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Wounded Warrior Softball Team Coming to Towamencin

The Griffin Gives Foundation is honored to welcome the nationally recognized Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team back to the Indian Valley on Saturday October 1, 2016. This event will be held at Butch Clemens Park, located at 130 Forty Foot Road, Lansdale, PA in Towamencin Township. This event will bring together local softball teams, comprised of first responders, to play a round-robin style tournament against each other and against the Wounded Warriors. In 2014, the WWAST swept its' opponents before settling in for an evening filled with dinner, dancing and several special recognitions.

The First Responder games will begin at 8:00 a.m., Telford and Souderton Fire Companies vs. Hatfield and Towamencin Fire Companies, followed by Montgomery County Police vs. local Veterans. The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team is

scheduled to arrive under police escort, in parade like fashion, during a special ceremony scheduled for 11:00 a.m. A post-game dinner reception will follow the day's events at the Courtyard Marriott Lansdale, 1737 Sumnertown Pike, Lansdale, PA, beginning at 7 p.m. Dinner will feature a Meet and Greet with the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, buffet dinner, cash bar, raffles and silent auctions.

The mission of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) is to raise awareness of the sacrifices and resilience of our military and highlight their ability to rise above any challenge, through exhibition and celebrity softball games. Their goal is to show other amputees and the general population that these athletes through extensive rehabilitation and training are able to express their desires and perform the sport they loved.



The WWAST is comprised of young, competitive, athletic veterans and active duty soldiers, who have lost limbs post-9/11 while serving their country in the military/war. The team includes individuals with a variety of amputations: of the arm, above knee, below knee, bilateral below knee and foot. Some team members are still in the service. Others are attending college, thanks to the post-9/11 GI Bill, while others have moved on to new careers.

Since its inception, the Griffin Gives Foundation has been dedicated to supporting organizations committed to making a difference in the lives of others. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the Foundation was started with the key initiatives of supporting United States military, those fighting debilitating diseases and caring for the health and wellness of children.

For more information about the Foundation and event, including tickets, please visit their website at www.griffingives.org.

Don't miss this great opportunity to give back and support this incredible team of wounded heroes!



Photos courtesy of The Griffin Gives Foundation

Towamencin Business Alliance

Towamencin Business Alliance (TBA) is a not-for-profit, member supported group founded in 2012 to provide our township businesses with an organization dedicated to local business community needs and growth. Towamencin is a very diverse community of businesses all sharing similar experiences. TBA is committed to providing our township businesses with a single constructive voice in the community.

TBA Board of Directors

Chairman, Bob DiDomizio, RAD Engineering Corp.

Vice Chairman, Rich Costlow – Richard Costlow Consulting, LLC

Secretary, Bonnie Mason – CAD Concepts Inc.

Treasurer, Todd Fisher – Todd Fisher, CPA

Director, Emma Kleinschmidt – Asher's Chocolates

Director, Tom Rolon - PrintWorks & Co.

Director, Don Riffel – Mobil PC Guru

TBA continues to grow and build on the founding principles of sharing ideas on marketing, educational enrichment, events and networking opportunities. We are all interested in being in a community that attracts new business. In that light, TBA keeps open communication with Towamencin Township,

Towamencin Economic Development Committee and Towamencin Police Department. This provides an overall awareness of issues and challenges of importance in our township development, as well as, state and county information.

We welcome any business to become a member of TBA. Any number of people from your organization can attend our monthly meetings held the first Tuesday of every month. TBA members are encouraged to seek out areas of involvement that interest them and their business. Each of our members have the opportunity to participate directly in our growth. This collaboration develops strong ties among our members and our growth is a direct result of our members' contributions.

Becoming a member of TBA is very affordable at \$25/year. You can contact us with any questions and for more information by visiting our website, www.towamencinbusinessalliance.com. You can also "Like" us on our Towamencin Business Alliance Facebook page.

Join our growth! Become a member of Towamencin Business Alliance. The bigger our membership.....the bigger our voice!

Towamencin Land Converting to Naturalized Area

As a result of recent Federal EPA laws and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulations related to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") Program, Towamencin Township established a pilot program this year to evaluate the benefits of allowing some passive open space areas to transition to naturalized meadows.

The MS4 Program is the result of 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act, whereby Congress mandated that the Environmental Protection Agency address Non-Point Source ("NPS") pollution in stormwater runoff. NPS pollution, unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants, comes from many sources. It is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and even our underground sources of drinking water. In Pennsylvania, the MS4 Program is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. As part of the MS4 Program, Towamencin Township holds a permit to discharge stormwater into local waterways. This permit requires the Township to design a stormwater management program that reduces the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent possible.

The Township currently owns and maintains several areas of open space. The Township Environmental Advisory Council has researched the benefits of allowing some of these areas to return

to a natural state for both environmental reasons, as well as, to satisfy the mandates directed by DEP. This involves allowing the areas to grow out, transforming a conventional mowed lawn into a natural ecosystem capable of providing habitat, improving the water quality and providing aesthetic value.

Based on the Council's recommendations, the Board of Supervisors directed the establishment of a pilot program this year to evaluate benefits and impacts.

Towamencin Township does its part to comply with Federal EPA laws, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulations and overall efforts to help the environment.

Conversion of Township Property from 'Maintained' to 'Naturalized' Areas



From lawn or farmland
to meadow

Towamencin Voter Polling Information



Below are the polling locations for Towamencin Township. You can consult the County website to determine your registered polling location. The County website address for voter information is <http://www.montcopa.org/753/Voter-Services>. In addition to polling locations, the website provides additional information such as registration status and absentee ballots. Voter registration forms and absentee ballots can also be obtained at the Township Administrative Office.

TOWAMENCIN 1-1: Inglewood School | 1313 Allentown Rd | Lansdale, PA 19446

TOWAMENCIN 1-2: Christ United Methodist Church | 1020 S. Valley Forge Rd | Lansdale, PA 19446

TOWAMENCIN 1-3: North Penn Water Authority | 300 Forty Foot Rd | Lansdale, PA 19446

TOWAMENCIN 2-1: Towamencin Municipal Building | 1090 Troxel Rd | Lansdale, PA 19446

TOWAMENCIN 2-2: North Montco. Technical Career Center | 1265 Sumneytown pike | Lansdale, PA 19446

TOWAMENCIN 2-3: General Nash Elementary School | 1560 Liberty Bell Dr | Lansdale, PA 19438

TOWAMENCIN 3-1: Dock Woods Community | 275 Dock Dr | Lansdale, PA 19446

TOWAMENCIN 3-2: Walton Farm School | 1610 Allentown Rd | Lansdale, PA 19446

TOWAMENCIN 3-3: Towamencin Fire House | 1590 Bustard Rd | Harleysville, PA 19438

Community Development Updates

Towamencin Senior Living: A land development application has been submitted for a 3-story, 41,853 sqft. assisted living facility with 88 suites and 25 memory care units to be located on Towamencin Avenue. The applicant appeared at the July Planning Commission meeting and intends to make modifications based on comments received and will return to the Planning Commission this fall.

Royal Farms: The applicant has submitted plans for a proposed convenience store with gasoline sales on Sumneytown Pike, near the exit to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The new development would include the demolition of the existing Gulf gas station and the adjacent 3-story white stucco building.

Grand View Hospital: The hospital will be opening an urgent care facility this fall at the old Univest Building, located at the corner of Forty Foot Road and Sumneytown Pike.

Entertainment Overlay District: In July, the Board of Supervisors approved a zoning map and text amendment to create a new Overlay District that includes: approximately 52 acres bounded by Allentown Road to the north, Forty Foot Road to the east, Tomlinson Road to the south and the R-175 Residential District to the west. The current zoning, which would remain as underlying, is Shopping Center, Commercial and Limited Industrial. The purpose of the Entertainment Lifestyle Overlay District is to provide for the consolidation and redevelopment of large commercial properties with adjacent non-residentially zoned properties to accommodate a redevelopment in the current commercial market and to allow and control a variety of uses.

Sign Ordinance Amendments: The Township Planning Commission has conducted a comprehensive review and update of the sign ordinance over the past two years. The ordinance will be finalized and presented to the Board of Supervisors this fall.



Fall and Winter Season Preparations

Leaf and Yard Waste

Pennsylvania Law prohibits placing leaves in the trash. Leaves must be composted on site or placed out for separate collection. Your contracted waste hauler is responsible for providing this service to their customers in Towamencin Township.

- Residents must purchase their own biodegradable leaf and yard waste collection bags that are available at grocery and hardware stores; no plastic bags are permitted. No more than 10 bags per collection.

- Haulers are to advise customers of specific dates for leaf pick-up. Haulers are required to provide three collection dates for leaves and yard waste: first collection in late October, second collection in November and a third collection in May.

- Customers may be billed by their hauler for this DEP mandated collection.

- Haulers are required to report tonnage collected from each collection to Towamencin, so that it can be forwarded to DEP.

The Township has an active agreement in place

with the Barnside Farm Compost Facility - undertaken by and in conjunction with the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission - should residents wish to drop off their yard-waste for a fee. There is a minimum charge for leaves of \$10 and the rate is \$24 per ton. Barnside will also accept brush for a minimum charge of \$20 and a rate of \$40 per ton. The Barnside Farm Compost Facility is located at 991 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473. Residents with specific questions may call the facility directly at (610) 287-8880.

Winter Storms

All property owners and/or tenants are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalks within the public right-of-way for a clear path width of 28 inches. Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after the end of a storm.

Property owners and/or tenants are also responsible to clear hydrants within their property boundaries for a clearance of 3 feet around the hydrant. The minutes saved by not having to clear snow from a hydrant may mean a drastic difference in the outcome of firefighting efforts. The house you save may be your own.

Please park vehicles off the streets during a winter storm to allow for safe and efficient snow removal from curb to curb. Also remove trash cans and sports equipment from the roadway. To avoid being plowed in, shovel snow to the right of your driveway (as you are facing the road). It is unlawful to throw, shovel or plow snow into any roadways within the township from adjoining property.

It is unlawful to park any vehicles on a Snow Emergency Route during a declared Snow Emergency. Please consult the Public Works section of the Township website for a list of Snow Emergency Routes.

Emergency Management Tips for the Fall Season

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

Visit
www.readymontco.org
to sign up

We turn the clock forward on Sunday, November 6, 2016. For many it is just another day, but we fall-back on the clock where we enjoy one more hour of sleep. Here are some tips to smooth that transition:

- ◆ If going out for a walk, jog, or run through your neighborhood/development add a reflective vest to your running attire. Be seen, be observant and be ready to act.
- ◆ Walk, run, jog toward on-coming traffic. Be observant of the direction of travel by adjacent traffic. If you are going walking or running, walk/run in the direction toward traffic, wear approved reflective gear and carry a flashlight.
- ◆ Do not shine your flashlight into the eyes of oncoming drivers.
- ◆ Cyclists must follow the rules of the road. Bicyclists must stop for stop signs and traffic lights.
- ◆ When a fire truck, police vehicle or ambulance is passing or approaching you, make sure you give them the right of way.

On Halloween, please consider the following:

- ◆ Make your child, or yourself very visible.
- ◆ Pay attention to traffic.
- ◆ Have an adult screen all candy received in the Halloween candy bags.
- ◆ Report serious incidents promptly to the police.

Are you READY for a Hurricane? If not, use the American Red Cross website for information to be used in case of a Hurricane. Listen to WNPV, NOAA for weather updates and weather updates. Make sure you have enough water for three days and emergency food. Keep an eye on the elderly.

Working together we can have a fun-filled fall, free of injuries.

SOURCE: Emergency Management Coordinator.

Pennsylvania Turnpike Construction Update



The Pennsylvania Turnpike's reconstruction and widening project is focused on expanding the roadway from two lanes to three lanes in both the northbound and southbound directions between mileposts A26 and A31.

When completed, this section will have wider

travel lanes, wider shoulders, and an expanded median.

The traffic switch to the new lanes (future right lane and shoulder) has been completed in the areas north of the Lansdale Interchange and south of South Valley Forge Road. The remaining road work in the center of the project will be accomplished in stages. Weather permitting, the traffic switch onto the new northbound lanes is expected in early November

and the switch onto the new southbound lanes is expected in mid-to-late November.

The auxiliary ramps at the Lansdale Interchange will follow the same schedule as the traffic switches, since the paving in the center of the project must be completed before the auxiliary ramps can tie into the Northeastern Extension. The E-ZPass-only northbound exit ramp is expected to open in early November; while the E-ZPass-only ramp accessing the southbound lanes is expected to be completed in mid-to-late November.

Sound wall installation, bridge work, excavation, retaining walls, and drainage tasks will be on-going throughout the remainder of the project, as construction continues to progress towards the overall contract completion date of June 2017. The contractor has the option to prioritize the means and methods necessary to meet the target completion date.

Ways to Stay Green When the Leaves are Changing

Ideas for an Environmentally Friendly Winter:

Harvest fallen leaves

There are many sources of storm water pollution unique to autumn, and we need your help to control them. The leaves are falling, and their improper disposal poses a threat to our water resources. Leaf litter and any yard waste dumped into a storm water basin or near a waterway can cause harmful nutrient accumulation. Leaves swept into the street can easily enter storm drains and make their way into the nearest creek as well.

Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile, **never in the street or stream!** You can shred yard and leaf waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden.

Aerate and overseed your lawn

Aerating your lawn is an important, yet commonly overlooked, lawn maintenance task. Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots. This helps the roots grow deeply and produce a stronger, more vigorous lawn. It also reduces soil compaction and restores your lawns natural draining ability resulting in less runoff to our streams.

The practice of overseeding lawns is really nothing more than spreading grass seed over an existing lawn. Particular attention should be paid to bare areas. With fall germination, the young grass will have two or three months to become better established before temperatures drop too low and growth stops. Next spring, the young plants will have another few months to develop deeper roots before the summer heat sets in. A full, healthy lawn helps to prevent erosion and also reduces runoff.

A little extra caution while you keep up with your fall to-do list can make a big difference for the health of our environment, and we thank you for cooperating with this effort.

To report an illicit discharge to the stormwater collection system, stream, creek or river, please call 215-368-7602.



Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run



Date: Saturday, November 19th

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Fischer's Park

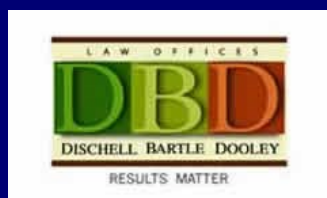
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

The annual Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run will be back with chip timing and a certified course this year! We are excited for the top male and female runners, who will win a free turkey! Medals will be given to the top three runners in each age category and there will be an award for best costume. All runners will receive a free long sleeved tech shirt.

The award ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Arneith Amphitheater and light snacks will be served to runners after the race. A free children's 10-and-under Fun Run will take place at 8 a.m., no registration necessary. Pets and strollers are welcome and we will have a professional race photographer and food truck on site! The cost is \$27, with registration closing on November 13th or at 800 runners. **NO WALK UP REGISTRATION!**

Please register at www.active.com.

Special Events are Sponsored By:



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Towamencin Special Events have partnered with The North Penn United Way. We welcome donations at all of our events. The United Way is always in need of school supplies, gift cards to the Dollar Store/Target/Walmart/Staples and monetary donations.

www.npuw.org

Holiday Lights Festival

Date: Saturday, December 3rd

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Come enjoy a beautiful winter night in Fischer's Park full of lights, live entertainment and trees decorated by the Girl Scouts. There will be free entertainment and refreshments sponsored by the Boy Scouts, as well as, our popular horse drawn surrey rides. Walk-on's will be available for the large surrey ride only, based on availability.

The Township Police Department is excited to promote free pictures with Santa from 5-7 p.m., so bring your cameras.

Registration will open in October 2016 at www.towamencin.org.



Towamencin Pool Summer Review & Reminders

Towamencin's Pool Complex had a very exciting and successful summer! Pool membership was up this year and attendance at the events was great.

Residents were able to enjoy a lively party at our Pool Open House. Members also enjoyed the Family Fun Days, Teen Nights and DJ Nights.

The YMCA staff did another great job managing the pool and hiring quality lifeguards, who kept our residents safe and the pool clean and fun.

We look forward to an even more exciting summer in 2017! Towamencin will continue the Swim Team, classes and swim lessons. Cool Eats Snack Shop will return for another great year.



Members may reserve the pool for birthday parties after hours or during regular pool hours.

For more information, visit us at <http://www.towamencin.org/pool.html> for more information.

If you plan on renewing your membership next season, hold on to your pool tags. These tags are yours to keep and are re-activated each season with a paid membership. Remember if you lose your tags, there is a \$5.00 replacement fee for each tag.



Butch Clemens Field Available for Residents

Don't forget, Towamencin has a newer general purpose ball field located at Butch Clemens Park, behind the Chick-fil-A on Forty Foot Road.

Established in 2014, the field is available to Towamencin residents and was intended for the following: resident pick-up games (football, soccer, rugby etc.), scheduled tournaments, sports camps or local company-sponsored softball games, etc. Scheduled events need to be coordinated with the Township.



In addition, the Township also offers several park pavilions at Fischer's Park and Bustard Park for family parties and reunions, as well as, company picnics etc. Contact the Township at 215 368-7602 or email info@towamencin.org to schedule your event at one of our parks.

Discount Entertainment Tickets

The Township offers discounted ski tickets to several resorts, aquariums, amusement parks and much more!

Please visit www.towamencin.org for more information!

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company



Summer ends and fall activities are getting underway. Our annual chicken barbecue was held on September 10th. This is a key fundraiser for the fire company so we thank all of you for supporting this event.

We had a busy summer with fire alarms. Our volume of calls remains very high as a volunteer organization. Additionally, TVFC members participated in many training activities both at our station and with

neighboring fire companies.

The TVFC annual fund drive is in its final months for 2016. We thank all of those who have contributed to TVFC and want to remind everyone there is still time to support our fund drive efforts. This fund drive, along with our hall rentals and other events, is what allows us to keep current with our equipment, training and facilities.

As we do each fall, we want to remind you, that when you roll the clocks back in November, to also replace your

smoke detector batteries at the same time. The time it takes to change the battery(s) is nothing when it comes to protecting life and property. Additionally, when you string your holiday lights this season, both indoor and outdoor, make sure you check for bared wires, broken bulbs and proper electrical connections. Make repairs as needed. For those enjoying real Christmas Trees at home, be sure to keep them properly watered. Our wish is for everyone to have a safe fall and holiday season.

NUMBER CHANGE

NOTE of a Change: Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company is going to discontinue their 10 digit fire call number at the end of 2016. Please only use 911 for all emergency calls to report a fire emergency in Towamencin Township.

Property owners that use a central station to monitor their fire alarm systems should contact their central station with a new direct emergency number to Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center, and have them use 610-275-1222.

October is always designated as Fire Prevention month. The schools in our area all conduct programs for students and we at TVFC are very active during this period of time. On Thursday October 6th, Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company will hold its Open House event at our main station on Bustard Road. We invite you all to come out as a family to see what we do, meet the men and women of the TVFC and view the equipment your tax dollars and support of our various fundraising activities provide for us. The week of October 9-15 is Fire

Prevention Week. We will be engaged in visiting many locations talking to children and working with neighboring fire companies in fire-fighting demonstrations or rescue activities.

Parents and grandparents, take the time to listen to your children and or grandchildren as they talk about fire prevention and help them understand the importance of being prepared and being safe. Fire prevention is truly a year round task for all of us, not just during Fire Prevention Week in October.

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

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

Key Dates to Remember

TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Designer Bag Bingo	Friday, Sept. 23: door open 6 p.m., games start 7 p.m.
TVFC Fire Prevention Open House	Thursday, October 6: 6:30 p.m.
Fire Prevention Week	October 9-15
TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Hoagie Sale	TBD (Watch for announcement on signs at fire stations)
Election Day Soup Sale	Tuesday, November 8 (main station - Bustard Rd.)
TVFC & Ladies Aux. Picture w/Santa	Saturday, December 3: 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
TVFC Santa Run	Saturday, December 17: 9 a.m. - till finished

All above events take place at our main fire station on Bustard Rd.

Rent the TVFC Banquet Hall for your next event.

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

Officers Receive District Attorney Commendations



Officers James Hanrahan and Michael Seider (center) are congratulated by Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele.

Towamencin Township Police Officers James Hanrahan and Michael Seider were awarded a District Attorney's Commendation on May 12, 2016 at the Montgomery County Courthouse. On July 23, 2015, a male in Lansdale Borough took his parents hostage and threatened to harm them, as well as, any police officer that arrived at the scene. The male had seven firearms, including an AR-15 assault rifle and more than 2000 rounds of ammunition. Officers Hanrahan and Seider, along with Upper Gwynedd Township Sergeant Stephen Gillen, responded to assist Lansdale Borough Police Sergeant Dean Miller and Officer Joel Greco. The officers were able to lure the male outside. According to District Attorney Steele, due to their careful and measured approach to this volatile situation, the victims were rescued, the defendant was taken into custody and not a single shot was fired. The male was arrested and found guilty of 16 offenses, including aggravated assault and terroristic threats.



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TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Non-emergency Police Calls 215-368-7600

Police Administrative Office 215-368-7606



Highway Safety Efforts

Members of the Towamencin Township Police Highway Safety Unit work with the Bucks-Montgomery County Motor Carrier Enforcement Team on a regular basis to identify hazardous large trucks on our highways and truck drivers, who are impaired or not properly licensed. Specially trained officers, from various area police agencies, work together to set up inspection points and enforce Pennsylvania and Federal Motor Carrier Laws. Trucks that are found to be in an unsafe condition are taken off the road until corrections are made. With several major routes traversing the Township, including a Pennsylvania Turnpike Interchange, there are a large number of trucks travelling through the Township. While the trucking industry serves us all in a very positive way, it is important for them to be in a safe condition and operated in a lawful manner. The efforts of our police officers enhances the safety of everyone on our highways and protects our roadways from damage due to overweight vehicles.



Towamencin Township Highway Safety Unit Officers conducting a Motor Carrier Safety Inspection Detail on Forty Foot Road.

Towamencin Youth Association Soccer Preview



The Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) hit an all-time high in registration numbers with 903 players signing up for its three major leagues -- Intramural, RecSelect and Travel programs. This represents a 10 percent increase in membership from last year, on top of a 10 percent increase from the preceding year.

According to Jeff Hill, Director of TSC Soccer, 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," he says.

And the club is not just expanding in numbers, it's expanding in training programs, fitness sessions and special events. Here is just a sampling:

Spring Forward Soccer – our 7-week pre-season program helped provide 140+ players (ages U7 thru U14) with professional soccer training AND exciting game play.

Professional Fitness Training – Almost 60 players (ages U6 thru U18) took advantage of our 6-week "Intensity" fitness program, specifically designed to improve physical fitness, gain strength and boost endurance and stamina.

Philadelphia Union Day – The weather threatened to cancel our special Philadelphia Union "U on Tour" event this year. But on the evening of May 17, the Philadelphia Union rolled into



Grist Mill Park in Towamencin and offered members fun and excitement that included Union inflatables, food, raffles and giveaways. And to top it off, over 300 players and their families enjoyed a special appearance by **John McCarthy** (currently playing with Bethlehem Steel FC), who signed autographs and posed for pictures.

Summer Soccer Camps – This year the club offered two professional summer training camps to help players improve individual soccer skills and ratchet up their performance on the field.

And there is plenty more. Ed Brnardic, head coach of two of our youth travel teams, sums up the reason he enjoys TSC. "We came over to the Towamencin Soccer Club a couple of years ago because they offered the perfect balance of competition and commitment that we were looking for. But the reason we stay here is because of the incredible people throughout the organization that volunteer their time to give the kids an opportunity to play the beautiful game of soccer."

So, as TSC celebrates a fantastic year of soccer, we want to thank all of our players and their families, our coaches and volunteers, and our sponsors for their commitment and support of the Towamencin Soccer Club. We appreciate your patronage this year and every year.

We hope you all have a ball in 2016!

TYA BASKETBALL

Sign ups will begin around the first week of September for TYA Girls Basketball. We offer players from the ages of 7 thru 18 the ability to learn and play the game of basketball. Our season will run from November thru March. To find out more about our program please visit our website at <http://www.tyasports.org/> or contact Don Sobetsky at 215-264-5804 or email at tudeski@verizon.net.

Divisions:

Instructional: ages 7 & 8

Intermediate: 9 & 10

Minors: 11 thru 13

Majors: 14 thru 18

If you would like to be added to the Towamencin Soccer Club mailing list, contact Bill Sinn, TSC Director of Communications, at billsinn@verizon.net.

Have Questions About Our Soccer Club? 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

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



TYA Caps Off Successful 2016 Baseball Season

Each year, the Towamencin Youth Association (TYA) sponsors baseball programs for players from ages 5 to 39 in the Spring, Summer and Fall — and 2016 proved to be another successful season for the program.

Spring Intramural Season

The league had over 350 intramural players in six divisions (ages 5-12) in both instructional and competitive divisions. This season, the youngest players (ages 5-6) were introduced to “Quickball,” a revolutionary national sports program designed to teach skills in a more engaging, fast-paced format.

Spring Travel Season

The spring travel teams (ages 8-12) played in a variety of tournaments around the greater Philadelphia area, with the older teams participating in out-of-state tournaments. Highlights included a District Championship for the 9U A team and District and State Championships for the 11U A team. The 12U A team traveled to New York to participate in the Cooperstown Dreams Park Baseball Tournament along with 103 other teams from across North America.



Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI)

For the past seven years, Towamencin Baseball has sponsored a 1-day tournament run by the Towamencin Umpire Association to raise money for breast cancer research. This year, 40 teams participated and more than \$13,000 was raised to sponsor several groups, which participate in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day.

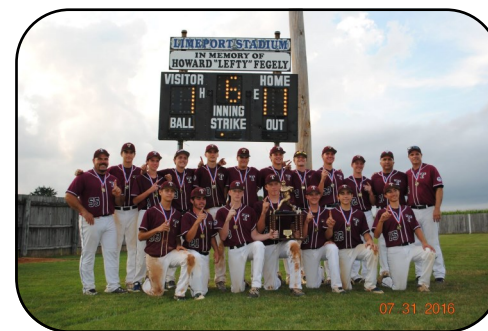
Summer Connie Mack

The Summer Connie Mack program (ages 13-16) had 69 players competing on 5 teams — with 4 teams making the playoffs. Congratulations to the Connie Mack A Team for claiming its

second State Championship in three years! Follow the program on Twitter @TowamencinCMB.

American Legion Baseball

For American Legion Baseball (ages 17-19), Towamencin is part of the territory of Post 933 in Hatfield. For the second time in three years, Post 933 won the Bux-Mont League Tournament.



Fall 2016

Towamencin participates along with other local youth baseball programs in an Inter-Community Fall League in three divisions. The A League (ages 6-8) is instructional in nature, while the AA (ages 8-10) and AAA Leagues (ages 10-11) balance instruction with competition. Connie Mack also participates in the Bux-Mont Division Fall League and works to prepare players for the spring high school and middle school baseball season.

Fall 2016 Baseball Registration

For more information, email us at

tyabaseball@hotmail.com,

visit tyasports.org/baseball or follow us

on  Facebook.

Spring 2017 Registration:

December 2016 & January 2017

Morgan Log House Fall/Winter Events



September 16th--- Tavern Night. A fun filled, one-of-a-kind evening fundraiser at Historic Morgan Log House. Period music, colonial beer brewing, distilling, cooking, after-hours museum tours, appetizers and drinks combine in this “happy hour” style event being held on the grounds of a 300 plus year old property! Fare of eight (8) period dishes and an assortment of beer, wine, mead and liquor tastings will be 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. **6pm - 9pm.**

October 28th--- Mayhem at Morgan. Do you have the courage to enter the Mystery and Mayhem of the Morgan Log House after dark? Do you dare to hear of the happenings that occurred around this historic site over 200 years ago? Join us at Morgan Log House for ghost stories and witches’ brew. Tours of the historic house will open up a world of ghosts and stories from the past. Tour times begin

at **6:30 and run every 15 minutes.** Reservations are highly recommended due to this event selling out quickly. Call 215-368-2480 for reservations.

October 30th --- Mini Mayhem: Trick-or-Treating by day! A toddler and youth friendly program, as the Morgan Log House opens its door free of charge to all those in costume! Families are welcome to bring their tots and children by for free candy being handed out by our costumed guides throughout the Morgan Log House. Enjoy hands-on activities as well. **12pm - 3pm.**



**The Morgan Log House is located at:
850 Weikel Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446**

November 12th --- Baloney and Beer! Join us for a hands-on workshop where we will make colonial-style bologna, sausages and steaks with ale, which is a subcategory of beer. Participants will enjoy preparing and eating all! Workshop is for those 21 years and older. Registration fee is \$10. Space is limited. **10am - 3pm.**

November 26th --- Gingerbread Workshop! Just in time for the holiday season, join us for our gingerbread making workshop. There are many kinds of gingerbread. Come and learn about it and make three kinds of gingerbread from early recipes to take home to your family! Registration fee is \$10. Space is limited. Program is family friendly. **10am - 3pm.**

December 10th & 11th --- Holiday Candlelight Tours. Step back in time and listen to the stories of the families who lived at Morgan Log House over 200 years ago. Tour the house by the glow of candlelight, all decorated in 18th century holiday greenery style. Feel the warmth of the kitchen fire, delight in the holiday scents as you are welcomed by both the Morgan and Cassel families to celebrate the holiday season. Find that perfect gift in our gift shop. Enjoy holiday cider while warming yourself by our fire. **2pm - 6pm.**





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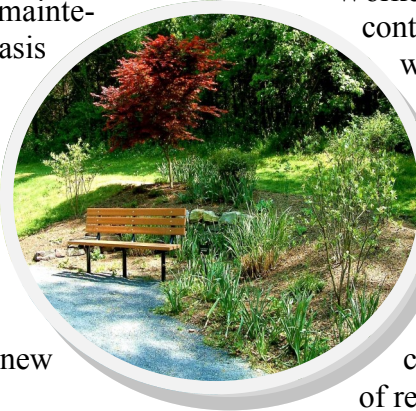
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Open Space & Parks Advisory Committee Update

The Open Space & Parks Advisory Committee is a volunteer group appointed by the Board of Supervisors to review and work on open space issues and provide direction on park maintenance and development. They meet on a monthly basis to discuss these issues.

The Committee has been quite busy this year. Projects have included the following:

- Coordinated improvements to the “Rain Garden” at Fischer’s Park to allow for better drainage. Improvements will be completed this fall.
- Selected “Meadow View” as the name for the new pavilion at Fischer’s Park.
- Arranged for the engagement of a “goose control” service to keep large flocks of Canadian Geese from gathering at various Township parks and properties, specifically Grist Mill Park,



Fischer’s Park and the Township Municipal Complex.

- Worked with local contractor, Allan Myers, who contributed manpower and equipment for grading work for a new softball field within the Township.
- Received a \$100,000 grant from Montgomery County to be used towards the construction of the Kriebel Road Connector Trail.
- Reviewed and consulted with Towamencin Youth Association on upgrades and usage of recreational spaces in the Township.

The Committee is looking for additional participation by Township residents. If you are interested, contact Robert Ford, the Township Manager.

Environmental Council Focuses on Sustainability

The Towamencin Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is pleased to announce the start of a Sustainability Program in the Township! "Sustainability is the ability to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations. Everything we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly on our natural environment" (Environmental Protection Agency). Through this program, the EAC will promote sustainability within our Township.

Check out Towamencin Township on Facebook for monthly sustainability tips, information, and facts! Here are a couple of posts you may have missed:

Did you know that the Fischer’s Park parking lot was designed with sustainability in mind? This “green” parking lot was constructed with porous asphalt so that storm water will flow through the asphalt (rather than across the parking lot leading to erosion and sedimentation) into bioswales, where the storm water is infiltrated into the ground. In addition to

reducing storm water runoff, the porous asphalt filters pollutants from the water.

Naturalization is a process where a disturbed site is allowed to return to a natural state, which protects plants and wildlife, improves water quality, and increases biodiversity. Towamencin Township has eliminated mowing at nine open space areas, including the Municipal Complex. What can you do to create a naturalized lawn?

Below are some tips:

- Create a naturalized meadow on a portion of your property (contact a local landscape professional for recommendations).
- Add a water feature, such as a small pond.
- Create shelter for wildlife, such as a brush or rock pile, in an area away from regular use.
- Add native plants (contact a local landscape professional for recommendations).

Message From the Codes Department: Open Burning



Open Burning Rules

Who Can Burn: ONE and TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS ONLY.

What You Can Burn: Yard trimmings ONLY.

What You CANNOT Burn: LEAVES, Recycling Material, Garbage, Household, Business, Industrial Trash and Construction Debris or Similar Waste Products.

Where You Can Burn: Not less than 50 feet from any structure, and so placed as to prevent the spread of fire to within 50 feet of any structure, vehicle or fuel tank and not less than 25 feet from any property line.

Where You CANNOT Burn: In any Street, Alley or any Right of Way

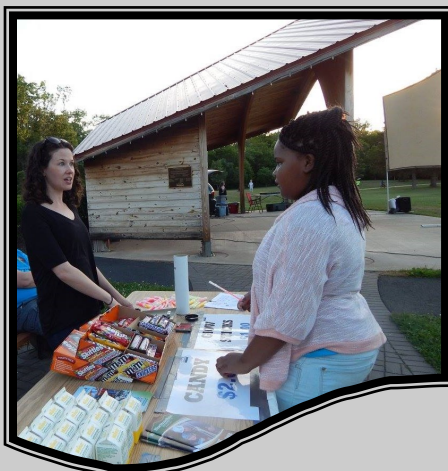
When You Can Burn: Saturdays and Sundays Only during the months of January, February, March, June, July, August, September and December; **Daily** during the months of April, May, October and November.

Additional Information

- Prior to any burning, the resident shall be required to notify the Township Police Department at 215-368-7600.
- You MAY NOT start burning before 8:00 a.m. The fire and all embers must be completely extinguished before dusk on the same day ignited. Smoldering debris IS NOT acceptable.
- The fire must be attended constantly by a responsible person.
- You must have an operating garden hose long enough to reach 15 feet beyond the burn pile.

- The pile size must not exceed 5' x 5' x 3' high. If more piles exist, only one (1) pile may burn at a time.
- You may not use flammable liquids to accelerate the burning of the pile.
- You may not burn during high winds, drought or weather inversions or when deemed hazardous by the Fire Marshall.
- The fire must be free burning and not generating excessive smoke.
- Any embers discharging from the fire must be controlled and may not enter onto adjacent properties.
- If a complaint is received due to excessive smoke or fire embers entering onto adjacent properties, the Fire Marshall's Office or the Police Department may order the fire to be extinguished.
- The fire must be completely extinguished by dusk on the same day it was ignited. No extension of this time may be granted.

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 the various programs offered 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 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
a great way to
get involved
and enhance
your resume!**

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 Bookmobile and Outreach Services

A Free Public Library Service in Towamencin Township

Towamencin Township has a free public library... and it has WHEELS! Bookmobiles bring the library to Towamencin residents weekly. It is all part of the Bookmobile and Outreach Services department of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library (MC-NPL). Library cards and online accounts are free to Towamencin residents, courtesy of the Montgomery County Library District.

Every week, we take your book, movie, and music requests and bring them to you at the **Calvary Baptist Church** or **Freddy Hill Farms**. Or visit one of the other 25 bookmobile stops in Montgomery County. You can even reserve items online for pickup. We text, call or email you when they are ready to go.



The bookmobiles give the children and adults of Towamencin Township access to millions of books, audio books, electronic books, DVD's, music CD's and

online resources such as: Mango Languages, Cypress Resume, TumbleBooks and Zinio Magazines - available through the 35 public library locations in the Montgomery County Library District.

Come browse the bookmobile shelves. Let our experienced and knowledgeable bookmobile staff help you find and request items. Or you can search the online catalog and request items through your online library account. We are Towamencin Township's free public library and we drive to serve you.

Preschool and Seniors Outreach

Bookmobile and Outreach Services also visit preschool children and seniors in Towamencin. The "Books-Go-Round"

bookmobile exclusively visits Head Start, preschool and daycare programs throughout Montgomery County. We provide children's programming and library books for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. For seniors, the "Words on Wheels" bookmobile exclusively visits retirement communities, senior housing complexes, and assisted living facilities throughout Montgomery County. Words on Wheels specializes in offering large print and audio books to patrons in addition to providing full access to the county's public library resources - just like our regular bookmobile service.



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Laurel House Features Laurel's Loft



Laurel's Loft, Laurel House's resale shop located at 1801 N Broad Street in Lansdale, is gearing up for cooler weather and collecting new and gently used fall and winter clothing. If you or your children have clothing that has been out grown or is no longer being worn, consider donating it to Laurel's Loft to benefit victims of domestic violence and their children throughout Montgomery County. You might even find your new winter wardrobe staple piece at a great price while you're there. For store hours and a list of accepted

items, visit www.laurel-house.org/how-to-help/laurels-loft.

Laurel House's 5K DASH Against Domestic Violence is coming up on Sunday, October 23rd, but there's still time to sign up.

This year's event, featuring emcee Preston Elliot of WMMR's Preston and Steve Show, will be held on October 23rd at the Upper Gwynedd Township Building. Join us on this certified course as we run (or walk) to honor victims of domestic violence and to prevent future abuse. All funds raised go directly to support Laurel House's services, including the 24-hour confidential hotline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, individual and group counseling, crisis intervention and community education. For more information and to register, visit <http://lhdash.kintera.org>.



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