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## Ongoing Improvements & Upgrades Across Township

Township staff have been busy facilitating many improvement projects over the last few months – a new website, Keeler Road bridge reinforcement project, road paving projects, the Kriebel Road Trail, various drainage and stormwater projects, and traffic signal improvements.

In late January, we unveiled a major update to the Township’s website. The new site’s changes include an updated look and improved navigation and functionality. New features include: customized notifications for different categories, bookmark pages on the site for easy access, enhanced keyword searches for content, documents, meetings and more. Check it out when you have a moment.

Also in January, the Keeler Bridge Reinforcement Project was completed. A supplemental structural steel support system was installed to reinforce the existing embedded steel and bridge beams. The existing bridge had been deteriorating, resulting in a reduction in its weight capacity.

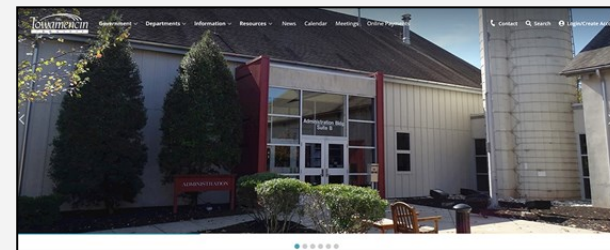
The postponed 2021 Road Paving Project is finishing up, affecting: Rampart Lane, Parkview Drive, Brookside Circle, Pheasant Hill Road, Theresa Way,

Beth Lane, Green Lane Road, Old Forde Way, Village Way, Dean Drive, Finch Run, Specht Place, Candlewood Way, Dorchester Way, Norwyck Way, Cambridge Way, Winchester Way, Bustard Road.

The 2022 Road Paving Project will be scheduled this summer, including: Ridgewood Way, Rittenhouse Road, Saratoga Lane, Linden Way, Farm Way, Hackney Way, Tanglewood Way, Tweed Way, and Clemens Road.

Construction of the new pedestrian/bicycle trail from Trumbauer Road to Valley View Way, along the Towamencin Creek, is underway and will continue through the summer. The trail will provide a safer and more direct access to the existing playing fields off Kriebel Road, Green Lane Road, as well as, Bustard and Fischer’s Parks. This project has been planned, approved and is primarily funded from a \$846,000 federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant.

Residents will also notice a number of upgrades to our traffic signals over the next few months, that will improve mobility and safety throughout the



*screenshot of the Township's homepage*

Township. The improvements were approved as part of a Green-Light Go Grant and include: video detection, radar dilemma zone detection, pedestrian countdown traffic signals, replacing controller timers, LED latching pushbuttons, emergency pre-emption, and the addition of left turn advance phases.

We also have several upcoming events planned, including Towamencin Day on May 21st, four summer concerts and a movie night scheduled in June and July.

We encourage you to sign up for our e-news notifications for updates on events, meetings, construction and land development projects. Sign up by visiting our website at [www.towamencin.org](http://www.towamencin.org), and click “login/create account.”

Sincerely,

Chuck Wilson  
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors

## New Township Supervisors Sworn-In, Dan Littley Retires



*Supervisors Kristin Warner & Joyce Snyder with Judges Coonahan & Levine*

The new year began with two new Supervisors, Kristin Warner and Joyce Snyder, being sworn in on January 3rd. Both were elected for terms ending December 31, 2027. We wish them well during their terms of office.

On January 12, former Supervisor Daniel M. Littley Jr. was acknowledged for his distinguished tenure serving as a Towamencin Township Supervisor for 18 years, beginning in January 2004, with multiple recognitions, included State Senator Bob Mensch, Jeff Baer, President of Towamencin Youth Association (TYA), and the current Board of Supervisors. Dan will continue serving the Township through his role as the Township’s Emergency Management Coordinator.



*Daniel M. Littley, Jr. with Senator Mensch*

# Voter Information for Primary Elections, May 17

Important dates for the local primary elections for Montgomery County:

- **LAST DAY to REGISTER before the primary is May 2nd**
- **GENERAL PRIMARY - Tuesday, May 17th**

Voters have several options to cast their ballot:

- **Vote by Absentee Ballot**
- **Vote by Mail-In Ballot**
- **Vote In Person**

You can consult the County website to determine your registered polling location. The website also has links to voter registration status, candidates running for office, volunteer opportunities and district maps.

The County Voter Information website is:

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

**Voter Registration Phone:** 610-278-3280

**Election Board Phone:** 610-278-3275



**Towamencin Township is PA State Representative District 61:** Representative Liz Hanbidge  
**Towamencin Township is PA State Senate District 24:** State Senator Bob Mensch  
**Towamencin Township is U.S. House of Representatives District 4:** Congresswoman Madeleine Dean  
**Towamencin Township U.S. Senators:** Senator Bob Casey and Senator Pat Toomey



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Dear Towamencin Township Neighbor:

Home Values increased dramatically throughout our area in 2021. We are still in a "Seller's Market" but it is very hard to predict the future. The time may soon come to decide whether to stay and update your home (kitchen, baths, roof, windows, etc.) OR capture all the increased equity in your home and sell in 2022. If you are thinking of moving in the near future, please don't hesitate to contact me for a FREE home market analysis.

I have helped over 900 families move in our area and would be happy to offer some advice to help you make the best decision possible.

Thank you,

Ted Miller  
 Realtor



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 Office : 215-855-1165 ext. 121  
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[www.BHHSkeystone.com](http://www.BHHSkeystone.com)

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## Tax Collector Update

I want to thank you for electing me to another term of office. I will do my best to do my duty to the property owners in the Township.

The County tax bill is broken down into two parts – one being the General Fund and the other the Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) Fund. They are inseparable, which means taxpayers are responsible for paying both parts. The County Commissioners voted to increase the millage to 3.923, up from 3.632 last year. The MCCC millage remains the same at 0.39 mills, bringing the total for 2022 to 4.313, or roughly 7 percent more than 2021.

Fortunately, the Township millage rate did not change in 2022. In fact, many residents will see a reduction in their taxes because the Board of Supervisors voted to increase the Homestead Exclusion from 45,000 to 50,000 for 2022. This brings some relief to all eligible households, especially those on a fixed income. This means

that a primary residence with an assessment of 50,000 or less will have no Township property tax to pay this year.

The County and Township real estate property tax bills were mailed in late February. The North Penn School District operates on a different fiscal year, so we won't know anything until closer to the July 1st mailing date. The Township will continue to collect property taxes for the County and Township at the Municipal Complex, located at 1090 Troxel Road.

Depending on your personal take, we are either rounding the corner of the pandemic, or we are still a ways off. The office for school taxes is 1804 Robin Drive, Hatfield PA 19440. We plan to continue with safety protocols. Office renovations are underway. The pandemic has put us way behind schedule, but hopefully we have turned the corner and the cost of materials will return to pre-pandemic levels.

Thanks again, and I hope we can all enjoy a healthy 2022.

Robert A. Di Domizio, Jr.

## 2022 Sewer Rate Increase

As residents have noticed, the 2022 sewer rate was increased to \$450 from \$375. The rate increase coincides with former sewer authority partner Upper Gwynedd Township redirecting their sewer flows from Towamencin's sewer system to their own system. Upper Gwynedd had been building up their sewer infrastructure to accommodate the flow diversion to their sewer treatment plant, completing their project this past fall.

The effects of this redirect translated to an approximate \$1 million loss in revenue, making it necessary for the Township to increase the sewer rates in 2022.

This rate increase had been discussed by the Board of Supervisors over the last two years at public meetings, specifically at the Board's budget workshops.

## Codes Reminder & Community Development Updates

**Code Enforcement Reminder** - It is the responsibility of all property owners within Towamencin Township to cut all weeds and grass, 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.

### Community Development Updates

- **Planet Fitness** is opened last year. The 21,482 sf health club is located along the Allentown Road side of the Shopping Center. PSDC has received preliminary plan approval for a **Chipotle and Mattress Warehouse** at the former location of the Boston Market.
- **Franklin Street Storage Facilities** – Mequity Companies has begun construction on a 102,720 sf indoor 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 sf 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 existing 65,333 sf facility will add an additional 40,200 sf of storage units.
- **Dock Woods Health Care addition** – Dock Woods has received approval for a 17,540 sf building expansion. The expansion will allow for additional rooms 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 sf warehouse located at the end of Delp Drive.
- **Belfair Square Sketch Plan** - Caracausa Building and Development, Inc has proposed the consolidation of nine separate parcels into a single 3.94-acre development site, located along Welsh Road within the MRC – Mixed Residential Cluster and RBP – Residential Business Professional Overlay Zoning Districts. The applicant plans to develop the property into 16 townhouses and associated public and site improvements, including parking and stormwater management facilities. The proposed use is permitted by conditional use. The Board of Supervisors approved the Conditional Use Decision for the noted development.



# Rain Garden Basics, Benefits & Resources

Rain gardens are shallow, depressed gardens design to capture runoff and allow the water to infiltrate into the soil or be used by plants rather than allowing the water to runoff into the streets, storm drains and nearby streams. Rain gardens are a simple, inexpensive way to help reduce runoff and keep pollutants from flowing into the streams and rivers.

Rain gardens have many benefits including:

- Filtering pollutants from runoff
- Recharging groundwater
- Conserving water from reduced irrigation
- Removing areas with standing water
- Reduce mosquito breeding areas
- Increase beneficial insects that eliminate pests
- Create habitat for birds and butterflies
- Reduce garden maintenance

## Where is a good location for a Rain Garden?

Find a low area in your yard that is at least 10 feet away from the house foundation and 25 feet away from septic system drain field or well head. The best locations are in partial to full sun.

## Rain Garden Plants

Rain gardens should be planted with easy-to-maintain native plants. Native plants will require less watering to become established. Since the plants will be in a low area, make sure the plants can withstand wet soil for up to 24 hours. After planting, weeding may be needed until the plants become established. Your rain garden may need a bit more maintenance than a lawn in the beginning, but in the long run it will be easier to care for and provide many added benefits.

## More Information on Rain Gardens

There are many resources for rain garden design and plant selection. Below are a few websites that can help:

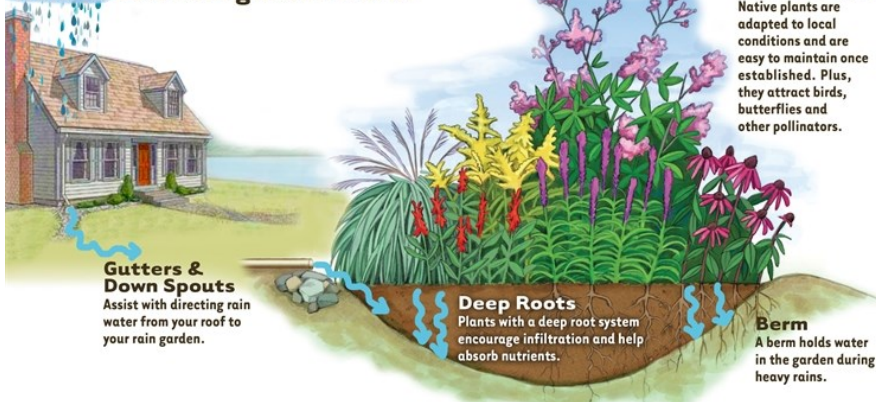
Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/an-introduction-to-rain-gardens>

PA Environmental Council: <https://pecpa.org/wp-content/uploads/Water-Resources-Create-Your-Rain-Garden.pdf>

Stormwater PA: <http://www.stormwaterpa.org/raingarden.html>

For any questions regarding stormwater or to report any pollutants entering the storm sewer system or a stream, please call the Township at 215-368-7602.

## How does a rain garden work?



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# Montgomery County Hazardous Waste Info & Collections



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

### 2022 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By Appointment Only, Preregistration is Required

Register at [www.MontcoPARecycles.org](http://www.MontcoPARecycles.org)

#### DATES:

**Saturday, April 30**

**Boyertown Middle School East**  
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

**Saturday, May 7**

**Indian Valley Middle School**  
130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

**Saturday, May 21**

**Temple University–Ambler Campus**  
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

**Saturday, June 18**

**Norristown Area High School**  
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

**Saturday, June 25**

**Abington Junior High School**  
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

**Saturday, September 24**

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

**SUNDAY, October 23**

**Lower Merion Transfer Station**  
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, or Philadelphia Counties.

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.

Contact us at:

[MontcoPARecycles.org](http://MontcoPARecycles.org)  
[recycling@montcopa.org](mailto:recycling@montcopa.org)

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# Towamencin Community Day



**Date:** Saturday, May 21st  
**Time:** 12-4pm  
**Where:** Fischer's Park  
**Address:** 2225 Bustard Road Lansdale, PA

Towamencin Township is excited to announce their annual community day! New this year is free Ax Throwing. We are welcoming back FREE face painting/balloon animals, pony rides, police/fire activities, inflatables by A+ Jump, magic shows, and much more! The event includes live music, a food court, and an array of vendors and local community groups.

Last year was our biggest event with over a 1200 attendees. This is a great event for the whole family and residents of all ages. Come out to support your local vendors, and enjoy a beautiful day in the park!

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## Movie in the Park Summer Event

**Date:** Tuesday, June 21st  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Where:** Fischer's Park  
**Address:** 2225 Bustard Road

Bring your blankets and lounge chairs out to Fischer's Park and enjoy a concert featuring Lolly and Yoyo then a movie under the stars! The event is free to all. Kona Ice and another food truck will be the concessions.



LOLLY  
 AND  
 YOYO



# Towamencin Summer Concert Series

**Date:** Thursdays in June & July  
**Time:** 7 pm  
**Where:** Fischer's Park  
**Address:** 2225 Bustard Road, Lansdale, PA

Come out for a beautiful summer night and get ready to dance to your favorite songs! Enjoy the talents of our various bands. Don't forget the blankets and chairs. The anticipated lineup is below, weather dependent. Food sales by Diz's Dogs/Love Food Truck (new menu!) will start at 6 pm.

- **June 23rd: Don't Call Me Francis**
- **June 30th: The SuperNaturals**
- **July 14th: Newspaper Taxis**
- **July 28th: High Noon**



## Tavern Night - September 10th

**Time:** 6 -9 pm  
**Where:** Morgan Log House  
**Address:** 850 Weikel Road, Lansdale, PA

Towamencin Township is excited to partner with the Morgan Log House to host Tavern Night! Join us for a night of local food, local music, local drink, and local history at our one of a kind Tavern Night fundraiser! Proceeds benefit the Morgan Log House, a non-profit history organization! Tickets information will be released this summer.

## Farewell to Towamencin's Special Events Facilitator, Cortney



*Cortney Marengo, former Special Events Facilitator*

In March, Township staff bid farewell to Cortney Marengo, the Township's long-term Special Events Facilitator. During her 12 years at Towamencin, Cortney planned and managed all Township Events, recruited many program sponsors and advertisers from the local business community, and coordinated the biannual Township newsletter, amongst other contributions.

In 2021, Cortney also volunteered her time as a core member of Skippack Pharmacy's "Fight COVID Task Force" and was instrumental in coordinating and facilitating numerous vaccine clinics within Towamencin and across Montgomery County. We wish Cortney the best in her future endeavors and thank her for all her efforts in Towamencin!

Katie Cleary, who volunteered on our Special Events Committee, has assumed the role of Special Events Coordinator. Katie is gearing up for the Township's many events planned this summer, starting with Towamencin Day on May 21st. To contact Katie, you can continue to use the [events@towamencin.org](mailto:events@towamencin.org) email address or call her at 215 368-7602.

# Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company Update



2021 finished off as a busy year for us. We responded to 466 incidents for 2021 (105 more incidents than in 2020), despite the many challenges we as an organization had to deal with on top of the pandemic issues. We conducted over 52 drills and approximately 40 meetings and special events. This represents hundreds of



hours of service by our members for TVFC and this community. This incident number includes continuing to assist the ambulance corps on cardiac arrest incidents to aid in CPR and or lifting situations. Over the course of 2021, we were fortunate to bring on several new, young members into TVFC to help strengthen our response team. We resumed holding our monthly meetings in station, as well as, on Zoom for those preferring that method. We continue to hold training sessions every Thursday evening to keep our skills fresh and current as possible. We continue to practice with new tools to aid in doing our job for you. This past fall, we held

our Fire Prevention Open House, minus the smoke room experience - due to tight quarters for people to be confined to under the pandemic guidelines. We also held our Annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser in September with great success, selling out once again thanks to all of your support. We thank you for supporting the BBQ fundraiser and the Open House events. Without your support we could not be successful. In December, we did our Santa run through the Township and finished our 2021 fund raising mail campaign. Again your support of both of these events and activities is most appreciated by the TVFC members.

In early 2022, we have already completed the required yearly training on air-borne and blood pathogens, hazardous materials and our member medical physicals. We added new tools for cutting metal and had training in their use. Additionally, we reviewed radio communications and operations procedures as this is critical as we work with other companies in the North Penn Area, as well as, Montgomery County Communications.

Our 2022 fundraising mail campaign kicked off in March. Residents and businesses in Towamencin rely on TVFC to respond to an emergency 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, all as volunteers. With the expenses for our firefighting gear, tools and equipment, apparatus, apparatus maintenance and building maintenance continuing to significantly increase, TVFC depends on you, the residents and businesses of TVFC, to contribute to support the fire company through the yearly fire tax, our Chicken BBQ fundraiser and our annual fund drive to support us. As all of you rely on us, we depend on you. Your thoughtful support is essential to our continued operation as a volunteer organization. The alternative of a fully paid fire company to be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year would be a huge financial tax burden on residents and businesses of this township. Please respond to the fund drive letter.

We all are looking forward to returning more to the "old normal" throughout 2022. Remember as you start grilling out this spring and using fire pits for cooking s'mores or keeping warm on a cool, early spring evening, take precaution in where you have your fire pit and

grill placed. Keep them away from your home's siding or wooded brush. Make sure your grill propane tank fittings are secure and your propane tank is in good condition. Please have a hose nearby when cooking or burning in the fire pit. Make sure the fire embers are extinguished in the fire pit before you leave the area for the evening or head to bed for the night.

As we head into the spring and summer seasons, TVFC will be back outside on Thursday evenings for our drill practices. If you see us out in your area, don't hesitate to come by and say thanks to the members who give so much of their time and energy to this company in serving the Township. Ask us how you can become a member of our family.

We meet every Thursday evening for drill and the first Tuesday night of every month for our monthly meeting. If interested in becoming part of TVFC, come out and talk to us. Watch for announcements on our Bustard Rd. station sign for special events which may be of interest to you. Also note that this year's BBQ fundraiser will be held on the first Saturday after Labor Day, September 10.

Again we thank you all for your support of TVFC throughout the year. Stay safe and have an enjoyable Spring and summer.

Respectfully,

TVFC Members

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**Visit our website at [www.towamencinfire.com](http://www.towamencinfire.com) for more information.**



# First Female Sergeant in Police Department



On January 12, at the Board of Supervisors Meeting, Jamie Pierluisse’s hard work and dedicated service was recognized as she was promoted to the rank of sergeant; taking her oath with friends, family and coworkers present. With this promotion, Jamie becomes the first female sergeant in the history of Towamencin’s Police Department.

Before she took her oath, Chief Troxel provided an overview of Sergeant Pierluisse’s professional bio with Towamencin Township. In 2008, she became the department’s first female officer, serving as a patrol officer until 2017. She then earned an assignment to the department’s criminal investigative division as a detective. Jamie has also volunteered for and was chosen as a negotiator on the Montgomery County SWAT Central Region team, actively serving in that role for the past 11 years.

We congratulate Jamie on this well-earned achievement and wish her well in this new role!



Sergeant Pierluisse and Chief Troxel

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# Towamencin Soccer Club - Season Preview



TSC will be partnering with The Philadelphia Union, our local professional soccer team, to support the ongoing development and improvement of our players and coaches. As a member of the Philadelphia Union Youth Affiliate program, TSC members will have access to specialized training programs, coaches' workshops, player clinics and more.

## Union Summer Soccer Camp

Scheduled for July 18-21, 2022, this four-day training camp is designed to help players enhance their individual skills levels, improve overall performance, and just have some fun. Geared for players ages 6 to 14, sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. Cost of the camp? Just \$199 -- which includes a free ticket to a Union home game, an official Adidas Union Camp jersey, and memories to last a lifetime. The camp will be held at the Grist Mill soccer fields, located at 1757 Allentown Road, Lansdale, PA 19446. Register at: <https://philadelphiaunionyouth.sportngin.com>

**TSC Union Nights** This is a perennial favorite. Twice each year, once in the spring and once in the fall, TSC hosts a Philadelphia Union night down at the Subaru Park stadium. It's the opportunity for our players to enjoy seeing the Philadelphia Union in action -- in person. These special events include an on-field experience for many of our players, as well as, the chance to win some Union paraphernalia.

Our Union nights are scheduled for:

- Saturday, April 23, 2022. The Union goes up against Montreal at 3:00 p.m. This game also happens to be Kid's Day which means our TSC players can partake of other exciting activities in the stadium. Ticket price is just \$26 each. You can purchase tickets from TSC at <https://tya.leagueapps.com/store>.
- Saturday, September 10, 2022. The Union will be hosting Orlando at 8:30 p.m. Ticket price is just \$28 each. You can purchase tickets from TSC at <https://tya.leagueapps.com/store>.

## TSC Union Day in Towamencin

Also known as the U on Tour, the Philadelphia Union comes up to the Towamencin area for 2-3 hours. TSC players and their families can enjoy some fun soccer games and activities, including a chance to meet one of the Philadelphia Union players -- in person! (Note: Due to COVID-19, league rules may prohibit a player from visiting our area). While this event has not been finalized of this date, watch for more information.

The Towamencin Soccer Club is looking forward to an awesome year! We hope you'll join us and find out why 1,000 boys and girls love playing for TSC. Check us out -- or register -- at [www.tyasports.org/soccer](http://www.tyasports.org/soccer). Just click on the "Register Now" button to discover what great programs we are running during the year.



## Support our Community Youth & Become a TYA Sponsor!

It is through the generosity and support of businesses and organizations in our area that the Towamencin Youth Association (TYA) has been able to dedicate itself to creating sports programs and activities that promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy lifestyles.

From baseball to softball and soccer to basketball, TYA has grown to serve close to 3,000 young athletes, ages 4 to 18. To those businesses/organizations that have been a TYA sponsor in the past, we sincerely thank you! And we hope for your continued success and support.

To those of you who have not been a TYA sponsor, we invite you to join us. As a valued business partner, you'll discover what a rewarding experience this can be -- one that benefits your organization and the local community in general.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or just want some more information, go to [www.tyasports.org](http://www.tyasports.org) and click on the Sponsors tab in the top navigation bar. You'll find instructions on how to register -- either online or through the mail -- as well as the benefits of becoming a TYA sponsor.

(If you have any questions, please contact Bill Sinn, TYA Sponsorship Director, via email at [wllsinn011@gmail.com](mailto:wllsinn011@gmail.com))





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

## Spring 2022 — Time to Play Ball!



Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball is proud to be part of the 50+ year tradition of Towamencin Youth Association.

### Top 10 Reasons Your Child Should Play Youth Baseball:

1. It gets them out of the house — and away from electronics
2. It improves hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills
3. It teaches them the value of teamwork
4. It helps them forge new friendships
5. It increases patience and focus
6. It provides opportunities for the whole family to get involved
7. Complex rules and concepts improve math and physics skills
8. It's diverse and inclusive — everyone can learn to play!
9. It increases resilience as they learn a new skill
10. It boosts their mood and contributes to overall well-being

### 2022 CALENDAR BY DIVISION\*

With a commitment to the health and safety of our players, families, and volunteers, we look forward to getting back on the fields with a competitive and fun vertically integrated baseball program spanning Quickball through American Legion.

Spring Intramural Season (March-June)

Quickball — Ages 4-6 (Coach Pitch w/Quickball)

A: Coach Pitch — Ages 6-7

AA: Player Pitch — Ages 8-9 (46/60 Field)

Minors — Ages 9-10 (46/60 Field)

Majors — Ages 11-12 (50/70 Field)

Connie Mack & American Legion Baseball

Early Spring Connie Mack — Ages 13-16 (April-May)

Summer Connie Mack — Ages 13-16 (May-July)

Summer Junior Legion — Ages 14-16 (May-July)

Summer Senior Legion — Ages 16-19 (May-July)

Senior Connie Mack – Ages 17-40 (May-July)

\*We are planning for a “typical” season spanning these dates, subject to any changes in COVID restrictions.

### Save the Dates

Saturday, April 9 - Opening Day Ceremony

Saturday, April 30 - Picture Day (makeups May 4)

Saturday, June 4 - All Star Day & Home Run Derby



*TYA District 22 10U Allstar Team*

## 2022 Baseball Registration

In January, we created a new set of online services to make online registrations faster and easier than ever before. To date, we have several hundred players registered. Registration is still open for select age groups at [www.tyasports.org](http://www.tyasports.org). If you run into any issues, please email us today at [HTbaseball@hotmail.com](mailto:HTbaseball@hotmail.com), and we will do our best to find a spot for your son.

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

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**Web: [tya-baseball.website.siplay.com](http://tya-baseball.website.siplay.com)**

# Morgan Log House's Spring/Summer Events

The Morgan Log House is preparing for the 2022 season with a wide range of offerings that bring the past to life! Some things we are most excited for the upcoming season are:

- A new temporary exhibit, "Work: from Farm to Factory," that explores shifting work patterns in the Township, from the 18th century to 1930. This exhibit is also hands-on with plenty for you to explore!
- 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! They are held the first and third Saturdays of each month, starting in May.

## APRIL

**Saturday, April 2: Dusty Attic, Creepy Cellar Open House, 10 am to 3 pm, Free**

Join us to explore the Morgan Log House at our free yearly open house. Learn about the house, its history, and the restoration.

## MAY

**Friday, May 20: History Happy Hour, 7 pm, ticketed event**

Join us for a fun history talk connected to our temporary exhibit, a chance to learn a historic trade, and themed food and adult beverages. It's a fun night at the museum!

**Saturday, June 4: Military Might, Noon to 4 pm**

Our Memorial Day weekend tradition features artifact displays, activities and more from the history of America at war, from the Revolution to the Present Day. **Free.**



## JUNE

**Friday, June 18: History Happy Hour, 7 pm, ticketed event**

Join us for a fun history talk connected to our temporary exhibit, a chance to learn a historic trade, and themed food and adult beverages. It's a fun night at the museum!

## JULY

**Friday, July 15: History Happy Hour, 7 pm, ticketed event**

Join us for a fun history talk connected to our temporary exhibit, a chance to learn a historic trade, and themed food and adult beverages. It's a fun night at the museum!

This is only a selection of the things we have in store for 2022! Keep an eye out for our Drop-in Workshops, adult workshops, makerspace events, and more!

**The Morgan Log House is open for tours on the following schedule:**

April and May: Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday, noon to 3 pm

June through December: Thursday and Friday: 10 am to 3 pm, Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, noon to 3 pm

For more information, follow us on Facebook, and check our website, [www.morganloghouse.org](http://www.morganloghouse.org).

The Morgan Log House is located at 850 Weikel Road, Lansdale, PA. It is a non-profit history museum that seeks to bring history to life through tours, programs, and workshops throughout the year.





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# Community Pool and Membership Information

Summer is just around the corner, so don't miss out on a splash-tastic 2022 season at Towamencin Community Pool! StandGuard Aquatics will continue to be the pool operator this season.

Towamencin Community Pool will be open for another great season - Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Pool hours are 12pm to 7pm daily, except when posted. Also, enjoy our lap swim hours from 11 am to 12 pm, Monday through Friday. Swim lessons for all ages and other water activities will also be available for registration.

Please check our website, under Programs, for dates and times. Please note, the Towamencin Community Pool will be closed when all North Penn School District schools are in session and is subject to closure in the case of severe or cold weather.

Not convinced you are ready to purchase your season memberships for the 2022 season? No worries! Stay informed about registration, discounts, special events, and closures by creating an account at [sgatowamencin.com](http://sgatowamencin.com). Once your account is setup, you will receive emails regarding the topics listed above so you can stay up-to-date with what's happening at the pool.

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

## Membership Prices

Juniors (ages 2-5), Seniors (65+) and Military ID's	\$85
Individuals (ages 6-64)	\$170
Family of 2	\$325
Family of 3	\$360
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Office Phone: 215-368-2615

Email: [towamencin@standguardaquatics.com](mailto:towamencin@standguardaquatics.com)



# Free Library Services: Bookmobiles & Online Resources

## Free Public Library Service in Towamencin Township

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

### Bookmobile Stops

Meet us at one of our Towamencin or nearby community locations:

#### MERRYMEAD FARM

2222 South Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446  
Alternate Mondays 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

#### TD Bank

4309 West Skippack Pike, Skippack, PA 19474  
Alternate Mondays 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

#### SNYDER SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

1540 Cowpath Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440  
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#### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1380 South Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446  
Every Thursday 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

#### RALPH'S CORNER SHOPPING CENTER

2333 West Main St Lansdale, PA 19446  
Alternate Saturdays 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

For a current and complete bookmobile schedule, visit our website:  
<http://mnl.mclinc.org/>.

## Item Request Procedure

Patrons can request items for pick up using any of the following methods:

Use their library card barcode and password to login into their online account. Email our office at [bookmobiles@mclinc.org](mailto:bookmobiles@mclinc.org).



Call our office at 610-278-5100 x7.

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## Door Side Pick Ups and Returns

For patrons that want to social distance or experience physical challenges boarding the Bookmobile, we can meet you at the door. Just knock!

E-Books, E-Magazines, and E-Newspapers - Your library card also gives you access to our online resources. You can read thousands of books, magazines, and newspapers on any web-enabled device. Ask us how.

## Homebound Outreach

We offer our Books By Mail program to patrons that are long-term or permanently homebound and therefore unable to travel to a library or bookmobile. This is a free-of-charge mail delivery service. We mail a package to the patron with their requested items, a return mailing label, and a pre-paid postage return courier bag. Contact our office for more information.

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# Environmental Advisory Committee Events & Tips

The Towamencin Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) consists of volunteer members appointed by the Board of Supervisors with the mission of advising and educating the Board on matters of environmental importance to the community. The EAC meets monthly and works with the Township to provide educational materials and workshops throughout the year.

## Stormwater Runoff

Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snow melt events flows over land and impervious surfaces and does not infiltrate into the ground. The runoff from streets, lawns, farms, and construction and industrial sites picks up fertilizers, dirt, pesticides, oil, grease and many other pollutants and discharges into our lakes, streams and rivers. This untreated discharge is detrimental to our water quality as it can adversely affect our drinking water supply and environment.

Many Best Management Practices (BMPs), such as detention/retention/infiltration basins, are already in place within the Township to help keep our water clean. To learn more about the Township's stormwater management and what you can do to help, visit: <https://www.towamencin.org/information/stormwater-management/>

## Downspout Planter Workshop - Thursday, May 12 at 6:30pm

One of the many Stormwater BMPs homeowners can implement is a downspout planter. Downspout planters are garden planters connected to the roof downspout to allow water to flow into a garden area. Some of the water will be absorbed and filtered and the excess water will flow back into the downspout or ground.

The EAC is hosting a Downspout Planter Workshop at Fischer's Park, led by the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) on May 12 at 6:30 pm. The workshop will teach residents how to build a post planter that can be attached to a downspout and a small diverter that can be put in a downspout to direct a small stream of water from the downspout to the planter.

Participants will leave with a planter that is ready to be attached to their downspout. All necessary supplies, including native plant plugs, will be provided. Options for either sun or shade plants. The cost is \$30 and will include all necessary materials.



To register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3t5u3keb>  
The Township website and Facebook page will also have the link available.

## Towamencin Day— Saturday May 21st

Please come visit us at the EAC booth during Towamencin Day. The EAC has planned a monarch butterfly craft to be included at their table, along with monarch butterfly educational materials and other informational handouts.



## Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's Stream Clean-up Recap

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) held their 2022 Stream Clean-up event on Saturday, April 2, from 9 am - noon. Towamencin's EAC promoted the event, mobilizing several Township residents to take part in the local stream clean-up. Towamencin was well-represented with multiple clean-up sites, including segments of the Towamencin Creek by Fischer's Park, Firehouse Park and Bustard Park. The stream clean-up volunteers removed trash, scrap metal, tires and other debris from the streams within the watershed.

Towamencin Township is part of the Perkiomen Watershed and the Towamencin Creek is a tributary of the Perkiomen Creek. The Conservancy relies on donations to make these clean-up events possible. Visit their website for more information and to support the Conservancy at: <https://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/>



# Enjoy the Township's Parks and Open Space this Spring

## Fischer's Park

The Township's Public Works crew constructed an extension of the walking path in Fischer's Park. The new portion of the trail starts at the north end of the pedestrian bridge, crossing Towamencin creek, and runs approximately one thousand feet in a loop around the perimeter of a tree-lined open area. The trail extension will provide new views of this area, as well as, views of Towamencin Creek downstream of the new bridge. We want to acknowledge the support of Township staff, especially the efforts of the Public Works crews that were instrumental in the construction of this new loop.

The Township has added new path lighting in the core area of Fischer's Park between the Arneith Entertainment Center and the parking areas. The new lights are mounted on the pavilions to illuminate the pathways for people when they are leaving the movies and music events which oftentimes end after dusk.

## Trails

A multi-phase addition to the Towamencin trail system for access to Fisher's Park began this year, with the first installment expected for fall 2022 completion. The trail will begin at the cul-de-sac on Valley View Way and connect to the existing Kriebel Road Trail at Trumbauer Road. Construction of the trail was made possible by a \$846,000 Transportation Alternative (TA) grant the Township was awarded. TA Set-Aside grants provide funding for projects and activities defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. At completion it will be 4,000 feet long and 10-feet-wide, to accommodate pedestrians, strollers, and bicycles. A continuation of the trail will occur further to the west. It will continue the existing Kriebel Road Trail from its present terminus, near the PECO pow-

erline crossing of Kriebel Road, and track westward to Bustard Road. This portion of the construction is funded in part by a \$190,000 grant from Montgomery County, and requires matching funds from Towamencin Township in order for the construction to be implemented. The Township is considering options to obtain the necessary additional funding.

## Veterans Park

Using a planning consultant, the Township is developing a master plan for its newest park, Veterans Memorial Park. The almost eleven-acre park is located on Allentown Road, behind the Township owned Tennis-Lukens Cemetery. Since June of 2021, the consultant has received input from the Veterans Committee, from two public meetings and from resident suggestions obtained through survey data. Residents who wish to comment they can do so on the Township website or at the next public meeting in April.

## Kibler Meadow Park

If you like to just wander through a meadow, you will be pleased that a small parking area is being constructed at Kibler Meadow Park on Kerr Road to make this park more accessible for residents coming from other parts of the Township. Kibler Meadow is a passive park which will remain undeveloped as a plant and animal habitat and as a resource to be used by residents who enjoy the peace and natural "meadow like" surroundings or for birdwatchers, who seek a different habitat for species to add to their life list.

If you are interested in hearing more about the work that goes into planning and making recommendations regarding the parks, please comment through the Township website or come to the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee (OSPAC) meetings, which are normally held 7 pm, the second Monday of each month, at the Township Meeting Hall.

## Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee



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

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

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North Penn School District 215-368-0400  
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