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Towamencin Township's 2017 Updates

Energy and Environmental Upgrades and Improvements



▪ In July, the Township replaced 99 old mercury halide streetlights with energy efficient LED lamps through the Regional Street Lighting Procurement Program, involving 35 municipalities. This regional project upgrades more than 26,000 streetlights, exterior lights and traffic signals. The 35 municipalities will achieve annual reductions of 10.6 million kilowatt hours; 5,500 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions; and \$1.4 million in annual energy and operating costs.

▪ The Township had an extensive energy assessment study completed of its municipal buildings, funded with grant monies. Opportunities to save energy and reduce operational utility costs were identified and a plan was implemented. The plan includes: lighting upgrades, window repairs, and the replacement of our aging electric / natural gas HVAC system to a geo-thermal system, which is currently underway.



▪ Pollutant Reduction Plans are a new requirement from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for 2018 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permits. These plans show how a municipality will reduce the pollutant loads going into a waterway. To address these federally mandated storm water quality improvements in an efficient and cost effective manner, Towamencin has joined with several other municipalities and stakeholders to conduct modeling of waterways and possible site improvements that could be evaluated to address the sediment reduction requirements of the Skippack Creek.

Open Space, Trails, Infrastructure & Parks Plans and Upgrades

▪ Towamencin Township's "Open Space Preservation Plan" and "Master Trails Plan" both recommend the development of a trail extension along Towamencin Creek from the Trumbauer Road Bridge to Valley View Way. However, sufficient funding has not been available in previous years to complete this missing component of a larger trail. The Township was awarded a \$100,000 grant from Montgomery County towards establishing this trail. An application was submitted in September through the Pennsylvania

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant Program, to garner additional funds for construction.

▪ The Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee has been working on the following: analyzing plans for a future pedestrian trail bridge at Fischer's Park; examining concepts for bathroom facilities at various parks; and the placement of security / vandalism protection at parks and the pool.

▪ Since the end of April, the Township Public Works Department has

completed significant infrastructure projects including: the removal of over 984 feet of old dilapidated corrugated metal storm pipes and installed new PVC lines; replaced 18 storm water inlet boxes; prepared 2.5 miles of road for the annual road paving project; and completed 549 tons of blacktop patches.



▪ Work has begun on repairs to the Municipal Complex, including the replacement of the original red barn style wood shutters on the municipal complex building due to rotting and deterioration of materials.

▪ The Towamencin Municipal Authority replaced a section of an essential sanitary sewer interceptor off Kriebel Road. The project included: construction of approximately 6,500 feet of sanitary sewer main, 21 man-holes, wetland/waterway crossings and other related work.

▪ Our "Summer under the Stars" special events were expanded to include four live concerts and two movies at our award winning Fischer's Park.



Snow Plowing Preparation

The Township is urging residents to help prepare for the snow and its removal by shaking their mailbox. In most instances where mailboxes are damaged, the snow plow doesn't actually hit the mailbox, the force of snow thrown from the roadway is enough to knock down a loose mailbox. Damage to posts and receptacles can often be prevented by proper routine maintenance. Taking time to tighten screws and secure mail receptacles now can prevent serious headaches later. 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.

The Township has policies in place regarding replacement of mailboxes that are properly placed and have obviously been directly hit by a snowplow. However, the Township is not responsible for mailbox damage caused by snow being thrown off the plow, or if a mailbox is hanging over in to the cart way.

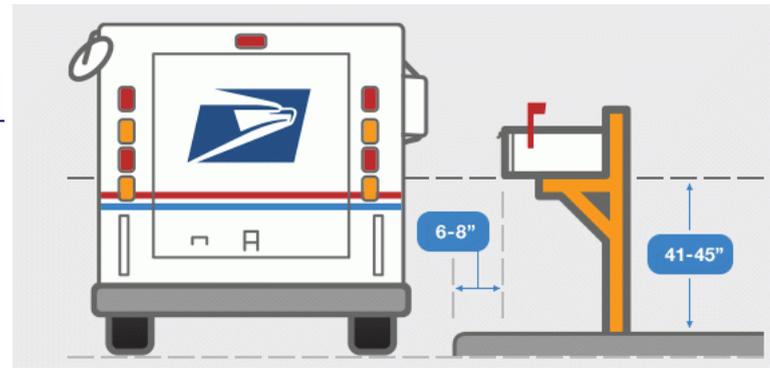
*According to the United States Postal Service, mailboxes are to be placed with the face of the box 6 to 8 inches from the front of the curb.

*Sidewalk Shoveling & Driveway Plowing – Township Code does not allow for snow to be plowed or blown back into the street. Ordinances prohibit this practice, which in extreme conditions can result in fines. The purpose of this ordinance is to keep our streets clear for safe travel. For residents who have a private contractor clear their driveways, please remind them of this provision.

*Plowing Operations - Public Works crews start preparing by applying a brine mix to the roads one to two days before a forecasted storm. When the snow starts to fall, crews are called in by the police so that salting can be conducted to help melt and limit the bond that the accumulating snow has on the roads. Salting all Township roads takes about four hours. Should the snow start to accumulate, plowing operations are initiated and continue until the storm has ended and roads are fully cleared. With severe storms, this could take up to 24 hours.

*Fire Hydrants - A fire hydrant can help save lives and property in your neighborhood. The Township and Fire Company request residents to assist the community in keeping fire hydrants, located in front their home, clear of snow.

*Trash Receptacles - Many residents have had their trash and recycling containers damaged or even lost during severe winter storms. When it snows, please place your receptacles at the end of your driveway, not in the street.



*Parking - When a "Snow Emergency" is declared by the Township, all cars must be removed from streets designated and posted as a "Snow Emergency Route." Vehicles not removed are subject to towing and citation. During any snow storm, even if a snow emergency is not declared, all residents are highly encouraged to remove all vehicles and seasonal equipment from the roadways by placing them in their driveways if possible. This will ensure streets are cleared and to allow plow drivers unobstructed ability to plow roadways.

*Child Safety - Children love to play in the snow, but this is potentially very dangerous because our plow operators cannot see the children. Visibility is difficult even in the best conditions, so we ask that you please keep children away from the roads during snow removal.

We are very aware of the frustration residents have when a plow truck comes by and deposits snow back into driveways, seemingly just after they have been cleared. We understand that this is not welcomed, particularly if your hired contractor has just completed your sidewalk and driveway. This is an unavoidable aspect of winter; we thank you in advance for your understanding.

Basketball Poles/Nets, etc. - Remove all items from the Township's right-of-way before winter arrives. Items like decorations, basketball nets or other portable objects are not permitted in the right-of-way at any time. A good rule of thumb is to keep such items 10 feet back from the roadway to reduce the damage from the plows.



As an unapproved structure within the legal right-of-way, the following applies:

The Township will not pay for any damage to basketball poles, nets or any other recreational equipment located within the public right-of-way that is damaged by plowed snow or struck during plowing operations.

The Township will seek full payment for any damage to salting/plowing equipment caused by recreational equipment located within the public right-of-way.

Towamencin Voter Information

To find your polling locations for Towamencin Township you can consult the County website to determine your registered polling location. The County website address for voter information is <http://www.montcopa.org/753/Voter-Services>.

In addition to polling locations, the website provides additional information such as registration status and absentee ballots. Voter registration forms and absentee ballots can also be obtained at the Township Administrative Office.

- October 10 - Last day to REGISTER before the November election
- October 31 - Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
- November 3 - Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots
- **November 7 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION**
- November 8 - First day to REGISTER after November election
- November 14 - Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 6)



Snow Removal Reminders



The Public Works road crews are responsible for maintaining 76 miles of Township roadway. The Township would like to remind all property owners that plowing of snow is an imperfect process and certain inconveniences are unavoidable.

The two most common complaints received by the Township are damage to mailboxes and plowing closed previously cleared driveways. There are no remedies to these problems. Township plows must operate at a rate of speed in order to create enough momentum to remove snow from the road. Therefore, windrows are unavoidable. Old, unsecured mailboxes are prone to damage because of the weight of the snow.

We ask for your understanding and your acceptance of these realities and suggest that, if possible, you delay shovelling your driveway until after the Township plows have completed snow removal. Township's snow removal operators work long hours during storms trying to do their best for the benefit of us all.

Towamencin's Cold Blue Plan

During this winter season, Montgomery County will again be implementing a winter weather, or "Code Blue" emergency plan. In periods of extreme, life-threatening weather, defined as a wind-chill factor of 20°F or below, multiple county agencies and private health / social organizations will offer expanded services for those without adequate shelter, including the chronically homeless and homeless families with children. The goal of the Code Blue plan is to provide temporary shelter, food, and clothing to those in need.

WHAT TO DO IN "CODE BLUE" CONDITIONS

- Check on elderly friends and neighbors frequently to ensure that their homes are adequately heated.
- If you see someone in need of immediate assistance, call or text 911.
- If you or someone you know needs temporary shelter from the cold weather, call Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC) at 610-291-9244.
- Make sure your car is winterized with antifreeze, a full tank of gas, properly inflated tires, and is stocked with an emergency kit.
- Check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Wear appropriate clothing and avoid prolonged exposure when going outdoors in winter weather.
- Limit your pets' time outdoors during extreme temperatures.
- Report power outages directly to your utility company, **DO NOT** call 9-1-1.

Fall and Winter Season Preparations

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 their 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 required to provide three collection dates for leaves and yard waste: first collection in late October, second collection in November and a third collection in May.

- Customers may be billed by their hauler for these DEP mandated collections.

- Haulers are required to report tonnage collected from each collection to Towamencin, so that it can be forwarded to DEP.

The Township has an active agreement in place with the Barnside Farm Compost Facility - undertaken by and in conjunction with the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission - should residents wish to drop off their yard-waste for a fee. There is a minimum charge for leaves of \$10 and the rate is \$24 per ton. Barnside will also accept brush for a minimum charge of \$20 and a rate of \$40 per ton. The Barnside Farm Compost Facility is located at 991 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473. Residents with specific questions may call the facility directly at (610) 287-8880.

Winter Storms

All property owners and/or tenants are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalks within the public right-of-way for a clear path width 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 3 feet around the hydrant. The minutes saved by not having to clear snow from a hydrant may mean a drastic difference in the outcome of firefighting efforts. The house you save may be your own.

Please park vehicles off the streets during a winter storm to allow for safe and efficient snow removal from curb to curb. Also remove trash cans and sports equipment from the roadway. 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.

Emergency Management Tips for the Fall Season

ReadyMontco
(formerly known as ReadyNotify) is your official source for notifications about emergencies, severe weather, crime alerts and disasters in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Visit
www.readymontco.org
to sign up

We turn the clock backward on Sunday, November 5, 2017. For many it is just another day, but we fall-back on the clock where we enjoy one more hour of sleep. Here are some fall tips:

- ◆ If going out for a walk, jog, or run through your neighborhood/development add a reflective vest to your running attire. Be seen, be observant and be ready to act.
- ◆ When going walking or running, walk/run in the direction toward traffic. Wear approved reflective gear and carry a flashlight.
- ◆ Do not shine your flashlight into the eyes of oncoming drivers.
- ◆ Cyclists must follow the rules of the road. Bicyclists

must stop for stop signs and traffic lights.

- ◆ When a fire truck, police vehicle or ambulance is passing or approaching you, make sure you give them the right of way.

On Halloween, please consider the following:

- ◆ Make your child, or yourself very visible.
- ◆ Pay attention to traffic.
- ◆ Have an adult screen all candy received in the Halloween candy bags.
- ◆ Report serious incidents promptly to the police.

Are you READY for a Hurricane? If not, use the American Red Cross website for information to be used in case of a Hurricane. Listen to WNPV, NOAA for weather updates. Make sure you have enough water for three days and emergency food. Keep an eye on the elderly.

Working together we can have a fun-filled fall, free of injuries.

SOURCE: Emergency Management Coordinator.

Pennsylvania Turnpike Construction Update

Towamencin Township is happy to announce that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Widening Project has finally been completed in the Towamencin area and is proceeding north.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has deferred its evergreen sapling program until spring 2018. These fast-growing saplings are to help replace the trees that were removed as part of the Northeastern Extension Total Reconstruction and Widening Project, between Valley Forge Road and the Lansdale Interchange.

Additional information will be mailed out to affected property owners this winter or spring 2018.



Ways to Stay Green When the Leaves are Changing

Ideas for an Environmentally Friendly Winter:

Harvest fallen leaves

There are many sources of storm water pollution unique to autumn, and we need your help to control them. The leaves are falling and their improper disposal poses a threat to our water resources. Leaf litter and any yard waste dumped into a storm water basin or near a waterway can cause harmful nutrient accumulation. Leaves swept into the street can easily enter storm drains and make their way into the nearest creek as well.

Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile, **never in the street or stream!** You can shred yard and leaf waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden.

Aerate and overseed your lawn

Aerating your lawn is an important, yet commonly overlooked, lawn maintenance task. Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots. This helps the roots grow deeply and produce a stronger, more vigorous lawn. It also reduces soil compaction and restores your lawn's natural draining ability resulting in less runoff to our streams.

The practice of overseeding lawns is really nothing more than

spreading grass seed over an existing lawn. Particular attention should be paid to bare areas. With fall germination, the young grass will have two or three months to become better established before temperatures drop too low and growth stops. Next spring, the young plants will have another few months to develop deeper roots before the summer heat sets in. A full, healthy lawn helps to prevent erosion and also reduces runoff.

A little extra caution while you keep up with your fall to-do list can make a big difference for the health of our environment, and we thank you for cooperating with this effort.

To report an illicit discharge to the storm water collection system, stream, creek or river, please call 215-368-7602.



Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run

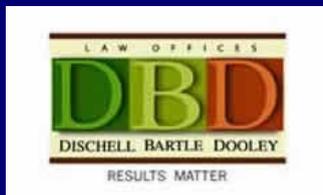
Date: Saturday, November 18th
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Where: Fischer's Park
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446



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, who will win a free turkey! Medals will be given to the top three runners in each age category and there will be an award for best costume. All runners will receive a free long sleeved tech shirt.

The award ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Arneith Amphitheater and light snacks will be served to runners after the race. A free children's 10-and-under Fun Run will take place at 8 a.m., no registration necessary. Pets and strollers are welcome and we will have a professional race photographer and food truck on site! The cost is \$27, with registration closing on November 12th or at 800 runners. **NO WALK UP REGISTRATION!** Please register at www.active.com.

Special Events are
Sponsored By:



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Make room for a little fun.™

The Towamencin Police Benevolent Association will sponsor a Blood Drive at the Township's Meeting Hall on Friday, November 10, 2017 from 10:00 am to 8:00pm.

Address: 1090 Troxel Rd
Lansdale, PA 19446

www.towamencinpd.org



Holiday Lights Festival

Date: Saturday, December 2nd
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Where: Fischer's Park
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

New this year!
Towamencin's first
Tree Lighting at
6:00pm!



Come enjoy a beautiful winter night in Fischer's Park full of lights, live entertainment and trees decorated by the Girl Scouts. There will be free entertainment and refreshments sponsored by the Boy Scouts, as well as, our popular horse drawn surrey rides. Walk-on's will be available for the large surrey ride only, based on availability. Free pictures with Santa will take place from 5-7pm. We are proud to announce our first Tree Lighting at 6:00pm!

Registration for surrey rides will open in October 2017 at www.towamencin.org.

Towamencin Pool Review



Towamencin's Board of Supervisors are pleased with how well the pool was run this summer. StandGuard Aquatics did an excellent job in executing a smooth transition.

All pool memberships are purchased through StandGuard Aquatics, not the Township. StandGuard staff encourages everyone to set up an account through their system (account set up does not require purchase of a membership) to receive email notifications on all upcoming plans for next summer.

Contact Information:

Email - towamencin@standguardaquatics.com

Office Phone - 215-368-2615

Website - www.sgatowamencin.com

Did you know you can pay your sewer and Township Taxes online?

Towamencin Township has made available online payments for sewer and Township taxes. This has been setup to give residents the convenience of paying online and around the clock. *Payments made by credit card or ACH will be charged a convenience fee to a third party processor.*

Payment webpage:

<http://www.towamencin.org/onlinepayments.html>

Sewer bill and tax payments are for current year only. For all other information, please contact the Township Office. Please allow 3-5 business days for payments to be reflected. MasterCard, Discover, Visa and ACH payments are accepted.

Sewer payments are subject to the following fees: credit card: \$9.25 for each increment of \$500 and ACH: \$1.50 per transaction

Tax online payments will be charged a third party processing fee.

Discount Entertainment Tickets

Towamencin Township provides discount movie tickets for \$9.50 to Regal Cinemas, Edwards Theatres and United Artist Theatres. Premier Tickets are redeemable nationwide at any Regal Entertainment Group Location (Regal Cinemas, Edwards Theatres or United Artists Theatres), excluding Cayman Island locations. **Surcharges** apply to all IMAX, RPX, Large Format, 3D and 4DX films. Other surcharges may apply at Premium or Luxury Seating locations or select theatres. Premiere tickets never expire.

We also offer discount tickets for the following:

Deadline October 31st:

Blue Mountain Aerial Park

Diggerland USA (NEW)

Dorney Park

PA Renaissance Faire

Six Flags Great Adventure

Deadline December 31st:

Adventure Aquarium

Baltimore Aquarium (Adult SOLD OUT, still have Child 3-11)

Crayola Experience

Franklin Institute (NEW)

Philadelphia Zoo

Watch for our 2017-2018 SKI Ticket schedule coming in November/December, and will be listed on www.towamencin.org.

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company



With summer drawing to a close, Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) is in gear preparing for the busy fall activities of the company. As school starts, the company hosts its annual Chicken Barbecue dinner on September 9th. This is our largest fund raiser every year thanks to you. This year due to the higher costs of chickens and supplies, we needed to raise the price of the dinner. We last raised the price about 10 years ago. TVFC leverages all its connections to get the lowest prices possible for supplies in order to provide you with the best meal possible at an affordable price and to allow us to earn a profit.

By the time you get this, we should have our roads opened once again from the turnpike construction project. We are as happy about this as

you all are to get back to more normal driving times and routes. That said, we remind you each year to stay alert to emergency response vehicles responding to alarms, especially when traffic is at its peak and when school busses are picking up or dropping off children. Safety is the responsibility of all of us.

We are happy to report that we have seen an increase in people applying for membership in TVFC as firefighters and administrative members. This is great to see and we appreciate people stepping up to assist. We encourage you to continue to think about becoming a member as a firefighter, fire police, administrator or ladies auxiliary member. This all-volunteer organization needs you.

In September, come out and support our ladies

auxiliary as they host a bingo night at the firehouse on Bustard Road on Friday, September 22nd beginning at 7:00 pm. Watch the sign at the firehouse for the Bingo prizes that will be offered. Then on Saturday, October 7th, the auxiliary will be hosting a hoagie and soup sale. The time will also be advertised on the signs at the firehouse.

Each year, October is designated Fire Prevention month. TVFC opens its doors for an open house where you have the opportunity to see the equipment, facilities and members that support your community. There are demonstrations of firefighting and rescue operations, and snacks offered. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring your children or grandchildren for the open house.

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

Visit our website at www.towamencinfire.com for more information!

We do not have the opportunity to visit every school within the township any longer during Fire Prevention week so the open house is a great chance for you to talk with your kids or grandkids about fire safety and see what your fire company does. TVFC also works with neighboring fire companies at their open houses so you may see us there as well. Working together with our neighboring fire companies is essential to protecting all our communities in this area.

As we do every fall, we want to remind you that when you roll the clocks back in late October, replace your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries at the same time. The time it takes to change the battery (s) is nothing when it comes to protecting life and property.

In November, there will be two Dining Night Out Fund Raiser events open to the public, one at the Pour House restaurant across from the Montgomery Mall (TBA) and the second at the Mainland Grill in November. Your support at

these events helps the company in raising funds towards equipment and facilities to meet its budget.

TVFC is once again hosting "Pictures with Santa" from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. This is held at the main station on Bustard Road. Come out early for your picture. We will be doing a Santa Run throughout the township at 9:00 am till done. Multiple fire calls precluded us from getting out before Christmas last year and we apologize.

TVFC thanks all of you for your continued support in 2017 of this all-volunteer organization. We wish you all the happiest and safest of holidays. Be careful with your holiday lights, Christmas trees and fireplaces. We want you all to enjoy your holiday as that helps TVFC members enjoy their holiday time with family as well.

Respectfully,
Your TVFC Members

Key Dates to Remember

TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Designer Bag Bingo	Friday, Sept. 22nd: doors open 6 p.m., games start 7 p.m.
TVFC Fire Prevention Open House	Thursday, October 5th: 7 p.m.
TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Hoagie Sale	Saturday, October 7th time TBA
Ladies Auxiliary Merrymeade Corn Maze Fundraiser	October TBA
TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Dining Night Out	Pour House Restaurant, Airport Square TBA
TVFC & Ladies Aux. Picture w/Santa	Saturday, December 2nd: 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
TVFC Santa Run	Saturday, December 16th: 9 a.m. - till finished

All events above take place at our main fire station on Bustard Road

Rent the TVFC Banquet Hall for your next event.

Call 215-362-2776, ext. 309 and leave a message for more information.

Towamencin Police Department

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

EMERGENCY DIAL 911
Non-emergency Police Calls 215-368-7600
Police Administrative Office 215-368-7606

MEET OUR NEWEST POLICE OFFICER

On April 26th, John Slaughter was sworn in as a Towamencin Township Police Officer during the Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors Meeting. Officer Slaughter took the oath before family, friends and a number of his new colleagues. Officer Slaughter grew up in Bucks County, PA. He graduated from Neshaminy High School and attended Bucks County Community College. He graduated from the Temple University Municipal Police Academy in 2012.

VETERAN POLICE OFFICER PROMOTED

On April 26th, Detective Michael Paul was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He was administered the oath by Board of Supervisors Chairman, H. Charles Wilson III, with family, friends and many of his fellow officers in attendance. Sergeant Paul is a 21-year veteran of the police department. He has served as a patrol officer, traffic safety officer, SWAT operator, school resource officer and detective. Sergeant Paul is a graduate of Cherry Hill East High School and the Pennsylvania State Police Municipal Police Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Stockton University and a Master of Science in Homeland Security from St. Joseph's University. With his promotion, he was transferred to Uniform Patrol and assigned as a patrol squad supervisor.



Officer John Slaughter (left) and Sergeant Michael Paul

Right Seat • Right Time • Right Use

Unrestrained children are 3 times more likely to be injured in a crash.

Follow these 4 Steps to Keep Kids Safe in the Car

- 1. Keep Children Rear-Facing as Long as Possible:**
 - Use rear-facing car seats in the back seat as long as possible up to the rear-facing weight or height limit (even up to age 2 or 3).
 - Use a car seat with higher weight and height limits if your child outgrows their car seat before age 2 to keep your child rear-facing longer.
 - Leg crowding is expected and does not cause harm as long as the child is within weight and height limits for the car seat.
- 2. Keep Children in Car Seats with Harnesses as Long as Possible:**
 - Use a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether in the back seat when the upper rear-facing weight or height limit is reached.
 - Use the car seat with a harness as long as possible up to the upper weight or height limit for the harness.
- 3. Keep Children in Booster Seats until the Seat Belt Fits:**
 - Use booster seats in the back seat until the seat belt fits.
 - Use a seat belt when:
 - The child can sit all the way back in the vehicle seat with knees bent at the edge of the seat.
 - The shoulder belt crosses the center of the chest and rests on the shoulder (not the neck).
 - The lap belt fits low and snug on the hips / upper thighs (not the stomach).
- 4. Keep Children Belted in the Back Seat until Age 13:**
 - Use a correctly fitted lap and shoulder belt in the back seat for older children when they outgrow the booster seat, which may not happen until close to 12 years old.
 - The back seat is safest for all children.

KEEP YOUR LITTLE ONES SAFE WHILE DRIVING

Make sure your child safety seat is properly installed. The Towamencin Township Police Department has a certified child safety seat installer on staff. Township residents can make an appointment during normal business hours by contacting Kelly Palermo at police headquarters at 215-368-7606.

RECENT SCAM ALERTS

- ***Internal Revenue Tax Return** (tax return compromised)
- ***Bail or arrest money call/email** (caller states that \$\$ needed for release)
- ***Received mailing to be a "Secret Shopper"** (deposit check and money to wire back)
- ***Requests for reinvestment from far away nations** (check to cash, then \$\$)
- ***Internet advertisement, fraudulent status** (too good to be true)
- ***Lover/friend fraud** (made-up person creates relationship for \$\$ gain)

Keep good records and always check your bills for accuracy. If you discover you have been a victim of a fraud, please gather as much information as you have about the loss. Contact Towamencin PD and instructions will be provided on the required reporting methods for your situation. The investigation and possible prosecution is greatly enhanced by strong record keeping. Be careful out there and contact us if needed 215-368-7600/215-368-7606 with concerns.

Towamencin Youth Association



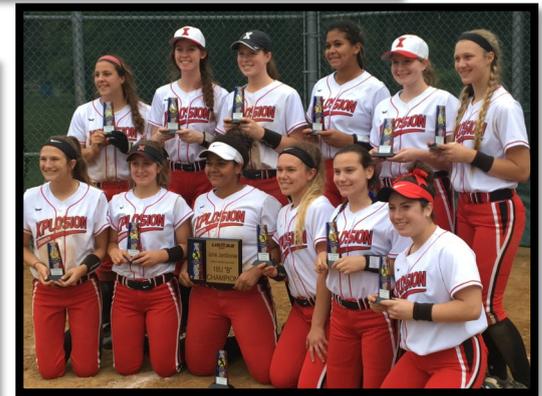
Xplosion Travel Softball

Here in Towamencin we have an excellent class B travel softball program. This past season we had a 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U travel team. The 12U's went 25-5-2 for the season, winning the Pennsbury Memorial Day Madness and Fireworks Classic Tournaments. 14U finished first place in the 2017 Pony Mayday Slugfest Tourney. 16U took first in the June Jamboree 18U Tourney. 18U had a great last season as a team and finished in Chambersburg. We would like to thank 18U Head Coach Bill Catto for all he has done for TYA Softball over the years. Luckily Coach Catto loves coaching here so much that he has agreed to help coach our new 2018 12U team! For more information on the Towamencin Xplosion, please visit our website at <https://www.towamencinxplosion.com>.

U14 Team



U12 Team



U16 Team

TYA BASKETBALL

Sign ups will begin around the first week of September for TYA Girls Basketball. We offer players from the ages of 7 thru 18 the ability to learn and play the game of basketball. Our season will run from November thru March. To find out more about our program please visit our website at <http://www.tyasports.org>.

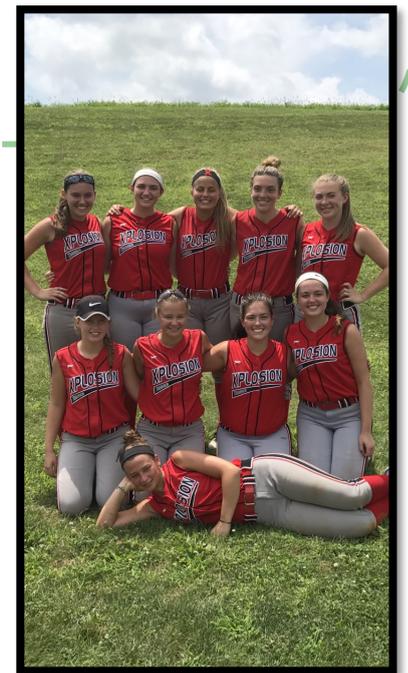
Divisions:

Instructional: ages 7 & 8 **Intermediate: 9 & 10**

Minors: 11 thru 13 **Majors: 14 thru 18**

TYA SOCCER

If you would like to be added to the Towamencin Soccer Club mailing list, contact Bill Sinn, TSC Director of Communications, at bill sinn@verizon.net or visit www.tyasports.org.



U18 Team

Inaugural Season for Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball



Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball completed its first season as a vertically integrated baseball program stretching from Quickball up through American Legion, all under the umbrella of TYA. The new structure of the organization has already exceeded our expectations at all levels, and we are eager to forge new traditions for our newly expanded program in the years ahead.

Spring Intramural Season

This season, our league was comprised of 429 players in six divisions (ages 4-12) in both instructional and competitive divisions. For the second season, our youngest players (ages 4-6) participated in Quickball, a revolutionary national sports program that teaches skills in a more engaging, fast-paced format.

Spring Travel Season

The Spring Travel teams (ages 7-12) played in a variety of tournaments, both local and out-of-state. This was the first year we offered a 7U travel option. Players and parents eagerly took advantage of this opportunity. Season highlights included:

9U & 10UA — Placed 2nd in Districts, qualifying for States

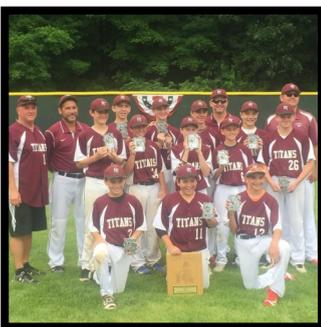
10UB — Out of 5 tournaments, advanced to 3 championship games and 2 semi-final games

11UA — Won the District Championship and placed 2nd in States

12UB — Took 1st place in the DJ Farrar Memorial Tournament, then traveled for a final competition at The Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach

12UA — Earned their 5th straight District title, 2nd State Championship, and placed 2nd in the Mid Atlantic Regionals before capping off their travel career at the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament

12U Ripken State Champs



Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI)

For the eighth consecutive year, we sponsored this hugely popular one-day tournament run by the Towamencin Umpire Association to raise money for breast cancer research. With 35 teams participating, the event raised over \$11,000 in support of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day.

Summer Connie Mack

This summer, our Connie Mack program (ages 13-16) had 96 players participating on six teams, plus one Junior Legion team. Seven of our eight teams qualified for their respective post-season tournaments. Our Senior Connie Mack program (ages 17-39) had 38 players competing on three teams, all finishing with very competitive records

in the regular season. Highlights include: our Connie Mack C Team taking second place in their League Tournament, our Junior Legion team finishing in second place in Montco League Tournament and qualifying for the PA Region 3 Tournament in Muhlenberg and lastly our A team (ages 15-16) claiming their second consecutive Connie Mack State Championship and our third championship in four years! Follow the Connie Mack and Junior Legion programs on Twitter @TowamencinCMB.

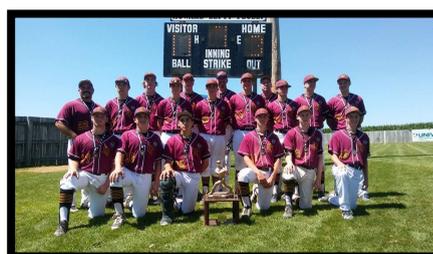
American Legion

Our American Legion Team (ages 17-19) plays under the sponsorship of American Legion Post 933 in Hatfield. After a grueling season, we won the Bux-Mont League Tournament (third time in four years), and earned a berth in the PA Region 2 Tournament in West Lawn. Follow the American Legion program on Twitter @HatfieldALB.

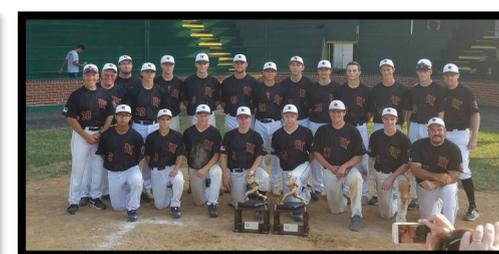
Fall 2017

Each Fall, we participate along with other local youth baseball programs in an inter-community league in three divisions. The A League (ages 6-8) is instructional in nature, while the AA (ages 8-10) and AAA Leagues (ages 10-11) balance instruction with competition. Connie Mack also participates in the Bux-Mont Division Fall League and works to prepare players for the spring high school and middle school baseball season.

Connie Mack State Champs



Legion Bux-mont Champs



Baseball Registration

For more information, email us at

tyabaseball@hotmail.com,

visit tyasports.org/baseball, or follow us

on Facebook. 

Morgan Log House Fall/Winter Events



Mayhem at the Morgan, Friday, October 27

Join us for an evening of eighteenth century frights at our annual Mayhem at the Morgan!

Take part in a spook filled tour of the Morgan Log House and experience all that goes bump in the night.

The tour is not recommended for young children.

Mini-Mayhem, Sunday, October 29

Mini-Mayhem is a child-friendly Halloween spook-tacular at the Morgan Log House! Take part in trick-or-treating and holiday crafts at this fun, family event!



Candlelight Night Saturday, December 9

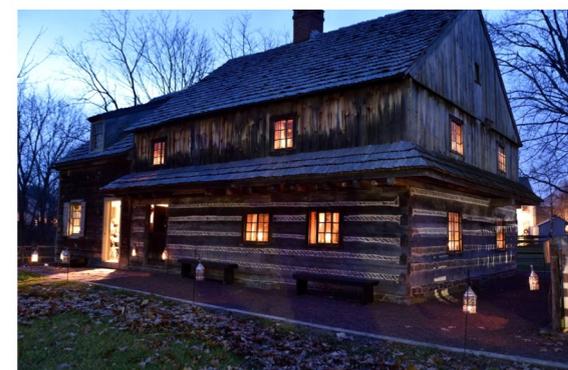
What was Christmas like for those who lived in the Morgan Log House? Join us for this special holiday tour where you can experience holidays past in a hands-on environment! It's a one-of-a-kind historic experience that will be sure to get you in the holiday mood.

The Morgan Log House is open for regular tours through the end of the year, Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, noon through 3 p.m. The last tour of the day always leaves at 2 p.m. Tours are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, students, and military (active and veteran), and free for museum members and children under 6 years old.

Want to help preserve the past? Become a museum member today!

Museum members can visit the log house for a free tour, as well as, receive a discounted rate for workshops and in our gift shop. In addition to these perks, it's a great way to help preserve the past, as a membership goes to support the programs and events at the Morgan Log House, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. For more information, please visit www.morganloghouse.org/membership.

**The Morgan Log House is located at:
850 Weikel Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446
www.morganloghouse.org
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Towamencin Presents Holiday Decoration Contest

The holidays will be here before we know it. The spirited and spectacular efforts of Towamencin residents to decorate their homes last holiday season did not go unnoticed. For the 2017 holiday season, Towamencin Township’s Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee is planning to showcase decorated homes within our community by acknowledging extraordinary decorating efforts in a friendly house-decorating competition.

Not only can you create a wonderful holiday display for all of our residents to enjoy, but you can receive Township recognition for your hard work! The contest is open to all Township residents.

Winners will be awarded a prize, a lawn sign for their yard, picture in the Township Hall of Fame, and will be announced on Comcast Cable Channel 965, Verizon FIOS Channel 40 and the Township website.

Houses will be judged by the following categories:

- * Most Colorful * Most Variety * Most Traditional *
- * Grand Prize Winner “Car Stopper” *

Deadline for entries: Friday, December 8th at 8pm.

Judging: Tuesday, December 12th and Wednesday, December 13th, 5pm-8pm.

Winners will be announced Monday, December 18th.



Drelick Family, ABC’s The Great Light Fight Contestants

Contest Entry Form

Please complete and drop off or send to:

Holiday Lights Contest
 Towamencin Township
 P.O. Box 303, Kulpsville, PA 19443

OR email your entry to: info@towamencin.org by **Friday, December 8th at 8pm.**

A photo of your display must be included with your entry.

Contact Person: _____

Title of Your Display: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Nearest Intersection: _____



Environmental Action Committee Invasive Plant Removal

The EAC would like to thank all of the wonderful Township residents who helped with our Earth Day Invasive Plant Removal event! Led by EAC member Amy Mawby, about a dozen residents of all ages pulled the invasive plant *garlic mustard* from the Woodland Trail of Fischer's Park.

Approximately 20 trash bags were filled with invasive plants and disposed of so that the plant seeds would not spread. Thank you again to our dedicated resident volunteers for helping us improve the ecology of Fischer's Park!



Invasive Plants

Invasive plants are those that are non-native to Pennsylvania, grow aggressively, and can crowd out existing native plants. The native ecosystem can become degraded for all of its inhabitants, from native plants to insects, birds and animals. Ultimately, invasive plants alter habitats and reduce biodiversity.

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolate*) Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*)



Message From the Codes Department: Open Burning



Open Burning Rules

Who Can Burn: ONE and TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS ONLY

What You Can Burn: Yard trimmings ONLY

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

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

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

When You Can Burn:

During the months of January, February, March, June, July, August, September and December - Saturdays and Sundays only

During the months of April, May, October and November - Daily

Additional Information

Prior to any burning, the resident shall be required to notify the Township Police Department at 215-368-7600.

*You MAY NOT start burning before 8:00am. The fire and all embers must be completely extinguished before dusk on the same day ignited. Smoldering debris IS NOT acceptable.

*The fire must be attended constantly by a responsible person.

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

*The pile size must not exceed 5' x 5' x 3' high.

If more piles exist, only one (1) pile may be burning at a time.

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

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

*The fire must be free burning and not generating excessive smoke.

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

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

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

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

Community Development Updates

* Towamencin Senior Living received approval to build a 144-bed senior living facility on Towamencin Avenue. Construction is expected to start in late fall.

* Summit Development Group has submitted a land development application for a 642,425 square-foot warehouse and office facility on Wambold Road. The property also extends along Allentown Road and Fretz Road. However, no development is proposed along the southern portion of the property at this time.

* Wambold Realty has submitted a land development application for a 52,200 square-foot public storage facility on Wambold Road.

* The Verrichia Group has submitted a sketch plan to develop the property at Forty Foot Road and Sumneytown Pike in the location of the existing Wawa store and Lukoil gas station as a new Wawa store with gas.

* Further planning for the redevelopment of Towamencin Village

Shopping Center at Forty Foot Road and Allentown Road is being deferred, awaiting possible removal of the Forty Foot Road "pinch point" at Tomlinson/Heebner Roads.

* Developers are working on building and grading permits for the Royal Farms convenience store approved by the Township, near the Turnpike interchange. Construction is expected to start in late fall.

* Blueprint Brewing is seeking a zoning text amendment and conditional use approval for a brewery with accessory sales. The brewery use is permitted by-right and Blueprint has already received building permits to begin construction of the brewing operation. However, allowing accessory sales to be permitted on-site requires additional zoning amendments and approvals.



Towamencin's Community Corner

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

Montgomery County Bookmobile and Outreach Services

Free Public Library Service in Towamencin Township

Towamencin Township has a free public library and it has WHEELS! Bookmobiles bring the library to Towamencin residents weekly. It is all part of the Bookmobile and Outreach Services Department of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library (MC-NPL). Library Cards and Online Accounts are FREE to Towamencin residents, courtesy of the Montgomery County Library District.

Every week, we take your book, movie, and music requests and bring them to you at one of our Towamencin stops:

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- FREDDY HILL FARMS

Or visit one of the other 25 bookmobile stops in Montgomery County. You can even reserve items online for pickup. We text, call or email you when they are ready to go.



The bookmobiles give the children and adults of Towamencin Township access to the millions of:

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- Audio Books
- Electronic Books
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- Online Resources like Mango Languages, Cypress Resume, TumbleBooks, and Zinio Magazines available through the 35 public library locations in the Montgomery County Library District.

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Contact the Librarian

tfluharty@mclinc.org
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Girls on the Run and Solemates

Girls on the Run is a ten-week positive youth development program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun experience-based curriculum. The program creatively integrates running and culminates with a celebratory 5k. We envision a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.

SoleMates is our adult athletic charity program which combines an individual's love for running and their desire to make a difference in their local community.

While training for an athletic event of your choice as a SoleMates runner, you will:

- Set personal goals.
- Raise money for Girls on the Run program scholarships in Montgomery and Delaware Counties.
- Become a part of an inspiring community that will give every girl a chance to participate in this life-changing program.
- Become an individual runner or grab a group of your family and friends to become a team!



Should you have any questions on how to partner your participation in Towamencin's Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run with Solemates, please contact Kelly DePalma at kelly.depalma@girlsontherun.org.

Be a part of the inspiration now.

Learn more at: www.gotrpa.org/SoleMates

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