



Welcome
To
Harrison
Township

**One Municipal Drive
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
Phone: 724-226-1393**

www.harrisontwp.com

Office Hours:

**Monday – Friday
(except holidays)**

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Welcome to Harrison Township

Most people know us as Natrona and Natrona Heights, but we are actually Harrison Township.

Harrison Township was formally organized as a First Class Township in March 1900. Today we have a population of over 10,000 and occupy 7.2 square miles of land on the west shore of the Allegheny River, about 20 miles northeast of downtown Pittsburgh.

The largest portion of Harrison Township is residential with mostly single family homes. Currently Maronda Homes is developing over 100 acres of land with additional multi-family and single-family housing, which will number over 300 new units.

Our residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life, unmatched in the Alle Kiski valley. In our Township we have the Harrison Hills County Park, a full service YMCA, a vibrant public library, a hospital and extensive healthcare facilities, diverse religious organizations and other non-profit organizations, wide array of retail businesses, restaurants, financial services, industrial firms, and quality municipal services.

Our six largest local employers are ATI-Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation (completed building a new \$1.2 billion hot-rolling and processing facility at the Brackenridge Works), Allegheny Valley Hospital and the Allegheny Health Network, the Highlands School District, JV Manufacturing, the UPMC-University of Pittsburgh Medical Center facilities, and Walmart. There are also numerous smaller businesses of all types scattered through the Township, with most of them located along Freeport Road, the main artery of the Township.

Harrison Township is the “best kept secret” in the Alle Kiski valley and a welcoming community for families and businesses within commuting distance to Pittsburgh.

Harrison Township Administrative Contacts

Harrison Township
P.O. Box 376
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Executive Secretary

Faith A. Payne
E-Mail Address:
fpayne@comcast.net

Township Secretary

Susan K. Motosicky

Phone: (724) 226-1393
Fax: (724) 224-5541
Township website: www.harrisontwp.com

Superintendent of Public Works

Randy M. Martinka
Phone: (724) 224-5540
Fax: (724) 224-5541

Zoning and Ordinance Officers

Lindsay Fraser
Thomas Grant
Jody Lamison
Floyd (Bucky) Taraszewski
Phone: (724) 224-9540
Fax: (724) 224-5541

Township Solicitor

Emily Mueller
Goehring, Rutter & Boehm

Township Engineer

Raymond H. Antonelli, Jr.
NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Third Party Building Code Official

Bruce Graff
NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Board of Commissioners

William W. Heasley, President

(724) 224-8205
4th Ward, Elected through 2021

Administrative responsibility: Public Works

William R. Poston, Vice-President

(724) 224-6578
4th Ward, Elected through 2019

Administrative responsibility: Public Safety

Gary J. Lilly

(724) 895-3215
2nd Ward, Elected through 2017

Administrative area: Finance

Robin K. Bergstrom

(724) 295-4265
3rd Ward, Elected through 2019

Administrative responsibility: Fire & Property and Grants

Charles Dizard

(724) 681-3194
1st Ward, Elected through 2019

Administrative responsibility: Zoning & Ordinance

Police Department

Chief of Police

Michael A. Klein

724-224-3355

Emergency calls: 911

Non-emergencies call Allegheny County dispatch: 412-473-3056

For police records and accident reports: 724-224-3355

Weekdays 7 AM – 3 PM

(\$15 charge for copy of accident report)

Volunteer Fire Departments

Citizens Hose Company

&

Ambulance Service

965 Burtner Road

724-224-1912

Chief Sean Jones

Harrison Hills Fire Company

5300 Freeport Road

724-295-2422

Chief Edward Naughton

Hilltop Hose Company

1501 Cambridge Street

724-224-9968

Chief Michael Krzeminski

(Michael Krzeminski is also Township Emergency Management Coordinator)

Utility & Garbage Companies Servicing Harrison Township

Harrison Township Water Authority

1705 Freeport Road
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
724-226-2500

Waste Management

www.wm.com

800-677-4884

People's TWP Gas

www.peoplestwp.com

1-800-222-5101

Upper Allegheny Joint Sanitary Authority

www.uajsa.com

320 Fourth Avenue
P.O. Box 431
Tarentum, PA 15084
724-224-2245

West Penn Power

First Energy Company
www.firstenergycorp.com
1-800-686-0021

Schools

Highlands School District

Administrative Offices
1500 Pacific Avenue
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
724-226-2400
www.goldenrams.com

Highlands High School
1500 Pacific Avenue
Natrona Heights
724-226-1000

Highlands Middle School
1350 Broadview Boulevard
Natrona Heights
724-226-0600

Fairmont Primary Center
1060 Atlantic Avenue
Brackenridge
724-224-4844

Fawn Primary Center
5591 Ridge Road
Natrona Heights
7 24-224-5880

Grandview Upper Elementary School
101 East Ninth Avenue
Tarentum
724-224-0300

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School

800 Montana Avenue
Natrona Heights
724-226-2345
www.olmbss.org
pre-K thru 8th grade

St. Joseph High School

800 Montana Avenue
Natrona Heights
724-224-5552
www.saintjosephhs.com

Recreation

Allegheny Valley YMCA

5021 Freeport Road (www.avymca.org)

ALSCO Community Park

Spring Hill Road

Brackenridge Heights Golf Club

1299 Lane Avenue (www.brackenridgeheights.com/golf.html)

Harrison Hills County Park

www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/hhfac.aspx

Highlands Area Soccer Club

www.highlandssoccer.net

Highlands School Golden Rams Stadium Track

Argonne Boulevard/Union Avenue

Natrona Heights Baseball/Softball Association

www.nhbsa.com

Natrona Kayak Launch

River Road

Natrona Park

River Road

Rams Youth Football Organization

www.ramsyouthfootballandcheer.com

Riverfront Park (Fred C. Skwirut Memorial Park)

Lock#4, Allegheny River

River Road

Sheldon Park BJWL Recreation Center

489 Park Avenue ([https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sheldon-Park BJWL/198275783546872?sk=info&tab=overview](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sheldon-Park-BJWL/198275783546872?sk=info&tab=overview))

Sylvan Pool

www.sylvanparkinc.com

Public Works Department

Randy M. Martinka, *Superintendent*

Phone: 724-224-5540

Harrison Township's Public Works Department includes ten employees, including the Superintendent. All nine workers are truck drivers, and two of them are also mechanics.

The Public Works Department serves Harrison Township residents and businesses by maintaining approximately 100 miles of Township roadways and alleys year-round, maintaining the storm and sanitary sewer systems, collecting leaf bags and small branches for the processing of rich garden compost free to Township residents, and grass cutting of parks and Township-owned properties.

Leaf and Tree Limb Collection

Public Works employees pick up leaves and bundled tree branches on the day of recycle pickup. Leaves must be in the commercial paper leaf bags and branches up to 4" thick must be bundled and left at the curb or alley where the bi-weekly garbage and recycle pick up occurs. ***LEAVES CANNOT BE PLACED OUT IN PLASTIC BAGS*** as they cannot be processed by the compost machinery.

Grass clippings are to be bagged in plastic garbage bags for the regular bi-weekly garbage pickup by the contracted refuse company.

Compost Free to Township Residents

The Public Works Department processes the leaves and garden residues in a compost facility and deposits the aged compost across from the Township Municipal Building. The compost is **FREE** and available all year for residents of Harrison Township. Please come during daylight hours and help yourself.

ILLEGAL FOR SURFACE RAINWATER TO CONNECT TO THE SANITARY SEWER LINES

Gutters, driveway drains, French drains, and open outside stairway drains must flow to the street or alley or yard. This requirement is to prevent excessive storm water from entering the sanitary sewer lines and causing potential sewer backup into residents' basements.

Rodent Control

Two Public Work Department employees are certified by Allegheny County Health Department to inspect and bait for rats as needed. The Public Works Department can bait for rats, but resident households must sign an Allegheny County Health Department "Bait Consent Form and Record" form. Please contact the Public Works Department at 724-224-5540 or click "contact us" on the Township's website and leave a message with your name, address and phone number and brief description of the rat problem.

Garbage & Recycling

Waste Management

www.wm.com

800-677-4884

Garbage and recyclable materials are collected by Waste Management under contract with the Township

- Residents are billed directly by the garbage contractor.
- Garbage pickup is weekly and recycle pickup is every other week.
- Weekly garbage pickup is not limited to a number of cans or bags and includes bulk items such as household furniture, large appliances, washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, bicycles, microwaves, carpet (4 foot sections, 40lbs or less), and similar items.
- Building materials (scrap wood, scrap dry wall, brick and block, etc.), hazardous products, and electronics are not part of the garbage contract and must be disposed of by hiring private trash collectors such as McCuthcheon Enterprises in Apollo (724-568-3613), purchasing a “bagster” from Waste Management, or hauling the materials yourself to a local landfill, such as McCuthcheon Enterprises in Apollo.
- Each residence has received three recycling containers which were initially purchased through a Pennsylvania grant. New containers are available if needed by contacting the Township offices.
- Recycle materials can be commingled in any of the containers, including aluminum and bimetal cans, drink bottles, plastic containers #1 – 5 and #7, laundry detergent bottles, and clear and colored glass.
- Newspaper may be placed in a plastic or paper grocery bag and left at the side of the recycling containers for collection.
- Harrison Township has a recycling trailer for residents and small business owners to drop off corrugated paper and newspaper, magazines and catalogues. This receptacle is located at the end of the parking lot at the front of the municipal building on Municipal Drive.

Garbage & Recycling for Landlords and Rental Properties

Landlords are responsible for tenant garbage collection and must contract with Waste Management for garbage service for each residence they have for rent in the Township. Apartments with four or more units can contract for dumpsters and not be restricted to the individual Waste Management accounts.

Free Compost Program

Free leaf compost is available at the Municipal Building during daylight hours. Help yourself to as much compost as you like – please, no landscapers or contractors.

Recycling of Leaves, Branches, Small Shrubs, Plants and Garden Residues

DO: Cut no larger than 4 inches in diameter.
Bundle with string or place in brown recycling bags.

DON'T: Place large branches, trunks or construction debris out for collection.
Lawn clippings are to be placed in regular trash bags, **NOT** paper recycling bags. Lawn clippings will be collected with your regular garbage collection by Morrow Refuse.

Zoning & Ordinance Office

724-224-9540

- **Registration and Inspection of Rental Properties** The Township requires registration and inspection of rental properties PRIOR to occupancy. Contact Lindsay Fraser, Ordinance Officer, for forms and details, between 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday at 724-224-9540.
- **Zoning Certificates & Building Permits** can be applied for from the Township Zoning and Ordinance office for many changes to property, including but not limited to the following:
 - ◆ Porches (Zoning Certificate and possibly Building Permit)
 - ◆ Decks (Zoning Certificate for ground and low level deck; Building Permit for higher decks)
 - ◆ Sheds (Zoning Certificate)
 - ◆ Fences (Zoning Certificate and Property Survey)
 - ◆ Car Ports (Zoning Certificate)
 - ◆ Garages (Zoning Certificate and Building Permit)
 - ◆ Swimming pools (Zoning Certificate and Building Permit for in-ground pools)
 - ◆ Demolition of structures (Zoning Certificate and other responsibilities)
 - ◆ Additions/changes in house & commercial exterior structure (Zoning Certificate and Building Permit)
- **Fence Requirements**
 - ◆ A permit for the erection of all fencing shall be obtained from the Zoning and Ordinance office.
 - ◆ A Property Survey is required for fence applications.
 - ◆ The maximum height of a fence or wall in the rear or side yard shall be six feet.
 - ◆ The only fences permitted in the front yard in the residential districts are ornamental, limited to four feet in height. Chain-link type fences are not permitted in front yards.
 - ◆ The finished side of the fence structure is to face the neighboring property.
 - ◆ No fence is permitted if it blocks clear view or vision for vehicular traffic.
- **Weeds and Vegetation** Grass and weeds cannot exceed 6 inches, and “sight obstructions” such as hedges, shrubs, trees, and underbrush cannot unreasonably interfere with the vision of pedestrians or motorists so as to create danger to those using streets and sidewalks.
- **Refuse, Rubbish, Junk Cars and Tires** No occupant of any property shall accumulate refuse, rubbish or junk, including cans, food cartons and containers, yard clippings, discarded furniture, newspapers, non-operable automobiles without current inspection sticker, broken down or dismantled automobile parts, or old tires.
- **Exterior Structure** The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

Tax Contacts

Township Tax Collector and Treasurer Delinquent Earned Income Tax Collector

Michael D. McKechnie
Phone: (724) 224-6055
53 Garfield Street
Natrona, PA 15065

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector Earned Income Tax Collector Under Act 32

Keystone Collections Group
546 Wendel Road
Irwin, PA 15642
Phone: (724) 978-0300
Fax: (724) 978-0339

Local Service Tax Collector

Faith A. Payne
P.O. Box 376
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
Phone: (412) 784- 8303
Phone: (724) 226-1393
Fax: (724) 224-5541
E-Mail Address: fapayne@comcast.net
Township website: www.harrisonsntp.com

Property Tax Rates

Harrison Township	5.106 mills
Allegheny County	4.730 mills
Highlands School District	24.63 mills

Government Links

Allegheny County Offices

Birth or Death Certificates

Records from 1870 through 1905 can be obtained at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Genealogy Department, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

412-622-3154

www.clpgh.org

Records from 1906 and subsequent years must be researched through the Pittsburgh Public Office Division of Vital Records, 411 Seventh Avenue, Suite 360, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-565-5113

www.health.state.pa.us/vitalrecords

Deeds and Wills

Deeds: Department of Real Estate, County Office Building, 542 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-350-4227

www.alleghneycounty.us/re

Wills: Department of Court Records City-County, 414 Grant Street, First Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-350-4180

www.alleghenycounty.us/re

Marriage Licenses

Bureau of Marriage Licenses, Register of Wills Office, City-County Building, 414 Grant Street, First Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-350-4230

www.alleghenycounty.us/wo

Driver's Licenses

(Closest center) PennDOT Photo & Exam Center, 1600 Greensburg Road, New Kensington, PA

724-335-9130

www.dmv.state.pa.us

Dog License

Allegheny County Treasurer, Allegheny County Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Room 108, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-350-4111

www.county.allegheny.pa.us/treasure/dog.aspx

Pennsylvania Legislators

Randy Vulakovich

State Senator, Republican – 40th District

Shaler Township Municipal Building

300 Wetzel Road

Glenshaw, PA 15116

412-487-6600

www.senatorvulakovich.com

Frank Dermody

State Representative, Democrat – 33rd District

1331 Freeport Road

Cheswick, PA 15024

724-274-4770

www.pahouse.com/dermody

Eli Evankovich

State Representative, Republican – 54th District

2879 Leechburg Road

Lower Burrell, PA 15068

724-335-2790

www.repevankovich.com

Register to Vote

Allegheny County Elections

542 Forbes Avenue, Suite 604, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-350-4500

(you can **register** online)

www.county.allegheny.pa.us/elect/index.aspx

Harrison Township Map

