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Grand Opening of Butch Clemens Park



resentatives Kate Harper and Bob Godshall in attendance, an opening

ceremony was held with Butch himself throwing out the first pitch. Our A team secured a 5-1 win over

Warminster and all enjoyed a beauti-

ful day, a nice ceremony and a good

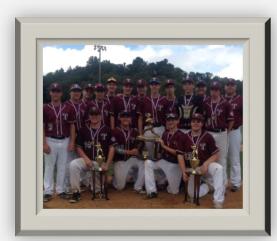
game. We are looking for many

years of great baseball to be played

there and to further develop the field

into one of the premier fields in the

Opening of Butch Clemens Field. This is a photo of the ceremonial first pitch thrown out by Butch Clemens. Towamencin catcher Matt Marino prepares to receive the ball.



This year Towamencin Connie Mack 2014 Connie Mack State Champions. First Championship since 1996. was very excited to begin play on Kneeling: Zach Moretski (pitcher of the tournament), Ryan Quigley, Eric Beide-Butch Clemens Park - a new Townman, Michael Grilli (defensive player of the tournament). ship-owned facility off of Forty Foot Standing: Coach Steven Berry, Alex Peterson, Coach Jim Gorman, Joe Picozzi, Stephen Popp, Dalton Baum, Liam Coonahan, Hunter Evans, Jared Gorman, Matt Road. With the land dedicated and Marino, Glen Nieman, Nick Terchek, Head Coach Rich Marino field constructed by the Clemens Missing due to Injury: Tyler Siddal Food Group; the field has been waiting for several growing seasons to come into service. Earlier this year, Towamencin Township secured bids and awarded the contract for the fencing needed to bring the Park into service. On Saturday, June 28, with our Township Supervisors, State Senator Bob Mensch and State Rep-



Team photo of the 2014 Cal Ripken 12U SE Pennsylvania State Champs. This is the first Ripken State Championship for Towamencin. First Row, Left to Right: Kevin Montagna (Bat Boy), Zach Foulke, Joe Valenti Middle Row, Left to Right: Matt Swanson, Nate Brown, Matt Kratz, Colby Chan, Patrick Coleman, Gavin Moretski, Mike Chaffee, Joe Montagna, Chris Killion, Evan Sternbach

Back Row, Left to Right: Jeff Chaffee (Assistant Coach), Mark Swanson (Head Coach), Kevin Killion (Assistant Coach), Jim Valenti (Assistant Coach), Paul Moretski (Assistant Coach).

Letter From the Board

Welcome to all new residents and businesses to Towamencin Township. We believe we have a number of facilities and events for your enjoyment and participation throughout the year.

There are a number of events currently planned for the Fall and Winter. We hope you will find one or more of them of interest to you and your family. Those events include the annual Turkey Trot, Saturday, November 22nd, starting at 9 AM. Sign-ups have already begun and will continue until 14 November or 800 registrations, whichever occurs first. There will be no Walk-up Registrations this year. The Annual Holiday Light Festival will occur on Saturday, December 6th from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Fischer's

Park. Sign-up early for the ever popular carriage rides.

There is an abundance of information provided not only in this Newsletter,

but also on the Township website at http://www.towamencin.org/
index.html
and also on the Public Education Channels provided by Comcast and Verizon and on Facebook. You can sign-up for the Township e-News on the Township website.

The 2015 Budget meetings will be held in the Township Meeting Room on October 1st, 15th, and November 5th. As we get into the Fall we remind all residents to check with their trash disposal companies for sched-

Administrative Building

uled Leaf Recycling pick-up days. The burning of leaves is prohibited by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

We also would like to thank all those residents who responded to the Township's call for volunteers for numerous Boards, Commissions, and Committees. We continue to have needs for volunteers to help us in a myriad of ways. If you would like to get involved please submit a letter or email of interest to the Township Manager, Mr. Rob Ford at rford@towamencin.org.



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Thank you, Ted Miller, G.R.I. Broker/Owner

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Tax and Sewer Information



Tax Office:

1553 Gehman Road Harleysville PA 19438 Mailing Address: PO Box 1415 Kulpsville PA 19443-1415 OFC 1-215-723-7297 FAX 1-866-496-3991 EMAIL tax@robertdidomizio.com

Letter From Your Tax Collector:

As your Tax Collector, my job involves more than just collecting taxes. I'm the person they call when you want to refinance your mortgage, or when you want to purchase a home in the Township. I'm the person who sends out your school tax bills, collects your payments, and makes sure that the information gets recorded properly and in a timely manner. When you have a question about your taxes, or you can't find your bill, or you want to

find out how to pay your bill, I'm the person you call.

I am a lifelong resident of the area, having attending North Penn schools K-12. I married a local girl and we raised our three children here in the North Penn area. I own and operate my own engineering consulting business here in the Township, and my location here on Gehman Road is convenient and centrally located. Please see the map and directions on my web site.

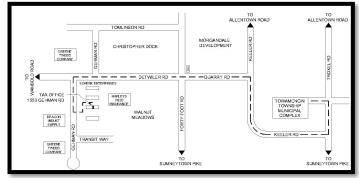
By the time you receive this newsletter, the discount date for your school tax will have passed, so you have until October 31st to pay the bill without incurring a penalty. The office will be open for walkins Thursdays 9:00am – 12:00pm, in addition to October 29th-31st from 9:00am – 2:00pm and December 31st 9:00am – 2:00pm

Call for special appointment at 215-723-7297.

All taxes are due by the end of the year. It is very important to note that if your taxes are not paid by the end of the year that a lien will be placed on your property.

Check out my website at www.robertdidomizio.com or drop me a line at tax@robertdidomizio.com.

Robert A. Di Domizio, Jr. Tax Collector, Towamencin Twp



If you are among the fortunate residents who spend winters in Florida or some other sunny spot, please know that the Post Office does not forward tax bills. The Township/County Tax and Sewer Bills are mailed no later than March 1st and the discount period ends on April 30th.

If you would like to have your bill sent directly to you, please submit a written address change to our office at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446 no later than February 1st, 2015 to assure prompt delivery.

Tax and Sewer Bills can also be paid by credit card on the Township Website at www.towamencin.org.

Please contact 215-368-7602 or dvarley@towamencin.org with any questions.

Homestead Exemption Act

The Taxpayer Relief Act provides for property tax reduction through a "homestead exemption". Generally, most owner occupied homes are eligible for the property tax reduction.

In 2000, the County implemented the Homestead Exemption Program to give a tax break to certain property owners. In order to participate, the property must be the primary residence of the property owner. Commercial properties and rental properties do not qualify.

The Township annually, as a part of its budget process, determines the amount of exemption, currently it is \$59,000. Participating homeowners will receive an exemption on the Township portion of their tax bill. For 2014, it is a \$225 tax reduction. When looking at the tax bill, you will note a County assessed value and a Township assessed value. If the homeowner is participating, the difference in the two assessed values will be the Homestead Exemption for that year.

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

"Generally, most owner occupied

homes are eligible."

Winter Storm Preparation

Are you prepared for the Winter storms and power outages that come with freezing rain, heavy snows, and downed trees? Here are some things that you can do, at no cost, that will help you get through unexpected events:

- *Stay indoors during the storm.
- *Walk carefully on snowy, icy walkways.



*Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.

- *Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- *Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- *Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include

uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help as soon as possible.

- *Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive: travel in the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- *Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- *If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- *Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Re-

- fuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
- *Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- *If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.
- *Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power or heat during periods of extreme cold. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 12345).
- *Continue to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers. Stay indoors, if possible.
- *During Snow Emergencies remember to remove basketball hoops and soccer nets from the street.

Source: Ready.gov

Sump Pump Connections

It only takes a few improperly connected sump pumps to cause a sanitary sewer backup into basements, streets, and waterways.

The Problem of Inflow:

Inflow is caused by improperly connected foundation (footing) drains, sump pumps, and downspouts. Instead of directing the clear rain water outside and away from the house, it directs the water into the sanitary sewer system. Inflow is a problem because it creates an extra water burden for the sanitary sewer system, and when this system is overloaded, it can back up into our streets, buildings, and your basement. It also means that

our utility bills are higher because we are collectively paying for the unnecessary treatment of clear water!

How Do I know if my Sump Pump is Improperly Connected?

Your sump pump is most likely improperly connected to the sanitary sewer if it is connected to a drain or sink in your basement.

Disconnecting your Sump Pump

If your sump pump discharges to the sanitary system in any way, the discharge must be re-directed out of the sanitary sewer system. The change

could be as simple as directing the discharge outside the house through a hose. If you aren't familiar with the work, contact a plumbing professional or the Township Codes Department for more information.

Homeowners have an impact on preventing or causing the problem of inflow. Your neighbors are relying on you to take responsibility for making sure that your connections are not contributing to the problem.

Towamencin Business Alliance

On behalf of the men and women of the Towamencin Business Alliance, we would like to invite you to join our organization.

The Alliance is a non-profit, membersupported group that was created to serve the needs of businesses in Towamencin Township by providing networking opportunities and bringing us together as a single voice on ways to improve our business community.

We meet on the first Tuesday morning of each month to conduct our group's business and interact with each other. Founded in 2012, we

are just getting off the ground and we appreciate your support and assistance in making this venture a success.

Our website is currently under construction but you can follow us now on Facebook and on the Lansdale-Montgomeryville Patch website.

This group is limited to businesses that maintain a permanent location within the boundaries of Towamencin Township.

Any number of people from your organization can attend our meetings and events,

but we limit voting participation to one vote per member company for business transactions.

To join, please fill out and return this short application along with a check for \$25.00 made payable to "Towamencin Business Alliance". Dues are annual and should be paid by January 1st.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Bonnie Mason, Chairperson

215-362-7115

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Towamencin Business Alliance PO Box 150 Kulpsville PA 19443-0150		Towamencin		
Company		ALLIANCE		
Name of Primary Contact				
Physical Address in the Township:				
Street	City			
Phone Number(s)				
If you want mail sent to a different address, please en				
Activity you might want to become involved with				
Please include a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to "Towamencin Business Alliance" and remit to the address shown above. These dues will cover the remainder of 2014 and all of 2015.				
On behalf of the Board of Directors, welcome and the	ank you!			
Bonnie Mason, Chairperson	Bob Di Domizio, Director			
Emma Hodgson, Vice Chairperson	Bob Rau, Director			
Richard Costlow, Secretary	Terri Weber, Director			
Todd Fisher Treasurer				

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Turnpike Widening Project Update

As part of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's six-lane widening project between Berks Road and the Lansdale Interchange (milepost A26 – A31), here are some of the construction related activities scheduled through Oct. 2015.:

Bustard Road is closed and detoured to traffic through May 2015. As part of this bridge replacement project, a ramp was constructed for access to southbound I-476 by the Towamencin Fire Company and other emergency service providers.

The Lansdale Interchange ramp bridge is being replaced in stages and is expected to be completed by late 2015. The contractor is doing excavation work and widening the ramps on the Turnpike side of the toll plaza

while also removing one-half of the interchange ramp bridge. The number of E-ZPass/ticket lanes may be restricted to accommodate lane restrictions between the toll plaza and the ramps to northbound/southbound I-476. The interchange is scheduled to be operating at full capacity by mid-late October 2014.

Three Turnpike mainline bridges that cross over local roads will be in construction through November 2016 during the reconstruction and 6-lane widening of I-476. Construction at the Wambold Road underpass is currently underway. The Green Lane Road and Valley Forge Road bridges are also scheduled for construction this fall and the contractor will begin the demolition of the structures utilizing intermittent

single-lane patterns and periodic traffic stoppages.

Construction activities in both directions within the Turnpike's right-of-way (off-Pike) will be ongoing between Schultz Road and Berks Road (milepost A26.7-A26.2). Demolition work at these underpasses is scheduled for later this year.

The contractor's schedule is subject to change due to accessibility, productivity, and/or inclement weather. This information is effective as of August 2014 and is not representative of the full scope of the contractor's schedule through 2015. Please visit the project website at www.paturnpike.com/constructionprojects/mpA20toA31 for updates.

From the Desk of the Director of Community Development

It feels like just yesterday we were shoveling the new four letter bad word, SNOW. Since we are now starting to replace warm summer nights with cool fall evenings it is time to start thinking of a few things to keep our blood pressure from boiling.

You are encouraged to clean up your leaves and miscellaneous yard waste but please DO NOT place leaves in the street. Not only is this a violation of Township Code, with a fine of \$300, but it can cause problems with the storm sewers and other storm water facilities.

If you are thinking about burning, Towamencin does allow open burning but you are required to obtain a permit through the Fire Marshall's Office. The burning of leaves is STRICTLY PROHIBITED by Township ordinance and Pennsylvania DEP

Now to that bad word again. We can all hope that we do not experience a winter like we had last year but since we cannot predict the future we must be prepared for whatever is dealt to us. It is the owner's responsibility to clear all sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours of a snow event. If you have a fire hydrant located on your

property you are required to provide a 3' clear space around the entire hydrant. Be a Responsible Neighbor, clear your sidewalks and fire hydrants because failure to do so will result in citations up to \$300.

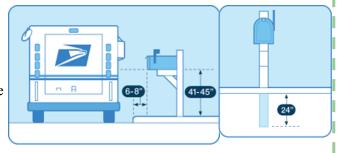
MAILBOX DAMAGE INFORMATION:

When it snows our public works department does not have it easy so please help them help you. Please park your car in your driveway and not on the street. Keep in mind that it is not our intention to knock over mailboxes during snow events, in most cases this is a result in the snow coming from the plow and not the truck hitting the box. The Township WILL NOT PAY for mailboxes damaged by a snow plow unless the vehicle physically hits the mailbox. Below please find the US Postal Services Requirements for the placement of a mailbox.

Because of varying road and curb conditions, the Postal ServiceTM recommends that you contact your local postmaster for approval of the location of your mailbox before you put it up.

Put a roadside mailbox where a carrier can safely reach inside without leaving the truck. That means positioning it about 41" to 45" off the ground and back about 6" to 8" from the curb. In the absence of a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance

- Bill Webb -



"We would like to advise everyone that code complaints remain anonymous. We simply request that you put your complaint in writing with your name, address, phone number and the nature of your complaint. We strive to answer all complaints as soon as reasonably possible."

Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k



Date: Saturday, November 22nd

Time: 9:00am

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd.

Lansdale, PA 19446

The annual Towamencin Turkey
Trot 5k Walk/Run will be back
with Chip Timing and a certified
course this year!! We are excited
for the top male and female runners to win a free turkey! Medals
will be given to the top three runners in each age category. All runners will receive a free long
sleeved tech shirt. The Award

Ceremony will take place at 10:00am in the Arneth Amphitheater and light snacks will be served to runners after the race. Pets and strollers are welcome and we will have a professional race photographer on site! There will also be a free Children's 10 and Under Fun Run, with no registration necessary.

The cost for the 5k is \$25, and registration closes on November 14th or at 800 runners. NO WALK UP REGISTRATION!

You can register online at www.active.com, at the Township Building, or get a form from our website.



Movie in the Park:

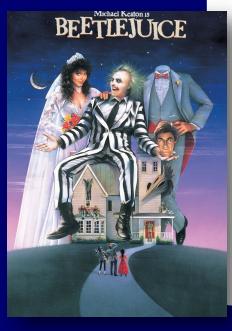
Date: Friday, October 3rd Time: 6 pm (Starts at Dusk)

Where: Fischer's Park

GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd.

Lansdale, PA 19446

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



Join Us For Our Spring Events:

May 16th: Towamencin Community Day

May 29th: Towamencin Pool Open House

Special Events are Sponsored By:





Holiday Lights Festival



Date: Saturday, December 6th **Time:** 4:30pm-8:30pm

Where: Fischer's Park GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Township is throwing it's annual Holiday Lights Festival! Come out to Fischer's Park and enjoy a beautiful winter night with light displays, live entertainment, and trees decorated by the Girl Scouts.

There will be free refreshments provided by the Boy Scouts as well as our popular Horse Drawn Surrey Rides. Rides are based on availability and we offer advanced registration and payment. Walk on rides will only be available for the large surrey. The Towamencin Police Benevolent Association is offering FREE Pictures with Santa from 5-7pm so please bring your cameras!

Towamencin Pool Summer Review

Towamencin's Pool Complex had a very exciting and successful summer!!

Pool membership was up this year and attendance at the events was great. The residents were able to enjoy a lively party at our Pool Open House. Members enjoyed the Wild West and Pirate Adventure Family Fun Days. We had great attendance for the showings of The Lego Movie and Monster's University.



Cool Eats Snack Shop changed the face of our pool by offering a diverse and healthy menu to our patrons. They opened their snack shop to the general public and sponsored the two Family Fun Days.

The YMCA did another great job managing the pool and hiring quality lifeguards that kept our residents safe, the pool clean, and fun.

We look forward to an even more exciting summer in 2015!!

Towamencin will be adding even more great events, continuing the Swim Team, classes, and swim lessons. We will also be bringing back Cool Eats Snack Shop for another great year!!

Registration opens in October.









JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP

Turkey Trot 5k Registration Form



Fill out one form per runner: Cost is \$25.00

Registration Closes: Nov 14th or at 800 Runners

Saturday, November 22nd at 9:00am at Fischer's Park in Lansdale, PA

Towamencin Township is thrilled to announce it's annual 5k Walk/Run!! Bring family and friends of all ages to walk or run in the event. The top two winners will receive a turkey and there will be medals awarded in every age group! Pre-registration can be done on www.active.com or at the Township Building (1090 Troxel Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446). Please visit us at www.towamencin.org or on Facebook for more information!! 10 and under Fun Run at 8am, no registration necessary!

Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k 11/22/2014 Make checks payable to Towamencin Township 1090 Troxel Rd. P.O. Box 303 Kulpsville, PA 19443

First Name	Last Name
Gender	Date of Birth
email	Phone number
address	
Long Sleeved Shirt Size	How did you hear about us?
Group Name (If running in group)	

I understand that participating in this event is potentially hazardous, and that I should not enter and participate unless I am medically able and properly trained. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur while I am traveling to or from the event, during the event, or while I am on the premises of the event. I also am aware of and assume all risks associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and conditions of the road. I, for myself and my heirs and executors, hereby waive, release and forever discharge the event organizers, sponsors, promoters, Active.com and each of their agents, representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons associated with the event, for my all liabilities, claims, actions, or damages that I may have against them arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this event. I understand that this waiver includes any claims, whether caused by negligence, the action or inaction of any of the above parties, or otherwise.

I understand that the entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the above parties to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, website images, recordings or any other record of this event.

Signature



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Towamencin Community Sponsorship 2015

Non-Monetary Donations: Sometimes in lieu of money, businesses donate food/drinks for the Township to give away at our events. They also donate items to go in our quantity 800 "Runner's Bags" for the Turkey Trot 5k. If you cannot give money but would like to contribute in another way, please detail your donation and quantity.

Ball Park Sign: This is a 4 'X 8 'high quality aluminum sign with your company's logo printed on it, to be hung on the fence of the baseball field at Bustard Road and/or Butch Clemens Park, during the season April through September. First time advertisers will pay a fee of \$335 for each promotional sign, with returning advertisers paying a fee of \$160.

Bronze Sponsorship:

Picket sign that will be displayed at the two Movies in the Park and two "Flick and Floats."

Free attendance at these four events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials.

PowerPoint commercial on the reel that plays before the movies start.

Silver Sponsorship:

Picket sign that will be displayed at the two Movies in the Park, Pool Open House, two "Flick and Floats," and 3 concerts in our Summer Concert Series.

Free attendance at these eight events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays before the movies start.

Notation from the band at the beginning of the concerts.

Gold Sponsorship:

Picket sign with your company's logo will be displayed at ALL Towamencin Community Events.

Free attendance to all events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials.

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays prior to the movies.

Notation from the band prior to the start of the concerts.

Company logo printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5K.

You will also receive 5% off whatever ad you choose for our Spring/Fall Newsletter!

Platinum Sponsorship:

4' X 12' banner will be displayed at ALL Towamencin Community Events.

Free attendance to all events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials.

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays prior to the movies.

Notation from the band prior to the start of the concerts.

Company **logo will be printed on the T-shirts** for the Turkey Trot 5k.

This exclusive membership will include your company **name or logo on our website** under each event and **in the press releases** we send to all the local advertising establishments.

You will also receive 10% off whatever ad you choose for our Spring/Fall Newsletter!





I would like to be a Community Sponsor:

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□ Gold (\$1,000)
□ Silver (\$500)
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□ Ball Park Sign Bustard Road (\$335 or \$160 for returning participants
□ Non-Monetary

Sponsor:
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Address:
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Website:
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Towamencin Police Welcome New Officer

Amber Culton was sworn in as a Towamencin Township Police Officer at the April 23, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Officer Culton is married and has four sons. She is a 2003 graduate of Pennridge High School and a March 2014 graduate of the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy. She has completed college courses at the University of Pittsburgh, Drexel University, and the Philadelphia Biblical University. Prior to her employment with the police department she worked as a Public Safety Officer for Valor Security in Montgomeryville, PA.



Officer Amber Culton is welcomed to the force by Chief Dickinson



Crime Prevention Tip

Every year large numbers of vehicles are left parked overnight on our neighborhood streets, in driveways, and in apartment complexes unlocked. Most thieves are opportunists and usually will only enter your vehicle if it is unlocked and unattended. Once finding a vehicle unlocked thieves will search inside for anything of value.

In most cases, thieves will not force entry into your locked vehicle unless something of value is visible from outside. So, here are a few simple steps we all can take to minimize thefts from parked vehicles:

- -Lock it up whenever parked and unattended.
- -Remove items of value from inside the vehicle whenever practical.
- -If you can't remove items of value, put them in the trunk or at least take steps to make them less visible from outside.



Emergency Dial: 911

Chief of Police:
Chief Paul T. (Tim) Dickinson

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Towamencin Police Benevolent Association is hosting Free Pictures with Santa at the Towamencin Holiday Lights Festival from 5-7pm on Saturday, December 6th at Fischer's Park. Bring your cameras!





Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company



As Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) enters the fall then Holiday season, our event activity level within the community becomes even more active. Before we update you on our coming activities, there were many activities which the volunteer members of TVFC led or participated in over the summer months.

We sponsored a home run derby once again in June for

kids in the area. In July, we once again hosted the North Penn 5th district water Battle event at our main station on Bustard Rd. where neighboring volunteer fire companies competed in several events, all in the spirit of fun and community. In late spring, we re-wrapped one of our fire engines in "pink" to support breast cancer awareness and attended several events throughout the summer including the North Penn Relay

for Life at North Penn HS and the Lansdale Car Show. With the great weather this past summer, the company engaged in several joint training sessions with neighboring Township fire companies to further prepare ourselves for incidents we will face ahead and to build team work with the companies we work with. Over the summer, TVFC has seen a high volume of calls both within and outside of Towamencin Township where we provided mutual aid support which was essential.

Emergency Dial: 911

Fire Chief: Chief Al Staehle

Non-Emergency: 215-362-2776

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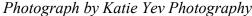
In mid-July, we saw the closing of the Bustard Rd. turnpike bridge in front of our main station. As all of those that pass thru Towamencin Township might expect, this has created exceptional challenges for us in getting to the firehouse and then responding to an alarm or incident. Special plans by TVFC line officers to utilize apparatus from our sub-station to reduce response times have been put in place. Additionally, we have increased mutual aid response from other companies to assist us in our service to the Township. We do have an "ask" of all within the Town-

ship and travelling through the Township and that is to "please watch, listen and be light of one of our members responding to the fire house to alert people to the fact for a call and when you hear there is an alarm and to be the siren and see one of our fire apparatus responding to a call." It is important that we all work together in getting through this challenging time navigating our Township, especially when there is an emergency situation. One additional action the company voted to take was the re-activation of the main station fire siren dur-

ing the hours of 8:00 Am-8:00 PM. This will be ONLY until the bridge is re-opened, patient when you see a blue at which point, it will go back to the way it was. We did this aware of responding fire personnel and fire apparatus. This is for the good and welfare of the fire company members as well as those of you navigating our Township roads during this construction.

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company

What's ahead for us? TVFC will be visiting schools in Township during fire prevention week October 6-10. This is a time for those of you with children to focus on the fire prevention message from the school and to discuss your home fire prevention plan with them. For those without children at home, we encourage you to take a moment to check your home for potential fire hazards and take care of them. Change batteries in your smoke detector (s) and CO detector(s) and have your fire place chimney checked and cleaned if needed. Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. We invite ALL of you to come to our Open House on Thursday, October 2 at the Main Station. This is a great time for all to see our men and women in action and the equipment you help to support through your fund drive donations, Chicken BBQ and taxes.







When the holiday season approaches, we ask you take special precaution with holiday lights, trees in your home or office and use of fire places. TVFC volunteers look forward to time home with their families as you do so by you taking the extra time to check wiring and be sure live trees are well watered, you are helping us as well as protecting yourselves.

Once again this year, TVFC members will be hosting Pictures With Santa on December 6 at our main station on Bustard Rd.

and our Santa run through the Township on December 20.

From all of us at TVFC, we thank you for your on-going support of our chicken BBQ, fund drive and other fund raising events throughout the year. Your support is essential to us and we do appreciate it. We are always looking to have new members join us. We welcome men and women to stop out and talk to us any Thursday night during practice night at the main station or talk with us at our Open House.

TVFC Events

Main Firehouse on Bustard Road

Oct. 2

Oct. 6-10

Dec. 6

Dec. 20

Fire Prevention Open house; Main Station

Fire Prevention Week

Pictures with Santa; 10-2:00 PM; Main Station

Santa Run; 9:00 AM till complete







Towamencin Baseball

The Towamencin Baseball program operates under the umbrella of Towamencin Youth Association (TYA). We sponsor baseball programs for young men from ages 5-9 in the spring, summer & fall. This year was particularly successful for our program and was highlighted by State Championships for our 12U Cal Ripken Team and our Connie Mack A Team. To get in the game and find out more about Towamencin Baseball – visit the TYA website @ www.tyasports.org/baseball.

Fall Season

Our fall season is currently underway. We have Intramural teams of boys from 6 to 11 years old playing an Inter-Community League Schedule. We have Travel Teams of various age groups playing in fall tournaments in the area and our Connie Mack teams (age 12 to 16), are also playing in the Bux-Mont Division Fall League. Our fall seasons are used a bit like spring training in the Major Leagues. We use this time to introduce new skills, teach new positions and refine the skills of our players under game conditions. Approximately 170 players participate in our fall program.

TYA President: Ed Massimo

Phone: 215-362-8924 www.tyasports.org

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

(TYA) Basketball will open registration for the upcoming season on September 2nd boys and girls both offer teams from grades 2-12. Fees start at \$90.

SIGN UP ONLINE AT WWW.TYASPORTS.ORG

QUESTIONS: Contact Bruce (Girls) iggy1221@yahoo.com

Rich (Boys) rkahney@verizon.net

TYA Softball: May Madness

The U12 Towamencin Xplosion girls fast pitch softball team went 4-0-1 in the May Madness tournament in Quakertown May 17 and 18.

The Towamencin girls outscored their opponents 39-12 and beat the Stonersville Flames to win the tournament.

Special note, this is the first tournament win for the TYA Xplosion.

Attached is picture of the U12 Towamencin Xplosion.



Back row: Sydney Doherty, Jamie Beer, Holly Arnow, Ashley Narke, Jess Lepore

Front row: Victoria Juckniewitz, Madison Stotler, Tori Pacan, Elia Namey, Alina Skrzat, Caitlin Tusman, Sam Nuneviller

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Towamencin Baseball

Intramural Season - Spring

This year we had almost 400 boys participating in the six (6) divisions of our spring Intramural Baseball program. Our three (3) Instructional Leagues (T-Ball, Junior Midgets & Senior Midgets) had successful seasons introducing the players to the game in a non-competitive, structured environment that teaches the fundamentals of the game while keeping it fun.

Our Competitive Leagues (Minors, Majors & Senior Majors), all had successful seasons characterized by close hard fought games and playoff series that always seem to be decided in the final at-bat. Opening Day was again a huge success with all the players gathered at Bustard Park for a parade, flag-unfurling and our National Anthem. All-Star Day in mid-May featured games between the best players in each of our leagues as well as food, music and other games.

Travel Season – Summer

Towamencin Baseball is a Cal Ripken affiliated program and as such, we select teams comprised of players from our Intramural Program to compete in tournaments over the summer. Because of the interest in our travel programs, we have enough players to field two (2) teams for each age group, (8U – 12U). Of the 400 players in our Intramural Program – over 190 play on travel teams. In addition to tournaments sponsored by other programs, our teams compete in the Cal Ripken District Tournaments. Teams that finish in the top 2 positions in their District Tournament qualify for the Ripken State Tournament. This year we had two (2) teams qualify for their respective State Tournaments. Our 9U team lost in their State Finals to Warrington while our 12U team won our first State Championship with a 6-2 win over Langhorne. Both teams qualified for Ripken regionals where both played hard but ended up losing in the quarter-finals. Our 12U team continued its' memorable season at the Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York, going 6-0 in pool play and finishing 9th out of 104 teams.

This past summer, our program successfully hosted two tournaments. Our 11U travel team hosted the Cal Ripken District 2 Championship Tournament while our 10U program hosted our 2nd Annual "Clash with the Titans" Tournament. The Clash with the Titans Tournament was very successful with 32 Teams and over 390 players and their families enjoying the friendly confines of Bustard Road and Green Lane Parks.

While we are very proud of all of our players; our travel teams go out and represent our Township across the area. Although we are a smaller program; other programs know our reputation for good sportsmanship, sound fundamental baseball and never-quit attitude. We are proud that they are out there representing our community.

Connie Mack - Summer

Our Summer Connie Mack program (boys age 13 to 16) competes in the Bux-Mont Division of Pennsylvania Connie Mack Baseball. We have 60 players in Towamencin Connie Mack and we field single teams in each of the five (5) divisions of the Bux-Mont Division; 13 yr. olds playing either C or C1; 14-16 yr. olds play in the B or B1 leagues; and 15 to 16 yr. olds playing in the A League.

Three of our five teams qualified for their end of year League Tournaments. The B and C1 teams each won several games before elimination. Our A team finished high enough in the Bux-Mont Tournament to qualify for the Connie Mack State Tournament, held at Limeport Stadium. Entering the tournament as a 6th seed, our A team got hot at the right time and won the first four games – outscoring our opponents 45-5. The championship game vs Pennridge was a different story with our A team coming out with a 1-0 win to secure our first state title since 1996.

We also field a team in the Senior Connie Mack League (17 to 39) which qualified for their League Tournament but was eliminated in the first round. Senior Connie Mack allows young men to continue to play in a fun environment with 2 games per week from June – August.

Follow our Connie Mack program on Twitter @TowamencinCMB

American Legion Baseball

Because Towamencin does not have an American Legion Post; our players (17-19) play American Legion Baseball for Post 933 in Hatfield. Numerous former Towamencin players and residents helped Hatfield Legion win the Bux-Mont League Tournament and then compete in the PA Legion Region 2 Tournament. Congratulations to Towamencin players Brady West, (Bloomsburg Univ) and Tyler Smink, (PSU – Harrisburg) who have completed the respective tenures with Hatfield Legion. We wish them success on the field as they continue their careers on the college diamond. Follow our boys playing with Hatfield Legion on Twitter@HatfieldALB

Morgan Log House Fall/Winter Events



October 24th--- Mayhem at Morgan.

Do you have courage to walk the grounds at Morgan Log House after dark? Do you dare to hear of the happenings that occurred around this historic site over 200 years ago? Join us at Morgan Log House for mayhem and mystery. Lantern tours of the site will open up a world of ghosts and happenings from the past. Tour times begin at 6:30pm and run every 15 minutes. Reservations are highly recommended due to this event selling out quickly. Proper walking shoes recommended. Admission charged. Members are Free. Program not recommended for children younger than 8 years of age. For more information or to reserve your tour time contact Sarah DiSantis at 215-368-2480 or at <u>Director@morganloghouse.org</u>. Program proceeds benefit the Morgan Log House. 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

October 25th--- Mini Mayhem:

Trick-or-Treating by day! Join us for a toddler and youth friendly program as the Morgan Log House opens its door FREE of charge to all those in costume! Families are welcome to bring their tots and children by for free candy being handed out by our costumed guides throughout the Morgan Log House. Enjoy hands-on activities as well. No charge for the program. Donations greatly accepted. 12pm to 3pm.





December 7th & 14th --- Holiday Candlelight Tours. The Morgan Log House presents Candlelight tours from 2pm to 6pm. Step back in time and listen to the stories of the families who lived at Morgan Log House over 200 years ago. Tour the house by the glow of candlelight, all decorated in 18th century holiday greenery style. Feel the warmth of the kitchen fire, delight in the holiday scents as you are welcomed by both the Morgan and Cassel families to celebrate the holiday season. Find that perfect gift in our Gift Shop. Enjoy holiday cider while warming yourself by our fire. Program proceeds benefit the Morgan Log House. Admission is \$6 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors and Students, Children 5 and under and Members are Free. This is a rain or shine event. 2pm to 6pm.

Welsh Valley Preservation Society Membership Form Morgan Log House

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

With your annual membership, you receive:	Membership Pricing:
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- Discounted registration on Time Travelers History Camp	
- 10% Discount in our gift shop	
- 50% discount on all site workshops	
Name:	
Address:	
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Check payments can be made to "Welsh Valley Promoted Membership form and payment can be mailed to The PO Box 261 Kulpsville, PA 194	e Morgan Log House,

Recreation & Special Events Advisory Committee



The Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers!! The committee is a volunteer group appointed by sors to aid

the Special Events Facilitator in the planning and execution of the various programs offered to the residents of the Township. The members attend a meeting every other month in order to plan, sugthe Board of Supervi- gest, and organize events for the Township. The volunteer

members bring fresh ideas, creative solutions, head subcommittees and aid in recruiting other volunteers for each event. We ask that each member attend at least 4 - 5 events throughout the year. Please contact events@towamencin.org for more information.

Almost Fab! A Beatles Tribute Concert. We had a record-breaking year of over 1500 attendees!!

> If you are interested in joining the Environmental Advisory Council please contact the Township Building. We have a few spots still available!



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Environmental Advisory Council

The Environmental Advisory Council's "Stream Clean Up" event on Saturday April 12th along Towamencin Creek at Fischer's Park and Kriebel Road was a great success. The weather was perfect for the motivated group of about 25 people and all were amazed at the amount of trash and recyclables the volunteers collected. It is not really noticeable when driving by, but when one gets out and walks there is a good deal of trash to pick up that would have eventually all ended up in the creek. Among the materials found were bottles, cans, uncountable cigarette butts, several rusted 50 gallon drums, three tires, and a basketball stand/hoop.

The event was part of the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's annual Stream Clean-up and was the first year that Towamencin participated in this regional effort that included over 730 volunteers throughout the watershed. Donna Hegge, Chairperson of the Township's Environmental Advisory Council, volunteered to be the site leader. All Council members wish to thank the residents who helped make such a difference in the health of our stream and natural areas, and noted that they should be proud to have been part of this large-scale community effort!

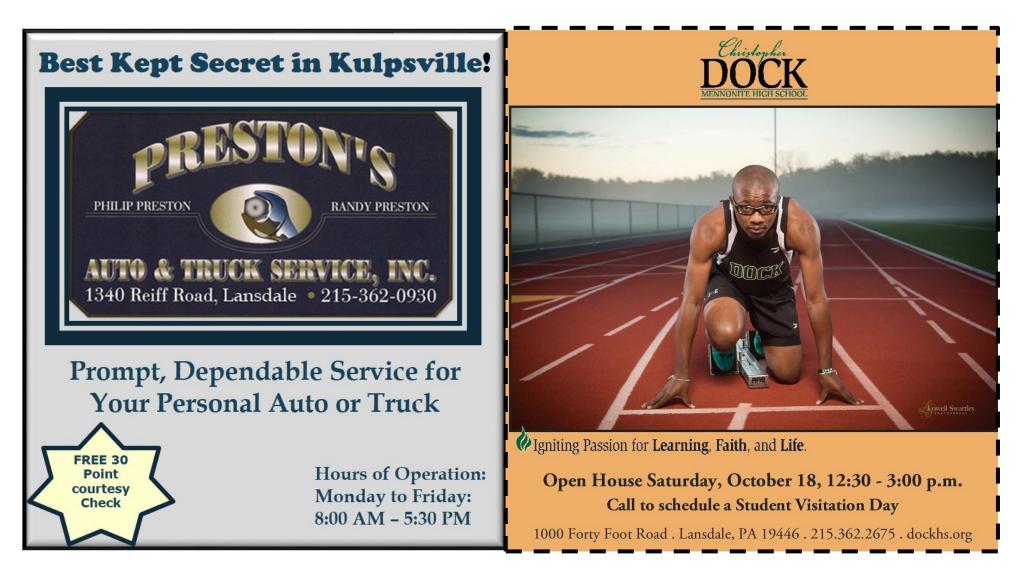
EAC Stream Clean Up

Towamencin's Discount Ticket Program

Towamencin Township offers discount tickets on local activities and attractions every year. Our list for the Fall includes:

- Dorney Park (expires October 25th)
- PA Renaissance Faire (expires October 25th)
- Six Flags Great Adventure (expires October 25th)
- Adventure Aquarium (expires December 23rd)
- Baltimore Aquarium (expires December 23rd
- Elmwood Park Zoo (expires December 23rd)
- Philadelphia Zoo (expires December 23rd)
- Ski Tickets (TBA)

Please visit
www.towamencin.org
under the events section to
find out more information
on discount tickets.



Towamencin's Community Corner

Towamencin Township is a community of tradition and vision. This means we take great pride in recognizing the needs and achievements of our community. We are proud to feature the following organizations as a testament to how our community is growing and changing in our fast paced world.



North Penn Valley Boys and Girls Club

The North Penn Valley Boys & Girls Club offers a safe and positive environment, where everyone belongs, and youth can participate in a variety of fun programs and activities! Our areas of focus include core programs such as education, athletics and fitness, character and leadership, health and life skills, and arts and technology.



For more information please contact us:

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Education is paramount for our members to forge successful futures! Our homework assistance program, **Project Learn**, provides free academic enrichment to qualifying students in grades 1 through 5 each weekday in the North Penn, Souderton Area, and Wissahickon School Districts.

We also offer and encourage our members to take part in our athletic programs which give them the opportunity to develop skills in several sports and to have a lot of fun in the process! Some upcoming athletic programs being offered throughout the year are: Arena Flag Football, Indoor Soccer, Basketball, Kickball, Floor Hockey, and Cheerleading! Our programs are

designed to teach the fundamentals, as well as sportsmanship and fair play. Our leagues are seasonal and meet once a week for 8-weeks, and include playoffs and a championship in each league.

A goal of the Boys & Girls Club is to help youth become responsible citizens who make a difference in their community! Developing leadership skills and the ability to set positive goals and make smart decisions each day are reinforced in our character-building programs. Some examples of these programs include our Keystone Club (ages 12 and up) and Torch Club (ages 9-11). These programs prepare youth to be leaders among peers through hands-on experiences in community service, volunteering, field trips and much more!

The ability to make healthy choices and lifestyle decisions are critical to ensuring our youth achieves their long-term goals! Programs such as, Triple Play (Mind), also known as Healthy Habits, will educate youth on eating properly. Members will discuss topics such as nutrition, appropriate portion sizes, and create fun and healthy meals. There is also Triple Play (Soul), which helps

members build confidence and strengthen their character through games-room competitions and events.

Club members are encouraged to engage in creative endeavours, build cultural awareness, develop technology skills, and to remain safe while navigating the current tech climate! Creative programs include: Image Makers, which is a basic digital photography class and Outside the Lines, which allows members to experience a different type of art or activity each week.

Come join our Club for fun and friendship, as well as opportunities to develop recreational, social, technological, artistic, and life skills!

The North Penn Valley Boys & Girls Club is open weekdays during the school year from 3pm to 8pm for all young people, ages 6 thru 18. We also offer a Summer Camp! Our camp is open weekdays from 7:30am to 6:30pm for ages 5 thru 13. Our membership fee is \$20 annually and currently our Summer Camp fee is \$105 per week. Please call or stop by for a tour!

Mission Kids: A Safe Place for Children to Tell Their Story

The prevalence of child abuse is shocking. Historically, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18. Many more children suffer serious physical abuse or neglect, or witness violent crime. Mission Kids (MK), which opened its doors in 2009 reduces the amount of additional trauma Montgomery County's child abuse victims and their families experience as a result of the investigative process following disclosure of abuse. MK coordinates and supports a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) approach to child abuse investigations which includes Montgomery County's District Attorney's Office, all 50 of its Police Departments and the Office of Children and Youth (OCY). All of MK's MDT partners are committed to investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases in a collaborative, efficient manner designed to minimize trauma to the child victims. Forensic Interviews are conducted in our child-friendly center.

Mission Kids also provides a Victim Advocacy Program. The Victim Advocate's (VA) role is to educate families, help them anticipate possible stressors, provide accurate, up to date information, and coordinate a comprehensive network of support for the child victims and their families. MK's Victim Advocates make referrals for medical and mental health evaluations and accompany the families to court. Mission Kids is committed to achieving healing and justice for victims of child abuse. To learn more about Mission Kids, please visit www.MissionKidsCAC.org.







Christ Covenant Church Offers Free Meals

Christ Covenant Church, Mainland Rd. (the former Sumneytown Pike) in Towamencin Township invites anyone to join us the last Saturday of every month for a "FREE" breakfast that includes, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage/ham, toast, fruit, juice and coffee/tea. The hours are 8:30-10:00. Please join us as it is open to all.

Also, once per quarter, we provide a "FREE" dinner. The menu varies depending on the time of the year. Please watch

for the announcements of date and menu on the Towamencin cable channel.

Mark down the following Saturday FREE Breakfast dates for October through March:

October 25

November 29

December 27

January 31

February 28

March 28

Our next free community dinner will be on Saturday, November 1 at 5:00 PM. It will be a Spaghetti dinner.



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