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Services & Projects Move Forward Despite Pandemic

The Board of Supervisors would like to take this opportunity to thank our Township staff, police and emergency responders for their outstanding efforts during these difficult times with the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and Tropical Storm Isaias. Although the pandemic required some modifications to how the Township conducts business, all services continued uninterrupted. Township residents should be proud of the committed and dedicated staff, police and emergency responders.

In spite of the pandemic, 2020 continues to be another busy and productive year. Commercial development has been active and several Township projects, that have been in the planning stages for years, have transitioned into the construction phase.

The Board recently granted final plan approval for three new businesses: Starbucks with a drive-thru, at the corner of Sumneytown Pike and Towamencin Avenue, adjacent to the Marriott; Manley Storage - an indoor-only 102,720 square feet storage facility, to be constructed on Franklin Street; and Core 5 - a warehouse facility consisting of three buildings, totaling 591,360 square feet, on Wambold Road near Allentown Road. All three developments are expected to be under construction by the



Public Works crew repaves Kriebel Road post-tropical storm



A birthday surprise provided by our officers

end of 2020. The Firestone Tire and Auto Service Center, adjacent to Freddy's Steakhouses and Frozen Custard, is under construction with completion expected later this year.

Our two major projects for 2020 are now underway. In August, a ground-breaking ceremony was held for the Forty Foot Road Widening Project. This project will eliminate the chokepoint in the vicinity of the Forty Foot/Tomlinson/Heebner Roads intersection. The \$2.6 million project, funded by PennDOT and PA DCED grants and a developer contribution, includes a traffic light on Forty Foot Road, at the intersection with Newbury Way, with a new entrance to the Towamencin Village Shopping Center.

Bids were recently awarded for the installation of a pedestrian bridge at Fischer's Park, which will connect the park to an additional 29 acres of park land on the other side of Kriebel Road. Both projects are expected to be completed in late 2020/early 2021. Final design and permitting continues for the Kriebel Road trail extension, from Trumbauer Road to Valley View Way with construction expected to begin in 2021.

We are pleased to announce the Township was recently awarded two grants. A Montco 2040 Grant, in the amount of \$190,000, will be used towards the construction of a trail

extension from an existing trail on Kriebel Road to the farm buildings in Fischer's Park. A \$425,000 grant, approved by the Commonwealth Financing Authority through the PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Program, will be used towards the investigation, repair and rehabilitation of the Skippack Creek Interceptor portion of the sanitary sewer collection system.

This year, we also welcomed three new members to the Township team: Accounts Receivable (Tax & Sewer) Specialist Tara Fitch, Police Officer Andrew Konig and Township Supervisor Daniel Bell.

While we were able to hold a number of our summer events, unfortunately, we had to cancel Towamencin Day and the Turkey Trot will be a virtual race, due to the Governor's restriction limiting outside events to 250 guests and social distancing requirements. The Holiday Lights Festival, scheduled in December at Fischer's Park, will still be held in some capacity with details to be determined.

To keep abreast of Towamencin news and events, please check our website and sign up to receive our weekly e-news at www.towamencin.org.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wilson
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors



Forty Foot Road Widening Project groundbreaking

Voter Information for General Election, November 3rd

Check Montgomery County's website for the latest updates, deadlines and to determine your polling location. Please take into account the new paper ballot voting system and allow yourself enough time to vote in case of delays. The County website also has links to voter registration status, candidates running for office, volunteer opportunities and district maps. The County's Voter Services webpage is:

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

Important dates for the General Election, November 3rd:

- October 19 - last day to register to vote
- October 27 (by 5 pm) - Mail-In and Absentee Ballots applications must be received. *Ballots will be mailed to voters who have applied & been approved to vote by mail. The ballots must be certified by the Department of State.*

- November 3 (by 8 pm) - deadline to turn in mail-in & absentee ballots
- November 3 - Polling hours 7 am - 8 pm, in-person voting

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

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

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



Welcome Daniel Bell, Our New Township Supervisor

At their Special Meeting on May 27th, the Board of Supervisors appointed Daniel Bell to fill the board vacancy resulting from the passing of Supervisor James P. Sinz. The Board was required to make an appointment within 30 days of the vacancy. Per law, Mr. Bell shall hold the office until the first Monday in January 2022 after the next municipal election, which is scheduled for 2021.

A lifelong Montgomery County resident, Mr. Bell has dedicated himself to improving the communities that he lives in for his family, friends, and the students he leads. A husband and father of three daughters, who attend Walton Farm Elementary, Daniel enjoys opportunities to participate in the various activities that Towamencin and the greater Montgomery County have to offer his family. As the Senior Director of Finance for Mastery Charter Schools, serving over 14,000 students in Philadelphia and Camden, Daniel has been responsible for the budgeting, planning, analysis, procurement, infra-

structure management, compliance, and day-to-day operations of the schools in various capacities for nearly 13 years. Daniel is eager to leverage his commitment to his family and community, along with his background and skills, to support the continued growth, health, and safety of Towamencin and the surrounding region.

Mr. Bell was appointed to the Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasure position and to both the non-union and union Township pension committees. Supervisor Marino was appointed to the Secretary position.



Towamencin Township Says Goodbye to Jim Sinz



The Township lost a great man and leader this year. Supervisor James Sinz passed away at his home on May 8th, after a year-long battle with brain cancer. A Township Supervisor since January 2004, he was re-elected twice, starting his third 6-year term in January 2016. Jim's loss will be greatly felt, especially at Board meetings and community events, as he was always ready with a joke or offering words of encouragement and appreciation of Township staff.

Jim served on several Township Committees, including: the Pension Investment Committee, Special Events Committee, Veterans Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Council, Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission, and Towamencin Youth Association Liaison Committee.

He was raised in Butler, PA, outside of Pittsburgh. He graduated from University of West Virginia before entering the Navy.

He was a career active duty U.S. Navy Officer and Naval Aviator flying the P-3 Orion, including time in the Vietnam War and serving as Commanding Officer of a Training Squadron in Corpus Christi, TX. His last active duty assignment was at the Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster, PA. It was at this time that Jim and his family settled in Towamencin Township in 1992. Following retirement from the Navy, Jim worked for several years with the Small Business Development Center at Lehigh University.

Jim sincerely cared for the Towamencin community - the residents, the businesses and staff. He was a big supporter of youth sports. He knew all the Township employees by name and would let all know how much he appreciated what they do. If you had the opportunity to spend time with Jimmy, you know how much he is missed. He was a truly inspiring leader, with a big heart.

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 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, residents are 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 col-

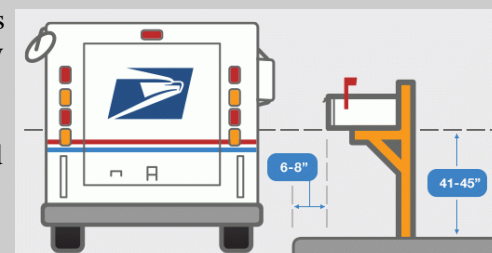
lection bags that are available at grocery and hardware stores; no plastic bags are permitted. No more than 10 bags per collection.

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

The Township has an active agreement in place with the Barnside Farm Compost Facility - 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 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 at (610) 287-8880.

Winter Storm/Snow Reminders

All property owners and/or tenants are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalks within the public right-of-way 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.

We urge residents to help prepare for the winter season 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. 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. *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.

Park vehicles off the streets during winter storms to allow for safe and efficient removal of snow from curb to curb. Also remove trash cans and sports equipment from the roadway prior. To avoid being plowed in, shovel snow to the right of your driveway (as you are facing the road).

It is unlawful to throw, shovel or plow snow into any roadways within the township from adjoining property. It is unlawful to park any vehicles on a Snow Emergency Route during a declared Snow Emergency. Please consult the Public Works section of the Township website for a list of Snow Emergency Routes.

2020-2021 Road Resurfacing, Curb & ADA Ramp Work

In June 2020, Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors approved a program to address the need to replace deteriorated curbs and driveway depressed curbs as part of the annual road improvement program.

Towamencin ordinances and the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code requires the property owner to keep the sidewalks and curbs immediately in front of their property in good condition and free of all obstructions.

The Township Road Resurfacing Program typically includes several streets annually. The program includes milling the existing surface to shape the roadway for proper slope and to increase/maintain curb reveal. For streets that were designed and built with curbing, it is critical that the curbs are in acceptable shape before the paving is scheduled. Intact curbing preserves the integrity of the roads. Proper curbing is required to:

- Protect the roadway edge from "unraveling"
- Define the roadway and parking area, keeping cars on streets or driveways
- Channel storm water to inlets and away from sidewalks and private property
- Provide protection for pedestrians.



Deteriorated curbing is identified by extensive chipping, cracking, leaning or lifted/uneven edges.

The Township Engineer will inspect the curbs associated with the Road Resurfacing Program and designate/mark the curbs that are required to be replaced. Township staff will notify property owners of the deficiency and provide a repair/replacement deadline. In the event that a homeowner does not replace the curbing on their own, the Township will replace the curbs and bill the homeowner. If the bill is not paid, a lien will be placed on the property.

Please note that while the Township will be focusing annually on curbs associated with roads scheduled as part of the Road Resurfacing

Program, curb and sidewalk maintenance may be enforced at other times. For example, all Use and Occupancy Permits require that curbs and sidewalks be in good condition prior to issuing a U&O Permit for the sale of a property.

The Township is holding off on paving roads this year, so that the concrete deficiencies are corrected prior to the paving. While paving was pushed back to next year, the Township has moved forward with the associated ADA ramp replacement work required for the scheduled road paving next year. Usually, the ADA ramps are done in conjunction with the paving. For more information on curb and sidewalk requirements, check the Township website, or contact the Codes Department at 215 368-7602.



Community & Land Development Updates



▪ Firestone Complete Auto Care is under construction, situated behind the existing Chick-fil-A at 200 Forty Foot Road. Firestone is expected to open late this year.

▪ Core5 Warehouse Project – Core5 Industrial Partners has submitted a land development application for a 591,360 square-foot warehouse facility on Wambold Road at Allentown Road. Although the address is on Allentown Road, the development is primarily along Wambold Road. The application has received a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission. The applicant made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors at their August 12th meeting, with preliminary and final plans approved on August 26th.

▪ PSDC is currently renovating the shopping center at Allentown Road and actively pursuing new restaurant and retail tenants. As part of the development, a new signal will be installed at the main entrance on Forty Foot Road at Newbury Way.

▪ Starbucks has received approval for a 2,600 square-foot restaurant with drive-thru to be located 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 the zoning code for the Village area.

▪ Storage Partners, LLC has received approval to develop a 102,720 square-foot indoor storage facility on Franklin Street, between Sumneytown Pike and I-476.



Towamencin Events and the COVID-19 Pandemic



We are proud that we were able to hold most of our public events safely during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Collaborative efforts from the Board of Supervisors, Township staff, Public Works Department and the Special Events Committee made the concerts and movies in the park possible this year.

The Township enforced CDC and local guidelines with added signage noting social distancing and mask wearing, frequent bathroom cleanings, PPE for staff/vendors, and limiting the capacity of attendees at each event.

Residents were still able to enjoy our engaging concert line up and free movies with pre-packaged snacks. We were happy to provide the opportunity for residents and their families to enjoy some normalcy during these trying times. Towamencin Township always seeks ways to be innovative and flexible as we navigate the ever-changing needs of our residents and families.



Special Events are Sponsored by:



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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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Towamencin Virtual Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run

Date: November 12 - Thanksgiving (November 26)
Time: It's up to you!
Where: Fischer's Park
Address: 2225 Bustard Road, Lansdale, PA 19446



This year, the Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run will be virtual. Please check our Facebook page and website for the latest information on the race and how to register in October.

Holiday Lights Festival and Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, December 5th *
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 11th at 7 pm

More information on this event and details for registration will be released on our Facebook page and our website at www.towamencin.org.



Towamencin Community Day (New Date!)

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2021
Time: 12 pm - 4 pm
Where: Fischer's Park
Address: 2225 Bustard Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Township is excited to announce their annual community day! **NEW** this year is axe throwing and a rock climbing wall. We are welcoming back **FREE** face painting/balloon animals, pony rides, zip line, police/fire activities, inflatables by A+ Jump, magic shows, and much more!

The event includes live music, food court, and an array of vendors and local community groups. Last year was our biggest event with over a 1000 attendees. This is a great event for the whole family and residents of all ages. Come out, support your local vendors and enjoy a beautiful day in the park! If you are interested in a vendor spot, please visit www.towamencin.org.

- 12:00 pm Opening Ceremony with National Anthem
- 12:00 pm - 1:00pm Montgomery County Concert Band
- 1:00 pm - 2:00pm Montgomery County Jazz Band
- 2:00 pm - 4:00pm TBA

Join Us as a Community Sponsor in 2021

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 22nd) - 1000+

Summer Beerfest (June TBA) - 300+

Summer Concerts (Dates and Bands TBA) 800+ each

Movies in the Park (Dates and Movies TBA) - 300+ each

Turkey Trot 5k (TBA) - 800+

Holiday Lights Festival (TBA) - 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.



The area's best choice in Senior Living is now open!

We're re-imagining what retirement means!

If you are ready for service and care that sets the bar then you need to experience our community at The Landing of Towamencin! Senior living and memory care with *a whole lotta heart*.

In other words, The Landing has a whole bunch of heartfelt help and care. And, grammar aside, you'll feel a whole lotta at home here, too. But don't take our word for it. Come see for yourself at a complimentary lunch and tour. Please call 215.596.4433 now to schedule.

And bring a friend. Or come meet a few new ones.

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Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company News

We would like to remember and honor three members that made significant community contributions in their respective lifetimes:

Claire W. "Butch" Clemens, Fire Chief (retired)

March 26, 1930 - April 18, 2020

H. Glenn Kriebel, former Chief Engineer

October 25, 1928 - May 14, 2020

Dr. Richard E. Alpert, MD Medical Advisor

June 21, 1933 - July 17, 2020

Each of these men served, along with their families, to support and advance the work of the TVFC and, in a greater sense, the health and safety of our region. We will miss their endless contributions, presence, friendship and selfless service.

Our condolences to their families, may they rest in peace.

Summer is ending and fall activities are getting underway. Our annual chicken barbecue was held on September 12th. Outside of our fund drive, this is the largest fundraiser for the fire company. We thank all who support this annual event. October will keep us busy with Fire Prevention Activities. "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" is the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week, from October 4-10.

We hope to visit schools to conduct our student programs. On Thursday, October 1st, Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company will hold its Open House at the Bustard Road Fire Station (depending on pandemic status).

Fire Prevention is truly a year-round task for all of us, not just in October during Fire Prevention Week.

A reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, practice your escape plans, so you know what to do in an emergency. If you are in need of a smoke detectors or assistance in any of these concerns, contact us. As we do every fall, we want to remind you that when you roll the clocks back in late October, replace your smoke detector batteries at the same time. The time it takes to change the battery(s) is nothing when it comes to protecting life and property.

In December, the company is anticipating the delivery of a new fire engine. In an effort to standardize equipment for ease of operation, this new engine will be nearly identical to our existing "Squad" at the Bustard Road Station. The new engine will be stationed on Snyder Road. It will carry six firefighters, pump 1500 gallons per minute, hold 750 gallons of water and respond to all incidents as a first out unit. This will replace our 2008 engine, which will be sold to a rural PA fire company.

The TVFC annual fund drive is in its final months for 2020. We thank all of those who have contributed and want to remind everyone there is still time to support our fund drive efforts with your tax-deductible contribution. While your tax dollars provide support, the fund drive is necessary to fill the gap between income and expenses.

TVFC is always looking for additional men and women to become members as either a firefighter, fire police officer,

administrative or auxiliary member. Consider the opportunities and personal growth you may experience with us.

Some of our recent new members include several young applicants who are still in high school and college. Besides their academic, athletic and activities in the arts, these firefighters are the future of our organization, maybe you are too? We have members and applicants that are in various stages of their lives; self-employed, retired, parents, educators, business professionals, labor and executives, men and women.

How about a more relaxed role in our administration? While you don't have to respond to calls, emergencies or take extended training, you do have something to offer. Can you help with finances, logistics, maintenance, internet technology? We have a place for you.

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

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

Rent the TVFC Banquet Hall for your next event.

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

Key Dates to Remember

October 1st Fire Prevention Open House

Week of October 4th-10th Fire Prevention Week

December 5th TVFC Ladies Auxiliary Pictures With Santa, from 10am-2pm

December 12th Township Santa Run at 9am (rain date 12/19)

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



Police Department Update

Thank You

2020 has been a challenging year for everybody thus far. We want to thank the community for the wonderful support we have received from our Towamencin Township residents and businesses. We are honored and proud to serve in this community.

How To Recognize a Phone Scam

Phone scams come in many forms, but they tend to make similar promises and threats, or ask you to pay certain ways. Here's how to recognize a phone scam.

There is no prize - The caller may say you were "selected" for an offer or that you've won a lottery. But if you have to pay to get the prize, it's not a prize.

You won't be arrested - Scammers might pretend to be law enforcement or a federal agency. They might say you'll be arrested, fined, or deported if you don't pay taxes or some other debt right away. The goal is to scare you into paying. But real law enforcement and federal agencies won't call and threaten you.

You don't need to decide now - Most legitimate businesses will give you time to think their offer over and get written information about it before asking you to commit. Take your time. Don't get pressured into making a decision on the spot.

There's never a good reason to send cash or pay with a gift card - Scammers will often ask you to pay in a way that makes it hard for you to get your money back - by wiring money, putting money on a gift card, prepaid card or cash reload card, or using a money transfer app. Anyone who asks you to pay



**TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



EMERGENCY DIAL 911

**Non-emergency Police Calls
215-368-7600**

1090 Troxel Road, P.O. Box 303, Kulpsville, PA

that way is a scammer. Government agencies aren't calling to confirm your sensitive information. It is never a good idea to give out sensitive information like your Social Security number to someone who calls you unexpectedly, even if they say they're with the Social Security Administration or IRS.

You should not be getting all those calls - If a company is selling something, it needs your written permission to call you with a robocall. And if you are on the National Do Not Call Registry, you should not get live sales calls from companies you have not done business with before. Those calls are illegal.

If someone is already breaking the law calling you, there's a good chance it's a scam. At the very least, it's a company you don't want to do business with.

Towamencin's L.O.C.A.T.E Program

The Towamencin Township Police Department has implemented the L.O.C.A.T.E. Program aimed to benefit endangered residents and frequent visitors to our Township.

L.O.C.A.T.E. stands for Law Officers Concerned About The Endangered and is geared towards empowering our officers with the tools to respond to the needs of our community. Originally created by Hatfield Police Department, the main concept of this program is to gather information to better serve those in our area with special needs who may require police services.

How Does it Work?

Information received from registrants will be added into the police records system. In the event of a missing or found persons report, officers will be able to quickly access the information and photographs in our records system allowing for a more effective police response to safely return the individual home.

Who Can Use L.O.C.A.T.E.?

Anyone who feels their loved ones may be unable to provide personal information in an emergency. This program is aimed to benefit endangered

residents and frequent visitors to our Township who may have decreased cognitive function including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism or traumatic brain injury.

What Does the Police Department Do With The Information?

Information received is added into our records management system and is used only in the event there is a report for a missing or found person. Information is only disseminated in the event of an emergency. Upon notice that participation in the program is no longer desired, the identifying information is removed from our records system.

I Want to Register My Loved One. What Do I Do?

Complete the registration form on the opposite side of the page to the best of your ability and choose a photograph of the person to be registered. Please make sure the photograph is clear, with only the registered person, and they are facing forward (think driver's license or passport photo).

Return both the form and the picture to the Towamencin Police Station either by mail or in person. It's that easy!

How Do I Contact You For More Information?

You can contact Chief Paul T. Dickinson or Detective Jamie Pierluisse with questions by phone or by email: chief@towamencinpd.org or jpierluisse@towamencinpd.org.

Towamencin Soccer Club - Never Stop, Always Finish



With the advent of COVID-19, 2020 will be recorded as one of the most challenging periods in the history books. Challenging for jobs and businesses. Challenging for people and social interaction. And challenging for children and sports activities.

During the last few months, the Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) has continued to work through the mandated protocols of the state, county

and local government agencies, as well as, our governing body – the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Sports Association (EPYSA) – to ensure the safest and best quality soccer program for our kids.

In early August, the EPYSA board voted unanimously to sanction all soccer activities for the rest of the year which gave TSC a green light to offer our fall intramural and travel soccer programs.

While our registration numbers were generally down because of the COVID-19 pandemic, a large number of families still wanted their son or daughter to play this year, as long as health and safety protocols were maintained.

Here are the results to date:

Intramural registration topped 300 players (almost half of what we normally receive in sign-ups). In order to keep the program competitive and fun, we changed the team format to total co-ed.

Travel registration climbed over 300 players – the highest number of players ever recorded in TSC history. To date, we have 22 travel teams in play – a new record!

We realize these are trying times for our players, for our parents, and for the community in general. We appreciate the support and patience of our TSC families as we strive to offer the best soccer program under this challenging environment.

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.



And the Game Goes On: Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball



Here at Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball, our spring and summer baseball seasons did not look or feel like they normally do - much like many other aspects of our lives that were affected by COVID-19. However, we are happy to report that we were able to pull together an abbreviated, but fun and successful, late summer season for our Connie Mack division.

Our 9U-12U Travel Teams were also in action on a vastly smaller scale playing in small tournaments or head-head games.



2020 Clash with the Titans

The season was highlighted by our Clash with the Titans Tournament hosted by our 10U Travel Team. Although limited in size for safety considerations, the 2020 Clash tournament provided a much-needed baseball outlet for 10 local teams. Over 25 games were played at Green Lane and Bustard Park fields from July 23 to 26. A lot of work went into making this a memorable event for the teams that participated.

Class of 2020 Bux-Mont Baseball Classic

Many of our former players participated with North Penn Baseball in the Class of 2020 Bux-Mont Baseball Classic - a series of games designed to give our high school seniors a chance to play with their class one last time. It was a great event that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Looking Ahead

As we currently finalize plans for what our fall season will look like, we know that our players, coaches, and families alike are all thrilled to be back on the field enjoying the game that we all know and love.

We are very much looking forward to getting your children in all divisions - from Quickball (ages 4-5) through American Legion (ages 16-19) - "back in the game" for Spring 2021. Look for details on how to register starting in December.

Best wishes for a safe and happy fall to each of you!



2021 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 is working towards making the site available during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Here are some of the things you can do to enjoy history 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

Log Jog Virtual 5k Run

Join us for a virtual 5K run in support of the Morgan Log House throughout the month of September. Simply sign up and run whenever is convenient for you! More information, and the sign up, can be found on our website.



Friday, October 16th, Honey Harvest Cocktail Hour

Join us for a relaxing evening at the Morgan Log House and enjoy some drinks and fun! More information, and tickets, are available at our website. www.morganloghouse.org

Friday, October 23rd, Mayhem at Morgan: The Treasure of the Louisa

Our annual Mayhem at Morgan is back. This year, help us find the treasure of the privateers of the Louisa! More information, and tickets, are available at our website. www.morganloghouse.org



Sunday, October 25th, Mini-Mayhem

Crafts, candy, and fun, for the little ones here on site. We're going to be offering Mini-Mayhem as a curbside Halloween pickup!

Saturday, November 7th, Veteran's Day at Morgan

Join us in this special version of our Military Might program for Veteran's Day, and commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Saturday, December 5th, Candle Light Night at Morgan

Join us for a beautiful candlelight evening and learn about the winter and holiday traditions of those who lived in the Morgan Log House.

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

You can visit the Morgan Log House for a tour Thursday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm and Sundays, noon to 3 pm. We ask that all visitors follow social distancing guidelines and masking rules. Additionally, we ask that tours be prescheduled. To preschedule a tour, visit our website.

Tax Collector Update

2020 School Tax Collection Location Notice

Welcome to this installment of *Tips for Tax-payers*. We are well into the North Penn School District property tax collecting cycle. If you did not receive a bill, you should contact me immediately as the bills were mailed out on July 1st.

No deadlines were changed. The 2 percent discount period ended on August 31st, and the face period ends on October 31st. The School Board authorized a drop in the penalty from 10 to 5 percent for payments received after October 31st and before the end of the year.

This has been a particularly difficult year for public service officials. Governor Wolf, his Administration, and the Pennsylvania General Assembly are working tirelessly to help control the spread of COVID-19. Tax Collectors are bound by the rules and regulations set forth by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The Tax Office has been relocated to: 1804 Robin Drive, Hatfield, PA 19440.

I installed a heavy steel, double-lock drop box at the curb for convenience. Tax bills can still be mailed the traditional means, but the drop box offers another layer of convenience and safety. You may call for an appointment, but it must be scheduled at least 30 minutes apart, and we must insist on wearing personal protection equipment. We have the right to refuse admission to anyone who appears to be physically ill or presents cold-like systems.

The PA-1000 Tax/Rent Rebate program is in effect for 2019 tax or rent payments. Details can be found on the back of your school tax bill.

Lastly, I want to welcome Mr. Dan Bell to the Township Board of Supervisors. Dan was appointed to fill the vacancy left by our beloved Jim "Sinzy" Sinz. Those are some big shoes to fill, so please join me in welcoming Dan to the Board.

COUNTY, TOWNSHIP TAXES & SEWER NEWS

In April, Tara Fitch joined the Township as our Tax & Sewer/A/R Specialist. Her contributions have been quite helpful in the short time she has been here.

As of January, Univest Bank (Hatfield branch) no longer accepts County, Township Taxes and sewer bill payments. For your convenience, a payment drop box was added in front of the administration building of the Municipal Complex, located at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446.

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

What happens next? YOU DECIDE.

It's not too late to register for classes at Montco this fall!

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Tips to Improve Stormwater Quality in the 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 de-icers 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.

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



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!**

Recycling Information & Reminders



Recycling is Required

Municipal and state regulations require that residents, commercial establishments and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. You should check with your hauler for a complete list of acceptable recyclable materials.

Commonly recycled materials include:

Paper - newspaper, office/copy paper, glossy paper, color paper, cardboard, junk mail, phone books, cereal/cracker boxes

Plastic - bottles and jugs No. 1-7

Glass - clear, green and brown containers

Metal - aluminum, steel, tin, and bimetal cans and containers

Are Things Really Being Recycled?

This question often comes up. People are concerned that not all of the materials they put in their recycle bin are being recycled. Their concern is that some end up in landfills. This leads some to minimize their recycling efforts. According to several major waste management firms in Montgomery County, all of the acceptable recycled materials listed above are being recycled. You should continue to recycle all of the items listed above.

Things You Should Not Put into Your Recycle Bin

Here is a list of things that cannot be recycled and should not be put into your recycle bin:

- Foam containers and cups, even if they have a recycle symbol on them,
- Cups coated with wax or plastic such as soda cups,
- Plastic bags such as grocery store bags, (You can often take these bags back to the grocery store.)
- Flexible packaging such as chip bags or juice pouches, plastic wrap, container caps, diapers, yes, some people throw soiled diapers into their recycle bins.

Avoid Contamination of Recycling Materials with Food or Liquids

Materials contaminated with food or liquid cannot be recycled. Here is what you should do:

- Check that the material is recyclable. Look for the recycle symbol on items.
- Rinse jars, bottles, and cans that have visible residue in them. A quick rinse is usually adequate.
- Throw away heavily soiled items.

Montgomery County Bookmobile and Outreach

FREE Public Library Service in Towamencin Township

Towamencin Township is one of 33 municipalities served by the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, branches, and bookmobiles. Library Cards and Online Accounts are free to residents. Bookmobiles bring the library to Towamencin Township weekly.

Books and More on the Bookmobiles

Browse our bookmobile collection. We have a little of everything that you would see at a bricks and mortar library branch. Don't see what you are looking for on the bookmobile? You can also request items from the other 35 public library locations in the Montgomery County Library District.

E-Books, E-Magazines, and E-Newspapers

Your library card also gives you access to our online resources. You can read thousands of books, magazines, and newspapers on any web-enabled device. Ask us how!

Homebound Library Outreach

Are you, or is someone you know, temporarily or permanently homebound? If you can't travel to a library or bookmobile, we offer the "Books by Mail" program. This is a free-of-charge library delivery service. We mail a courier bag to you with your requested items, a return mailing label, and pre-paid return postage.

Bookmobile Stops

Meet us at one of our Towamencin Township bookmobile stops:

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Every Thursday 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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



Contact Us:

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

We also have many other bookmobile stops in adjacent communities.

A complete schedule can be found at our website: <http://mnl.mclinc.org/>.

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Great news ... Home Values continued to rise in Towamencin Township again this year and due to the low inventory of homes currently for sale, there is a strong demand for quality homes like yours. If you are thinking of moving, 2019 may be the right time. We don't know what the future holds... but the Real Estate market is doing very well in our area. Using the best tool marketing tools available, such as custom Home Video Tours, allows your home to get the exposure it needs to sell at the highest possible price. If you are thinking of selling your home or have any questions about "staging" your home to sell in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Ted Miller
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