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Sewer Sale News, Projects, Development & Staff Updates

Towamencin. There has been a recent Township \$600,000 - which includes change to the intended purchaser of the the initial \$100,000 deposit and an ad-Township's Sewer System Sale. Additionally, several projects are in various stages of design, engineering, bidding or construction. On the economic development front, several approved projects are awaiting construction by the developer. Lastly, we also have welcomed new additions to our Township team.

In early March, NextEra Water Pennmade the Township aware of its business decision to redirect efforts away Amendment. from water and wastewater acquisitions to focus more on renewable energy projects. This decision, mainly due to the A bid for storm drainage improvepassage of the Inflation Reduction Act, affects all NextEra's water and Purchase Agreement (APA) with Towamencin Township. Toward this end, NextEra intends to assign its contractual summer. Engineering continues for rights and obligations under the APA to storm drainage improvements by the Pennsylvania American Water (PA Central Drive area. While the Weikel American).

This ownership change relative to the APA required Board action, including: an amendment to the APA; preparation of an Assignment Agreement; and an amendment to the Sewer Sale Ordinance. The APA Amendment will include: a revised sale price of \$104 million (average of the two utility valuation expert appraisals); return of additional deposit and escrow monies to NextEra; and a change to "Outside Date" definition to accommodate any unforeseen hurdles that may arise.

The Assignment Agreement will assign NextEra's interests in the APA to PA American. The Sewer Sale Ordinance Amendment will include replacing NextEra with PA American as the successful bidder. As consideration for this ownership change and its associated is almost complete with a formal dedi-

This year has got off to a quick start in costs, NextEra will pay Towamencin ditional \$500,000.

At their March 8th meeting, the Board, by majority vote, authorized the Township Solicitor and Special Counsel to take all needed steps to prepare the APA Amendment; Assignment Agreement; and the Sewer Sale Ordinance Amendment for Board consideration. At their March 22, 2023 meeting, the sylvania LLC (NextEra), the intended Board, by majority vote, approved the buyer of Towamencin's Sewer System, APA Amendment and Assignment, and adopted the Sewer Sale Ordinance

Capital projects moving forward:

ments was awarded for work along portions of Kriebel Road, Orchard Way in the amount of \$729.818. Construction is expected this spring and Road drainage improvements and pedestrian walkway construction is expected in 2024. The storm drainage work is primarily funded with \$1.9 million received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Township is seeking a \$200,000 Montco 2040 Grant for the walkway portion of the Weikel Road project.

The Planning Commission continues working with consultant Simone Colsidewalks and trails. The study has inmeetings seeking input. The completed study is expected to be forwarded to

The Kriebel Road Trail 1 project, from Valley View Way to Trumbauer Road,



perspectives of the new Kriebel Road Trail

cation to be held this spring. The project was funded with a PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant (Federal Funds) for \$846,000. The Kriebel Road Trail 2 project, along wastewater assets, including its Asset Lane, Eagle Way and Valley View Kriebel Road from the powerline crossing to the Green Lane ballfields is expected to be under construction this summer. A bid in the amount of \$135,194 was awarded in March.

> Engineering and right-of way acquisition for the Welsh Road/Orvilla Road intersection improvement project continues. Funding for the planning and design of this joint project of Hatfield and Towamencin Townships was funded by a \$446,500 grant from the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Townships will be seeking grants for future project construction.

Economic development update:

lins on the Connectivity Study to link The developer of The Shops at Town Square indicated that their agreement for cluded a resident survey and public a grocery store has been cancelled. The approved Chipotle restaurant and Mattress Warehouse remain to be constructthe Board of Supervisors later this ed. The Franklin Street indoor storage facility, located adjacent to the Holiday Inn, and two of the three planned buildings for the Core5 warehouse project

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have been recently completed. The approved 267,648 sf warehouse facility at the end of Delp Drive has been sold to another developer, who is working on some changes to the plan. Belfair Square, a 16 unit townhome project proposed for Welsh Road, continues in the approval process. The Board of Supervisors recently granted final plan approval for a new Wawa with gas pumps at the intersection of Sumneytown Pike and Forty Foot. Construction is expected to begin later this year.

Finally, we want to welcome two new members to the Township team. David G. Kraynik began his duties as our Township Manager in December. David brings 33 years of municipal management to Towamencin having previously served as Cheltenham Township's Assistant Manager and Township Manager, Upper Merion's Township Manager and most recently East Coventry's Township Manager. Will Brugger joined the Township in March as Director of Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement after spending 5 years as engineering department head in Exeter Township. We have also filled additional vacancies in our Finance, Codes and Public Works Departments.

In closing, we hope you have the opportunity to attend our annual Towamencin Day on Saturday, May 13th, as well as, the five concerts scheduled this summer at Fischer's Park. To keep abreast of Towamencin news and events, please sign up to receive our weekly e-news at www.towamencin.org.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wilson

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Tax & Sewer Payment Updates

Reminder: The discount period for Township and County taxes ends April 30, 2023

Online Processing Fee Increase

In early March, the Township was informed that its online payment processor will be increasing its fees for credit card and ACH payments effective April 1, 2023.

For those wishing to pay their sewer and tax bills online, the rates will change as follows:

ACH Payments

Before April 1 - \$0.95 per transaction

April 1: \$2.50 per transaction

Credit Card payments

Before April 1: 2.79% with a \$1.50 minimum

As of April 1: 2.99% with a \$2.50 minimum

Voter Information for Primary Election, May 16

Important dates for the local primary elections for Montgomery County:

- LAST DAY to REGISTER before primary is May 1st
- GENERAL PRIMARY Tuesday, May 16th

Voters have several options to cast their ballot:

- Vote by Absentee Ballot
- Vote by Mail-In Ballot
- Vote In Person

You can consult the County website to determine your registered polling location. The website also has links to voter registration status, candidates running for office, volunteer opportunities and district maps.

The County Voter Information website is:

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

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 Tracy Pennycuick

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

Towamencin Township U.S. Senators: Senator Robert. P. Casey, Jr. and Senator John Fetterman



Connectivity Study & Community Development Updates

Connecting Towamencin - Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, the Township's Planning Consultant, is performing a Connectivity Study for the Township. Check our website (under the heading Resources) for meeting and presentation materials, and updates associated with the project. Feedback from Township residents and other stakeholders will help prioritize desired locations for future sidewalks and trails.

The next public meetings are scheduled for Thursday, June 22nd at 7 pm at the Township's Meeting Hall Building.

Franklin Street Storage Facilities – Construction of a 102,720 sf indoor conditioned storage facility on Franklin Street between Sumneytown Pike and I-476 opened operations in March.

The Shops at Town Square - Preliminary plan approvals for a Chipotle and Mattress Warehouse were received for development at the former Boston Market site, as well as, for a grocery store within the existing space previously occupied by Genuardi's in the shopping center at the northwest corner of Allentown and Forty Foot Roads, formerly known as Towamencin Shopping Village.

Core5 Warehouse Project - Core5 Industrial Partners has received Land Development approval for a 591,360 sf warehouse facility on Wambold Road at Allentown Road. Site construction is nearly finished for two of the three planned buildings and remains ongoing.

TNC Self Storage - TNC Self Storage received approval to expand the existing self-storage facility on Wambold Road, the existing 65,333 sf facility will add an additional 40,200 sf of storage units. Construction is in progress.

Dock Woods Health Care addition – Dock Woods received approval for a 17,540 sf building expansion, allowing for additional rooms to convert all double occupancy to single occupancy rooms. Construction is in progress.

Wawa – received Final Land Development approval to construct a 5,051 SF convenience store with fueling pumps. The 2.13 +/- acre property is located at the corner of Forty Foot Road and Sumneytown Pike and it will include fifty-eight (58) parking spaces and an air pump.

Delp Drive Warehouse – Preliminary and final plan approval for a 267,648 sf warehouse located at the end of Delp Drive was received.

Belfair Square Townhouse Development - Caracausa Building and Development, Inc has proposed the consolidation of nine separate parcels into a single 3.94-acre development site, located along Welsh Road within the MRC – Mixed Residential Cluster and RBP – Residential Business Professional Overlay Zoning Districts. The applicant plans to develop the property into 16 townhouses and associated public and site improvements, including parking and stormwater management facilities. The Board of Supervisors approved the permitted Conditional Use for the noted development, with the Planning Commission approving the Preliminary/Final plan.

Towamencin Electronics Recycling Event - Saturday, June 24 (9 am - 12 pm)

Location: North Penn High School Parking Lot - 1340 S. Valley Forge Road, Lansdale



We are planning another event for residents to responsibly recycle their obsolete electronics. This service is available to all Towamencin residents and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler. Residents must pre-register on the Eventbrite link, available on our website or use the QR code below.

Accepted Items Include: Laptops, computers, peripherals, typewriters, mice, telephones, printers, fax machines, cameras, keyboards, cell phones, small appliances, calculators.

No smoke detectors or large appliances will be accepted. All data media will be destroyed or wiped!

Items with fees: TV or computer monitor, air- conditioner, microwave or dehumidifier, wooden console or projection TVs

- \$30 per TV or computer monitor
- \$10 per air conditioner, microwave or dehumidifier
- \$100 per wooden console or projection TV

10 Lawn Care Tips to Protect Our Streams

- 1. Water your lawn no more than 1 inch per week. Use a rain gauge to keep track.
- 2. For the healthiest lawn possible, set your mower to its highest setting.
- 3. Reduce your fertilizer use, and use organic, slow-release fertilizers.
- 4. Choose native plants from the nursery to reduce maintenance and increase the habitat value of your yard.
- 5. Capture rain from your roof with a rain barrel. Use the captured rain to water your lawn and flower garden.
- 6. Choose alternatives to harmful pesticides like beneficial insects or non-toxic chemicals.
- 7. Compost your yard and kitchen waste. Use the compost as an excellent fertilizer for your lawn and gardens.
- 8. Remove invasive plants growing wild in your yard, and refrain from purchasing invasives from nurseries.
- 9. Test your soil so you can identify and address problems.
- 10. Reduce the size of your lawn to save money and time on maintenance.

To report an illicit discharge to storm drains or to a stream, creek or river, call Township at 215-368-7602.



2023 Road Paving Program

This year, there are 11 roads scheduled for milling and paving. The project paving is anticipated to take place during the summer months to reduce conflicts with traffic and school buses. The ADA ramps for these roads were upgraded in late 2022/early 2023.

Roads scheduled for 2023 Paving include:

Militia Drive, Carpenter Lane, Lantern Lane, Orchard Lane, Conestoga Lane, Weikel Road, William Penn Way, Constitution Road, Salem Way, Pickwick Lane, Stoneybrook Lane.

Per PennDOT and Federal regulations, whenever projects such as resurfacing are undertaken, the municipality must upgrade existing pedestrian curb ramps to the latest ADA standards.

30 ADA ramp locations will be installed (timeframe to be determined) within the Valley View Way, Creek Way and Spring Valley Road neighborhoods, located off Morris Road.



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HomeServices

Keystone Properties

Dear Towamencin Township Neighbor:

Should I sell my home Now or Wait?

This is a common question I receive. Although the economy is changing & interest rates have moved up, the supply of homes "For Sale" remains near record lows.

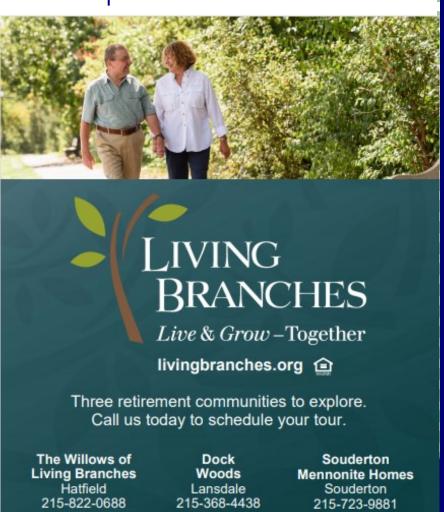
Demand still outpaces supply in our area. If you are thinking of selling your home, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will create a tailored marketing plan to assist you in achieving the highest price within your desired time frame.

Thank you, Ted Miller, Realtor

"I have sold over 900 homes in our area"

Cell: 215-290-6106 Office: 215-855-1165 ext. 121 tedm@bhhskeystone.com www.BHHSkeystone.com





Montgomery County Hazardous Waste Info & Collections

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2023 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

DATES:

Saturday, April 29 Boyertown Middle School East 2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

Saturday, May 6
Oak Ridge Elementary School
465 Moyer Rd, Harleysville

Saturday, May 20 Temple University-Ambler Campus Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

Saturday, June 17 Norristown Area High School 1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 24
Abington Middle School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, September 23 Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center 400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

SUNDAY, October 22 Lower Merion Transfer Station 1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by <u>Bucks</u>, <u>Chester</u>, <u>Delaware</u>, or <u>Philadelphia</u> Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

Contact us at: Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov 610.278.3618







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Follow us at MontgomeryCountyRecycling

Towamencin Community Day

Date: Saturday, May 13th

Time: 12 - 4 pm Where: Fischer's Park

Address: 2225 Bustard Road Lansdale, PA

Towamencin Township is excited to announce their annual community day! **Returning this year** is Ax Throwing. We are welcoming back **FREE** face painting/balloon animals, pony rides, police/fire activities, inflatables, magic shows, and much more! The event includes live music, food court, and an array of vendors and



local community groups. 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!

Special Events are Sponsored By:





COURTYARD®

Make room for a little fun.™

Movie in the Park Summer Event

Date: Tuesday, June 20th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Fischer's Park

Address: 2225 Bustard Road

Bring your blankets and lounge chairs out to Fischer's Park and enjoy a concert featuring Lolly Hopwood then a movie under the stars! The event is free to all. Kona Ice and Weber's Backyard BBQ will be the concessions.





Towamencin Summer Concert Series

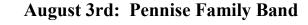
Date: Thursdays in June, July and August

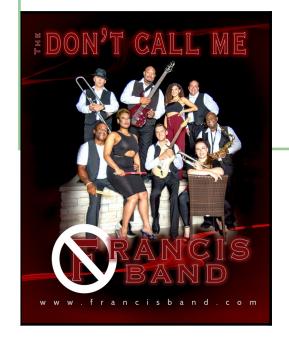
Time: 7 pm

Where: Fischer's Park - 2225 Bustard Road, Lansdale, PA

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 the blankets and chairs. The anticipated lineup is below, weather dependent. Food sales by Scratch Kitchen will start at 6 pm.

June 22nd: Don't Call Me Francis June 29th: AM Radio Tribute Band













Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company Update



start already in 2023. In 2022, we finished with everyone current on the equipment and tech-441 responses to calls/alarms. Here is how that niques needed to resolve any incident we get number breaks down:

- building fires 51
- fire alarms 141
- vehicle fires 24
- vehicle accidents with injuries 33
- vehicle accidents with rescue 9
- rescue and medical service runs 82
- hazard conditions 24
- miscellaneous calls (pump outs, electrical, investigations) -72
- cover assignments/standbys 5

This represents an average of 12-15 personnel per call and an average of 24.46 minutes per call provided by your volunteers, day and night, 365 days a year. Add to that, 12 monthly meetings, a minimum of 52 drills, plus committee meetings, fundraising, and maintaining our buildings and equipment. Additionally, in 2022, 53 members completed 2,868 hours of training.

As seen by the numbers, your volunteers once again gave an enormous amount of their personal time to serve the residents and businesses of the Township and community.

We are continually looking for additional members to serve with us as fireman, fire police, and auxiliary members. Our men and women are dedicated to protecting this community in a safe and expeditious manner. Please consider giving some of your valuable time to our all-volunteer service. Stop by any Thursday evening between 7 pm and 9 pm at our Bustard Road Station and talk to an officer about how you could help.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed our CPR/AED recertification and completed our yearly hazardous material training update. As the weather warms, we will begin our outdoor hose and

Your volunteer fire company is off to a busy water flowing drills and rescue drills to keep called to and keep ourselves safe as well.

> Our chicken BBQ was a success again last September. Our auxiliary bingo, hoagie/ flower sales and pictures with Santa were fun and helpful with our fundraising efforts because of your continued support of these events. Our 2022 fund drive finished strong and we thank everyone who supported TVFC in our annual fund drive and our other fundraising events. Our 2023 fund drive kicked off in March. This is for all Towamencin residents and businesses. Your support is needed for TVFC to maintain its equipment, buildings and training activities. As with everything these days, costs are rising for us as they are for you. Please keep an eye out for our fund drive mailer coming to your mailbox. You are important to keeping TVFC an all volunteer organization and in our ability to remain fiscally smart by maintaining a responsible/workable budget for this commu-

Once again a couple reminders as you begin • your outdoor activities. For those using fire pits for making s'mores or keeping warm on . a cool, early spring evening, take the following precautions:

- Be mindful of where you place your fire pit. Be sure it is away from wooded brush and your home.
- Keep a hose nearby for any embers that get outside of the fire pit.
- Make sure the fire embers are extinguished in the fire pit before you leave the area for the evening or head to bed for the night.

For those using the grill:

- Place your grill away from your home's siding.
- Make sure your grill propane tank fittings are secure and the propane tank is in

good condition.

Make sure your charcoal is cooled down or your propane grill is turned off before you leave the area for the evening or head to bed for the night.

And finally, be respectful of emergency responders responding to incidents. We work to be safe with our response to incidents and need your assistance on the roads when you see us coming.

We will likely be attending parades this year on Memorial Day in either Lansdale and/or Hatfield and July 4 in Skippack so look for us.

Our chicken BBQ will be held this year on Saturday, September 9th. Be sure to mark the date and come to support us.

The following are our remaining 2023 auxiliary fundraising events at our Bustard Road Station:

- Spring flower and hoagie sale, May 6, 10 AM-1 PM
- Designer Bag Bingo, September 22, 7 PM
- Fall mum and hoagie sale, September 30, 10 AM - 1 PM
- Pictures with Santa, December 2, 10 AM -1 PM

We thank those who came out to support our Designer Bag Bingo night on March 24th.

If you are looking for space to hold an event, consider renting our banquet hall. Contact the hall manager, Mike Gench, to discuss a date and cost. His number is 215-872-7007.

Again we thank you all for your support of TVFC throughout the year. Stay safe and have an enjoyable spring and summer.

Respectfully,

the Men and Women of TVFC

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

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

Police Retirement & Promotion Recognitions





Jeff Kratz receiving commendation from Board of Supervisors

In January, the Township said goodbye and recognized the retirements of two long-standing and respected leaders in the Police Department – Jeffrey Kratz and Gregory Wert.

Jeffrey Kratz's distinguished career in law enforcement began in 1985 as a police officer for Lower Salford Township. In 1987, he joined Towamencin's police force, where he remained for over 35 years. During his tenure, Jeff served many roles, including: patrol officer, bike officer, K9 handler, Patrol Sergeant, and Lieutenant. In February 2008, Jeff was promoted to Lieutenant, and in 2009 he graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy.

Jeff's management as Lieutenant was integral in the department earning State Accreditation through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. His commitment to high standards and performance enabled the department to maintain this accreditation status since May 2012. Through his career, Jeff was an advocate for the work of the Laurel House, and was a major force behind the law enforcement partnership, the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) program - supporting domestic violence victims in Montgomery County.



Greg Wert receiving his commendation

Gregory Wert served over 25 years for the Township's Police Department, starting in December 1997. During his tenure, Greg served many roles, including: patrol officer, firearms instructor, field training officer, and a founding TASER instructor. His work as a senior training officer shaped many officers' careers. Sergeant Wert consist-

ently demonstrated an aptitude for traffic enforcement, where he was assigned to the department's Highway Safety Unit. He received extensive training and education in accident reconstruction, eventually becoming a Federally Certified Motor Carrier Inspector for commercial vehicle enforce-

ment. Greg also served as a member of the North Penn Area Tactical Response Team (NPTRT) - an elite group of specially trained officers tasked with handling high-risk/barricade/hostage situations - serving as an Entry Operator, Sniper and Sniper Team Leader. Sergeant Wert also contributed to the Montgomery County Drug Task Force.

On January 11th, Geoffrey Wainwright took his oath, accepting his promotion

to the position of Police Lieutenant. Geoffrey Wainwright began his career with the Towamencin's Police Department in 1995, as a patrol officer. In 2008, he was promoted to patrol sergeant. In 1997 Geoff became a department trainer, earning instructor certifications in firearms, defensive tactics, less-lethal systems, active shooter response, and de-escalation tactics. He currently serves as the department's training coordinator. He also served on the regional SWAT team as an entry operator from 2000-2016, and was one of the department's field training officers, responsible for the initial training of newly hired officers when they start in patrol.



Lieutenant Wainwright

Officer James Gibbas was promoted to Sergeant at the Board of Supervisors



Sergeant Gibbas

Meeting on March 8th. Jim began his career with Towamencin's Police Department in 2009, where he was assigned to the patrol division, and has served as a patrol officer since his hiring. In 2016, Jim was selected to become a Field Training Officer, or "FTO", earning responsibility for the initial training of newly hired officers when they start in patrol. In 2019, Jim was named as an Officer in Charge, a supervisory assignment of the patrol squad's assigned sergeant. Jim has served in the OIC leadership capacity for his assigned patrol squad since 2019.

Jim has continued his law enforcement training and professional skill development over the course of his career here at Towamencin PD, earning both the respect and admiration of his

peers as well as several awards of recognition for meritorious service to the department and the community. Jim took his oath of office with his wife and children by his side.

We wish Lieutenant Wainwright and Sergeant Gibbas much success in their new roles.

TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY, dial 911 ● Non-emergency calls #215-368-7600 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Towamencin Soccer Club 2023 Event Schedule

Towamencin Soccer Expands its Youth Partnership with the Philadelphia Union!

The Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) continues to build on its special partnership with The Philadelphia Union to support the ongoing development and improvement of our players and coaches. As a member of the Philadelphia Union Youth Affiliate program, TSC members will have access to specialized training programs, coaches' workshops, player clinics and more. TSC is the only soccer club in this area to offer this level of training and development.

Here are some of the activities planned for 2023:

TSC Union Open Enrollment Summer Soccer Camp

Scheduled for Monday, July 17 thru Thursday, July 20, this four-day training camp is designed to help players enhance their individual skills levels, improve their overall performance, and just have some fun. Geared for players ages 6 to 14, the sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. Cost of the camp? Just \$219 -which includes a free ticket to a Union home



game, an official Adidas Union Camp jersey, and memories to last a lifetime. The camp will be held at the Grist Mill soccer fields, located at 1757 Allentown Road, Lansdale. Register at: https://philadelphiaunionyouth.sportngin.com

TSC Union Club Nights

These events are perennial favorities of the club. Twice each year, once in the spring and once in the fall, TSC hosts a Philadelphia Union night event down at the Subaru Park stadium. It's the opportunity for our players to enjoy cheering the Philadelphia Union on against the competition -- in person. These special events include an on-field experience for many of our players, as well as the chance to win some Union paraphernalia.

Our Union club nights are scheduled for:

- Saturday, April 1, 2023. The Philadelphia Union went up against Sporting KC. Eleven of our TSC players (ages 7 to 12) had the opportunity to walk onto the stadium field with the Union players in the opening ceremonies. Players were selected on a first come, first served basis.
- Saturday, August 20, 2023. The Philadelphia



Union will be going up against FC Dallas; game time is 7:30 p.m. Ticket

prices are \$33 each. Forty of our players (ages 10+) will have the opportunity to hold a Union banner on the field (part of the "Hype Tunnel" experience) as the players take the pitch. Players are chosen on a first come, first served basis. You can purchase tickets from TSC at https://tya.leagueapps.com/store



After an amazing 2022 season, expectations high for the Philadelphia Union this year. Come join TSC this year as we cheer on our local professional team. Go Union! Go TSC!

TSC athletes getting an autograph from Phang, mascot of the Philadelphia Union



Soccer: Live it and Love It!

not the world) and the Towamencin Soccer Club (part of the larger Towamencin Youth Association) continues to grow and expand, helping our youth members learn, train and compete in today's exciting world of soccer. Here's your chance to be a part of the best soccer program in the regional area!

You name it; we offer it. From agility and conditioning training to our spring "small-sided" soccer sessions, from basic and advanced ment and young player "fun" day, from our competitive travel pro- girls love playing for TSC.

gram (we had six league champion teams in 2022!) to our intramural Soccer represents one of the fastest growing sports in the country (if and rec select programs, and from our Philadelphia Union club events to our exciting on-field experiences at Subaru stadium, TSC continues to provide the best -- and most comprehensive -- soccer program to over 900 boys and girls in the community.

As we move full speed into the 2023 soccer season, our dedicated cadre of volunteers and coaches has already put together an amazing array of educational, fun and rewarding activities. Check us out at www.tyasports.org and click on the soccer tab. We hope you'll join instructional programs to our incredibly popular intramural tourna- us for our most amazing year yet – and find out why 1,000 boys and

HTS: Hatfield-Towamencin & Souderton Area Baseball

Hatfield-Towamencin (HT) Baseball and Souderton Area Baseball League (SABL) are excited to announce that our organizations are partnering together for the BuxMont Connie Mack and Cal Ripken league tournament team this Spring, Summer, and Fall 2023.

This partnership will allow Connie Mack eligible players (ages 13–16) from both organizations to be part of teams at the various levels (C, C1, B, B1, and A).

Similarly, our Cal Ripken tournament teams (ages 8–11) will include interested players and coaches from both organizations competing regionally in travel and tournament events.

Our continuing goal is to have every youth who is interested in playing organized baseball active on the field doing just that. This collaboration will allow our youth to continue playing in a fun and competitive program.

SABL President Ben Divens said: "HT and SABL have very similar values as neighboring leagues: providing a place where ALL of our youth can have fun, build friendships, and create lifelong memories. This is a very exciting time for our two communities."

HT President Jeff Baer agreed: "Our partnership will continue the tradition of fun, sportsmanship, and competitive play which have long

been hallmarks of our respective organizations. Truly a great day for youth baseball in our collective communities."

Important Information

- 1. With this partnership, the divisions listed above will play under a NEW unified logo: **HTS**
- 2. Players in all other divisions are <u>not</u> affected by this change and will continue to play for their respective league, as in years past.
- 3. All players from both leagues should register with their respective league (HT or SABL):

SABL: sabl.org

HT: tyasports.org/ht-baseball-registration

- 4. In the next few weeks, we will announce evaluation dates for the CM "A" and "B1" Summer teams.
- 5. Later this spring, we will email players about the start of practice
- 6. We look forward to seeing you on the ball fields!

Questions? Please reach out:

Steve Christie, SABL CM Commissioner: sgc3434@msn.com
Doug Kile, HT CM Commissioner: baseballkile@gmail.com





Morgan Log House's Spring/Summer Events

The Morgan Log House is preparing for the 2023 season with a wide range of offerings that bring the past to life! Some things we're most excited for in 2023 are:

- A new temporary exhibit, which explores what the top floor of the Morgan Log House looked like throughout history: we're even putting some old walls back in so you can see where the bathroom was!
- Our makerspace where you come and take part in hands
 -on history: learning about history by making it!
- Our continued bee program, where we raise honeybees on-site and educating about historical uses of honey and bees and the problems facing contemporary pollinators.
 We even have our own honey for sale!
- Our continued Drop-In Workshop series for kids and families and a new adult workshop series! They are held the first and third Saturdays of each month, starting in May.

APRIL

Saturday, April 22: Dusty Attic, Creepy Cellar Open House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Free

Join us to explore the Morgan Log House at our free yearly open house. Learn about the house, its history, and the restoration.

MAY

Friday, May 19: History Happy Hour, 7 p.m., Ticketed



Join us for a fun history talk connected to our temporary exhibit, a chance to learn a historic trade, and themed food and adult beverages. It's

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JULY

Friday, July 14: History Happy Hour, 7 p.m., Ticketed

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This is only a selection of the things we have in store for 2023! Keep an eye out for our Drop-in Workshops, adult workshops, makerspace events, and more!

The Morgan Log House is open for tours on the following schedule:

- Months of April and May: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, noon to 3 p.m.
- June through December: Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, follow us on Facebook, and check our website, <u>www.morganloghouse.org</u>. The Morgan Log House is located at 850 Weikel Road, Lansdale, PA. It is a non-profit history museum that seeks to bring history to life through tours, programs, and workshops throughout the year.





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Community Pool and Membership Information

Summer is just around the corner, so don't miss out on a splash-tastic 2023 season at Towamencin Community Pool! StandGuard Aquatics will continue to operate the pool this season and are looking forward to the upcoming season. The pool will open on Saturday, May 27, continuing through Labor Day weekend. Pool hours are 12 pm to 7 pm daily, except when posted.

Check the Township website closer to opening for lap swim times. Swim lessons for all ages and other water activities will also be available for registration.

Please note, the Towamencin Community Pool will be closed when all North Penn School District schools are in session and is subject to closure in the case of severe or cold weather. Please check our website, under Departments, for updates.

Not convinced you are ready to purchase your season memberships for the 2023 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 the 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 our 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!

Membership Prices

Juniors (ages 2-5), Seniors (65+) and Military ID's	\$94
Individuals (ages 6-64)	\$189
Family of 2	\$355
Family of 3	\$399
Family of 4	\$439
Family of 5	\$479
Family of 6	\$515
Family of 7	\$549
Family of 8+ Call office for details	



Memberships are now available for purchase online at their website www.sgatowamencin.com.

Contact info: www.sgatowamencin.com

Office Phone: 215-368-2615

Email: towamencin@standguardaquatics.com

Free Library Services: Bookmobiles & Online Resources

Free Public Library Service in Township

Towamencin Township is one of 33 municipalities served by the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, Branches, and Bookmobiles. Library cards and online accounts are free to residents. Bookmobiles bring the library to Towamencin Township weekly.

Bookmobile Stops

Meet us at one of our Towamencin or nearby community locations:

MERRYMEAD FARM

2222 South Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446 Alternate Mondays 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

TD Bank

4309 West Skippack Pike, Skippack, PA 19474 Alternate Mondays 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

SNYDER SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

1540 Cowpath Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440 Every Tuesday 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1380 South Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446 Every Thursday 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

RALPH'S CORNER SHOPPING CENTER

2333 West Main St Lansdale, PA 19446 Alternate Saturdays 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

For a current and complete bookmobile schedule, visit our website: http://mnl.mclinc.org/.

Item Request Procedure

Patrons can request items for pick up using any of the following methods:

Use their library card barcode and password to login into their online account. Email our office at bookmobiles@mclinc.org.



Call our office at 610-278-5100 x7. Drop off a request form at the bookmobile. Ask our staff on the Bookmobile.

Door Side Pick Ups and Returns

For patrons that want to social distance or experience physical challenges boarding the Bookmobile, we can meet you at the door. Just knock!

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

Homebound Outreach

We offer our Books By Mail program to patrons that are long-term or permanently homebound and therefore unable to travel to a library or bookmobile. This is a free-of-charge mail delivery service. We mail a package to the patron with their requested items, a return mailing label, and a pre-paid postage return courier bag. Contact our office for more information.

2023 Community Partnership Program & Advertising

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are still available for 2023!

We recognize the importance of community and how each person can make a difference in the lives of others. Donating to your local community benefits a business or organization by creating community awareness, marketing feedback, and an overall sense of well being. We offer various marketing opportunities such as ballpark signs (Butch Clemens and Bustard Road Parks), newsletter advertising, as well as various sponsorship levels for our special events offered throughout the year. These events are made possible by sponsors like you!

You can check out the website address below for additional information and pricing or scan the QR Code to learn more! https://www.towamencin.org/departments/events/



Environmental Advisory Council Updates & Events

Annual Stream Clean-up

The 2023 Stream Clean-up for the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) was held on Saturday, April 15, with another great effort by our local volunteers. 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, tires, scrap metal, and other debris from the streams in the watershed.



Volunteers participating in the stream clean-up

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) encourages Township residents to participate in the PWC Stream Clean-up. Many sites are located in our area, including local parks that have segments of the Towamencin Creek running through them. It's a great way to fulfill community hours while helping your local watershed!

In 2022, 1,433 volunteers worked together to remove 1,378 bags of trash, 255 tires and 2,828 lbs. of scrap metal

from 116 different sites throughout the watershed.

Rain Garden Workshop

Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to learn more about rain gardens? Join us to explore how rain gardens reduce stormwater runoff and filter pollutants while providing a wildlife-friendly addition to your home landscape. The EAC is sponsoring a Rain Garden Workshop led by the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) on Thursday, April 27 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the Towamencin Township building. Learn about different stormwater management techniques for your

property, with an in-depth discussion on rain garden construction and maintenance. Township residents will be inspired by an informative indoor presentation and will get to take home native plants for their gardens.

New this year - the EAC is generously offsetting the cost for residents, so this workshop is only \$10 per person and includes three native perennials. Spots are limited so register today: https://tinyurl.com/45d4cxfe



A rain garden example for stormwater runoff - photo courtesy of PWC

Become a Member of the EAC

The Towamencin Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is seeking volunteers! Are you interested in sustainability, clean energy, healthy watershed ecosystems, and much more? Then apply to join our volunteer team! The EAC advises Township officials to help inform decision-making regarding environmental issues. The EAC is also involved in planning new conservation initiatives and community environmental education efforts.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, at the Township Meeting Hall Building, located at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale. Check out the Township's website for more information and an application form.

Open Space & Parks Advisory Committee Review Update

Towamencin's Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee (OSPAC) is tasked with planning and providing guidance for the future of our parks. The Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who meet monthly to cultivate and refine our park and trail systems. Armed with foresight and critical thinking skills, prior committees crafted a vision for our residents; that vision is now a living document - a master park plan. The committee strives to address the needs and wishes of all Township residents, young and not-so-young.

Always at the forefront is our municipal swimming complex. The pool represents many things to our residents; it is where they learned to swim, where they hung out in the summer as teens, where they found relief from the summer heat, and where they honed their competitive swimming skills. The Township is committed to making sure the pool is open, maintained, and managed to our community's expectations. Our pool is a critical component of our community, for some it is the heart of the community.

Pickleball is a HOT topic - an ever-popular sport for all ages, skills, and mobility levels, pickleball is taking our country by storm, and hopefully, pickleball will find its place right here in Towamencin.

We are actively researching and studying the ideal location(s). What is Pickleball? Pickleball began in 1965 as a "homemade" backyard game when a shuttlecock for badminton could not be found. It uses elements of badminton, tennis, and ping pong - yes, PING PONG! Pickleball can



be played indoors or out, and you can be young or old. Pickleball is for everyone. Learn more at https://usapickleball.org.

Township staff and OSPAC have also been actively reviewing options to address drainage and resurfacing improvements for the bocce court at Fischer's Park.

If you are interested in learning more about the work that goes into OSPAC or want to make a recommendation, please visit the Township website or join us at our monthly meeting, which are normally held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Township Meeting Hall Building, located at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale.

Veterans Park Master Plan Complete, Sights on Funding Vision

After accomplishing so much in 2022, 2023 is upon us! We recently re-appointed our Committee officers for the next two years. Additionally, we have completed the Towamencin Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan. We could not have done this without the hard work of Anita Nardone, Peter Simone and the team at Simone-Collins Landscape Architecture. They led us through four public meetings and multiple Committee meetings before the Board of Supervisors approved the plan in December of 2022. We have the land; we have a plan, now we need to find the money to make this dream a reality. We will be applying for more grants, like the two received to fund the master plan effort, and will begin our own grass roots fundraising effort.

Last year, our Committee participated in Memorial Day events (parade, ceremonies, flag placement in cemeteries), Flag Day (proper flag disposal), Towamencin Day, Veterans Day and the maintenance of two Revolutionary and Civil War-era cemeteries in our Township. We will be participating in Towamencin Day again this year, staffing a table and educating the public on the Towamencin Veterans Memorial Park. We will also be

supporting the planning of, and participation in the Hatfield Memorial Day Parade. If you are a Veteran, want to see the Veterans Park come to fruition, or are just interested in Veterans affairs and events, please feel to join us at our monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, at 7:00 pm, located at the Township's Meeting Hall Building, located at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale. We welcome the help you have to offer!

Towamencin Township Veterans Committee













The mission of Towamencin Township's Veterans Advisory Committee is to advise the Township Board of Supervisors and assist them in recognizing, honoring, and remembering the veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States.



Towamencin Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania



VMSC - Committed To Improving Community Services



When you are having a medical emergency, you dial 9-1-1 and the ambulance arrives, maybe with lights and sirens. And for most, that sums up your interaction with and thoughts about emergency medical services. But in reality, VMSC (Volunteer Medical Services Corps) Emergency Medical Services is so much more.

VMSC has a long history in our community. Founded in 1933, Dr. Frank E. Boston,

a local surgeon, formed the Volunteer Medical Service Corps to provide emergency medical and rescue services to the North Penn region. Dr. Boston's effort also led to the creation of Elm Terrace Hospital, now known as Jefferson Lansdale Hospital. Our rich history distinguishes VMSC as the first EMS service founded by an African American. We celebrate our history and honor our founder by living his creed each and every day - Loyalty, Mercy, and Humanity.

Just over a year ago, VMSC made the decision to change its model and reinvent itself. Reorganizing and reinvesting in itself, committing to improving services, and adopting the philosophy of "Redefining Community First"; VMSC improved staffing through successful recruitment efforts, leading to improved coverage and increased ambulances deployed in our response plan.

Currently, VMSC operates 8 ambulances 24/7 in the North Penn and



Indian Valley areas. We have set a standard of clinical excellence for our patients, outperforming the nationwide average in advanced airway management,

cardiac arrest ROSC (Return of spontaneous circulation), IV Access, and heart attack scene time. VMSC have committed to over 2500 hours of training, active peer review, and quality improvement; all the while maintaining our belief in community first. In addition, VMSC has robust K-9 Search and Rescue, Drone, and Tactical Medic teams.

Many people ask why a trip to the hospital in an ambulance is so expensive, why isn't it priced more like an Uber? An ambulance trip is like

riding in a mini hospital with all the tools, supplies, and trained personnel necessary to help you or your loved one when you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency.

While an ambulance trip carries a price tag, the cost to outfit a modern ambulance is high. And the cost of readiness - to have 8 fully staffed ambulances ready when needed - comes with a certain expense. The best way to minimize your personal costs is through a subscription with VMSC Emergency Medical Services. Subscriptions help you save money in an emergency but also support the long-term sustainability of VMSC.

For more information, please visit their website at https://vmsclansdale.com/ or call the business office at 215-855-3779. You can also follow VMSC on Facebook at <u>Facebook.com/VMSC345</u>.





Examples of equipment price tags that are standard on VMSC's ambulance fleet

Municipal Engineering
Wastewater Facilities Engineering
Water System Facilities Engineering
Stormwater Management

4259 W. Swamp Road, Suite 410 Doylestown, PA 18902 215.340.0600

www.cksengineers.com





Towamencin Municipal Complex

1090 Troxel Road Lansdale, PA 19446 Township Building 215-368-7602

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Police/Fire/Medical Emergency 911

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Sewer Authority 215-855-8165

Tax Collector 215-723-7297

Towamencin Pool 215-368-2615

Towamencin Youth Association 215-362-8924

Volunteer Medical Service 215-362-2345

Voter Registration 610-278-3280





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