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Comprehensive Plan, Improvement Projects & Development Updates

It's setting up to be another busy year in Towamencin. Our most important 2024 initiative will be the Township's Comprehensive Plan update. Several projects are in various stages of design, engineering, bidding or construction. On the economic development front, several fully approved land developments are expected to begin construction this spring.

The first Comprehensive Plan update public meeting was held in two sessions on January 18th. Simone Collins, the firm hired by the Board to prepare the update, has been busy collecting data and meeting with key personnel and Township committees. A public opinion survey is live on our website, along with future meeting dates. We urge residents to complete the survey and offer input in this very important process. This plan update will set the course for the future of our community.

The Township's two largest projects, with anticipated construction this year, include the Weikel Road drainage and sidewalk improvements (Township Pool to Snyder Road) and Grist Mill Park Phase I Improvements. The Weikel Road Project is primarily funded by remaining ARPA funds and a Montco 2040 Grant for the sidewalk component. The Grist Mill Park project has advanced with design and construction/bid document preparation. The project will include: an inclusive playground, 2 basketball courts, a handicapped parking area and a perimeter trail. The Township was awarded a \$250,000 PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant and another \$250,000 funding submission was sought via a PA Local Shared Grant.

Projects in progress include:

Central Drive storm drainage improvements design and engineering continue, with construction planned for 2025 pending funding. In the Grist Mill Run development, two retention basins will be retrofitted to contribute to our MS4 permit requirements. Two grant applica-

tions were recently submitted to assist with this project funding.

The Welsh and Orvilla Roads Widening Project continues with engineering and right-of-way acquisition. The planning and design of this joint project with Hatfield Township was funded by a \$446,500 grant via the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Township will seek additional grant funding for future construction once right-of-way acquisition is complete. Construction is not expected until 2026.

A Green Light-Go grant application was submitted to upgrade 20 traffic signals and the signal system for the Sunneytown Pike and Forty Foot Road corridors. The project cost is \$388,150, with a funding request of \$310,520 and \$77,630 match.

The Skippack Creek Interceptor Project Phase 1 is nearly complete. Phase 2 timing will be based on available funding. A PA Local Share Grant application was submitted last fall for \$1,000,000.

A grant application will be submitted for the COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program for various improvements to municipal buildings, including: a new generator, adding parking lot lighting fixtures, HVAC upgrades to the police building, replacement of the retaining wall and stairs toward the rear of the municipal building, along with other building upgrades.

Several land development projects will advance to construction this spring/summer, according to respective developers, see page 3 for more details. At the Board's February 28 meeting, PSDC President Mark Nicoletti indicated his company has agreements with Whole Foods at the Village Shopping Center, and a Target, that would be situated between the shopping center and SKF building.

As for the sewer sale, PA American Water's application to acquire our



system is still in the PUC review process.

Additionally, the Commission recently voted 5-0 to approve a motion by PUC Chairman Stephen M. DeFrank supporting the issuance of a Tentative Supplemental Implementation Order that proposes four specific revisions to the Commission's existing procedures and guidelines for Section 1329 acquisitions, and invites interested parties to provide comments on these proposals for the Commission's consideration. The Township, through its special sewer sale counsel, intends to provide certain comment. We should have more information on how this effects our transaction following the 30-day comment period.

If you have not received your 2024 tax and sewer bills, please contact the Township office. The tax rate remained unchanged from 2023. The homestead exemption remained at \$55,000, the fifth highest in Pennsylvania. Sewer rates increased from \$450 to \$590 per year to cover increased operating costs and capital projects under the 8-year capital plan. In the case of both operating and capital costs inflation and tighter standards were contributing factors.

In closing, we hope you are able to attend our annual Towamencin Day on Saturday, May 11th, along with our five summer concerts 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

VOTER INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 23



Important dates for the primary election for Montgomery County:

- **LAST DAY to REGISTER** before the primary is April 8th
- **GENERAL PRIMARY** is Tuesday, April 23rd

Voters have several options to cast their ballot:

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

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.

Montgomery County Voter website is:

<https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/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 Pennycuik

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



Help keep pollution out of storm drains

Only rain in the drain! Storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to our streams and rivers. Any oil, pet waste, leaves, trash, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our streams and rivers.

What can you do?

Simple. These tips will help prevent pollutants from entering our streams, lakes and rivers:

- Keep all litter off the street and place it in receptacles so that it does not get washed down the storm drains.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, and fertilizers out of storm drains.
- Place dog waste in a trash can. Do not leave it on your yard, in the street or place it in a storm drain. Pet waste can introduce disease-causing bacteria into our water supply.

Keep our water clean! If you observe pollutants entering the storm sewer or stream, please contact the Township at 215-368-7602.

Community Planning & Land Development Updates

Land Development

The Shops at Town Square (Forty Foot & Allentown Roads) - Land development plans were approved and building permits issued for a 6,400 square foot Chipotle and Mattress Warehouse building at 1758 Allentown Rd. The location is at the site of the previous Boston Market. Construction is underway.

The existing shopping center, currently owned by PSDC, continues the land development review and approval processes. The applicant is proposing to install a driveway connection from the existing shopping center out to the undeveloped intersection at Newbury Way and Forty Foot Road.

Belfair Square, a future townhome community, located along Welsh Road, received land development earlier this year. The 16-townhome development is expected to begin construction in the Fall of 2024.

Wawa at Sunnyside Pike and Forty Foot Road will replace the former Wawa. The site will also feature twelve (12) fuel filling stations. Construction is anticipated for mid to late 2024.

1600 Delp Dr will be the new location of a 266,000 square foot warehouse. Land development plans and building permits were approved in early 2024. Construction is expected to begin in Spring of 2024.

Comprehensive Plan Update Review

The Township is currently in the process of developing an updated Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan serves as a guide for public and private decisions regarding the future goals of a community. It will provide the organizational framework for community planning and allows municipalities to evaluate their strengths/weaknesses while setting objectives for development, capital planning, and other governance issues.

The last comprehensive plan was adopted in 1989, with only minor updates since then. The Board of Supervisors chose the firm of Simone Collins to produce an updated Comprehensive Plan. Leading the drafting discussions will be the Township Planning Commission, with input provided by several Township committees, staff, public meetings, and various focus groups/key person interviews.

Public meetings will be held at the Township’s Meeting Hall. The first meeting was held on January 18th, and future meetings are scheduled for September 26, 2024 and February 27, 2025. Public input is very much relied upon and encouraged. The Township would like to hear from residents about what they would like to see in the community.

Residents may participate in the public survey by using the QR code or web link provided below, or submit your comments directly to Township staff. The public survey will be open through August 15, 2024.



Website for survey <https://qrco.de/TowamencinCompPlan>

Need a Permit?

Questions about permits?

Our Codes Department can answer your questions and guide you through the permit process.



Building Permits are required for new construction of residential and commercial buildings as well as additions, sun-rooms, renovations, garages, decks, porches, roofs, signs and swimming pools

For permit related information or questions, email: permits@towamencin.org. Towamencin Township uses Keystone Municipal Services, Inc. for inspections and plan reviews.

Code Enforcement Reminder

It is the responsibility of all property owners within Towamencin Township to cut all weeds and grass, and 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

JIGSAW JAMBOREE

Date: Friday, April 5th
Time: 7-9 PM
Location: Towamencin Fire Hall
 1590 Bustard Rd., Kulpville
 \$30 per group



New event! Join us for an evening of friends, fun and puzzles. Register your team of 2-4 people and assemble your 500-piece puzzle before the competition does. Prizes awarded to the fastest team! Space is limited so register your team today!
 Register at www.towamencin.org/departments/events

TOWAMENCIN COMMUNITY DAY

Date: Saturday, May 11th
Time: 12-4 PM
Location: Fischer's Park
 2225 Bustard Rd., Lansdale



Towamencin Township is excited to announce our annual Community Day! This event includes live music, food court, activities and 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!
 Interested in participating as vendor? Scan the QR code.

COFFEE and CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Date: Saturday, June 29th
Time: 9 AM- 12 PM
Location: Fischer's Park
 2225 Bustard Rd., Lansdale



New event! Enjoy your morning coffee, with a stroll through the park and some classic cars. Blue Wren Coffee House will be selling coffee and light fare. Stay tuned for more information!

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Date: Friday, August 16th
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Fischer's Park
 2225 Bustard Rd., Lansdale



Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a concert featuring Lolly Hopwood, then a movie under the stars! This event is free to all. Concessions will be available for purchase from Kona Ice and Travelin Hot Dogs.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Date: Thursdays in June, July and August
Time: 7 PM
Location: Fischer's Park
 2225 Bustard Rd., Lansdale

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 lawn chairs. Concerts are weather dependent. Food sales by Scratch Kitchen begin at 6 pm. Visit our website for complete details.

This year's participating bands are:



June 20th



July 11th



July 18th

August 1st



June 27th



APRIL

Saturday, April 6:
Dusty Attics & Creepy
Cellars Open House

Tours:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday

MAY

Saturday, May 4:
18th Century Field Brewing
Class**

Saturday, May 25:
Kids Makerspace Series*

Tours:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday



Events Calendar

*Free
**Registration Required

JUNE

Saturday, June 1:
Pleine Aire Day at the Morgan**

Saturday, June 15:
Kids Makerspace Series*

Saturday, June 22:
250th Housewarming Party

Tours:
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

JULY

Saturday, July 6:
Kids Makerspace Series*

Saturday, July 20:
Military Might

Tours:
Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
Sunday

AUGUST

Saturday, August 17:
Kids Makerspace Series*

Saturday, August 24:
Beekeeping Workshop with
4 Brothers Honey**

Tours:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 7:
Adult Summer Series
Workshop**

Saturday, September 21:
Tavern Night**

Tours:
Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
Sunday

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 19:
Mayhem at Morgan:
Treasure of the Louisa

Tours:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday

NOVEMBER

Tours:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 7:
Candlelight at Morgan

Tours:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday



Don't Miss Our New Exhibits!

From Farm to Fashion
One Room Schoolhouses in Towamencin

Interested in Volunteering?

Email: Director@morganloghouse.org

www.morganloghouse.org | 850 Weikel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446 | 215-368-2480



Police Department Updates

Welcome Officers Fernandez and Kinest

Please join us in welcoming Officer Matthew Fernandez and Officer Brandon Kinest. Both officers began their careers on January 15th and were sworn in at the January 24th Board of Supervisors Meeting before family, friends and members of the Towamencin Police Department. We wish them much success and safety as they protect and serve our community!

Before embarking in his police career, Officer Fernandez attended the University of Tennessee, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism and Electronic Media. While Officer Kinest enlisted in the PA. Army National Guard and currently serves as a team leader for the 1069th Military Police Company. He attended Bucks County Community College, earning an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. In July 2023, Officer Fernandez and Officer Kinest enrolled in the Montgomery County Community College Municipal Police Academy, successfully completing the academy in December 2023.



Pictured above: Officer Fernandez with the Board of Supervisors



Pictured above: Officer Kinest with his fiancé, & Chairman Wilson

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

Recognizing Detective Sergeant Jusko

Towamencin Police Detective Sergeant Daniel Jusko graduated from the prestigious Northwestern University’s School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) on February 16, 2024. The Staff and Command School is an intensive leadership and management education program that helps prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions. Through an innovative combination of academic principles with practical applications, the 10-week SPSC curriculum zeroes in on such critical command-level content as planning and policies, media relations, organizational behavior, budgeting and resource allocation, human resources, contemporary policing, and more.

Sergeant Jusko balanced the work and course curriculum over a twenty-week period. Devoting time to work incidents, investigations and preparing for assessment while writing a staff study. The course will benefit the Police Department and the residents of Towamencin by keeping the Police Department on the cutting edge of law enforcement in the twenty first century.

Pictured to the Right: Honorable Judge Matthew Weintraub; former Bucks County District Attorney. Detective Sergeant Daniel Jusko, Shelly Camden – Director of NWU-SPSC



Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company News



Each year, our volunteers dedicate significant time and efforts in the service of the Towamencin community. Our schedule includes: a minimum of 12 monthly meetings and 52 drills, committee meetings, fund raising efforts, building and equipment maintenance, and other events such as member funerals and truck housings, fire prevention activities and individual training classes. This represents a strong commitment from ALL volunteer fire company members. We respond 24/7, 365 days a year, and it is our pleasure to serve you!

That said, as members age, or head off to college or the military, we are continually looking for additional members to serve with us as firefighters, fire police, administrative or auxiliary members. Our men and women are dedicated to protecting this community in a safe and expeditious manner. Please consider donating your time to our volunteer service. Stop by Thursday evenings, between 7 pm and 9 pm, at our Bustard Road Station and talk to an officer to learn how you can help.

2024 TO DATE:

TVFC began the year with an incredibly high number of calls, a total of 52 alarms, as of the beginning of February. When you receive this newsletter, we will have completed:

- Biennial active member physicals,
- Annual hazardous material training updates - Hazardous materials travel through Towamencin regularly, especially via the turnpike, so this training is critical to review each year.
- Every Thursday, we hold indoor or outdoor drills, depending on weather conditions.
- In March, TVFC held its annual members banquet at the Holiday Inn to relax, socialize and recognize members for their years of service, outgoing officers and special recognition of members for the past year's contributions.
- Our 2024 fund drive kicked off in March. This is for ALL Towamencin residents and businesses. Your continued support is vital for our fire company to maintain its equipment, buildings, and on-going training. Costs continue to rise for protective gear, communications and firefighting/rescue equipment. We work very hard to make smart purchasing decisions, keeping within a reasonable yearly budget. Our building requires some upgrades; as funds permit, those upgrades will be made. Please keep a look out for the fund drive mailer coming to your mailbox. You are all important in allowing TVFC to continue as an all-volunteer, low-cost operation, where we maintain a fiscally responsible/workable budget for the community.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW:

- Responded to 426 calls/alarms - 342 fire incidents and 84 EMS related incidents.
- TVFC provided mutual aid for 83 incidents. We received mutual aid for 40 incidents.
- The average amount of time spent per incident was just under 22 minutes.
- Our chicken BBQ, held on September 9, 2023, was once again a success, where we sold out quickly. We thank the non-members that come out to support us with this major fundraising event. We extend a special thank you to the North Penn School District's Jr. ROTC members, who have participated, for the last several years, by helping to prepare and deliver meals to the public. We thank all who supported this event.
- Because of your continued support, our auxiliary bingo, hoagie/flower sales and pictures with Santa were a success and helped our fundraising efforts.
- Our 2023 fund drive finished very strong. Thank you to all who supported TVFC in our annual necessary fund drive.

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

**Keep up to date with TVFC happenings. Visit our revamped website: www.towamencinfire.com
Come join TVFC! We are always looking for more volunteers! Check our website for information.**

2024 EVENTS—Come out to support us!

- ◆ Designer Bag Bingo, March 22, at 7 pm
- ◆ Spring flower & hoagie sale, May 4, 10 am - 1 pm
- ◆ Mommy Mart, September 21, 8 am -1 pm
- ◆ Fall mum & hoagie sale, October 5, 10 am - 1 pm
- ◆ Pictures with Santa, December 6, 10 am -1 pm
- ◆ Chicken BBQ Saturday, September 7

All events are held at our Bustard Road Station.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Fire Pit Use - take precautions where you place your fire pit. Have a hose near by for any embers that get outside of the fire pit. Keep your fire pit away from wooded brush. Make sure the embers are extinguished in the fire pit.

Grill Safety - Place your grill away from your home siding. Make sure your propane grill tank fittings are secure and your propane tank is in good condition. Before you leave the grill area, be sure the charcoal has cooled down in your grill and your propane grill is turned off.

Car Care - While nice weather makes us all want to be out cruising around for fun, please take caution with speed limits and pay attention to road hazards. Let's all try to avoid accidents this season.

Looking for a place for your next event? Rent the TVFC Banquet Hall. Contact hall manager Mike Gench at 215-872-7007

Discover the Beauty & Wonder of Kibler Meadow Park

Welcome to Kibler Meadow Park, the hidden gem nestled in the heart of Towamencin Township! Imagine a place where time seems to stand still, where the whispers of nature echo through the rolling meadows, and where the legacy of one passionate soul lives on in every flutter of a butterfly and every melody of a songbird.

Step into Kibler Meadow and prepare to be transported to a world of tranquility and wonder. This 35-acre oasis, lovingly bequeathed to us by the visionary Virginia W. Kibler, is a testament to the power of preserving open spaces for future generations to enjoy. Virginia's love for horseback riding, farming, and the natural beauty of her land shines through in every blade of grass and every gentle breeze that caresses your cheek.

Bring your little ones along and embark on a magical journey of discovery as you count butterflies flitting from flower to flower, or marvel at the breathtaking spectacle of a sunset painting the sky in hues of orange and gold. Take a moment to sit amidst the quiet beauty of the meadow and let your imagination wander back in time, picturing Virginia herself riding her beloved horses along the very trails you now tread.

But Kibler Meadow is more than just a scenic retreat—it's a canvas waiting to be painted, a stage waiting to be set, and a blank page waiting to be filled. Whether you're an artist seeking inspiration, a musician yearning to create, or a writer longing to compose, this enchanting landscape offers endless possibilities for creativity to flourish.



Located between Kerr and Schlosser Roads in the picturesque "panhandle" section of the Township, Kibler Meadow Park is not just a haven for humans, but also a sanctuary for our feathered friends. Birdwatchers rejoice, for this park boasts some of the best birding opportunities in all of Montgomery County! With a diverse array of avian residents calling this place home, every visit promises a new and exciting birdwatching adventure.

In fact, just this year alone, bird enthusiasts have been treated to sightings of a remarkable variety of species, from the majestic Great Blue Heron to the charming Carolina Wren, and from the striking Northern Cardinal to the elusive Eastern Towhee. Whether you're a seasoned birder or just beginning your avian adventures, Kibler Meadow Park offers endless opportunities to marvel at the wonders of the avian world.

So what are you waiting for? Grab your binoculars, pack a picnic basket, and set off on a journey of exploration and discovery at Kibler Meadow Park. Whether you're seeking solace in nature's embrace or inspiration for your next masterpiece, you will find it all and more in this enchanting haven of beauty, tranquility, and endless possibilities. Come discover the magic of Kibler Meadow today!

Towamencin Electronics Recycling Event, Saturday, June 8th (9 am - 12 pm)

Location: North Penn High School Parking Lot - 1340 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. No smoke detectors or large appliances will be accepted. All data media will be destroyed or wiped! Additional details will be forthcoming. Accepted electronic items include: Laptops, computers, peripherals, typewriters, mice, telephones, printers, fax machines, cameras, keyboards, cell phones, small appliances, calculators.

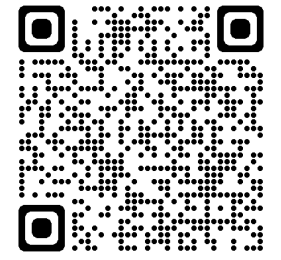


Items with fees: TV or computer monitor, air-conditioner, microwave or dehumidifier, wooden console or projection TVs. Residents must pre-register, to do so, use the QR code or check the Township website under events.

Become a Community Sponsor and Advertise in 2024

All businesses and organizations are welcome to participate in Township Events. 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. Being a community partner with Towamencin Township can help you advertise and promote your business or services while improving your community.

For additional information on sponsorship's, please visit our website, or scan the QR code. | Sponsorship can now be paid online.



Montgomery County Bookmobile, Outreach Service, and New Programming

Free Public Library Service in Towamencin Township

Towamencin Township is one of 33 municipalities served by the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, Branches, and Bookmobiles. Library cards and online accounts are free to residents. Bookmobiles bring the library to Towamencin Township weekly. For a current and complete bookmobile schedule, visit our website: <http://mnl.mclinc.org/>.

New for 2024 - Towamencin has partnered with the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library to provide additional library services to our residents. We have scheduled a monthly story time for preschoolers. This program takes place on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11 am. The story time is held in the Meeting Hall's classroom located at 1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale. For additional information, including dates and times, please visit the Township's website and Facebook page.



Item Request Procedure

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

- Use their library card barcode & 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.

Bookmobile Community Locations:

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

RALPH'S CORNER SHOPPING CENTER

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

Bookmobile and Outreach Services Contact: Email: bookmobiles@mclinc.org | Phone: (610) 278-5100 Ext. 7

Veterans Committee News, Meeting Info & Upcoming Events

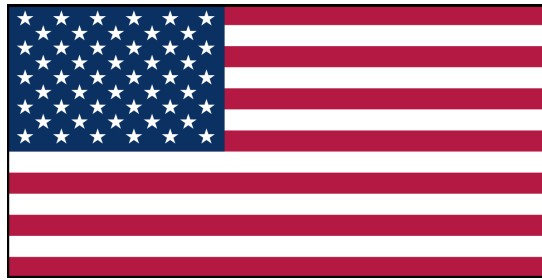
We'd like to welcome Joyce F. Snyder, as our liaison from the Board of Supervisors to the Towamencin Veterans Committee. Our committee membership includes: Michael Lewis (USAF) is the Chairperson, Joseph Meehan (USN) is the Vice Chair, William Dauphinee (USMC) is the Finance Officer and Chet Ruminski (USN) is the Secretary. The members of the committee at large are Barry Forgeng (USMC), Barry Kenyon (USN), Carter LeBrocq (USA), Daniel Littley (USAF), Gordon Bell (USCG), Robert Dell (USCG), Rich Marino (USMC) and Laureen Sendel-Grant (USA).

This disparate group of Veterans meets monthly on the 4th Monday to advance planning for the Towamencin Veterans Memorial Park and participate in various other worthy causes and events throughout the year.

This committee has taken responsibility for

two historic cemeteries within the Township; Tennis-Lukens, which abuts the future home of the Towamencin Memorial Park and the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, located behind the Holiday Inn parking lot. Tennis-Lukens is the final resting place of Revolutionary War Veterans. While, the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery is the final resting place of Jacob Kulp, a local landowner, and the namesake of Kulpville. We try to keep these small but important cemeteries in good repair.

The Committee participates yearly in Towamencin Day (May 11, 2024), Memorial Day



events in both Hatfield and Tennis-Lukens Cemetery, Flag Day Ceremony at the Hatfield American Legion, and Veterans Day in both Hatfield and the Tennis-Lukens Cemetery. We are planning to have a separate Veterans Event this year just for fellow Towamencin Veterans. Keep checking on the Veterans Committee web page on the Township's website for details as they develop.

If you are a Towamencin Veteran and like the idea of honoring our nation's veterans, then come on out on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm and join us in planning our Memorial Park! We meet at the Township's Meeting Hall Building -1090 Troxel Road, Lansdale.

If you want to donate to this worthwhile cause, then write a check! If you have any questions or want more information, please email our Chairperson, Michael Lewis at: mjlewis@comcast.net.

Towamencin Township
E-NEWS

Have you signed up for e-news?

Create an account today to receive website notifications on news, events meetings and more!

www.towamencin.org/my-account/

SCAN ME

Ready to make a splash? We are busy planning the upcoming swim season! This season will include the following aquatic activities: swimming lessons, water fitness classes, water slide, diving boards, lap and family swim times, night events and so much more! Season passes are on sale visit our website:

<https://towamencinpa.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

See you at the pool soon!

Towamencin Community Pool & Swim Team Updates

Summer will be here before you know it. Cool off with a summer pool membership. StandGuard Aquatics will once again operate the pool this season. The pool will be open from May 25th through September 2nd. Pool hours are 12 pm to 7 pm daily, except when posted. The pool is a smoke-free zone offering a safe, clean, and fun environment for everyone!

As we get closer to swim season, visit the Township website for continued updates. Updates will include:

- ◇ Registration information
- ◇ Discounts
- ◇ Special Events

Create an account at www.sगतowamencin.com to stay informed on pool happenings!

Memberships now available for purchase online.

Website: www.sगतowamencin.com

Office Phone: 215-368-2615

Email: towamencin@standguardaquatics.com

Juniors (age 2-5), Seniors (65+) and Military ID's	\$106
Individuals (age 6-64)	\$215
Senior Pricing (65+)	\$106
Family of 2	\$410
Family of 3	\$455
Family of 4	\$503
Family of 5	\$549
Family of 6	\$594
Family of 7	\$630
Family of 8+	Call for details

*Pricing is subject to change



Towamencin Swim and Dive Team

- Ages 5-18
- Afternoon practice daily until mid-June.
- Morning practices begin mid-June
- 7 Meets Tue and Thu Nights + Championships
- High School Practice Option
- Memorial Day thru July 27th



**Now Hiring
Coaching Positions Available
Apply via TST website or FB**



www.towamencinswimteam.org
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Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball

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2024 CALENDAR BY DIVISION*

Spring Intramural Season (March-June)

Quickball — Ages 4-6 (Coach Pitch w/Quickball)

A: Coach Pitch — Ages 6-7

AA: Player Pitch — Ages 8-9 (46/60 Field)

Minors — Ages 9-10 (46/60 Field)

Majors — Ages 11-12 (50/70 Field)

Connie Mack & American Legion Baseball

Early Spring Connie Mack — Ages 13-16 (April-May)

Summer Connie Mack — Ages 13-16 (May-July)

Summer Junior Legion — Ages 14-16 (May-July)

Summer Senior Legion — Ages 16-19 (May-July)

Senior Connie Mack — Ages 17-40 (May-July)



GET STARTED

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*Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball and Souderton Area Baseball partner through combined teams at the tournament and Connie Mack levels under a new HTS logo.



Boys and Girls Basketball Registration Now Open!

Important Details:

Offer both boys and girls travel and rec programs ▪ Travel program for grades 3-8

Various divisions for rec: instructional, intermediate, minors and major

Practices and games twice a week ▪ Season runs November through March

Register at: <https://tyasports.org/home/registration/>

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TYA Little League Softball Review

TYA Little League Softball is looking forward to its fifth year as an officially chartered Little League organization. Little League has given the girls in our community the opportunity to create a local youth softball program built on life lessons, socialization, and sportsmanship that benefits all of the children and the adult volunteers who support those efforts. The TYA Little League Softball Program strives to provide the children (4 to 16 years old) of our local communities with an outstanding educational-athletic organization that provides a positive youth sports culture and a high-quality experience to every athlete.

This experience includes one in which athletes are:

1. Coached using the principles of Positive Coaching in a safe and structured environment
2. Encouraged to have fun playing the game and make new friends
3. Enabled to feel like an important part of the team regardless of performance
4. Taught “life lessons” that have value beyond the playing field and throughout a lifetime
5. Taught the skills, tactics, strategies of the game & improve as a player while honoring the game



For additional league and registration information, please visit the website at <https://tyasports.org/softball/>



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Saturday, June 22
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Saturday, June 1
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Saturday, September 21
Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

Saturday, June 15
Abington Middle School
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SUNDAY, October 13
Lower Merion Transfer Station
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Towamencin Soccer Club Program Review

Why TSC? Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) is one of the leading youth soccer organizations in our region. Here are several reasons why:

Philadelphia Union Partnership

We enjoy a very active and vibrant partnership with the Philadelphia Union (our region's professional soccer team). We host two annual TSC member nights at Subaru Stadium – one in the spring and one in the fall where we invite TSC players and their families to a night of professional soccer fun and excitement.

Professional Training

Our club hosts a number of training programs throughout the year. Led by professional soccer organizations, including the Philadelphia Union, we offer basic instructional player training, agility and goal-keeper sessions, as well as, specialized training for our coaches. We also provide some of the best summer camps (both intramural and travel) in our area.



Travel Soccer

We offer one of the most dynamic and competitive travel programs in our region (and in the state!). TSC has grown to over 22 boys and girls travel teams. For players who want to be the best at soccer and enjoy competitive league and tournament play, TSC offers one of the best and most amazing travel soccer experiences today.

Intramural Soccer

We have over 500 soccer players of all ages participate in our recreational program, which runs from July through October. Our program focuses on improving player development and proficiency in a fun and learning atmosphere. It offers winning soccer techniques taught by soccer professionals, as well as, the opportunity to practice skills and techniques during small-sided game play.



We Focus on Player Development

All of our programs are geared to develop and enhance individual soccer skills, promote camaraderie, and cultivate team sportsmanship in a supportive and fun atmosphere. Soccer continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in the country. And it is our mission to help our youth learn, grow and compete in today's exciting world of soccer. It can be one of the most rewarding experiences around.



Volunteers

Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) has prided itself on being a volunteer-led, volunteer-driven, and volunteer-active association. We are excited to have over 100 volunteers helping the club in a wide variety of roles – from coaches and assistant coaches, to field setup and maintenance assistants, to league managers and event coordinators.

And we thank ALL of them for the dedication, guidance and support they provide our organization each and every year.

Visit the soccer page of our website -- <https://tyasports.org/soccer/> -- to get the latest information on our club programs and events, as well as, player and team updates. You'll find plenty of activities you can register for and participate in.

If you have questions about our soccer program, team sponsorships or special events, contact Jeff Hill, Soccer Director via email: tsdirectorhill21@aol.com.



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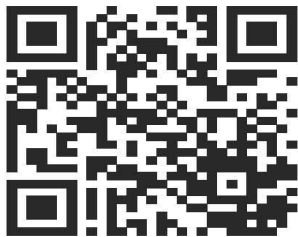
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CARING FOR YOUR YARD THIS SPRING

Spring is here and with it comes warmer weather, longer days and lots of yard work! Before you head outside to tackle your latest project, remember that what you do on your yard has a direct impact on the environment. This is especially true when it comes to caring for your lawn.

Lawns are notorious for their negative impacts on wildlife as well as local waterways. Luckily there are lots of small steps that you can take as a homeowner to make your yard more eco-friendly!

Consider these tips to reduce stormwater pollution and create wildlife habitat on your property this spring.



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Clean-up: Collect and dispose of any trash that might have blown into your yard over the winter. Mulch or compost leaves and garden cuttings from the fall so that they don't get washed into local streams.



Fertilize Carefully: Look for slow release nitrogen fertilizer which is less likely to harm water quality. Several small fertilizer applications spread out over the growing season is better than one large application. Never apply fertilizer before it rains!



Plant Natives: Spring is a great time to plant native trees, shrubs and perennials! Native PA species require less maintenance, are more beneficial for wildlife and absorb more stormwater than non-natives.



Mow Sharp and High: A sharp mower blade cuts grass cleanly which improves turf health. Set your mower deck to 2.5" or more to help reduce stormwater runoff. Consider converting a section of your lawn to native garden!



Environmental Advisory Council Workshop Review, Updates & Spring Events

Our Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) continues to be involved in planning new conservation initiatives and community education efforts. In 2023, the EAC participated in several activities to help the environment and to educate residents.

On October 12, the EAC hosted a Backyard Composting Workshop led by Carol Butler, Environmental Program Specialist, from the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). The workshop was a success – over 20 residents participated and learned the importance and benefits of composting, the process, proper maintenance, and ways of using finished compost. Township residents received a FreeGarden EARTH compost bin with attendance.



The EAC generously offset the cost for residents, so the workshop was only \$35 per person. Thank you to all Towamencin residents who participated in the above event! To learn more about what the PRC does to prevent waste and conserve the environment, visit PRC's website at <https://prc.org>.



In 2024, the EAC plans to host workshops, assist the township develop stormwater mitigation ideas, public education/outreach, develop new recycling initiatives, and provide environmental related input to the Towamencin Comprehensive Plan. Below are some of the planned events.

The EAC meets the second Tuesday of the month, in person, at the Township's Meeting Hall Building and welcomes public participation at these monthly meetings.

The EAC is developing a list of volunteers to assist in different projects throughout the year.

Please reach out if you are interested in learning more or volunteering by emailing info@towamencin.org or towamencin.eac@gmail.com

Annual Stream Clean-Up – Saturday, April 13

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC)'s annual Stream Clean-Up will be held on April 13. Towamencin Township is part of the Perkiomen Watershed and the Towamencin Creek is a tributary of the Perkiomen Creek. This event is focused on removing litter, tires and other debris from regional waterways. The Stream Clean-Up brings together volunteers who work collaboratively to clean-up streamside sites, parks and open spaces throughout the watershed. Since its creation in 2004, the Perkiomen Stream Clean-up has grown to become the largest single-day stream clean-up in the state of Pennsylvania with 1,700 volunteers participating in 2023! There are several Towamencin Township locations included in the event. Visit the PWC's website at <https://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/stream-clean-up> to register. The following sites in Towamencin are included in this year's cleanup, Firehouse Park, Fischer's Park, Green Lane Park and Towamencin Municipal Swimming / Morgan Log Cabin.

If you are interested in becoming a site leader for any of the locations, please reach out to the Towamencin EAC towamencin.eac@gmail.com and the PWC Director of Conservation, Jessie Kemper jkemper@perkiomenwatershed.org for more information. Site leaders will report to PWC on the week before the event to pickup supplies/signs and will attend virtual training prior to the stream cleanup.

Earth Day Event – Invasive Plant Removal – Saturday, April 20

Would you like to improve Fischer's Park? Do you know what plants in your backyard are invasive? Spend a few hours learning about invasive plants and removing them from the Township.

The EAC is leading an Invasive Plant Removal Event on Saturday, April 20 to celebrate Earth Day. Event details and volunteer registration will be provided in the Township electronic newsletter.



Garlic mustard, an invasive plant example

EAC Feature: Lawn Alternatives - Microclover

Want a lush lawn that requires little to no water, fertilizer, or maintenance, and offers ecological benefits as well? Consider overseeding with microclover, a miniature variety of Dutch clover (*Trifolium repens*)!

Botanical BFFs Microclover will form a symbiotic relationship with turfgrass and some other plants that benefit them greatly. It has very shallow roots and spreads through stolons, or runners. While these roots mean it won't hold up to foot traffic well on its own, it also means it harmonizes very well with grass roots because they grow in different parts of the soil. The toughness of the turf protects the clover, and the broad leaves of the clover in turn shade the soil to help keep it moist during dry periods. The effect is big enough that in our climate, you likely won't have to water at all, even during short periods of drought!



microclover Image courtesy lawnlove.com

Free Fertilizer Microclover has nodules in its roots that house and feed nitrogen fixing bacteria, which convert nitrogen from the atmosphere into the form usable by plants. Leave the lawn clippings when you mow to feed your lawn the right amount of nitrogen to keep it healthy and green, without burn or runoff!

Pest Control Microclover is killed by broadleaf lawn herbicides, but you won't need them since it is very good at suppressing and outcompeting shallow rooted lawn weeds like crabgrass and chickweed. It also has been reported to repel Japanese beetles and keep them from laying their eggs, which hatch into lawn grubs.

Ready to try it? The best time to overseed is in the spring within a month of the last frost date, or in September and October. It does best with a pH above 6 and needs at least 4 hours of direct sun to thrive. Before overseeding, mow to a height of about 3 inches. Once the seeds begin to sprout, it will start to spread rapidly through the grass, and you should notice it looking noticeably more green and lush. This healthier, aerated soil also helps with drainage during rains, keeping your turf less soggy and reducing stormwater runoff!

Once the microclover is established, mow your grass to a height of 6 inches. Longer grass allows the roots to grow deeper and keep the soil less compacted. At this height the clover will grow a sea of attractive, small white flowers that pollinators adore! Use a mulching blade rather than a bag. Don't worry about the clippings- they'll disappear in a day or two, and feed the earthworms, which also keep the soil aerated.

For more information about integrating microclover or other lawn alternatives please reach out to the Towamencin Environmental Advisory Council at towamencin.eac@gmail.com and one of our volunteers can provide you more information. This is the first part of a miniseries the EAC is putting together to discuss different lawn alternatives.

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For additional information, including dates and times, please visit the Township's website and Facebook page.

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