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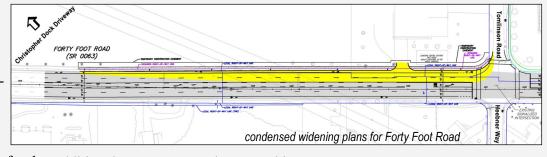
Improvement & Development Projects on the Horizon

The Board of Supervisors is pleased to report that Towamencin has gotten off to a great start for 2019. As you will find throughout this newsletter, we are moving forward with numerous improvement projects to our parks and the pool, including seeking grant

opportunities for a master plan for the additional tax revenue to the Township. In January, the Board and staff was newly dedicated Veterans Memorial Park.

Work continues on design and permitting for the Kriebel Road trail extension, which is being funded by county and state grants. A major project to install advanced geothermal technology for heating and cooling in the Municipal Complex buildings was recently completed. This was the developer funds, has enabled us to centerpiece of our recent efforts to promote energy efficiency and sustainability in Township operations.

Economic development activity has picked up significantly over the last several months. Over a half dozen ket, are in the process of opening in Towamencin. These new businesses will provide over 200 new jobs and



We welcome these businesses to our community.

The Township recently received a \$1,018,000 grant from PennDOT's Multi Modal Grant Program. This grant, in addition to the previously \$825,000 awarded grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development and \$800,000 in move forward with the construction project to eliminate the chokepoint along Forty Foot Road, approaching the Tomlinson/Heebner intersection.

This project is also key to on-going revitalization efforts, by the Board of Sunew businesses, including an Amazon pervisors, developers, Township staff Delivery Center and a Lidl Supermar- and state legislators, to the Towamencin Village Shopping Center and surrounding parcels. Completion is expected in 2020.

happy to welcome Brooke Neve, the Township's new Finance Director/ Assistant Township Manager. Ms. Neve has a 22-year career as a finance and accounting professional. Prior to assuming the responsibilities at Towamencin, she served as the Finance Director at South Whitehall Township in Lehigh County. She has extensive financial and management experience in both private sector businesses, as well as, non-profit organizations.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to sign up for our weekly E-News to keep abreast of Township news and events. Sign up at towamencin.org.

Chuck Wilson Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Towamencin's Role in the Revolutionary War

Towamencin Township played an important role in the American War for Independence. Incorporated prior to the call for independence, the Township was home to many who served in the Continental Army and was home to an encampment for George Washington and his army in October of 1777. While the war had its ups and downs, Washington was defeated at the Battle of Germantown and retreated north to Towamencin. One of Washington's generals, Francis Nash, had been gravely wounded during the battle as he provided cover for the retreat. He was taken to

Towamencin, along with more of the wounded from the battle. He succumbed to his wounds, which had rendered him unrecognizable according to Thomas Paine. General Francis Nash was buried with honors due to his bravery, at the order of George Washington. He was interred at the Towamencin Mennonite Meeting House and a grave monument still marks where he is buried. Tennis-Lukens Cemetery, at the newly dedicated Veteran's Memorial Park, is home to several of the township residents who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Voter Information for Primary Elections, May 21st

Important dates for the local primary elections for Montgomery County:

- Last day to REGISTER before the primary is Monday, April 22nd
- MUNICIPAL PRIMARY Tuesday, May 21st

You can consult the County website to determine your registered polling location. The County voter information website is:

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

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

Office Location:

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

Voter Registration Phone: 610-278-3280 **Election Board Phone:** 610-278-3275

Towamencin Township is PA State Representative District 61: Representative Liz Hanbidge

Towamencin Township is PA State Senate District 24: State Senator Bob Mensch

Towamencin Township is U.S. House of Representatives District 4: Congresswoman Madeleine Dean

Towamencin Township U.S. Senators: Senator Bob Casey and Senator Pat Toomey

Concerns Over Spotted Lantern Fly This Spring

This invasive, destructive pest poses a significant threat to Pennsylvania's businesses and economy! Be on the lookout for egg masses and nymphs this spring season. Help us stop them before they damage the trees and environment of Towamencin!

Spotted lanternfly (SLF), Lycormadelicatula, is an invasive planthopper, native to Asia, that was first detected in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania. Last year SLF was detected in large numbers in Montgomery County including Towamencin Township. SLF has been documented to feed on over 70 species of trees and plants. In Towamencin they covered many maples and non-plant, smooth surfaces such as house siding. If you saw them last year, you will likely see them again this year and in greater numbers.

All of southeastern Pennsylvania is a quarantine zone and care must be taken not to accidently carry SLF out of the quarantined area. These are insects that

can walk, jump or fly short distances, but they don't migrate without help. The egg mass poses, perhaps, the greatest risk for accidental transport of SLF to new areas.

If you are in the quarantine area, it is important to inspect your vehicle, trailers, or any outdoor items before you move around or out of the quarantine.

If you think you have SLF, do not panic!

- Make sure the insect you are seeing is the spotted lanternfly
- Learn about its life cycle and habits
- Determine what plants it is infesting and what it is not
- Employ management strategies at the proper time of the year
- Do not go wild and apply widespread insecticide - this will kill off the good with the bad

We're here to help! Additional information, along with many vivid photos and graphics, have been added to the Township website to help residents identify and deal with this invasive pest. The information was prepared by Penn State Exten-



sion service and is available in printed form at the Township Building lobby.

The Spotted Lanternfly info can be found in the "Community Corner column" on the home page or directly at http://www.towamencin.org/spottedlanternfly.html

Please join the effort to control and prevent the spread of spotted lanternfly. We need everyone to protect their properties, communities, and the Commonwealth from this invasive, destructive insect that has the potential to change our landscape and quality of life.

Tips for Tax Payers

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

Q: I waited until the last minute, it's the end of the year, and I haven't made my tax payment yet.

A: This is not an uncommon occurrence. Tax collectors are obligated by law to strictly adhere to the deadlines imposed. I find that the easiest thing to remember is that the bill is due on the day it was issued. We just allow time to pay it in accordance with the law.

Q: Isn't there any forgiveness built into the tax collection laws for those of us who misplaced their tax bill?

A: You don't need a bill to pay a bill. If, for example, you lost the school tax bill that was mailed to you in July, you can call the tax office and request another copy of your bill. The most it will cost you is the price of two stamps — one stamp for the mail you send, and another stamp on the self-addressed-stamped-envelope that you should include with your request.

Q: Why can't you just give me the information over the phone?

A: For security reasons, and in the interest of accuracy, we insist that all inquiries arrive either by email or postal service.

Q: What happens if my mortgage company fails to pay my taxes out of escrow?

A: That's a discussion between you and your lender. In many cases when you were approved for that mortgage, the company also insisted to collect extra funds from you and place them into your escrow account. The amount collected and placed into escrow should appear on your monthly statement, but when your tax bill arrives it is the obligation of the taxpayer to inform the mortgage company right away so that they can send in the payment on time. The lender may have agreed to pay your taxes during the discount period, based on the agreement you have with them, but be ever vigilant that the payment was made on time and for the proper amount.

Q: Why does it sometimes take so long for my mail to reach it's intended place?

A: Some years back, the US Postal Service had distribution centers in the suburbs. They have since gone away, so now all mail from our area is sent to the Philadelphia Post Office, where it is sorted, postmarked (but not in all cases), and sent to the designated receiver. This can delay the receipt of your tax payment, which is why I encourage everyone to get their tax payment envelope hand stamped at any post office. This way, even if that mail is routed through Philadelphia, it still carries the postmark from the day you sent it. For best results, use the Kulpsville post office. However, don't just drop it in the blue box outside, take it inside to the counter or drop it into the slot marked "KULPSVILLE ONLY".

Q: How does a tax collector learn to do his or her job?

A: Tax collectors, in addition to passing a background check, are obligated to take and pass the Tax Collection Training Course before being sworn into office. In addition, each tax collector takes continuing education courses and is expected to keep abreast of the latest tax collecting laws and revisions to said laws.

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

Robert A. Di Domizio Jr. Certified Pennsylvania Tax Collector

Community Development Updates

- Construction continues on the Towamencin Senior Living, a 144-bed senior living facility, providing both assisted living and memory care services, located at 900 Towamencin Avenue. Opening is estimated in late summer/early fall.
- Construction is underway for Wambold Realty for a 52,200 square-foot Public Storage facility, located on the southeasterly side of Wambold Road, between Fretz and Schoolhouse Roads.
- Lidl Supermarket received a waiver of land development for minor modifications to the property at 1150 Welsh Road (former Acme). Lidl has purchased the property and intends to occupy a portion of the existing building and lease the remainder.
- PSDC has obtained approval to add a residential sector to the Entertainment and Lifestyle Overlay District for the property located at Allentown and Forty Foot Roads. The residential portion will allow for housing of the elderly and age-qualified Independent Residential Community uses.
- Emerald Equipment Systems, Inc. is moving in to an existing building on Detwiler Road. The company is proposing to add additional paving and gravel surfaces to reconfigure and increase the parking and loading areas.
- Amazon has obtained conditional use and waiver of land development approval for a delivery center. They plan to occupy an existing property, located at 2001 Gehman Road.
- Todd Walker and Gerald Snyder are seeking land development approval for a 5-lot subdivision at 695 Keeler Road.
- Towamencin Retail Development LLC is seeking land development approval for a Firestone and Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers at 200 Forty Foot Road at the property where Wawa and Chick-fil-A are currently located.



Montgomery County Recycling Events Summary

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

Saturday, May 4

Indian Valley Middle School 130 Maple Ave, Harleysville

Saturday, May 18

Temple Ambler Campus 1431 E Butler Pike, Ambler

Saturday, June 15

Norristown Area High School 1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 22

Abington Junior High School 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

There is no drop off location for HHW outside of the County events.

Tire Collections Events (9 am – Noon)

Saturday, May 11th

Green Lane Park (Morrow Pavilion) 2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane

Saturday, June 8th

Montgomery County Community College 340 DeKalb Pike, enter at 1313 Morris Road, Blue Bell

Saturday, June 29th

West Montgomery Career & Technology Center 77 Graterford Road, Limerick

Electronics Recycling Day - Saturday, June 22, 2019



Towamencin Township is proud to offer our residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle their obsolete electronics. Our event will be held at North Penn High School, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

North Penn High School 1340 Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale

This service is available to all Towamencin Township residents and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler. We will accept all electronic devices with a plug. No smoke detectors or large appliances will be accepted. All data media will be destroyed or wiped!

Accepted Items Include:

laptops computers peripherals typewriters mice telephones printers fax machines cameras keyboards cell phones small appliances calculators

Items with fees: \$30 per TV or computer monitor, \$10 per air conditioner, microwave or dehumidifier, \$100 per wooden console or projection TV

Community Document Shredding Event (9 am – Noon)

Saturday, April 27th

Hosted by PA House Representative Todd Stevens 400 Horsham Road, Horsham (Horsham Athletic Club parking lot)

Montgomery County Recycling Information

<u>Tires</u> are generally not accepted as trash and must be recycled. Tire retailers usually accept used tires for a recycling fee of approximately \$3-\$5 per tire, see list at https://www.montcopa.org/2021/Tires.

<u>Electronic Waste</u> - Montgomery County continues to be unable to hold electronics collection events, as the PA Covered Device Recycling Act still has not been amended. Although state law requires electronics manufacturers to offer recycling opportunities for TVs and computers, those manufacturers are not sponsoring recycling collections in our region. A summary of the situation and a list of drop off sites is available at http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=707.

<u>Campaign Signs Recycling Program</u> - Montgomery County partners with Republic Services, the Montgomery County Democratic and Republican Committees, and participating municipalities to recycle plastic campaign signs and metal stands from each year's election. For more info and drop-off sites visit: https://www.montcopa.org/710/Campaign-Sign-Recycling-Program.

Contact info: visit MontcoPARecycles.org, recycling line at 610-278-3618 or email at recycling@montcopa.org

Requirements to Improve the Water Quality in Our Streams



As required by the Federal Clean Water Act, Towamencin Township must obtain a permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADEP) for the stormwater discharges. The requirements for this permit include reducing the pollutants that wash into the streams during rain events. Towamencin Township is within the Skippack Creek Watershed which has been designated as an impaired stream by the PADEP for sediments and nutrients. The Township is working to develop a plan with five other municipalities within the Skippack Creek Watershed to meet the permit requirements over the next five years.

Each property within the Township contributes stormwater runoff to the creek. Impervious surfaces such as pavement and buildings prevent the rain water from being absorbed into the ground. Therefore, the properties with more impervious surfaces such as pavement and buildings contribute more stormwater runoff. The runoff picks up pollutants as it makes its way to the creek. Any dirt, debris or oils on paved surfaces get washed into the streets and storm drains and, ultimately, into the stream.

The required plan will include construction of best management practices (BMPs) to reduce the pollutants flowing into the streams such as modifications to existing stormwater basins, construction of new stormwater facilities to capture the runoff and reduce pollutants or restoration along the existing stream channels to reduce the erosion of the streambanks.

The Township is considering a stormwater fee for property owners within the Township to more equitably distribute the costs associated with the required BMPs. The Board of Supervisors will be discussing the possibility of implementing a stormwater fee over the coming months as the required plan is completed.

Check the Township website for additional information at http://www.towamencin.org/stormwatermanagement.html. For any questions or concerns regarding stormwater or to report an illicit discharge to the storm sewer system, please call the Township at 215-368-7602.

Here are some ways you can help keep our streams and rivers clean:

- Keep your nearest storm drain clear of debris and litter
- Never dump anything down a storm drain
- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Use pesticides only when necessary
- Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas
- Compost or recycle yard waste
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of properly
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved area
- Service your car regularly to prevent leaks onto paved areas
- Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at designated collection locations
- Produce less waste Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled or recyclable products whenever possible
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected at least every three years

Codes Department - Lawn Maintenance Reminder

It is the responsibility of all property owners within Towamencin Township to cut all weeds and grass to keep them from growing to a height exceeding 12 inches. Any such weeds or lawn areas exceeding 12 inches is considered a nuisance and may result in violation notices and/or citations by the Township.

This does not apply to riparian corridor buffers, wetlands, woodlands, floodplains, steep slopes, detention or retention basins, and open space deemed a meadow by the Township.



Towamencin Township Community Day

Date: Saturday, May 18th **Time:** 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Where:** Fischer's Park

Address: 2225 Bustard Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Township is excited to announce their annual community day! **NEW** this year is Grandpop Bubbles. We are welcoming back **FREE** face painting/balloon animals, pony rides, zip line, police/fire activities, inflatables by A+ Jump, magic shows, and much more! The event includes live music, food court, and an array of vendors and local community groups. Last year was our biggest event with over a 1000 attendees. This is a great event for the whole family and residents of all ages. Come out, support your local vendors, and enjoy a beautiful day in the park! If you are interested in a vendor spot, please visit www.towamencin.org.



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

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Summer Beerfest

Date: Saturday, June 8th **Time:** 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: Mainland Golf Course

Address: 2250 Rittenhouse Road, Harleysville, PA 19438

Come out to our 1st Annual Summer Beerfest, hosted by Mainland Grille, Mainland Golf Course and Towamencin Township!

Tickets and more information will be released on April 1st!!

General Admission Ticket Includes:

Access to over a dozen breweries for tasting (a couple of wineries are included)

- Live Music
- Food to purchase
- Lawn games

VIP Ticket Includes:

- All of the GA perks
- Entry an hour before the event starts
- Exclusive beers for the VIP hour
- Souvenir glass
- Light snacks
- VIP Parking



STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS.

Summer Concert Series

Date: Thursday July 11th, 18th, 25th and August 1st

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Fischer's Park

Address: 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446

Come out for a beautiful summer night and get ready to dance to your favorite songs! Enjoy the talents of our various

bands. Don't forget blankets and chairs.

Food sales by Diz's Dogs will start at 6pm.

July 25th: Class of '84 (DRESS UP EVENT!!)





Date: Thursday, August 22nd Time: 8 p.m. (Starts at Dusk)

Where: Fischer's Park

Address: 2225 Bustard Road **Movie:** Ralph Breaks the Internet

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 will be served.

Candy, water and juice will be sold by Relay for Life Eastern Montgomery County.





The Township offers discounted tickets to many local attractions. Please be sure to check with the Administration office for tickets to movie theaters, Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, The Crayola Experience,

Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Hershey Park, Knoebels, Six Flags/Great Adventure, Morey's Pier, The Philadelphia Zoo,

Diggerland USA, The Franklin Institute and the Pennsylvania Renaissance Fair.

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



Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company

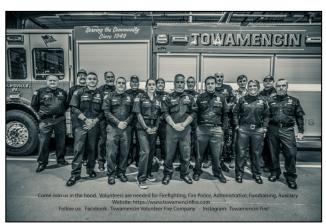




2018 was another busy year for TVFC. Your all-volunteer fire company responded to 432 total incidents. This represents approximately 8,246 hours of volunteer time spent in responding to incidents only, with an average incident call time of 31 minutes. When you add drills, fund raisers, training classes and other special events, you can see that your TVFC members are dedicated to your protection and safety.

This saves the resident and business taxpayers immensely on the cost of fire protection services in the Township.

At the time of this prepared newsletter submission, TVFC had already responded to 50 incident calls in the first 34 days of 2019. We have responded to four major fires either in our



township or in assisting neighboring townships. These all occurred during the bitter cold days we experienced which was hard on all the volunteers.

Our September chicken bbq, pictures with Santa, and our 2018 fund drive were all very successful with your help and support. From all of us at TVFC, we thank you.

Our 2019 fund drive will be kicking off in March. Your financial support is appreciated each year and is an essential component of our yearly budget. So when you get the fund drive mailer, please remember the number of calls and hours being provided by your all-volunteer fire department and consider your fund giving amount.

Volunteer manpower remains our most critical need. We need additional men and women to serve as volunteer firefighters, fire police, administrative support and ladies auxiliary members. The more members we have helps balance the responsibilities all members.

Feel free to stop out on a Thursday night, where you can visit with us and ask an officer questions about membership information. You may also leave a message at the fire house at 215-362-2776, listen for the right extension: the Chief for firefighter membership, Fire Police Captain for fire police membership, ladies auxiliary for their membership or our President for administrative membership.

All are welcome - day or night time help is always needed.

The picture shown above is a group of members who went out on a cold Thursday night in January to a local condominium community to deliver smoke detectors to those residents who did not have them or to replace batteries in non-working detectors. Please take note of the upcoming events below. We look forward to your support of these events.

Sincerely,

The members of TVFC

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

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

Key Dates to Remember

April 13 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

May 11 Flower & Hoagie Sale - Main Station Bustard Road, 9 AM-1 PM

June 16 Fathers Day Breakfast - Main Station Bustard Road

June 1 Home Run Derby - Fischer's Park

Sept. 7 Chicken BBQ Fundraiser- Main Station Bustard Road, 3 -7 PM or till sold out (take out/drive thru)

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

Rent the TVFC Banquet Hall for your next event.

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



Towamencin Police L.O.C.A.T.E Program

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

What Is L.O.C.A.T.E.?

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

How Does it Work?

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

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

Anyone who feels their loved ones may be

unable to provide personal information in an emergency. This program is aimed to benefit endangered residents and frequent visitors to our Township who may have decreased cognitive function including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism or traumatic brain injury.

What Does the Police Department Do With The Information?

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

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

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

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

How Do I Contact You For More Information?

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

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Computer Security & Fraud Prevention Tips

Never reply to a message that asks for your username and password. Legitimate organizations should never ask you for your password or other sensitive information via email.

Do not send personal information, such as social security numbers and credit card numbers via email.

Do not click on links in messages of an unknown origin. Scammers create fake login pages that look legitimate to steal your log - in information.

Never give out personal information in response to uninvited solicitations.

Do not respond to pop-up advertisements or solicitations.

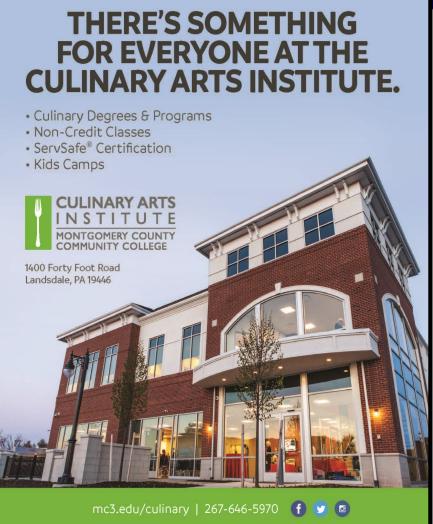
Be cautious when you sign-up for services; always read the terms and conditions

Be skeptical of offers - if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Never wire money to individuals you do not know personally.

Never cash checks for individuals you do not know personally. The ploy is usually to give you a check for more than the correct amount and request you give them the difference.





Towamencin Soccer Club - Competition Levels for All



(TSC) is one of the fastest growing soccer clubs in Eastern PA. In 2014, we were recognized by the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA) for growing our membership by 15 percent over the previous year.

Located in Kulpsville, Montgomery County, PA, TSC has over 900 families participating in recreational, select and travel

soccer programs. Our program focuses on fitness, health, skills, agility, strength and endurance. We offer three levels of competitive play:

- **Intramural Soccer:** primarily played for fun and for fitness, this program provides individual training sessions as well as organized team play.
- **RecSelect Soccer:** this program allows better players to play and compete at a higher level with and against players of a

similar ability.

Travel Soccer: the most challenging of the three levels, this program offers a more competitive soccer experience intended to promote long term development of youth soccer players with an emphasis on fundamental soccer skills.

Our organization is made up of volunteers and provides the youth of our community with the fundamentals for improving both physical and social development. Remember this organization does not exist without volunteers, so get involved! Your help can make a difference!

Come find out why soccer continues to be the most popular sport in the world – for boys and girls of all ages. Join us today!

For questions about our programs or teams go to: http://tyasports.org/



Think Spring...Think Baseball!

Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball offers a vertically integrated baseball program spanning Quickball (ages 4-5) through American Legion (ages 16-19).

After a long and cold winter, we at Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball look forward to getting back on the fields for another year of fun, skill development, and friendly competition — as well as defending our 3rd consecutive Connie Mack State Championship as well as our 3rd consecutive American Legion League Championship.

Fall Program - 2018

Our fall program continued to thrive with the inclusion of our Quickball and Coach Pitch Teams. While our Intramural Teams competed in the Inter-Community Fall League, our older players participated in the Bux-Mont Connie Mack Fall League.

Save the Dates

Saturday, April 13 — Opening Day Ceremony

Held at Bustard Road Park, this official kickoff of the baseball season features our very popular Parade of Players, mascot race, local dignitaries, food, fun, and more.

Saturday, June 1 — All Star Day & Home Run Derby

All Star Day provides an exciting opportunity to watch some of the most competitive games of the season and take part in a day that's packed with fun, including our Home Run Derby, which is sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies and run by the Towamencin Fire Company. Music, food, and games galore make this a treat for the whole family.

Sunday, June 2 — Annual Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI)

For 9 consecutive years, we have sponsored this hugely popular 1-day tournament run by the Towamencin Umpire Association to raise mon-



ey for breast cancer research. With 40 teams participating last year, the event raised over \$11,000 in support of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day — bringing our 9-year total to over \$65,000!

Volunteers

Whether you've been involved with our league for many years or you are joining us for the first time this season, please take advantage of one of the many ways to get involved and help our league continue to grow and thrive.



We can not do what we do without great folks like you. We will see you on the ball fields for an exciting 2019 season!

For more information, visit

https://tya-baseball.website.siplay.com and follow us on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, account details below.

2019 Baseball Registration

In January, we kicked off our Spring/Summer 2019 registration period with three walk-in registration sessions at Walton Farm and Hatfield ES. To date, we have over 300 players registered for our Intramural and Connie Mack programs.

If you have not yet registered, it may not be too late. Send us an e-mail at HTBaseball@hotmail.com and we may be able to find a spot for your son, especially if he is eight years old or younger.

Facebook: Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball Connie Mack Twitter @TowamencinCMB American Legion Twitter @HatfieldALB

Morgan Log House Spring/Summer Events



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

Our temporary exhibit, "Leeches, Purging, and Magic: the Care and Healing of the Colonial

Body," looks at the harrowing world of 18th century medicine. This topic will be explored in all sorts of programming throughout the year, all at the beautifully restored 18th century Morgan Log House.

Dusty Attic, Creepy Cellar Open House

Saturday, April 6th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our season begins with our open house, which is a self-guided exploration of the Morgan Log House and the only day of the year where you can explore the attic and the basement. **Free.**

History Happy Hour: Military Medicine

Friday, May 10th, 7 p.m.

An evening program with a fun lecture about historical military medicine, a reception featuring adult refreshments, and hands on historical experiences. **\$12 per person.**

Military Might

Saturday, May 25th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our Memorial Day weekend tradition features reenactors, artifact displays, activities and more from the history of America at war, from the Revolution to the Present Day. Free.

History Happy Hour: Honey, Bees, and Cures

Friday, June 14th, 7 p.m.

An evening program with a fun lecture about bees and honey cures, a reception featuring adult refreshments, and hands on historical experiences. \$12 per person

Apprenticeship Day

Saturday, June 22nd, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Families can try different hands-on eighteenth century trades and crafts, while learning about the apprenticeship system and eighteenth century work.

History Happy Hour: Weird Animal Cures

Friday, July 12th, 7 p.m.

An evening program with a fun lecture about weird animal

cures from the eighteenth century, a reception featuring adult refreshments, and hands on historical experiences. **\$12 per person**

History Happy Hour: Pow Wowing and Folk Cures

Friday, August 16th, 7 p.m.

An evening program with a fun lecture about folk healing, a reception featuring adult refreshments, and hands on historical experiences. **\$12 per person**

Tavern Night

Friday, September 13th, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Our annual fundraiser that combines local food, local drink, and local history in a one of a kind event on the



grounds of the Morgan Log House. Visit our website this summer for more information and details on purchasing tickets.

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

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

\$1000 advocate.

Simply mail your check to: Morgan Log House, P.O. Box 304, Kulpsville, PA 19443.



Community Pool and Membership Update



Summer is just around the corner, so don't miss out on a splashtastic 2019 season at Towamencin Community Pool! StandGuard Aquatics will continue to be the pool operator this season. Memberships are now available for purchase online at their website www.sgatowamencin.com.

Towamencin Community Pool will be open for another great season - Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Pool hours are 12pm to 8pm daily, except when posted. Also, enjoy our lap swim hours from 11am to 12pm, Monday through Friday. Swim lessons for all ages and other water activities will also be available for registration. Please check our website, under Programs, for dates and times. Please note that

Towamencin Community Pool will be closed on all North Penn School District days and is subject to closure in the case of severe or cold weather.

Not convinced you are ready to purchase your season memberships for the 2019 season? No worries! Stay informed about registration, discounts, special events, and closures by creating an account at sgatowamencin.com. Once your account is setup, you will receive emails regarding the topics listed above so you can stay up-to-date with what's happening at Towamencin Community Pool.

Towamencin Community Pool would also like to remind our patrons that our facility is a smoke-free zone. Join us this summer in keeping Towamencin Community Pool a safe, clean, and fun environment for everyone! Our staff at the Towamencin Community Pool looks forward to seeing you and your family this summer!

Contact info: website - www.sgatowamencin.com, office phone - 215-368-2615, email - towamencin@standguardaquatics.com

Towamencin Swim and Dive Team Information

You can be part of a Towamencin tradition and join the best swim and dive team in the area! Your child will learn what it is like to be a part of a team that takes pride in their performance. Swimmers and divers come back year after year because they enjoy it! Open to all kids from 5 to 18, and must be able to swim one lap.

Practice Schedule May 28th – July 26th

Swimming M-F

- 6:30-8 am high school option
- 7:30-9:00 am 11 & Older
- 9:00-10:00 am 10 & Under
- 10:00-10:45 am 8 & Under

Diving M-F

- 7:45-9:00 am Juniors
- 9:00-10:00 am Minis
- 9:45-11:30 am Seniors



Membership Prices

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Juniors (ages 2-5), Seniors (65+) and Military ID's	\$60
Individuals (ages 6-64)	\$125
Family of 2	\$240
Family of 3	\$270
Family of 4	\$300
Family of 5	\$330
Family of 6	\$360
Family of 7	\$390
Family of 8+ Call office for details	

Meet Schedule - start time 5pm

Tue. 6/25 – Home vs. Souderton

Thu. 6/27 – Home vs. Harleysville

Tue. 7/2 – Home vs. Nor-Gwyn

Tue. 7/9 – Away vs. Fanny

Chapman

Thu. 7/11 – Home vs. Hatfield

Mon. 7/15 – Away vs. Lansdale

Thu. 7/18 – Away vs. Pennridge



Contact us:

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Environmental Advisory Committee Updates



Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Annual Stream Clean-up will be Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 AM. Towamencin Township is part of the Perkiomen Watershed, and the Towamencin Creek is a tributary of the Perkiomen Creek. The stream clean-up removes trash, scrap metal, tires and other debris from the streams in the watershed. We encourage Township residents to participate in the stream clean-up. Clean up sites in the Township include tributaries to Towamencin Creek at Firehouse Park, and Towamencin Creek at Bustard Road Park. The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy has online registration available at www.perkiomenwatershed.org. This website provides directions to the clean-up sites.

Earth Day Event - The EAC is holding its third annual invasive plant removal event on Saturday, April 27th at Fischer's Park. We are inviting volunteers to come out to learn about this issue and to assist in making our premier park more environmentally friendly and sustainable. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the Meadowview Pavilion (the pavilion where the bathrooms are). Bring gardening gloves with you if you can and dress for walking through mud and brush.

Not all non-native plants are invasive. Invasive plants are those that are non-native to Pennsylvania, grow aggressively, and can crowd out existing native plants. The native ecosystem can become degraded for all of its inhabitants, from native plants to insects, birds and animals. Ultimately, invasive plants alter habitats and reduce biodiversity.

Volunteers can assist trained members of the EAC in identifying and removing certain invasive plants in the park, thus protecting native species of plants and animals in their natural habitats. Be on the lookout for sign up information on the Towamencin Township website and Facebook page in late March. Come out to learn, contribute to making a better natural environment, and celebrate Earth Day!

eWaste Recycling Day 2019 – Towamencin Township will host its third electronics recycling day on June 22nd with the help of eForce Compliance. The event will be held at the North Penn High School and is for Township residents. Acceptable items include: laptops, peripherals, typewriters, telephones, cameras, cell phones, calculators, computers, mice, small appliances, fax machines, keyboards and printers. Check out the Township website and Facebook page for details.



Perkiomen Plant-A-Thon - The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy will be planting trees in an area adjacent to Kriebel Road near the intersection with Bustard Road in the fall. This planting was originally scheduled for fall of 2018; however, due to uncooperative weather, the planting had to be postponed until fall of 2019.

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy will have an online registration available at www.perkiomenwatershed.org at a later time.

Veterans Committee Embarks on 2019 Missions

In 2018, the Board of Supervisors established a Veterans Committee to advise and assist the Board in areas that affect veterans and active-duty military residents of Towamencin Township. In addition to generating awareness of the issues faced by veterans, the committee serves as a forum for veterans to provide feedback on issues that affect their lives.

Typical of those with military experience, the Veterans Committee heard their orders and quickly took action by organizing a formal dedication ceremony for the Township's "Veterans' Memorial Park." This well-attended event appropriately took place on November 11th, Veterans Day. The Township's Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee and Veterans Committee had recommended that design concepts and features within the adopted "Veterans Memorial Park Plan," originally prepared for Firehouse Park, be relocated to the Tennis-Lukens open space, off Allentown Road. The committees believed this to be a more appropriate site for a veterans park since there is a cemetery located there containing the final resting place of American soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

The Committee has been tasked with several missions in 2019. These include:

- the preparation and submission for grant applications seeking \$50,000 for the preparation of a Park Master Plan,
- marching as a group in the American Legion Post 933 Memorial Day Parade,
- staffing an information table at Towamencin Day,
- scheduling "reach-out visits" to veterans in area retirement homes,
- creating a list of all veterans and their families within the Township,
- organizing events for veteran recognition.

If you are a veteran, or interested in such events, check the Township website on how to connect. Or, just stop by the Veterans Committee table at Towamencin Day to share stories and comradeship.



Veterans Park dedication ceremony taken on November 11th

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Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee



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

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

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

Towamencin Open Space and Parks Committee News

The 2019 budget, approved by the Township Supervisors, includes great news about park improvements for Towamencin residents, as well as, the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee. It includes funds to make 2019 capital improvements to Grist Mill and Green Lane Parks and repairs to the Township pool. It also budgets funds for planning and engineering work for future projects at Fischer's Park, a trail extension along Kriebel Road and at our newest park, Veteran's Park.

In 2018, work began to extend electrical service into Grist Mill and Green Lane Parks as the first step in providing permanent restroom facilities. Restrooms at all major park facilities have been a long standing goal of the

Committee, but are expensive, and until now funds have only been available to make improvements piecemeal. The 2019 budget changes that and sets aside funds to extend water and sewer services to both locations and to construct permanent restroom buildings. Final engineering work is already underway - preparing and advertising bid documents - with the intent to have the new facilities completed by the end of 2019.

The 2019 budget also includes repairs and improvements at the Township pool. The Committee feels these funds represent the Township's commitment to the pool and its continuing efforts to make the pool an enjoyable place to

swim. The planned work includes repairing cracks in the "H" and "Baby" pools, followed by re-plastering with a durable coating, which will minimize maintenance for many years. The construction of a weatherproof shed for storage of pool chemicals is also included in the budgeted funds. Work is scheduled to be completed before the beginning of the 2019 pool season. Don't miss out on enjoying the pool! *Please see additional information in this newsletter about this year's pool activities and registration*.

Large events at Fischer's Park have seriously strained the park's available parking. Improving parking, while minimizing impacts to the park's setting, has been one of the Committee's top priorities for Fischer's. The park also includes a 23 acre un-used area on the north side of Towamencin Creek and Kriebel Road. If there was a way for park users to cross the creek, it could help with the parking crunch while also expanding the park's trail system. The Committee has advocated for a pedestrian bridge just downstream from the park dam, which would open up this portion of the park. It would also make a direct and convenient connection to Evansburg State Park and its trails, which abut Fischer's Park's southern end. The Township 2019 budget includes funds for planning and engineering work for a pedestrian bridge. Once plans are in hand, the Township will aggressively seek grants to construct the bridge. This strategy of having project

plans "shovel ready" before applying for grants has been used very successfully in obtaining grants for other Township projects.

One such project is the Kriebel Road trail extension which will connect an existing off-road trail ending at Trumbauer Road to the cul-de-sac at Valley View Way, and then continue "on road" to Morris Road. The trail alignment, through Township owned parkland, roughly follows the recently completed work to upgrade the Kriebel Road sewer interceptor. Towamencin was awarded an \$846,000 grant from Pennsylvania's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program to construct this 4,000 foot pedestrian trail. The program, among other things, provides funding for projects defined as

transportation alternatives, such as on and off road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. This funding will be combined with a \$100,000 grant from Montgomery County, as well as, Township funds. Final engineering for the trail will take place in 2019, with trail construction to begin in 2020.

Veterans Park, adjacent to the Tennis-Lukens Cemetery on Allentown Road, was dedicated in 2018. Currently it is a cornfield, but money was budgeted for 2019 to transition a plan prepared years ago for a park focused on veterans to this site. A planner will be working with the Township Veterans Committee and

Open Space and Parks Committee on this plan which will then be used to apply for grants for implementation of the plan.

These are the major improvements scheduled for 2019. However, there are other smaller improvements in the works as well. Township residents are invited to attend and provide their input at the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee meetings held at the Township Meeting Hall Building on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00PM. (Please check the Township website in advance to confirm the date and meeting location. On occasion, the committee meets onsite at a park for first hand reviews of the parks' usage and condition.) If you prefer to comment by email on the Township's open space or parks, please send your comments to **info@towamencin.org** and include in the subject line a reference to parks and open space, so your comments will get forwarded to the Committee. All comments are welcome and will help the committee decide where to spend our time and effort on planning and improvements.

Towamencin is very fortunate to have the quality parks and open spaces that it does. Please use and enjoy them. Spend some time outdoors at your parks, whether it is just for a walk, a youth sport activity or one of the many Township events.





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Books and More on the Bookmobiles

Browse our bookmobile collection. We have a little of everything that you would see at a bricks and mortar library branch. Don't see what you are looking for on the bookmobile? You can also request items from the other 35 public library locations in the Montgomery County Library District. Your requested items are delivered to the bookmobile. We will text, call, or email you when they are ready for pickup.

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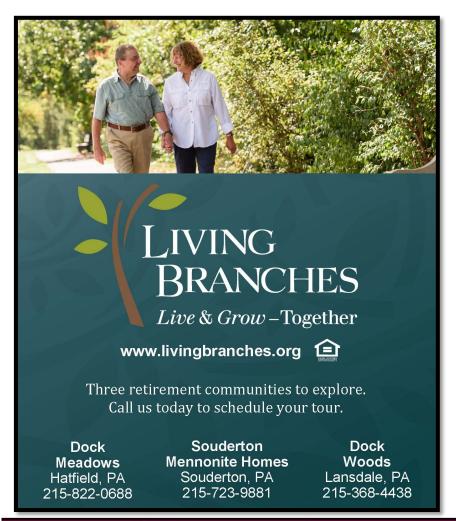
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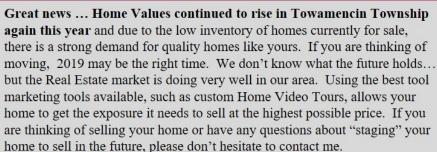
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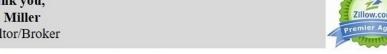
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