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# A Busy Year, with Several Projects Advancing

This year has been another busy one in Towamencin. The most significant matter that the Board of Supervisors has dealt with in 2022 has been the future of the Township's sanitary sewer system. Additionally, numerous capital projects have either been initiated or moving forward. In terms of economic development, several approved projects are under construction or awaiting the developer to begin construction.

After a thorough evaluation and bidding process, the Board of Supervisors approved the sale of the Township's wastewater facilities to Next Era Water Pennsylvania LLC for \$115.3 million. After paying off Township debt and long-term liabilities, over \$80 million will go into various reserve funds with the investment earnings utilized for future capital projects. The Township plans to further leverage these funds by continuing to aggressively pursue grants utilizing the earnings for local match requirements. The transaction requires Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approval and is expected to close in late 2023.

The Township has several capital projects in progress including: Improvements to storm drainage facilities – specifically Central Drive, Weikel Road, Kriebel Road, Orchard Lane and Eagle Way areas of the Township. These projects are in various design, engineering and bidding, stages and are being funded primarily by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Funds received by the Township are in the amount of \$1.9 million.

The Kriebel Road Trail I project, Valley View Way to Trumbauer Road, is nearly complete with a dedication planned before the end of year. It was funded with a PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant



*The recently installed pedestrian bridge along the new Kriebel Road Trail*

(Federal Funds) for \$846,000. Construction of the Kriebel Road Trail II project, along Kriebel Road to Green Lane Park, is now in the bid phase.

The Veterans Advisory Committee completed drafting a master plan for the future Veterans Memorial Park, located behind the Tennis-Lukens Cemetery off Allentown Road, thanks to a pair of \$25,000 grants from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

Early this year, final plan approval was granted for a Chipotle, Mattress Warehouse and a grocery store at the former Towamencin Village Shopping Center. Final plan approval was also granted for a 267,648 sf warehouse facility at the end of Delp Drive. The Franklin Street indoor storage facility (102,720 sf) and the Wambold Road (591,360 sf) warehouse facility are under construction.

The Township has partnered with Hatfield Township for improvements to the Welsh Road/Orvilla Road intersection including left turn lanes. The Townships applied and received a \$446,500 grant from the PA Commonwealth Fi-

ancing Authority for preliminary and final planning for the project. Meetings are being coordinated with individual property owners on the project details and needed right-of-way. Right-of-way acquisition and planning must be complete before the Townships can seek grants for future project construction.

The Board of Supervisors recently approved a new Traffic Calming Policy to establish a process for handling traffic calming requests from the public. The intention of the policy is to create and maintain safe and attractive streets and promote safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.

In closing, we hope you have the opportunity to participate in our Annual Turkey Trot 5K on Saturday, November 12th and the Holiday Lights Festival and tree lighting on Saturday, December 3rd. To keep abreast of Towamencin news and events, please sign up to receive our weekly e-news at [www.towamencin.org](http://www.towamencin.org).

Sincerely,

Chuck Wilson,  
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors



# Voter Information - General Election, November 8th

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

**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

## Important dates for the General Election, November 8th:

- **October 24 - last day to register to vote**
- **November 1 (by 5 pm)** - mail-in and absentee ballot applications must be received.

Ballots will be mailed to voters who have applied for & been approved to vote by mail. The ballots must be certified by the Department of State.

- **November 8 (by 8 pm)** - mail-in & absentee ballots due
- **November 8** - Polling hours 7 am - 8 pm, in-person voting

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



## Sidewalk Connectivity Study Underway

The Township's Planning Commission and Simone Collins, the Township's Planning Consultant, will be performing a Sidewalk Connectivity Study. The study will be used to determine where additional sidewalks and/or trails should be provided to improve the ability to walk or bike within the Township. As part of the study, an online survey has been created to collect data from resident responses. Feedback from Township residents and other stakeholders will help prioritize desired locations for future sidewalks and trails.

The survey will go live in conjunction with the first public meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 10, at 7 pm. This meeting will introduce the project and take place at the Township's Meeting Hall Building at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale.

We would like to hear from you! Starting Nov. 10, please take a few minutes to complete the survey by accessing the links on the Township website or use the QR Code to the right to access.



Keep an eye out for the Township's two new information kiosks, located at Fischer's Park and Bustard Road Park. We will be using them to add event updates and other helpful Township information for our park users. The kiosk featured below was an Eagle Scout Project by Jack Ely.





# Open Space & Parks Update - Trail Construction, Veterans Park Master Plan

## Kriebel Road Trail Update

Construction of a new Township trail running from the cul-de-sac at Valley View Way to the intersection of Trumbauer and Kriebel Roads is well underway with a target completion by year end, possibly sooner. This represents the first phase of a multi-phase addition to the Towamencin trail system that aims to provide a link between neighborhoods and parks without the need for motorized vehicles. The construction of this phase was made possible by a \$846,000 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant received from PennDOT.

Starting at the cul-de-sac, the first portion of the trail runs through Township-owned wooded areas, roughly parallel to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It then continues west, crossing over Towamencin Creek and following the open corridor created by the 2018 Kriebel Road sewer line upgrade. At the creek crossing, near the trail's midpoint, a 50-foot long pedestrian bridge is being built, with a similar look to the Fischer's Park pedestrian bridge.



When complete, the trail will be a 4,000-foot long, 10-foot wide asphalt trail accommodating pedestrians, strollers, and bicyclists. It will ultimately provide vehicle-free access from neighborhoods to Green Lane Park and Fischer's Park and beyond. In addition to these connections, trails such as this, offer a new venue for outdoor exercise that has become so popular the past few years.

## Veterans Memorial Park Draft Master Plan

The Master Plan for the future Township Veterans Memorial Park is nearing completion. The almost 12-acre park is located on Allentown Road, just west of Forty Foot Road behind the Township owned Tennis-Lukens Cemetery. Over the past year, the Township's planning consultant has received input from the Township's Veterans Committee, public meetings, resident suggestions via survey data, and personal interviews to prepare a draft Master Plan. The draft plan will be reviewed by the Veterans Committee and Township staff before being finalized.

The Master Plan is a concept plan for the park, which incorporates the site topography, and considers the various input, suggestions and recommendations from all parties who expressed interest. The consultant compiled these suggestions and ideas, distilling them into a draft Master Plan, which meets the Veterans Park Mission Statement "to honor the service of our armed forces while inform-

ing visitors about the importance of their service in a tranquil and passive park setting." When finalized, the plan - with its thoughtful, inclusive process, its data, and aspirational visuals - will be a valuable inclusion for grant applications seeking funding for the construction of the park, as well as, used as a planning foundation for the Veterans Memorial Park design and engineering work.

The timetable for Veterans Memorial Park becoming a reality is still a long way off. The draft Master Plan includes a five-phase plan for implementation, each requiring engineering plans and significant funding and likely taking years to implement. To get a sense of what the future holds for this park, visit the Veterans Park Master Plan Update link featured in the Community Connection of the Township's website homepage,

<https://www.towamencin.org/government/boards-commissions/veterans-committee/>.

Developing this Master Plan was made possible by grants from the PA Department of

Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED).

## Kibler Meadow Park

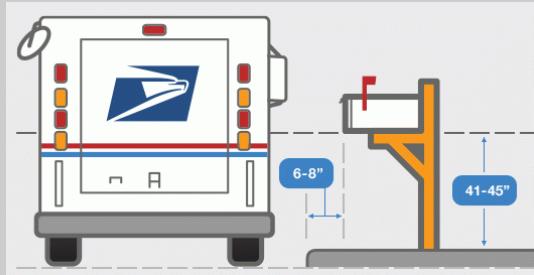
A small parking area, surrounded by a post-and-rail fence, has been completed along Kerr Road at Kibler Meadow Park. Kibler Meadow is a wonderful, passive park which will remain undeveloped and be a natural plant and animal habitat. It is a resource to be used by residents who enjoy the peace and natural "meadow-like" surroundings.

With the addition of the parking area, residents from other parts of the Township will be able to access the park safely, not having to park and walk along the shoulder of Kerr Road. Towamencin's Public Works Department again showed its versatility in constructing this improvement by using millings from the paving program to top off the parking area.

# Public Works Department Fall & Winter Reminders

## 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 translate to a drastic difference in the outcome of fire-fighting 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.



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.

## Protect Our Streets and Trees - Tree Limb Trimming

Towamencin's Board of Supervisors understand that it can be difficult for individual homeowners to perform tree maintenance. Therefore, they have authorized the Public Works Department to trim trees on the street side of neighborhoods, wherever they are likely to impact traffic or obscure street signs.

Township crews will start trimming tree limbs that extend into the street right-of-way this fall and winter, as weather permits. The crews will remove and dispose of the debris.

Should you prefer to have your own arborist or landscaper perform this work at your cost, kindly arrange to have this done prior to **December 2nd**. Should you wish the Township to provide this service, no further action is required on your part.

Under Township ordinances, maintaining those street-side trees is the responsibility of the property owner. It is a public safety measure that involves trimming branches back to the 15-foot height required to keep them from brushing against vehicles or blocking driver views.

Good arbor practices will determine the exact trimming details for each tree, but in each case it will be with a view to preserving the tree's health and appearance, both of which are influenced by the tree's age. The specific area of branch growth that is affected on mature trees appears in the boxed area on the below illustration.

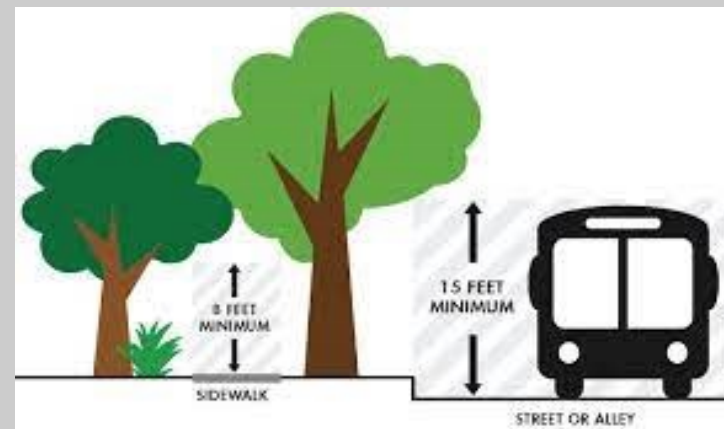
Trimming vegetation to improve visibility is one of the most effective ways we can enhance traffic safety in our neighborhoods. Overgrown trees and shrubs endanger us all when they block our view of traffic signs, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Trees not properly trimmed pose risks to vehicles, but also can incur significant injury themselves should large vehicles strike them.

If you have any questions, please contact the Township at (215) 368-7602 or [info@towamencin.org](mailto:info@towamencin.org).

## 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 collection bags that are available at grocery and hardware stores; no plastic bags are permitted. No more than 10 bags per collection. Haulers are to advise customers of specific dates for leaf pick-up. Haulers are





# Tips to Keep Our Steams Clean & Free of Yard Waste

**Keep our Streams Clean!** Dumping of yard clippings, leaves and other debris along streams or drainage channels can cause flooding, impede the flow in the stream or create stagnant areas in the stream which could lead to mosquito problems.

## Ways that yard waste can impair the stream

- ◆ Yard waste like leaves, grass, and brush piled along stream edges suffocates and kills the trees and shrubs that are critical for avoiding stream bank erosion.
- ◆ Yard waste piled along streams can easily be washed into streams during large rain events.
- ◆ Once in the water, yard, garden and pet waste release nutrients which promote over-growth of algae and other nuisance aquatic plants.
- ◆ Chemicals previously applied to yards, gardens, and trees can be released into the water.

## How can you help?

- ◆ Sweep yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, etc.) and fertilizers off

driveways, sidewalks and roads.

- ◆ Do not put yard waste next to a drainage ditch or stream channel.
- ◆ Take yard waste to a neighborhood compost collection site or compost the waste at a site away from the waterway.
- ◆ Apply fertilizer and lawn chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
- ◆ Never dump anything down storm drains, in gutters, streets, ditches, or other areas that drain into a storm sewer or water body.
- ◆ Use a mulching lawn mower for grass and leaves



## Keep our water clean!

For any questions or concerns regarding stormwater or if you observe pollutants entering the storm sewer or stream, please call the Township office at 215-368-7602.

## Community Planning & Land Development Updates

**The Shops at Town Square** - Preliminary plan approvals for a Chipotle and Mattress Warehouse were received for development at the former Boston Market site, as well as, for a grocery store within the existing space previously occupied by Genuardi's in the shopping center at the northwest corner of Allentown and Forty Foot Roads, formerly known as Towamencin Shopping Village.

**Franklin Street Storage Facilities** – Construction of a 102,720 sf indoor conditioned storage facility on Franklin Street between Sunneytown Pike and I-476 remains ongoing.

**Core5 Warehouse Project** - Core5 Industrial Partners has received Land Development approval for a 591,360 sf warehouse facility on Wambold Road at Allentown Road. Site construction has begun for two of the three planned buildings and remains ongoing.

**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. Construction commenced this summer.

**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. Construction started this summer and remains ongoing.

**Delp Drive Warehouse Development** – Preliminary plan approval for a 267,648 sf warehouse located at the end of Delp Drive was received.

**Belfair Square Townhouse Development** - 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 Board of Supervisors approved the permitted Conditional Use for the noted development.

**Connecting Towamencin** - Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, the Township's Planning Consultant, will be performing a Sidewalk Connectivity Study for the Township. Keep an eye on our website for an online survey and upcoming public meeting dates associated with the project. Feedback from Township residents and other stakeholders will help prioritize desired locations for future sidewalks and trails. The first Public Meeting introducing the project is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, at 7 pm at the Township's Meeting Hall Building.



## 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 Coordinator in the planning and executing of various programs offered to residents of the Township.



*Committee members at this year's Tavern Night*

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](mailto:events@towamencin.org) for more information.

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# Final Special Events of the Year at Fischer's Park



## Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run

**Date:** Saturday, November 12th

**Time:** 9 am

**Where:** Fischer's Park

**Address:** 2225 Bustard Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

**Registration:** <https://www.runtheday.com/register/detail/towamencin-turkey-trot-5k-walkrun-2022>

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, race photographer, and all runners get a long sleeved tech shirt. The overall male and female winners receive turkeys and all of those placing 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in each category get medals. 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. Day of event registration increases to \$45 and not guaranteed a shirt so register early!

November 6<sup>th</sup> – Online Registration Ends

November 10th (Tentative) – Shirt/Bib Pick up at Township Building 9 am-7 pm

November 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am Shirt/Bib pick-up at race, 8:00 am Fun Run, 9:00 am race, 10:00 am Award Ceremony

## Holiday Lights Festival and Tree Lighting

**Dates:** Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain date tree lighting only 12/9)

**Time:** 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Fischer's Park 2225 Bustard Road Lansdale, PA 19446

**Cost:** Event is free

**Surrey Rides (SOLD OUT):** 12 person walk-on rides will be available for \$5 per person during event. All lap riders are free.

Our favorite event of the year is back! Enjoy a whimsical holiday experience in the beautifully lit Fischer's Park. There will be decorated trees by the girl scouts and FREE hot chocolate/cookies/roasted marshmallows by the boy scouts.

Santa will be arriving around 5:45 pm in time for the annual tree lighting at 6pm. Stop by the amphitheater and take in the sounds of the season by our various volunteer acts.





# Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company News



As we look ahead to our Fall activities, TVFC members are gearing up for another active Fall/Winter season. In September, TVFC apparatus drivers took the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC) refresher course. This is required every couple of year to make sure our drivers are current on emergency apparatus driving skills. This not only benefits the drivers but the public as well. While we take this course seriously and do everything possible to respond to incidents quickly yet safely for you and our members, we ask for the public to do their part also: when you see emergency lights or hear the sirens, please move over safely in an appropriate manner to allow us to respond safely and deal with the emergency.

During the month of October, TVFC supported Fire Prevention Week which ran from October 9-15. We hosted our annual Open House night on Thursday, October 6, at our Bustard Road Station. Visitors were able to see the equipment, participate in activities and the watch fire and rescue demonstrations. Your all-volunteer fire company works hard to prepare for emergency responses and are proud to serve and show the community what we can do at our open houses. We were also able to assist our neighboring companies during their open house events as well.

On November 21, look for us in the local Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade. And, in December, we will gear up for our annual Santa Run through the Township. This yearly tradition is planned for Satur-

day, December 10, with a rain/snow date of December 17. We leave the firehouse at 9 am and continue until we have completed the neighborhoods of Towamencin. This is a fun activity for TVFC members. Please come out to greet us as we make our rounds with Santa. This tradition provides members, who work so hard all year, a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction.

A reminder, we are always looking for additional members to help as firefighters, fire police, administration personnel and Ladies Auxiliary. If interested in joining the TVFC family, stop by any Thursday evening during our drill time and talk to an officer about becoming a member of TVFC.

We have begun renting our banquet hall for events. If you are looking for a venue for your group event or party, consider the TVFC banquet Hall. Call 215-372-2776, follow the prompts to get to the hall manager and leave a message.

Finally, as year-end approaches, if you have not responded to our annual fund drive and desire an additional year-end donation, we ask that you consider TVFC and respond with your donation. Equipment costs are rising fast and as an all-volunteer company, we rely on your yearly contribution. Thank you to all who have supported this year's fund drive.

## SAFETY REMINDERS

- Replace your smoke alarm batteries when you turn your clocks back to standard time or by the end of October.
- If you purchase a live 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 all outdoor light decoration connections are protected from the weather.
- DO NOT place your hot/warm fireplace ashes in a bag, container, into the trash can, or next to your home siding or in the garage.
- To ALL Commercial and residential property owners, please make sure your address is visible and clear from the street for emergency personnel to identify your property quickly in an emergency.

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

**Visit our website at [www.towamencinfire.com](http://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

- **December 5th** TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Pictures With Santa
- **December 10th** Township Santa Run at 9am (rain date 12/17)

**Main Station Address: 1590 Bustard Road, Kulpsville, PA 19443**



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# Police Department Recognitions, Sergeant Promotion

Travis Wood was selected and promoted to Police Sergeant at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on August 24, 2022, after a thorough process, including a written test, oral interviews and a management assessment.

Beginning his career at Towamencin in 2006, he served as a patrol officer until 2010, when he was assigned to the highway safety unit as a traffic safety officer. In this role, Travis earned certification as a crash reconstructionist, which he uses to investigate crashes throughout the North Penn region, as he serves on the regional crash investigation team. In 2012, Wood earned qualifications as a firearms trainer and serves as a field training officer for new officers of the department.

Sergeant Wood earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Mansfield University and his master's degree in homeland security from St. Joseph's University. Throughout his career, Travis has been committed to ongoing training and professional skill development.

We congratulate Sergeant Wood on his well-deserved promotion and wish him the best in



*Newly promoted Sergeant Wood center, with Police Dept. personnel*

this new role!

Another noteworthy achievement for the department - Chief Tim Troxel and the Towamencin Police Department were presented with a plaque commemorating their collective accomplishment and dedication by attaining 100 percent participation in the Montgomery County Emergency Service (MCES) Crisis Intervention Specialist Program on August 24th by Anna Trout, Director of Crisis and Diversion at the Montgomery County Depart-

ment of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and Michelle Monzo, of Montgomery County Emergency Service (MCES).

During the presentation, Ms. Monzo emphasized attendance of the program is not a County or State requirement, but that the Towamencin Police Department has made it one; adding that two-thirds of the department are enrolled for the CIS advanced class. According to Ms. Monzo, the skills the officers

have acquired through the program have made them invaluable resources to the community and the mental health system.

The Crisis Intervention School through MCES builds officer skills through education on mental illness, aims to increase empathy, and decrease the probability of criminal justice system involvement. This school teaches trainees how to interact with individuals in crisis and provides guidance on county resources.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Sergeant Jamie Pierluisse with questions by phone or by email: [jpierluisse@towamencinpd.org](mailto:jpierluisse@towamencinpd.org).



# Another Exciting Year for Towamencin Soccer Club



The Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) prides itself in having one of the largest and longest-running soccer programs in this region. And we are one of the few clubs that continues to be volunteer-led, volunteer-driven, and an extremely volunteer-active association.

We are thrilled to have over 100 volunteers helping the club in a wide variety of roles – from coaches and assistant coaches to field setup and maintenance assistants, to league managers and event coordinators. And we thank ALL of them for the dedication, guidance and support they provide our organization each and every year.

We are also excited to have a host of business sponsors for our club – from small mom-and-pop shops to larger corporate organizations. These companies are an integral part of the TSC community; their sponsorship dollars help to fund the myriad of training programs and other activities within TSC as well as across all the Towamencin Youth Association (TYA) sports.

Soccer continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in the country. And TSC continues to expand, helping our youth learn, grow, and compete in today's exciting world of soccer. This year is no different. Just check out some of our terrific programs for 2022:

**Travel Soccer Program:** We maintain our club record of 22 travel teams (over 300 boys and girls) this year. For players who want to be the best at soccer and enjoy competitive league and tournament play, TSC offers one of the best and most amazing travel soccer experiences available.

**Intramural Soccer Program:** We have 500 soccer players of all ages enrolled in our IM program this year – from our youngest age group of U5-U6 players up to the oldest age group of U15-U19 players. Our recreational program, which runs from August through October, focuses on improving player development and proficiency in a learning, fun atmosphere. It offers winning soccer techniques taught by soccer professionals, as well as the opportunity to practice skills and techniques during small-sided game play.



## The Philadelphia Union:

We continue to build on a very active and vibrant partnership with the Philadelphia Union (our region's professional soccer team). This year, we hosted two annual TSC soccer events down at Subaru Stadium, one in the spring (April 23rd against Montreal) and one in the fall

(September 10<sup>th</sup> against Orlando). It's one of the most enjoyable ways for our players and their families to see the Union in action – and participate in memorable on-field experiences.



TSC also hosted a Union summer camp from July 18-21, as well as a Union travel camp from August 8-11, both at our Grist Mill fields. The Union Youth organization is also working with both our intramural and travel programs to help develop and enhance our players individual soccer skills, promote camaraderie, and cultivate team sportsmanship.

For regular updates on club events, as well as, player and team activities, visit our website ([www.tyasports.org](http://www.tyasports.org)) and our Facebook page (Towamencin Soccer Club).

If you have questions about our soccer program, team sponsorships or special events, please contact Jeff Hill, Soccer Director, at his direct email: [tsdirectorhill21@aol.com](mailto:tsdirectorhill21@aol.com).



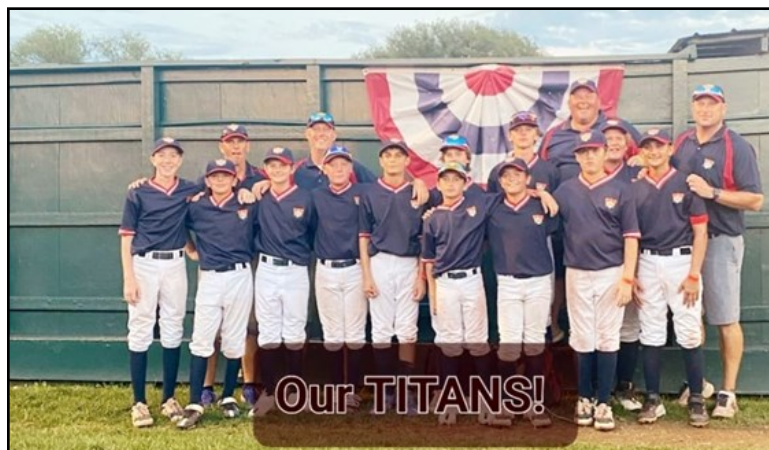


# Top 10 Reasons to Love Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball



## *A Community Tradition for 50+ Years*

1. We keep the focus on **KIDS, FAMILIES ... and FUN!**
2. Our coaches and volunteers are **qualified, respectful, and supportive** role models.
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 ages 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.
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. Your **great baseball memories** will last a lifetime!



### 2023 Baseball Registration

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

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# The Morgan Log House's Fall and Winter Events

The Morgan Log House continues its 2022 season with a wide range of offerings that bring the past to life!

- We're continuing our temporary exhibit, "Work: Farm to Factory," which explores the ways that work changed at the turn of the twentieth century.
- Explore our new audio tours, our Story Threads, at a regular tour! The first Story Thread we are offering looks at and dismantles myths of history and historic homes.
- Our makerspace where you come and take part in hands-on history: learning about history by making it!
- Our continued Drop-In Workshop series for kids and families and a new adult workshop series!

## Fall Events:

### History Happy Hour: Strange Beasts

**Friday, October 21 at 6 p.m., ticketed**

Get in the spooky mood and enjoy tales of strange and mythical beasts from Pennsylvania and the Americas. Afterwards, enjoy adult refreshments. This event is intended for visitors 21 years of age and older.

Tickets are available on our website at:  
[www.morganloghouse.org](http://www.morganloghouse.org)

### Mayhem at Morgan: Treasure of the Louisa

**Friday, October 21**

Our annual Mayhem at Morgan is back! Enjoy this immersive, spooky experience about privateers in the eighteenth century.

Tickets are available on our website at:  
[www.morganloghouse.org](http://www.morganloghouse.org)

### Mini-Mayhem

**Sunday, October 23**

Crafts, candy, and fun, for the little ones here on site: enjoy a scavenger hunt and more.



## Candlelight Night

**Saturday, December 3**

Learn about what the winter and Christmas were like for the first settlers to the area at this holiday favorite.

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

You can visit the Morgan Log House for a tour Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 3 p.m. 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.

The best way to help support the Morgan Log House is to become a member. With your yearly membership, you can help keep history alive! To see the different levels, and become a member, visit: <http://www.morganloghouse.org/membership/>

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.

# Tips & News For Taxpayers

by Robert A. Di Domizio Jr., Tax Collector for Towamencin Township

## One-Time Bonus Property Tax/Rent Program through State

To help older and disabled Pennsylvanians who are still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, the State has enacted legislation that will deliver one-time bonus rebates to claimants of the PA-1000 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. Act 54 of 2022 calls on the Department of Revenue to issue a one-time bonus rebate equal to 70% of the original rebate amount for every claimant who was approved for a rebate on rent or property taxes paid in 2021.

If you are an eligible claimant who has already filed an application for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2021, you do not need to take any further action. The Department of Revenue will take care of everything to ensure that you receive your original rebate and bonus rebate for the 2021 claim year.

Eligible claimants who have not yet filed a PA-1000 application are encouraged to do so. Claimants can do this online by visiting [myPATH](https://mypath.pa.gov), the Department of Revenue's online filing system - <https://mypath.pa.gov>. This is the best option to ensure that your application is processed as quickly as possible. Claimants may also file a paper application and instructions on the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program by visiting [www.revenue.pa.gov/ptrr](http://www.revenue.pa.gov/ptrr).

The deadline to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2021 was extended to December 31, 2022.

A claimant who received the maximum standard rebate of \$650 for the 2021 claim year will receive an additional one-time bonus rebate of \$455 (70% of the original rebate). Under this example, the claimant will have received a grand total of \$1,105 between the standard rebate and one-time bonus rebate.

Qualifying homeowners also may receive a supplemental rebate that will boost their rebate to a maximum of \$975. If a claimant received the \$975 maximum rebate for the 2021 claim year, their one-time bonus rebate will be \$682.50 (70% of the original rebate including the supplemental amount). In this example, the claimant will have received a grand total of \$1,657.50 for the 2021 claim year.

The Department of Revenue will issue letters to 2021 claimants of the program to explain how much they will receive for their one-time bonus rebates. The letters will show the total rebate amount - a grand total that includes the amount of the original rebate for the 2021 claim year plus the amount for the one-time bonus rebate that the claimant will receive.

The Department of Revenue will automatically calculate your one-time bonus rebate and deliver it to you through the same method that you received your original rebate for the 2021 claim year. No additional application is necessary to receive the one-time bonus rebate.



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For information about our worship, ministries and activities visit [GwyneddSquare.org](http://GwyneddSquare.org) or follow us on social media.





# Environmental Advisory Council Community Events



Our Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) advises township officials to help inform decision making regarding environmental issues. The EAC is involved in planning new conservation initiatives and community environmental education efforts. The EAC consists of up to 7 volunteer members appointed by the Board of Supervisors for 3-year terms. EAC members must be residents of Towamencin Township. Meetings are open to the public and held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Township building. Please email [info@towamencin.org](mailto:info@towamencin.org) if you are

interested in joining the EAC or learning more about how you can help the EAC.

In 2022, the EAC participated in several community activities to help the environment in our local community and to help educate residents.

On May 12th, the EAC hosted a Downspout Planter Workshop at Fischer's Park led by the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC). The event was a hit and was attended by residents and some of our Township Supervisors. The attendees created a downspout planter with their choice of sun or shade tolerant native plants.

The 2022 Stream Clean-Up for the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) was held on Saturday, April 2. Towamencin Township is part of the Perkiomen Watershed and the Towamencin Creek is a tributary of the

Perkiomen Creek. The EAC organized and participated, along with residents, in a stream clean-up at Fischer's Park and Firehouse Park. During the stream clean-up, the crew removed 15 large bags of trash and debris, in addition to landscaping fabric, pallets, fence posts, metal piping, a partial metal bed frame and other various large items from the watershed.



*participants from the Downspout Planter Workshop*

On October 8th, the EAC hosted a booth at Towamencin Day to spread awareness about Monarch Butterflies and the importance of planting native plants to the ecological system. During the event, the EAC partnered with the North Penn High School Environmental Action Club (EnACT) to help spread awareness and work with children on a butterfly related craft.

To learn more about our watershed, stormwater management native plants and invasive plant removal, visit the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's Learning Center:

[https:// www.perkiomenwatershed.org/learning-center](https://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/learning-center).

## Fall & Winter Environmental Tips

Fall is here and winter is around the corner, please read below for some environmental friendly tips from our Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).

**Fall Yard Care** - The best way to dispose of all of the leaves in fall is to shred the leaves to go in your compost pile or leave on your lawn to act as a fertilizer. When applying chemical fertilizers apply sparingly in the Fall when rain is not in the forecast for 24 hours. Fall is the optimal time of year to add native perennial plants to your yard because the season provides ideal conditions for new growth. The plants will provide a habitat for wildlife as winter approaches and

will aide in the overall growing process in spring. When you are cleaning up your garden to prepare for the dormant months keep stems and seed heads in place – the plants and wildlife will thank you!

**Winter Tips - Cold Weather Composting:** Don't let the cold stop you – keep composting! Composting in winter is a great way to keep your waste low and out of the landfill. Not in the mood to run out to your compost bin/pile when it's chilly outside? You can store your weekly compost in a 5L pail just outside your backdoor and transfer it only when it's full. Your compostable items will stay very cold or frozen with no smell until

you're ready. You could also try vermicomposting indoors – fun with worms!

**Winter/Early Spring Gardening Tasks:** Your garden may still be asleep, but you can work on some important activities to be ready when it wakes up. In winter, you can add dried leaves around your plants. Not only is this a great way to add organic matter to your soil, it's also a sustainable way to keep the plant material produced by your property on your property. Early spring, you can cut back old stems and seed heads on your perennials before new growth emerges, both which support wildlife during the winter months. After you cut the stems, just leave them in your garden so overwintering insects can re-emerge and birds can use the stems and twigs as nesting materials.

# Become a Community Sponsor in 2023

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 support the local economy. We offer a unique and targeted approach to get your name out, as we understand the needs of your consumers/clients.

For more information on how to become a community partner with Towamencin Township and the varied pricing options, call the Township at 215 368-7602 or email [events@towamencin.org](mailto:events@towamencin.org). The sponsorship flyer/form can be found on our website at <https://www.towamencin.org/departments/events/>.

## Montgomery County Bookmobile and Outreach Services

### 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.

For a current and complete bookmobile schedule, visit our website: <http://mnl.mclinc.org/>. Meet us at one of our Towamencin Township or nearby community locations:

#### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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2222 South Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446  
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#### 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  
Every Tuesday 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

### Bookmobile and Outreach Services Contact

Email: [bookmobiles@mclinc.org](mailto:bookmobiles@mclinc.org)  
Phone: (610) 278-5100 Ext. 7

### Item Request Procedure

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



- Use their library card barcode & 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
- Drop off a request form at the bookmobile
- Ask our staff on the Bookmobile

### 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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The demand for homes still outpaces the supply. If you are thinking of selling your home, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will create a tailored marketing plan to assist you in achieving the highest sale price within your desired time frame.

Thank you,

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