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2018 Township Highlights and Improvements

Township Awarded Grants

Green Light Go Program

In July, the Township was awarded \$341,600 for upgrades to countdown pedestrian signals with ADA-compliant push buttons, upgraded loop detection to video detection and radar dilemma zone detection at 16 traffic signals. Funded through PennDOT's "Green Light-Go" program, grants are provided for updates to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals.

\$846,000 Set-Aside Grant for Trail

In May, The Township was awarded \$846,000 to construct approximately 4,000 linear feet of a new 10-foot-wide pedestrian/bicycle trail from Trumbauer Road to Valley View Way, along the Towamencin Creek. The Township has been eager to move forward planning this trail and this grant now makes it possible. The Surface Transportation Block Grant program (Set-Aside) provides funding for projects and activities defined as transportation alternatives and improvements for non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility.

Upgrades and Improvements

- Hunter Hill Drive Stormwater Project
 This spring, the Public Works Department completed an extensive stormwater line project to Hunter Hill Drive, Archer Lane and Crossbow Way. The work included replacing several stormwater inlets and stormwater pipe crossings.

- In August, Public Works installed a built-in irrigation system at Butch Clemens Park's baseball field. This system will improve field quality, while reducing man-hours for restoration and upkeep.

- Over the summer, a contractor for the Township performed maintenance to the bridge culvert located on Anders Road, between Kriebel and Valley Forge Roads. This project included various maintenance work to address PennDOT's recommendations in conjunction with their inspection assessment in 2016.

- During 2017, the Township replaced all of its "cobra-head" style street lights with LED lamps resulting in a significant reduction in operation and maintenance costs.



Public Works crew during Hunter Hill stormwater work

The Township is now looking to renovate the numerous ornamental style street lights in our Village Area. In July, sample cobb LED bulbs were placed in a few of the lampposts in the Village area to evaluate operation and appearance. If successful, all lights will be converted to LED technology in 2019.

- The Municipal Complex's geothermal HVAC project began this summer and will continue through the fall. This project will overhaul the existing systems for all three buildings. For more, see page 14.

Veterans Committee Answers the Call to Duty



Aerial view of the Tennis-Lukens open space for the designated Memorial Park.

The Township reactivated its "Veterans Committee" this spring, resulting in several residents, once again, answering the call to serve. A committee was previously established in 2007 to initiate planning for a Veterans Memorial Park, but had been dormant for the past several years.

The committee will work to create awareness of the issues faced by veterans and active-duty members of the military; provide support to veterans and military families in the community; develop a method for recognizing the service of its veterans and resident military; and provide a forum for veterans to provide feedback on issues that affect their lives. Comprised of nine members, the committee includes all branches of the Armed Forces, as well as, representation of differing service eras.

The Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee and the Veterans Committee recommended that design concepts and features within the adopted "Veterans Memorial Park Plan," originally prepared for Firehouse Park, be relocated to the Tennis-Lukens open space off Allentown Road. The Board approved of this designated location at their meeting on August 22nd. The Committees believe this is a more appropriate site for a veterans' park since there is a cemetery located there containing the graves of American soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

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 for the 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.

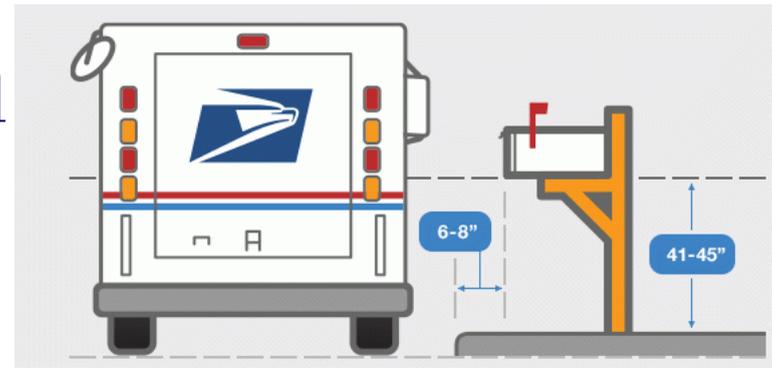
*According to the United States Postal Service, mailboxes are to be placed with the face of the box 6 to 8 inches from the front of the curb.

*Sidewalk Shoveling & Driveway Plowing – The 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, who clears their driveways, please remind them of this provision.

*Plowing Operations - Our 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 within your driveway, not in the street.



*Parking - When the Township declares a "Snow Emergency," all cars must be removed from streets that are designated and posted as a "Snow Emergency Route." Vehicles not removed are subject to towing and citations. 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 clear, allowing plow drivers the ability to plow the roadways unhindered.

*Child Safety - Children love to play in the snow, but this is potentially very dangerous because our plow operators cannot see them. 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. However, 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 9 - Last day to REGISTER before the November election
- October 30 - Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
- November 2 - Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots
- **November 6 - MIDTERM ELECTION**



TIPS FOR TAXPAYERS

Welcome to the next installment of an ongoing series offering important tips to Township property owners.

Q: What is the assessment value that appears on my tax bill?

A: That number represents the approximate value of your property in 1998, when the last county-wide reassessment was done. You can estimate the value of your property today by multiplying your assessment number by 1.96. That number is called the “common level ratio.” For example, let’s assume your the bill for your parcel shows an assessed value of 100,000. You can estimate the current value of your parcel by multiplying the assessment by the common level ratio. In this example, $100,000 \times 1.96 = \$196,000$. That would be the approximate value of your home in today’s dollars.

Q: Why do we use the assessed value of our property to determine how much tax we should be paying?

A: This method is actually quite fair to all, because the amount of tax due is based on a fixed number, the millage, multiplied by the assessment. So, a property with an assessed value of 200,000 would pay half as much as a property with an assessed value of 100,000.

Q: What is the millage and how is it determined?

A: The millage is the figure used to convert the assessment of your property into the property tax.

There are four millages – one for the school district, one for the township, and two for the county. The school millage is always higher because the school district requires more operating capital. The governing bodies determine the millage each year.

Q: Why are there two millages for the county?

A: Last year Montgomery County decided to split its bills and therefore its millages into two accounts. One pays for the community college, while the other finances the other expenses for the county budget. By keeping two sets of figures, taxpayers can see exactly how much of their tax money is going to the community college.

Q: Why are my taxes based on my property value? Aren’t there better ways to collect money to finance our local municipalities, counties, and school districts?

A: Questions like this are being debated as we speak. Raising money by taxing the value of properties, otherwise known as property taxes, generates over \$14,000,000,000 statewide, that’s \$14 BILLION dollars. If the education system in this state needs that much money to educate our children, and it disappeared overnight, how would it be replaced? That’s one of the biggest campaign issues this year. Some believe that property taxes can be eliminated by generating revenue from other sources, like raising the personal income tax, raising the earned income tax, adding tax to items that are now tax-free like food and clothing, increasing sales taxes, etc. Some believe it isn’t fair to put that much of a burden on property values for generating tax income.

Others believe that what we have is a fair system because those that have the higher property values are paying a proportionate share of the taxes, and the burden on seniors and those on fixed incomes would be less affected.

Q: Can you explain the new North Penn School District tax rebate system?

A: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a host of programs to benefit those less fortunate or need a little help paying their taxes. One of the programs is the PA-1000 Property Tax/Rebate Program. The post office has the booklets and applications. You can also contact your local legislative representatives for assistance or ask your tax preparer about it. Towamencin residents who meet the qualifications can receive a rebate of up to \$600, and if they do meet the requirements the NPSD will provide a rebate of an additional 25 percent.

The deadline has been extended, so check it out. I hope you qualify!

Any questions? Call (215) 723-7297 or send an email to tax@robertdidomizio.com

Robert A. Di Domizio Jr.
Certified Pennsylvania Tax Collector for
Towamencin Township

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 must 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, \$40 per ton.

Barnside Farm Compost Facility address:

991 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473

Residents with specific questions may call the facility directly at (610) 287-8880.

Water Quality Tips for Winter

Below are some tips to help the Township improve the water quality in our streams, lakes and rivers:

Shovel early. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be.

More salt does not mean more melting. Apply appropriately, salt takes time to work.

Fifteen degrees Fahrenheit is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use a traction agent as needed, but remember they do not melt ice.

Sweep up excess. Salt or sand on dry pavement is no longer doing any work, sweep it up before it is washed away.

Try an alternative for traction. Sand and kitty litter are effective but can clog sewers and degrade stream habitat when washed away. Cracked corn can be an alternative to try that is more environmentally friendly.

Understand what's in it. All deicers will melt the ice but some have less of an impact on the environment. Instead of sodium chloride or calcium chloride use products containing an acetate, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.

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 4, 2018. 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 or NOAA for weather updates. Make sure you have enough water for three days and emergency food. Keep an eye on the elderly.

We can have a fun-filled fall, free of injuries, when we work together.

SOURCE: Emergency Management Coordinator.

Sewer & Township/County Tax Payment Information

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

Payments are available online for sewer bills, and Township and County taxes. This provides residents the convenience of paying around the clock. Payments made by credit card or ACH will be charged a convenience fee to a third party processor.

If you have not paid your sewer and/or Township and County tax bills to date, the final deadline for making payments in person is 12 noon on December 31, 2018. While online payments can be made on the same day, but before midnight. Failure to pay by this deadline will result in a lien and additional penalties/fees against the property.

Bill 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 to 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.

Ways to Stay Green When the Leaves are Changing

Ideas for an Environmentally Friendly Winter:

Harvest fallen leaves

There are many sources of stormwater 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 17th
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. **NO WALK UP REGISTRATION!**

Please register at www.active.com or pick up a form at the Township Building.

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info@towamencin.org

Holiday Lights Festival

Date: Saturday, December 1st
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Where: Fischer's Park
GPS Location: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

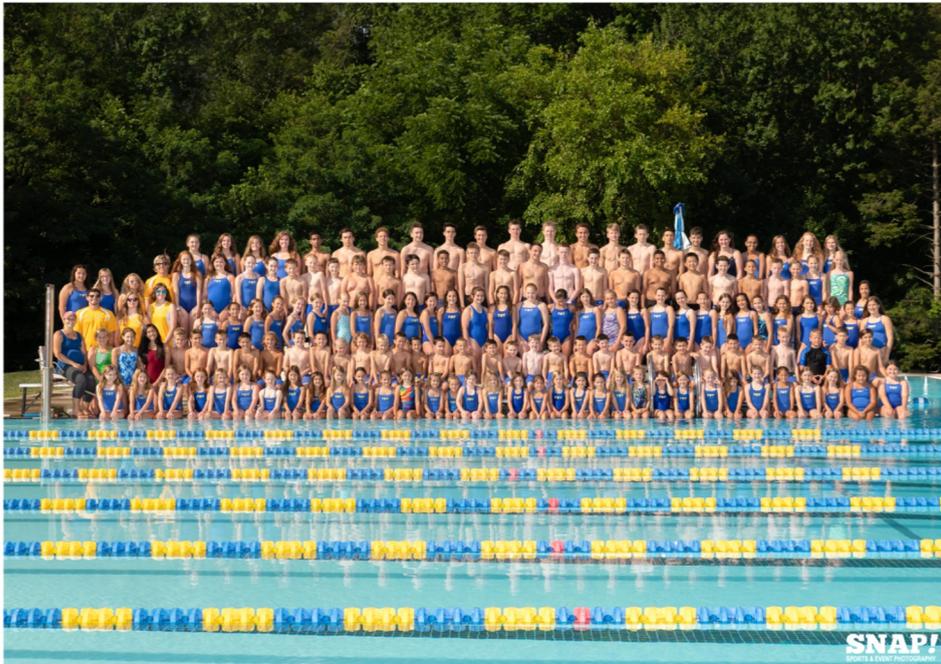
**Tree
Lighting at
6:00pm!**



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 6-8pm. The Tree Lighting will take place at 6pm.

Registration for surrey rides will open in October 2018 at www.towamencin.org.

Towamencin Swim Team - Undefeated Champions



Congratulations to the Towamencin Swim Team on an undefeated season and for winning the BuxMont League Championship this summer!

Under the direction of new Head Coach and township resident, Sarah Stevens, the team won the 2018 Bux-Mont League Championship. The most exciting event of the season was the meet against the 9 year undefeated Fanny Chapman Team from Doylestown. After a rain delay, the team pulled off a two point win over Fanny. This led to Towamencin's undefeated season!

This year, the TST team consisted of 206 aspiring swimmers and divers. With many young and returning swimmers on the team, we are ecstatic about the win and looking forward to next season!

Visit the team's website for videos and details at towamencinswimteam.org

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 2018-2019 SKI Ticket schedule coming in November/December, and will be listed on www.towamencin.org.

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company



The Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) has reached 250 alarms 2018 through mid-July - at the time of this writing. At this pace, we again will be on track to surpass the 400 alarm mark for the year. We have been extremely busy with turnpike accident calls in the construction area between the Lansdale interchange and the Ridge Road overpass. A major challenge for the company when responding north bound is the traffic jams. We encourage anyone traveling the turnpike in the construction area to: slow down, stay alert, stay off your phones, and be prepared for sudden moves by other traffic. To assist us in responding to an emergency incident on the turnpike, try following these guidelines: if an emergency vehicle is on the turnpike with lights and sirens on, DO NOT attempt to pass the emergency vehicle unless directed to. If the emergency vehicle is in one lane and comes upon traffic stopped ahead

and you are in that traffic, do your best to quickly and safely move to the other lane to allow the emergency vehicle to pass and make progress in traveling to the incident scene. If you notice that the emergency vehicle is riding the center between both lanes, either move as far to the left or right as possible to allow the emergency vehicle to proceed through up the middle. This helps us in responding, and aids those on the turnpike to know what to expect under these conditions. PA Law requires you to slow down and move over. Please be mindful of this to protect our emergency workers.

Our fund drive for 2018 is quickly approaching our goal for the year. On behalf of TVFC, we thank those who have generously contributed so far. For those that have not contribute, there is still time to make your contribution for the year.

We appreciate everyone's support of our fund-raising efforts.

This fall, TVFC emergency vehicle drivers will be participating in re-certification through the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). This is a classroom and a practical driving program to test driver ability in handling and maneuvering our large apparatus, many times, in tight and challenging situations. This refresher keeps the drivers current on emergency response laws and on proper handling of our emergency vehicles to get the firefighters to the incident as safely as possible to do their job. The course also helps drivers responding in an emergency vehicle to provide safer actions for the general public driving the roads. This re-certification is done approximately every three years.

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

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

The men and women of TVFC have a busy fall season ahead. In addition to the alarms and weekly drills, we are holding or participating in several events. See dates below and check our website.

Holiday reminders from TVFC:

- Replace your smoke alarm batteries when you turn your clocks back to standard time.
- If you have a live Christmas tree, keep it watered.

- For all trees, check your lights to make sure they work properly and that there are no shorts in the wiring.
- DO NOT run your extension cords or plugs under carpeting.
- Make sure outdoor light decoration connections are protected from the weather.
- DO NOT place your hot/warm fireplace ashes when removed from the fireplace in a bag or container into the trash can or next to your home siding or in the garage.

Key Dates to Remember

Towamencin Township Day	Saturday, September 22, Fischers Park, 12-4PM
Fire Prevention Open House	Thursday, October 4 rain date is Tuesday, Oct. 10 (6:30 PM) <i>location: Bustard Road station</i>
Fire Prevention Week	October 7-13
Vendor Fair/Hoagie Sale/Gift Basket Raffle	October 13 times to be posted, <i>(Bustard Road station)</i>
Merrymeade Corn Maze	Month of October (tickets on sale at Open House)
Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade	November 17, 1 PM – Lansdale
Pictures With Santa	December 1, 10 AM -2 PM <i>(Bustard Road station)</i>
Township Santa Run	Saturday, December 15, (rain/snow date Saturday Dec. 22) to start at 9 AM, till complete

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 Kulpville, PA 19443

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

**Non-emergency Police Calls 215-368-7600
Police Administrative Office 215-368-7606**



Towamencin's Township Police Department receives second state re-accreditation. The department received its second three-year re-accreditation on June 19, 2018, originally receiving accreditation status in 2012. PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Director Richard Hammon stopped by Police Headquarters and presented Chief Dickinson with the re-accreditation certificate. Only about 10 percent of the nearly 1200 PA Law Enforcement Agencies have achieved this accreditation status.



Coffee with the Cops Poolside at AVE Apartments. Members of the police department enjoyed meeting with residents during the AVE Apartments event on May 26, 2018.



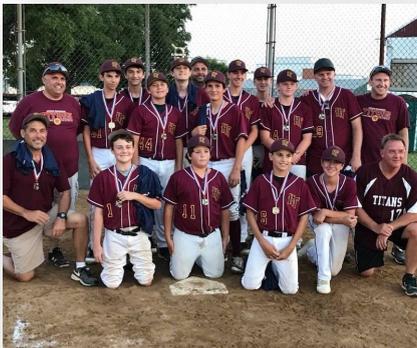
Lt. Jeffrey Kratz honored at Laurel House Gala. Lt. Jeffrey Kratz (standing third from left) was a special honoree at the Laurel House 2018 Annual Gala on April 28, 2018 for his long time relationship with Laurel House and as major force behind the law enforcement partnership leading to the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART).



Mr. Moosey returns for a brief visit. Mr. Moosey stopped by his home department for a quick visit with Officer Seider and Chief Dickinson before his next travels. He is a great ambassador for professional policing and the human spirit. It was all started by a very special little girl and her concern for police officers. Officer Gibbs is Moosey's "travel agent." For more on Mr. Moosey's story and his travels, follow him on Facebook at Mr. Moosey's World Tour.

Towamencin Youth Association Baseball Recap

With a successful 2018 season in the books, Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball invites your family to join them in forging new traditions and making great baseball memories in the years ahead. Here are just a few reasons why you will love the league:



Spring Intramural & Travel

This Spring, Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball had 412 players in 6 divisions (ages 4-12) in both instructional and competitive divisions — with the youngest players (ages 4-6) enjoying the engaging and faster-paced Quickball format. All travel

teams (ages 8-12) played in a variety of tournaments, both local and out-of-state.

Moments to remember include:

8UA – District runner up and State quarterfinalist

9UA — Placed first in the Central Perk Tournament and runner up in the Harleysville Stars and Stripes Tournament

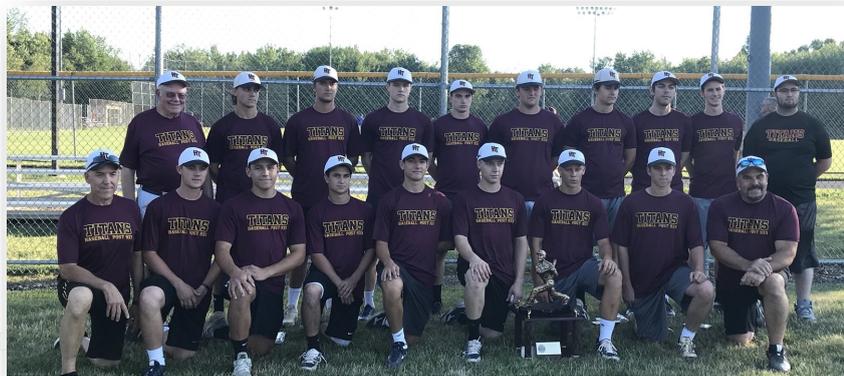
10U — Went 13-5 in tournament play with a runner-up finish in the Pennridge Father's Day Tournament

11U Black — Made it to the semi-finals in 5 out of 6 tournaments, going on to win 2 championships, including the Cooperstown Wood Bat Classic

12U — Capped off their travel career at the Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament

Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI)

For the 9th consecutive year, the league sponsored this hugely popular 1-day tournament run by the Towamencin Umpire Association to raise money for breast cancer research. With 40 teams participating, the event raised over \$10,000 in support of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day.



Summer Connie Mack / Jr. Legion

This summer, the Connie Mack and Jr. Legion program (ages 13-16) had 91 players participating on seven teams — four of which reached their respective League Finals, with the C1 Team winning their League Championship. Our A Team won our third consecutive State Championship — the fourth title in the last five years! The Senior Connie Mack program (ages 17-40) had 24 players competing on two teams, both finishing with very competitive records in the regular season standings and competing in playoffs at press time. Follow our Connie Mack program on Twitter @TowamencinCMB.

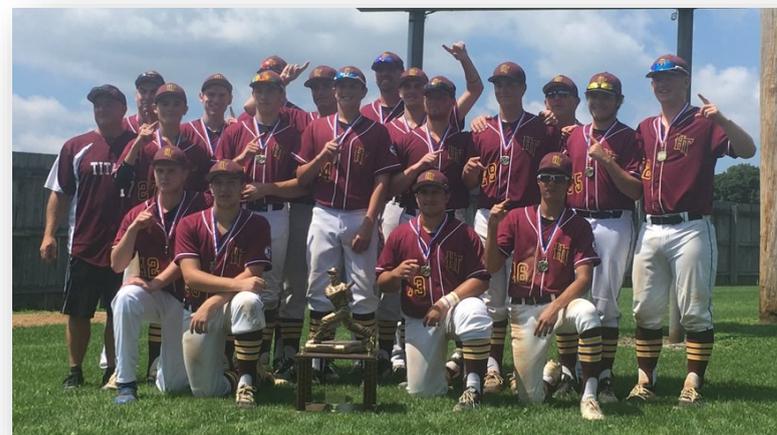


American Legion

The American Legion program (ages 17-19), proudly representing Post 933 in Hatfield, won the Bux-Mont League Tournament for the third time in four years — going on to be co-champions in the District playoffs and finishing in the semifinal round in Region 2. The team finished with an overall record of 26-7 and looks to be a factor again next year for the Bux-Mont Championship. Follow our American Legion program on Twitter @HatfieldALB.

Fall 2018

This Fall, we continue to participate in an Inter-Community League in three divisions: an instructional A League (ages 6-8), along with the more competitive AA (ages 8-10) and AAA Leagues (ages 10-11). Connie Mack also participates in the Bux-Mont Division Fall League, preparing players for the Spring High School and Middle School baseball season.



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 2018 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.



*last year’s Most Traditional Winner
address 638 Conestoga Lane*

Houses will be judged by the following categories:

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



last year’s Best Theme winner , address 1507 St. Andrews Way



last year’s Car Stopper winner , address 102 Kimberly Way

Deadline for entries: Friday, December 7th at 8pm.

Judging: Tuesday, December 11th and Wednesday, December 12th, 5pm-8pm.

Winners will be announced Monday, December 17th.

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 7th at 8pm.**

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

Contact Person: _____

Title of Your Display: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nearest Intersection: _____



Morgan Log House Fall/Winter Events

Mayhem at Morgan - Friday, October 26th

Do you have courage to walk the grounds at Morgan Log House after dark? Join us for a night of mayhem and mystery. Tours of the site will open up a world of ghosts and happenings from the past. Tours times begin at 6:30pm and run every 15 minutes. Reservations and proper walking shoes are strongly recommended. Admission will be charge to non-members and members are free. The program is not recommended for children younger than 8 years of age. 6:30pm to 9:30pm.



**The Morgan Log House is located at:
850 Weikel Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446
www.morganloghouse.org
Join us on Facebook**

Mini Mayhem: Trick-or-Treating by day! Sunday, October 28th

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 throughout the Morgan Log House.

Enjoy hands-on activities as well. No charge for the program. Donations greatly accepted. 12pm to 3pm.



Holiday Candlelight Tours - Saturday December 8 (Snow Day, Sunday, Dec. 9)



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 candlelight, decorated in 18th century holiday greenery. Feel the warmth of the kitchen fire and 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.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, children 5 and under and members are free. 2pm to 6pm.

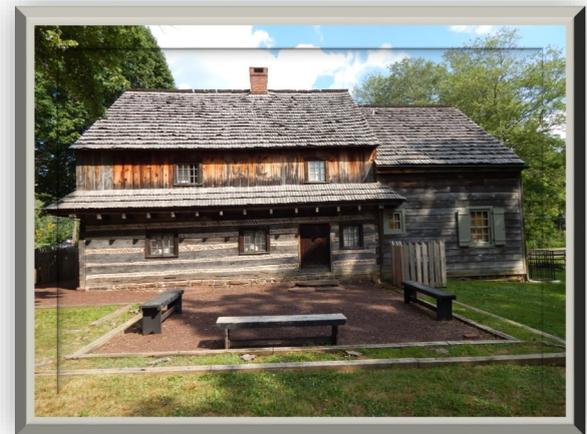
Morgan Log House Membership Program

The Morgan Log House is a unique historic site that allows us to tell the stories of laboring people living outside of Philadelphia in the eighteenth century. Through the support of community members like you, the Morgan Log House is able to continue to operate and educate the public through tours, programs, hands-on workshops and more. Become a member and help bring history to life!

The Morgan Log House is a 501(c) history organization. Your membership fee is tax exempt to the fullest of the law.

With your annual membership, you receive:

- Free, unlimited admission to tours and programs offered that year.
- 50% discount on yearly workshops
- Free access to our research library, and wireless internet research area.
- 10% Discount in our gift shop..
- Monthly e-Newsletter.
- Free year subscription to our genealogical files and research.



Membership Levels:

- Individual: \$25
- Family: \$35
- Benefactor: \$50
- Sponsor: \$100
- Patron: \$250
- Friend: \$500

Please make checks payable to Morgan Log House.

They can be mailed to Morgan Log House, P.O. Box 304, Kulpsville, PA 19443.



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Environmental Advisory Committee Review

Invasive Plant Removal Event

The EAC would like to thank the wonderful Township residents who helped with our second Earth Day Invasive Plant Removal event on April 22nd! Once again led by EAC member Amy Mawby, about a half dozen residents pulled the invasive plants *garlic mustard* and *Japanese honeysuckle* from the Woodland Trail of Fischer's Park.



The EAC observed that last year's plant removal had effectively decreased the number of *garlic mustard* plants on the trail this year. Removing invasive plants allows native plants such as *trout lily* and *Jack-in-the-Pulpit* to thrive in Fischer's Park.



Overall, approximately 12 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!



Electronic Recycling Collection Event

The EAC sponsored a successful collection event on Saturday, June 23rd, at North Penn High School's parking lot, to recycle old electronic equipment. Throughout the morning, approximately 20,000 pounds of gear was stacked, packed and shipped to repurposing facilities. Items dropped off included air conditioners, old computers, printers, and dehumidifiers. However, the most prominent load was older television sets, which was comprised of over 9,000 pounds of the total collected.

The Township was happy to provide this service to residents and small business owners. The EAC is already planning for next year's collection event.



A palette of old TVs collected

Municipal Complex Geothermal HVAC Project Underway



Active work zone within the well field of the future geothermal system

The Township's geothermal HVAC project began this summer with staging, mobilization of equipment and well drilling to the field located behind the Municipal Complex. The full scope of work will continue through the fall with the anticipated completion to coincide before winter temperatures set-in.

Following a formal bid process, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract for this work this past spring. The future system will service all buildings at the Municipal Complex. In 2016, the Municipal Complex HVAC system was evaluated. It was determined that much of the system was nearing the end of the typical 15-year service life as indicated by numerous functionality issues and expensive repairs. After a detailed evaluation, the Board agreed that a replacement with a geothermal system would be the best solution since it moves forward in the direction of clean and sustainable power with a life expectancy equal to the life of the building.

Towamencin Facing \$350,000 Annual Cost Under Stormwater Mandate

The stormwater requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act are administered under the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Program. Under the MS4 program, Towamencin Township will independently be responsible for removing nearly one million pounds, per year, from the sediment loading within the Perkiomen Watershed. Current estimates indicate that this will cost the Township at least \$350,000 per year, over the next five years.

These charges will likely be passed on to residents and business owners. If the Township were to implement the cost as a real estate tax, certain entities like non-profits, churches and educational institutions would be exempt

from paying, so a township-wide fee may be the most equitable means. The Board of Supervisors will discuss such a fee during the 2019 Township budget preparations this fall. At the time of this writing, it has not been determined how this may be implemented or how much it would cost per resident and business owner.



Towamencin Township has been working with other regional municipalities (Lower Salford Township, Hatfield Township, Worcester Township, Skippack Township and Lower Providence Township) to address the EPA and Pennsylvania DEP directives.

The Skippack Creek Alliance was established in 2017 to identify how municipalities in the watershed could collaboratively improve water quality in a measurable and cost-effective manner. Over the past year, the alliance has located and evaluated potential programs or best management practices (BMPs) that would reduce the amount of pollutants running into the stream.

Message From the Codes Department: Open Burning Rule Reminders

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

What You Can Burn: Yard trimmings only

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

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

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

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

April, May, October and November daily

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

*You may not start burning before 8 am. The fire and all embers must be completely extinguished before dusk on the same day ignited.

Smoldering debris is not acceptable.

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

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

*The pile size must not exceed 5' x 5' x 3' high. If more piles exist, only on (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.

Community Development Updates

- Construction has begun on the Royal Farms convenience store with gasoline at 1750 Sumneytown Pike.
- Construction is underway on Towamencin Senior Living, a 144-bed senior living facility, providing both assisted living and memory care services, located at 900 Towamencin Avenue. The building will consist of three stories with 79 suites and one-story for memory care with 34 suites. The facility will feature a number of services including trained, professional health services staff available 24 hours a day, concierge, maintenance, transportation and on-site entertainment.
- Wambold Realty received final land development approval for a 52,200 square-foot public storage facility located on Wambold Road.



A rendering of the entrance to Towamencin Senior Living provided by developer Columbia/Wegmans Acquisitions

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

The New Bookmobile is Wrapped!

Due to the generous sponsorship of the Montgomery Bar Association, we rolled out the graphic design for our new bookmobile in July 2018. Chariot Graphics in Bridgeport, PA applied a vinyl body wrap to our vehicle, and we simply could not be more pleased with the result.

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.

Browse our bookmobile collection or reserve items online for pickup on the bookmobile. We text, call or email you when they are ready to go.

Your library card also provides access to our online resources. You can read books, magazines and newspapers on any web-enabled device.

Bookmobile Stops

Meet us at one of our Towamencin Township bookmobile stops:

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1380 South Valley Forge Rd
Every Thursday 12:00 PM -7:00 PM

FREDDY HILL FARMS
1440 Sumneytown Pike
Alternate Fridays 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

For the schedule of other nearby bookmobile stops, visit our website:
<http://mnl.mclinc.org/>.

Contact the Bookmobile Team

Email bookmobiles@mclinc.org or phone 610 278-5100 Ext 7



Thank you Montgomery Bar Association!



The "inside view" graphics on the rear of the bookmobile.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

For more information, email us at

tyabaseball@hotmail.com,

visit tyasports.org/baseball, or follow us

TYA SOCCER

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

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>.

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