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Big Changes & Improvement Projects for 2021

It has been another busy year in Towamencin with the hiring of a new Township Manager, continued work on many Township projects, and an increase in development activity.



New Township Manager, Don Delamater

On June 24, after an extensive recruitment and interview process, we appointed Donald D. Delamater as Township Manager. Don has 25 years of municipal management experience, recently serving as Township Manager in Lower Providence Township. He previously served as Township Manager in Hilltown Township and in East Norriton Township, where he spent 7 years in the position after serving 13 years as Assistant Township Manager. He holds a master's degree in public administration from Villanova University and completed undergraduate studies in business administration at Florida Atlantic University. Don, his wife Holly, and three children CJ, Ryan and Dana are residents of Towamencin Township. His first day was August 9th.

Our efforts to alleviate traffic congestion continue.

▪ In May, the most recent Forty Foot Road widening project was completed and opened for traffic. The roadway now has a consistent 5-lane configuration from Sumneytown Pike to Welsh Road. The project includes a traffic signal at Newbury Way and the future entrance/exit for the Towamencin Village Shopping Center.

▪ This fall, bids will be sought for traffic signal improvements at numerous intersections throughout the Township, funded primarily through a \$341,000 Green-Light-Go Grant from PennDOT and a \$42,700 grant from Montgomery County.

▪ The Township recently partnered with Hatfield Township in the preparation of an application for a DCED/CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to \$600,000 for preliminary and final design improvements to the shared intersection at Welsh Road and Orvilla Road.

Work continues on the KRI I and KRI II trails.

PennDOT recently awarded the construction bid for the KRI I trail, which runs from Valley View Way to Trumbauer Road, and is primarily funded from a \$846,000 federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant. Design work continues on the KRI II trail, which will connect an existing trail on Kriebel Road to Fischer's Park.

A \$50,000 proposal from the Township's planning consultant was recently approved for the preparation of a master plan for Veterans Memorial Park, located next to the Tennis-Lukens Cemetery on Allentown Road. State grants in the amount of \$25,000 from DCNR and \$25,000 from DCED were received towards the plan development.

In terms of land development, the Towamencin Village Shopping Center has had some revitalization activity with the opening of Planet Fitness in June. The center's developer, Philadelphia Suburban Development Corporation, has submitted plans for a Chipotle restaurant and a Mattress Factory store. They have also obtained permits for the demolition and rebuilding of the building facades.

In other development news, Starbucks recently opened at the corner of Sumneytown Pike and Towamencin Avenue. Two previously approved plans, a 102,720 sq. ft. indoor storage facility on Franklin Street and a 591,360 sq. ft. warehouse facility on Wambold Road, near Allentown Road, are now under construction. Plan approval was recently granted for a 16 townhome development on Welsh Road and an application has been submitted for a 267,648 sq. ft. warehouse at the end of Delp Drive.

The Board of Supervisors thanks our first responders and public works crew for their many outstanding efforts in managing the remnants of Hurricane Ida. As always, they came through for Township residents.

Finally, a reminder that a fall concert and movie, the Turkey Trot 5K, and the Holiday Lights Festival/Tree Lighting will be held later this year.

For more information on our events and Township news, please sign up for our eNews at Towamencin.org.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wilson
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors



Public Works crew repairs sinkhole on Detwiler Rd. post Ida

Voter Information for General Election, Nov. 2nd

The latest updates and deadlines can all be found on Montgomery County's website, you can even determine your polling location. Please take into account the new paper ballot voting system, and allow yourself enough time to vote. Make your vote count, vote early to avoid delays. The County website also has links to voter registration status, candidates running for office, volunteer opportunities and district maps. The County's Voter Services webpage is: <https://www.montcopa.org/753/Voter-Services>

Office Location:

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

Voter Registration: 610-278-3280 • **Election Board:** 610-278-3275

Important dates for the General Election, November 2nd:

- October 18 - last day to register to vote
- October 26 (by 5 pm) - Mail-In and Absentee Ballots applications must be received. *Ballots will be mailed to voters who have applied & been approved to vote by mail. The ballots must be certified by the Department of State.*
- November 2 (by 8 pm) - deadline to turn in mail-in & absentee ballots
- November 2 - Polling hours 7 am - 8 pm, in-person voting

You can call the Township to verify polling locations/precincts at 215 368-7602.

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

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

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

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



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A Touching Butterfly Garden Memorial at Fischer's Park

In August 2020, community volunteers came out in full force, not only during the search for, but with the planning of a vigil associated with the tragic loss of five-year old Eliza Talal on August 4, 2020. Eliza went missing during the height of Tropical Storm Isaias, which caused significant flooding to many parts of Towamencin and Montgomery County. Eliza was discovered in Fischer's Park on August 5, 2020.

A highly organized vigil was planned by community volunteers at Fischer's Park. However, their work was not finished. The volunteers wanted to do more for the family in the form of a memorial, but thought the usual offerings at the park, memorial trees/benches, may not meet the moment or truly encapsulate the spirit of the young girl who captured the community's hearts.

A butterfly garden resonated with the volunteers, and a leader for the venture was needed. Enter Kelly Bertolazzi and her son, An-

drew, who were inspired to lead the planning - acquiring the necessary Township reviews, approvals, and direction to advance the project. Their plans not only included a garden, but extensive hardscaping, comprised of a paver-pathway to a garden wall that incorporates a half-moon style communal sitting area in front of the butterfly garden.

The execution of the Bertolazzis' planning and project management, with the assistance of local landscaper Lee Terry, was unveiled this past August in conjunction with the anniversary of Eliza's passing. The memorial is located along the trail not far from the Meadow View Pavilion. It is a peaceful spot to rest and reflect, or catch up with a friend.

Ms. Bertolazzi noted how grateful the Talal family was by the gesture and how they will forever feel connected to the Towamencin Community. The memorial is an



inspiring symbol of the community's interconnectedness as so many came together during this tragic time.


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Codes Department's Fall/Winter Reminders

Open Burning Rules

Who Can Burn: One and Two Family Residential Dwelling Units Only

What You Can Burn: Yard trimmings only

What You Cannot Burn: Leaves, Recycling Material, Garbage, Household, Business, Industrial Trash and Construction Debris or Similar Waste Products

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

Where You Cannot Burn: In any street, alley or any right-of-way

When You Can Burn: January, February, March, June, July, August, September and December - Saturdays and Sundays only

April, May, October and November - daily

Additional Information

Prior to any burning, residents are required to notify the Township Police Department at 215-368-7600.

You may not start burning before 8 am. The fire and all embers must be completely extinguished before dusk, on the same day ignited. Smoldering debris is not acceptable. The fire must be attended constantly by a responsible person.

You must have an operating garden hose long enough to reach 15 feet beyond the burn pile.

The pile size must not exceed 5' x 5' x 3' high. If multiple piles are necessary, only one (1) pile may be burning at a time.

You may not use flammable liquids to accelerate the burning of the pile.

You may not burn during high winds, drought or weather inversions or when deemed hazardous by the Fire Marshall.

The fire must be free burning and not generate excessive smoke.

Any embers discharged from the fire must be controlled and may not enter onto adjacent properties.

If a complaint is received due to excessive smoke or fire embers entering onto adjacent properties, the Fire Marshall's Office or the Police Department may order the fire to be extinguished.

If high winds exist, a ban will be placed on any "open burning" for the remainder of the day.

The fire must be completely extinguished by dusk on the same day it was ignited. No extension of this time may be granted.

Leaf and Yard Waste

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

Residents must purchase their own biodegradable leaf and yard waste col-

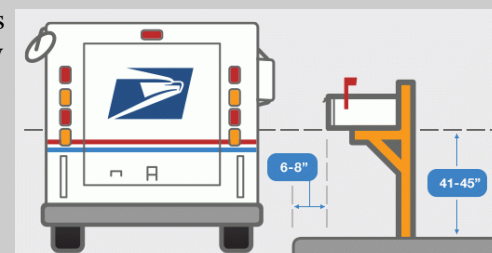
lection bags that are available at grocery and hardware stores; no plastic bags are permitted. No more than 10 bags per collection.

Haulers are to advise customers of specific dates for leaf pick-up. Haulers are required to provide three collection dates for leaves and yard waste: a first collection in late October, a second collection in November, and a third collection in May. Customers may be billed by their hauler for this DEP mandated collection. Haulers are required to report tonnage collected from each collection to Towamencin so that it can be forwarded to DEP.

The Township has an active agreement in place with the Barnside Farm Compost Facility - in conjunction with the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission - should residents wish to drop off their yard-waste for a fee. There is a minimum charge of \$20 and a rate of \$40 per ton. The Barnside Farm Compost Facility is located at 991 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473. Residents with specific questions should call the facility at (610) 287-8880.

Winter Storm/Snow Reminders

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



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

We urge residents to help prepare for the winter season by shaking their mailbox. If the mailbox moves when shaken, the mailbox and/or post may not withstand standard snow removal operations and should be repaired or replaced prior to the onset of winter. In most cases where mailboxes are damaged, the snow plow does not actually hit the mailbox, rather the force of snow thrown from the roadway knocks down a loose mailbox. Damage to posts and receptacles can often be prevented by proper routine maintenance. *According to the United States Postal Service, mailboxes should be placed with the face of the box 6 to 8 inches from the front of the curb.

Park vehicles off the streets during winter storms to allow for safe and efficient snow removal from curb to curb. Also remove trash cans and sports equipment from the roadway prior. To avoid being plowed in, shovel snow to the right of your driveway (as you are facing the road).

It is unlawful to throw, shovel or plow snow into any roadways within the township from adjoining property. It is unlawful to park any vehicles on a Snow Emergency Route during a declared Snow Emergency. Please consult the Public Works section of the Township website for a list of Snow Emergency Routes.

Tips to Improve Stormwater Quality in the Winter

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is water from a rain event, or snow that melts and runs across the ground. Stormwater may infiltrate into the ground, runoff into storm sewers and streams, evaporate into the air or be used by plants.

Why is Stormwater a problem?

Stormwater running across lawns, roads, driveways, and parking lots can pick up pollutants such as oil, fertilizers, salt, dirt/sediment and trash and carry these pollutants to the storm sewers and streams.

With more developments, there are more surfaces that do not allow for water to infiltrate, which increases the volume of water flowing into our storm sewers and streams causing more frequent flooding.

The increased flow in streams causes streambank erosion. The erosion eats away at the ground adjacent to the stream and soil is carried away in the stream which damages the natural habitat for fish and other aquatic life.



How can you help? There are many ways a homeowner can help protect our streams.

Here are some ways to help:

- * Reduce the amount of mowed grass and plant native trees and shrubs which have larger root systems.

- * Reduce impervious areas that prevent the stormwater from infiltrating into the ground.

Use pervious paving systems for walkways and patios.

- * Do not over fertilize.

- * Do not wash grass clippings or pollutants into the storm drain.

- * Install a rain barrel to irrigate your garden.

- * Create a rain garden to collect rain water and allow it to infiltrate or be used by the plants.

If you observe pollutants entering the storm sewer or stream, please contact Towamencin Township at 215-368-7602.

Community & Land Development Updates



Starbucks is now open. The 2,600 square foot restaurant with drive-thru is located at the corner of Sumneytown Pike and Towamencin Avenue, adjacent to the Courtyard Marriott Hotel.

Franklin Street Storage Facilities – Mequity Companies has begun construction on a 102,720 square foot indoor air-conditioned storage facility on Franklin Street between Sumneytown Pike and I-476.

Core5 Warehouse Project – Core5 Industrial Partners has received land development approval for a 591,360 square foot warehouse facility on Wambold Road at Allentown Road. Although the address is Allentown Road, the development is primarily along Wambold Road. Site construction has begun.

TNC Self Storage – TNC Self Storage has received approval to expand the existing self-storage facility on Wambold Road, the expansion will add an additional 40,200 square feet to the 65,333 square foot facility.

Dock Woods Health Care Addition – Dock Woods has received approval for a 17,540 square foot building expansion. The expansion will allow for additional room to convert all double occupancy rooms to single occupancy rooms. The total number of beds will remain the same.

Delp Drive Warehouse Development – Versus Partners, LLC is seeking a land development application for a 267,648 square foot warehouse located at the end of Delp Drive.

Sewer System Valuation Process

As many are aware, the Township is exploring a potential sale of the Township's sanitary sewer system. The Board of Supervisors feels it is their fiduciary responsibility to the residents and rate payers of the Township to evaluate if a sale of the sewer system assets makes sense to the Township financially. They are committed to seeing the process through to the bid phase to see what the system is worth. No decisions have been made to date. As this newsletter is being drafted, the Township is still in the exploration phase of the valuation process with bid documents being drafted, and several steps to follow, including:

- Continue drafting bid documents, including rounds of revisions
- Public Financial Management (PFM) will review the bid documents with the Board, then seek authorization to release them at a public meeting in November/December.
- Bids due back in January/February.

We encourage our residents and business owners to stay informed by visiting the sewer system valuation webpage of the Township's website, which can be found at www.towamencin.org/sewersystemvaluation.html.

This webpage includes a frequently asked questions document (FAQ) related to the proposed sale/lease of system and many related documents for the public's consumption. Updates will be added to this webpage. In addition, progress updates are provided monthly at the Board of Supervisors' Monthly Meeting, held the 4th Wednesday of each month. These meetings are public, where you may attend in person or remotely (Zoom).

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Fall Movie 'Hocus Pocus' and Concert Event

Date: Friday, October 1st

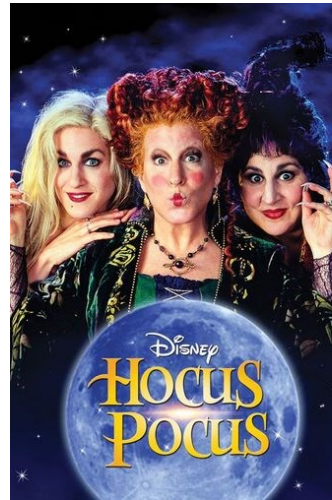
Time: 6 pm

Where: Fischer's Park

Address: 2225 Bustard Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Bring your chairs and blankets out to Fischer's for a fun fall movie and concert event!

- 5 pm Concessions - Grilly Cheese Food Truck & Kona Ice
- 6 pm Lolly and Yoyo Concert
- 7 pm Dog Howl'oween Costume Parade
- 7:15 pm (Dusk) Movie: Hocus Pocus



LOLLY
AND
YOYO



Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run

Date: Saturday, November 13th

Time: 9 am

Where: Fischer's Park

Address: 2225 Bustard Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Back in person! Time to start training for the Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run! This is a great race for runners or walkers of all levels. The course is certified with chip timing, and all runners get a long sleeved tech shirt. The overall male and female winners receive turkeys and all of those placing 1st-3rd in each category get NEW medals and NEW gifts! There is a children's 10 and under fun run, no registration necessary. The award ceremony takes place right after the race and offers light refreshments to runners and spectators. Pets and strollers are welcome. All proceeds support Towamencin's Special Event's fund which provides FREE events for the entire community. Register through Run the Day at www.towamencin.org.

Holiday Lights Festival and Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, December 4th

Time: 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Fischer's Park

Address: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

* Rain Date for tree lighting is Friday, December 10th at 7 pm

Take a whimsical stroll through Fischer's on our Surrey Rides. The event includes our annual tree lighting, pictures with Santa, and more! More information on this event and details for registration will be released on our Facebook page and our website at www.towamencin.org.



Join Us as a Community Sponsor in 2022

Want to connect with the community and help build the local economy? Be a community partner with Towamencin Township! We welcome all businesses and organizations to participate in the Township's events. By advertising with us or becoming a sponsor for any of our great community events, you connect directly with the residents in our community! Our newsletter and events are ways for local businesses to advertise, and help build the local economy. We offer a unique and targeted approach to get your name out, as we understand the needs of your consumers/clients. Below is an explanation of how being a community partner with Towamencin Township can help promote your business or services, while improving your community.

Towamencin Annual Events Schedule: Estimated Event Attendees

Towamencin Community Day (May 21st) - 1000+

Summer Concerts (Dates and Bands TBA) 800+ each

Movies in the Park Events (Dates and Movies TBA) - 300+ each

Turkey Trot 5k (TBA) - 800+

Holiday Lights Festival (TBA) - 700+

Please contact events@towamencin.org for more information on sponsorship and ad space for the newsletters.

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Sponsorships are a great opportunity for local businesses to gain exposure, increase clientele and help provide family entertainment to the community they serve.

Township Sponsorship Levels:

Bronze Sponsorship - includes: picket sign displayed at the Movies in the Park, free attendance at these two events to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promo materials, and a PowerPoint commercial on the reel that plays before the movies.

Silver Sponsorship - includes: picket sign displayed at Movies in the Park and concerts, free attendance at these events to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promo materials, PowerPoint commercial played before the movies and notation from the band at the beginning of concerts.

Gold Sponsorship - includes: picket sign displayed at ALL Towamencin Community Events, free attendance to all events: to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials, PowerPoint commercial played prior to the movies, notation from the band prior to concerts, company logo printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5K. 5% discount on newsletter advertising.

Platinum Sponsorship - includes: 4' X 12' banner will be displayed at ALL Towamencin Community Events, free attendance to all events: to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials, PowerPoint commercial played prior to the movies, notation from the band prior the concerts, company logo will be printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5k. 10% discount on newsletter advertising. This exclusive membership will include your company name/logo on our website, in press releases/ Facebook posts we send to all the local advertising establishments.



Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company News

2021 has been fast-moving for our fire company. This year has remained a challenge for Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) with member COVID Vaccinations, COVID restrictions, the number of COVID cases reducing only to see things ramp up again in August. As a 100 percent volunteer fire company serving this community, TVFC has taken the precautions necessary to attempt to protect our members, as well as, the community we serve. As we draft this update in early August, we are once again experiencing approximately 250 calls this calendar year. At this pace, we will exceed 400 alarms for the year again. We have experienced a higher number of multiple company fires this year within the North Penn area which we have served in helping to extinguish with our neighboring fire companies. We also now respond, along with the ambulance, to cardiac arrest calls to assist the ambulance teams.

We have welcomed 11 new members into full TVFC membership status and 2 probationary members. Our newest mem-

bers are: Bob Bausman, Sam Clemmer, Sam Baruffi, Alex Carpenter, Jake Healey, Joey Irvine, Zachary Vinitiski, Fran Ryan, Judah Whitney, and Pete Yourl. We also welcome back member Brian Healey to active status. We also added Aaron Schwenn and Keith Thornton to our membership probationary period. We appreciate them all stepping forward to serve with us.

Keeping membership strong is essential to our ability to provide the quick response when needed. Consider joining this family.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our annual TVFC fund drive for 2021 will be halfway completed. We sincerely thank those that have generously contributed so far. There is still time to make contributions for the year. We will be reaching out to businesses in Towamencin to encourage them to contribute to the fund drive. Business support is needed along with the residents.

We dedicated our 2020 Chicken Barbecue fundraiser to the memory of two of our long time active members who passed away that year, Butch Clemens and Glenn Kriebel. Our 2021 Chicken Barbecue, held on September 11th, was dedicated to the memory of Phil Kopp, another long time active member instrumental in the running the barbecue for many years. He passed away this year. TVFC thanks the community for its support in making our chicken barbecue fundraiser an annual success.

Hard to believe but the holiday season and events are approaching. We ask, as we do every year, that you remember the following:

-Replace your smoke alarm batteries when you turn your clocks back to standard time.

-If you have a real Christmas tree, keep it watered.

-For all trees, check your lights to make sure they work properly and that there are no shorts in the wiring.

-DO NOT run your extension cords or plugs under carpeting.

-Make sure outdoor light decoration connections are protected from the weather.

-DO NOT place your hot/warm fireplace ashes when removed from the fireplace in a bag or container into the trash can or next to your home siding or in the garage.

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

- **September 30th** Fire Prevention Open House (rain date Oct 7)
- **Week of October 3rd** Fire Prevention Week
- **TBD** TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Pictures With Santa, from 10am-2pm
- **December 11th** Township Santa Run at 9am (rain date 12/18)

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Police Department Recognizes Sgt. Paul's Retirement



The Board of Supervisors presented a commendation for distinguished service to Sergeant Michael Paul, who retired from the police department in early September. Chief Troxel followed up by presenting Sergeant Paul with a retirement badge to commemorate his service. We congratulate Michael on his retirement and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Michael Paul served on Towamencin Township's Police Department for more than 25 years, starting in February 1996. During his tenure, he served many roles, including: patrol officer, field training officer, a Traffic Safety Unit member, a School Resource Officer / juvenile detective for the Township's Criminal Investigative Division (CID), spending 14 years in CID investigating major crimes. During his Towamencin career, he received over 30 departmental commendations and more than 150 positive correspondence letters from the

community. In April 2017, Michael was promoted to the rank of patrol sergeant and assumed command of a patrol squad. Sergeant Paul completed his career as a distinguished patrol supervisor and the Intelligence Liaison Officer for Towamencin Township.

Sergeant Paul was also a member of the North Penn Area Tactical Response Team (NPTRT) - an elite group of specially trained officers tasked with handling high-risk/barricade/hostage situations - serving as operator and team secretary, from 1997 - 2003.

**TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



EMERGENCY DIAL 911

**Non-emergency Police Calls
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Towamencin's L.O.C.A.T.E Program

The Towamencin Township Police Department has implemented the L.O.C.A.T.E. Program aimed to benefit endangered residents and frequent visitors to our Township.

L.O.C.A.T.E. empowers our officers with the tools to respond to the needs of our community. The main concept of this program is to gather information to better serve those in our Township with special needs who may require police services.

Is L.O.C.A.T.E. right for you? You may want to consider participation if your loved one may be unable to provide personal information in an emergency. This program helps officers provide effective police services to endangered residents and frequent visitors to Towamencin who may have decreased cognitive function due to Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism, or Traumatic Brain Injury.

If you feel this program is right for you, please complete the registration form that can be found on the Police Department's webpage, as well as, the Township's homepage. Once completed, we ask that you submit a photograph of the person you're registering to 59detectives@towamencinpd.org. This information will be entered into our records management system so it is easily accessible to our officers in

the event of an emergency.

Participation in this program is 100% voluntary. Information collected is not disseminated outside of law enforcement or other emergency response agencies. You may withdraw your participation in the program at any time for any reason by emailing 59detectives@towamencinpd.org.

How Does it Work?

Information received from registrants will be added into the police records system. In the event of a missing or found persons report, officers will be able to quickly access the information and photographs in our records system allowing for a more effective police response to safely return the individual home.

What Does the Police Department Do With The Information?

Information received is added into our records management system and is used only in the event there is a report for a missing or found person. Information is only disseminated in the event of an emergency. Upon notice that participation in the program is no longer desired, the identifying information is removed from our records system.

How Do I Contact You For More Information?

You can contact Detective Jamie Pierluisse with questions by phone or by email: jpierluisse@towamencinpd.org.

Towamencin Youth Association is Moving Ahead



The Towamencin Youth Association (TYA) is moving ahead. Driving forward. Taking the next step in its 50 plus long year history.

How, you may ask?

First, we changed our registration platform this year. That may not mean much to most folks, but our old system was not able to keep up with the requirements of to-

day's active sports programs -- especially in light of the COVID-19.

In contrast, our new system (run by an innovative company called LeagueApps) is designed to dramatically improve the inner workings of our organization -- from player registration to billing and payments to member communications. For a multiple sports organization like ours, it means we now have a system that is more customer-friendly, easier to manage, more adaptable and flexible.

The second thing we changed was our website design and appear-

ance. Over the last few years, we discovered that many of our volunteers (and yes, we are an association that is run by volunteers) were unable to update information on the system and keep our members informed of the latest activities at TYA. An organization that runs five fast-moving sports -- baseball, softball, soccer, boys and girls basketball -- it no longer made sense to have a website that was unyielding, unaccommodating and very difficult to manage.

The answer was clear. Change.

Of course, change is never easy. Did we hit a few bumps in the road with the changeover? Yes. Was there some pain in the process? Absolutely, but we would like to sincerely thank all our players and their families and our volunteers for their patience and perseverance as we navigated through this major transformation.

As the old saying goes, "from pain comes strength." We are confident that by switching to the LeagueApps system, TYA and its members will be much stronger for it.

Find out what makes us a dynamic, viable part of the Towamencin community. Check us out at www.tyasports.org

Towamencin Soccer has Roared Back this Year



With all the challenges and upheaval brought by COVID-19 last year, the Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) roared back this year with a host of exciting activities and programs for boys and girls, ages 4 to 18.

With the continued commitment to the health and safety of our players, families, and volunteers, TSC witnessed a huge upsurge in energy and enthusiasm -- and participation -- by both new and old members alike. Here are just some of the highlights:

*Travel soccer participation -- which did set a record number of players last year -- repeated that milestone with over 300 players on 22 competitive teams this year.

*Fall intramural soccer -- which just started back in August -- signed up close to 500 players who participated on 44 teams.

*The club offered a series of well-attended training programs (from basic to advanced) in the spring and fall. These included:

- Instructional training (for beginners)

- Advanced player development training (for those who want to compete at higher levels.)
- Goal-keeper training -- one of the most overlooked training programs in soccer today but a mainstay at TSC
Coach/Assistant Coaches training (geared to help our dedicated volunteers)
- Week-long soccer camp hosted by Total Soccer
- Week-long soccer camp hosted by the Philadelphia Union

It is important to note that this was the very first time that TSC partnered with the Union to offer a week-long soccer camp in our own backyard. Over 50 players participated in this ultimate training experience.

Of course, none of this could happen without the dedication and support of our families, our volunteers and our sponsors. We thank all of them in helping to encourage, promote and be true to the great game of soccer!

Interested in finding out more information about the Towamencin Soccer Club? Check us out at www.tyasports.org.

TYA Girls' Basketball Storm Tryouts 2021-2022 Season

**TYA
STORM
OPEN
TRYOUTS**

2021 TRYOUT DATES

4th Grade: 9/27 6pm-7pm, 10/4 6:30pm-7:30pm
 5th Grade: 9/27 7pm-8pm, 10/4 6:30pm-7:30pm
 6th Grade: 9/27 and 10/1 6:00pm-7:00pm
 7th Grade: 9/27 and 10/1 7:00pm-8:00pm

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<https://towamencinyouthassociation.website.sportssignup.com/>

ALL TRYOUTS ARE HELD AT XL SPORTS (2278 N Penn Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440)



We are gearing up for our 2021-2022 Girls' Basketball Season and are excited to announce we will be open for all players 7 years and older! Go to <http://www.tyasports.org> to learn more!

Registration for the Girls' Rec Program opens September 15th and the season will start in mid-November. This program is a great way to learn the fundamentals of the game and play competitive basketball. We are looking for eager players and coaches to join our season. If you have any questions, email our coordinator, Don Sobetsky at tudeski@verizon.net.

TYA also offers travel teams for girls in 4th-8th grade. Our travel program allows for players with more experience to play local townships in a more competitive environment. Tryouts are quickly approaching and we are looking for new players and coaches to join our organization! If you have any questions, you can email Carey Haddock at chads0625@icloud.com.

Ten Reasons to Celebrate 50 Years of Baseball



1. We keep the focus on KIDS, FAMILIES ... and FUN!
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3. Our youngest players (ages 4 -5) enjoy the exciting, faster-paced format of Quickball.
4. We offer instructional and competitive Intramural divisions for hundreds of players between the ages of 5 -12.
5. Our travel teams (ages 7 -12) play in a variety of local and out-of-state tournaments — with 12UA capping off their career at the iconic Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament. (*pending current COVID guidelines)
6. We offer very competitive summer programs for Connie Mack (ages 13 -16), Junior Legion (14 -16), and American Legion (16 -19) with a long tradition of success and good sportsmanship — and many of our players go on to compete at the high school and college level.
7. Our American Legion program proudly represents the veterans of Hatfield Post #933.
8. We have a thriving fall program for Quickball and Coach Pitch teams, while our intramural players participate in the Inter-Community Fall League. Older players participate in the Bux-Mont Connie Mack Fall League, which prepares them for middle school and high school spring baseball.
9. We offer a host of fun events, including Opening Day, All Star Day/Home Run Derby, and the hugely popular 1-day Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI) tournament.
10. You will make great baseball memories that will last a lifetime!

2022 Baseball Registration

Stay tuned...Spring registration information will be available in December.

STAY CONNECTED:

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Congratulations to the 14u Towamencin Xplosion Softball team finished 7th out of 78 teams at the USSSA NATIONALS in Ocean City MD. Best Xplosion finish!



The Morgan Log House's Fall and Winter Events

The Morgan Log House continues its 2021 season with a wide range of offerings that bring the past to life, including:

- We are continuing our temporary exhibit, "A Day in the Life of a Farmer," which will use the diaries of Towamencin farmer William Leister to discuss what Towamencin and farming were like from the 1910s through the 1930s. You can follow William Leister on Twitter, where he tweets each day's diary entry from 1921 at @WilliamGLEister.
- Our makerspace - where you come and take part in hands-on history, learning about history by making it!
- Our continued bee program—where we raise honeybees on-site and educating about historical uses of honey and bees and the problems facing contemporary pollinators. We even have our own honey for sale!
- Our continued Drop-In Workshop series for kids and families and a new adult workshop series!

*On-site events are subject to change depending on the COVID-19 Pandemic and weather.

Friday, October 16th, 6pm History Happy Hour

Come learn the Victorian art of hair wreath making, which was used as a way to commemorate and remember deceased loved ones, listen to a talk about mourning traditions, and enjoy refreshments (alcoholic and not). Tickets are available at our website, www.morganloghouse.org.

Friday, October 22nd, Mayhem at Morgan: Murder and Magic

Our annual Mayhem at Morgan is back, with a new twist. This escape room style event puts you in the shoes of an investigator trying to solve a murder in turn of the century Towamencin. Tickets are available on our website.

Sunday, October 24th, Mini-Mayhem

Crafts, candy, and fun, for the little ones here on site.

Saturday, November 6th, Veteran's Day at Morgan

Join us in this special event for Veteran's day and see exhibits of historical materials related to America at war. Enjoy hands-on activities and more.



Saturday, December 4th, Candle Light Night at Morgan

Join us for a beautiful candlelight evening and learn about the winter and holiday traditions of those who lived in the Morgan Log House.

You can become a member today!

With benefits including: free admission to tours and special programs, 10 percent discount in gift shop, 50 percent off workshops. There are different levels for everyone: \$25 individual, \$35 family, \$50 benefactor, \$75 supporter, \$100 historian, \$250 patron, \$500 friend, and \$1000 advocate.

Simply mail your check to:

Morgan Log House
P.O. Box 304
Kulpsville, PA 19443

You can visit the Morgan Log House for a tour Thursday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm and Sundays, noon to 3 pm. We ask that all visitors follow social distancing guidelines and masking rules. Additionally, we ask that tours be prescheduled. To preschedule a tour, visit our website, www.morganloghouse.org.

Tax Collector Update

2021 School Tax Collection Location Notice

We are well into the North Penn School District property tax collecting cycle. If you did not receive a bill, contact the tax collector immediately as the bills were mailed on July 1st.

Tax Collector Contact Information:

Robert A. Di Domizio, Jr.
phone: 215-723-7297, email: Tax@Robertdidomizio.com
Website: www.Robertdidomizio.com

The Tax Office is located at:
1804 Robin Drive, Hatfield, PA 19440.

A steel, double-lock drop box has been installed at the curb for convenience. Tax bills can still be mailed the traditional means, but the drop box offers another option of convenience and safety. You may call for an appointment, but it must be scheduled at least 30 minutes apart, and we must insist on wearing personal protection equipment. We have the right to refuse admission to anyone who appears to be physically ill or presents cold-like symptoms.

The PA-1000 Tax/Rent Rebate program is in effect for 2020 tax or rent payments. Details can be found on the back of your school tax bill.

COUNTY, TOWNSHIP TAXES & SEWER NEWS

Reminder:

A payment drop box is available out front of the Administration Building, in the Municipal Complex, located at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446.

Right now, we are in the delinquent period for tax and sewer bill collections.

If you have questions or concerns related to your Township Taxes or sewer bills, please call our tax line at 215 368-5357.

“Friends of Fischer’s Park” Volunteer Opportunities

Our Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as “Friends of Fischer’s Park” who will help maintain and make minor improvements to the park. Improvements such as:

- pavilions - pressure washing & painting portions
- helping with maintaining planting beds
- building and installing birdhouses and feeders

Volunteers will be organized into groups based on your interests and availability. Work will be performed under the direction of the Parks Committee and Township Public Works Department. Tools and supplies will be provided.

If you have free time, enjoy spending time outdoors, and wish to make improvements to Fischer’s Park, please send an email to info@towamencin.org and note your interest in joining “Friends of Fischer’s Park,” or phone 215-368-7602 and leave your name and contact information.

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Environmental Advisory Council Recaps & Updates

- **Earth Day Event** - The EAC had beautiful weather for its fourth annual invasive plant removal event on Saturday, April 24th at Fischer's Park. Volunteers assisted trained members of the EAC in identifying and removing garlic mustard in the park, thus protecting native species of plants and animals in their natural habitats. We also noticed an improvement in the areas that we worked on in past years. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us!
- **eWaste Recycling Day 2021** – Towamencin Township hosted its third electronics recycling day on June 26th with the help of eForce Compliance. The event was held at the North Penn High School for Township residents. The electronic collections totaled 21,393 pounds, surpassing our 2019 collection of 18,786 pounds.
- **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy 2021 Perkiomen Plant-A-Thon Project** – The Township Board of Supervisors has approved a project proposed by the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy for volunteers to plant 100 native trees along a section of the Towamencin Creek. The Perkiomen Plant-A-Thon is a watershed-wide conservation event with the goal of planting over 5,000 native trees, shrubs, and perennials within the Perkiomen watershed. The Towamencin project area is a semi-forested field located at the western corner of Kriebel Road and

Pheasant Hill Way. Planting native trees in this area will improve the riparian buffer, increase the wildlife habitat, reduce flooding, and reduce the amount of stormwater entering the creek.

According to the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's website, the planting will take place on Saturday, October 23rd, from 10 am to 3 pm. An on-line signup is available at: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1007033544286950055/false#/invitation>. The Conservancy will contact you the week of planting with additional information.



Special Events Committee Seeking Volunteers



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

The members attend meetings the third Tuesday of each month in order to plan and organize events for the Township. The members contribute fresh ideas, creative solutions, head subcommittees, and aid in recruiting other volunteers for each event. We ask that each member attend at least four to five events throughout the year. Please contact events@towamencin.org for more information.

**Volunteering is
a great way to
get involved
and enhance
your resume!**

Fischer's Park: A Hot Spot for Birdwatching

Did you know that 133 different species of birds have been positively identified at Fischer's Park? This includes exotic warblers, spirited sparrows, regal eagles, majestic owls, colorful finches, noisy blackbirds, industrious woodpeckers, and many other distinctive types of winged visitors. Their presence at the park has delighted careful observers for many years.

Both casual birdwatching and the more serious "birding" have become increasingly popular hobbies. The number of active birders has surged during the pandemic as it affords folks an opportunity to engage with nature and to be active outside, while social distancing. Even if you cannot get outside, you can observe many birds from the comfort of your home. It's a hobby that doesn't take much to get started - many homes have an unused pair of binoculars just lying around, and there are a number of online resources and field guides to help identify the birds in our area. If you want to get birding, Fischer's Park is a great place to start.

Fischer's Park is a wonderful birding destination, as it supports several bird-friendly habitats. A big attraction is the tree lined Towamencin Creek. Over twenty species of neotropical warblers have been identified at the park, many of them catching and eating bugs from the trees by the creek. Semi-resident Mute Swans seem to raise at least one cygnet every spring into the summer. Mallards, Wood Ducks, mergansers and, of course, Canadian Geese swim the waters almost year-round. Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, and Belted Kingfishers patrol the stream, and even a couple of sandpipers wade in on occasion. The many "pocket" woods in the park are bountiful areas of feathered discovery. Year-round chickadees, titmice, cardinals, and robins are always fun to watch and listen to. And it's a great day when you can get the "six-pack" of woodpeckers — the Downy, Hairy, Flicker, Red-bellied, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and the biggest of them all, the Pileated Woodpecker.

The north side of the park, now more accessible thanks to the pedestrian



bridge, offers even more varied habitat, and thus more species. In 2020, after the bridge opened, several new species were identified for the first time in the meadows and adjacent farmland on the north side. These include: Lincoln's and White-crowned Sparrows, Great Horned Owls, American Pipits, American Kestrel, and American Woodcock (a very patriotic flock, indeed!). It's even suspected that a pair of Yellow-billed Cuckoos spent the summer, likely nested and raised a family in the woods adjacent to the old Arneith Farm field. And, of course, clear views of big blue sky are accessible from all areas of the park where many eagles, hawks, falcons, and other raptors are seen regularly soaring overhead.

Are you getting more excited about birding at Fischer's Park? If so, you should check out the online resource ebird.org. It's a scientific database and tool managed by the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology. A quick search for Fischer's Park among the site's hotspots will reveal all logged sightings. You'll see that Fischer's Park is ranked 34th from over 200 locations in Montgomery County, in order of bird species identified. You can find pictures and sound recordings of many of the birds at the park. You can view bar charts and graphs of when birds show up and when they depart throughout the year. You will see that May is the hottest month for birds (94 species!) and that January is the least active (a still-respectable 41 species). You can even add your own sightings to the database. Once you get started, you're likely to enjoy the challenge of learning and finding new birds, maybe even photographing, or recording them and adding them to the database.

So, what are you waiting for? Grab a pair of binoculars and head to Fischer's Park. Exercise your legs, while you train your eyes and ears to identify what's flying through the sky. As the sun warms your face, you'll find your worries melt away as you search for a new bird to add to your life list (a birdwatching journal), and maybe you'll even add a new bird species to the Fischer's Park total. Happy birding!

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