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Senator Matt Smith and the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority for supporting our vision to develop and construct our new Community Recreation Center."

The Collier Community Recreation Center at Collier Township Park on 5 Lobaugh Road was designed by Franus Architectural Associates; construction is funded through municipal bonds, and is anticipated to open to the public in mid-2014.

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COLLIER TOWNSHIP CRACKS DOWN ON ILLEGAL DUMPING WITH THE HELP OF KEEP PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL

Collier Township, Allegheny County, PA (August 22, 2013)] – through a recent equipment grant award from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, was able to identify and cite three individuals for illegal dumping in Collier Township. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful awarded the Township surveillance equipment that Collier Township officials then placed at active illegal dumping sites, many of them along remote stretches of rural roads.

On July 30th and August 8th, through this program, Collier Police have identified and issued citations to Corwin and Danielle Cosentino of South Fayette Township and Albert Jon Spader of Scott Township for dumping old furniture and other materials. All three individuals were fined up to a maximum fine of \$1,000 and will be responsible for the costs associated to properly dispose of the waste materials. The illegally dumped microwave and television could have been recycled for free at Best Buy and numerous other retailers. Goodwill and Salvation Army accept furniture donations, even picking up for free. There are various landfills and transfer stations throughout Allegheny County where debris can be legally disposed for an average price of \$55.00/ton. There are frequent collection events held throughout the region to properly dispose or recycle a wide variety of items.

“Collier Township will not tolerate illegal dumping in our community. These actions cause a serious blight to our community, jeopardize Collier’s rural charm and appeal, put a drain on our public services, and pollute our roadsides and creek-beds. Collier Township Police and Code Enforcement stand ready and ever-vigilant to enforce all applicable illegal dumping and litter laws to ensure that Collier Township remains healthy, welcoming and a pleasant place to live and work.” stated Township Manager, Sal Sirabella.

Collier Township will continue to operate this surveillance equipment throughout the Township aimed at apprehending persons who take to illegal dumping. “We thank Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful for doing what they do best, helping to keep Collier Township and our entire Commonwealth beautiful,” remarked Manager Sirabella.

“We are excited to see the Illegal Dump Surveillance Support Pilot Program working as it was intended to work. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful supplies high tech surveillance cameras and support to municipalities and local organizations to help identify illegal dumpers,” said Shannon Reiter, President, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. “It is the local commitment, dedication, and strong enforcement partnerships that bring it full-circle, as it has in Collier Township.”

Questions regarding proper disposal or recycling for any items may be answered by calling the Allegheny County Health Department at 412-687-ACHD (2243) or visiting their website at www.achd.net and clicking the Recycling Resource Directory under Most Requested Links.

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Collier Township Embraces Solar with New Rooftop Installation Collier Township Partners with Scalo Solar Solutions in Renewable Energy Project

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

RIBBON-CUTTING & DEDICATION EVENT

Date: Wednesday – September 25, 2013

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Collier Township Municipal Building (2418 Hilltop Road, Presto, PA 15412)

PITTSBURGH, PA—Collier Township, located in Allegheny County, announces the completion of the rooftop solar installation at its administrative campus located at 2418 Hilltop Road.

The photovoltaic solar system, which was installed on the Collier Township Public Works Building roof, consists of 110 modules that capture the energy from the sun and generate electricity to be used by the facility. The electricity produced by the system will significantly reduce utility costs for Collier while decreasing the township's carbon footprint.

The system, which was designed and installed by the Pittsburgh-based solar developer, Scalo Solar Solutions, is estimated to reduce carbon dioxide gas emissions by over 1 million pounds. This is equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions created by: 59 homes, 93 passenger cars, 53,139 gallons of gasoline, or 1,102 barrels of oil.

"Collier Township is committed being a leader in sustainability in our community," said Sal Sirabella, Collier Township Manager. He adds, "It's Collier's hope that our efforts to go green inspire our residents and businesses to follow in our footsteps and strive to reduce their own carbon footprint."

"The dedication Collier Township has demonstrated towards sustainability makes them a pioneer among municipalities in Pennsylvania," said Jack Scalo, CEO/President of Scalo Solar Solutions and a Collier Township resident. He adds, "I am very glad that Scalo Solar had the opportunity to help Collier Township as they strive to become more environmentally friendly."

The 22 kW photovoltaic system is estimated to generate a net-savings of approximately \$175,000 for the Township of Collier. The photovoltaic system installed at Collier is an example of a "grid-tied" system. "Grid-tied" systems allow for excess solar energy created by the solar modules to be sold back to the power company. This eliminates the need for batteries and will allow Collier to have electricity from the grid at night or when the sun isn't shining.

To celebrate the completion of this project, Collier Township will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 25TH, 2013 at 3:30 PM, at the Collier Township Municipal Building.