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Board to Consider Sidewalk & Curb Program

The Board of Supervisors is considering implementing a sidewalk/curb program in conjunction with the Township's annual road paving program. This topic has been discussed at several Board meetings over the last year - July 12, 2017, September 27, 2017 and February 14, 2018. At these meetings, the Board and Township staff have focused on the significant curb deterioration (curbing which has virtually crumbled to gravel) throughout the Township. The goal of the program would be to notify residents of needed curbing/sidewalk replacements one to two years prior to the anticipated road paving within their neighborhood.

Intact curbing preserves the integrity of the roads, by providing the support on each side of the road. The support of the curbing prevents the spread of the road surface, which can result in drainage problems and possibly safety concerns. The Township's older neighborhoods appear to have the greatest percentage of significant curb damage.

Currently, the Codes Department inspects the sidewalk and curbs of

properties that are about to be sold, requiring replacement of any damaged curbs/sidewalks before a Use and Occupancy Permit can be issued. While this program has helped in bringing several properties up to code, it does not address the majority of properties that will not be sold in the near future, who have significant curb or sidewalk deterioration. The Township's Code directs that the property owner shall be responsible for keeping the sidewalks and curbs immediately in front of their property in good order and repair, and free of all obstructions.

The program being explored is inspired by similar programs adopted by other Townships, such as Upper Dublin Township, where owners are provided with advance notice (one year being considered) of scheduled road paving and the associated sidewalk/curb work needed prior to the scheduled road paving.

Owners would be directed to either:

- Join forces with neighbors to get bulk pricing for the necessary repairs/replacements, in lieu of the Township contracting the work with prevailing wage requirements,



which would likely increase the overall cost per property owner. Owners would be provided with the Township's sidewalk and curbing specifications to share with their contractor, so they are aware of the guidelines for what will pass inspection beforehand.

- Inform Township staff that they prefer the Township to coordinate the needed work at their property. Township staff would then compile this additional requested work for the road paving bid specifications. The associated maintenance cost would then be assessed to the property owners, with payment terms to be determined.

Township staff was directed to work on a draft program for the Board to review. The Board is expected to review the proposed curb/sidewalk program and make a decision later this year. Stay tuned for developments on this topic by checking the Township's website and by attending the bi-monthly Board of Supervisors Meetings.

www.towamencin.org/meetingschedule.html



Towamencin Voter Information for May 15th

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

- Last day to REGISTER before the primary April 16th
- **MUNICIPAL PRIMARY May 15th**

You can now register to vote online!

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>.



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

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

Resident Property Tax Program Information

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Now Available

Application forms for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program are now available for eligible Pennsylvanians to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2017. The deadline to apply for a rebate is June 30, 2018. Applicants may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) and related information on the Department of Revenue's website or by calling 1-888-222-9190.

It is free to apply for a rebate, and free filing help is available at hundreds of locations across the Commonwealth, including at Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior community centers and state legislators' offices. Claimants must reapply for rebates every year because rebates are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid in each year. Spouses, personal representatives or estates may file rebate claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in 2017 and meet all other eligibility criteria. Rebates will be distributed beginning July 1, as required by law.

About the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Department of Revenue automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners. Since its inception in 1971, more than \$6.7 billion has been paid to qualified applicants through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. The program is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming. Please share with someone, who would benefit from this program.

North Penn School District Property Tax Rebate Program

NPSD has a new way in which some of our taxpayers can benefit from tax relief. At the October 2017 action meeting, the school board unanimously approved a property tax rebate program that will see a discount of \$62.50 to \$162.50 for certain homeowners. To qualify for this discount, applicants must: own a home as their primary residence in the North Penn School District and have a household income of no more than \$35,000 annually; and be 65 years of age or older; or be a widow and widower aged 50 years of age or older; or be permanently disabled and 18 years of age or older.

The property tax rebate program is based on the existing Pennsylvania Property Tax and Rent Rebate program which has been in effect since 1971 and is funded by state lottery and slot machine proceeds. North Penn homeowners must qualify for the state rebate program to qualify for the district rebate program. NPSD is granting a 25 percent rebate of the state's rebate and is broken down as follows:

- \$162.50 annual rebate for North Penn homeowners with a yearly household income between \$0 to \$8,000;
- \$125 annual rebate for North Penn homeowners with a yearly household income between \$8,001 to \$15,000;
- \$75 annual rebate for North Penn homeowners with a yearly household income between \$15,001 to \$18,000; and
- \$62.50 annual rebate for North Penn homeowners with a yearly household income between \$18,001 to \$35,000.

For those who qualify for the Tax Rebate Program, forms can be found here or by visiting or calling your local legislator.

Tips for Tax Payers

Welcome to the first edition of an ongoing series that will offer important tips to our property owners in the Township.

Q: Why do I get two tax bills for my property each year?

A: The first tax bill, which is usually sent out in early February, is for the combined Montgomery County, Towamencin Township, and Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) real estate taxes. Some property owners also get their sewer rental fee on the same mailer. These bills must be mailed out by March 1st each year. The other bill is for North Penn School District Real Estate Taxes, and it is mailed out on or before July 1st.

Q: Why do the bills have different due dates?

A: The County/Township/MCCC bill collection runs on a calendar year that runs from January 1st to December 31st. The school district runs on a fiscal year, from July 1st until June 30th.

Q: What happens if I don't get a tax bill in the mail? Do I still have to pay the taxes on my property?

A: Tax bills are mailed to every property owner using the names and mailing addresses provided by the county. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve any taxpayer from the payment of any taxes imposed by any taxing district, and such taxpayer shall be charged with the taxes as though the bill was received.

Q: My mortgage lender collects escrow money from me to pay for the real estate taxes. Do you send my tax bills to them?

A: I only mail the bills to the name and mailing address provided by the county. I do not send any bills directly to the mortgage lender. You are responsible for forwarding your tax bills to your mortgage company. Only send them a photocopy and keep your original.

Q: What is the best way to pay my bill by mail?

A: By law we accept a dated postmark from any post office in the United States as proof of delivery. My advice is to take your envelope to the counter of any US Post Office and ask the postal employee to hand stamp a dated postmark and watch that it gets down. That simple exercise can mean the difference between a payment made on time versus one that arrives after a deadline without a date stamp.

Q: What happens if I send my tax payment without a dated postmark?

A: Without a dated postmark, the date received will be based on when I actually have the payment in my hand. Please keep in mind that the mail in this area gets routed through the Philadelphia Post Office, and that process can add days to your delivery.

Q: Can I pay my bill using an electronic check through my banking institution?

A: Yes, but give it plenty of time to arrive. Many banks send your escrow funds electronically to a processing company, who then prints and mails the payments to me. It is not uncommon for an electronic check to take 10 days to reach me, and these payments typically have no dated postmark.

Q: Can I pay my bill in person?

A: Yes. Each bill has its own location where payments are being received. The County/

Township/MCCC bills can be paid at the Township Municipal Complex at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale, or at Univest Bank & Trust at Forty Foot and Welsh Roads. School bills can be paid in person at my office at 1553 Gehman Road, Harleysville.

Q: Do I automatically get a receipt copy sent to me in the mail?

A: No. Send back your entire bill with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Your copy will be date stamped and mailed back to you.

Q: Can I post-date a check?

A: No. When a tax collector receives a check, regardless of the date on the check, it is assumed that there are funds in your bank to cover it. If I deposit the check and it gets rejected for 'non-sufficient funds,' it will no longer be valid, and you could receive an overdraft fee.

Q: Why are the County/Township/MCCC taxes handled differently than the school taxes?

A: By special agreement with the Township, as the official Tax Collector for Towamencin Township, I have deputized the Township to mail, collect, and record the collections for the County, Township, and MCCC payments. This agreement streamlines the process because the Township collects their Sewer Rental Fee at the same time. I collect mail, collect and record the collection of school taxes, in addition to processing tax certifications, handling court stipulations, approving the Township reports, and signing off on the closing in January with the County.

Questions? Call (215) 723-7297 or send an email to tax@robertdidomizio.com.

Robert A. Di Domizio Jr. Tax Collector

Community Development Updates

- Demolition has begun at the former Gulf gas station (1780 Sumneytown Pike) and an abandoned office building (1750 Sumneytown Pike) in preparation for construction of a Royal Farms convenience store with gasoline sales.

For more information, visit www.royalfarms.com.

- Construction has begun on the Towamencin Senior Living, located at 900 Towamencin Avenue. The facility will be a 144-bed Senior Living facility.

- Wambold Realty is seeking final land development approval for a 52,200 square-foot Public Storage facility, located on Wambold Road.



Montgomery County Recycling Events Summary

Contact info: visit MontcoPARecycles.org, email: recycling@montcopa.org or call the recycling line at 610.278.3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events. In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP is proud to offer Township residents the opportunity to responsibly **recycle obsolete electronics on**

SATURDAY, June 23, 2018, from 8 am to 12 pm.

The event will take place in Towamencin Township at:
North Penn High School - 1340 Valley Forge Road

Household Hazardous Waste (9 am – 3 pm)

Saturday, May 5
Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Ave, Harleysville

Saturday, May 19
Temple Ambler Campus
1431 E Butler Pike, Ambler

Tire Collections (9 am – Noon)

Saturday, June 9th - Montgomery County Community College, Enter at 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Saturday, June 16th - West. Montgomery Career & Technology Center, 77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA 19468

Compost Bins and Rain Barrels

Pickup date and location for PREORDERED items:

Saturday, June 2 (9 am - Noon) Norristown Farm Park
2500 Upper Farm Road (*Entrance at the intersection of Germantown Pike & North Wales Road*) Norristown



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Pennsylvania Turnpike Construction Spring Update



The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission announced the total reconstruction and widening of the Northeastern Extension (Interstate-476) between Lansdale, Exit 31, and Quakertown, Exit 44, in Montgomery County.

Work began in February, including tree and shrub removal along the Turnpike's right-of-way. During construction, the contractor will install temporary concrete barrier, advanced-warning signs and traffic-control devices with reduced speeds of 55 miles per hour. Other highway components to be replaced include concrete barriers, guide rail and right-of-way fencing. Construction will include building sound barriers, retention walls for

support of excavation, storm-water management basins and drainage systems.

The contractor will also replace four main-line bridges that carry Turnpike traffic over local roads and creeks. These structures will be removed and replaced in stages as construction of the Turnpike is widened, throughout this project between mileposts A31.3 and A38.1.

"Total roadway reconstruction is a massive undertaking that involves removing the old four-lane roadway and sub-base up and completely replacing it with a brand new, six-lane roadway," said PA Turnpike Chief Engineer Brad Heigel. "Once reconstruction and widening along the Northeastern Extension is completed, it will improve safety and enhance mobility for our customers who travel this stretch of interstate." The new six-lane highway will also

feature full, 12-foot shoulders to the left and right of the travel lanes.

This project is expected to be completed by the end 2020, with the opening of north and southbound traffic to three lanes in each direction. Miscellaneous roadway work may continue through 2021.

Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. Inc., of Pilesgrove, N.J., was awarded the \$225 million contract by the PA Turnpike last November. The project area stretches from milepost A31.3 (Fretz Road) to A38.1 (Clump Road). Hill International of Philadelphia will be providing construction-management services on the project, which crosses through Lower Salford, Franconia and Salford Townships.

For more information and updates about this project, visit patpconstruction.com/mpA31toA38/.

Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution



Plant a large stature tree.

Large trees are great stormwater control. They can intercept over 1,000 gallons of rainwater each year.

Where possible, plant a large broad-leaf tree, such as an oak, maple or black gum.

Consider planting natural, warm season grasses.

Native warm season grasses have extensive roots of 3 to 7 feet deep that enrich the soil and absorb many times the amount of rainwater that turf grass does. The grasses also help to filter out harmful nutrients which degrade our streams.

Get your soil tested before fertilizing.

Avoid applying too much fertilizer. Purchase a soil test kit from your local Penn State extension and submit soil samples from your lawn to determine the nutrients that may be lacking.

Visit www.aasl.psu.edu for more information.

Leave grass clippings for a free fertilizer alternative.

Cut grass at 2½ to 3 inches tall. Mow often enough so that clippings are not longer than one-third (1/3) of the grass blade, so they can decompose easily into the soil.

Spare your stream by avoiding spring fertilization and leave your grass clippings on your lawn instead. Grass clippings supply between 25 percent and 50 percent of nitrogen and phosphorus needs.

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



Towamencin Township Community Day



Date: Saturday, May 19th
Time: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Fischer's Park
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Township is excited for our annual Towamencin Community Day! Last year we hosted around 100 vendors and informational booths. The event was a huge success with over 1000 attendees. We are bringing back live music, zip line, food court, Inflatable's by A+ Jump, police/fire activities, face painting/balloon animals, free pony rides, games, magician, and much more! 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 TBA

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Movie in the Park:

Date: Thursday, June 21st
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 will be served. Candy, water and juice will be sold.



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 by Diz's Dogs will start at 6pm.

- July 5th - Real Diamond (www.realdiamondband.com)
- July 12th - AM Radio (www.amradioband.org)
- July 19th - Mike Greer & Co. ([@mikegreerandco](https://www.instagram.com/mikegreerandco))
- July 26th - Large Flowerheads (www.largeflowerheads.com)

Movie in the Park:

Date: Thursday, August 16th

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 will be served. Candy, water and juice 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 Volunteer Fire Company



TVFC responded to a total of 411 incidents in 2017. The breakdown included: fires and explosions 50, rescue and emergency medical 67, hazardous conditions 31, service calls 29, special incident calls 2, false fire alarm activations 143 alarms, and miscellaneous calls 89. These calls represent approximately 275 hours of volunteer time spent *by each member* in responding to incidents only, with an average of 40 minutes per call.

When adding 50 plus drills in a given year (at 2 hours per drill) with fund raisers, training classes and other special events, one can see that not only has TVFC responded to over 400 incidents in 2017, but a huge number of other activities to assure that your fire company is prepared and ready to respond. All of this is volunteer time. None of us are compensated.

Please keep in mind that when you see a car with a blue or red light on behind you, or an emergency or fire vehicle with lights and sirens on, understand that we are responding to an incident requiring immediate attention. Please take time to move to the right, as the law requires, allowing us to get by. Our goal is to keep the roads safe during a response and while our members are coming from their homes or business.

At the time of this writing, TVFC has responded to over 40 incidents in January, a high start to the year.

Our training has been focused on reviewing our apparatus equipment, fire ground operation and radio communication, hazardous material re-certification.

As the warm weather approaches, we will be outside for our drills to practice our hands-on firefighting and rescue techniques. TVFC is working on scheduling visits and tours to various facilities in the township make sure we are familiar with the locations of key firefighting or emergency aids at each facility.



Our 2018 fund drive is kicking off in March. Your financial support is appreciated each year as an essential component of our yearly budget. Our volunteer men, women and the ladies auxiliary thank you for your support of our events throughout the year.

If you are interested in renting our hall for an event, check our website for more information

We continue to need additional men and women to volunteer as firefighters, fire police, administrative support and ladies

auxiliary members. Please stop by on a Thursday night. Visit us and talk to an officer about membership. You may call the fire house at 215-362-2776, listen for the right extension: the Chief for firefighter membership, Fire Police Captain for fire police membership, ladies auxiliary for their membership or our President for administrative membership, and leave us a message. All are welcome; day or night time help is needed.

We look forward to your support of the following events below.

Key Dates to Remember

March 23	Designer Bag Bingo - Main Station Bustard Rd., 6 - 8 PM \$30 at door (Pre-ticket sale March 15 & 22, \$20)
April	Flea Market and Hoagie Sale TBD
May 12	Flower & Hoagie Sale - Main Station Bustard Road, 9 AM-1 PM
May 19	Hoagie Sale at Towamencin Community Day
June	Home Run Derby - Fishers Park TBD
September 8	Chicken Barbecue Fund Raiser - Main Station Bustard Road, 3 PM-7 PM or until sold out (Take out/drive thru)

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.

Towamencin L.O.C.A.T.E Program



The Towamencin Township Police Department participates in the L.O.C.A.T.E. Program (Law Officers Concerned About The Endangered). The program provides our police officers with the tools needed to better respond to calls involving those with decreased cognitive function.

The pamphlet and registration form is available on our website at www.towamencinpd.org or at police headquarters. If you are interested in additional information about the program, please contact the program coordinator, Detective Jamie Pierluisse at 215-368-7606.

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

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Police Administrative Office 215-368-7606

Phone Scam Alert

A number of township residents received the same disturbing call that their family member is being held against their will and will be tortured or killed if the instructions of the caller are not followed. Once investigated, all of the people supposedly in harm's way were verified to be safe and uninjured. Of all the phone scams, this one is the scariest. The scammers are preying on your instincts to do whatever is necessary to save your loved one.

They instigate panic and fear so they can manipulate you into making decisions your rational mind would otherwise tell you are not right. They will tell you not to call the police. They will tell you to keep them on the line, while you purchase Green Dot or iTunes gift cards. They will tell you to send money by Western Union and keep them on the line so they can hear your transaction. They will tell you not to disclose this call to your spouse. This is their way of keeping you from checking to see if that person is safe and forcing you take their word that they are in harm's way.

Here are some tips if you receive one of these calls;

- If possible, call the police from a separate line so we can help you check on your loved one.
- Do not give any personal information out, including guessing the name of the person they have.
- Do not purchase Green Dot or iTunes gift cards and give them the numbers.
- Most importantly **STAY CALM.**

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Towamencin Intramural Softball



Towamencin Youth Association (TYA) Softball is getting ready for another fun and spirited softball season for girls ages 4 to 18. To join in the fun, visit our website at tyasport.org.

Softie Ball/Junior Coach Pitch is for girls ages four to six. Teams are smaller in number and mostly just the infield is used. Games and practices are around an hour in length. The girls are kept engaged and having fun. It is an in-house league. All games and practices are held at beautiful Bustard Park.

Senior Coach Pitch Softball/Machine Pitch is for girls ages seven and eight. The Coach Pitch Division is entirely pitched by coaches and or a pitching machine. This year we had some of our older more experienced girls coach and cheer on our coach pitch players for All Star Day skills competition. Coach pitch is also an in-house league with all games and practices at Bustard Park.

Minors 10U Softball division begins incorporating the girls with some pitching duty. This year we had four minors teams that played a few games against our neighboring townships Harleysville and

Souderton in addition to our normal in-house games at Bustard Park.

Majors 12U Softball Lady Bandits won ten and lost four games this past season finishing second in the Inter County Girls Recreational League (ICGRL). The ICGRL is a growing league with five other local township teams. Home games are at Bustard Park.

Juniors/Seniors TYA teams compete in the VIGS league (Valley Inter Community Girls Softball). This was long time TYA Softball coach and VIGS commissioner Charlie Cole's last season. Charlie has dedicated the last 13 years to helping our little girls turn into young ladies and he will be missed dearly. We wish him all the best!

Sunday Select 8U, 10U and 12U softball is for girls who want a little more softball, in addition to the normal intramural program. Extra games are played against other neighboring townships teams on Sundays with a year end playoff tournament in the middle of June.

Towamencin Soccer Club

Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) is revving up its engines for 2018. We're expanding - and not just in membership size:

- We're adding more soccer programs!
- We're adding more soccer training (for coaches and players)!
- We're adding more competitive soccer activities!

Spring Soccer Program: This seven-week program features professional soccer training and small-sided game play for ages U6 to U13. It will run every Monday night, from April 9th through May 21st. Registration is open now and runs until the end of March.



Travel Soccer Program: If you're looking to be the best at soccer and totally enjoy competitive league and tournament play, look no further than TSC.

Registration is open now and travel team tryouts are scheduled for April 14 and 23.

Intramural Soccer Program: Our rapidly growing recreational program focuses on improving player development and proficiency in a learning, fun atmosphere. It offers winning soccer techniques taught by soccer professionals, as well as the opportunity to practice skills and techniques during small-sided game play. Registration opens on April 2nd.

TSC Philadelphia Union Night(s): Join your fellow TSC players and their families for a night of excitement and fun down at Talen Energy Stadium. We will be participating in two games this year.

- Saturday night, April 7th, against the San Jose Earthquakes.
- Saturday night, September 15th, against the Montreal Impact.

Professional Fitness Training: This six-week program is specifically designed to improve players' physical fitness, increase strength and boost endurance and stamina. This program will run in June and July (dates to come).

Be sure you check out our website at www.tyasports.org and our Facebook page (Towamencin Soccer Club) for regular updates.

Hatfield-Towamencin Prepare for 2018



Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball, having just celebrated its first anniversary as a merged league, continues to offer an ever growing vertically integrated baseball program that spans Quickball (ages 4-5) through American Legion (ages 16-19).



2017 Fall Program

Our Fall 2017 season was very successful. For the first time, we expanded our fall program to include Quickball as well as Coach Pitch Teams. Also new this past season was a skill development program for our Connie Mack players — which we will expand to our younger players next season. Our intramural teams competed in the Inter-Community Fall League, while the older players participated in the Bux-Mont Connie Mack Fall League.

Save the Dates

Saturday, April 14 — Opening Day Ceremony

Held at Bustard Road Park, this official kickoff of the baseball season features our very popular Parade of Players, mascot race, local dignitaries, food, fun and more.

Saturday, June 2 — 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 3 — Annual Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI)

For eight consecutive years, we have sponsored this hugely popular 1-day tournament run by the Towamencin Umpire Association to raise money for breast cancer research.

The event raised over \$11,000 in support of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, with 35 teams participating last year.

Volunteers

Whether you've been involved with our league for many years or you are joining us for the first time this season, please take advantage of one of the many ways to get involved and help our league continue to grow and thrive. We can not do what we do without great folks like you.

After this long and particularly cold winter, we look forward to getting back on the fields for another year of fun, skill development, competition, and community camaraderie, as well as, defending a Cal Ripken SE PA State Championship and District title, a Connie Mack State Championship and a Bux-Mont American Legion League Championship.



2018 Baseball Registration

In January, we kicked off our Spring/Summer 2018 registration period with three walk-in registration sessions at Walton Farm and Hatfield ES. To date, we have over 300 players registered for our Intramural and Connie Mack programs. **If you have not yet registered, it may not be too late. Send us an e-mail at tyabaseball@hotmail.com, and we may be able to find a spot for your son, especially if he is eight years old or younger.**

Facebook: Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball

Connie Mack Twitter @TowamencinCMB, and

American Legion Twitter @HatfieldALB.

Morgan Log House Spring/Summer Events

Temporary Exhibit:

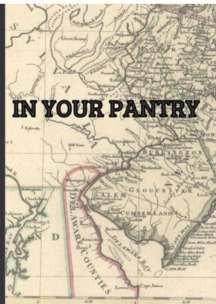
This year's temporary exhibit, "Empire in Your Pantry," looks at imports in the eighteenth century (such as tea, coffee, china, and clothing goods) and how they shaped the colonial experience, were affected by the American Revolution, and impacted the lives of those who lived in the Morgan Log House. The exhibit will run from the Dusty Attic, Creepy Cellar Open House until the end of the year, and can be seen as part of the tour of the house.

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Dusty Attic, Creepy Cellar, Saturday, April 7

Join us for our annual Dusty Attic, Creepy Cellar open house, the only time of the year where you can look inside the Morgan Log House's attic and cellar. The open house also lets you enjoy the historic, restored Morgan Log House on your own. The event is free.

Military Might, Saturday, May 26

Start your Memorial Day weekend off right with the Morgan Log House's Military Might Day! Explore artifact displays from America's wars from the Revolution to present day, interact with reenactors and interpreters, and take part in activities. The event is free.



Dice, Dominoes, and Dealings, Saturday, June 16

How did our colonial ancestors have fun? Join us for a day of games and recreation at the Morgan Log House and have fun, eighteenth century style! The event is free.

Tavern Night, Friday, September 14

Our annual Tavern Night fundraiser is a yearly crowd favorite. Join us for local food, drink, and history at this one-of-a-kind fundraiser. More information, tickets, and sponsorships will be available soon.

Workshops

We are preparing workshops for both children and adults throughout the coming year. Check our website for more details.

The Morgan Log House is a 501(c)3 non-profit museum that seeks to bring local history to life through tours, programs and events throughout the year at the historic, restored Morgan Log House.

The museum is open for tours April through December, Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 3 p.m. The last tour of the day leaves at 2 p.m. For more information visit www.morganloghouse.org.



Towamencin Pool 2018 Memberships

StandGuard Aquatics, Towamencin's pool operator, announced memberships for the 2018 swim season are now available for purchase. To accommodate all families, they have a new price structure for season passes. Under their plan, season pass prices are as follows:

Juniors (ages 2-5), Seniors (65+), and Military ID's	\$60.00
Individuals (ages 6-64)	\$125.00
Family of 2	\$240.00
Family of 3	\$270.00
Family of 4	\$300.00
Family of 5	\$330.00
Family of 6	\$360.00
Family of 7	\$390.00
Family of 8 +	Call office for details



To purchase passes and get more information about the 2018 season, including opening day and hours of operation, please visit our website at www.sgatowamencin.com.

Towamencin Swim and Dive Team Information

You can be part of a Towamencin tradition and join the best swim and dive team in the area! Your child will learn what it's like to be a part of a team that takes pride in their performance. Swimmers and divers come back year after year because they enjoy it!

Open to all kids from 5 to 18, and must be able to swim one lap.

Practice Schedule May 29th-August 4th

Swimming M-F

- 6:30-8 am high school option
- 7:30-9:00 am 11 & Older
- 9:00-10:00 am 10 & Under
- 10:00-10:45 am 8 & Under

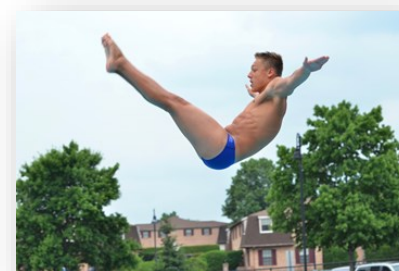
Diving M-F

- 7:45-9:00 am Juniors
- 9:00-10:00 am Minis
- 9:45-11:30 am Seniors



Meet Schedule 5pm

- Thu. 6/28 Home vs Pennridge
- Thu. 7/5 Away vs Souderton
- Tue. 7/10 Away vs Harleysville
- Thu. 7/12 Away vs Nor Gwyn
- Tue. 7/17 Home vs Fanny Chapman
- Thu. 7/19 Away vs Hatfield
- Tue. 7/24 Home vs Lansdale



Contact us:

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Environmental Advisory Committee: Earth Day

The Township's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is holding an invasive plant removal event on Earth Day, Sunday, 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. Sign ups will be on the Towamencin Website and Facebook at the end of March.



Springtime Environmental Tips from the EAC



Natural lawn care – Use a weed preventer made from corn gluten meal instead of chemical weed preventers. Corn gluten meal is best applied in early spring and is safe for children, pets, and wildlife.

Declutter your life – Keep it, donate it, recycle it, or trash it (only as a last resort).

Spring clean the natural way – Use natural cleaning products, or make your own using simple recipes you can find online.

Go for an energy upgrade - Replace incandescent light bulbs with efficient CFLs or LEDs, install a programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts your home's temp, and shade your windows.

Wash your dirty car - According to the International Car Wash Association, automatic car washes use less than half the water used when washing your car at home. Commercial car washes often reuse water and send the runoff to treatment centers instead of nearby lakes and streams.

No more excuses, start your compost - The U.S. EPA estimates that each American throws away an average of 1.3 pounds of food

scraps daily. The combination of this food waste, along with yard trimmings, makes up 24 percent of our nation's municipal solid waste stream. Food scraps, grass clippings, plant cuttings, dry leaves, hay and straw, simple paper products (newspaper, cardboard, etc.), crushed egg shells, coffee grounds, sawdust and wood clippings can go into compost.

Plant the garden you've always wanted - You can reduce environmental damage caused by traditional farming methods using large tractors and toxic pesticides. The key to starting your own garden is picking the right spot, the best crops for your area and learning to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

Get your fitness on - Prescriptions, medical exams and doctor visits all come with significant eco costs. American hospitals generate approximately 6,600 tons of waste daily. As much as 85 percent of that is non-hazardous solid waste, such as paper, cardboard, food waste, metal, glass and plastics, according to Practice Green Health.

Have a cookout - The debate between charcoal and propane is a tough one. Which one produces more flavor? Which is cheaper, faster? And most importantly, which is more eco-friendly? A recent study by Environment Impact Assessment Review found that "The overwhelming factors are that as a fuel, LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) is dramatically more efficient than charcoal in its production and considerably more efficient in cooking."

Message From Codes Department

It has been reported that many homes do not have clearly visible address identification. House street numbers are required on all homes and mailboxes by law and shall be a minimum of four inches tall and conspicuously displayed so that the location can be identified easily from the road. Protect your family and your property. If you need 911 emergency services, fire, law enforcement, and ambulances will be able to find you faster. A visitor, child or an injured person may be unable to give clear directions. New emergency personnel may be unfamiliar with your area. Seconds count in an emergency!



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



Keep Towamencin Litter Free

As the winter begins to fade and temperatures rise, we expect more and more Township residents will be taking advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a springtime walk through their neighborhood or along the many Township trails.

Over the winter, litter in the form of coffee cups, plastic bottles, soda cans and paper scraps has accumulated along Townships roads and trails. This litter is not yet hidden by fresh grass and foliage and is ugly and not representative of the Township's character.

Consider this, when you put on your jacket for a walk, put one of those thin plastic produce/grocery bags (we all have in our kitchen cabinets) into your pocket. As you walk, be on the look out for surface litter, pick it up and use the plastic bag to carry it home for disposal.

This small effort will be a bonus to your walk and improve the appearance of the Township's roads and trails. Thanks.

Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee



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

The members attend meetings the second Tuesday of every 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's Mitzvah Circle



The Mitzvah Circle Foundation is the only local non-profit dedicated to meeting the specific, critical needs of individuals and families crippled by poverty, homelessness, serious illness and crisis. Everyday our volunteers pack personalized boxes that provide necessities and hope. It is the kindness from

donations and volunteers helping every day that has the power to change the story for people living in poverty.

Here at the Mitzvah Circle Foundation, we support and work with people from all faiths and backgrounds, the whole family. We are deeply rooted in the tradition of helping anyone in need by responding to immediate problems in our communities. After learning what people need most, we deliver and ship care packages containing clothing, shoes, diapers, books, household goods, toiletries and more.

Many organizations visit Mitzvah Circle Foundation to volunteer and engage in meaningful, uplifting service. As a volunteer-based organization, we rely on the hands and hearts of members of our communities to sort and organize donations and assemble essential supplies. These personalized boxes of necessities go directly to people struggling with poverty, crisis, serious illness and homelessness, helping to break the cycle of poverty and give people what they need to move forward. Mitzvah Circle Foundation can accommodate groups up to 45 people.

The Mitzvah Circle Foundation's Teen Ambassador Program aims to empower high school students to make a difference in their communities while strengthening ties between social and school groups (like sports teams, clubs, and faith-based groups) and Mitzvah Circle Foundation. By training and equipping teens with valuable skills, we create a strong network of student leaders who support our critical work.

Teen Ambassadors act as direct links between Mitzvah Circle and their social and school groups by teaching others how to use their hands and hearts to support the most vulnerable individuals in our area. Over the course of a year, our Ambassadors serve as group leaders for various volunteer activities at Mitzvah Circle Foundation, including Sundays and Teen Service Nights.

Internships are available to teens and professionals. Mitzvah Circle Foundation has college and graduate level interns every semester — fall, spring, and summer — who are studying in the fields of Social Work/Human Services, Non-profit Administration and Facilities Management. All internships are unpaid, but we will work with students toward academic credit.

Social Work/Human Services interns are individuals who assist with case management, advocacy, and empowering the people we serve. It is an excellent opportunity for students seeking real-world experience in a grass-roots, non-profit organization. Interns are trained in a variety of skills to support people who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and hunger.



We also enlist non-profit administration interns: individuals who assist with outreach, program administration, volunteer coordination, operations, special projects, and events, as well as, general administration (fundraising, mailings, etc.).

For more information please visit:
<https://www.mitzvahcircle.org/>

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Our new bookmobile has been out for delivery since the end of 2017. It has replaced one of our two existing 1990's bookmobiles, after 20 years of service. So you may see a bus bookmobile serving your stop or you may see the new step-van 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.

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Bookmobile Schedule and Online Resources

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

Contact the Bookmobile
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Great news ... Home Values continued to rise in Towamencin Township this past year and due to the low inventory of homes currently for sale, there is a strong demand for quality homes like yours. If you are thinking of moving, 2018 may be the right time. We don't know what the future holds... but the Real Estate market is doing very well in our area. Using the best tool marketing tools available, such as custom Home Video Tours, allows your home to get the exposure it needs to sell at the highest possible price. If you are thinking of selling your home or have any questions about "staging" your home to sell in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
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