



## Legislative Update:



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In an effort to keep the residents and stakeholders of Baldwin Borough informed and engaged in the progress of the community, this Legislative Update will highlight some recent activity of Borough Council. Below you will find a summary of various Ordinances and Resolutions that have been adopted by the Borough in the past 18 months. The listing is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather to provide a relevant sample to the public.

<b>Ordinance No</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>	<b>Description</b>
838	6/21/2011	Banning the extraction of natural gas within the confines of the Borough
837	6/21/2011	Establishing an "Airport District Overlay" and amending the official zoning map by the adoption of an official supplementary airport overlay zoning map
834	3/15/2011	Adopting pre-treatment standards for the discharge of wastewater into the collection systems operated by the Borough of Baldwin
833	2/15/2011	Establishing revised guidelines and standards for residential and commercial lighting
829	5/17/2010	Prohibiting water discharge and adding erosion and sediment controls and post-construction runoff controls
<b>Resolution No</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>	<b>Description</b>
2011-07-06	7/12/2011	Authorizing the filing of a CDBG funding application with Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
2011-02-02	2/15/2011	Requesting the Pennsylvania Legislature to take affirmative action to implement uniform assessment of real property in all Counties of the Commonwealth
2010-09-16	9/21/2010	Authorizing application for a federal DUI grant
2010-08-15	8/17/2010	Opposition to forced mergers and consolidation of local governments in Pennsylvania
2010-05-10	5/17/2010	Establishing the Energy Stimulus Fund for grant proceeds awarded for Municipal Building Energy Efficiency Program
2010-04-08	4/13/2010	Requesting the Pennsylvania General Assembly pass a statewide lost or stolen handgun reporting law
2010-01-05	1/19/2010	Authorizing the Borough of Baldwin to enter into a Consent Order with the Pa Department of Environmental Protection

Borough Council meetings are held the second and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30.  
All meetings are open to the public.

## What Is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

## Why is Storm Water "Good Rain Gone Wrong?"

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!

- Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.
- Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.), onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.
- Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the Storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.
- Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.

Baldwin  
Borough  
reminds you that  
When it Rains  
It Drains

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Environmental Protection  
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## What Happens When It Rains?

Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:

- Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.
- Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.
- Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.
- More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.
- Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.

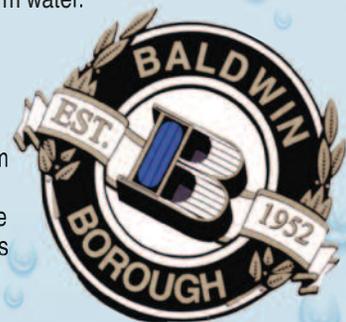
## Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do To Help

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint – never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community. (See the back of this brochure for contact information.)
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather – a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess – in a backyard or at the park – storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

## Where To Go To continue the Information

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is ...water! Contact your community's storm water management program coordinator or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.





# HALLOWEEN EVENT



**WHEN:**  
Saturday, October 29, 2011

**WHERE:**  
Municipal Building Complex

**TIME:**  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**INFO:**  
412.885.1283



## REMINDER:

THE LEAF RECYCLING WILL BEGIN ON  
OCTOBER 24, 2011 THROUGH NOVEMBER 21, 2011.  
LEAVES SHOULD BE PLACED IN  
BIO-DEGRADABLE PAPER  
BAGS AND PLACED AT CURB ON  
REGULAR TRASH DAY.