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Towamencin Pool to Open for 2017 Season!

The Towamencin Pool Facility on Weikel Road will be opening for the 2017 season Memorial Day weekend.

After a competitive “Request for Proposal” process, StandGuard Aquatics, a Georgia based firm, was selected as the lessee / operator for the township-owned pool. The term of this agreement will be for an initial period of three (3) years. StandGuard is responsible for all daily operations, including: staffing, training, day-to-day maintenance, chemical maintenance, custodial care and concessions. They will also provide all facility programming including swim lessons, parties and rentals for special events.

Season memberships will be purchased through StandGuard. Details on registering are still being coordinated as the spring newsletter goes to press, but check for updates on the Township’s website, Facebook page and Township e-mail

notifications by late March. Membership fees and daily pass rates will remain the same as the 2016 season.

During the preparation of the 2017 budget, the Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors indicated that the Township would not be able to open the municipal pool for the 2017 season due to ongoing and significant operational costs that were no longer being covered by membership and use fees as a result of declining memberships. The Township has been attempting to address this issue for the past eight years. Efforts to increase revenue included: major capital improvements to the facility, adjustments in membership fee structures, joint purchasing for supplies, reducing utility costs, hosting special entertainment events and holding management expenses level by engaging the North Penn YMCA to manage the pool.



During the past two years, the Board has explored the feasibility of leasing the entire pool complex to organizations that are experienced in running successful aquatic facilities.

StandGuard Aquatics has over 50 years of experience working with all types of clients, both public and private, and their needs in the aquatic and swimming pool management industries. Their clients range from municipal pools, like Towamencin’s, to homeowners associations, open water facilities and large water parks.

The Board of Supervisors is hopeful that this lease arrangement with StandGuard Aquatics will be successful and beneficial for all.

Towamencin Business Alliance

Towamencin Business Alliance is a professional organization of businesses based in Towamencin Township. Through networking, sharing experiences, ideas and joining resources and support, TBA believes businesses in the area benefit from an organization dedicated to the local community business environment. Our voice has proven beneficial in the support, growth and development in the Township.

Our membership represents a diverse group, including: insurance, doctors and therapy services, food service and dining, computers and website hosting, banks and investments, hotels, professional services, engineering, manufacturing, and other commercial interests within the Township.

Membership to TBA is an affordable \$25.00 per year. We meet the first Tuesday of every month. We would love your business to join our group!

Come attend a meeting to see what we're about. For more information about membership, please contact Mr. Tom Rolon at: thomas_rolon@printworksco.com.

Thank you!

Robert A. DiDomizio, Jr., PE
Chairman, Towamencin Business Alliance

TBA Board of Directors

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Rich Costlow – Richard Costlow Consulting, LLC

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Resident Tax Program Information



2016 Tax/Rent Rebate Program Now Open

Forms for the state's 2016 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program are now available for download from the Department of Revenue's website and at State Representative Kate Harper's office at 1515 Dekalb pike, Blue Bell, PA, phone (610) 277-3230. Eligible participants may receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2016. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. Stop by Representative Harper's office for assistance and bring the necessary income, property tax or rental information required to process claims quickly and accurately. Applications are due by June 30. Department of Revenue's website: www.revenue.pa.gov

Homestead Exemption Program

In 2000, the County implemented the Homestead Exemption Program to give a tax break to certain property owners. In order to participate, the property must be the primary residence of the property owner. Commercial properties and rental properties do not qualify. The homeowner must register with the County by December 15 for the following tax year.

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

The Township annually, as a part of its budget process, determines the amount of exemption. Participating homeowners will receive an exemption on the Township portion of their tax bill only. When looking at the tax bill, you will note a County assessed value and a Township assessed value. If the homeowner is participating, the difference in the two assessed values will be the Homestead Exemption for that year.

Towamencin Voter Information for May 16th

These are important dates regarding the upcoming local elections for Montgomery County:

- Last day to REGISTER before the primary April 17th
- Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot May 9th
- Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots May 12th
- **MUNICIPAL PRIMARY May 16th**
- First day to REGISTER after primary May 17th
- Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 15th) May 23rd

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 Administration Building.

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 Kate Harper

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

Towamencin Township is U.S. House of Representatives District 7: Representative Patrick Meehan

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

Community Development Updates

- Royal Farms has received approval to construct a convenience store with gas at 1780 Sumneytown Pike in front of the Holiday Inn hotel.
- Towamencin Senior Living is seeking approval to build a 144-bed senior living facility on Towamencin Avenue. The applicant anticipates receiving approval from the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in March 2017.
- In 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved an overlay zoning district called the Entertainment and Lifestyle Overlay along Forty Foot Road between Tomlinson Road and Allentown Road. The overlay would allow a development of the property with certain uses, in addition to those permitted in the underlying zoning districts, if the property is developed as a uniform, cohesive development. Some uses that could be permitted as part of an overall site development include: retail, restaurant, entertainment, office, health club, financial institutions and educational uses.



Montgomery County Recycling Events Summary

Municipal and state regulations require that residents, commercial establishments and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. These are paper, plastic, glass, and metal.

Aluminum Can Facts:

- ◆ Recycling one can will save enough energy to power a TV for three hours.
- ◆ It requires 95% less energy to recycle an aluminum can than to create one. It takes 200-500 years to fully degrade in a landfill.

Please visit montgomerycountycycles.org or call the recycling line at 610-278-3618 for more information.

Document Shredding

The Montgomery County Commissioners, in conjunction with Shred One Security Corp., sponsor these **FREE** community paper shredding events.

Saturday, May 6 **Indian Valley Middle School**
130 Maple Ave., Harleysville, PA 19438

Household Hazardous Waste

FREE residential collection events are held outdoors from 9am-3pm, rain or shine. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties.

Saturday, April 22 **Indian Valley Middle School**
130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville, PA 19438

Saturday, May 13 **Lockheed Martin**
230 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Saturday, May 20 **Temple University - Ambler Campus**
Ambler, PA 19002

Saturday, June 24 **Abington Junior High School**
2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington, PA 19001

Tire Collections

The Montgomery County Commissioners authorize these **FREE** events to prevent tires from being improperly disposed of and reduce breeding grounds for mosquitoes. The tires collected will be shredded and repurposed by a local business into products such as road surface material, highway sound barrier, and playground material.

Saturday, June 10

Montgomery County Community College
340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Saturday, June 17

Western Montgomery Career and Tech. Center
77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA 19468

Saturday, July 1

Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington, PA 19001

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Pennsylvania Turnpike Construction Update



In the fall of 2017, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will be offering Towamencin residents living adjacent to the Turnpike an opportunity to receive, plant and

maintain evergreen saplings on their property. These fast-growing saplings replace the trees that were removed as part of the Northeastern Extension Total Reconstruction and Widening Project between Valley Forge Road and the Lansdale Interchange.

The saplings will be delivered to the Township and pick-up days will be scheduled for a Saturday in the fall. Residents must agree to plant the saplings on their property only. It is recommended that residents plant saplings in a location where

the mature trees will provide a visual barrier between their property and the Turnpike. Additional information will be mailed out to affected property owners later this year.

In December, two new E-ZPass only ramps opened at the Lansdale Interchange. On the northbound side, Exit 31A allows E-ZPass customers to directly access Sumneytown Pike without going through the toll plaza. Exit 31B still provides a northbound exit from the Turnpike for all travelers to access the toll plaza. On the southbound side, the new E-ZPass only ramp is accessible at the intersection of Old Forty Foot Road and Sumneytown Pike, merging on to the southbound lanes of the Turnpike.

A third auxiliary ramp is under construction and will allow traffic from Towamencin Avenue to enter the toll plaza avoiding Sumneytown Pike.

As weather permits, the contractor will continue working on the remaining roadway in the center of the project as work progresses to opening three lanes of traffic in each direction.

Sound wall installation, bridge work, grading/seeding, and drainage tasks will be on-going through the estimated project completion date of summer 2017.

The contractor has the option to prioritize the means and methods necessary to meet the target completion date.



Maintenance Tips for Spring/Summer



Help Keep Pollution out of Storm Drains:

Simple. These tips will help prevent pollutants from entering our streams, lakes and rivers:

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks, back onto your lawn.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, and fertilizers out of storm drains.
- Do not dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain.
- Volunteer to label the storm drains in your neighborhood to inform your neighbors that storm drains flow directly to our streams, lakes and rivers.

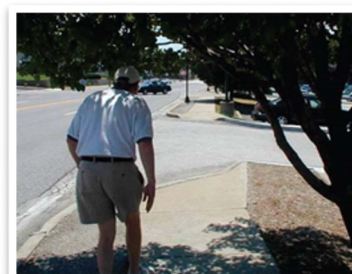
Only rain in the drain! That's because storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to our streams, lakes and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves, trash, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our streams, lakes and rivers.

Keep our water clean!

To report an illicit discharge to the storm water collection system or to a storm drain or to a stream, lake or river, please call the Township office at 215-368-7602.

Tree and Shrub Trimming

Tree limbs that overhang the legal rights-of-way, such as sidewalks and the curb line, must be trimmed in order to provide for safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians. On the sidewalk side, a tree cannot have branches that are below 8 feet high. On the street side, the branches cannot be lower than 15 feet. The Township is required to keep these passages clear. As a result, the Township has the legal right to trim branches to these specified heights without notice. If you prune the trees yourself, you will avoid this surprise.



Towamencin Township Community Day



Date: Saturday, May 20th
Time: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Fischer's Park
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Township is excited for our annual Towamencin Community Day! Last year we saw around 100 vendors and informational booths. The event was a huge success with over 1000 attendees. We are bringing back live music, food court, Inflatable's by A+ Jump, Police/Fire Activities, Face Painting/Balloon Animals, free pony rides, games, magician, and much more! We are excited to add this year a free zip line and dunk tank! This is a great opportunity to enjoy the park and festivities with your family and feel free to bring your pets!

- 12:00PM Opening Ceremony National Anthem & Color Guard
- 12:00PM - 1PM Montgomery County Concert Band
- 1:00PM - 2:00PM Montgomery County Jazz Band
- 2:00PM - 4:00PM North Penn High School Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Bands

Special Events are Sponsored By:



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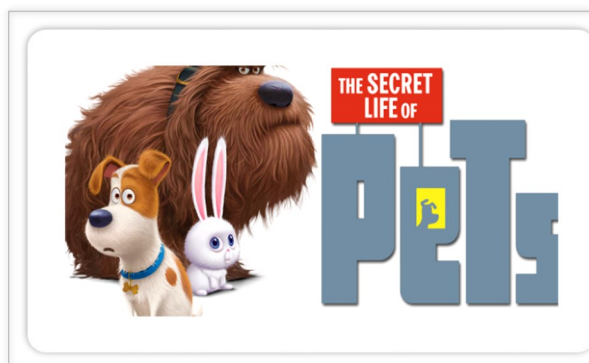
Towamencin Special Events have partnered with The North Penn United Way. We welcome donations at all of our events. The United Way is always in need of school supplies, gift cards to the Dollar Store/Target/Walmart/Staples and monetary donations.

www.npuw.org

Movie in the Park:

Date: Thursday, June 22nd
Time: 8 p.m. (Starts at Dusk)
Where: Fischer's Park
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd.

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

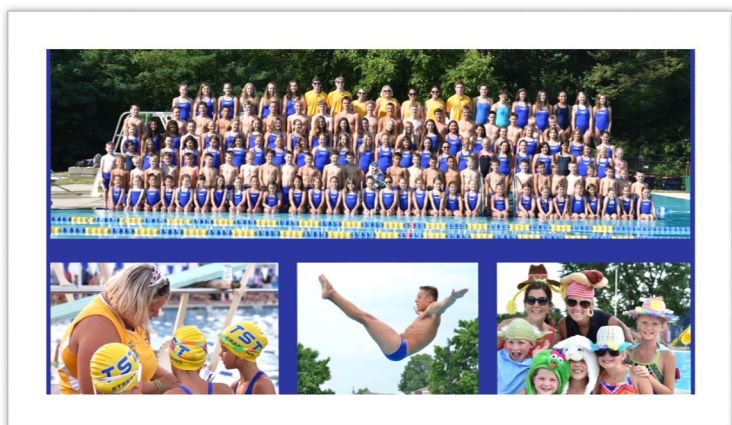


Discount Entertainment Tickets

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

Please visit www.towamencin.org for more information!

Towamencin Swim Team Registration Information



Want to be a Mighty Dolphin and beat the summer heat?

Join the 2017 Towamencin Mighty Dolphin Swim Team (TST). Your child will learn what it is like to be a part of a team that dedicates a lot of time to practice and takes pride in their performance. Our objective is to provide children with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of competitive swimming, to develop and improve their physical skills, develop a positive attitude and self-image through seasonal improvement, encourage responsibility, good sportsmanship, and team enthusiasm. Towamencin Swim Team is open to all school-age boys and girls (including 2017 graduates).

Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool (25 yards). The Bux-Mont league requires team members to be members of their team's pool.

Swim and dive practice begins the end of May and continues through early August (full calendar posted on towamencinswimteam.org). TST 2017 early registration will be available online at towamencinswimteam.org.

July Summer Concert Series

Date: Thursdays in July

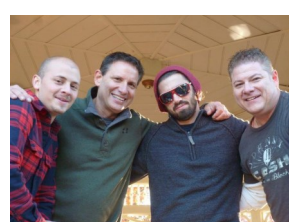
Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 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 blankets and chairs. Food sales will start at 6pm.

- July 6th Philadelphia Funk Authority (www.phillyfunk.com)
- July 13th Where's Pete Band (www.wherespeteband.com)
- July 20th Cubbage (www.cubbagemusic.com)
- July 27th The Mango Men (www.themangomen.com)



Movie in the Park:

Date: Thursday, August 3rd

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

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446



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

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company



Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) ended 2016 with 442 alarms, a high number for an all-volunteer fire company. There were several assist alarms in neighboring townships in the last couple months of the year, one of those was the night before our intended Santa run through the township. We apologize for not making it out to your neighborhood this year. We spent the morning of the run responding to five vehicle accidents on the turnpike. The icy conditions were not a safe environment for any of us to be out in. Unfortunately, timing wise, there was no other available date for us to reschedule. In December, the TVFC Ladies Auxiliary hosted the pictures with Santa again. We appreciate all of those that came out for this event.

In December 2016, TVFC took delivery of a new fire apparatus, Squad 76, which replaced a 20 plus year old E-One pumper. The company was able to sell the old pumper to a company in need down South. The new squad, which has a Spartan cab and 4-Guys body, was put into service on Saturday, January 21st.

Our new officers and administration for 2017 are off and running. We are preparing a strategic 20-year plan which, when completed later in 2017, will be presented to the Township. This strategic plan will cover our facilities, personnel, equipment and finances and define the current status in each category. This is necessary as our community and the fire service changes over time. For example, in this year's budget - for the first time - we allocated funds to potentially hire one to two paid firefighters if needed. It is a

struggle to get volunteers with the character, time and desire to serve in the volunteer fire service. While paid is not a direction we want to go in, we feel we need to prepare accordingly. When you consistently respond to over 400 alarms a year, it puts a strain on all those involved responding and running the fire service operation. Remember, in addition to alarms, we have training and fund raising activities. Training activities are necessary to keep our members current and prepared, while fund raising is necessary in order to keep our fire service costs as reasonable as we can without jeopardizing the safety of our community or our members.



By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be kicking off our 2017 Fund Drive. We Thank you for your generous support of the fund drive over the years and look forward to your continued support in 2017.

There are many events being planned throughout the year. While a few are listed below, please watch for the signs at each of our stations for events that you can support or participate in.

TVFC has a monthly meeting the first Tuesday night of the month and meets every

Thursday for drill. If you have an interest in learning more about the fire service or becoming a volunteer with TVFC, stop in and talk with one of our officers. We are looking for men and women for day and night help in firefighting and fire police activities as well as administrative members.

Our Ladies Auxiliary is also looking for folks, who work to fundraise in support of the fire company, to join this group. They meet on the third Tuesday of every month, except the summer months.

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

March 24	Designer Bag Bingo - Main Station Bustard Rd., 6:00-8:00 PM \$30 at door (Pre-ticket sale March 16 & 23, \$20)
April 11	Painting With A Twist Fundraiser - 1240 Bridge Road Schwenksville, PA, 7:00 PM, price \$25
May 13	Flower & Hoagie Sale - Main Station Bustard Road, 9:00 AM-1:00PM
May 23	Margarita's Fund Raiser - 1650 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale (% of your food bill that night goes to TVFC)
June 3	Hoagie Sale at Home Run Derby - Fishers Park
September 9	Chicken Barbecue Fund Raiser - Main Station Bustard Road, 3:00 PM-7 PM or until sold out (Take out/drive thru)
September 22	Bingo and Soup Sale - Main Station Bustard Road, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM (Pre-ticket sale September 14 & 21)

Towamencin Welcomes Two New Officers



Officer Patrick Kilroy



Officer Christopher McAroy

On January 25, 2017, the Board of Supervisors' Chairman, H. Charles Wilson, III, swore in our two newest police officers during the Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Patrick Kilroy and Christopher McAroy took the oath before family and friends. Officer Kilroy served previously with the Jenkintown Borough Police Department. Officer McAroy served previously with the Telford Borough Police Department.

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 Police Administrative Office 215-368-7606

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Towamencin Police Benevolence Association

Event: Sabrina's Rockstars Annual Blood Drive
Date: Friday, May 5th
Time: 10a.m. - 3p.m.
Where: Towamencin Township Meeting Room
GPS Location: 1090 Troxel Road Lansdale, PA 19446

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!
 To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code **TPBA** or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



Towamencin Youth Association Soccer



Winning Isn't Everything...But It Sure Can Be Sweet

The Towamencin Soccer Club prides itself on being a community-based, volunteer-led organization that is dedicated to helping our youth learn, grow and compete in today's exciting world of soccer. We strive to help boys and girls of all ages and levels understand the game of soccer, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, and improve their skills and abilities.

More notably, we also happen to be one of the most competitive clubs in the Philadelphia region. Take 2016 for example, out of 14 travel teams that took the field last year, six of them took the first place trophy in their respective leagues. We also had several RecSelect teams that had amazing records as well. We congratulate ALL of our teams for an outstanding season.

And while winning is not everything, it does help to serve as a reminder that commitment, hard work and determination has its rewards. We present to you a few of our winning teams in this photo gallery.



The 2005 Girls Thunder Travel Team



The U13 Boys Dragons Travel Team



The U12 Boys Roma Travel Team



The U14 Boys Titans Travel Team



The U10 Boys Fire Team



The U11 Boys Swarm Team



The U10 Boys Travel Dynamo Team



The U13 Girls Tigers Travel Team



The U15 Girls Crush Team

Towamencin Soccer Club offers intramural, select and travel soccer programs for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18. All of our programs offer terrific opportunities for specialized individual and team training, as well as outstanding game play. Our training regimens focus on making each soccer player better, faster and more agile.

TSC is now 36 years old – and GROWING. We hit record membership records last year – over 900 kids joined the club and learned how to improve their soccer skills, become more proficient with teamwork, and just have fun. But don't take our word on it. Sign up for one (or more) of our upcoming programs. Talk to our players, parents and families, coaches and volunteers; you'll quickly find out why TSC is the fastest growing soccer club in the area.

“Spring Forward” Training Program: A seven-week program that features professional soccer training and small-sided game play for ages U5 to U13. The program runs every Monday night from April 3 through May 22 (no session on April 17). Total cost is only \$55.

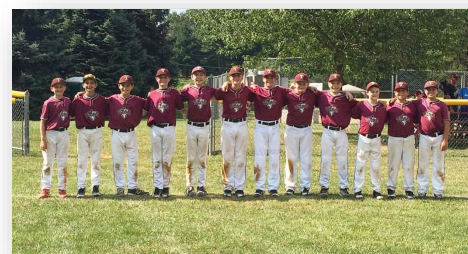
Advanced Player Development Program: A seven-week program designed for players who are looking for more competitive training – the perfect choice for RecSelect and travel players who are interested in trying out for a travel team. There will be two sessions - one for ages U8 to U11; another for ages U12 to U15. This program is designed to help improve ball skills, finishing techniques and speed of play. Sessions will run on Fridays from April 7 to May 26 (no session on April 14). Cost of the program is only \$65.

You can register your child for either program on the Towamencin Youth Association website: www.tyasports.org.

Hatfield-Towamencin Prepare for 2017



We are pleased to announce some big news for our baseball program: Towamencin Baseball has merged with Hatfield Connie Mack Legion Baseball. This merger creates a vertically integrated baseball program that goes all the way from Quickball (ages 4-5) up through American Legion (ages 16-19), all under the umbrella of TYA. The new structure of the organization — now named Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball — will strengthen every facet of our program, including our Cal Ripken youth baseball program.



Success runs top to bottom through our organization, and we are eager to forge new traditions for our newly expanded program. For the coming 2017 season, we are looking forward to defending a Cal Ripken SE PA State Championship, a Connie Mack State Championship, and a Bux-Mont American Legion League Championship.



Please follow Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Hatfield-Towamencin-Baseball-274463189345096/

Save the Date

Saturday, April 8 — Opening Day Ceremony

This event, held at Bustard Road Park, features a very popular Parade of Players, mascot race, local dignitaries, food, fun and more.



Saturday, June 3 — All-Star Day & Home Run Derby

All Star Day provides an exciting opportunity to watch some of the most competitive games of the season and take part in a day that's packed with fun, including our Home Run Derby, which is sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies and run by the Towamencin Fire Company. The addition of music, food, and games galore makes this a treat for the whole family.

Sunday, June 4 — Annual Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI)

For the past 7 years, we have sponsored this one-day tournament, run by the Towamencin Umpire Association, to raise money for breast cancer research. In 2016, 40 teams participated and more than \$13,000 was raised to sponsor several groups that participate in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day. We look forward to this event, which grows in popularity every year.

We can't wait for the 2017 season to start!

2017 Baseball Registration

In December, we kicked off our Spring/Summer 2017 registration with two open house events at Head First Baseball and Softball Academy. In addition, we held three walk-in registration sessions in January at both Walton Farm Elementary School and Hatfield Elementary School.

To date, we have over 300 players registered for our intramural and Connie Mack programs — and we look forward to another year of fun, skill development, and competition on the diamond.

If you have not registered yet, it may not be too late. Send us an e-mail, and we may be able to find a spot for your son — especially if he is 8 years old or younger. Contact us by e-mail at tyabaseball@hotmail.com or through the website at <https://tya-baseball.website.siplay.com>

Morgan Log House Spring/Summer Events

The Morgan Log House is happy to welcome their new Executive Director, Tim Betz, who took the helm in January. He is excited to be a part of the community and is looking forward to his first summer on-board.

We are hosting a new temporary exhibit, which is titled "How It's Made: Furnishing the Log House." The exhibit will look at objects that the people who lived in the home would have owned and how they would have been made in the eighteenth century. It will be a fun and informative look at manufacturing in the colonial period! The exhibit will open in April.

Dusty Attic & Creepy Cellar Open House *Saturday, April 1st*

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We reopen for the 2017 season with our open house focusing on the restoration of the Morgan Log House. Visitors will be allowed to walk up into our attic and climb down to the basement areas, regularly off-limits. Walk through the Log House and see what the rooms looked like prior to the house being saved from demolition. It's a great way to come to know a local landmark!



Seventh Annual Military Might Day *Saturday, May 27th*

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Colonial Game Day *Saturday, June 17th*

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It's summer time, and we're celebrating in the old-fashioned style. Join 18th century re-enactors and crafters, both inside and outside of the Morgan Log House, in over a dozen period style games of chance, choice, wit, and skill. Try period toys, games or buy your own in our museum shop. Program is FREE.



Tavern Night *Friday, September 15th*

6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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 & drinks combine in this "happy hour" style event being held on the grounds of a 300 plus year old property! September is coming up quick, so get it on your calendar!



We are going to be adding workshop series for both children and adults for the coming season. Topics will be decided soon. Check out website www.morganloghouse.org for more information.

You can help us bring history alive by becoming a member or a sponsor! Go to our website (www.morganloghouse.org) for more information.

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

Welsh Valley Preservation Society Membership Form

Morgan Log House

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

With your annual membership, you receive:

- Free admission to tours and special programs offered that year
- Free access to our genealogy files, and wireless internet research area
- Discounted registration on Time Travelers History Camp
- 10% discount in our gift shop
- 50% discount on all site workshops

Membership Pricing:

\$25 for Individual

\$35 for Family

\$50 for Benefactor

\$100 for Sponsor

\$250 for Patron

\$500 for Friend

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Check payments can be made to "*Welsh Valley Preservation Society.*"
Membership form and payment can be mailed to The Morgan Log House,
PO Box 261 Kulpsville, Pa 19443.

Open Space & Parks Advisory Committee Update

Pocket Parks:

Most Township residents know of the larger parks and open spaces in the Township's park system. These are Fischer's Park, Bustard Road Park, Grist Mill Park and Butch Clemens Park. But there are probably many residents unaware of some of the Township's smaller "pocket parks." These small areas of parkland are in residential neighborhoods and within convenient walking distance for many residents. These gems include: Morgan Way Park, Heebner Way Park, Drinnon Park and Valley View Park. (Refer to the Township website www.Towamencin.org/parks.html for maps showing the locations of these and all the Township Parks.)



Morgan Way Park is a two acre, partially open grassy meadow where parents and their children can run around, play catch or kick a ball when the weather is nice. Drinnon Park is an almost three acre wide-open space with some shade trees and playground equipment for kids to enjoy. If you are looking for a space to enjoy some time with your kids, consider these less used Township parks.



Environmental Advisory Council Earth Day Event



The Township's Environmental Advisory Council ("EAC") is holding an invasive plant removal event on Saturday morning April 22nd at Fischer's Park. We are inviting volunteers to come out to learn about this issue and to assist in making our premier park more environmentally friendly and sustainable. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the Meadowview Pavilion (the pavilion where the bathrooms are). Bring gardening gloves with you if you can and dress for walking through mud and brush.

Not all non-native plants are invasive. Invasive plants are those that are non-native to Pennsylvania, grow aggressively, and can crowd out existing native plants. The native ecosystem can become degraded for all of its inhabitants, from native plants to insects, birds and animals. Ultimately, invasive plants alter habitats and reduce biodiversity.

Volunteers can assist trained members of the EAC in identifying and removing certain invasive plants in the park, thus protecting native species of plants and animals in their natural habitats.

Be on the lookout for sign up information on the Township's website and Facebook page in late March.

Come out to learn, contribute to making a better natural environment and celebrate Earth Day!

Message From Codes Department: Spring Reminders

It is the responsibility of all property owners within Towamencin Township to maintain their lawn areas, by mowing grass and/or removing weeds, so as not to exceed 12 inches. Weeds or lawn areas that exceed 12 inches are considered a nuisance and may result in violation notices and/or citations by the Township. This does not apply to riparian corridor buffers, wetlands, woodlands, floodplains, steep slopes, detention or retention basins and open space deemed a meadow by the Township.



Please relocate portable basketball stands away from the public right of way. The placement of portable basketball stands along the curb line creates a safety hazard for pedestrians and motor vehicle traffic. In addition, young children should not be encouraged to play basketball in the public roadway. Section 133-34 of the Towamencin Township Code prohibits any objects or obstructions from being placed within the boundaries of the public street or right of way. Therefore, if you have a portable basketball stand or other object located within the public right-of-way, please relocate it to your driveway and away from the curb line.

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

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 one of our Towamencin stops:

- CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
- FREDDY HILL FARMS

You can 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 the millions of: books, audio books, electronic books, DVDs, music CDs, online resources - like 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. Check us out!

Preschool and Seniors Outreach

Bookmobile and Outreach Services also visits preschool children and seniors in Towamencin. The "Books-Go-Round" bookmobile exclusively visits Head Start, Pre-K, preschool, and daycare programs throughout Montgomery County. We provide early literacy programming and library books for 3, 4, and 5 year olds.



For seniors, the "Words On Wheels" bookmobile exclusively visits assisted living facilities, retirement communities and senior housing complexes 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.

Homebound Outreach

Are you or someone you know short-term convalescent, long-term convalescent, or permanently homebound? We offer the "Books by Mail" program. This is a free-of-charge mail delivery service. We mail a package to you with your requested items, a return mailing label, and a pre-paid postage return envelope.

Bookmobile Schedule and Online Catalog

<http://mnl.mclinc.org/>

Select "Bookmobile and Outreach Department"

Contact the Librarian at:

tfluharty@mclinc.org
(610) 278-5100 Ext 7

New Korean War Memorial Starts Construction



The Korean War Memorial American-Korean Alliance Peace Park, currently being designed in Montgomery Township, will honor all of the brave men and women who have served in Korea both then and now. You have an opportunity to purchase a lasting testament to this ongoing relationship and important period in world history.

You can buy a commemorative brick, or series of bricks that will be laid in the landscaping of this important memorial. Recognize your time served during the war, a veteran you want to remember, a service member recently stationed in South Korea, or to simply show your support for the America Korean Alliance.

Anyone interested in making donations or assisting the Peace Park effort may contact: Yang at his Martial Arts School in North Wales by calling (215) 661-1884, visiting 127 South Main Street, North Wales, www.YangsMartialArt.com or by emailing yangsmartialart@gmail.com.

Your local representative may also be contacted:

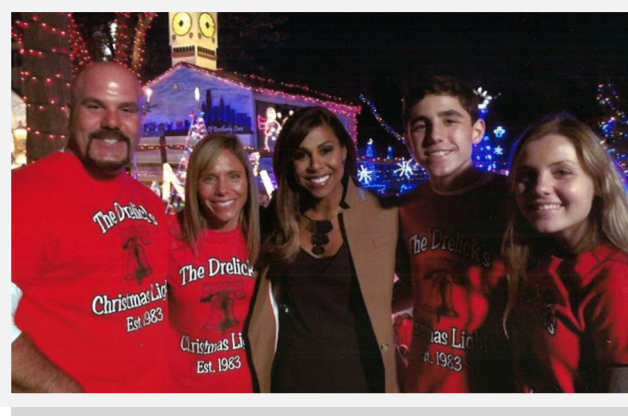
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On June 25, 1950, war broke out on the Korean Peninsula when the North Korean Communist army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded South Korea. In July 1950, the United States as part of a joint UN command officially entered the Korean War.

During the conflict, US forces suffered a total of 137,250 casualties, including 36,940 killed, 92,134 wounded, 3,737 missing in action and 4,439 captured. For three long years, US Troops fought honorably and bravely, at times in sub-zero temperatures, sacrificing their lives on the battlefield alongside Republic of Korea forces defending the Republic. On July 27, 1953, an armistice was signed; and to this day, United States and Republic of Korea armed forces have served together on the peninsula to maintain a fragile peace.

Towamencin Presents Holiday Decoration Contest

The spirited and spectacular efforts of Towamencin residents to decorate their homes this past holiday season did not go unnoticed. For the 2017 holiday season, Towamencin Township and the Open Space and Parks Committee are planning to showcase decorated homes within our community by acknowledging extraordinary decorating efforts in a friendly house decorating competition. Start thinking about your decorating plans now! More details to come.



Drelick Family, ABC's The Great Light Fight Contestants

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Economics 101 - "Supply & Demand"
Great news ...the Real Estate market is off to another great start in 2017! There is a strong demand for housing in **Towamencin Township** & the surrounding area, inventory is low and there is an actual shortage of quality homes for sale. If you are considering selling your home, 2017 just might be the time to make a move. Using the best marketing tools, such as **Video tours & Aerial tours**, I get the maximum exposure your home deserves in order to sell at the highest possible price. If you have questions or thinking of selling or buying, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Thank you,
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