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Another Action-packed Year in Towamencin

The Board of Supervisors is pleased to report that 2020 is shaping up to be another busy and productive year. The higher level of economic development activity that we saw in 2019 continues into 2020 with several Township projects that are in the planning stages and moving toward construction.

In January, Lidl grocery store, Freddy's Steakhouses and Frozen Custard, and The Landing at Towamencin (a personal & memory care facility) opened their doors. We welcome these businesses and wish them much success in Towamencin. Other development activity includes:

- Firestone Tire and Auto Service Center, adjacent to Freddy's, will begin construction shortly.
- Starbucks received conditional use approval for a store with a drive-thru at the corner of Sumneytown Pike and Towamencin Avenue, adjacent to the Marriott.
- Manley Storage received conditional use approval for an indoor only storage facility to be constructed on Franklin Street.
- PSDC has submitted architectural renderings for their renovation of the



rendering of future Starbucks restaurant

Towamencin Village Shopping Center.

▪ Core 5 has submitted plans for a 591,360 square foot warehouse facility on Wambold Road.

The Board recently approved the Village Main Street Ordinance covering approximately 21 acres bounded roughly by Forty Foot Road, Sumneytown Pike and Reiff Road. The intent of the ordinance is for various sectors to be developed with a mix of residential, office and retail space in accordance with a master plan, that would be part of a conditional use approval process.

Our two major projects for 2020 are the Forty Foot Road Widening Project and the installation of a pedestrian bridge at Fischer's Park. Final design and right-of-way acquisitions have been completed for the widening project that will eliminate the chokepoint at Forty Foot/Tomlinson/Heebner. The project's bidding will be this spring, with construction slated for later this year.

The pedestrian bridge over the creek in Fischer's Park will connect the park to an additional 29 acres of parkland on the other side of Kriebel Road. The project is expected to be under construction later this spring, with completion in August.

The Rittenhouse Road culvert replace-



PSDC concept rendering for the Towamencin Village Shopping Center

ment project is on schedule for completion in late spring. Prior to that, the Board of Supervisors will decide if Rittenhouse Road will re-open as one-way or two-way traffic.

Final design and permitting continues for the Kriebel Road trail extension from Trumbauer Road to Valley View Way with construction expected in 2021.

In closing, we hope you have the opportunity to come out to Fischer's Park this summer to enjoy our movie nights and summer concert series. Please note that Towamencin Day has been moved from May to September 19th this year to accommodate construction of the future pedestrian bridge.

To keep abreast of Towamencin news and events, please sign up to receive our weekly e-news at www.towamencin.org.

Chuck Wilson
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Voter Information for Primary Elections, April 28th

Important dates for the local primary elections for Montgomery County:

- Last day to REGISTER before the primary is **April 13th**
- **GENERAL PRIMARY - Tuesday, April 28th**

You can consult the County website to determine your registered polling location. The County voter information website is:

<https://www.montcopa.org/753/Voter-Services>

The website also has links to voter registration status, candidates running for office, volunteer opportunities and district maps.

Office Location:

Montgomery County Voter Services
One Montgomery Plaza, Suite 602,
425 Swede St. Norristown, PA 19401

Voter Registration Phone: 610-278-3280

Election Board Phone: 610-278-3275



Towamencin Township is PA State Representative District 61: Representative Liz Hanbidge

Towamencin Township is PA State Senate District 24: State Senator Bob Mensch

Towamencin Township is U.S. House of Representatives District 4: Congresswoman Madeleine Dean

Towamencin Township U.S. Senators: Senator Bob Casey and Senator Pat Toomey

A Pedestrian Bridge is Coming to Fischer's Park

In 1989, Towamencin Township purchased the 57-acre Fischer's Park property, south of Towamencin Creek. Over the years, improvements were made to the pavilions, the addition of an entertainment center, trails and playgrounds for kids, among other things. Fischer's Park hosts most Township events, such as, Towamencin Day, the Turkey Trot 5K, movie nights, concerts and our Holiday Lights Festival.

In 1996, the Township purchased the 23-acre Arneth Farmstead on the north side of the Towamencin Creek, combining it with the first property, becoming what we know as Fischer's Park today.

Many residents are unaware that the property on the north side of the creek is a part of the park, likely because it is not easily accessible from the larger, more popular pavilion and recreation areas, and is locat-



ed on the other side of the creek. This is about to change!

This summer, a 95-foot long pedestrian bridge will be constructed across the creek, providing a direct connection to the two sections of the park. The bridge will be located just downstream of the dam, will be 8 feet wide and about 10 feet above the stream bed. It will connect with existing trails along the south side of the creek near the Creekside Pavilion and Kriebel Road on the north side. Eventually, another trail will

be created along Kriebel Road, connecting with the bridge trail at their intersection.

One immediate benefit with the bridge addition will be an opportunity to create additional parking across the creek for use during large Township events. Such events have a limited parking capacity within the lower park. The plan is to incorporate a new parking lot just a short walk over the bridge. The parking area will likely be modest to start, but will evolve in size and scope.

Construction at the creek will begin this summer. The bridge should be completed and ready for residents to use this fall, where they can enjoy the park's autumn colors and the calming sounds of the water flowing over the dam, while crossing over the creek.

Tax Collector Update & Taxpayer Tips

Last August, I announced that we moved out of our former office at 1553 Gehman Road. Fortunately, the Township allowed us to use space in the Municipal Complex through the end of 2019. I am currently working on a new location for collecting school taxes, which will be mailed on July 1st.

As elected officials, it is incumbent upon us to help all those in need, from all age groups, and to encourage others to do the same. My office serves just over 6,500 parcels, encompassing a wide variety of ages. I welcome the questions that come my way, and if I can't answer it, I most likely know the people who can. It's the most rewarding part of the job. Most questions are about real estate taxes, and I'd like to offer a few helpful tips for taxpayers. Please keep these items in mind when you purchase a property in Towamencin Township:

- Ask your closing agent to process the change of ownership and mailing address as soon as possible so that we can update our records and know where to send the

next tax bill.

- Call my office if you don't get your County & Township bill by the end of March, or if you don't receive your School tax bill by the end of July.

- If your new purchase is going to be your primary residence, ask your closing agent to help process the Homestead Exemption right away. You can save money in taxes for the Township and the School District.

- Check out Pennsylvania's Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Qualified homeowners can receive as much as \$650 (\$975 for special cases). The application deadline is June 20th. The North Penn School District offers a 25 percent additional rebate if applied for before the deadline. Ask your tax preparer to help you with the application or check it out online at revenue.pa.gov. You may also visit my website at www.robertdidomizio.com and click on the link to take you to the PA tax/rent rebate site.

Robert A. Di Domizio Jr.
Certified Pennsylvania Tax Collector



New Tax & Sewer Dropbox

Residents and business owners should have received their 2020 Township/County tax and sewer bills. These two bills come folded in one mailer. If you did not receive a bill, you should contact the Township Office at 215-368-7602, so staff can confirm your mailing address and reissue.

Univest Bank no longer accepts County, Township Taxes and sewer bill payments. For your convenience, a new payment drop box - intended for only Township/County tax and sewer bills - has been added outside the Administration Building of the Municipal Complex, located at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446. Payments can also be mailed to our post office box or made via our payment webpage, see below.

Towamencin Township
P. O. Box 303
Kulpsville PA 19443

www.towamencin.org/onlinepayments.html

Tax bills will not be mailed to mortgage companies; property owners should forward only the tax portion of the bill to their mortgage company if their taxes are escrowed. Mortgage companies will not pay sewer bills so do not mail the sewer portion to them.

Community Development Updates

- Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers is now open, located behind the Chick-fil-A at 200 Forty Foot Road. Freddy's offers burgers, hotdogs, sandwiches and several options of their frozen custard.

- Firestone Complete Auto Care is also being developed at this site and is expected to open later this year.

- Lidl Supermarket is now open at 1150 Welsh Road (former Acme). According to Lansdale Store Manager Jack Barboza, "Lidl is bringing high quality groceries at low prices to the community."

- The Landing of Towamencin at 900 Towamencin Avenue is now open! The Landing of Towamencin offers spacious studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom personal care apartments as well as private and neighbor suites licensed for memory care.

- Wambold Realty has opened a 52,200 square-foot public storage facility, located at 531 Wambold Road.

- PSDC has obtained approval to add a residential sector to the Entertainment and Lifestyle Overlay District for the property located at Allentown and Forty Foot Roads. The residential portion will allow for Housing for the Elderly and Age-Qualified Independent Residential Community uses.

- PSDC has obtained approval of a Main Street Overlay district to allow for residential uses for their properties located in the vicinities of Forty Foot Road, Sumneytown Pike and Reiff Road.

- Core5 Warehouse Project – Core5 Industrial Partners has submitted a Land Development application for a 591,360 square-foot warehouse facility on Wambold Road, at Allentown Road.



Lidl staff & Township representatives gather for grand opening on Jan. 29th

Montgomery County Recycling Events Summary

Tire Collections Events (9 am – Noon)

Saturday, May 30th

Green Lane Park (Morrow Pavilion)
2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane

Saturday, May 9th

Montgomery County Community College
340 DeKalb Pike, enter at 1313 Morris Road, Blue Bell

Saturday, June 27th

West Montgomery Career & Technology Center
77 Graterford Road, Limerick

**Contact info: MontcoPARecycles.org
recycling line at 610-278-3618
email at recycling@montcopa.org**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events (9 am – 3 pm)

Saturday, April 25

Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Rd, Gilbertsville

Saturday, May 2

Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Ave, Harleysville

Saturday, May 16

Temple Ambler Campus
1431 E Butler Pike, Ambler

Saturday, June 13

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 20

Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, September 26

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

Sunday, October 25

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Ave. Penn Valley

Electronics Recycling Day - June 20, 2020

Towamencin Township is proud to offer our residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle their obsolete electronics. Our event will be held at North Penn High School, from 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

**North Penn High School
1340 Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale**

This service is available to all Towamencin Township 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 or large appliances will be accepted. All data media will be destroyed or wiped!

Accepted Items Include:

Laptops, computers, peripherals, typewriters, mice, telephones, printers, fax machines, cameras, keyboards, cell phones, small appliances, calculators

Items with fees: \$30 per TV or computer monitor, \$10 per air conditioner, microwave or dehumidifier, \$100 per wooden console or projection TV



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HomeServices
Keystone Properties



Dear Towamencin Township Neighbor:

As households transition over the years, the time will come to decide on whether to stay and update our homes (kitchen, baths, roofs, windows etc.) or sell during this strong market and move onto the next chapter in life. Please don't hesitate to contact me for a no obligation consultation on the pros & cons of either option. I have helped over 800 families move in the area and can offer some guidance to help you make the best decision for your family.

There is currently a shortage of homes for sale and strong demand for housing in our area. 2020 looks to be another strong year in the Real Estate market.

Thank you,

Ted Miller
Realtor



Cell: 215-290-6106
Office : 215-855-1165 ext. 121
tedm@bhhkeystone.com
www.BHHSkeystone.com

Retrievr program collects residents' clothes/electronics

Residents of Montgomery County can now recycle clothing and electronic devices directly from their home. Montgomery County has partnered with Retrievr, formerly "Curb My Clutter," a service that allows residents to easily schedule the collection of clothing, other textiles and electronic devices via text. If you have clothing and electronics you no longer need, they'll come pick it up right from your doorstep, and then recycle it for you. Whether your item gets resold as-is or gets recycled for parts, their goal is to return value to unwanted items and ensure that the products of tomorrow are born from recycled material.

Retrievr will pick up the following:

- **Clothing** - All men's, women's, children's, and infant clothing including shirts, pants, shorts, dresses, skirts, blouses, sweaters, jackets, raincoats, overcoats, outerwear, sleepwear, swimsuits, T-shirts, undergarments, and formal wear.
- **Footwear** - shoes, boots, sandals, heels, slippers. Accessories: belts, hats, scarves, jewelry, ties, gloves, handbags,
- **Bedding** - comforter, sheets, pillow cases and blankets.
- **Household items** - curtains/draperies, Halloween costumes, cloth napkins, table cloths, towels.

Retrievr will also pick up the following electronic devices: computers, cell phones, hard drives, keyboards, mice, PC speakers, PC power supplies, printers, fax machines, stereo equipment, TVs, VCRs, CD players, and laptop and cell phone batteries.

Clothing (including your bedding, towels, and accessories) and small electronics devices for free. A convenience fee will only be charged for items that are particularly hard to collect. These fees can vary with your location, but typically include:

\$10 for each microwave

\$35 for each TV under 150 lbs and monitors that use a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT)

\$100 for each TV 150 lbs or more, such as those with wooden cabinets or rear-projection TVs



FAQ

When does the program go into effect?

Right now! Simply visit retrievr.com or text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824) and follow the guided scheduler to set a date.

What if I can't send text messages?

Call our number and leave a voicemail. Someone will contact you to schedule a pickup.

What items do you accept?

Visit [retrievr](http://retrievr.com) for a full list of accepted items.

Where should I leave my items?

You can leave your items on your porch, just outside your door, or just outside your garage.








What if I have items I don't want to leave outside, is that okay?

Yes! You might prefer to keep items like computers, phones, or tablets indoors until the driver arrives. When you schedule your pickup, you can ask **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.

Can I get a tax write off for items collected?

No. Just as your recycled paper, bottles and cans are not tax deductible, neither are recycled clothing and electronics.

HOW IT WORKS

-  **TEXT** "pickup" to 610-TEXT-CMC (610-839-8262)
-  **SNAP** photos of your items
-  **PICK** an appointment time that works for you
-  **BAG/BOX** your used electronics and clothing
-  **LEAVE** them outside for pickup
-  **EARN** rewards
-  **FEEL GOOD** about reducing landfill waste!

Summer Beerfest Returns

Date: Saturday, June 20th
Time: 4 pm - 7 pm
Where: Mainland Golf Course
Address: 2250 Rittenhouse Road, Harleysville, PA 19438

Come out to our 2nd Annual Summer Beerfest, hosted by Mainland Grille, Mainland Golf Course & Towamencin Township!

Tickets and more information will be released on April 1st!!



General Admission Ticket Includes:

Access to over a dozen breweries for tasting
 (a couple of wineries are included)

- Live Music
- Food to purchase
- Lawn games

VIP Ticket Includes:

- All of the GA perks
- Entry an hour before the event starts
- Exclusive beers for the VIP hour
- Souvenir glass
- Chef's Buffet
- VIP Parking

**Towamencin
 Community Day
 will be
 September 19th**

Special Events are Sponsored By:



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law offices

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 OF TOWAMENCIN



Movie in the Park:

Date: Thursday, June 25th
Time: 8 pm (Starts at Dusk)
Where: Fischer's Park
Address: 2225 Bustard Road
Movie: The Goonies

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 will be served.

Candy, water and juice will be sold by Relay for Life Eastern Montgomery County.

Summer Concert Series

Date: Thursdays in July
Time: 7 pm
Where: Fischer's Park
Address: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Come out for a beautiful summer night and get ready to dance to your favorite songs! Enjoy the talents of our various bands. Don't forget the blankets and chairs.

Food sales by Diz's Dogs (new menu!) will start at 6 pm.

- **July 2nd: Don't Call Me Francis**
- **July 9th: Class of '84 (Dress Up Event!)**
- **July 16th: Shot of Southern**
- **July 23rd: Lolly and Yoyo (6 pm start, children's concert)**



Movie in the Park:

Date: Thursday, August 13th
Time: 8 pm (Starts at Dusk)
Where: Fischer's Park
Address: 2225 Bustard Road
Movie: Toy Story 4

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 will be served.

Candy, water and juice will be sold by Relay for Life Eastern Montgomery County.

Discount Entertainment Tickets

The Township offers discounted tickets to many local attractions. Please be sure to check with the Administration office for tickets to movie theaters, Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, The Crayola Experience, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Hershey Park, Knoebels, Six Flags/Great Adventure, Morey's Pier, The Philadelphia Zoo, Diggerland USA, The Franklin Institute and the Pennsylvania Renaissance Fair.

Call the Township at 215-368-7602 for availability or visit www.towamencin.org for more information.

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company



Our volunteers had a busy 2019 and our 2020 vision could not be any clearer (pun intended); as we continue our uninterrupted service to Towamencin Township and the North Penn region. We have been proudly providing volunteer service 100 percent of the time and our team has made significant progress with training, fund raising and community events.

All our activities are provided in addition to responding to local emergencies. In total, 2019 had us on 432 service calls, in addition to weekly training and monthly business meetings, for a combined 12,500 plus volunteer service hours.

Some of our most recent activities included partnering with Channel 6ABC's "Operation Save a Life." We accepted a number of smoke detectors that you can receive free. Please let us know if you have need one. We can help install them for you too, if necessary.

We were also privileged to participate in and support the Skills USA Competition, through North Montco Technical Career Center. Firefighters from the program were judged on their

skill, knowledge and application of fire-fighting principles here at our station. These students will be the firefighters in our communities in the future. We were thrilled to take part in this important event.

We're expecting!! Well, sort of... The fire company recently placed an order for a new fire engine. As part of an updated fleet management plan, we are replacing a 2008 unit. The new apparatus is due to arrive in December. It will be assembled by a Pennsylvania Manufacturer, 4Guys Fire Trucks of Meyersdale PA. It will be the sixth time we have used this company.

Keep an eye on our social media pages for updated information on this progress.

Our Fund Drive will take place again this year. As a fully volunteer organization, many of our residents do not realize that we are responsible to raise funds to operate. We are supported by a fire tax. However, it is not sufficient to maintain operations. The Towamencin Board of Supervisors are very understanding and generous in supporting us. However, we ask for your contributions to fund the daily business of firefighting.



Currently, we only see a 20 percent return from our property owners and residents. At the same time, we have seen a steady increase in the responsibility of our volunteers to respond to incidents, training, required business meetings, fundraising events and related activities to be a presence in our community. That all leads us to the following request. We need your help.

Can you donate your time to be a dedicated volunteer on our team? Have you supported our events? Our fund drive, chicken BBQ, Bingo, Holiday events?

Can we count on you to be the watchful community we need to prevent fires, accidents and emergency incidents throughout the year? All of our work requires power – man and woman power to be sure.

If you are interested, we would love to offer you to choose your involvement. We have active firefighters, junior members, fire police officers, administrative members, auxiliary and social members. Please consider where you may fit in. We meet every Thursday evening at 7 pm for training.

Come by either station - 1590 Bustard Road, Kulpsville or 1260 Snyder Road, Lansdale. Our business meeting are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm, and our Auxiliary meeting is the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Considering joining the TVFC? We are always looking for more volunteers!

Visit our website at www.towamencinfire.com for more information!

Rent the TVFC Banquet Hall for your next event.

Call 215-362-2776, ext. 309 and leave a message for more information.

Key Dates to Remember

- April 4** Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 8 am
 - May 9** Flower & Hoogie Sale - Main Station Bustard Road, 9 am -1 pm
 - Sept. 12** Chicken BBQ Fundraiser- Main Station Bustard Road, 3 -7 pm or till sold out (take out/drive thru)
- Main Station Address: 1590 Bustard Road, Kulpsville, PA 19443**



Police Drug Take Back Collections, April 25th



As part of your spring cleaning, be sure to 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. Just bring your unused medications to our police station, open the front hatch to the medicine bin and drop them in!

As a reminder to clean out your unused prescription drugs, National Drug Take Back Day will be held on April 25th. However, our medicine drop box, located in the lobby of the Towamencin Police station, is accessible Monday through Friday, from 8 am - 9 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8 am - 4 pm.



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 TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY DIAL 911 • Non-emergency Police Calls #215-368-7600

1090 Troxel Road, P.O. Box 303, Kulpsville, PA 19443



2020 SUMMER

KIDS CAMPS



Whether your camper is into sports, cooking, arts or science, Montco has a camp that will provide a fun and educational experience this summer!

Visit mc3.edu/summercamps for full details.

The Towamencin Youth Association is Turning 50!



TYA, the Towamencin Youth Association, is happy to announce the celebration of 50 years of community service through organized youth athletic programs.

We thank the many volunteers, sponsors and participants in our baseball, softball, soccer and basketball programs over the past half century across the greater Towamencin / North Penn area. It is remarkable and

truly gratifying to know we have families with multiple generations of TYA involvement – grandparents involved with their children, and now their grandchildren, in fun, wholesome and rewarding athletic activities.

We invite members of the community who have been involved in the past to participate in special celebrations throughout the year commemorating this milestone at sport-specific functions: Basketball (March), Baseball/Softball (April) and Soccer (August).

Share your stories, your memorabilia and pictures, your fond memories. We are also accepting nominations of influential volunteers, coaches, and sponsors for the soon-to-be-announced TYA Hall of Fame, as well as, offering car magnets, patches, apparel and other items with the 50th anniversary logo.

Happy Birthday TYA – here's to a half century of service, and looking forward to a great many more years to come!

Visit us at: www.tyasports.org or email HTBaseball@hotmail.com

Towamencin Softball joins the Little League Association

Towamencin Youth Association is proud to announce that as of 2019, TYA Softball joined the [Little League Softball Association](#). This charter with Little League allows TYA to offer a more organized youth softball program for every child in the North Penn and Souderton School Districts.

For those of you who are not aware, Little League Softball and Baseball make up the world's largest organized youth sports program. The age groups for softball range from 6U (T-ball) to 16U (Seniors). The biggest difference will be that girls will now have the opportunity to be able to compete locally in District, Regional and World Series Little League Tournaments. To register and find out more, please visit TYASports.org or contact us at Softballtya@gmail.com.



Towamencin Soccer Club - Competition Levels for All



Soccer continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in the country. And the Towamencin Soccer Club (part of the larger TYA organization) continues to expand, helping our youth members learn, grow and compete in today's exciting world of soccer. From agility and conditioning training to spring soccer, to basic and advanced instructional programs and intramural tournament and young player "fun" day, to

competitive travel leagues and rec select tournaments, to TSC Union night at Talen Energy Stadium and exciting on-field experiences, TSC strives to provide the best -- and most comprehensive -- soccer program to over 800 boys and girls in the community. As we move full speed into the 2020 soccer season, our dedicated cadre of volunteers and coaches has already put together an amazing array of educational, fun and rewarding activities. Check us out at www.tyasports.org and click on the soccer tab. And get ready for our best year yet!

For questions about our programs or teams go to:

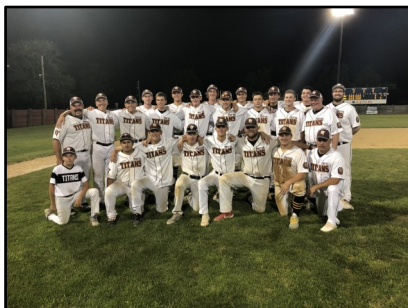
<http://tyasports.org/>





Ready, Set, Spring ... Time to Play Ball

Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball is proud to be part of the 50-year tradition of Towamencin Youth Association! We invite you and your family to join us for the upcoming season of "America's favorite pastime."



What's New in 2020?

We continue to offer a competitive and fun vertically integrated baseball program spanning Quickball through American Legion. However, we are excited to announce that we have reconfigured the Intramural program into five divisions. The upper and lower levels remain the same, with consolidation in the middle to remove redundancies and provide more coaches per team.

CALENDAR BY DIVISION

Spring Intramural Season (March 15-June 15)

- Quickball — Ages 4-6 (Coach Pitch w/Quickball)
- A: Coach Pitch — Ages 6-7
- AA: Player Pitch — Ages 8-9 (46/60 Field)
- Minors — Ages 9-10 (46/60 Field)
- Majors — Ages 11-12 (50/70 Field)

Connie Mack & American Legion Baseball

- Early Spring Connie Mack — Ages 13-16 (April-May)
- Summer Connie Mack — Ages 13-16 (May-July)
- Summer Junior Legion — Ages 14-16 (May-July)
- Summer Senior Legion — Ages 16-19 (May-July)
- Senior Connie Mack — Ages 17-40 (May-July)

Save the Dates...

Saturday, April 18 — Opening Day Ceremony

Featuring our very popular parade of players, mascot race, local dignitaries, food, fun, 50th Anniversary commemoration, and more.

Saturday, May 30 — All Star Day & Home Run Derby

Watch some of the most competitive games of the season and take part in a day that's packed with music, food, and fun, including a

Home Run Derby sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies and run in conjunction with the Towamencin Fire Company.

Sunday, June 7 — Annual Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI)

A hugely popular 1-day tournament run by the Towamencin Umpire Association in support of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk and breast cancer research. Our 10-year BCI fundraising total is now over \$75,000!



Volunteers

Whether you've been involved with our league for many years, or you're joining us for the first time, there are many ways to get involved and help our league continue to thrive. We can't do what we do without great folks like you. See you on the ball fields for an exciting 2020 season!

2020 Baseball Registration

In January, we kicked off our Spring/Summer 2020 registration period with three walk-in registration sessions at Walton Farm and Hatfield ES. To date, we have over 350 players registered for our Intramural and Connie Mack programs.

If you have not yet registered, it may not be too late. Send us an e-mail at HTBaseball@hotmail.com and we may be able to find a spot for your son, especially if he is eight years old or younger.

Facebook: Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball

Connie Mack Twitter @TowamencinCMB

American Legion Twitter @HatfieldALB

Web: tya-baseball.website.siplay.com

Morgan Log House's Spring/Summer Events

The Morgan Log House is preparing for the 2020 season with a wide range of offerings that bring the past to life! Four of the things we're most excited for in 2020 are:

- Our new exhibit, "A Day in the Life of a Farmer," which will use the diaries of Towamencin farmer William Leister to talk about what Towamencin and farming were like from the 1910s through the 1930s
- Our makerspace, the Morgan Log House Craft Lab, where you come and take part in hands-on history: learning about history by making it!
- Our continued bee program, where we raise honeybees on-site and educating about historical uses of honey and bees and the problems facing contemporary pollinators. We even have our own honey for sale!
- Our continued Drop-In Workshop series for kids and families (the first and third Saturdays of every month) and a new adult workshop series!

The Morgan Log House is a 501(c)3 non-profit museum that seeks to bring local history to life through tours, programs, and events throughout the year at the historic, restored Morgan Log House. The museum is open for tours April through December, Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 3pm. For more information visit www.morganloghouse.org.

You can become a member today! Free admission to tours and special programs, 10 percent discount in gift shop, 50 percent off workshops. There are different levels for everyone: \$25 individual, \$35 family, \$50 benefactor, \$75 supporter, \$100 historian, \$250 patron, \$500 friend, and \$1000 advocate.

Simply mail your check to:

**Morgan Log House
P.O. Box 304
Kulpville, PA 19443**

APRIL

Saturday, April 4: Dusty Attic, Creepy Cellar, 10 am to 3 pm, Free

Join us to explore the Morgan Log House from top to bottom at our free yearly open house. Learn about the house, its history, and the restoration. Also, our exhibit, "A Day in the Life of a Farmer," will open!

Friday, April 10: History Happy Hour, 7 pm, ticketed event

Join us for a fun history talk connected to our temporary exhibit,

"A Day in the Life of a Farmer" and themed food and adult beverages. It's a fun night at the museum!

MAY

Friday, May 8: History Happy Hour, 7 pm, Ticketed

Join us for a fun history talk connected to our temporary exhibit, "A Day in the Life of a Farmer" and themed food and adult beverages. It's a fun night at the museum!

Saturday May 23: Military Might, 12 pm - 4 pm, Free

At this yearly favorite, explore the history of America at war and the legacy of those who fought for our freedoms through artifacts, demonstrations, and interactive activities.

JUNE

Friday, June 12: History Happy Hour, 7 pm, Ticketed

Join us for a fun history talk connected to our temporary exhibit, "A Day in the Life of a Farmer" and themed food and adult beverages. It's a fun night at the museum!

Saturday, June 20: Apprenticeship Day, 12 pm to 4 pm

Come get your hands dirty! Learn about history by moving through a series of interactive stations and learn a historic trade. The event is for everyone: from families to adults!

This is only a selection of the things we have in store for 2020! Keep an eye out for our Drop-in Workshops, adult workshops, makerspace events and more!





You can help keep history alive at the Morgan Log House by becoming a Member!

There's all sorts of benefits to membership, and all sorts of different membership levels to choose from. As a 501(C)3 non-profit organization, the Morgan Log House relies on the support of people like you to continue to thrive.

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Adults	1	2	2	2	4	4	6
Kids		2	2		4	5	6
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Name: _____

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Level of Membership: _____

Please make checks payable to: Morgan Log House

Community Pool and Membership Information



Summer is just around the corner, so don't miss out on a splashtastic 2020 season at Towamencin Community Pool! StandGuard Aquatics will continue to be the pool operator this season.

Memberships are now available for purchase online at their website www.sgatowamencin.com.

Towamencin Community Pool will be open for another great season - Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Pool hours are 12 pm to 8 pm daily, except when posted. Also, enjoy our lap swim hours from 11 am to 12 pm, Monday through Friday. Swim lessons for all ages and other water activities will also be available for registration. Please check our website, under Programs, for dates and times. Please note that Towamencin Community Pool will be closed on all North Penn School District days and is subject to closure in the case of severe or cold weather.

Not convinced you are ready to purchase your season memberships for the 2020 season? No worries! Stay informed about registration, discounts, special events, and closures by creating an account at sgatowamencin.com. Once your account is setup, you will receive emails regarding the topics listed above so you can stay up-to-date with what's happening at Towamencin Community Pool.

Membership Prices

Juniors (ages 2-5), Seniors (65+) and Military ID's	\$70
Individuals (ages 6-64)	\$140
Family of 2	\$270
Family of 3	\$300
Family of 4	\$330
Family of 5	\$360
Family of 6	\$390
Family of 7	\$420
Family of 8+	Call office for details



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Towamencin Community Pool would also like to remind our patrons that our facility is a smoke-free zone. Join us this summer in keeping Towamencin Community Pool a safe, clean, and fun environment for everyone! Our staff at the Towamencin Community Pool looks forward to seeing you and your family this summer!

Contact info: website - www.sgatowamencin.com
office phone - 215-368-2615, email - towamencin@standguardaquatics.com

Montgomery County's Bookmobile and Outreach

FREE Public Library Service in Towamencin Township

Towamencin Township is one of 33 municipalities served by the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, Branches, and Bookmobiles. Library cards and online accounts are free to residents. Bookmobiles bring the library to Towamencin Township weekly.

Books and More on the Bookmobiles

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Did you Know? Currently, four different bookmobiles visit Towamencin Township on regularly scheduled routes. When one is in the shop for maintenance, another bookmobile or a library cargo van will cover the route.

Meet us at one of our Towamencin Township bookmobile stops:

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1440 Sumneystown Pike
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Contact Us: Email: bookmobiles@mclinc.org
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Environmental Advisory Committee Updates & Tips

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's 2020 Stream Clean-up will be Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 AM. 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. We encourage Township residents to participate in the Stream Clean-up. This year there is only one clean-up site in the Township at Towamencin Creek in Firehouse Park. Many more clean-up sites are located in neighboring townships. The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy has online registration available at www.perkiomenwatershed.org. This website provides directions to the clean-up sites.

Spotted Lantern Fly – This pest continues to persist in the Township. Fly nymphs will begin to hatch from the egg masses in May. To combat this pest, you can scrape the egg masses off of trees and dispose of them in closed plastic bags, band trees to trap the nymphs, and remove the Tree-of-Heaven from your property. Vehicles should also be checked before leaving the area, to prevent the possibility of spreading the flies. Additional information can be obtained from the PennState Extension.

Earth Day Event – Come join us at Fischer's Park on Saturday, April 18th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! In 1970, the Beatles broke up, but the EPA was formed. There was a commercial on TV reminding us to "Keep America Beautiful". Do you remember the first Earth Day and Senator Gaylord Nelson? Be on the lookout for additional information on the Towamencin Township website and Facebook page in late March. Come out to learn, contribute to making a better natural environment, and celebrate this milestone anniversary!

Spring Stormwater Management

Ways to reduce stormwater runoff while improving wildlife habitat

Remove these invasive species:



Japanese Barberry

- Shrub that spreads quickly and crowds out native plants
- Presence of Lyme disease carrying ticks is increased in areas where barberry is prevalent



Bradford Pear

- Fast growing tree that out competes natives for light and nutrients
- Branch structure makes it susceptible to breakage and splitting



Day Lily

- Quickly spreads from yards into natural areas where it forms dense patches that displace native plants
- Thick tubers make control and removal difficult

Plant these natives species instead:



Common Ninebark

- Fast growing shrub that is drought tolerant, disease and insect resistant
- Attracts bees and birds
- Produces white flowers in early summer



Eastern Redbud

- Deer resistant tree that does well in shady locations
- Attracts bees and birds
- Produces fragrant pink flowers in early spring



Butterfly Milkweed

- Deer and drought resistant perennial
- Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Larval host for monarchs
- Produces long lasting, showy, orange flowers throughout the summer



Summer Water Conservation

Tips for managing stormwater pollution on your property

- 1) Install a rain barrel.** Rain barrels are containers that attach to your downspout and collect rainwater from your roof. They provide free water for you to use to water your plants! 
- 2) Start composting!** Pre-made compost tumblers are a great option for a small yard. Not only does composting reduce waste, but adding compost to your soil helps with stormwater infiltration. 
- 3) Install permeable pavers instead of traditional concrete or asphalt.** Permeable pavers are designed to allow rain water to seep back into the ground before it can become runoff. 
- 4) Wash your car at a car wash.** Most car washes reuse the wash water before sending it to a treatment plant. If you want to wash your car at home, wash it on gravel or grass. 



Tips to keep our streams and rivers clean:

- Keep your nearest storm drain clear of debris & litter
- Never dump anything down a storm drain
- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Use pesticides only when necessary
- Do not blow grass clippings/leaves into the street
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas
- Compost or recycle yard waste
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of properly
- Service your car regularly to prevent leaks onto paved areas
- Dispose of household hazardous waste at designated collection locations
- Produce less waste – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Purchase & use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled or recyclable products whenever possible
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected at least every three years

Veterans Committee Overview and Developments

The Committee was originally formed years ago to work towards establishing a Veterans Memorial Park in the open space across from the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company on Bustard Road. This was before the Turnpike widening project took a bite out of that site and one of the founding committee members passed away (Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck). The Committee dissolved afterwards. The Clemens Family then deeded a parcel of land to the Township, off of Allentown Road. An idea was discussed about using this plot of land as the new location for the Veterans Memorial Park. The land lies directly behind the Tennis Lukens Cemetery that fronts on Allentown Road, and is adjacent to the old Sears Hardware location. The shopping center property belongs to a local businessman who is very supportive of our efforts to establish a Veterans Memorial Park in this location and has promised to provide access to the future park from the shopping center.

In 2018, the Township reached out to Towamencin Veterans to assess if there was an interest in re-starting the Committee. Approximately 15 residents, Township employees and other Township committee members with an interest got together on June 25, 2018 and re-formed the Towamencin Township Veterans Committee. We even have a resolution (18-21) that states our purpose as a Veterans Advisory Committee to the Board of Supervisors. We have kept busy since our re-establishment. We dedicated the new location of the Veterans Memorial Park with a ceremony on November 11, 2018. The Committee has solicited grants to help defray the cost of the development of a Master Plan for the future Memorial Park. We have participated in the Hatfield Memorial Day Parade and placed flags on Veterans graves within our Township. We have even cleaned up an old cemetery behind the Holiday Inn that was nearly forgotten. We meet most months on the fourth Monday evening of the month (we take off July and August to

accommodate vacation schedules) at 1900 hours (7pm for you civilians). In January, we nominated and approved officers: Michael Lewis is our Chairman, Joseph Meehan is our Vice Chairman and Laureen Sendel-Grant is our Secretary. We also kicked off the new year with our first monthly e-mail newsletter to Veterans who have requested information on Veterans Benefits and events. Senator Mensch's Communications Director was on hand to share that Korean War Veterans are eligible to receive a new medal from the Republic of South Korean Government in recognition of service during the war. If you are interested in receiving information specifically for and about Veterans, (including the Korean War Medal) please go to the Township's website and click the Veterans Committee info link, located within the Community Corner section of the homepage to sign up for more information. We would also like to invite interested Veterans (and civilians with an interest) to join us for meetings on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 pm, in the Meeting Hall Building of the Township's Municipal Complex.

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Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee



The Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee is seeking volunteers! The committee is a volunteer group appointed by the Board of Supervisors to aid the Special Events Facilitator in the planning and executing of various programs offered to residents of the Township.

The members attend meetings the third Tuesday of every month in order to plan and organize events for the Township. The members contribute fresh ideas, creative solutions, head subcommittees, 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
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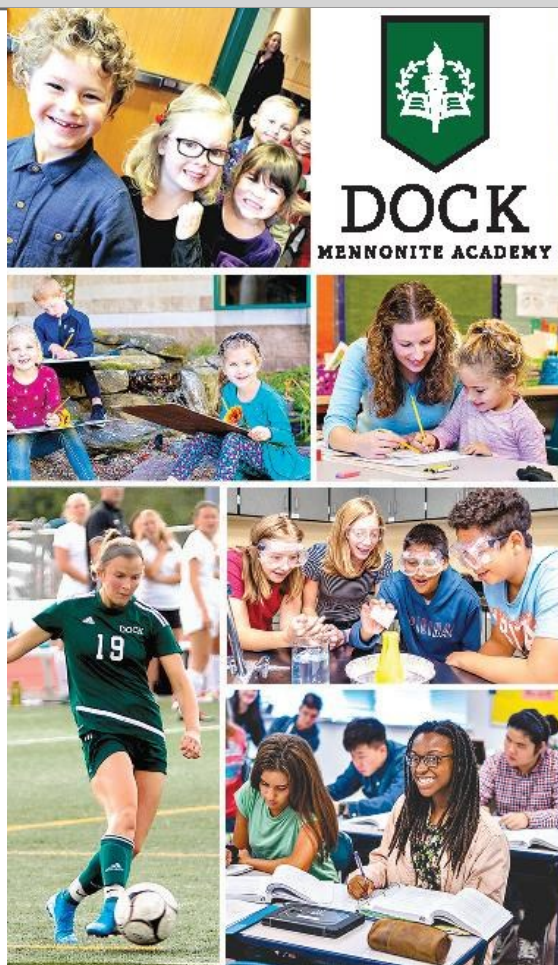
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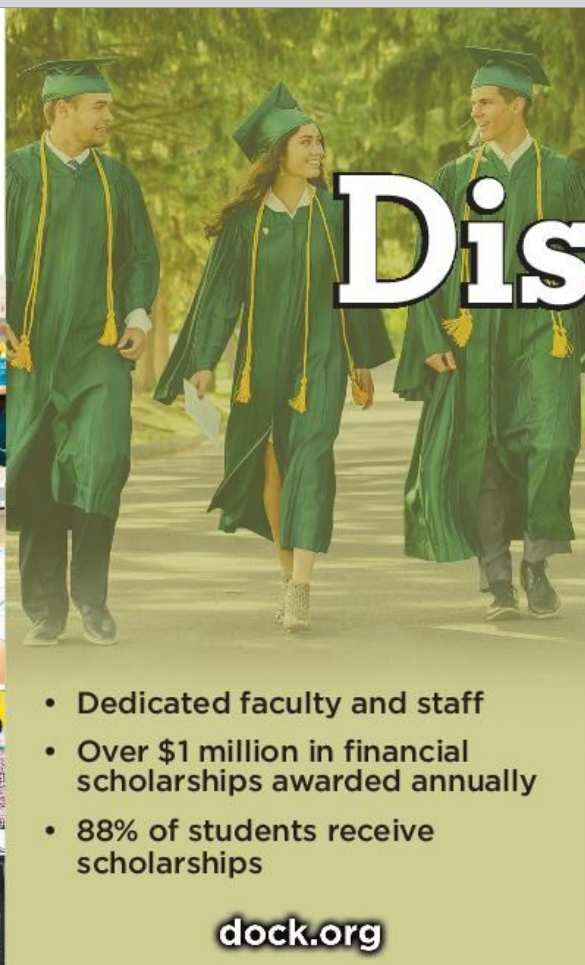
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