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## Fischer's Park Improvements Phase II



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. During 2012, the Township was awarded a \$300,000 Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The

Township combined the DCNR and other grant funds with the Township ("Arneth") funds for construction of improvements recommended in the Fischer's Park Mas-

ter Plan. The Township also received an additional \$100,000 C2P2 Grant and a \$170,000 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant awarded through the Commonwealth to complete added enhancements included in the Master Plan. Work will start this spring on a new toddler playground, improvements to the dam, and the addition of interpretive signs for the rain garden. The improvements to Fischer's Park are being funded in 2015.

## Township Receives Flag Donation Box

Towamencin Township recently received a hand--crafted flag retirement box, donated from the Patriotic Order Sons of America (P.O.S. of A.).

The "Retired Flag Drop Box" has been placed in the lobby of the Towamencin Administrative Building as a place to put flags that are no longer "a fitting emblem for display." These flags will be routinely collected and destroyed in a dignified way by Patriotic Order Sons of America. Flags may be dropped off at the Towamencin Township building Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

When a Flag is worn beyond repair, it should be retired in a dignified manner. The most accepted



Towamencin Township Supervisor Dan Littlely accepting the donation of the Flag Retirement Box from David McQuirns of the Patriotic Order Sons Of America.

manner is to cut the blue field of stars from the red and white stripes, thereby rendering it no longer a Flag. The resulting two pieces of cloth are then burned in one or two

separate fires that are used for nothing else except the retirement ceremony. The pieces of cloth should be thoroughly burned so that nothing is left that is recognizable as a Flag. The ashes should be scattered or buried.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America was organized December 10, 1847 to preserve the Public School System, the Constitution of the United States and our American way of life. It was incorporated by an Act of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, February 27, 1867.

A Historic Service rendered by the Patriotic Order Sons of America includes the saving of Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge and the surrounding grounds.

# Letter From the Board



The Board of Supervisors met on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> for their annual Reorganization Meeting. As a result the Board of Supervisors is organized as follows:

H. Charles Wilson, III – Chairman  
 Laura Smith – Vice Chairwoman  
 James P. Sinz – Secretary / Assistant Treasurer  
 Daniel M. Littley, Jr. – Treasurer / Assistant Secretary  
 David J. Mosesso – Supervisor

There were numerous appointments and reappointments to the various Boards and Committees. There still remain a number of openings of various Boards and Committees. They include the following:

- Zoning Hearing Board
- Planning Commission
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee
- Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee

If you have an interest in participating on one of these, or any of the other Committees, please send a letter of interest with your background or resume to Mr. Rob Ford, Township Manager.

To all of those who continue to serve, we thank you for your time and effort that you put in to the committee, board, or commission upon which you serve. We recognize your sacrifice.

There are numerous events planned for the Towamencin Community throughout 2015. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

## Sewer Authority — 2015 and Beyond

In early March, the Supervisors of Towamencin Township and the Commissioners of Upper Gwynedd Township were pleased to announce that agreements have been finalized that will provide for the withdrawal of Upper Gwynedd Township from the Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority (“UGTMA”) and provide for the continued operation of the treatment plant.

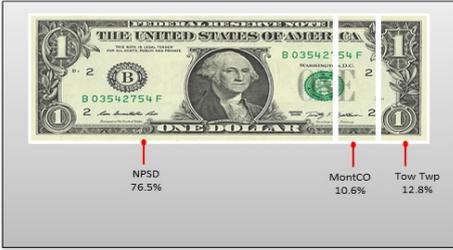
Upper Gwynedd Township will withdraw from UGTMA on April 30, 2015 and become a “bulk customer” of Towamencin Township for sanitary sewer treatment paying an annual sewer rental of \$1,125,000.00 adjusted annually for new residential connections and increases in commercial flows. Within the next few years, and already under design, Upper Gwynedd Township will be redirecting the majority of their existing sewage flow from the UGTMA service area to a sewage treatment plant owned and operated by Upper Gwynedd Township located off Township Line Road, in the southeast section of that Township.

UGTMA will transfer ownership of the UGTMA collection system in Upper Gwynedd Township and a portion of an interceptor line conveying flows to the UGTMA treatment plant to Upper Gwynedd Township. Upper Gwynedd will also receive the balance of its capital contribution accounts at UGTMA less an escrow for agreed upon improvements to the treatment plant and the Kriebel Road interceptor. By June 30, 2015, UGTMA and Towamencin will pay Upper Gwynedd Township the sum of \$4,000,000.00 representing the value of Upper Gwynedd’s interest in the treatment plant and the balance of the assets of UGTMA.

The Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority was established in 1964 to provide sewer service to developing areas of both townships.



# Tax and Sewer Information



## Township and County Tax and Sewer Bills

The 2015 Township and County Tax and Sewer/Septic bills were mailed in January to Towamencin property owners. If

you have not received your bill in the mail, please contact the Township administration personnel at (215) 368-5357 as soon as possible.

Payments may be made in person at the Township Building: 1090 Troxel Rd. Lansdale, 19446 Weekdays 8:00 – 4:30. Visit [www.towamencin.org](http://www.towamencin.org) for mail and online payment options.

## North Penn School District Real Estate Taxes

The Towamencin Tax Collector, Robert A. DiDomizio, Jr. is responsible for School District Real Estate Tax collections. School District Property Tax bills are mailed in July of each year. Questions regarding School District tax payments should be addressed to Mr. DiDomizio at P. O. Box 1415, Kulpsville, PA 19443, Phone (215) 723-7297, Fax 1-866-496-3991 or Email: [Tax@Robertdidomizio.com](mailto:Tax@Robertdidomizio.com).

Payments may be made in person at 1553 Gehman Road, Harleysville, 19438. Walk-in hours are printed on the tax bills and may be subject to change without notice. Visit [www.robertdidomizio.com](http://www.robertdidomizio.com) for mail and online payment options.

Tax bills will not be mailed to mortgage companies; it is the responsibility of the homeowner to forward tax bills to their mortgage company if their taxes are escrowed.

## Homestead Exemption Act

The Taxpayer Relief Act provides for property tax reduction through a "homestead exemption." Generally, most owner occupied homes are eligible for the property tax reduction.

In 2000, the County implemented the Homestead Exemption Program to give a tax break to certain property owners. In order to participate, the property must be the primary residence of the property owner. Commercial properties and rental properties do not qualify.

The Township annually, as a part of its budget process, determines the amount of exemption, currently it is \$45,000. Participating homeowners will receive an exemption on the Township portion of their tax bill. For 2015, it is a \$171 tax reduction. When looking at the tax bill, you will note a County assessed value and a Township assessed value. If the homeowner is participating, the difference in the two assessed values will be the Homestead Exemption for that year.

The forms are available at the Township building or online at [www.montcopa.org/boa](http://www.montcopa.org/boa). The homeowner will receive notification from the County only if the property does not qualify for participation. Once a property is participating, it will remain in the program unless its status changes (i.e. sold or rented). A new buyer must register with the County in order to participate.

***"Generally, most owner occupied homes are eligible."***

## Storm Preparation

### Are You Ready?

Over the last couple of years, the residents of Towamencin Township have experienced Hurricane Sandy, the snow storms of the 2013 – 2014 Winter, and flooding during some very heavy downpours in the local area.

It appears there will be no let-up for the very near-future. Do you have an Emergency Readiness Plan for you and your family? If you needed to evacuate your home during an emergency, have you identified to your fami-

ly members a place where you will reunite? Do you have your medications available to be taken with you? Have you considered your pets? Do you have a list of doctors and medications you take?

Should there be a problem with the water supply, do you have the recommended three days of water supply for essentials such as cooking, medicine, and normal hydration? If there is a loss of power do you have batteries for flashlights and lanterns? If you have an emergency generator, is it far enough away from the house to ensure no CO2 gets into your house?

To prepare yourself in the event one of the above incidents should happen, you can pick-up an Emergency Readiness Plan for Families at the Towamencin Township Building. For those with computer access you can find the necessary material at [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan) or <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34326>

Should you have questions about Readiness Planning for Families, you can contact the Towamencin Township Emergency Management Coordinator at (215) 368-7602.

## Towamencin Town Square Receives Planning Award

“Towamencin Town Square” (Phase I) was recognized by the Montgomery County Planning Commission as an exceptional mixed-use project, receiving a 2014 “Montgomery Award” for innovative community vision and planning, effective site planning, and positive reinvestment and economic development.

The Montgomery Awards recognize the best in planning, design, and advocacy in Montgomery County. This annual program promotes awareness of outstanding design and innovative planning in our communities by awarding successful land developments, revitalization efforts, open space enhancements, environmental sustainability, and transportation improvements. The program acknowledges the high quality of work and commitment of communities, organizations, and professionals in contributing to these exceptional projects. Since 1967, the program has awarded over 180 projects.

Towamencin Town Square Phase I marks the beginning of the transformation of Kulpsville in Towamencin Township. This development is located in the new Towamencin Village, which is strategical-

ly located at the entrance to the Lansdale Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike’s Northeast Extension. The Township had a vision for the redevelopment of the Village of Kulpsville to encourage future development, economic reinvestment, and smart growth. In 1996, the Township created the Towamencin Village Overlay District and the *Towamencin Village Land Use and Design Manual*. The goal of this master plan was to develop a coordinated and comprehensive land use and transportation system for the village. The plan allows a mix of uses including office, commercial, residential, educational, and institutional.

Successfully implementing the master plan requires the support and cooperation from both public and private sectors. Towamencin Township, along with its funding partners PennDOT and the Turnpike Commission, completed improvements including the widening of Sumneytown Pike and Forty Foot Roads, the construction of Towamencin Avenue, and a supplemental on-ramp to the turnpike.

The developer, Philadelphia Suburban

Development Corporation, envisioned it as a contemporary village featuring a blend of residential, educational, and hospitality uses. Phase I includes the Bridgeview Apartments, the Culinary Arts Institute of Montgomery County Community College, and a new Courtyard Marriott.

The site design incorporated many village design elements such as vehicular and pedestrian connections throughout the site, landscaped roundabouts to provide traffic calming



and act as focal points. Designed as a walkable community, sidewalks are provided along all street frontages and between uses, connecting to surrounding neighborhoods. The buildings, placed at the edge of the sidewalk, enhance the streetscape.

## Sewer Rehabilitation Projects

It may not be glamorously exciting, but it’s critical. The 2015 budget provides \$517,000 (38% of which is being funded through competitive grants awarded to the Township) for the continuance of the Towamencin Township Sewer Rehabilitation Program.

The Township has been awarded a \$200,000 grant through the Local Share Account program to improve wastewater infrastructure. These funds will be applied towards a sewer rehabilitation project in the Inglewood section of the Township that will include the slip lining of approximately 1,575 linear feet of defective sewer pipes.

The Towamencin Township Sewer Rehabilitation Project will include slip-lining existing clay sewers with a high density polyethylene (HDPE) liner,

replacing a portion of the 28 sanitary sewer laterals within Woodlawn Drive, Nash Avenue, and Swartley Road in order to reattach them to the main, attaching the new lateral pipes to the HDPE liner with electrofusion saddles, performing base and binder pavement restoration over the lateral trenches and liner access pits, and performing full-width mill and wearing course overlay over the rehabilitated sewers due to the large number of lateral trenches.

Also underway is the replacement of a 1,700 linear foot section of the Towamencin Creek sanitary sewer interceptor line just above the Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$560,000 funded in the 2014 budget.

All of these projects are part of a comprehensive Infiltration & Inflow (“I & I”) elimination program of the sanitary sewer system required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. “I & I” is clean storm and groundwater entering the sanitary sewer system through cracked pipes, leaking manholes, and illegally connected floor drains, down spouts and sump pumps. The Township has committed over a million dollars in recent years in investigating, repairing and sealing broken or cracked pipelines and manholes. The replacement of this section of the Towamencin Creek Interceptor is a critical component of this comprehensive effort.

# Turnpike Widening Project Update

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) has provided an update on the total reconstruction and widening project on the Northeastern Extension (I-476) which encompasses the northern half of the project corridor just south of Berks Road to north of the Lansdale Interchange (milepost A25.67-A31.34) and traverses Worcester, Upper Gwynedd, Towamencin, and Lower Salford Townships.

In March 2014, the PTC awarded a contract valued at \$197,977,777 to Allan A. Myers (AAM) of Worcester, Pa. The project is funded 100% by toll revenues without any state or federal tax dollars. Construction began in late April 2014 and will continue through the end of 2016.

As part of this project, two remaining overhead structures are currently in construction. The Bustard Road bridge, located near the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company main station, was closed for demolition and detoured in July

2014. The detour will be lifted and the new bridge opened to traffic by early July 2015.

The Lansdale Interchange ramp bridge is being constructed in stages to maintain traffic for motorists entering and exiting the system. Construction of the north-half of the ramp bridge is expected to be completed this summer.

Three auxiliary ramps are also in construction at the Lansdale interchange:

- Ramp I - allows traffic from Towamencin Ave. to enter the toll plaza avoiding Sumneytown Pike
- Ramp B-1 (E-ZPass only) – traffic will access southbound I-476 from Old Forty Foot Road
- Ramp F-1 (E-ZPass only) – traffic can exit northbound I-476 and access Sumneytown Pike.

You can view a rendering of the new ramps at the project website.

Also in construction for the duration of the widening project through the end of 2016 will be six mainline bridges that carry Turnpike traffic over: Berks Road, Schultz Road, S. Valley Forge Road, Green Lane Road, Wambold Road and Skippack Creek. Motorists should be prepared for intermittent road closures, single-lane traffic restrictions and periodic detours during construction.

Other project related work includes the installation of right-of-way fencing, temporary and permanent storm water management facilities, and the construction of sound barriers and retaining walls.

The PTC and AAM are committed to minimizing the impacts to the residents and surrounding communities. Road closures and detour information, construction updates, meeting notices and other project related information can be found on the Turnpike website at: [www.paturnpike.com/constructionprojects/mpA20toA31](http://www.paturnpike.com/constructionprojects/mpA20toA31)

**“The detour will be lifted and the new bridge opened to traffic by early July 2015”**

## Township Alerts

### DO YOU HAVE AN ALARM???

If so do you know you need to register your alarm with the Police Department? Pursuant to **Section 44-12 Registration of Installation**: every person, corporation, institution or company who has keyed an automatic protection device in the Township of Towamencin to the designated trunk line shall furnish to the Chief of Police a registration of such installation.

Please contact the Towamencin Township Police Department at 215-368-7606 during normal business hours should you have any questions regarding your alarm. Ms. Schwenk will assist you regarding false alarms and alarm registrations.

### PENNSYLVANIA PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

This state-run program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and certain people with disabilities age 18 and older. The annual income limits are \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters (half of Social Security income is excluded).

The Rebate Program is based on property taxes or rent paid the previous calendar year. You may be able to receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on your income bracket.

For more information or to request an application, call 1-888-222-9190. You can also visit them online at [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us). Click on Forms and Publications, then click on Forms for Individuals, then click on Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms, and finally click on REV-573 Brochure. Print out the application, follow the directions, and mail it in.

Your application must be postmarked by June 30, 2015. You will be required to submit proof of payment along with your application, so please be sure to send a self-addressed stamped envelope when you pay your Township, County, and School taxes by mail so that we can return your receipt stamped and dated. Or, if you pay in person, please bring both parts of your tax bill. A cancelled check also is accepted as proof of payment when accompanied by a copy of your tax bill. If you use a tax accountant or preparation service, they should be able to help you with the rebate application.

# Towamencin Community Day



**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2015  
**Time:** 12 pm to 4 pm  
**Where:** Fischer's Park  
**GPS Location:** 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Township is excited for our annual Towamencin Community Day!! Come out and enjoy our beautiful Fischer's Park! Last year we had 100 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, free petting zoo/pony rides, games and much more!!

This is a great opportunity to enjoy the park and festivities with your family and feel free to bring your pets!!

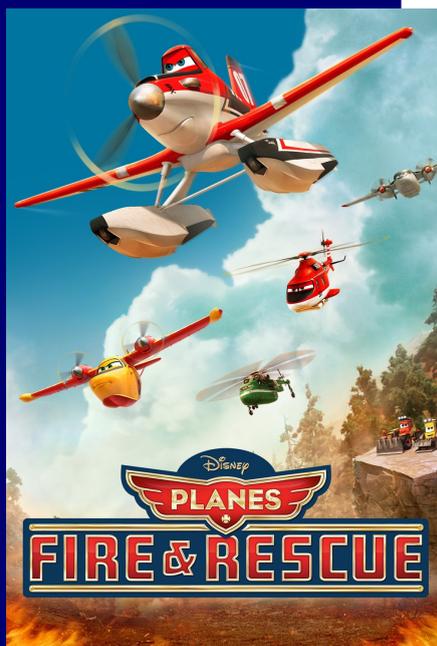
You can retrieve vendor and food vendor forms at [www.towamencin.org](http://www.towamencin.org).



## Movie in the Park:

**Date:** Thursday, August 6, 2015  
**Time:** 8 pm (Starts at Dusk)  
**Where:** Fischer's Park  
**GPS Location:** 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

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.



## Join Us For Our Fall/Winter Events:

*October 2nd: Movie in the Park (The Labyrinth)*

*November 21st: Turkey Trot 5k Walk/Run*

*December 5th: Holiday Lights Festival*

## Special Events are Sponsored By:



# Almost Fab! A Beatles Tribute Concert



**Date:** Thursday, July 16th  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Fischer's Park  
**GPS Location:** 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

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 Beatles hits. The Weenie Wagon will be featuring our food sales. Make sure to bring blankets and chairs. It is performed in honor of the late Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck. The event is free to the public.

# The Mango Men Concert



**Date:** Thursday, July 23rd  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Fischer's Park  
**GPS Location:** 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Township is beyond excited to add another concert to our summer programs!! We are bringing the very popular Mango Men to Fischer's Park!! Bring family and friends of all ages to come and enjoy great music and food by Pots and Pans Mobile Catering. Make sure to bring blankets and chairs. The event is free to the public.

**Towamencin Township Offers Discount Tickets:** Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Elmwood Park Zoo, Hershey Park, Knoebels, Longwood Gardens, Morey's Piers, PA Renaissance Faire, Philadelphia Zoo, and Six Flags Great Adventure. Please visit [www.towamencin.org](http://www.towamencin.org) for more information.

# Towamencin Community Sponsorship 2015

## ***Bronze Sponsorship:***

Picket sign that will be displayed at the two **Movies in the Park**, Two **“Flick and Floats.”**

Free attendance at these four events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials.

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays before the movies start.

## ***Silver Sponsorship:***

Picket sign that will be displayed at the two **Movies in the Park**, **Pool Open House**, Two **“Flick and Floats,”** and the **2 concerts** .

Free attendance at these 7 events, to set up a booth, advertise, and hand out promotional materials

PowerPoint **commercial** on the reel that plays before the movies start.

**Notation from the band** at the beginning of the concert.

## ***Gold Sponsorship:***

Picket sign with your company’s logo 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** on the reel that plays prior to the movies.

**Notation from the band** prior to the start of the concert.

Company logo printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5K.

**You will get a 5% discount on whatever ad size you pick for the newsletters!!**

## ***Platinum Sponsorship:***

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** on the reel that plays prior to the movies.

**Notation from the band** prior to the start of the concert.

Company logo will be printed on the T-shirts for the Turkey Trot 5k.

**\*New for 2015 this level will include you as a sponsor for the North Penn Consortium’s Winter Event!**

This exclusive membership will include your company **name/logo on our website** under each event and **in the press releases/Facebook posts** we send to all the local advertising establishments.

**You will get a 10% discount on whatever ad size you pick for the newsletters**



**I would like to be a Community Sponsor:**

- Platinum (\$2,500)
  
- Gold (\$1,000)
  
- Silver (\$500)
  
- Bronze (\$250)
  
- Ball Park Sign Bustard Road (\$335 or \$160 for returning participants)
  
- Ball Park Sign Butch Clemens Park (\$335 or \$160 for returning participants)
  
- Non-Monetary \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 1/8 Page Newsletter Ad for 2015 Fall Edition (\$220)
- 1/4 Page Newsletter Ad for 2015 Fall Edition (\$350)
- 1/2 Page Newsletter Ad for 2015 Fall Edition (\$670)
- Full Page Newsletter Ad for 2015 Fall Edition (\$1080)

Sponsor:

Contact Person:

Title:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Please Make Checks Payable to Towamencin Township. You can email, mail, or fax forms along with payment to: Towamencin Parks and Recreation, PO Box 303, Kulpsville, PA 19443. Phone: 215-368-7602 Fax: 215-368-7650 [events@towamencin.org](mailto:events@towamencin.org)

# Towamencin Pool Open House Luau



**Date:** May 29, 2015  
**Time:** 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
**Where:** Towamencin Township Pool  
**GPS Location:** 895 Weikel Road,  
 Lansdale, PA 19446

Come out to Towamencin Pool's Open House Luau!! It is **FREE TO THE PUBLIC!!** Bring family and friends of all ages to enjoy a DJ, raffles, and Towamencin's Pool Complex. 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.



# End of the Year Nautical Pool Party

**Date:** August 14, 2015  
**Time:** 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
**Where:** Towamencin Township Pool  
**GPS Location:** 895 Weikel Road,  
 Lansdale, PA 19446

Come out to Towamencin's End of the Year Pool Party!! Bring family and friends of all ages to enjoy a DJ and Towamencin's Pool Complex. This event is for pool members and paying guests. The snack bar will be open for the duration of the event.

## Flick and Float:

**Date:** Sunday, June 28, 2015  
**Time:** 8 pm (Starts at Dusk)  
**Where:** Towamencin Pool  
**GPS Location:** 895 Weikel Rd.

# Family Fun Pool Days

## Superheroes:

**Sunday, June 7th 2-5pm**

Join us for the Family Fun Pool Days!!! Enjoy a full service snack menu, DJ, water slides, and more!! These events are free to members. Non-members and Non-Residents would pay the regular day admission. These events are sponsored by Cool Eats Snack Bar.

## Circus Water Fun:

**Sunday, July 19th 2-5pm**

# Hollywood Teen Night

**Wednesday,  
 July 22nd  
 6-9pm**

Join us for the Hollywood Teen Night!!! Enjoy a full service snack menu, live music, water slides, and more!! This event is free to members. Non-members and Non-Residents would pay the regular day or evening admission. The event is for ages 12-18 years old. This event is sponsored by Cool Eats Snack Bar.

Come out and enjoy a movie while floating in the pool!! This event is for pool members and paying guests. The snack bar will be open for the duration of the event.



# Towamencin Swim Team



manship, and team enthusiasm. Towamencin Swim Team is open to all school-age boys and girls (including 2015 graduates).

Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool (25 yards). Bux-Mont league requires team members to be members of their team pool ("Full-season" pool membership is required in order to join the team.).

Swim and Dive practice begins the end of May and continues through early August (full calendar posted on towamencinswimteam.org).

TST 2015 early registration for returning members will be available on-line and by mail April 1st. Fees, forms and instructions are available on our website [www.towamencinswimteam.org](http://www.towamencinswimteam.org).

## Want to be a Mighty Dolphin and beat the summer heat?

Join the 2015 Towamencin Mighty Dolphin Swim Team (TST). 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 objective is to provide children with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of competitive swimming, to develop and improve their physical skills, develop a positive attitude and self-image through seasonal improvement, encourage responsibility, good sports-

Walk-in registration (required for new members) takes place at the Towamencin Municipal Complex Meeting Hall during the following dates only:

- Thursday April 30th, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Saturday May 2nd, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

The final registration date will be at the Towamencin Pool open house, Friday, May 29th 5:30-7:30 pm. To register, please complete the pool membership form and the swim team membership form.

## Flick and Float:

**Date: Sunday, July 26th, 2015**

**Time: 8 pm (Starts at Dusk)**

**Where: Towamencin Pool**

**GPS Location: 895 Weikel Rd.  
Lansdale, PA 19446**

## 2015 Home Swim Meet Schedule:

**Saturday, June 20th 6AM - noon TST Time trials**

**Tuesday, June 30th Home meet vs. Hatfield**

**Tuesday, July 14th Home meet vs. Souderton**

**Thursday, July 16th Home meet vs. Harleysville**

**Tuesday, July 21st Home meet vs. Nor-Gwyn**

**Saturday, August 1st A Champs 6am-Noon**

Come out and enjoy a movie while floating in the pool!! This event is for pool members and paying guests. The snack bar will be open for the duration of the event.



# YMCA Classes at Towamencin Pool

## 2015 Swim Lessons Information for Towamencin Pool

Session I – June 22 – July 2

Session II – July 6 – July 16

Session III – July 20 – July 30

Session IV – August 3 – August 10

Class times are ½-hour session time slots Monday – Thursday.

Signups begin June 8 and continue through the summer at the Towamencin pool office during normal business hours. Members pay \$40 per session and non-members pay \$50 per session.

**Water Fitness Classes:** Water in Motion classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 am – 11:45 am and Aqua Zumba classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am – 11:45 am. Classes are free for full members and \$3 per class for non-members.

**Parent / Tot Classes:** Classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am – 10:30 am for children 6 months to 2 years of age and 10:30 am – 11:00 am for 2 to 3-1/2 year-olds. Classes are \$5 per class for full members and \$8 per class for non-members. Classes may be attended as desired with no commitment. Fees are collected on a pay-as-you-go basis.

**Water Safety Event:** This free event will be held on July 11 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Local EMS, Search and Rescue, and Scuba teams will be on hand to talk about Water and Boating Safety.

Poolside CPR training will be provided by local EMS for everyone to learn the basics of CPR. Admission to the pool will be half-price on this day for non-members.

# The 2015 Pool Season is Just Around the Corner!

Mark your calendars - opening day is May 23, 2015! For those that find it difficult to get to the Township Building during normal business hours, we will again be having registration at the Township Meeting Hall on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 8PM and Saturday May 2nd from 9AM to 11AM.

We are offering the “Family Lay Away Plan” with three monthly payments starting March through May 15, 2015. *(there is a \$5.00 convenience fee per installment).*

**Registrations are accepted at the Township Building during normal business hours (MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM). Starting with Opening Day on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, registrations will also be accepted at the Pool.**

**Registration Dates:**

**Thursday April 30th - 5PM to 8PM**

**Saturday, May 2nd - 9AM to 11AM**

**Registration takes place at the Towamencin Municipal Complex Meeting Hall.**

**Early Bird Discount when you register up until May 2nd:**

**Save \$10 for family memberships and \$5 for individual memberships**

2015 Pool Hours	
May 23 - May 25	12:30 PM - 6:30 PM
May 30 - May 31	12:30 PM - 6:30 PM
June 6 - 7	12:30 PM - 6:30 PM
June 13 - September 6	12:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Labor Day	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## Towamencin’s Snack Bar



The McCoy Family and staff of The Cool Eats Snack Bar are excited to be returning to Towamencin Pool for Summer 2015. We will again be offering our huge menu at great prices, as always plenty of treats, and friendly faces to greet our customers. We again will accept Visa and MasterCard for your convenience. This year we are pleased to host two Family Fun Days, complete with D.J, inflatable water slide and lots of giveaways. Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, June 7th and Sunday, July 19th, the party will start at 2:00pm and go until 5:00pm. We are also sponsoring a Teen Night this year on Wednesday, July 22nd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. This is specifically for teenagers only, we will have a challenging inflatable obstacle course and have live local bands playing poolside. Bands are welcome to email [sheilamccoy5@gmail.com](mailto:sheilamccoy5@gmail.com) to become part of this event and showcase your talent.

Looking forward to seeing everyone for another great Summer.

Go Dolphins!!!

This year we are prohibiting outside vendors to deliver to the pool. We have a full service snack bar. Food from home is permitted.

# Towamencin Pool Membership

**Early Bird Discount when you register by May 2nd.**

**Save \$10 for family memberships and \$5 for individual memberships.**

## 2015 Membership Rates

### Family Membership

Children age 2 and under do not require a membership. Family membership includes two adults and children under 18. A nanny may be included with family membership (*must accompany a family member*). Nanny Membership will not be valid on nights and weekends.

	<b>Full Season</b>	<b>Evenings &amp; Weekends Only</b>
Family Membership Resident (2 Adults and Children under 18)	\$350	\$280
Family Membership Non-Resident (2 Adults and Children under 18)	\$450	\$360
Individual Membership Resident	\$145	\$115
Non-Resident	\$245	\$195
Senior Citizen Membership Resident	\$50	
Non-Resident	\$65	

<b>2015 Daily Rates</b>	
Seniors (Age 65 & up)	\$5
Individuals	\$10 Residents, \$12 Non Residents
Family:	\$30 (2 Adults, 2 Children)
Bonus Card:	\$30 (Receive \$36 Value in Guest Passes)
Daily fees 50% off after 5:00 PM	

**There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for FOBS.**

**Group Rates: 10 or more \$5.00 per person admission (counselors not swimming are free).**

**Family Membership Lay Away Plan - 3 Monthly Payments (March through May) plus \$5.00 convenience fee per installment. (Final payment due May 15, 2015).**

**All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing. There will be no refunds of pool membership fees after July 4th. A \$30.00 administrative fee will be charged for all refunds prior to July 4th.**

Towamencin 2015 POOL MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Opening Day is May 23, 2015 – Registrations accepted at the Township Building, after

May 22<sup>nd</sup> registration will also be accepted at the Pool and online at [www.towamencin.org](http://www.towamencin.org).

Early Bird Discount until May 2nd: Save \$10 on Family Memberships and \$5 on Individual Membership.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

When you register for the pool we can take your picture (for those renewing from last year, we have your photo on file and it will be activated when you renew for the new year) or you have the option of providing us with a photo of each family member via email. We have set up an email account specifically for this purpose, [pool@towamencin.org](mailto:pool@towamencin.org).

Pool Rates:

<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Full Season Family Membership (2 Adults & Children under 18).....	\$350.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Evenings & Weekends Only Family Membership (2 Adults & Children under 18).....	\$280.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Individual Full Season Membership .....	\$145.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Individual Evenings & Weekends Only Membership.....	\$115.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Senior Citizen Membership (65 & Older) .....	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Full Season Family Membership (2 Adults & Children under 18) .....	\$450.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Evenings & Weekends Only Family Membership (2 Adults & Children under 18) .....	\$360.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Individual Full Season Membership .....	\$245.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Evenings & Weekends Only Membership .....	\$195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Senior Citizen Membership (65 & Older) .....	\$65.00

Children Age 2 and under as of pool opening do not require a membership

Family membership includes two adults and children under 18 as of pool opening.

A Nanny (must be 16 years old) may be included with family membership. Must accompany a family member. Nanny Membership will not be valid on nights and weekends.

There is a \$5 replacement fee for lost membership fobs.

List Each Family Member's Name, Renewal, Age and DOB Renewal(√) Age DOB SWIM TEAM (√)

1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
Nanny:				

Method of Payment:

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Master Card/Discover /Visa

Family Lay Away Plan (3 Monthly Payments (March through May) plus \$5.00 convenience fee per installment. (Final Payment Due May 15, 2015)

In consideration for being permitted access to the pool, the undersigned agrees on behalf of themselves, their family members, guests and any minors under their supervision to assume all risks and responsibilities associated with the use of the pool and pool activities. I/we release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the Township, its representatives and any other support staff from any injuries or property damage resulting from my/our participation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adult Date

# Unit Citations and Life Saving Actions



Tanja Ewing (center) congratulates Officer Amber Culton and Officer Steven Miller after both were awarded Unit Citations at the Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors November 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Officer Gregory Wert, who was unable to attend the awards ceremony, was also recognized.

On May 9, 2014 Mrs. Ewing suffered a severe medical emergency and the three officers responded and provided lifesaving measures credited with saving Mrs. Ewing's life.

## Towamencin Welcoming New officers



Meghan Donlen and Andrew Danks were welcomed to the force at the Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by Supervisor Dan Littley and Chief Tim Dickinson.

Officer Donlen had served as a part-time police officer with the Franconia Township Police Department since January 2014. She is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Criminal Justice and a graduate of the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy.

Emergency Dial : 911

Chief of Police:

Chief Paul T. (Tim) Dickinson

Non-Emergency: 215-368-7600

Administration: 215-368-7606

[www.towamencinpd.org](http://www.towamencinpd.org)

Officer James Bonner was welcomed to the force at the Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Officer Bonner (right) is pictured with his father, a former Philadelphia Police Officer, after the meeting.

Officer Bonner served as a police officer with the Drexel University Police Department for three years. He is a graduate of Arcadia University with a degree in Criminal Justice and a graduate of the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy.

Officer Danks is a 13 year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department, most recently serving in the Northeast Detective Division. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's University with a Master's Degree in Public Safety Management and a graduate of the Philadelphia Police Academy.



**Congratulations and welcome aboard to Officer Danks, Officer Donlen, and Officer Bonner!**

# District Attorney's Commendation



Detective John "Jack" Wittenberger (second from right) received a District Attorney's Commendation on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at a ceremony at the Montgomery County Courthouse. District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman presented the award, along with Sheriff Russell Bono, for Detective Wittenberger's dedication and hard work relating to a serious child sexual assault case. Detective Wittenberger's efforts lead to the conviction and incarceration of the perpetrator.

Unfortunate for us here at Towamencin PD, Jack's incredible work ethic, dedication, and proficiency as an investigator was clearly recognized by DA Ferman, and on September 12, 2014 Jack left Towamencin PD to join the Homicide Unit of the Montgomery County Detective Bureau. He will be missed by all of us at TTPD and will always be part of our police department family.

*Congratulations to Detective Wittenberger on his award and his appointment as a Montgomery County Detective!*

## Towamencin Police Benevolent Association



The 3rd Annual Five-0 5k run/walk will be held on June 13, 2015 at 9am rain or shine. The start/finish line and packet pick up will be at the Towamencin Township Police Department, 1090 Troxel Rd, Lansdale. Check the [www.towamencinpd.org](http://www.towamencinpd.org) website for registration information.

# Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company

The Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) would like to "THANK" the residents and businesses of Towamencin Township for their loyal support of this organization's activities in 2014. Despite the



challenges which the Bustard Rd. bridge replacement project has placed on all of us, especially the fire company with the main station being right at the bridge, you continued to navigate your way to TVFC and support our various activities. It is greatly appreciated and hoped that you will continue that support here in 2015 as the bridge project continues.

The elected officers, administration and Board

for 2015 met to review 2014 and outline plans for the coming year.

Training is essential throughout 2015 to remain crisp and familiar with the many tools and equipment utilized in today's fire/rescue operations. As the weather improves each month, TVFC will be active in training exercises each Thursday night for drill. Additionally, you will see the fire company periodically on weekends or on another weekday evening on training activities or working with other fire companies in the area in support of mutual aid operations and activi-

ties. This year, TVFC will be conducting a refresher for its apparatus drivers and all company members, EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course). Community safety is of the utmost importance to TVFC. The EVOC course is designed to better prepare emergency responders in emergency vehicle operation response and apparatus incident avoidance. While this requires additional man time hours for the volunteers, it is believed the benefit to the community and to the fire company is worth it.

Many of you are aware of and may have seen the TVFC fire truck we had wrapped in pink in support of Cancer Awareness. This truck has been asked to attend many varied events throughout the North Penn community in support of Cancer Awareness and has provided an opportunity for those interested to sign the truck to show their support in honor or memory of someone. This effort requires significant additional time by TVFC members to take on this project but it is a cause important to many of the members of the fire company as well as to many of you in the community. TVFC has been recognized for its help and support of cancer awareness. In February, the North Penn 5t Fire Association recognized TVFC member and Cancer Awareness leader Rich Baruffi with the Outstanding Public Service Award for 2014 in recognition of his Community Service for fighting Cancer with TVFC. The company will once again take the pink wrapping off the truck as is needed to do in order to protect the apparatus paint and body long term but the company wants to acknowledge those supporting its ef-

forts for Cancer Awareness with this truck in 2014.

The 2014 Annual Fund Drive was successful thanks to the residents and businesses as of Towamencin. The fund drive along with other fund raising activities and fire tax is what allows the fire company to operate each year. The leaders of TVFC take pride in fiscal responsibility to work to manage the income received to meet the current and planned expenses within each budget year. Since TVFC remains 100% volunteer, the fire company budget supports: building maintenance/repair, apparatus repair and purchase, fire/rescue equipment purchase and maintenance, non-firefighting equipment purchase and maintenance, personal gear purchase and repair and training. March will begin the kickoff of the 2015 fund drive. Your continued support of the fund drive is appreciated as well as for the other fund raising activities of TVFC. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the volunteer fire department. In addition to the above fund raising actions, you should know that TVFC has established a committee focused on searching for available "Grant" money, whether it be state or fed-

eral, to help off-set some expenses from having to be provided for through the budget. This committee is applying for applicable grants for specific items identified by the company leadership, such as SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) units that have reached their life expectancy. While grants are not guaranteed to be approved, this effort by the fire company is being done by the volunteers to try and help keep the budget achievable for the community yet allow the company to move forward with needed high cost purchases. The company will report in the next newsletter on progress or award of any grant money.



# Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company

TVFC will sponsor Home Run Derby again this year at Fishers Park, the second Saturday in June, June 13. Members of the fire company under the direction of member Walt West are pleased to sponsor this activity for the youth of the Township along with the support of the Towamencin Police Department. Please watch for details of Home Run Derby and support this local event.

As a 100% volunteer organization that responded to over 480 alarms last year plus drill nights, fund raising and training, the men and women serving as Firefighters, Fire Police and Ladies Auxiliary are essential to the community and success of TVFC operation. Everyone is stretched in many ways these days, including TVFC members. The fire company is looking for new members to become firefighters, fire police or ladies auxiliary to help share the load. This community service does require commitment but it also provides a personal satisfaction and extended

family to those that belong that can benefit you and your family in many ways. TVFC is asking you to come out and talk about becoming a member of this proud organization. Day time, night time, men or women are all needed to serve. If you know a member, talk to them and come out to talk with the leaders of TVFC. If you don't know a member, call the firehouse general number and leave a message for the chief OR stop by any Thursday evening. The men and women of TVFC will be happy to talk to you about membership.

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## TVFC Events

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>May 9</b>        | <b>Mother's Day Flower Sale</b> | <b>Bustard Rd. and Snyder Rd. Station</b><br>(See Signs for Time)                             |
| <b>June 13</b>      | <b>Home Run Derby</b>           | <b>Fishers Park, Bustard Rd.</b><br>(See Signs for Time)                                      |
| <b>September 12</b> | <b>Chicken BBQ</b>              | <b>Bustard Rd. 3:00-7:00pm (or sold out)</b><br>(Take-out only/drive thru pick up or walk up) |
| <b>September 28</b> | <b>Bingo</b>                    | <b>Bustard Rd. Doors Open at 6pm Games Start at 7pm</b>                                       |

# Towamencin Baseball



AA Champs

The Towamencin Baseball program operates under the umbrella of Towamencin Youth Association (TYA). We sponsor baseball programs for young men from ages 5-39 in the Spring, Summer & Fall. 2014 was particularly successful for our program and was highlighted by State Championships for our 12U Cal Ripken Team and our Connie Mack A Team. To get in the game and find out more about Towamencin Baseball – visit the TYA website @ [www.tyasports.org/baseball](http://www.tyasports.org/baseball). You can also look for us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/pages/Towamencin-Baseball/274463189345096?ref=stream](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Towamencin-Baseball/274463189345096?ref=stream)

## Fall Season

In the Fall of 2014, Towamencin Baseball had over 170 players participating in various Fall baseball leagues.

Our Fall seasons are used a bit like spring training in the Major Leagues and we use this time to introduce new skills, teach new positions and refine the skills of our players under game conditions. We had 10 Intramural teams of boys from ages 6 to 11 playing an Inter-Community League schedule, 2 Travel teams playing in Fall tournaments in the area and our Connie Mack teams (ages 12 to 16), participating in the Bux-Mont Division Fall League.

## Inter-Community Fall League

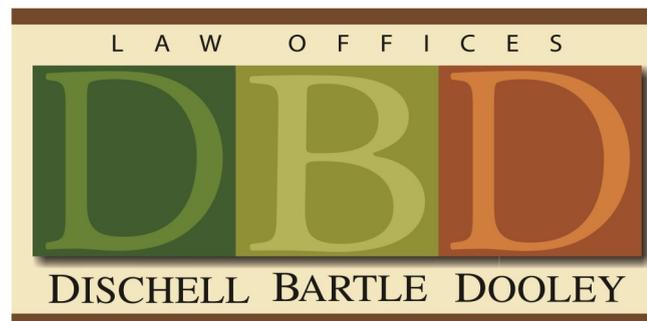
Towamencin participates along with Whitpain Recreation Association (WRA), and Montgomery Township Baseball in the Inter-Community Fall League. In addition to playing baseball on some beautiful fall days, one of the nice things about the Inter-Community Fall League is that it affords the opportunity for some of our players that do not participate in our Travel Program, to travel to fields in other Townships and to play against teams from other organizations. The Inter-Community Fall League sponsors play in 3 divisions with regular season games taking place on the weekends during September and October. The A League is for boys 6-8 yrs old. The AA League has boys 8-10 yrs old and the AAA League is for boys 10-11 yrs old. The A League is instructional in nature with an emphasis on teaching the boys to pitch off of the mound. The AA & AAA Leagues balance instruction with competition. In 2014 we fielded 2 teams in the A League, 4 teams in the AA League and 4 teams in the AAA League. There are no playoffs for the A League as the focus of that league is instruction. There are end of season tournaments at the end of October for the AA and AAA Leagues. For the fall of 2014, Towamencin teams won the Championship in both the AA and AAA Leagues. Our AA “Maroon” Team coached by Matt Brandis & Kurt Buchholz defeated Whitpain #1 by a score of 9-6 to claim the AA League Championship. Our AAA “Black” Team coached by Brian Heck won its’ Championship game over Montgomery #1 by a score of 10-3. Congratulations to AA Maroon and AAA Black on a great season.



AAA Champs



If you would like to be added to the TSC mailing list, just send a note to Bill Sinn, Director of Communications with TSC, at [bill sinn@verizon.net](mailto:bill sinn@verizon.net).



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### Travel Season – Fall

From the players that registered for our Fall program, evaluations were held in late August and 2 age-specific Travel Teams were selected for the 11U & 10U age groups.

Our 11U Team was coached by Marty Wetzel and they participated in the Suburban Fall Travel League playing games every weekend against other travel teams from the area. Their season culminated with an end of year tournament hosted by the Lower Perkiomen Little League where our guys finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place after losing to the host team in the finals.

Our 10U team coached by Joe Picozzi participated in 3 tournaments, (Grand Slam America, SpringFord and Marlton). Playing great baseball throughout, the 10U team compiled an impressive 11-1 record and took 1<sup>st</sup> place in all 3 of the Tournaments in which they participated. Congratulations to the 10U Fall Travel Team on an impressive season.

### Connie Mack – Fall

Our Fall Connie Mack program (boys age 12 to 15) competes in the Bux-Mont Fall League of Pennsylvania Connie Mack Baseball. For the Fall of 2014, we had 46 players registered competing on 4 teams, (1 A Team, 2 B Teams & 1 C Team).

Our Fall C Team is composed of 12 year-olds who are making the transition to the full-sized Major League field. This transition can be quite daunting and the goal for our Fall C teams is to give the boys experience on the larger field. Our Fall C team was coached by Phil Gianficaro and they compiled a 2-7 record for the season. They were competitive in every game and we accomplished our objectives for the season.

We fielded 2 B teams this fall and they were coached by Joe Drelick and Mike Jayes. These 2 teams were comprised of 13 yr old players and for the first time, they found themselves in competition with teams that had much older players than they. Both teams fared well with Drelick's team posting a 7-4-1 record while the squad coached by Mike Jayes posted a 6-6 record. Again, we accomplished our goal of fielding competitive teams where the boys could enjoy playing while increasing their baseball skills.

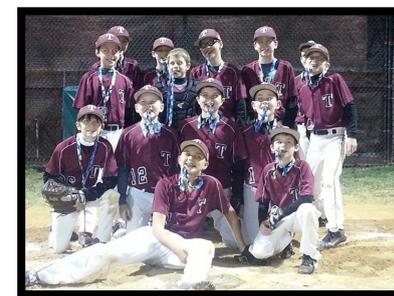
Our A Team was coached by Rich Marino and completed a strong season finishing 6-3. Their 3 losses were by a combined total of 4 runs. The goal of the Fall A team is to prepare our older players for higher level competition the following year. If our fall season is any indication, we are looking for good things in 2015.

You can follow the Towamencin Connie Mack program on Twitter [@TowamencinCMB](https://twitter.com/TowamencinCMB)

### TYA Day at the Phillies

For the past several years, the Phillies have hosted our Baseball program at a game at Citizens Bank Park. Before the game, the players are afforded the opportunity to parade on the field in their uniforms. In addition, one of our players throws a ceremonial first pitch and several usually accompany the Phanatic on the Phillies dugout during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Depending on the time of the game, many of our families head down early to tailgate and make a day of it.

This year, TYA Day at the Phillies is Saturday, May 9 vs the New York Mets. Game time is 7:05pm. **If you are interested in tickets, please contact Mike Hoy at [hoy.michael49@gmail.com](mailto:hoy.michael49@gmail.com)**



**11U Travel Team**



**All Star Day**

### 2015 Registration

Registration for our Spring / Summer 2015 season was held in January with 3 Walk-in Registration periods at Walton Farm ES. To date we have over 400 players registered for our Intramural and Connie Mack programs. We look forward to another year of fun, skill development and competition on the diamond.

If you have not registered as of yet – it may not be too late. Send us an e-mail and we may be able to find a spot for your son - especially if he is 8 years old or younger. Contact us by e-mail at [tyabaseball@hotmail.com](mailto:tyabaseball@hotmail.com) or through the TYA website @ [www.tyasports.org/baseball](http://www.tyasports.org/baseball).

Our Opening Day festivities are set for Saturday, April 11 at Bustard Park highlighted by the Parade of Players. Another big event for our program is All-Star Day which is on Saturday, May 16. The best players for each of our Leagues get an opportunity to square off against each other throughout the day. In addition to baseball, there is music, food and games that make it a fun experience for the whole family.

# Morgan Log House Spring Events



**April 11th --- Dusty Attic & Creepy Cellar Open House.** Join us as we REOPEN for the 2015 Season with our Open House focusing on the restoration of the Morgan Log House. Visitors will be allowed to walk up into our attic and climb down to the basement- areas regularly off-limits. Walk through the Log House and see what the rooms looked like prior to the house being saved from demolition. Do you want to know how a log house was built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century? 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 11am to 3pm and meet with Staff and Volunteers and learn how you can help out. Program is FREE and runs **11am to 3pm.**

**April 26th --- 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 23rd--- Military Might at Morgan Log House from 10am to 3pm.** 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 over 700 artifacts including letters, diaries, journals, photographs, postcards and more. The event will

highlight military encampments, clothing, equipment, drills, and artillery over the course of 300 years. Program is FREE. For more information visit [www.MorganLogHouse.org](http://www.MorganLogHouse.org) or call 215-368-2480.



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# Morgan Log House Summer Events

**June 20th--- Dice, Dominos & Dealing: Games of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.** It's summer time, and we're celebrating in the old-fashioned style. Join 18<sup>th</sup> century re-enactors as we celebrate this festive time of the year! The inside and outside of the Morgan Log House will be transformed into hosting over a dozen period style games of chance, choice, wit, and skill. Family friendly and FREE of charge all day. Program runs 10am to 3pm. Once you have mastered a game, why not buy one of your own in our Museum Shop. Visit [www.MorganLogHouse.org](http://www.MorganLogHouse.org) or call (215) 368-2480 for more information.

**August 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> --- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.MorganLogHouse.org) to download a registration form to mail with payment to PO Box 261, Kulpsville, Pa 19443. Space is limited, register early.*

**September 18th--- Tavern on the Green Fundraiser.** A fun filled, one-of-a-kind evening fundraiser at Historic Morgan Log House. Period music, colonial beer

brewing, distilling, cooking, after-hours museum tours, appetizers & drinks combine in this "happy hour" style event being held the grounds of a 300+ year old property! Tickets are \$40 p/p, \$70 p/c, \$30 for Designated Driver and included up to 8 period dishes and an assortment of beer, wine, & mead tastings. Advanced ticket purchase required. Space is extremely limited. Rain or Shine. To purchase tickets contact Sarah DiSantis at 215-368-2480. This program will benefit the Historic Morgan Log House operational costs as this museum's mission.





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## Welsh Valley Preservation Society Membership Form

### Morgan Log House

Your membership fee is tax exempt to the fullest extent of the law and enables us to continue to provide excellent programming, workshops, lectures, and tours for visitors and school children year round. Without your support we would not be able to operate and educate the public on the history of Towamencin Township, Montgomery County, and the role they played in the creation of Pennsylvania. In these times of financial restrictions, take advantage of joining as a Member! You receive Free admission for all special event programming and tours. After one visit, a Family Membership already pays for itself!

#### **With your annual membership, you receive:**

- Free admission to tours and special programs offered that year
- Free access to our genealogy files, and wireless internet research area
- Discounted registration on Time Travelers History Camp
- 10% Discount in our gift shop
- 50% discount on all site workshops

#### **Membership Pricing:**

**\$25 for Individual**

**\$35 for Family**

**\$50 for Benefactor**

**\$100 for Sponsor**

**\$250 for Patron**

**\$500 for Friend**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check payments can be made to “*Welsh Valley Preservation Society.*”  
Membership form and payment can be mailed to The Morgan Log House,  
**PO Box 261 Kulpsville, Pa 19443.**

## Recreation & Special Events Advisory Committee



The Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers!! The committee is a volunteer group appointed by the Board of Supervisors to aid the Special Events Facilitator in the planning and execution of the various programs of-

ferred to the residents of the Township. The members attend a meeting every other month in order to plan, suggest, and organize events for the Township. The volunteer members bring fresh ideas, creative solutions, head sub-

committees and aid in recruiting other volunteers for each event. We ask that each member attend at least 4- 5 events throughout the year. Please contact [events@towamencin.org](mailto:events@towamencin.org) for more information.

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

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## Towamencin Business Alliance

The Towamencin Business Alliance is a networking group of businesses based in Towamencin who meet to openly discuss and share ideas for improving their businesses. Founded in 2012, the Alliance speaks as a single voice on ways to improve the business environment within the Township and to support each other.

The group is targeted to businesses that maintain a permanent presence within the boundaries of the township, and they make up the block of Voting Members. However, any business can join and show their support for the Alliance by becoming a Supporting Member at a cost of only \$25 per year per company.

We meet at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Kulpsville branch of Uninvest Bank & Trust Co. (corner of Forty Foot Road and Sumneytown Pike).

If you are interested in joining, go to the Application link on our web site at [www.towamencinbusinessalliance.com](http://www.towamencinbusinessalliance.com) and fill in the information. One of our Board members will get in touch with you.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Robert A. Di Domizio, Jr., P.E.  
 Chairman, Towamencin Business Alliance

## Environmental Advisory Committee

The Towamencin Township Environmental Advisory Council's "Stream Clean Up" event is scheduled for Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12 Noon along Towamencin Creek at Fischer's Park and Kriebel Road. As last year, the event is part of the larger Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's annual Stream Clean-up. In 2014 over 730 volunteers from several communities collected 476 bags of litter, 128 tires, and 3,330 lbs. of

scrap metal from the streambeds and adjacent riparian areas.

This event is rain or shine, so dress accordingly. No one is required to get into the stream. Wear a hat, sturdy boots or shoes, and long-sleeved shirts and pants. Trash bags, gloves, water and snacks will be provided.

Please let us know if you would like to help by dropping a note to

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# Towamencin's Community Corner

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

## The North Penn United Way

Do you know that 17% of students (roughly 3,572) in the North Penn and Souderton Area School Districts were living in poverty in 2013? Are you aware that 22.2% of older adults reported difficulties with instrumental activities of daily living? Did you know that there were 1,181 homeless in 2013 in our area?

At the North Penn United Way, it is our goal to advance the common good in our North Penn and Indian Valley foot print – supporting local nonprofits and programs that target our United Way goals of making sure all students succeed in school, helping older adults remain independent and community-connected as possible, and providing a strong safety net for people in crisis.

We give **MANY THANKS** to our local community residents, businesses and partners for believing in our mission and goals as we continue to help fund services that support thousands of individuals in our community.

While we have touched the lives of many children and adults in the North Penn and Indian Valley community, there is still much to do and many ways to help.

We invite you to be a part of the change. You can GIVE, you can ADVOCATE, and you can VOLUNTEER. Great things happen when we LIVE UNITED!

**Be A Donor:** NPUW is thankful for each of our donors. In demonstrating a commitment to improving lives in our community, this distinguished giving population inspires the compassion and generosity of others.

**Small Businesses:** Are you a small business looking to make a big impact? Join our 100 x \$100 Small Business Challenge for Change, a campaign encouraging 100 small business owners to donate \$100 to help support NPUW's mission.

**Workplace Campaign:** Conducting a United Way Workplace Campaign provides your employees with an opportunity to impact positive change, while meeting your corporate philanthropy goals. Through a Workplace Campaign, employees receive a chance to make a difference in their community, a convenient way to give, assurance that their donations are channeled to programs in need, and opportunities to direct contributions by area of interest. NPUW also provides a year-round engagement plan for your company.

**Emerging Leaders Society:** Are you a young professional looking to give back? These individuals and couples in their 20's, 30's, and 40's contribute an annual gift of \$365 or more to NPUW. They also play an active role in volunteering and fundraising efforts. In return for their hard work, ELS members receive networking and professional development opportunities throughout the year.

**Volunteer:** North Penn United Way has several volunteer opportunities for families, individuals and companies. Whether it is filling backpacks with school supplies, rebuilding a home or helping behind the scenes, NPUW has options for all.

**AND MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES!**

To learn more about our events, volunteering and giving, visit [www.npuw.org](http://www.npuw.org) or contact Amanda Piccirilli, Director of Communications and Donor Engagement, at [a.piccirilli@npuw.org](mailto:a.piccirilli@npuw.org) or (215) 855-3002.

**United Way**  
North Penn United Way

# SUPERHEROES UNITED FOR KIDS

This high spirited event will honor 16 Superheroes for their exceptional contribution to kids and acknowledge companies who are making an investment in the success of our most vulnerable students. Browse silent auction items, enjoy food and drinks, and have fun with superhero themed activities to raise funds to support our local students.

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## The Friendship Academy:

The Friendship Academy is an inclusive learning center where all children play to learn. This unique program

provides an excellent early childhood education program with a research-driven and enriched curriculum in a child-friendly and safety-oriented setting.

The Friendship Academy boasts some amazing program features, which include; "Handwriting Without Tears", an eco-science experience with a greenhouse/garden, music instructor, arts and crafts, iPad technology and a library and book loan program. The program also offers assistance with toilet training and

a nurse on site. In addition to the enriched curriculum, students have a unique social opportunity that offers long lasting positive impact.

The Friendship Academy is an inclusive program, which means that children with disabilities learn side-by-side with their typically developing peers. The benefit to the children with disabilities is the opportunity to model their peers. The benefits to the typically developing children are many.

An inclusive classroom helps develop compassion and acceptance of diversity. The program provides evidence-based progress monitoring and a curricular alignment supporting kindergarten readiness. This unique program allows for individualized focus and adaptations for every child.

The preschool is run by Easter Seals who has been providing early education programs to children with special needs for more than 75 years. The Friendship Academy has national accreditation, state licensure and Private Academic School Licensure. And through subsidized funding, tuition costs are very low and scholarship opportunities are available.

The Friendship Academy fosters not only a research-driven academic foundation, but also a sense of community and empathy. Learn more at [www.thefriendshipacademy.org](http://www.thefriendshipacademy.org)



# Laurel House: Domestic Violence Program

Laurel House is a comprehensive domestic violence agency serving individuals, families and communities throughout Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The agency's name was selected because of the beauty of the laurel, Pennsylvania's state flower. It represents a victory for people who have taken the courageous first step of reaching out to Laurel House in their efforts to build a violence-free life for themselves and their children.

Laurel House's shelter has long been known as a safe place to heal. However, over the past 33 years, our programs have expanded to include many other needed services and support resources. Today, in addition to our 24-hour hotline and shelter, Laurel House offers transitional housing, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, community counseling and support groups, children's programs, law enforcement collaboration, and expanded community education and prevention efforts.

Interested in helping Laurel House? Consider donating items off our Wish List! Each year, over Laurel House serves over 3000 victims of domestic violence. All of these families come to us scared and in crisis. Those who come into our shelter, often do so with nothing but the clothes that they are wearing. It is because of the generosity of our donors that we are able to provide them with most of their basic needs, along with a safe, warm place to stay. Some of the items we need are: **Gifts Cards, Baby/Children's Items, Food/Pantry Items, Household Item, Linens.**



To learn more about our services or if you have questions on how you can help please visit our website [www.laurel-house.org](http://www.laurel-house.org) or call our administrative office at 610-277-1860.

## Upcoming Events:

**Laurel House Gala: April 18th**

**Walk a Mile : May 2nd**



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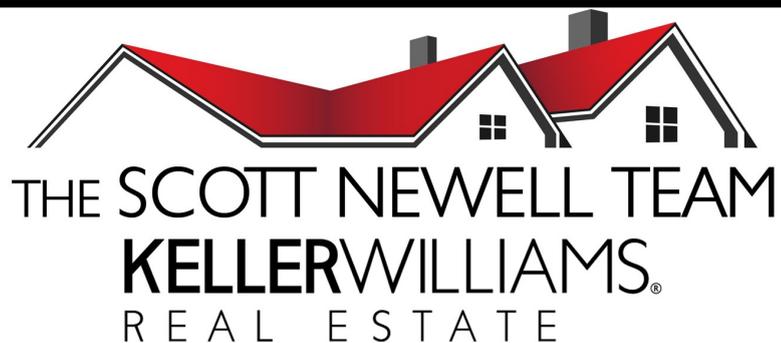
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