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Towamencin Moving Forward on Several Fronts

The Board Supervisors is pleased to report that Towamencin continues to move forward on numerous improvement projects to our parks, trails, traffic signals and roadways funded primarily by \$3.4 million in awarded grants. We continue to see an up-tick in economic development activity with several new businesses in various stages of locating to the Township.

Development & Zoning

Amazon began operations at its delivery center on Gehman Road in July, generating over 300 new jobs and additional tax revenue to the Township.

Lidl Supermarket, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers, and Firestone Tire & Auto Service are in the process of developing locations in the Township, see page 3 for details. The Township continues to field inquiries from developers interested developing available Limited Industrial (LI) zoned sites.

In September/October, public hearings will be held at Board meetings on zoning changes, for the following:

- Allow a Starbucks with drive-thru, adjacent to the Courtyard Marriott.
- Allow an indoor-only storage facility along Franklin Street.
- Proposed Village Main Street Ordinance, allowing for a unified plan for certain parcels within the Village Overlay and Commercial zoning districts.

Parks & Trails

Design and permitting moves onward for the Kriebel Road trail extension, which will run along the Towamencin Creek, from Trumbauer Road to Valley View Way. The project is funded by an \$846,000 grant through the Federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program. The Board recently approved a proposal for a concept plan and grant application to the County's "Montco



Amazon employees excited to launch delivery operations.

2040: A Shared Vision" grant program for an additional extension of the Kriebel Road trail, from the PECO right-of-way to Fischer's Park. Construction is expected in 2021. At Fischer's Park, the extension will connect with a pedestrian bridge over the Towamencin Creek; construction is planned for 2020.

The addition of utilities and bathroom facilities at Grist Mill and Green Lane Parks will be operational later this fall.

Traffic Improvements & Modifications

Numerous upgrades to traffic signals throughout the Township are underway, funded by \$530,000 in State and County grants. Improvements include installation of video detection, radar dilemma detection, left turn arrows, ADA curb upgrades, and pedestrian signal and pushbutton upgrades. The traffic signals at the Mainland Road/Wambold Road intersection will be removed.

Final design and permitting work continues on the Forty Foot Road Widening Project to eliminate the chokepoint approaching the Tomlinson/Heebner intersection. Funded by \$2.643 million in state grants and a developer contribution, the project includes a new traffic signal at Forty Foot Road and Newbury Way, which will also serve a new access drive to the SKF and Towamencin Village Shopping Center sites. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2020. This project is also key to on-going revitalization efforts, by the Board of Supervisors, developers, Township staff and state

legislators, to the Towamencin Village Shopping Center and surrounding parcels.

Please note two recent changes to Township traffic restrictions:

Rittenhouse Road, from Old Forty Foot Road to Clemens Road, has been restricted to one-way travel in the direction of Clemens Road, resulting from a truck striking and damaging a culvert, near the Rittenhouse Road bridge. The Town-

ship Engineer is in the process of submitting a proposal to design, prepare bid specifications and obtain permits for the culvert replacement. The project is expected to be bid out this spring, with construction in late summer of 2020.

In reaction to resident concerns and a traffic study by the Police Department, the Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance adding a stop sign on Delaware Avenue at the intersection with Winding Road.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to subscribe to our weekly E-News to keep abreast of Township news and events. Subscribe by clicking the E-News sign up button at towamencin.org.

Chuck Wilson
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors



Stakes placed along Forty Foot Road, prepping for the widening project.

Voter Information for General Election, November 5th

Please take into account the new paper ballot voting system and allow yourself enough time to vote in case of delays. Important dates for the local primary elections for Montgomery County:

- Last day to register for the upcoming election is Monday, Oct. 7th.
- **GENERAL ELECTION - Tuesday, November 5th**

You can check the County website to determine your registered polling location and to watch the video on the new voting system. The County voter information website is:

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

The website also has links to voter registration status, candidates running for office, volunteer opportunities, and district maps.

Office Location:

Montgomery County Voter Services
One Montgomery Plaza, Suite 602
425 Swede St.
Norristown, PA 19401

Voter Registration Phone: 610-278-3280

Election Board Phone: 610-278-3275

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



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Tax Collector Update

2019 School Tax Collection Location Notice

Effective September 28th, I will be moving from my current office site, located at 1553 Gehman Road. Starting October 2nd, I will be collecting school taxes temporarily at the Meeting Hall Building of the Township's Municipal Complex, located at 1090 Troxel Rd, Lansdale.

Collection hours are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for the dates listed below:

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and 31

November 6, 13, 20 and 27

December 4, 11, 18, 26 and 27

Payments can still be mailed to:

Towamencin Township Tax Collector
P.O. Box 1415
Kulpsville, PA 19443

The collection deadlines for 2019 school taxes will remain the same, as follows:

- The face amount is due on or before October 31st. A 10 percent penalty is added to taxes paid after October 31st.
- If you are on the coupon installment plan, your third payment is due October 31st.
- Cashier's checks are the only accepted form of payment after December 16th.
- The very last day that you can make a payment in person is December 27th.

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

Any additional collection updates will be posted at my website and the Township's website.

- <http://www.robertdidomizio.com/>
- <http://www.towamencin.org/tax.html>

Robert A. Di Domizio Jr.
Certified Pennsylvania Tax Collector



PAYMENT CHANGES ALERT! COUNTY, TOWNSHIP TAXES & SEWER BILLS

As of January 1, 2020, Univest Bank (the Hatfield branch) will no longer accept County, Township Taxes and Sewer Bill Payments. These bills are mailed in February each year.

For your convenience, a new drop box will be added for these payments at the Municipal Complex, located at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446.

Any questions, please call the township at 215 368-5357.

Community Development Updates

Amazon - began operations at its new delivery station in July. They are leasing an existing warehouse, located on Gehman Road in the Limited-Industrial zoned section of the Township, making site improvements to accommodate their operations. The company has hired approximately three hundred (300) people from the area, plus an additional 150 drivers. Their delivery area will serve over 77 zip codes and 1100 square miles, from the Lehigh Valley to Reading. While improvements are being made to the Gehman Road site, Amazon has arranged for temporary parking of its delivery vans at the nearly vacant Towamencin Shopping Center at Allentown and Forty Foot Roads. Philadelphia Suburban Development Company, owner of shopping center, intends to submit plans for the revitalization of the site later in 2019, see item below. Consequently, Amazon is actively seeking a permanent storage facility for its vans within 10 miles or less of its location.

The Landing of Towamencin - Construction is nearing conclusion at the new 144-bed senior living facility, providing both assisted living and memory care services, located at 900 Towamencin Avenue. Opening is slated for November 2019.

Lidl Supermarket is developing a location at 1150 Welsh Road, in the former Acme location. Lidl has been issued construction permits. Their opening date is planned for spring 2020. Lidl will occupy half of the existing building, on the Oak Blvd side.

Towamencin Village Shopping Center - located at Allentown and Forty Foot Roads, has received approval of a text amendment to allow for age-qualified housing, between SKF and the shopping center. In addition, the property owner is working with potential tenants to redevelop the shopping center.

Main Street Village Sector - Philadelphia Suburban Development Company (PSDC) has applied for a text amendment for properties located to the southeast of the intersection of Forty Foot Road and Sumneytown Pike. The amendment would allow the addition of residential uses within the Village Overlay to facilitate a Town Center development. The application was recommended for approval by the Township Planning Commission and will move forward to the Board of Supervisors for a public hearing.

Freddy's/Firestone - Clemens Development, LLC has received land development approval to develop a Firestone Tire and Auto Service Center and a Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers at 200 Forty Foot Road, by the existing Chick-fil-A and Wawa. Building permits have been approved for Freddy's, with an anticipated opening in late fall 2019. A projected opening date for Firestone is pending.

Starbucks is interested in adding a store at the corner of Sumneytown Pike and Towamencin Avenue, adjacent to the Marriott Hotel. They have requested that the Township allow for a drive-thru service window, which would require an amendment to zoning code for the Village area. The Board of Supervisors recommended the Planning Commission formally review the amendment, with a public hearing to follow.

Codes Department's Fall/Winter Reminders

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' 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: Saturdays and Sundays Only, during the months of January, February, March, June, July, August, September and December; **Daily** during the months of April, May, October and November

Additional Information

Prior to any burning, the resident is 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 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.

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 third collection in May.

Customers can be billed by their hauler for this DEP mandated collection. Haulers are required to report tonnage collected from each collection to Towamencin so that it can be forwarded to DEP.

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 should 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 may save may be your own.

Please park vehicles off the streets during a winter storm to allow for safe and efficient removal of snow 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.

The Benefits of Plant Buffers Along Streams & Ponds

What is a Buffer and Why is it needed?

A riparian buffer along a stream, creek or pond is a vegetated area to help the water quality in the waterway. The vegetated area provides shade, filters the water that runs off the adjacent land into the waterway.

During a rain event, the water running to the streams picks up soil, fertilizers and pesticides from lawns, and oil and grease from roads or driveways. Slowing the water down before it reaches the stream also helps to prevent erosion of the soil and streambanks.

How do I plant a Buffer?

Typically a buffer area consists of 3 zones. The size of each zone will vary depending



on the space available.

Zone 1: Along the edge of the stream, creek or pond should be planted with native trees and shrubs that can tolerate wet conditions.

Zone 2: Adjacent to Zone 1, plant native trees and shrubs plus wildflowers and grasses to provide a transition.

Zone 3: Next to Zone 2, plant an area of native grasses and wildflowers to slow the water and allow some to be absorbed into the ground.

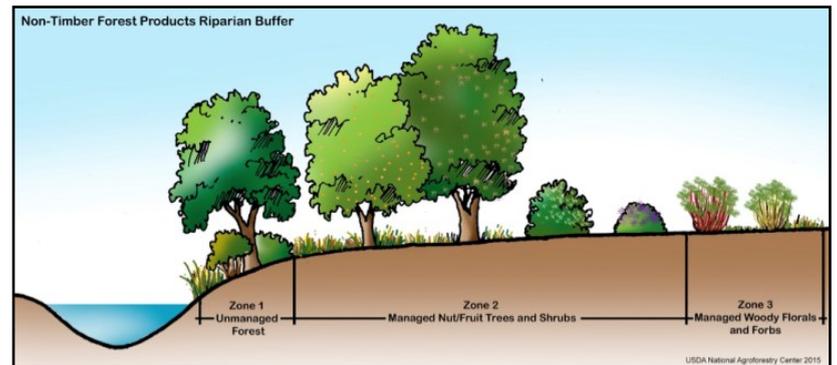
How do I Maintain the Buffer?

Initially, the buffer will need to be maintained with watering and weeding to help the plants establish and remove invasive plants.

The grasses and wildflowers in Zone 3 should be mowed twice a year, in the spring and fall, to prevent overgrowth. The trees and shrubs should be pruned to remove any dead, dying or diseased branches.

Where can I learn more about Buffers?

Information about buffers and the appropriate plants can be found on the following websites:



Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy -
www.perkiomenwatershed.org

Penn State Extension
www.extension.psu.edu

For more stormwater information, please visit the Township's website at: www.towamencin.org/stormwatermanagement.html.

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

Diseased Ash Trees Spreading through Parks

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) insect is killing thousands, maybe even millions of ash trees throughout Pennsylvania. Like in the landscapes of many Towamencin homes, Township parks contain ash trees. Little can be done to prevent infestation. Once the ash trees become infected by the EAB, there is little hope it will survive. When an ash tree dies, the limbs become brittle and can be brought down by wind or other weather conditions. The prudent action is to take the tree down.

The Township will be faced with the task of removing large numbers of diseased and/or dead trees throughout its parks. This could be a costly proposition with some nearby municipalities spending as much as \$500,000 for diseased ash tree removal. The Township's Public Works Department has been evaluating the condition of ash trees in each park in their preparation of a prioritized ash tree removal plan with associated cost estimates. The Township will plan tree removals in the next year, in coordination with the 2019 and 2020 budgets. As the EAB problem spreads, it is unfortunately expected that tree removal efforts will be greater than tree planting efforts, and will account for more of the Township's Open Space and Parks budget in the future.

To read more about the Emerald Ash Borer and the ash tree problem, see the Penn State Extension Service website: <https://extension.psu.edu/emerald-ash-borer> or https://www.pennlive.com/gardening/2017/04/kiss_your_ash_trees_goodbye_un.html.



Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run

Date: Saturday, November 16th
Time: 9:00 am
Where: Fischer's Park
Address: 2225 Bustard Road, 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! Turkey medals and goblets, will be given to the top three runners in each age category. All runners will receive a free long sleeved tech shirt.

The award ceremony will take place at 10 am in the Arneith Amphitheater with light snacks served to runners after the race. A free children's "10 and under" fun run will take place at 8 am, no registration necessary. Pets and strollers are welcome. We will have a professional race photographer.

NO WALK UP REGISTRATION! To register, please visit www.towamencin.org or www.runtheday.com



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Discount Entertainment Tickets

The Township offers discounted tickets to many local attractions. Please be sure to check with the Administration office for tickets to movie theaters, Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, The Crayola Experience, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Hershey Park, Knoebels, Six Flags/Great Adventure, Morey's Pier, The Philadelphia Zoo, Diggerland USA, The Franklin Institute and the Pennsylvania Renaissance Fair.

**Call the Township at 215 368-7602 for availability
or visit www.towamencin.org**

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Holiday Lights Festival and Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, December 6th
Time: 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Where: Fischer's Park
Address: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446
 Rain Date for Tree Lighting is Friday, December 13th at 7:00 pm

Surrey Rides:

\$5 per person for large surrey, \$5 per person for walk-on (cash/check only)
 \$30 for small carriage, private ride (lap riders are free)
Registration will begin October 1st.



Come out to our last event of the year! Take a whimsical stroll through Towamencin’s winter wonderland of lights and holiday cheer. Our annual tree lighting will take place at 6 pm when Santa Claus arrives. FREE pictures with Santa will be from 6 - 8 pm.

Hop on the horse drawn surreys that take you around the park to see the light displays and decorated trees by the local girl scout troops. The local boy scouts will be handing out FREE hot chocolate, cookies, and roasting marshmallows. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the season by visiting our volunteer acts performing in the amphitheater. To register for the rides, please visit www.towamencin.org.

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Join Us as a Community Sponsor in 2020

We welcome all businesses and organizations to participate in the Township's events. Towamencin feels it is important for businesses to connect with their community through monetary and product donations. It allows the business or organization to advertise, build their local economy and understand the needs of their consumers/clients. Below is an explanation of how being a community partner with Towamencin Township can help promote your business or services, while improving your community. For more information, please contact events@towamencin.org or www.towamencin.org.

Towamencin Annual Events Schedule: Estimated Event Attendees

Towamencin Community Day (May 16th) - 1000+

Summer Beerfest (June TBA) - 300+

Summer Concerts 800+ each

July 2nd (Don't Call Me Francis), July 9th (Class of '84), July 16th (Shot of Southern), July 23rd TBA

Movies in the Park (June 25th and August 13th) - 300+ each

Turkey Trot 5k (November 14th) - 800+

Holiday Lights Festival (December 5th) - 700+

Sponsorships are a great opportunity for local businesses to gain exposure, increase clientele and help provide family entertainment to the community they serve.

Township Sponsorship Levels:

Bronze Sponsorship - includes: picket sign displayed at the Movies in the Park, free attendance at these two events to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promo materials, and a PowerPoint commercial on the reel that plays before the movies.

Silver Sponsorship - includes: picket sign displayed at Movies in the Park and concerts, free attendance at these events to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promo materials, PowerPoint commercial played before the movies and notation from the band at the beginning of concerts.

Gold Sponsorship - includes: picket sign displayed at ALL Towamencin Community Events, free attendance to all events: to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials, PowerPoint commercial played prior to the movies, notation from the band prior to concerts, company logo printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5K. 5% discount on newsletter advertising.

Platinum Sponsorship - includes: 4' X 12' banner will be displayed at ALL Towamencin Community Events, free attendance to all events: to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials, PowerPoint commercial played prior to the movies, notation from the band prior the concerts, company logo will be printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5k. 10% discount on newsletter advertising. This exclusive membership will include your company name/logo on our website, in press releases/ facebook posts we send to all the local advertising establishments.

Upcoming Collection/Recycling & Community Events

County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events (9 am – 3 pm)

Saturday, September 28
Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

Saturday, October 20th
Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Ave., Penn Valley

Electronics Recycling Day - November 9, 2019 (10 am - 1 pm)

North Penn High School (parking lot)
1340 S. Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale



North Penn High School’s EnAct Club and PAR-Recycle Works are hosting this event for the community to responsibly recycle their obsolete electronics.

Accepted Items Include: laptops, computers, peripherals, tablets, game consoles, telephones, printers, fax machines, cameras, cell phones, small appliances, etc.

No large appliances will be accepted, such as stoves, refrigerators. **Some items require a fee for processing.**

Free Shredding Event - Saturday, October 5th (10 am – 12 pm)

parking lot of North Montco Technical Career Center
1265 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale

State Representative Liz Hanbidge is hosting a free shredding event to allow residents in her district the opportunity to destroy all confidential and unwanted documents efficiently and securely.

* Please note this is not an event intended for commercial purposes and will be unable to shred books, newspapers or magazines.

Item	Fee
Older CRT Monitors & TVs	\$25- \$75, depending on size
Flatscreen TVs	\$10/each
Air conditioners	\$15
Microwaves	\$5

Fox Chase Mobile Mammogram Van - 1098 W. Skippack Pike, Blue Bell

Thursday, October 3rd, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Fox Chase Mobile Mammogram Van is coming to State Rep. Liz Hanbidge’s Office. The mobile van offers quick and convenient screenings to ensure even the busiest women can find the time for this important test. Appointments are required as space is limited. To schedule an appointment, contact Deb Resnick with Fox Chase at 215-214-1682. For more information, contact Rep. Hanbidge’s Office at 610 277-3230.

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast - Upper Perkiomen High School, 2 Walt Road, Pennsburg

Saturday, November 2nd, check in 7:45 am, event is 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Join Senator Mensch for breakfast to honor the military men and women who have served our country. The Keynote Speaker will be Major General Anthony J. Carrelli, Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Seating is limited. Veterans may register themselves and one guest by contacting Senator Mensch’s office at (215) 541-2388 or online at www.senatormensch.com/veterans-appreciation-breakfast.

Montgomery County veterans can bring their DD214 (military discharge papers) and a photo identification card (such as a Pennsylvania Driver’s License) to receive a Veterans Photo ID Card. Bucks County veterans can obtain information on getting their Veterans Photo ID Card by contacting Bucks County Military Affairs; Berks County veterans can obtain information by contacting the Berks County Recorder of Deeds office.

Senior Health & Wellness Expo. - Montgomery County Community College, College Hall, 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell

Saturday, November 9th, 9 am – 12 pm

With dozens of local vendors, seniors will be able to find information about enhancing their health and wellness, connect with medical experts from local senior facilities, and learn more about state and county resources available to them, including caregiver support and Medicare counseling. Free blood pressure screenings and flu shots will be available to eligible residents. Vendors will also be able to provide help with unclaimed funds, property tax/rent rebates, and SEPTA Key Card signups. Rep. Hanbidge is hosting this event as well.

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company



HELP US HELP OUR COMMUNITY!!!

Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) remains a 100 percent volunteer Fire Company serving this community. As we draft this newsletter content in mid-July, we are experiencing extremely hot temperatures. As most of you know, it can take a toll on you just walking out your front door. Regardless of temperatures, when that alarm comes to us for your residence, your business or an accident scene, our members quickly respond. There are over 250 alarms for the year 2019, as mid-July.

What can you do to help us? Who are the volunteers that serve you?

A TVFC volunteer is a person (man or woman, who is a son/daughter, mom/dad/grandparent, a plumber, welder, mechanic, doctor, engineer, sales person, scientist, or a

small business owner. We are a family made up of varied backgrounds, ages and experiences. You could help us by joining us to serve your community.

Is it hard work? It can be.

Is there excitement? Absolutely!

Is there a rewarding feeling in saving lives and property while serving? Absolutely, yes!

Are you needed? Yes! The wear and tear on the current force is significant. Consequently, with more volunteers, the work load can be shared.

Please consider volunteering your time to TVFC as a firefighter, fire police, administrative aid or as a ladies auxiliary member. We need help for daytime and evening calls. Come out and speak to us about joining at any of our Thursday evening meetings, after 7:00 pm at our Bustard Road Station. You may also call the station at 215-362

-2776, go to the chief's mailbox extension and leave a message or visit us online at <http://www.towamencinfire.com> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TowamencinVFD>.

Our fund drive for 2019 is well under way, so on behalf of TVFC, we thank those that have generously contributed so far. For those that have not yet contributed, there is still time to make your contribution for the year. As a reminder to Towamencin businesses, the fund drive depends on your support, as we protect your business investments day and night, 365 days a year.

We appreciate everyone's support of all of our fundraising efforts through the year. By the time you receive this, we will have had our annual Chicken barbecue dinner, a major fundraiser for the company.

As we approach the holiday season and events, remember to:

- 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.

Check out the calendar of events below and on our sign at the Bustard Road Station. We look forward to seeing you. From all of the volunteers of TVFC, we wish you a great fall season and safe and happy holidays.

Respectfully,
Your TVFC Members

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

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

Key Dates to Remember

October 3rd	Fire Prevention Open House
Week of October 7th	Fire Prevention Week
October 12th	TVFC Ladies auxiliary Craft Fair
November 23rd	Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade at 1pm
December 7th	TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Pictures With Santa from 10am-2pm
December 14th	Township Santa Run at 9am (rain date 12/21)

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

Rent the TVFC Banquet Hall for your next event.

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



Police Department Update

Coming Soon - Neighbors by Ring

The Towamencin Police Department has some big news, and it has a lot to do with your home security system! Towamencin PD is partnering with Neighbors by Ring.

Soon users registered on that platform will be able to share information, as well as, receive real-time crime and safety alerts from the police department.

Towamencin's Secure Neighborhood Awareness Program "S.N.A.P."

As if that wasn't big news by itself, we are excited to announce that we are preparing to roll out our new resident and business security camera registration program. With Towamencin's Secure Neighborhood Awareness Program, it's a S.N.A.P. to keep your community safe!

This entirely voluntary program will allow residents and business owners to register their information with the police department, letting us know that they are willing to assist with video review if a crime occurs in their area.

Prevent Identity Theft

Keep these tips in mind to protect yourself from identity theft:

- Secure your Social Security number (SSN). Do not carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Only give out your SSN when necessary.
- Do not share personal information (birthdate, Social Security number, or bank account number) because someone asks for it.
- Collect mail every day. Place a hold on your mail when you are away from home for several days.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles. If bills or financial statements are late, contact the sender.
- Use the security features on your mobile phone.
- Update sharing and firewall settings when you are on a public WI-FI network. Use a virtual private network, if you use public WI-FI.
- Review your credit card and bank account statements. Compare receipts with account statements. Watch for unauthorized transactions.
- Shred receipts, credit offers, account statements, and expired credit cards. This can prevent "dumpster divers" from getting your personal information.

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- Store personal information in a safe place.
- Install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.

Create complex passwords that identity thieves cannot guess. Change your passwords if a company that you do business with has a breach of its databases. Review your credit reports once a year. Be certain that they do not include accounts that you have not opened. You can order it free from: Annualcreditreport.com.

Freeze your credit files with Equifax, Experian, Innovis, TransUnion, and the National Consumer Telecommunications and Utilities Exchange free. Credit freezes prevent someone from applying for and getting approval for a credit account or utility services in your name.

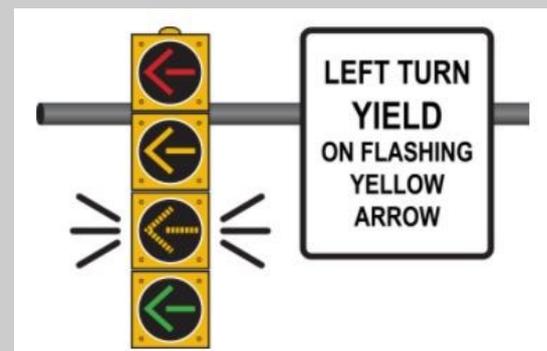
If you suspect you may be a victim of identity theft, do not hesitate to call us to file a report and to assist you.

Understanding the Flashing Yellow Light

The police department has fielded many calls about the new flashing yellow arrow signal drivers encounter when travelling eastbound on Sumneytown Pike, approaching the PA Turnpike interchange. While these signals are somewhat new to us in Pennsylvania, they are common in a number of other states. PennDOT provides some guidance below:

A Flashing Yellow Arrow traffic signal head features a flashing yellow arrow indication in addition to red, yellow and green steady arrow indications. While the flashing yellow arrow indication is displayed, left-turns are permitted, but the motorist must first yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Otherwise, the new traffic signals work the same as traditional signals.

Flashing yellow arrow signals have been shown to help drivers make fewer mistakes. They keep motorists safer during heavy traffic and reduce delays when traffic is light. A national study demonstrated that drivers found flashing yellow left-turn arrows more understandable than traditional yield-on-green indications.



The Benefits of the Flashing Yellow Arrow *According to PennDOT*

- More intuitive to motorists
- According to national data, can reduce left-turn crashes as much as 20%
- Keeps traffic moving by offering motorists more opportunities to make left turns
- Consistency with other states adopting the signal

Towamencin Soccer Club - Never Stop, Always Finish



For the last 37 years, the Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) has prided itself on being a volunteer-led, volunteer-driven, and volunteer-active association.

We are excited to have over 100 volunteers helping the club in a wide variety of roles – from coaches and assistant coaches, to field setup and maintenance assistants, to league managers and event coordinators.

We thank ALL of them for the dedication, guidance and support they provide our organization each and every year.

Soccer continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in the country. And TSC continues to expand, helping our youth learn, grow and compete in today's exciting world of soccer. This year is no different. Just check out some of our terrific programs for 2019:



Travel Soccer Program: We set a new club record with the formation of 18 travel teams (almost 300 boys and girls) this year. For players who want to be the best at soccer and enjoy competitive league and tournament play, TSC offers one of the best and most amazing travel soccer experiences available.

Intramural Soccer Program: We have over 500 soccer players of all ages enrolled in our IM program this year – segmented into 21 boys, 16 girls and 11 co-ed teams.

Our recreational program, which runs from July through October, focuses on improving player development and proficiency in a learning, fun atmosphere.

It offers winning soccer techniques taught by soccer professionals, as well as the opportunity to practice skills and techniques during small-sided game play.

Philadelphia Union Partnership:

We have a very active and vibrant partnership with the Philadelphia Union (our region's professional soccer team). We host two annual TSC soccer nights down at Talen Energy

Stadium – one in the spring and one in the fall – inviting TSC players and their families to a night of professional soccer fun and excitement.



NOTE: This year is even more exciting as our fall game is set for Saturday, September 14, when the Philadelphia Union (currently #1 in the Eastern league) goes up

against the Los Angeles Soccer Club (currently #1 in the Western league). It will be the clash of the titans, and TSC will be there to cheer on the Union.

TSC also offers spring soccer, fitness and agility training, ongoing coach training and support, goalkeeper training and a whole lot more.

All geared to develop and enhance individual soccer skills, promote camaraderie, and cultivate team sportsmanship.

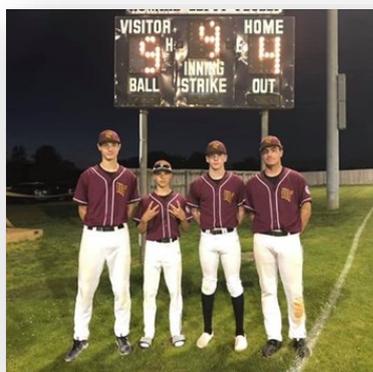
For regular updates on club events, as well as, player and team updates visit our website (www.tyasports.org) and our Facebook page (Towamencin Soccer Club).

If you have questions about our soccer program, team sponsorships or special events, please contact Jeff Hill, Soccer Director, at his direct email: hej4242@aol.com.

10 Reasons to Love Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball



1. We keep the focus on **KIDS, FAMILIES** and **FUN!**
2. Our coaches and volunteers are **qualified, respectful,** and **supportive** role models.
3. Our youngest players (ages 4–5) enjoy the **exciting, faster-paced** format of Quickball.
4. We offer **instructional and competitive Intramural divisions** for hundreds of players between the ages of 5 - 12.
5. Our travel teams (ages 7 - 12) play in a variety of **local and out-of-state tournaments** - with 12UA capping off their career at the iconic Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament.
6. We offer **very competitive summer programs** for Connie Mack (ages 13 –16), Junior Legion (14 -16), and American Legion (16 -19) with a long tradition of success and good sportsmanship - and many of our players go on to compete at the high school and college level.
7. Our American Legion program proudly represents the **veterans of Hatfield Post #933.**
8. We have a **thriving Fall program** for Quickball and Coach Pitch teams, while our Intramural players participate in the Inter-Community Fall League, and older players participate in the Connie Mack the Bux-Mont Connie Mack Fall League - which prepares them for middle school and high school Spring baseball.
9. We offer a host of fun events, including **Opening Day, All Star Day/Home Run Derby,** and the hugely popular 1-day **Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI)** tournament run by the Towamencin Umpire Association to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research.
10. You will make **great baseball memories** that will last a lifetime!



2020 Baseball Registration

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

STAY CONNECTED:

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The Morgan Log House's Fall and Winter Events

The Morgan Log House has a lot of great historic programming for everyone in the family this year! There are many ways to experience the past in your own backyard!

The Morgan Log House is a 501(c)3 non-profit museum that seeks to bring local history to life through tours, programs, and events throughout the year at the historic, restored Morgan Log House. The museum is open for tours April through December, Thursday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm, and Sundays, noon to 3 pm. For more information visit www.morganloghouse.org.



You can become a member today! Free admission to tours and special programs, 10 percent discount in gift shop, 50 percent off workshops. There are different levels for everyone: \$25 individual, \$35 family, \$50 benefactor, \$75 supporter, \$100 historian, \$250 patron, \$500 friend, \$1000 advocate.

Simply mail your check to:

Morgan Log House
P.O. Box 304
Kulpsville, PA 19443

Friday, October 25th, Mayhem at Morgan

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 6:30 p.m. Reservations and proper walking shoes are strongly recommended. Admission charged. Members are Free. Program not recommended for children younger than 8 years of age.
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Sunday, October 27th, Mini Mayhem: Trick-or-Treating by day!

Join us for a toddler and youth friendly program as the Morgan Log House opens its door free of charge! Families are welcome to bring their children by for free candy being handed out throughout the Morgan Log House. Families can also enjoy hands-on activities.
12 pm to 3 pm.

Saturday December 7, Holiday Candlelight Tours (Snow Day, Sunday, December 8)

Step back in time and listen to the stories of the families who lived at Morgan Log House over 200 years ago. Tour the house by the glow of candlelight. 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.
2 pm to 6 pm.

Enjoy our temporary exhibit **“Leeches, Purging and Magic: the Care and Healing of the Colonial Body,”** on display through the end of December. Learn all about the harrowing world of eighteenth-century medicine.

Through November, the Morgan Log House will be hosting drop-in workshops on the first and third Saturdays of the month, from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information, visit our website.

Tours are Thursday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm and Sundays noon to 3 p.m. They are free for museum members and children under 6, \$5 for adults, and \$4 for seniors, military (active and veteran), and students.



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First Summer Beerfest a Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out for our first annual Summer Beerfest on Saturday, June 8th. The Township partnered with Mainland Grille and Golf Course to host this event. Over 250 attendees participated, and were able to enjoy live music by Johnni Levi and One Foot in the Grave. Guests tasted over 30 different beers and wine, played yard games, all while enjoying the beautiful weather on the golf course. VIP ticketed guests indulged in an extra hour of tasting specialty beers, a free buffet and received a complementary souvenir glass.

Summer Beerfest was the Township's first adult-only function and the first time we partnered with Mainland Grille and Golf Course. Overall, the event went well, with positive feedback from attendees and volunteers. This event aided the Towamencin Special Events Committee in fundraising for our special event programming. We look forward to co-hosting the event again in late spring or early summer of 2020.

Participating vendors included: Free Will Brewing Company, McAlister Brewing Company, Well Crafted Brewing Company, Crooked Eye Brewing, Mad Princes Brewing, Doghead Fish, Cape May Brewing Company, PA Wine/Spirits, Fegleys Brewing Company, Cardinal Hollow Winery, Wissahickon Brewing Company, and Round Guys Brewing Company.



Towamencin Swim and Dive Team Information

The 2019 Towamencin Dolphins, coached by Sarah Stevens, had a successful season. The 218 swimmers and divers enjoyed the summer season, which consisted of four home meets, three away meets, four championship meets and several invitationals.

The team placed second overall in the Buxmont League, with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss.

The team is looking forward to the 2020 season! Keep an eye out for spring registration, which will open March 1, 2020.



Contact us:

website: towamencinswimteam.org

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Grist Mill & Green Lane Park Bathrooms Coming Soon

The 2019 budget included funds for providing permanent restroom facilities at Grist Mill and Green Lane Parks. To date, the installation of water and sewer services for both locations is finishing up. While, the installation of underground electric services was completed earlier this year.

This spring, the Township Engineer proposed building size and layout options of the restroom facility kits for consideration. The options were reviewed by the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee, the Public Works Committee, Towamencin Youth Association, (TYA - the major user of these facilities) and the Township Supervisors. The options were reviewed with several factors in mind: accommodation of anticipated crowd size during sporting events, durability, ease of maintenance and aesthetics. After reviewing the feedback and recommendations from each group, the Board of Supervisors approved the bathroom facility structures manufactured by Romtec, Inc. at their May 8th meeting.

The Grist Mill facility (530 sq ft) will be slightly larger than the Green Lane's facility (380 sq ft) to accommodate the greater number of soccer players and parents attending games and practices at the multiple fields of this location. The facilities will be durable, tan colored cement block structures with long lasting metal roofs. Both will have separate restroom facilities for women and men, with multiple stalls.



The new bathroom facilities will resemble the building above.

This summer, the Board of Supervisors approved the bid advertisement for the assembly and installation of the bathroom kits. The contract was awarded to the low-bidder Barclay Design and Construction. The restroom kits are scheduled for delivery the end of September, with the installation completed by the end of October/first week of November. As the 2020 spring sports season gets underway, Township residents will have new, clean, convenient restroom facilities to use.

Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee



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

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

**Volunteering is
a great way to
get involved
and enhance
your resume!**

Environmental Advisory Council Recap

Earth Day Event - The EAC had beautiful weather for its third annual invasive plant removal event on Saturday, April 27th at Fischer's Park. Volunteers assisted trained members of the EAC in identifying and removing garlic mustard in the park, thus protecting native species of plants and animals in their natural habitats. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us!

eWaste Recycling Day 2019 – Towamencin Township hosted its third electronics recycling day on June 22nd with the help of eForce Compliance. The event was held at the North Penn High School for Township residents. Approximately, 19,000 pounds of electronics were collected (over 9,000 pounds were TV's).

Perkiomen Plant-A-Thon - This fall, the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy will be planting trees in an area adjacent to Kriebel Road, near the intersection with Bustard Road. Originally scheduled for fall of 2018, the planting had to be postponed until this due to uncooperative weather. The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy will have an online volunteer registration available at www.perkiomenwatershed.org.



Holiday Decorating Contest

Each year, Towamencin residents take great pride in decorating their homes for the holidays. Later this year, the Township will ask residents to notify us about their favorite decorated homes in the Township.

We feature pictures of the top homes on our website and in our weekly E-news eblasts, so others can go check them out.

As the holiday season gets closer, contest details will be posted, via our E-news, which is delivered to your email. If you have not enrolled and wish to subscribe to our E-news, for this contest, as well as, other Township news and event updates, please contact Colleen Ehrle at cehrle@towamencin.org.

Montgomery County Bookmobile and Outreach

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