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Bustard Tree Farm Supplies National Christmas Tree



In its 86-year history, 2015 was by far the most exciting year for Bustard's Christmas Trees, a family business with roots in an orchard. Last summer the National Christmas Tree Growers Association (NCTGA) selected it to supply the official White House Christmas tree, which stood tall and proud in the Blue Room.

To qualify for the national competition, growers must win in their states. Jay and Glenn Bustard entered a Meyer spruce in the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA) contest. They came home with a victory and began preparation for a journey to Spring Grove, Illinois, in July. The brothers, third generation owners of the business, decided a blue-tinged Douglas fir would delight national judges. Although the competing

tree must be under 8 feet tall, the Blue Room designated champion is required to reach a height of nearly 19 feet.

The Bustards harvested the 7-foot-11-inch fir and placed it in a large customized box specifically built for the long trip. They packed their precious cargo in 300 pounds of ice and gently covered it with blankets. Upon arrival, they met with other growers from 14 states at Richardson's Farm for a three-day event.

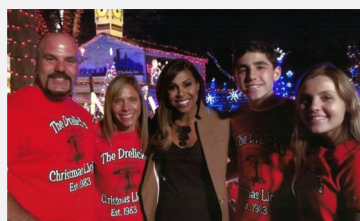
A panel of six judges chose the final candidates and Bustard's Douglas Fir made the cut. Next, close to 200 tree growers attended the annual meeting to cast their votes. The final step was to assemble a group of 10 people from town to evaluate each finalist. Their task was to choose the tree they would prefer to display in their homes. After all votes were tallied, Bustard's tree was declared Grand National Champion and bestowed the honor of supplying the official White House tree.

"Within 10 minutes, my brother had an announcement on Facebook," exclaims Jay. "Then he called our mom with the wonderful news.

She's 88 and has seen the business thrive for many years, but this has to be the greatest accomplishment in our history. She immediately thought of our late father and said he would be so proud of us. It truly was an incredible day."

On September 30th, the White House chief usher met with the Bustards at their Leighton farm site to select the Blue Room Christmas Tree. Officials from NCTGA and PCTGA gathered for the prestigious event. Among others who attended to celebrate Bustard's triumph were Fred Strathmeyer, Jr, deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Mark McCurdy, member of PTGA's Board of Directors, and Matthew Bradford, PA state representative from Montgomery County's 70th district. In addition, two longtime customers and several members of the Montgomery County Community College Student Nurse Club rallied to applaud Bustard's. The club is an avid supporter of Bustard's annual Trees for Troops weekend.

Drelick Family's Light Display Featured on ABC



Towamencin's Drelick Family were contestants on ABC's The Great Christmas Light Fight. The Drelick's Christmas Light Display is over 33 years old. It spans across 8000 square feet, takes approximately eight weeks to assemble, consists of 35,000 lights, has a 25 x 18 foot handmade castle, a

8 x 16 foot handmade church, a clock tower that stands 19 feet in the air, 26 inter active push button stations, and a sign-in book that you can tell us where you are from. Joe, 45, started this tradition at his parents' house in Ambler when he was 13. He now does this at his Towamencin home with his wife Tracey, and his two children, daughter Jordynn, 18, and son Jake, 15 who each have their own hand made pieces in the display which Joe made when they were born.

After interviewing last January they finally got the phone call the first week of August that they made the show! Being on The Great Christmas Light Fight was amazing. The crew flew out from California and filmed for 4

days, 1 day in September, and 3 days in October. The entire display had to set up by October 12. They had 350 family members, neighbors and friends out to support us the night they taped our episode (Oct. 12). It was incredible! The show aired Dec. 7 on ABC. Every night following the broadcast, you could barely make it down Liberty Bell Drive! Everyone wanted to see their display! They were overwhelmed by the support from our community. Although they didn't win, they wouldn't trade the experience for the world. Seeing the joy we put into people's lives during the holiday season makes them winners.

Letter From the Board



The Board of Supervisors met on Monday, January 4th for their annual Reorganization Meeting. As a result the Board of Supervisors is organized as follows:

H. Charles Wilson, III – Chairman

Laura Smith – Vice Chairwoman

James P. Sinz – Secretary / Assistant Treasurer

Daniel M. Littley, Jr. – Treasurer / Assistant Secretary

David J. Mosesso – Supervisor

There were numerous appointments and reappointments to the various Boards and Committees. There still remain a number of openings of various Boards and Committees. They include the following:

-Zoning Hearing Board

-Planning Commission

-Environmental Advisory Committee

-Strategic Planning Committee

-Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee

-Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee

If you have an interest in participating on one of these, or any of the other Committees, please send a letter of interest with your background or resume to Mr. Rob Ford, Township Manager.

To all of those who continue to serve, we thank you for your time and effort that you put in to the committee, board, or commission upon which you serve. We recognize your sacrifice.

We look forward to seeing you at the various concerts and community events, which can be found at www.towamencin.org.

2016 Community Shredding Event



The Montgomery County Commissioners in conjunction with Shred One Security Corp. will be sponsoring FREE community paper shredding events, rain or shine.

WHEN and WHERE:

- Saturday, July 16 Western Montgomery Career & Technology Center (9am – noon) 77 Graterford Road Limerick, PA 19468

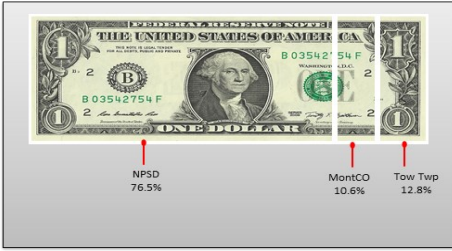
- Saturday, July 23 Abington Junior High School (9am – noon) 2056 Susquehanna Road Abington, PA 19001

- Sunday, October 23 Lower Merion Transfer Station (9am – noon) 1300 North Woodbine Avenue Penn Valley, PA 19072

- Please make sure that there is no plastic, plastic bags, batteries, cardboard, or metal, other than staples and paper clips in the waste.
- Bring documents in boxes or paper bags for ease of shredding on site
- 2 boxes or paper bags per vehicle limit in consideration of other attendees
- Volunteers will assist with removing documents from vehicles
- This event is open to residents of Montgomery County as a community service. Please, no businesses.
- Please note, capacity is limited and the event must close when trucks are full.

Shred One regularly participates in community shredding events which are sponsored by organizations and governmental agencies. This offers residents the opportunity to destroy their confidential documents and avoid the pitfalls of identity theft. Mobile shredding trucks perform all of the paper shredding on site. All shredded paper is recycled. Shred One is currently recycling paper at a rate that saves over 70,000 trees annually!

Tax and Sewer Payment Information



Township and County Tax and Sewer Bills

The 2016 Township and County Tax and Sewer/Septic bills were mailed in January to Towamencin property owners. If

you have not received your bill in the mail, please contact Township administration personnel at (215) 368-5357 as soon as possible.

Payments may be made in person at the Township Building: 1090 Troxel Rd. Lansdale, 19446, weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please visit www.towamencin.org for mail and online payment options.

North Penn School District Real Estate Taxes

The Towamencin Tax Collector, Robert A. DiDomizio, Jr. is responsible for School District Real Estate Tax collections. School District Property Tax bills are mailed in July of each year. Questions regarding School District tax payments should be addressed to Mr. DiDomizio at P. O. Box 1415, Kulpsville, PA 19443, Phone (215) 723-7297, Fax 1-866-496-3991 or Email: Tax@Robertdidomizio.com.

Payments may be made in person at 1553 Gehman Road, Harleysville, 19438. Walk-in hours are printed on the tax bills and may be subject to change without notice. Visit www.robertdidomizio.com for mail and online payment options.

Tax bills will not be mailed to mortgage companies. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to forward tax bills to their mortgage company if their taxes are escrowed.

Homestead Exemption Act

The Taxpayer Relief Act provides for property tax reduction through a “homestead exemption.” Generally, most owner occupied homes are eligible for the property tax reduction.

In 2000, the County implemented the Homestead Exemption Program to give a tax break to certain property owners. In order to participate, the property must be the primary residence of the property owner. Commercial properties and rental

properties do not qualify.

The Township annually, as a part of its budget process, determines the amount of exemption, currently it is \$45,000. Participating homeowners will receive an exemption on the Township portion of their tax bill. For 2016, it is a \$171 tax reduction. When reviewing your tax bill, you will note a County assessed value and a Township assessed value. If the homeowner is participating, the difference in

the two assessed values will be the Homestead Exemption for that year.

The forms are available at the Township building or online at www.montcopa.org/boa. The homeowner will receive notification from the County only if the property does not qualify for participation. Once a property is participating, it will remain in the program unless its status changes (i.e. sold or rented). A new buyer must register with the County in order to participate.

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Storm Preparation

Are You Ready?

Over the last couple of years, the residents of Towamencin Township have experienced Hurricane Sandy, the snow storms of the 2013 – 2014 Winter, and flooding during some very heavy downpours in the local area.

It appears there will be no let-up for the very near-future. Do you have an Emergency Readiness Plan for you and your family? If you needed to evacuate your home during an emergency, have you identified to your family members a place where you will reunite?

Do you have your medications available to be taken with you? Have you considered your pets? Do you have a list of doctors and medications you take?

Should there be a problem with the water supply, do you have the recommended three days of water supply for essentials such as cooking, medicine, and normal hydration? If there is a loss of power do you have batteries for flashlights and lanterns? If you have an emergency generator, is it far enough away from the house to ensure no carbon dioxide gets into your house?

To prepare yourself in the event one of the above incidents should happen, you can pick-up an Emergency Readiness Plan for Families at the Towamencin Township Building. For those with computer access you can find the necessary material at www.ready.gov/make-a-plan or <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34326>

Should you have questions about Readiness Planning for Families, you can contact the Towamencin Township Emergency Management Coordinator at (215) 368-7602.

2016 Residential Tire Collections

Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – noon

Montgomery County Community College

340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – noon

Western Montgomery Career & Technology Center

77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA 19468

- Montgomery County residents only
- Free of charge
- 8 tires per vehicle maximum
- Rims accepted
- No off road tires
- Rain or shine
- No businesses



For additional information:

Please visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org

or call the recycling line at 610-278-3618.

2016 Hazardous Waste Collection Events

DATES: COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Free residential collection events are held outdoors from 9a.m.-3p.m., rain or shine. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties. There are no permanent drop off locations. Event workers will unload your materials so please **remain in your vehicle**. Toxic and flammable household chemicals are collected for proper disposal.

Acceptable items include gasoline, oil, kerosene, turpentine, paint thinner, oil paint, stains, varnish, pool chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, antifreeze, caustic cleaners and solvents, mercury thermometers, flares, fire extinguishers, lead acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent tube light bulbs, CFL bulbs, mini propane canisters, and electric oil filled heaters.

Containers returned upon request. The maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25- or 50-gallon drums.

Do Not Bring electronics, appliances, asbestos, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, items containing Freon, tires or the following:

-Latex or Water-Based Paint is not hazardous and can be placed in the trash once it is dry. Air dry latex paint or add absorbent material like kitty litter until paint becomes a solid.

-Alkaline Household Batteries are not hazardous and should be thrown in the trash.

-Prescription Medications should be disposed of in the secure drop boxes located in many area police stations, a list of which can be found in the Recycling Guide at www.MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org. See page 16 for Towamencin drop off.

-Propane Tanks should be taken to locations listed in the Recycling Guide at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org. Mini-propane canisters are accepted at collections.

For additional information:

Please visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call the recycling line at 610-278-3618.

Saturday, April 9

Indian Valley Middle School

130 Maple Avenue

Harleysville, PA 19438

Saturday, April 30

Norristown Area High School

(enter on North Whitehall Road)

1900 Eagle Drive

Norristown, PA 19403

Saturday, May 14

Temple University–

Ambler Campus

(enter at 1431 E. Butler Avenue)

Ambler, PA 19002

Recycling Day: Anything With a Plug

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Lower Salford

Towamencin, Hatfield,

Franconia Townships

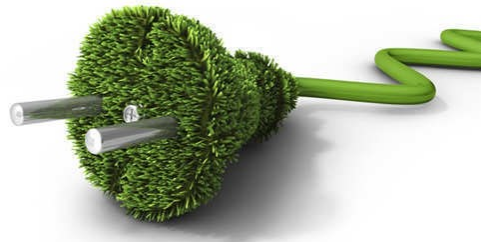
Souderton Area High School

625 Lower Road

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Townships of Lower Salford, Towamencin, Hatfield and Franconia are proud to offer local residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, June 4, 2016. This service is available to all residents and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler.

We will accept all electronic devices with a plug, No smoke detectors, large appliances or projections TV's will be accepted.



Accepted Items Include:

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Laptops | Dehumidifiers |
| Peripherals | Computers |
| Typewriters | Mice |
| Telephones | Small Appliances |
| Microwaves | Fax Machines |
| Cameras | Keyboards |
| Cell Phones | Printers |
| Calculators | Air Conditioners |
| Confidential Documents | |

\$20 fee for any computer or TV, all data will be wiped out.

Township Alerts

DO YOU HAVE AN ALARM?

If so do you know you need to register your alarm with the Police Department? Pursuant to **Section 44-12 Registration of Installation:** every person, corporation, institution or company who has keyed an automatic protection device in the Township of Towamencin to the designated trunk line shall furnish to the Chief of Police a registration of such installation.

Should you have any questions regarding your alarm, please contact the Towamencin Township Police Department at 215-368-7606 during normal business hours. Ms. Schwenk will assist you regarding false alarms and alarm registrations.

PENNSYLVANIA PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

This state-run program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and certain people with disabilities age 18 and older. The annual income limits are \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters (half of Social Security income is excluded).

The Rebate Program is based on property taxes or rent paid the previous calendar year. You may be able to receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on your income bracket.

For more information or to request an application, call 1-888-222-9190. You can also visit them online at www.revenue.state.pa.us. Click on Forms and Publications, then click on Forms for Individuals, then click on Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms, and finally click on REV-573 Brochure. Print out the application, follow the directions, and mail it in.

Your application must be postmarked by June 30, 2016. You will be required to submit proof of payment along with your application, so please be sure to send a self-addressed stamped envelope when you pay your Township, County, and School taxes by mail so that we can return your receipt stamped and dated. Or, if you pay in person, please bring both parts of your tax bill. A cancelled check also is accepted as proof of payment when accompanied by a copy of your tax bill. If you use a tax accountant or preparation service, they should be able to help you with the rebate application.

Towamencin Business Alliance

TBA Board of Directors

Bob Di Domizio – RAD Engineering Corp.

Rich Costlow – Richard Costlow Consulting LLC

Sarah DeSantis – Morgan Log House

Todd Fisher – Todd Fisher CPA

Emma Hodgson – Asher's Chocolates

Don Riffel - Mobil PC Guru

Francine Marz – Culinary Arts Institute at MCCC

The Towamencin Business Alliance is a networking group of businesses based in Towamencin who meet to openly discuss and share ideas for improving their businesses. Founded in 2012, the Alliance speaks as a single voice on ways to improve the business environment within the Township and to support each other.

The group targets businesses that maintain a permanent presence within the boundaries of the township, and make up the block of Voting Members. However, any business can join and show their support for the Alliance by becoming a Supporting Member at a cost of only \$25 per year per company.

If you are interested in joining, go to the Application link on our web site at www.towamencinbusinessalliance.com and fill in the information. One of our Board members will get in touch with you.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Robert A. Di Domizio, Jr., P.E.
Chairman, Towamencin Business Alliance

Welcome to ReadyMontco

ReadyMontco (formerly known as ReadyNotify) is your official source for notifications about emergencies, severe weather, crime alerts and disasters in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

How It Works

When there is a potential safety hazard or concern in your area, you will receive a notification. Notifications come in many forms, including text messages, emails, voice calls, and mobile app alerts. The devices we will contact you on and the order in which we will do so is completely customizable. You might want a text message first, and then a follow up email. Alternatively, you might prefer an email first, with a voice call if you don't respond. You have to enter at least two contact paths, and can provide up to 11.

There may be situations in which public safety personnel will need to know if you have received a message. ReadyMontco enables us to do so. If you confirm that you have received the alert, you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods regarding that particular notification. If you do not confirm, the system will continue to attempt to reach you at all of the contact paths that you have registered.

ReadyMontco only sends alerts specific to Montgomery County. Therefore, the address you provide must be located within Montgomery County. If you believe that your address of interest is located within Montgomery County and still have difficulty with registration, please send an email to everbridgesupport@montcopa.org.

The registration process also contains a My Information Tab. If you, a family member, or someone you live with has an Access or Functional Need and will need assistance during an emergency, it is especially important to sign up. It is up to each municipality to determine how they wish to utilize this information, and while it is not a promise of specialized service, it is our goal to use the information you provide to plan for disasters and other emergencies.

It is important that Towamencin Township First Responders are aware of your needs when responding to an emergency at your residence. Towamencin Township Emergency Management will only use the information to ensure you are safely assisted should there be a need for you to evacuate your residence due to natural or man-made emergency. All personal information that you provide will be held securely, only accessed for the purpose of emergency response and planning, and is strictly confidential.

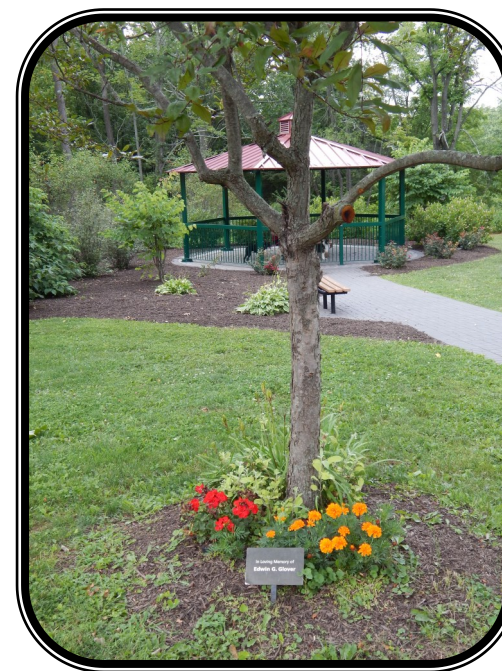
Visit
www.readymontco.org
to sign up

Message From the Codes Department

Please relocate portable basketball stands away from the public right of way. The placement of portable basketball stands along the curb line creates a safety hazard for pedestrians and motor vehicle traffic. In addition, young children should not be encouraged to play basketball in the public roadway. During the fall and winter seasons, portable basketball stands also impede the Public Works Department from clearing leaves and snow from along the curb line. Section 133-34 of the Towamencin Township Code prohibits any objects or obstructions from being placed within the boundaries of the public street or right of way. Therefore, if you have a portable basketball stand or

other object located within the public right of way, please relocate it to your driveway and away from the curb line.

It is the responsibility of all property owners within Towamencin Township to cut all weeds and grass to keep them from growing to a height exceeding 12 inches. Any weeds or lawn areas exceeding 12 inches is considered a nuisance and may result in violation notices and/or citations by the Township. This does not apply to riparian corridor buffers, wetlands, woodlands, floodplains, steep slopes, detention or retention basins, and open space deemed a meadow by the Township.



Emergency Management Tips: Outside Hazards

As we move from winter to spring and summer, thoughts of being out of the house, outdoor grilling, and working in the yard take the forefront.

Please remember, with the change of seasons also comes the threat of hurricanes, thunderstorms, and potential flooding.

Be mindful of and remember the following:

Lightning

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.
- Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.

Grilling

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.
- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill is open before lighting it.
- If you have a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Emergency Operations Committee is still looking for volunteers. If you have the time and are interested in getting involved in helping your neighbors, please forward a Letter of Interest with a short resume to Rob Ford Township Manager, at rford@towamencin.org.

Towamencin Community Day



Date: Saturday, May 14, 2016
Time: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Fischer's Park
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Township is excited for our annual Towamencin Community Day! Come out and enjoy our beautiful Fischer's Park! Last year we had 100 food vendors, information booths, and vendor booths. The event was a huge success with over 1000 attendees! We are bringing back live music, food

court, Inflatables by A+ Jump, Police/Fire Activities, Face Painting/Balloon Animals, free petting zoo/pony rides, magician, games and much more!

This is a great opportunity to enjoy the park and festivities with your family and feel free to bring your pets!

You can retrieve vendor and food vendor forms at www.towamencin.org.

12:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony
 National Anthem & Color Guard

12:00 p.m. - 1 p.m.
 Montgomery County Concert Band

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Babylon School of Dance

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Montgomery County Jazz Band

Movie in the Park:

Date: Sunday July 10, 2016
Time: 8 p.m. (Starts at Dusk)
Where: Fischer's Park
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Bring your blankets and lounge chairs out to Fischer's Park and enjoy a movie under the stars!! The movies are free to all and free popcorn and drinks will be served. Candy will be sold.



Join Us For Our Fall/Winter Events:

November 19th Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run

December 3rd: Holiday Lights Festival

Special Events are Sponsored By:



The Robert Eric Band (Billy Joel Tribute)

New
Event!!



Date: Thursday, July 14th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Come out to Fischer's Park to enjoy "Philly's Piano Man"! Don't miss Robert Eric and his band's recreation of the live Billy Joel experience! The band has opened for Billy Joel twice at the Wachovia Center. Bring blankets and chairs. The concerts are free to the public. Food will be sold.

Real Diamond Concert (Neil Diamond Tribute)

New
Event!!



Date: Thursday, July 21st

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Come out to Fischer's Park to enjoy the super popular Neil Diamond cover band! Real Diamond is a professional band dedicated to the faithful re-creation of the live Neil Diamond experience. They are obsessively passionate about providing you and your audience the finest Neil Diamond show, short of having the man there himself. Curt DiDomizio fronts the band with a chillingly realistic Neil Diamond interpretation. Your audience will be amazed! Bring blankets and chairs. The concerts are free to the public. Food will be sold.

Towamencin Township Offers Discount Tickets: Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Elmwood Park Zoo, Hershey Park, Knoebels, Longwood Gardens, Morey's Piers, PA Renaissance Faire, Philadelphia Zoo, and Six Flags Great Adventure. Please visit www.towamencin.org for more information.

The Mango Men Concert



Date: Thursday, July 28th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Township is beyond excited to welcome back the very popular Mango Men to Fischer's Park! Bring family and friends of all ages to come and enjoy great music and food by Pots and Pans Mobile Catering. Make sure to bring blankets and chairs. The event is free to the public.

Movie in the Park:

Date: Sunday August 7, 2016

Time: 8 p.m. (Starts at Dusk)

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd.
Lansdale, PA 19446

The Philadelphia Funk Authority

Date: Thursday, August 4th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fischer's Park

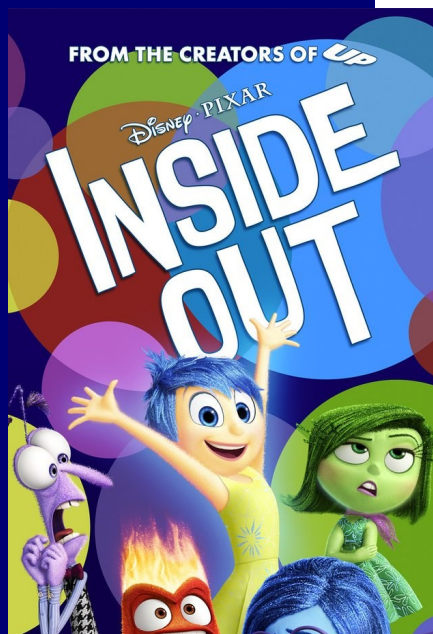
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446\

New
Event!!

Come out for a great night, ready to dance to your favorite songs! Word is out! The award winning Philadelphia Funk Authority is the BEST dance and party band in Philly and quite possibly the entire universe! Bring blankets and chairs out to Fischer's Park. Food will be sold.



Bring your blankets and lounge chairs out to Fischer's Park and enjoy a movie under the stars!! The movies are free to all and free popcorn and drinks will be served. Candy will be sold.



Cool Eats Snack Shop at Towamencin Pool



The McCoy Family and staff of Cool Eats Snack Shop are excited to return to Towamencin Pool this summer. We will be offering our huge menu at great prices, plenty of treats and friendly faces to greet our customers. We accept Visa and MasterCard for your convenience. This year we are pleased to host two Family Fun Days, complete with

Family Fun Pool Days

Sunday June 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday July 10th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



D.J, inflatable water slide and lots of giveaways. Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, June 12th and Sunday, July 10th. The party will start at 2:00 p.m. and go until 5:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing everyone for another great Summer.

Go Dolphins!!!

Come out and join us for the Family Fun Days at the Towamencin Pool sponsored by Cool Eats Snack Shop. Enjoy our full service snack bar, giant inflatable water slide, D.J., games and prizes. A fun filled day for the whole family not to be missed.

These events are free to members. Non-members and non-residents pay the regular daily admission to the pool.



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
Keystone Properties



Dear Towamencin Township Homeowners;

Thank you to all the Towamencin Twp. Homeowners, that I helped buy or sell a home in 2015. This past year we saw home values rise about 2.5% in Towamencin and 2016 could very well be even stronger! Using the latest marketing tools, such as Virtual Home Tours & Aerial Home Tours, helps me to get the proper exposure your home deserves.

If you are thinking of selling your home or need help in buying your next home, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I have 24 years experience selling homes in Towamencin, and have personally sold 160 homes in the Township.

Thank you,
Ted Miller
Broker/Owner

Your
Towamencin
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Towamencin Pool Information

Opening Day is May 28, 2016. Registrations are accepted at the Township Building, after May 27th registration will also be accepted at the Pool. Registrations are also accepted online at www.towamencin.org.

Early Bird Discount until April 30th: Save \$10 on Family Memberships and \$5 on Individual Membership



What we offer

- 8 lane Competition Pool with 2 diving boards
- Bath house with family changing rooms
- 1 Baby pool with zero depth entry with mushroom Fountain
- 1 Leisure pool with zero depth entry, water slide, spray fountains, tumbling water buckets, and mushroom fountains
- Covered picnic pavilion available to rent for private parties, birthdays, reunions, and more!
- Concession stand for refreshments
- Swim lessons (for all ages)

Swim Team Fee's and Registration

Early registration for returning members will be available online and by mail. Information on registration, fees, and forms are available on our website www.towamencinwimteam.org.






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Towamencin Community Sponsorship 2016

Bronze Sponsorship:

Picket sign that will be displayed at the two **Movies in the Park**

Free attendance at these two events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials.

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays before the movies start.

Silver Sponsorship:

Picket sign that will be displayed at the two **Movies in the Park and four Concerts.**

Free attendance at these 6 events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays before the movies start.

Notation from the band at the beginning of the concert.

Gold Sponsorship:

Picket sign with your company's logo will be displayed at **ALL Towamencin Community Events.**

Free attendance to all events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials.

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays prior to the movies.

Notation from the band prior to the start of the concert.

Company logo printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5K.

You will get a 5% discount on whatever ad size you pick for the newsletters!!

Platinum Sponsorship:

4' X 12' banner will be displayed at **ALL Towamencin Community Events.**

Free attendance to all events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials.

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays prior to the movies.

Notation from the band prior to the start of the concert.

Company logo will be printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5k.

This exclusive membership will include your company **name/logo on our website** under each event and **in the press releases/Facebook posts** we send to all the local advertising establishments.

You will get a 10% discount on whatever ad size you pick for the newsletters





community partnership program

- Platinum (\$2,500)

- Gold (\$1,000)

- Silver (\$500)

- Bronze (\$250)

- Ball Park Sign Bustard Road (\$335 or \$160 for returning participants)

- Ball Park Sign Butch Clemens Park (\$435 or \$260 for returning participants)

- Non-Monetary _____

- 1/8 Page Newsletter Ad for 2016 Fall Edition (\$220)
- 1/4 Page Newsletter Ad for 2016 Fall Edition (\$350)
- 1/2 Page Newsletter Ad for 2016 Fall Edition (\$670)
- Full Page Newsletter Ad for 2016 Fall Edition (\$1080)

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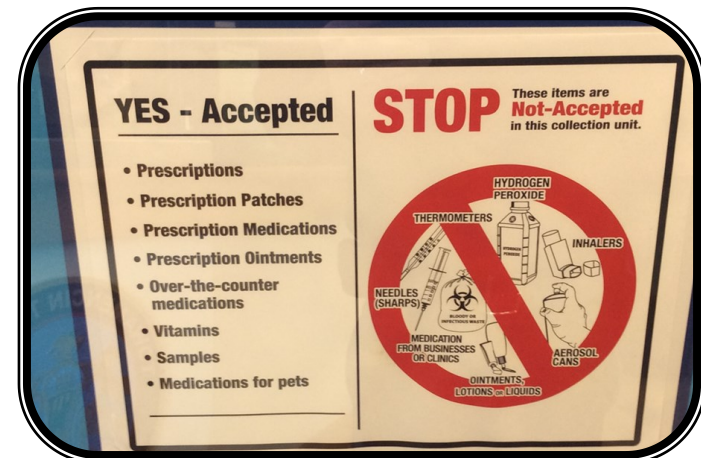
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Please Make Checks Payable to Towamencin Township. You can email, mail, or fax forms along with payment to: Towamencin Parks and Recreation, PO Box 303, Kulpsville, PA 19443. Phone: 215-368-7602 Fax: 215-368-7650 events@towamencin.org

Police Acquire Rx Medicine Return Drop Box



Please properly dispose of your unwanted/unused medications. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, prescription and over-the-counter drugs are the second most common substances abused by persons aged 14 and older. The first step to protecting your loved ones is an easy one. A medicine drop box has been placed in the lobby of the Towamencin Police Station, just open the front hatch and drop them in. The police lobby is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

IRS Scams on the Increase

Phone scams are on the rise and happening daily throughout the township. One of the most common types is the IRS Scam where the caller identifies themselves as representing the IRS. We also had reports of callers identifying themselves as the U.S. Treasury Department, as well as other government agencies. The IRS offers some advice that is wise for any similar type scam attempt.

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Chief of Police:

Chief Paul T. (Tim) Dickinson

Non-Emergency: 215-368-7600

Administration: 215-368-7606

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IRS warns of phone scam
targeting taxpayers
around the country,
including recent immigrants

Don't be a victim

Scammers prey on victims by saying they owe the IRS money. They insist victims pay immediately through a pre-loaded credit card or wire transfer to avoid arrest, deportation or suspension of a driver's or business license.

Remember:

- 1** The IRS never asks for a credit card number over the phone or requests the use of a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer.
- 2** The IRS never initiates contact with taxpayers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information.
- 3** The IRS never asks for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.
- 4** The IRS never discusses the possibility of arrest from the police department, any license revocation or deportation because that is not under its authority.

**Get details about this scam and how to report it
@ www.irs.gov**

Towamencin Police Benevolent Association

The Towamencin Police Benevolent Association (TPBA) wants to thank all the residents and business owners that stopped by the station during the Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday season. We appreciate the on-going support for the officers and department. We are accepting applications for the Joseph Vito Bacino Scholarship for 2016.



Joe was a long time Towamencin Police Officer. We honor Joe's memory and dedication to the community in awarding this annual scholarship. Any resident, business owner or Towamencin worker with a senior student (AGE 16-19) looking to pursue a college degree in criminal justice, medicine, military service or public service is eligible for the award. Please contact us ASAP for information about the process to apply. Awards and amounts are based on the overall annual applicant totals.



We (TPBA) wish to invite the community to our sponsored events scheduled for 2016. Please check out the Towamencin Police Benevolent Association Facebook page for more information or contact us at TPBAINFO@gmail.com.

Towamencin Police Benevolent Association Events

March 19, 2016

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Location TBA

October 2016 (Date-TBA)

Custom and Vintage Auto Show, Kulpsville

October 22, 2016

Five-O 5k Run & Walk, Mainland Golf Course

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company



During the last several months of 2015, Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) had several opportunities to interact directly with the residents of our community. In October, we conducted Fire Prevention Week activities and hosted our Open House

at the Bustard Road Station. We assisted several other neighboring fire companies in their fire prevention open house activities as well, demonstrating teamwork in firefighting and rescue skills at each. In November, we had TVFC members and their families

actively working to create and build a float (all in their spare time) for our participation in the Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade to represent Towamencin Township. This family activity allowed the members and their families to participate together in creating the float and to enjoy time together riding in the parade as part of TVFC in a non-emergency environment. We began December with our TVFC Ladies Auxiliary hosting Pictures with Santa Day at our Bustard Road Station. Thanks to you, we had a fantastic turnout for this event. While the great weather sure was a help, your support of our efforts is what made this day a success. It is very

much appreciated. Later in December, the TVFC family once again manned the trucks for our annual Santa Run throughout the township; an event which is looked forward to each year, not only by the residents of Towamencin, but by our members and their families as well. When you add to the above activities, the fire alarms, trainings, meetings and prep work for 2016, you can see your volunteer fire company ended 2015 extremely busy. It was our pleasure serving this community in 2015.

Firehouse Flicks:

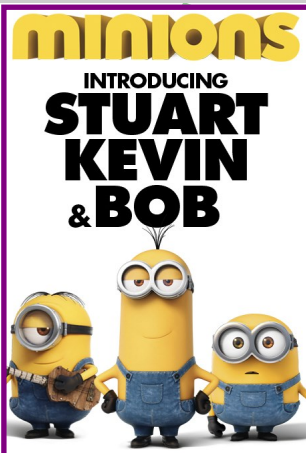
Date: Friday, March 18

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Main Station
(Bustard Rd.)

Price: \$5 per person, includes popcorn.

Bring blankets for seating.



As with any organization, there are many positives to reflect back on from 2015 and some concerns and sadness as well.

On the positive side for TVFC in 2015, we: 1) completed a refresh and upgrade to our company SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, or air packs) to stay current with standards and provide the utmost safety to our firefighters, putting the new SCBA

units in service before year end of 2015; 2) placed an order for a new fire truck to replace our oldest pumper which is over 20 years old, with delivery of the new truck expected in mid to late 2016; 3) had recognition on September 30 of TVFC Firefighter Bob Stratton along with Harleysville EMS Paramedic Nicole Smith, who were presented with the National Liberty Museum Award for Valor in Philadelphia for actions taken on May 27, 2014 while on a TVFC rescue incident, both making the initial and most critical "Life Saving" decisions then taking the actions needed that helped this incident remain a "rescue" effort versus a recovery effort, thus saving a life that day. This recognition was a

proud moment for Bob but also for the entire TVFC organization and for Towamencin Township.

Our concerns, while minimal but important, for us to reflect on are: 1) for firefighting member Jason Adams, who was deployed to United Arab Emirates for a 6 month tour of duty. We are proud of Jason and his commitment to serve his country as he has this community and look ahead to his safe return some time in 2016; 2) for the increasing challenges which TVFC and surrounding fire companies face in strengthening volunteer membership size to respond to the increased number of alarms in the township and surrounding communities, especially for day time incident response. Additional volunteers are sorely needed by TVFC and all other companies in the area to aid in responsiveness.

Finally, we were saddened over the loss, from illness in late December of two long time TVFC members, Richard (Dick) Foote and Gordon (Gordie) Alderfer. Both Dick and Gordie were 50 plus year life members of TVFC, with Dick still remaining active with the fire police unit. Their service and commitment throughout the years helped shape TVFC as an organization. We thank their families for their support of them in their many years of service to TVFC.



Vehicle Rescue Training

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company

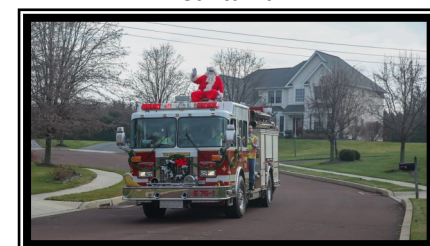
TVFC is well under way and running in 2016. Our Annual Fund Drive was once again a success in 2015 thanks to the residents and business' of Towamencin. In March we will begin the 2016 fund drive. The company has identified several projects related to building maintenance and modernization to begin planning for. In addition, the new truck will be delivered later this year, a major expense item for the company. Your support of the fund drive and our various fund raising events is essential to our ability in maintaining the equipment and safety of our firefighters, as well as the facilities of TVFC. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your fire department.

TVFC remains a 100 percent volunteer organization for 2016. As noted earlier in this message, adding to our core of volunteers, as firefighters, fire police, ladies auxiliary members to handle the 400 plus calls that we anticipate in 2016 is very much needed. Being an all vol-

unteer organization, we recognize the challenge everyone faces with time availability and in balancing family, work and community service in the active lives of today's world. Volunteering as a member of TVFC is an honor and personally gratifying and provides a necessary service in supporting our community way of life. We ask you to consider what you can give, day or night or both, to answer the call as a volunteer for TVFC. We welcome you to come out and talk to us about membership in TVFC any Thursday night at the main station or call the general fire house number and leave a message for the chief to contact you. You must be 16 years of age, in good health and be able to drive to respond to the firehouse for an alarm. Firefighters or fire police can be either male or female. We are a team of members all of differing ages, abilities and skills working together to serve this community at the highest level possible. Give consideration to joining us in 2016.

“Consider renting TVFC Banquet Hall for your next event.”
Call 215-362-2776, ext. 309 and leave a message for more information.

Santa Run



Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company Events

March 11	Vera Bradley Bingo	Main Station (Bustard Rd.)	6:00-8:00pm \$25 at door (Pre-ticket purchase March 5 & 12 at main station, \$20)
March 18	Movie Night Minions	Main Station (Bustard Rd.)	7:00pm doors open 6:30pm (\$5 admission with free popcorn)
March 19	Easter Egg Hunt	Firehouse Park (Bustard Rd.) w/Police Department	Watch signs for time
March 19	Pancake Breakfast	Main Station (Bustard Rd.)	7:30am-9:30am
May	Mother's Day Flower & Hoagie sale & Car Wash	Snyder Rd. Station	Time to Be Announced
June	Home Run Derby	Fischer's Park	Day and Time TBA
September 10	Chicken BBQ	Main Station (Bustard Rd.)	3:00-7:00pm(or sold out) (Take-out only/drive thru pick up or walk up)
September 23	Bingo (type TBD)	Main Station (Bustard Rd.)	6:00-8:00 PM
October 2-8	Fire Prevention Week		

Towamencin Youth Association Baseball

Towamencin Baseball – Recap of Fall 2015 / Preparations for 2016

The Towamencin Baseball program, operating under the umbrella of Towamencin Youth Association (TYA), sponsors baseball programs for young men from ages 5-39 in the spring, summer and fall. 2015 was another successful season for our program, highlighted by District Championships for our 9U and 10U Cal Ripken Teams and a Second Place finish in the Connie Mack State Tournament for our Connie Mack A Team.

Fall Season

In Fall 2015, Towamencin Baseball had over 170 players participating in various Fall baseball leagues, learning new skills, trying out new positions, and refining their skills under game conditions.



Inter-Community Fall League Highlights

Towamencin participates along with Whippain Recreation Association and Montgomery Township Baseball in an Inter-Community Fall League, which sponsors play in 3 divisions: the A League (ages 6-8) is instructional in nature, with an emphasis on teaching the boys to pitch off of the mound, while the AA (ages 8-10) and AAA Leagues (ages 10-11) balance instruction with competition. Our boys had fun, competed hard, and prepared themselves for the upcoming spring season.

Fall Connie Mack Highlights

Our Fall Connie Mack program (ages 12-15) competes in the Bux-Mont Fall League of Pennsylvania Connie Mack Baseball. For Fall 2015, we had 54 players registered competing on 5 teams.

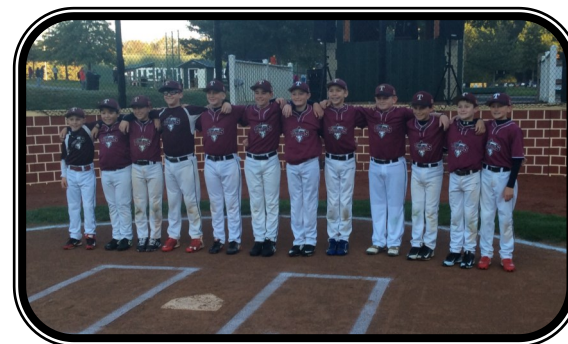
C Teams (2) — Coaches Ed Murphy and John Walton — These 12-year-olds transitioned and gained solid experience playing on a full-sized Major League field.

B Teams (2) — Coaches Steven Berry and Doug Kile — Both teams (ages 13-14) found themselves competing with much older players with impressive results: Berry's crew finished 7-4, while Kile's team racked up an 8-4 record.

A Team — Coach Joe Drelick — This team finished strong at 7-4, and every game seemed to be hotly contested, making for a memorable season.

Winter Workouts

Winter workouts have gained increasing popularity over the past few years, as facilities have opened to host indoor training. A local favorite for our program is Head First Baseball and Softball Academy in Hatfield, where we hold early season evaluations, and numerous TYA players take hitting and fielding instruction and participate in team workouts in the off-season.





Fall Travel Season Highlights

9U — Coach Rob Corcoran — With no travel league and few tournaments for boys this age, this team played games against other travel teams in the area with a focus on skill development and learning the game.

10U — Coach Marty Wetzel — Played a combination of scrimmages and tournaments, taking third place in each of two tournaments and finishing with a successful record of 10-3.

11UA — Coach Joe Picozzi — Played 12 games with an impressive 10-2 record, concluding their season at the Ripken Columbus Day Tournament in Aberdeen, MD.

11UB — Coach Drew Mangine — Challenged teams from our surrounding area, with a focus on learning to play on the larger 50-70 field with leads and pick-offs. The team finished with a solid 6-6 record.

12U — Coach Dan Marett — Having participated in the Suburban Fall Travel League playing games every weekend against other travel teams from the area, this team will be working throughout the winter to prepare for their end of Summer tournament in Cooperstown, NY.



Join Us for TYA Day at the Phillies Saturday, May 14th

(7:05pm game vs. Cincinnati Reds)

For the past several years, the Phillies have hosted our baseball program at a game at Citizens Bank Park. Before

the game, the players may parade on the field in their uniforms, one of our players throws a ceremonial first pitch, and several usually accompany the Phanatic on the Phillies dugout during the 7th inning. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year, and you do not have to be a member of TYA to participate. Head down early to tailgate and make a day of it! **For tickets, please contact Mike Hoy at: hoy.michael49@gmail.com.**

2016 Registration

We look forward to another year of fun, skill development, and competition on the diamond. **If you have not yet registered, it may not be too late. Send us an e-mail and we may be able to find a spot for your son — especially if he is 8 years old or younger.** For more information, email us at tyabaseball@hotmail.com or visit tyasports.org/baseball.

Save the Date

Opening Day 2016 — Saturday, April 9

All-Star Day — Sunday, May 15

Towamencin Youth Association Soccer



Join the Towamencin Soccer Club and Discover How Exciting Youth Soccer Can Be!

Can you guess what is the largest youth sports organization in the United States today?

If you guessed baseball – nope.

If you guessed basketball – sorry, wrong answer.

And if you guessed football – not even close.

The answer is Youth Soccer.

Youth soccer started back in 1974 with slightly over 100,000 registered players. Today, youth soccer boasts over 3,000,000 players, male and female, ages 5 to 19, in every part of the country. In fact, US Soccer reported a 9 percent increase in membership in 2014 alone, indicative of the increasing popularity of the sport.

(Of course, you can't downplay the excitement generated by the 2014 FIFA World Cup, and the spectacular grand finale of the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015, as the Stars and Stripes swamped the defending champion Japan 5-2. Go Carli Lloyd!)

The Towamencin Soccer Club – *your local sports organization* – has been experiencing its own soccer “frenzy” over the last few years. The club witnessed a 10 percent increase in membership last year, on top of a 10 percent increase the preceding year. From our perspective, this growth signals more than just popularity in youth soccer. It highlights the outstanding value, the dedication, and the continuing commitment of our soccer players, their families and all our coaches and volunteers.



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“TSC represents a family-oriented, community-based soccer program that strives to provide top-quality professional training, dedicated coaches and volunteers, amid an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie,” said Jeff Hill, Director of TSC Soccer. “Our goal is to help boys and girls of all ages and levels to understand the game of soccer, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, and improve their individual skills and abilities.”

But don't take our word on it. Sign up for one (or more) of these programs, and talk to our players, our parents and families, our coaches and volunteers. You'll quickly find out why TSC is the fastest growing soccer club in the area.



TOWAMENCIN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

This year is gearing up to be another exciting and activity-filled period. Here's just a small sampling of what the club has in store for 2016:

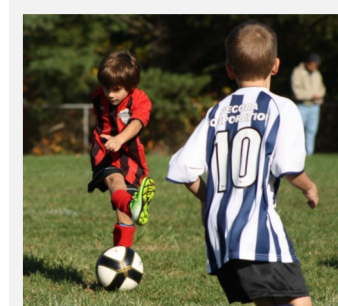
Spring Training Program: A seven-week program featuring professional soccer training AND game play for ages U7 up to U14. A total of 90 minutes each week designed to help soccer players improve their soccer skills and become more proficient with teamwork. The program runs April 4 through May 16. Starting February 8, you can register your son or daughter using this link: <http://towamencinyouthassociation.siplay.com/site/>

Professional Fitness Training: Our "Intensity" fitness program sounds ominous but it helped over 60+ soccer players last year from ages U6 to U18 improve physical fitness, gain strength, and boost endurance and stamina. This 6-week program will feature both individual and group activities with the ultimate goal of making each soccer player better, faster and more agile. The program will run late spring thru early summer. Look for upcoming details on our website: www.tyasports.com.

Philadelphia Union Day: With our partnership with the Philadelphia Union, Philly's own professional soccer team, TSC holds a special evening event for our club members that includes Union inflatables, food, raffles and giveaways. There is also a special appearance from one of the Union athletes who meets with our players and their families, signs autographs and poses for pictures. Last year, it was Union Team Captain Brian Carroll. *Who will it be this year?*

Intramural Soccer Program: Over 600 soccer players, from ages U5 all the way up to U15, participated in our Intramural and RecSelect programs last year – and had a ball! (*We also had a U19 Girls RecSelect team compete in 2015.*) Running from late summer through early fall, our IM program hosts terrific opportunities for specialized individual and team training, as well as outstanding game play.

Travel Soccer Tryouts: The 2016 travel season doesn't officially start until the fall. But beginning in April, all of our travel soccer teams will begin holding tryouts for new and returning players. It's a wonderful opportunity to play in a more competitive arena. And if you're wondering just how competitive our teams are, consider this fact: **4 out of our 10 travel teams won their divisions last year.** Several teams took second place in their leagues as well. Of course, we expect to increase those winning numbers this year.



If you would like to be added to the TSC mailing list, just send a note to Bill Sinn, Director of Communications with TSC, at billsinn@verizon.net.

2016 Registration

Registration for all TSC intramural and travel players will open on March 14. Use this link to register: <http://towamencinyouthassociation.siplay.com/site/> If you're not familiar with our program or haven't registered before, sign up and join us. You'll find out just how fun and exciting youth soccer can be.

Got questions? You can contact these individuals directly via their email addresses:

Jeff Hill (Director of Soccer): hej4242@aol.com

Ray Sweeney (Soccer Registrar): tyasoccerregistrar@gmail.com

David Mumford (Intramural Director): davidjmumford@comcast.net

Charlie Bernitt (Travel Director): cc27jb@aol.com

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Morgan Log House Spring Events



April 2nd --- Dusty Attic & Creepy Cellar Open House We reopen for the 2016 Season with our Open House focusing on the restoration of the Morgan Log House. Visitors will be allowed to walk up into our attic and climb down to the basement- areas regularly off-limits. Walk through the Log House and see what the rooms looked like prior to the house being saved from demolition.

April 16th --- Chocolate Workshop In partnership with Asher's Chocolates, we are hosting a completely hands-on chocolate workshop that will satisfy all your senses! Historic Foodways expert, Deborah Peterson, will instruct participants in making three dishes from period recipes featuring chocolate as it was imported into colonial America. Workshop fee is \$10 per person, registration required. Deadline is 4/13. Open to ages 10yrs and up. Call 215-368-2480 to register.

April 24th --- Children's Bird House Workshop Celebrate Earth Day and join us for a Children's Bird House Workshop and make a special home for our little flying friends, for children 8yrs through 14yrs. Parents are encouraged to participate. Participants will also learn about the birds of our area, types of houses they live in, and the food they eat. Registration is required, space limited. Workshop will be held at Historic Morgan Log House.



May 6th --- Old Mother Goose Mother's Day Picnic Celebrate Mom with a wonderful program! Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the storytelling, hands-on activities, and light refreshments as we welcome our very special guest for the day, Old Mother Goose, and honor Mom on this day. Program is FREE and is Rain or Shine.

May 28th --- Military Might A day dedicated to the men and women who have fought for their country, beliefs, ideas, and futures. Reenactors covering the 18th, 19th, and 20th century campaigns will tell the story of how residents in this region, county, state, and nation played an important role in wars spanning the past 300 years. Presentations include: military and medical advancements, discussions on how the home-front was affected during war, home gardens usage, exhibits of over 700 artifacts including letters, diaries, journals, photographs, postcards and more. The event will highlight military encampments, clothing, equipment, drills, and artillery over the course of 300 years. Program is FREE.

MILITARY MIGHT

A day dedicated to the men and women who fought for country, beliefs, ideas and futures. Military reenactors and exhibits of 18th, 19th and 20th century conflicts join with Veterans to tell the story of residents in the region, county, state and nation and their experiences in wars spanning the past 300 years!

FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
10AM - 3PM

Morgan Log House
SETTLED 1708

850 Weikel Road ★ Lansdale, Pa 19446

Located in Towamencin Township, the Morgan Log House dates to the mid-1700s. This two-story house is a splendid example of early domestic architecture and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Guided tours, special programs & classes are offered year round. The Morgan Log House is part of the Welsh Valley Preservation Association.

Morgan Log House Summer Events

June 18th --- Colonial Game Day It's summer time, and we're celebrating in the old-fashioned style. Join 18th century re-enactors and crafters, both inside and outside of the Morgan Log House, in over a dozen period style games of chance, choice, wit, and skill. Family friendly and FREE of charge all day. Try period toys, games or buy your own in our Museum Shop.

July 15th & 16th --- Morgan Descendants Weekend The Morgan's were pinnacle in the settling of Towamencin Township in 1727, important in helping to found Gwynedd Quaker Meeting by 1712, and also were important in helping to settle early American through their grandson, Daniel



Boone's role. To honor to highlight the great role this fascinating family played locally, regionally, and nationally, we are hosting a Morgan Reunion Weekend July 16th-17th. Throughout the weekend we will be hosting onsite Welsh-heritage demonstrations and workshops, from cooking to Welsh language introduction we will bring the Morgan's heritage to life. We also are partnering with regional sites and organizations who will be offering special activities or tours for that weekend as well. Full details of the entire weekend's events both onsite and offsite will be up by Feb 1st. We will also have details on special lodging and dining offers for those in town for the Morgan Reunion Weekend. Keep checking back here for details OR email sdisantis@morganloghouse.org and ask to be placed on the email list for notifications about this weekend.

August 1st - 5th --- Time Travelers History Camp Campers will experience hands-on activities including: open hearth cooking, clothe pouches, lucettes, clay bowl making, candle making, butter making, ink making, quill pen writing, drop spinning, weaving, colonial games, Native American games, and much more! Campers will learn about the amazing journey colonists made to the New World; what the colonists found when they arrived; how they cleared the land and built their homes. We will also learn about the Native Americans who were already here and what they faced when colonists arrived and began to build their towns and villages. What was farm life like here at Morgan Log House? What chores did children do? What games did children play? How did colonists use plants, animals, and trees to keep them alive in this New World? Camp is open to children entering 3rd to 6th grades. Registration is required. Call 215-368-2480 for more information or visit www.MorganLogHouse.org.



September 16th --- Tavern Night Highly popular Tavern Night is back for it's 4th year! This one-of-a-kind evening fundraiser, the original in the area, features a fun filled, lively, and thirst quenching evening of craft beers, meads, ciders, wines, distilled spirits and food. We have amazing things "brewing" for this year so check back. Tickets go on sale June 1st. Period music, colonial beer brewing, distilling, cooking, after-hours museum tours, foods and drinks combine in this "happy hour" style event being held on the grounds of a 300 plus year old property. Fare includes eight period dishes and an assortment of beer, wine, mead, liquor tastings provided by the Culinary Arts Institute of Montgomery County Community College, Historic Rising Sun Inn Restaurant, Round Guys Brewing Company, Free Will Brewing Company, Kurant Cider, Haymaker Meadery, Asher's Chocolates, Boardroom Distilled Spirits, and Stone and Key Winery. Must be 21yrs or older.



Recreation & Special Events Advisory Committee



The Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers! The committee is a volunteer group appointed by the Board of Supervisors to aid the Special Events Facilitator in the planning and execution of the various programs of-

ferred to the residents of the Township. The members attend a meeting every other month in order to plan, suggest, and organize events for the Township. The volunteer members bring fresh ideas, creative solutions, head sub-

committees and aid in recruiting other volunteers for each event. We ask that each member attend at least four to five events throughout the year. Please contact events@towamencin.org for more information.

Volunteering is a great way to get involved and beef up your resume!!

Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee

The newest pavilion at Fischer's Park has yet to be named. The committee is looking for a name, which it would recommend to the Township, that would retain the theme of the other pavilions in the park and be related to structures that existed when Fischer's Park was a private recreation area operated by the Arneth Family. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the Township Manager, Robert Ford.

In 2015, improvements were made to the Township's Park Facilities. Among the improvements were the additions of outfield fencing at the ballfield and additional trees in open areas at the Butch Clemens Park. Additionally, through two grant programs from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("DCNR"), improvement were made at Fischer's Park including the installation of a fishing platform along Towamencin Creek and new play equipment and surfacing of the play-

grounds. One of the new play equipment pieces is in the form of a dinosaur skeleton which has been a big hit with youngsters. Stop by with your kids and take advantage of these new facilities if you haven't already.

The Township and the committee are looking for additional input from the community and participation on this committee. If you are interested, sit in on a meeting or two, provide your thoughts about the topics being discussed and maybe you'll be interested enough to become a member. The meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.



Environmental Advisory Committee



The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy is holding their annual Stream Clean-up on Saturday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m. Towamencin Township is part of the Perkiomen Watershed and the Towamencin Creek is a tributary of the Perkiomen Creek. The Stream Clean-up removes trash, scrap metal, tires and other debris from the streams in the watershed. Last year, 570 volunteers worked at 44 sites to remove 449 bags of trash, 102 tires and 2260 pounds of scrap metal. The Environmental Advisory Committee and Township residents participated in the Stream Clean-up in 2014 and 2015, working along the Towamencin Creek in Fischer's Park. Due to the great improve-

ment we saw from 2014 to 2015, the EAC is debating whether the site needs to be cleaned this year. Regardless of whether Towamencin Creek is included in the Stream Clean-up, we would like to encourage Township residents to participate in the Stream Clean-up. The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy will open online registration available shortly at www.perkiomenwatershed.org. If you know of a stream location in the Township that should be included in the Stream Clean-up, please notify the Township and we will pass this information along to the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy.

Welsh Valley Preservation Society Membership Form

Morgan Log House

Your membership fee is tax exempt to the fullest extent of the law and enables us to continue to provide excellent programming, workshops, lectures, and tours for visitors and school children year round. Without your support we would not be able to operate and educate the public on the history of Towamencin Township, Montgomery County, and the role they played in the creation of Pennsylvania. In these times of financial restrictions, take advantage of joining as a Member! You receive Free admission for all special event programming and tours. After one visit, a Family Membership already pays for itself!

With your annual membership, you receive:

- Free admission to tours and special programs offered that year
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- Discounted registration on Time Travelers History Camp
- 10% Discount in our gift shop
- 50% discount on all site workshops

Name: _____

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Check payments can be made to "*Welsh Valley Preservation Society.*"

Towamencin's Community Corner

Towamencin Township is a community of tradition and vision. This means we take great pride in recognizing the needs and achievements of our community. We are proud to feature the following stories as a testament to how our community is growing and changing in our fast paced world.

Montgomery County Norristown Public Library

Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library (MC-NPL) is a gateway to lifelong learning and provides convenient access to resources that inform, educate, entertain, and enrich people's lives.

As the area's District Library Center, MC-NPL serves municipalities, such as Towamencin, that don't have a library of their own. Our Bookmobile and Outreach Dept. is the mobile branch that takes the library experience far beyond the library's walls. Bookmobiles are the "boutique" libraries that visit Towamencin residents every week, alternating between stops at Freddy Hill Farms and Calvary Baptist Church. The Bookmobiles bring access to the library's fabulous collection right to your doorstep! You can view the complete Bookmobile schedule on our website, www.mc-npl.org.

In order to use services offered by our Bookmobiles residents must have a library card and **ALL** Montgomery County Residents can receive a library card for **FREE!** There is no minimum age to obtain a borrower's card but a parent or legal guardian must sign the registration form for a child under 18 years of age. To get your library card simply print and complete a registration form, which can be found on our website, then visit the Bookmobile with one of these acceptable forms of ID:

- Driver's License with current address
- Lease/Rental agreement
- Tax bill
- Utility bill with address – Phone, Gas, Electric or Water (dated in the last three months)
- Checking Account Statement with Property Address
- Pennsylvania photo ID card with current address

Can't make it to the Bookmobile stop? Towamencin residents have other options for taking advantage of all MC-NPL has to offer.

Books-By-Mail is a free-of-charge mail delivery service for residents of Montgomery County who are experiencing short or long-term convalescence, or are permanently housebound.

Patrons can order by type of material and title of choice. Contact Ginger Atkins, at MC-NPL's Bookmobile and Outreach Dept., to register for this program or to receive assistance in choosing material. She can be reached at 610-278-5100 ext. 7, or by email at GAtkins@mclinc.org.

For those who enjoy reading on a Kindle or prefer to listen to their books, you can download e-books and audio books directly from MC-NPL's website! This service also requires a library card, but once you have your card then downloading e-books and audio books is as easy as 1-2-3. We have a large collection to choose from, so visit our website today and pick out your next reading (or listening) adventure from OverDrive or OneClickDigital.

We hope you will choose to take advantage of all MC-NPL has to offer and we look forward to serving the residents of Towamencin, and all of Montgomery County, for generations to come. For more information visit www.mc-npl.org or call the library at 610-278-5100.



The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc.



Photo Credit: D. J. Beach

The 74% Initiative Event Participants a Women's Issue Event

The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity. It is a community foundation right here in our own backyard that provides donors from every walk of life an opportunity to make a critical impact on people and community through permanent endowment funds, with others donating vehicles.

The permanent endowment funds help to provide grants to nonprofits, support our community building projects and to provide for programs addressing women's issues, Trauma Training, and The Economics of Caregiving as examples.

In its role as a 'Catalyst for Community solutions', the Foundation identifies and facilitates the exploration of issues like homelessness, food needs, women's issues, arts and culture, nonprofit capacity building and others. The Foundation, in some instances, serves as fiscal sponsor for civic groups and others who have charitable goals but a less formal infrastructure.

The Foundation serves as fiscal sponsor for Your Way Home Montgomery County, a project to improve housing stability and economic security for those at risk of homelessness, and for Creative Montco a group dedicated to promoting the arts and cultural organizations of Montgomery County. In addition, the Founda-

tion serves as Fiscal sponsor for Advocates Against Hunger in Norristown and Montgomery County as well as other groups.

The Foundation helps donors to make the best use of their donations, and nonprofits to serve those most in need. It helps individuals, families and businesses to make donations in honor of loved ones, anniversaries, birthdays, holidays and other important occasions for a particular charitable cause. The Foundation may assist a donor in setting up their own fund to support a cause for which they are passionate. Please connect with the Foundation via 484-532-7387 or [ex-ecoffice@mcfoundationinc.org](mailto:ecoffice@mcfoundationinc.org) or the website www.mcfoundationinc.org.

Montgomery County's 4-H Experience

Head. Hands. Heart. Health. These four words form the cornerstones of a child's 4-H experience. 4-H is over 100 years old and is still around—changing with the times and continuing its purpose of positive youth development. In Montgomery County we have over twenty 4-H clubs that meet year round and teach kids life skills. From raising animals, to leadership and communication skills, following nationally reviewed curriculum that aligns with STEM Principals (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), are all instilled throughout 4-H. In addition to the monthly club meetings, there are other activities for 4-Hers such as field trips, opportunities to attend regional, state and national level events, community service projects and, of course, the annual 4-H Fair in August.

4-H offers short courses throughout the year from Veterinary Science to Toastmasters (public speaking course) to a new popular Agricultural Careers Class. The Ag Careers Class is for high school ages teens and will run from March 17th through May 5th. Contact the office for more information. 4-H also presents opportunities in the way of youth camps for members and nonmembers alike throughout the summer. We are still finalizing our camp schedule for this summer, but be on the lookout for animal science, cooking, archery, horse and Cloverbud Camps to name a few.

The Montgomery County 4-H Fair is held the second week of August at the 4-H Center in Creamery. Dates for the 2016 Fair are:

Thursday, August 11th – 4 pm-9 pm

Friday, August 12th – 9 am-9 pm

Saturday, August 13th – 9 am-4 pm



The 4-H Fair is a chance for the members to showcase all their hard work to their family, friends and the community. There are events and activities for people of all ages at the fair. Events include: livestock shows, demonstrations from the Seeing Eye Puppy Club, an alpaca obstacle course, equine gaming, a performance by the 4-H Equine Drill Team, a model rocket launch, kiddie tractor pulls, along with Parade of Horse Breeds, the Market Animal Sale, a pet show, a fashion revue and on-going quilting demos just to name a few. Entertainment by the 'The Daisy Jug Band' is always a fan favorite. In addition to all the scheduled events and activities, you can always walk through the barns and buildings to look at the animals and 4-H projects, enjoy some fair food including the World's Largest Sausage Patty, take a hay ride or pony ride, visit the vendor displays or stop by the huge fabric sale in the gym.

There are many open classes at the 4-H fair where Montgomery County residents (youth and adult categories) are encouraged to enter their own projects including gardening, sewing, cooking, crafts, art, photography and more. There is always a themed baking contest, as well. To check out a full list as well as all information fair related, please visit our website: extension.psu.edu/Montco4HFair. Watch for ongoing updates and a complete schedule of events.

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