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Hello and welcome to the Spring 2013 Towamencin Township Newsletter!

Spring brings with it the budding of trees, grass, and flowers, and the start-up of many outdoor activities.

Some items of interest and importance:

- The Board of Supervisors passed the Towamencin Township Budget for 2013 at their 12 December meeting. The budget for 2013 contained no tax increase, a continuation of the Homestead and Farmstead Exemptions, and for the first time a General Fund reserve for unforeseen and catastrophic events.
- For home and business owners, the 2013 Tax and Sewer bills were mailed out in February. The billing was marked with **"2013 Tax and Sewer Bill"**. You should have received it in the mail. If you have not received it, please contact Township administration personnel at (215) 368-7602 as soon as possible.
- With the advent of Spring and Daylight Savings Time, motorists are reminded that most residential areas have a 25 mph speed limit unless posted otherwise. Please be alert to children playing outdoors.
- Starting the first full-week of March, the long anticipated construction and upgrades to Fischer's Park began. Please be mindful of the construction equipment and observe any parking restrictions due to the construction. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the July time-frame barring any delays due to weather.
- In 2010 Pennsylvania, the Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA), which took effect 24 January 2013, requiring that consumers and businesses not dispose of covered devices, such as computers, laptops, computer monitors, televisions and tablets with their trash. Under CDRA, the covered devices and their components must be properly recycled and may not be taken to, or accepted by, landfills or other solid waste disposal facilities for disposal.

The law also requires that manufacturers of the covered devices provide for the collection, transportation and recycling of these devices by establishing one-day events, permanent collection programs or mail-back programs for consumers. This is offered to consumers at no cost. Manufacturers must work with an electronics recycler that is properly permitted and certified to handle and process electronic waste.

The Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission will be sponsoring an electronic recycling event later this Spring. Please watch for announcements.

- The Pool will have an Open House on May 31, 2013 from 6 to 10 PM. You will be able to sign up for a pool membership or join the swim team. The snack bar will be open for the duration of the event
- Mark your calendars for Towamencin Day, Saturday, September 14th at Fischer's Park from Noon to 4 PM. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the park and festivities with your family and feel free to bring your pets!!



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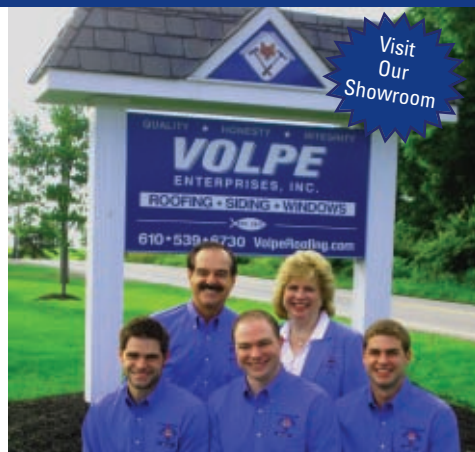


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FISCHER'S PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The construction of planned improvements at Fischer's Park got underway in early March and are planned to be completed in July.

As outlined in the updated Fischer's Park Master Plan, the improvements include an entry plaza, a new pavilion with a new and expanded restroom structure, woodland sensory garden, stream bank stabilization along the Towamencin Creek, relocation of play equipment with required safety surface, two bocce courts, game tables, access route and viewing area for the existing Arneth Entertainment Center, pathway signage, a rain garden for storm water collection and additional landscaping.

The improvements to Fischer's Park are being funded through a \$300,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and a bequeath from a longtime resident of Towamencin Township without impact to the General Park Capital Fund. The Township became the beneficiary of a Trust provided by the Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Arneth who passed away in June 2010. The funds are restricted by the Trust such that they can only be used for Fischer's Park.



The Fischer's Park Master Plan Update that was adopted in 2010 outlines approximately \$2.8 million dollars in proposed improvements for the park. The master plan can be viewed and downloaded at www.Towamencin.org.

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Events & Township News

Environmental Fair

Saturday, April 20, 2013

12pm to 4pm

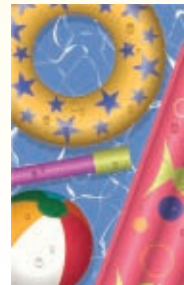
Towamencin Township Building
(1090 Troxel Road Lansdale, PA)

Towamencin Township's Environmental Advisory Council is excited to present their annual Environmental Fair!! It will take place on Saturday, April 20th at the Township Building from 12pm-4pm. There will be green crafts, businesses offering environmental services, green education, activities for kids/adults, native plants, and food. Come out and celebrate Earth Day while supporting our community and local businesses. Learn how you can be more environmentally friendly!!!



Flick and Float

Sunday, June 23, 2013



8pm Starts at Dusk

Towamencin Township Pool
(895 Weikel Road Lansdale, PA)

Madagascar 3

Come out and enjoy a movie while floating in the pool!!

This event is free to all Township Residents even without a pool membership. The snack bar will be open for the duration of the event.



Flick and Float

Sunday, July 21st, 2013

8pm Starts at Dusk

Towamencin Township Pool
(895 Weikel Road Lansdale, PA)

ParaNorman

Come out and enjoy a movie while floating in the pool!! This event is free to all Township Residents even without a pool membership. The snack bar will be open for the duration of the event.



Movie in the Park

Thursday, August 1, 2013

8pm Starts at Dusk

Fischer's Park

(2225 Bustard Road Lansdale, PA)

The Lorax

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



Towamencin Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run

Saturday, November 23, 2013

9:00am

Fischer's Park (2225 Bustard Road Lansdale, PA)

The Trot will utilize local roads and park trails to see who the top trotting turkey is. Top male and female runners will win a free turkey! All pre-registered runners will receive a free long sleeved t-shirt. Shirts for the day of the race will be based on availability.

Day of registration and bag pick up will start at 8:00am and the Award Ceremony will take place at 10:00am in

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the Arneith Amphitheater. Medals will be given to the top three runners in each age category. Pets are welcome and light snacks will be served to runners after the race.

The cost will be \$17 for pre-registered and \$25 for day of. B101 will be there to rock the finish line!!

Registration will open in August 2013.

Almost FAB! A Beatles Tribute Concert

Thursday, August 8, 2013

7:00pm

Fischer's Park (2225 Bustard Road Lansdale, PA)

Towamencin Township is thrilled to announce the Beatles Tribute Band, Almost FAB! Bring family and friends of all ages to "Twist and Shout" along to all your favorite Beatle's hits. Food will be sold. Make sure to bring blankets and chairs. It is performed in honor of the late Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck.

Holiday Lights Festival

Saturday, December 7, 2013

5pm to 9pm

Fischer's Park (2225 Bustard Road Lansdale, PA)

Towamencin Township is throwing their annual Holiday Lights Festival!! Come enjoy a beautiful winter night in Fischer's Park full of lights, live entertainment, and decorated trees from the Girl Scouts. There will be entertainment and refreshments from the Boy Scouts as



well as our popular Horse Drawn Surrey Rides. Rides are based on availability. The Towamencin Police Department is excited to promote pictures with Santa so bring your camera.

Registration will open in October 2013.

Towamencin Township Community Day

Saturday, September 14, 2013

12pm to 4pm

Fischer's Park

(2225 Bustard Road Lansdale, PA)

Towamencin Township is excited for our annual Towamencin Township Community Day!! Come out and see the newly renovated Fischer's Park! Last year we saw around 70 food vendors, information booths, and vendor booths. The event was a huge success with over 1000 attendees!!

We are bringing back live music, food court, Inflatables by A+ Jump, Police/Fire Activities, Face Painting/Balloon Animals, and much more!!

We will be showing off all the new park improvements and featuring a free petting zoo and pony rides!! This is a great opportunity to enjoy the park and festivities with your family and feel free to bring your pets!!

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THE TOWAMENCIN POLICE BENEVELONT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE

The Towamencin Police Benevolent Association (TPBA) is pleased to announce the First Annual Five-0 5k run/walk! This event will be held at 9am June 15, 2013 rain or shine, at the Towamencin Township Police Department, 1090 Troxel Rd, Lansdale.

Registration may be done in person at the Towamencin Police Department or made online beginning March 10th until June 8th at www.Active.com. Registration fee for ages 15 and older will be \$25 and \$15 for ages 14 and under.

There are currently several levels of sponsorship opportunities available. As a sponsor, your business name will be placed on a promotional t-shirt that each pre-registered runner will receive.

As in past events, the support of the residents and local business is instrumental in making TPBA events

FIVE-0 5K Run/Walk

successful. The TPBA strives to support and service the local community with proceeds from such events.

Any questions or to request sponsorship information please contact Kelly at kpalermo@towamencinpd.org or by calling the Towamencin Police Department at 215-368-7606. If you would like to make a general monetary donation, checks can be made to the TPBA P.O. Box 325, Kulpsville, PA 19443.



Towamencin Township is proud to announce our Facebook Page!! Please search Facebook under Towamencin Township and "Like" the page. You will be able to get up-to-the-minute information on Township news, events, and much more!!! This is a great way to stay connected to your Township, Police, and Fire Department.

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News from Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library

Spring is in the air and we are excited because of the wonderful events we have lined up for our great patrons!

The Library's annual fund raiser will be held on June 6th. This year's presentation is **June Jazz at Mill Grove**. Please join us! Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be purchased by calling us at 610-278-5100. We hope to see you there.

National Bookmobile Day is April 17. We look forward to celebrating with our patrons. This year we will hold a "**Preferred Patron**" raffle, details to follow! Stop by the Bookmobile to enter. The **Grand Prize Winner** will receive two tickets to the Library's Annual Fund Raising Gala. (Tickets valued at \$50.00 each)

The Bookmobile is in Towamencin Township on alternate Fridays at Freddy Hill Farms from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Check our web site for exact dates. www.mc-npl.org

This year's **Summer Reading Program** runs from Saturday, June 15 to Saturday, August 17. Make sure to participate so you don't miss a chance to win one of our lovely prizes.

The Bookmobile will be at WEST NORRITON DAY on Saturday MAY 18 and we look forward to seeing you at TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP DAY on September 14.

Happy Spring! If you have any questions about the bookmobile or any other aspect of library service, please contact us at **610-278-5100, ext 5**.



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Morgan Log House 2013 Spring & Summer Events

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April 6th

Open House at Historic Morgan Log House from 12pm to 4pm. Has your dream always been to step back in time to the 18th century? Have you always wanted to try cooking in an 18th century fireplace? Do you enjoy gardening? Then you are just who we are looking for!! Please consider joining the Morgan Log House family of Volunteers. We need volunteers like you to help us with our mission of keeping the Morgan Log House open as a public resource for local history education. Visit our Open House from 12pm to 4pm and meet with Staff and Volunteers and learn how you can help out. For more information visit www.MorganLogHouse.org or call (215)368-2480. **This program is Free.**

April 21st

Children's Bird House Workshop at Historic Morgan Log House from 1pm to 3pm. Celebrate Earth Day and join us for a Children's Bird House Workshop and make a special home for our little flying friends! For children 8yrs through 14yrs. Parents are encouraged to participate. Participants will also learn about the birds of our area, types of houses they live in, and the food they eat. Registration is required, space limited. Workshop will be held at Historic Morgan Log House and \$15 registration fee covers all materials & supplies. To register call 215-368-2480.



April through June

Bookbinding Workshops. Prior to the invention of Gutenberg's printing press in 1447, bookbinding had been primarily practiced by monks and religious clerics. But with the development of the printing press, the practice of bookbinding took off, though binding remained very much a craft, with each book constructed by hand. Ever wonder how books were put together in the Colonial era? Ever wish to make your own personal book for keeping photos or memories in? During this workshop you will be introduced to the basic techniques of bookbinding. Each registrant will make a 5.5 by 8.5 inch Journal with decorative paper cover, a Quarter-cloth notebook measuring 4 by 5.5 inches, and a Half-cloth Notebook measuring 5.5 by 8.5 inches. Registration is

required. The \$25 registration fee covers the cost of materials. Please call 215-368-2480 for more workshop dates and to register. Space is limited, register early.

May 25th

Military Might at Morgan Log House from 11am to 4pm. A day dedicated to the men and women who have fought for their country, beliefs, ideas, and futures. Reenactors covering the 18th, 19th, and 20th century campaigns will tell the story of how residents in this region, county, state, and nation played an important role in wars spanning the past 300 years. Presentations include military and medical advancements, discussions on how the home-front was affected during war, home gardens usage, exhibits of letters, diaries, journals, photographs, postcards and more. The event will highlight military encampments, clothing, equipment, drills, and artillery over the course of 300 years. Admission charged. For more information visit www.MorganLogHouse.org or call 215-368-2480.



July 22nd through July 26th

Time Travelers History Camp. Register now for an adventure back in time as we learn about life in Colonial Pennsylvania at Historic Morgan Log House! During **Time Travelers History Camp at Morgan Log House**, campers will experience hands-on activities including open hearth cooking, candle making, paper marbling, ink making, quill pen writing, dyeing, colonial games, and much more! Campers will learn about the amazing journey colonists made to the New World; what the colonists found when they arrived; how they cleared the land and built their homes. What was farm life like here at Morgan Log House? What chores did children do? What games did children play? How did colonists use plants, animals, and trees to keep them alive in this New World? Camp is open to children entering 3rd to 6th grades. **Registration is required.** Registration fee is \$135.00 per child for non-Members, and \$125.00 per child for Members. Call 215-368-2480 for more information or visit www.MorganLogHouse.org to download a registration form to mail with payment to PO Box 261, Kulpsville, Pa 19443. Space is limited, register early.

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for All Area Residents From 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

De-clutter your home of obsolete and unwanted electronics. Lower Salford, Franconia, Hatfield, and Towamencin Townships are proud to sponsor a recycling collection event on June 8, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 379 Main Street in Harleysville, PA. Fill up your car and our trained staff will unload it while you stay in the comfort of your vehicle!

This special summer e-waste recycling collection event is intended for items that are typically purchased throughout the year like toys, computers, laptops, televisions, cell phones and other electronic devices. "Anything with a Plug™" will be accepted and recycled...except large appliances and smoke detectors.



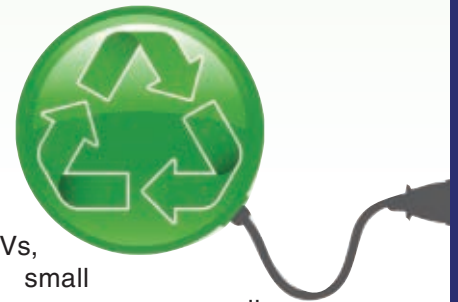
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For more information about eForce Compliance and the types of material they accept and recycle, visit their Web site at www.eforcecompliance.com or call at 215.964.6665.

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The Towamencin Police Department is proud to offer the community the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

This FREE service is open to the public. (Donations will be accepted) The proceeds will help the Towamencin Police Benevolent Association in supporting community based events! A portion of our proceeds will also be donated to the Family Worship Center youth program for the use of their facility.

Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first certified Responsible Recycler.

All hard drives will be destroyed or wiped by eForce Compliance at their certified facility located in Philadelphia. All data Media will be Destroyed or Wiped.



Accepted Items: TVs, computers, laptops, small appliances, microwaves, cameras, cell phones, air conditioners, calculators, typewriters, telephones, fax machines, monitors, keyboards.... just to name a few.

The eForce company **will not accept** smoke detectors, projector TV's, batteries or light bulbs.

Please see our website for a more detailed list, www.towamencinpd.org

* Note: Items will be accepted for disposal at the Police Department, Mon-Fri from 8:00am-4:00, until October 19, 2013, should you not be able to attend the event!

Any questions call C.J. Yoder at 215-368-7606 or cyoder@towamencinpd.org

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TOWAMENCIN POOL INFORMATION

2013 Pool Hours:

Memorial Day Weekend; May 25 - 27: 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday; June 1 - 2: 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM

June 8 - 9: 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Full Week Schedule; June 15 - September 1: Noon - 8 PM

Labor Day: Noon - 6 PM

The Pool will close at 5 pm on July 4th. Pool closes early on home swim meet dates, and on holidays. Early closure will be posted two weeks in advance.

Pool may also close early if there are less than 10 swimmers.

The opening and closing of the pool due to inclement weather is the sole decision of the Pool Manager on duty and will be consistent with Red Cross Guidelines.

What We Offer:

- 8-lane Competition Pool with 2 diving boards, zero depth entry ramp.
- bath house with family changing rooms
- 1 Baby pool with zero depth entry and mushroom Fountain
- 1 Leisure pool with zero depth entry, water slide, spray fountains, tumbling water buckets, and mushroom fountains
- Concession stand
- Swim lessons for children ages 6 months and older
- Free wifi internet access
- Youth Swim Lessons
- Adult Swim Lessons
- Aqua Swim Programs Lap swim during non-pool hours
- Private party availability before/after hours.
- Covered picnic pavilion available to rent for private parties, birthdays, reunions, and more!
- Adult and Tot Classes
- Aqua Zumba

What's **NEW** for 2013!

- Water in Motion Exercise
- Family Water Volley Ball Nights
- Swim with the Alligator!

2013 Membership

Registration Dates:

Thursday April 18th 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday April 20th 9:00 am to 11 am.

* Early Bird Discount when you register up until April 20th

Save \$10 for family memberships

Save \$5 for individual memberships

Registration takes place at the Towamencin Municipal Complex Meeting Hall.

Walk-in/Mail in registration accepted until May 24th; thereafter it will be taken at the pool.

Register online @Towamencin.org

2013 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Family Membership

All members of the registered family must be living at home. Maximum of two people per family over 21 years old. Children age 2 and under are admitted Free and should not be included in your family count. Nannies and Babysitters are required to have an individual membership.

Membership Rates

Number In Family	Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee
Single Adult 18 & up	\$145	\$240
Single Youth 17 & under	\$110	\$190
Single Senior 65 & up	\$35	\$60
2-4	\$300	\$435
5	\$310	\$445
6	\$325	\$455
7	\$335	\$465
8	\$345	\$475
9	\$360	\$485

Membership Refunds

All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing. There will be no refunds of pool memberships after July 4. A \$30 administrative fee will be charged for all refunds prior to July 4th.

Additional Fees:

All members will be charged \$6 per adult and \$4 per child for a photo ID that remains valid for 5 years (adult) and 3 years (child) when membership is renewed. Lost ID cards must be repurchased. For your convenience, photos will be taken at the pool.

Pool Badges

- Badges and Photo ID are required for pool admission.
- Badges will not be issued for children 2 and under.
- Badges may be picked up at the pool upon season opening; they will not be mailed.
- Badges are not transferable.

2013 Daily Admission Rates

Daily Fees 50% off after 5:00 PM

Seniors (Age 65 & up)	\$5
Adults (Age 18 & older)	\$10 resident; \$12 non-resident
Youth (Age 3-17)	\$6 resident; \$8 non-resident
Family:	\$30 (2 adults, 2 children)
Bonus Card:	\$30 (A \$36 value in guest passes)



Pool Pavilion Rental

The pavilion at the pool is a great place to hold a party. The pool pavilion may be rented by any Towamencin Township Resident or Pool Member. Rental fee of \$25 gives you exclusive use of half of the pavilion for 3 hrs. There is a maximum of 25 people per party. All people in your party must be pool members or pay daily admission.

Pool Facility (Private Parties)

Monday and Wednesday Nights from
8:00PM – 10:00PM
Saturday and Sundays from
10:00AM – Noon
\$250.00 plus cost charged by
YMCA for Lifeguard Coverage

SWIM LESSONS

Eligibility

Children must be 4 years of age or older to participate in swim lessons. No refunds permitted after the 2nd day of swim lessons.

Registration

Registrations begin the week of June 10th. Register for one or all four sessions during normal pool hours.

Youth Swim Lesson Schedule and Fees

Morning Group - Swim Lessons

Monday - Thursday ~ 2 week sessions

\$40 per session members

\$55 per session non members

Classes are 1/2 hour time slots from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Session One June 24 - July 4

Session Two July 8 - July 18

Session Three July 22 - Aug 1

Session Four Aug 5 - Aug 15

Classes are limited register early.

Private and Semi-Private Lessons

Lessons Monday - Saturday

\$17 per 1/2 hour - Private Lessons

\$15 per 1/2 hour - Semi-Private Lessons

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Aqua Zumba (registration required)

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00-12:00 pm

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Monday Wednesday & Friday

11:00-12:00 Catch the Wave

FREE for Pool Members

(\$5.00 per class for non-pool members)

Family Swim Programs

Family Water Volley Ball

Monday and Wednesday Nights

6:30-9:00 pm Organized games

FIT LAP Swim

Want to get in some laps before the crowd hits the pool? Sign up for a FIT LAP swim pass. This pass gives you access to the pool Monday-Friday 11:15-Noon.



Parent and Tot Class

Saturdays

11:00-11:30 11:30-12:00

6 mos-2yrs 2 yrs-3 1/2 yrs

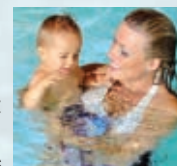
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Classes begin July 8th through September 1st

Pre-registration is required

Members: **FREE** / Non-Members: \$5 per class

Classes are offered and teacher directed. A group environment with parent interaction. Parent and child classes stress water adjustment, body awareness and sharing through songs and games.



SWIM AND DIVE TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach: Beth McConnell

Want to be a Mighty Dolphin?

You can be part of a Towamencin Championship Tradition. Join the 2013 Towamencin Mighty Dolphin swim team. Your child will learn what it is like to be a part of a team that dedicates a lot of time to practice and takes pride in their performance. Our swimmers come back year after year because of the great experience.

Swim and Dive team practice begins in late May. Season ends in early August.

Eligibility

Pool members age 6 through the summer after high school graduation are invited to register and compete. Your child must be able to complete one lap of the pool freestyle or backstroke in order to join the team. Bux-Mont league requires team members to be members of their team pool.

Swim Team 2013 Fee's and Registration

Early registration for returning members will be available on-



line and by mail March 4th. Fees, forms and instructions are available on our website www.towamencinswimteam.org. Walk-in registration takes place at the Towamencin Municipal Complex Meeting Hall during the following dates only:

- Thursday April 18th 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Saturday April 20th 9:00 am to 11 am.

The final registration date will be at the Towamencin Pool open house, Friday, May 31st, 6PM 10PM. To register, please complete the pool membership form and the swim team membership form. Pool membership is required in order to join the team.

2013 Swim Meet Schedule

June 22 - Time Trials (morning)

June 27 - home - Harleysville

July 2 - home - Nor-Gwyn

July 9 @ Fanny Chapman

July 11 - home - Hatfield

July 16 @ Lansdale

July 18 @ Pennridge

July 23 - home - Souderton

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On-site Sewer Inspections

As directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), all on-site sewer systems in the Township are required to be inspected at least once every three years. For the past decade, the Township has been successful in receiving grant funds from DEP to offset the cost of this program. In recent years, these grant funds have been continually declining. Consequently, the Township Board has found it necessary to establish a fee schedule to cover the cost to the Township of administering this program.

Property owners with on-lot sewer systems started

being charged \$35 annually in 2012 to cover the costs of inspections required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Although the inspections are required on a three-year basis, the cost has been divided in to three parts and will be charged annually to property owners with on-site systems. This fee will be included as a separate listing in the same mailing that you receive your property tax bill from the Township.

You will continue to receive notice from the Township's Sewer Inspection agent when it is time for your three-year inspection.

Stormwater Management

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) has a statewide program designed to improve our quality of water. The program requires all municipalities in populated areas to detect and eliminate Non-Point Source Pollution (NPSP). NPSP is a combination of contaminants from various sources that find their way into our streams, lakes, and rivers by way of rainfall and snowmelt. Many of the pollutants include but are not limited to soap, oil, gasoline, litter, cigarette butts and sediments. The main outlet of these contaminants is from storm drain discharge. Storm drains offer no means of filtration and are easy targets for illegal dumping. It is important that residents understand that what goes down storm drains ultimately ends up in lakes, streams, and other bodies of water. To insure healthy water for both aquatic life and human consumption we must first detect and then eliminate NPSP.



The Township is doing its part. The Township has begun monitoring and testing of storm sewer outfalls that have flow during dry periods. The Township is asking for all residents to cooperate with the inspectors, as some outfalls are located on private properties. All information from this inspection will be used to remedy any area deemed polluted.

The Township is asking residents and business owners to do their part. Please dispose of litter properly, keeping soaps, oil, gas, and all chemicals off of the pavement and out of storm drains. Also, use fertilizers sparingly and properly, as this can cause unwanted algae growth in bodies of water. And remember, dumping of

anything down a storm drain is illegal and violators may be fined.

Public Awareness Program - *Illegal Connections to the Sanitary Sewer System*

Now that the weather is going to be nicer, the Township asks that owners inspect their own plumbing in order to identify illegal hookups and to remove any illegal connections to the public sewer system, such as sump pump connections, floor drains, improper heights of sewer vent stacks and clean outs located in your yard or parking area, which may be allowing surface water to run into the sewer system illegally. Illegal connections create an artificially high cost for sewer treatment.

Property owners can help reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer by disconnecting illegal connections and inspecting their vents to ensure they are 6" above finish grade with a cover and cleanouts to ensure they are not accepting any surface water runoff. Sump pumps which are harmlessly discharging outside onto the ground are not illegal and do not need attention.

Property owners should be aware that homes with illegal connections detected through other means (i.e. dye testing, camera inspection) may ultimately be cited for being in violation of Township Codes which prohibit discharge of any storm water, surface water, ground water, water from sump pumps or floor drains, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, or cooling water. Illegal sump pump hook-ups cost all Towamencin Township citizens additional expense in sewer treatment.



Welsh Road Corridor Study

At the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission has been reviewing planning options for the “Welsh Road Corridor” that extends from Grist Mill Drive to the Main Street Apartments near Oak Boulevard. This approach allows for a controlled comprehensive planning for future development and the development of a new zoning classification that preserves the existing residential character rather than an *ad hoc* property by property build-out with uses that might not be compatible to the adjacent residential properties or roadway. Currently, the area includes mixed-sized lots ranging from less than 10,000 sqft. to larger lots of 60,000 sqft. Uses are varied with some non-conforming commercial properties, single family dwellings, and numerous vacant or abandoned lots.

The Planning Commission held several meetings over the last year and a half, discussing different zoning changes and then invited area residents to a meeting in January to provide comments and suggestions on the draft zoning district to date.

The draft ordinance proposes a new zoning district tentatively titled RBP – “Residential Business and Professional District.” The concept of this new district is to create uses compatible with nearby residential uses while also being viable along the more heavily traveled Welsh

Road. This approach is classically referred to as a transition zone. There are two sub-districts within the RBP. RBP-1 allows for less intensive, non-residential uses, primarily offices, for properties that are principally built as single family detached residences in order to permit conversion or reuse of these residential buildings for office uses, and RBP-2 allows more non-residential uses in areas where these additional uses would be appropriate.

The RBP districts are intended to:

- Allow limited office and townhouse uses as a transition between major roads and existing residential areas.
- Limit the impact of nonresidential development on residences by requiring a residential character, limiting the scale of buildings, controlling the location of parking areas and requiring buffer landscaping.
- Control access and limit the impact of development on the Township's major roads.
- Allow the conversion of existing residences to office uses, provided that the residential character of the neighborhood is not changed.

The Planning Commission will continue to refine the draft ordinance with input from area residents throughout this year.






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Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company(TVFC) is off to a busy 2013.

In January, our new officers took over. After 5 years as Chief, Dean Miller decided to move on from that position. Long time member and line officer Al Staehle was elected Chief of TVFC. Outgoing Chief Miller was recognized at the North Penn 5th District Firemans Association Award dinner in February with the Presidents award for his many years of outstanding dedication and service to the community. Dean will remain active with TVFC.

Training is an integral part of being a fireman and in keeping the fire company current with constant changes in products and technology. The company conducted special training classes to understand better how to work with and around the growing Hybrid auto market. Special challenges and precautions need to be taken when working in an emergency situation with these vehicles. This class was done in February. Each year, the company conducts a Haz Mat recertification class to assure TVFC is as current as possible with what to do in a Haz Mat situation, especially with the high volume of truck traffic coming thru the township and on the NE Extension of the Turnpike. Continued training outdoors as the weather warms will be focussed on practicing fire attack, ladder and rescue operations.

TVFC kicked off its 2013 Fund Drive in March. Fund Drive letters have been going out. First, we want to say THANK YOU to the residents and businesses of Towamencin Township for your generous support of your fire company. The succes of this fund drive each year comprises a major part of our operating budget. Your support allows us to continue to provide the best volunteer emergency service

protection we can at a cost that is far less than it would be if fire protection would need to be a fully paid service. When your 2013 fund drive letter arrives, please consider us in your donation plans and Thank you.

As we have for many decades, TVFC will sponsoring Home Run Derby again this year at Fishers Park on June 8. The members of the fire company under the direction of member Walt West are pleased to sponsor this for the youth of the township along with the support of the Towamencin Police Department. Please watch for details of Home Run Derby in coming weeks.

On July 13, TVFC will once again be hosting the North Penn 5th District Associations annual Fireman's Water Battle events at out main station on Bustard Road. This is a day of fun competition among the local fire companies competing in different events and is one we encourage you to come out and watch and support. Additionally that day, TVFC will be dedicating its Members Memorial Walk which will be completed. Again, we appreciate those that made special contributions towards that project and invite all of you to come out for the dedication and water battle events.

Finally, our organization is fortunate to have dedicated men and women serving as Firemen, Fire Police and Ladies Auxiliary. In these days of so many activities for everyone, we continually ask you to consider becoming a member of one of these 3 groups. All groups need additional support and members but our most critical need is for day time firemen and fire police. Please stop by any Thursday night at drill and talk to one of the officers about becoming a member.

Events for you to make note of and support are:

June 8

Home Run derby
at Fishers Park
sponsored by TVFC

July 13

5th District Water Battle
events and memorial
Dedication – TVFC

September 7

Chicken Barbecue
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September 27

Designer Bag Bingo Night
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These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters.

The best way to accomplish this is with reflective numbers that will be noticeable with the lighting on the emergency vehicles.

Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (101.6 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).

Where should I put my address?

If you have a curbside mailbox the address should be

placed on both sides of the post or the mailbox.

If you do not have a curbside mailbox the address should be mounted on the front of your home in a location that is visible from the street.

Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

Do not put your address on your curb where it will be blocked by parked cars or snow.

When police, fire or medical services are called to a residence or business we need to be able to see your address so we can find you in a timely manner. Posting your address in accordance with the Township Fire Code **"HELPS US TO FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY."**

Grilling Safety Tips

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

General Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must be used only outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

If you use a charcoal grill...

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away



from heat sources.

- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

If you use a propane grill...

Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles.



If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Use only equipment with the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

For more information:

http://www.nfpa.org/gallery/grill_safety/slideshow.html



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To the property owner, summer means more than barbeques and vacations. It is the time to examine the exterior of your property; looking for any damage caused by spring weather and making sure weeds are under control.



Grass and weed populations grow quickly as a result of spring rains. Towamencin Township, like most area municipalities, restricts weeds and plant growth to less than 10 inches high. Cultivated flowers and garden areas are not included in this height restriction, but all noxious weeds are prohibited. To determine which plants fall into the noxious category contact the Towamencin Township Code Department at 215-368-7602.

Take a walk around your property. Pay particular attention to sheds, fences, trellises and rose arbors that can take a beating from high winds. While walking around the exterior of your home, don't forget to look up.

Inspect siding, roofs, gutters, and down spouts for damage. Check for peeling paint. If wooden surfaces are left unprotected, water damage can result in surprisingly high repair bills. Wire brush, sand, prime or repaint surfaces as needed. Repair or replace loose and damaged aluminum that covers the fascia a flat board, band or face, often used in combination with moldings and located at the outer face of the cornice. These building components may seem like small matters; however, if left unattended, they can provide a path for the elements to begin the structural deterioration of your property.

If you are planning to install a new deck, swimming pool or shed, Towamencin Township requires permits and inspections. The Towamencin Township Code Enforcement Department will be happy to explain regulations for decks, pools and other outside property maintenance issues. We encourage residents to call us with questions at 215-368-7602

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