

WELCOME TO TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

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A Year of Growth, Projects, Innovation & Community-Driven Progress

It's been an innovative year in our Township, marked by projects, development, legislation, and diligent work by our committees driving meaningful progress across every corner of our community.

On May 14, the Board reorganized, where I was appointed as the new Chair. Also, at this meeting, Amer Barghouth was also appointed as our interim supervisor to fill a Board vacancy.

The Township's Comprehensive Plan update is being finalized. The draft document is available on the Township's website. This update will shape the future of our community.

Several grant applications have been submitted to support the following projects: Welsh and Orvilla Road Widening Improvements, Central Drive Storm Sewer Project, Municipal Complex Improvements, Skippack Creek Interceptor, Grist Mill Drive Basin Conversations, Kriebel Road Trail Extension (phase 3), Butch Clemens Park Pickleball Courts, Grist Mill Park Connector Trail, and Tennis Lukens Cemetery Restoration. Information on grant submissions and awards can be found on the Finance section of the Township website.

The construction of the Grist Mill Park Improvement Project is nearly finished, with an expected completion in October. The project will feature: an inclusive playground, a basketball court, a handicapped parking area, fencing, and a perimeter trail. The Township received a \$250,000 grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and \$175,000 through the PA Local Share Assessment Grant to support this project.

The Weikel Road drainage and side-walk improvements, from the Township pool to Snyder Road are completed, except for minor landscape work. This project improves pedestrian connectivity between neighborhoods and the North Penn School District property, while also addressing stormwater issues. It included installing new storm sewer inlets, new concrete piping, and concrete end wall, as well as, sidewalk curbs and driveway aprons. This project was mainly funded by remaining ARPA funds and a Montco 2040 Grant for the sidewalk portion.

Phase 2 of the Skippack Creek Sewer Interceptor Project is underway. The project involves replacing roughly 1,200 feet of interceptor pipe. The Towamencin Municipal Authority received \$400,000 through the PA Local Share Assessment Program to help fund this project.

Regarding development, the Mattress Warehouse and Chipotle Restaurant, at Forty Foot and Allentown Roads, are open and ready to serve you.

Construction is underway at the Goddard School, located at 1390 S. Valley Forge Road, in the former Rite Aid building. The applicant has started interior improvements and is currently working on land development.

The construction of the Delp Drive Warehouse Development, a 267,648 SF warehouse, is expected to be finished by late October.

Noteworthy legislation has passed this year, including:

Ordinance 25-04, which updates the Township Code to include a new maintenance program for on-site sewage disposal systems and reinstates the requirements for pumping and inspection of these systems. Key changes

include a new permit for pumping and inspections, renewed every three years, with the system's pumping schedule. Inspection of septic systems will be the property owner's responsibility and permits will be issued by the Township.

Ordinance 25-05 amends the Township's Stormwater Management Code to meet NPDES permit requirements for stormwater discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) and updates other provisions within the ordinance.

Ordinance 25-06 permits domesticated chickens in residential zones as a non-commercial accessory use to single-family detached homes, with a lot size exceeding 20,000 square feet; roosters are not allowed.

The Township has welcomed several new members to our volunteer boards and committees. Committee meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend. If you're interested in joining a committee, please visit the Township website to see which vacancies are open and submit an application.

Meanwhile, collaboration within committees and the community has led to

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2025 VOTER INFORMATION

Election updates and deadlines can all be found on Montgomery County's website. You can check polling locations, voter registration status, candidates running for office, volunteer opportunities, district maps and more.

Important Dates

Last Day to Register:
October 20

Election Day:
November 4

Office Locations:

Montgomery County Voter Services One Montgomery Plaza, Suite 602 425 Swede Street Norristown, PA 19401 Voter Registration: 610-278-3280

Election Board: 610-278-3275 https://www.montcopa.org/753/Voter-Services



Elected Representatives Serving Towamencin Township

PA State Representative District 61:

Representative Liz Hanbidge

House of Representatives District 4:

Congresswoman Madeleine Dean

PA State Senate District 24:

Senator Tracy Pennycuick

US Senators:

Senator Dave McCormick Senator John Fetterman

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the following highlights:

The Environmental Advisory Council launched a pilot program - as part of its MS4 Strategy Plan - to assess the benefits of converting passive open space areas into naturalized meadows. The EAC examined the advantages of these areas reverting to a natural state for environmental reasons and to meet DEP mandates. One such no-mow meadow area is located at the entrance of the Municipal Complex, off Troxel Road. Over the past year, our EAC members have been developing strategies to restore the ecological function and visual appeal of this designated no -mow area.

The Board created an America 250 Committee to ensure the successful celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary locally. The committee has been working on event preparations for Towamencin's celebration, which will take place on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Fischer's Park, with a rain date of June 26, 2026. Mark the date on your calendar and join us in celebrating our nation. There are still spots available on this committee. We're looking for passionate, creative, and fun individuals to join us with fresh ideas to celebrate our nation!

Over the last year, our Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee has been exploring ways to bring geocaching back to Towamencin Township! This activity is now permitted at the following parks: Bustard Road, Butch Clemens, Green Lane and Kibler Meadows.

To learn more about this fun activity, jump to page 15.

Reminder, our budget work sessions are scheduled for 6:30 pm on October 1, 15, 29, and November 5. They will be held in the Meeting Hall building and streamed live via Zoom for those unable to attend.



We hope you can join us for our fall and winter events: our Turkey Trot 5K and Walk, is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th, and the Holiday Lights Festival will take place on December 5 and 6.

In closing, as your new Chair, I encourage you to reach out to me with your concerns at jsnyder@towamencin.org.

To stay updated on Towamencin news and events, please sign up to receive our weekly e-news at www.towamencin.org.

Sincerely,

Joyce F. Snyder Chair, Board of Supervisors

Towamencin Township Is Now a Bird Town!

On March 4, 2025, Towamencin Township became Pennsylvania's 77th Bird Town! You might have noticed the new signs, featuring cardinals, bluebirds, and thrushes, placed throughout the township and wondered, "What does it mean to be a Bird Town?" The mission statement, available at https://birdtownpa.org, says: "Bird Town Pennsylvania works in partnership with local municipalities and like-minded organizations to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife, and people."

Towamencin's Bird Town committee has swiftly taken flight, already completing several outreach events. The members hosted an information table at Towamencin Day, handing out pamphlets on how to be good stewards of birds and nature, sharing bird photographs taken within the township, and engaging with questions and discussions. There was also a free raffle featuring many handcrafted and beautifully painted bluebird and wren houses. Committee members participated alongside volunteers in the 2025 Stream Clean-up and Invasive Plant Removal activities, raising awareness of their importance for birds. On June 14, the committee partnered with the Valley Forge Audubon Society for a birding adventure at Fischer's Park. The two-hour guided walk was attended by 25 people of all experience levels. Thirty-seven different bird species were identified, including hummingbirds, nesting waxwings, and several migratory warblers as highlights. The Committee hosted another birding event at Fischer's Park on September 6, when many migrating songbirds are traveling to the southern USA, the Caribbean, and South America for winter. Additional township activities are in the planning stages, including a youth-focused birdhouse-building event this coming winter.

Looking back at the past year of bird sightings in Towamencin, it's been another great year. The top hotspot is Fischer's Park, with over 120 species of birds positively identified since August 2024. Standout birds at Fischer's include a Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-billed Cuckoos, and a pair of Eastern Screech Owls. Kibler Meadows reported 76 species, including American Kestrel and Great Blue Heron. Kibler continues to be a reliable spot in the Township to see and hear American Woodcocks performing their mating rituals in late winter and early spring. The portion of Evansburg State Park that overlaps Towamencin is another "birdy" spot, although the trails can be tough to navigate. There have been 59 reported species since last summer; this is one of the best township locations to find Wood Ducks, as they are very shy birds. Also note, you don't need to go to a hotspot to find interesting birds — they are everywhere. Put out a feeder in your backyard, keep it clean and well-stocked, and see what fascinating and enjoyable birds you can find!



Community Planning, Land Development & Project Updates

Land Development & Zoning News

- **Delp Drive** The warehouse project is nearing completion, with final planning and intersection improvements at Detwiler Road scheduled for this fall.
- North Penn School District Final Land Development Plan approval is anticipated for October 2025, for modifications to the high school building, new athletic fields, parking areas, a new bus garage and other site improvements. The construction timeline is pending.
- **Shopping Center Update** Chipotle and Mattress Warehouse are open, while the Township awaits PSDC's reestablishment of rear circulation access to issue permits for future tenants. The pad sites received preliminary plan approval in September 2025, with additional Conditional Use and Final Plan approvals expected by early to mid-2026.
- Freddy Hill Farms On September 10, 2025, the Board of Supervisors rejected Pinnacle Realty Development Corporation's Zoning Map and Text Amendment applications to build 303 residential units on 130+ acres, where current zoning permits approximately 140 units by right. The developer has not indicated any future development plans at this time.
- **PSDC Zoning Map Amendment** The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on October 8 to review an application for the proposed amended Main Street Overlay District, at the corner of Bustard Road and Sumneytown Pike.
- Walton Farm Tract The Township has not yet received any development submissions. However, a subdivision plan from WB Homes is expected this fall.
- Wawa A new Wawa with twelve fuel filling stations is planned for Sumneytown Pike and Forty Foot Road, but construction is delayed due to ongoing litigation between the property owners, and a start date remains unknown.

Weather Maintenance Reminders for Fall & Winter Months



Open Burn Rules

Who can burn? 1 & 2 family residential dwelling units only.

What can you burn? Yard trimmings only.

Where can you burn? Not less than 50' from any structure, and placed to prevent the spread of fire to within 50' of any structure, vehicle, fuel tank and not less than 25' from any property line. No burning is permitted in streets, alleys, right-of-way.

Prior to burning all residents are required to notify Township Police at 215-368-7600.

You may not burn before 8AM—Fires & embers must be extinguished by dusk on the same day.

Fires must be constantly attended.

Flammable liquid accelerant is prohibited.

1 burn pile, not to exceed 5' x 5' x 3'

You may not burn during high wind, drought or weather inversions deemed hazardous.

Contact the Township at 215-368-7602 for complete burn rules.

Leaf and Yard Waste

PA law prevents placing leaves in the trash. Leaves must be composted or placed for separate collection. Your contracted waste hauler is responsible for providing this service to their customers.

Residents must purchase their own biodegradable collection bags. Bags are available at grocery & hardware stores. Plastic bags are prohibited.

Haulers should provide specific pick-up dates. Customers may be billed by their hauler for this DEP mandated collection.

The Township has an active agreement with Barnside Farm Compost Facility with Northern Montco Recycling Commission should residents wish to drop off their yard waste for a fee.

The minimum fee is \$25 and \$50 per ton. The Barnside Compost is located at 991 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Residents with specific questions of what they can bring should call 610-287-8880 or visit https://barnsidefarm.com/

Winter Storm/Snow Reminders

All property owners are required to remove snow & ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours with a clear path of 28 inches.

Property owners are responsible to clear fire hydrants within their property boundaries for a clearance of 3' around the fire hydrant.

Residents should ensure their mailbox is properly secured for the winter season. According to the United States Postal Service, mailboxes are to be placed with the face of the box 6 to 8" from the front of the curb. Mailboxes are most often damaged in snow storms not by plows but the force of the snow hitting mailboxes not properly installed or loose. If you can move your mailbox by shaking it, take immediate steps to secure the box according to USPS guidelines.

Remove vehicles, trash cans, sports equipment and any other impediments from the roadways. It is unlawful to throw, shovel or place snow in the road.

Visit the Public Works section of the website for snow emergency routes and more details.

From Phones to Power Tools: Towamencin Fire Marshal Urges Residents to Understand the Risks of Lithium-Ion Batteries This Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week™, October 5–11, 2025 "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."

Our Fire Marshal is collaborating with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™)—to promote this year's FPW campaign. The campaign emphasizes the importance of buying, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely.

Most of the electronics we use every day — like smartphones, tablets, power tools, lawn tools, laptops, ecigarettes, headphones, and toys — rely on lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most rechargeable devices use this type of battery.

If not used properly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, catch fire, or even explode. Look around your home and identify which devices are powered by them. "Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're nearly everywhere. This year's campaign aims to help people understand the importance of using these batteries safely to prevent fires and to follow the 'Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely' approach.

Only purchase products that are listed.

- When purchasing a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take the time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which indicates that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores might not meet safety standards and could raise the risk of fire.

Charge devices safely.

- Always use the cords provided with the product to charge it. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- If you need a new charger, purchase one directly from the manufacturer or one approved by the manufacturer.
- Charge your device on a hard surface, not under a pillow, on a bed or couch. This could cause a fire.
- Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or take out the battery when it's fully charged.

Recycle batteries safely.

- Don't dispose of lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins.
- Recycling your device or battery at a proper recycling location is the safest way to dispose of them. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

The Fire Marshal urges residents to be mindful of their devices, adopt the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach, and support this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™."



To learn more about Fire Prevention, email our Fire Marshal at boettinger@towamencin.org. For further details about fire prevention and lithium-ion batteries, visit fpw.org.



Police Department News

The Department continues celebrating 50 years of service to the community. The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is underway and runs through October 23. Participants learn basic police operations and the interworking's of the department. This program is a pre-requisite for department volunteering.

Have a highway safety concern? You can report traffic safety concerns through a dedicated email: Traffic@towamencin.org. This email is not for emergencies and should only be used for traffic, roadway and vehicle violation concerns. To report accidents, disabled vehicles, or incidents of an emergency nature, please call 9-1-1.

The Police Department has several **upcoming events**; please mark your calendars:

- Trunk or Treat: October 25, starts at 5 pm North Penn High School
- **Drug Take Back Program:** October 25, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, PD Lobby
- Trivia with the Chief: December 12, starts at 6 pm The Grille at Mainland
- **Shop with a Cop:** December 13 Donate! We appreciate the public's generosity



For the latest Police Department news: visit our Facebook: www.facebook.com/towamencintownshippolicedepartment





Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company News

On Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company will celebrate 76 years of service to Towamencin Township. Our charter members laid the foundation for what we proudly stand for today—providing dedicated protection and service to our residents. We had another successful BBQ thanks to you! Our supportive community is one of the reasons we are proud to serve in this Township. **Thank you** to everyone who attended our Open House on September 27th! We truly enjoyed having the opportunity to share with our community the work we do every day.

As of July 31, 2025, our volunteer company has responded to 289 calls. Of these, 31 calls were on the PA Turnpike and 59 calls were mutual aid to our neighboring communities. To put things in perspective, in the first year of operation, Towamencin Fire Company responded to 5 calls. We have come a long way!

Our active members are required to respond to at least 20% of all dispatched calls, attend 6 of our 12 company meetings, and participate in 12 regularly scheduled weekly trainings or events. These standards build strong teamwork and ensure a cohesive, effective response when our community calls for help. Each new firefighter is required to earn their Firefighter 1 certification within one year of joining, enabling them to safely enter structures during fire incidents. Fire Police members complete a certification program as well, and our administrative members actively serve on or chair committees to support both the fire company and the community.



We are always seeking new members—firefighters, fire police, and administrative volunteers-to join our team. If you are interested, please visit **towamencinfire.com** to learn more about becoming a member.

By joining, you'll become part of an organization that values teamwork, camaraderie, and community service—while also offering opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and lasting friendships. Be a part of SAFETY – STRENGTH – SERVICE as a member!

Donna Kaler—President, Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company

FALL/WINTER EVENTS

Saturday, December 6: Pictures with Santa, from 10 am -1 pm Bustard Road Station

Saturday, December 13: Santa Run thru Towamencin; 9 am till finished *Rain Date: Saturday, December 20*

Tennis-Lukens Cemetery Improvements

Towamencin Township is seeking grant funding to support significant improvements at the historic Tennis-Lukens Cemetery, located along Allentown Road near Forty Foot Road, as part of its broader vision for the future Veterans Memorial Park.

Planned enhancements include a new informational sign detailing the cemetery's history - home to many of the Township's earliest residents and Revolutionary War veterans - as well as professional gravestone preservation through cleaning, repairs, and resetting. The site will also undergo a full landscaping restoration, including weed removal, fresh topsoil, and new grass planting, to maintain its dignity and accessibility as a place of respect and education for future generations.

A Veterans Day Ceremony, honoring all who served, will be held at the cemetery on November 11, 2025, at 11 am. All are welcome to attend.



Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library

BOOKMOBILE & OUTREACH SERVICES

Free Public Library Service in 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/.

The library you know and love at 1001 Powell Street will be undergoing major renovations. Our new location will be at 1700 Markley St, Ste 116, Norristown, PA 19401 and this will be our home until the renovations are complete.

Item Request Procedure:

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

- Use their library card barcode & password to log in to their online account
- Email our officé at bookmobiles@mclinc.org
- Call our office at 610-278-5100 x204
- Drop off a request form at the bookmobile

Door Side Pick Ups and Returns

For patrons who 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 and Outreach Services Information: Email: bookmobiles@mclinc.org Phone: (610) 278-5100 Ext. 204

Bookmobile Community Locations:

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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



MERRYMEAD FARM

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

TD BANK

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

SNYDER SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER 1540 Cowpath Road Hatfield, 19440 Every Tuesday 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

RALPH'S CORNER SHOPPING CENTER

2333 West Main Street Lansdale, 19446 Alternate Saturdays 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM Hours may vary—check the Library's website



*Free

**Registration Required

2025 Fall/Winter Calendar of Events













For more information, visit <u>www.morganloghouse.org.events.</u>
We look forward to seeing you soon!



Phone: 215-386- 2480 | Address: 850 Weikel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446 | Email: director@morganloghouse.org



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Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball

10 GREAT REASONS TO PLAY HT-BASEBALL NEXT SPRING

- 1. We keep the focus on KIDS, FAMILIES ... and FUN!
- 2. Our coaches and volunteers are qualified, respectful, and supportive role mod-
- 3. Our youngest players (ages 4–5) enjoy the exciting, faster-paced format of Quickball.
- 4. We offer instructional and competitive Intramural divisions for hundreds of players ages 5-12.
- 5. Our Cal Ripken travel teams (ages 7–12) play in a variety of local and out-ofstate tournaments — with 12UA capping. off their career at the iconic Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament.
- 6. We offer very competitive summer programs for middle-school and high-school age players, including Connie Mack (ages 13-16), Junior Legion (14--16), and American Legion (16–19) with a long tradition of success and good sportsmanship. Many of our players go on to compete at the high school and college level.
- 7. Our American Legion program proudly represents the veterans of Hatfield Post #933.
- 8. We have a thriving Fall program for Quickball and Coach Pitch teams in-house, Inter -Community Fall League for older youth ages, and select Travel Team players compete in regional tournament play. Older players participate in the Fall League programs on full-sized fields, which prepares them for middle school and high school Spring baseball.
- 9. We offer a host of fun events, including: Opening Day, All Star Day/Home Run Derby, and the hugely popular 1-day Breast Cancer Invitational (BCI) tournament.
- 10. Your great baseball memories will last a lifetime!

Look for Spring 2026 registration details starting in December.

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STAY CONNECTED

Email: HTbaseball@hotmail.com

Web: www.tyasports.org



Get Ready - TYA Basketball is Back!



The buzz of the gym, the squeak of sneakers, the thrill of a last-second shot -it's almost here! TYA Girls and Boys Recreational Basketball is tipping off for the 2025–26 season. Registration officially opens in September!

Whether your player is just starting out or already a seasoned shooter, TYA has a place for them on the court. Our programs welcome boys and girls from Kindergarten through High School, with fun and skill-focused intramural leagues and Travel teams.

Teams will form in late fall, so now's the perfect time to grab your spot and get ready for an exciting season of basketball.

For more information and to register, visit: www.tyasports.org.



Towamencin Soccer Club Program

Learn, Live and Love the Beautiful Game of Soccer!

The Philadelphia Union Visits Towamencin

It's not every day you get the chance to meet a professional soccer player in person. On Wednesday, August 6, 2025, more than 200 members of the Towamencin Soccer Club (TSC) had that opportunity when Union defender #26 Nathan Harriel joined us for an unforgettable evening. Nathan spent quality time with our players and families - signing autographs, taking photos, and sharing stories from life in Major League Soccer. His visit was part of the "U on Tour" program, the Philadelphia Union's community outreach initiative that brings the excitement of pro soccer directly into local neighborhoods.

The "U on Tour" program is designed to connect the Union with their fans, inspire young athletes, and grow the game of soccer throughout the Greater Philadelphia region. Towamencin Soccer Club is proud to be one of the Union's premier youth partners in this effort, helping to build lasting connections between our community and our city's professional team.

The event was packed with fun: soccer-themed activities, interactive games, prize giveaways, and Union merchandise for fans of all ages. TSC also raffled off some incredible prizes, including a Union jersey, a professional MLS match ball, and a classic Union scarf - signed by the entire Union squad - as well as, free tickets to an upcoming Union match.

Check out other youth soccer news at our website: www.tyasports.org/soccer. And while you're at it, plan on joining us for another amazing season in 2026. With the World Cup coming to Philadelphia, it's the perfect year for families, fans and players to share in the excitement. The energy is going to be off the charts!





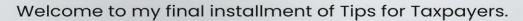




Fall 2025

TIPS FOR TAXPAYERS

by Robert A. Di Domizio Jr., Tax Collector for Towamencin Township



I am not seeking re-election in the upcoming November election. It has been a rewarding yet demanding twelve years, but it's time to move on to the next chapter of my life.

F.U. BOX 123 Anywhere, NY 11123-0012

P.O. Box 123

I want to take this opportunity to share some tips for taxpayers, starting with the current North Penn School District real estate tax. The District increased it by 4% this year.

On the positive side, the Homestead Exclusion increased from \$314.38 last year to \$343.55 this year. If you bought property in the Township and plan to make it your primary residence, you need to apply for the Homestead Exclusion. Once approved, you won't need to reapply unless the property is sold or its use changes. Visit the Montgomery County website at www.montgomerycountypa.gov and search for the Homestead application. Do this as soon as possible after your settlement. Ask your real estate agent for assistance.

When mailing your payment, remember that the US Postal Service, despite its flaws, remains the most secure way to send payments. The postmark date is very important. It personally guarantees that your payment was mailed on time, regardless of how long it takes to arrive here. However, there is a clear problem with simply dropping your envelope in a mailbox.

In our Township, carriers from Hatfield, Lansdale, Souderton, and Harleysville pick up that envelope, and each piece of mail is sent to the Philadelphia Post Office downtown. To avoid this long trip, you can bring the envelope to the counter, buy a stamp, and politely ask your local post office clerk to hand-stamp your envelope with their single-use stamper right then and there.

In closing, I hope that in the final days of my term, you will elect a responsible candidate to succeed me. I have been fortunate enough to serve over 6,000 taxpayers. I would love to stay on for another four-year term, but it's a major commitment, and life is guiding me toward other pursuits. I will continue serving my community. I want to spend more time with my children and grandchildren, especially with my high school sweetheart, my partner, and my best friend-my wife, Diane, who has stood by my side all these years and without whom I could never have become the person I am today.

Thank you all, and may God bless you and your families.

Towamencin Swim Team Season Update

2025 was another fantastic season for

Towamencin Swim Team! Led by head coach Sarah Stevens, the team took 2nd place in the BuxMont League with an impressive 6-1 record. The team bid farewell to 12 graduating swimmers and divers, and looks ahead to a strong 2026 season with our rising younger athletes!

Our TST athletes continued to competitively raise the bar, breaking the following team records:

- Anna Heebner, senior girls 50 yard Free (26.11 seconds)
- Kelly Sommer, senior boys 50 yard Fly (25.14 seconds)
- Nevin Shaw, senior boys 50 yard Breast (27.16 seconds)
- Ryan O'Donnell, senior boys 50 yard Back (25.90 seconds)
- Matt O'Donnell, senior boys 50 yard Free (22.50 seconds)

Andrew Heebner broke a BuxMont league record for boys 12 & under 50 meter breast stroke, with a time of 36.39 seconds! Special honors go to the following top points scorers: Leah Daciw (8U girls), Connor Forester (8U boys), Nelia Oukaki (10U girls), Nathan Phan (10U boys), Madison Kindred (12U girls), Andrew Heebner (12U boys), Molly Nelson (14U girls), Ryan Haney (14U boys), Anna Heebner (senior girls), Kelly Sommer & Nevin Shaw (senior boys), Ellie Garrido & Kathryn DiLenge (girls diving), and Alex Machalette, Tom Wilson & Jason Phan (boys diving).

A big thank you to BZ Orthodontics, our top sponsor this season, as well as Ken Hall and Matt Potts, for their hard work in maintaining our pool. Special thanks to Joe + Rachael Photography (Eagleville, PA) for capturing amazing action shots and heartwarming, as well as hilarious, moments off deck.

If you are interested in joining the team as a swimmer, diver or coach, we would love to hear from you! Email towamencinswimteam@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram: Towamencin Swim Team.





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Geocaching has returned to Towamencin

What is geocaching? Geocaching is an international recreational activity, like a treasure or scavenger hunt, in which people use a GPS receiver or mobile device to find hidden containers, known as a "geocache" or simply a "cache." The cache contains a paper log to prove the searcher found it and sometimes tradable trinkets and trackable items meant to be moved to other caches. The primary goal of the game is to get people outside to get some exercise, explore their surroundings and have fun.

Geocaching is free to play. An account is required and can be created at https://www.geocaching.com or via various mobile device apps. The official app is free, and alternate apps are available as well.

Geocaching is great for all ages, many young families enjoy searching together and seniors often team up for the hunt. Each cache has a designated size and a "Difficulty and Terrain" rating (D/T) plus other attributes to help you know what you might be looking for. They come in all sizes and

shapes. Some are micro containers (often magnetic), others are various size common plastic containers, some may be larger. Some caches can be found exactly where you would expect them from the information on the geocaching site, but others can involve an additional challenge like a puzzle to solve at home or in the field. Some are on flat, even ground, while others might require more physical ability. When you begin looking, be sure to assess the details to determine if the cache location is suitable for your agility.

Geocaching in Towamencin is limited to four Township parks: Bustard Road Park, Butch Clemens Park, Green Lane Road Park, and Kibler Meadow Park.

Hiding a cache on Towamencin Township property requires submitting a notification form to the Township and has additional rules and guidelines, which can be found on the Township website. These guidelines aim to protect our parks, wildlife, and community while preserving the



Cache Example

spirit of geocaching.

The Towamencin geocaching guidelines and notification form can be found at: https://www.towamencin.org/departments/parks-recreation/.



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Environmental Advisory Council - Sustainable Ways to Recycle Leaves

Sustainable practices for fall leaves

Instead of bagging your fallen leaves, try these eco-friendly ideas for some or all of them!

- 1. Mow them into the grass Run over the leaves with a lawn mower fitted with a mulching blade. The shredded leaves won't blow around and will serve as a natural fertilizer for your grass.
- 2. Compost Set up a compost bin to mix your leaves with kitchen scraps, grass clippings, or coffee grounds. Over time, you'll end up with nutrient-rich compost to use in your garden.
- 3. Mulch your garden Transfer your leaves into your garden beds. They'll help protect tender perennials and shrubs and suppress early spring weeds. Leaf mulch also provides a perfect overwintering habitat for native bees, lightning bugs, and other insects.



4. Leave or contain them - If you have an open area far enough from the road, leaving the leaves where they are is ideal. This will help fertilize your lawn and increase overwintering areas for beneficial insects. You can also move leaves to a fenced area, where they will break down over the winter and be ready for use as mulch or compost in the spring.

NEVER place leaves or other yard waste in creeks, streams, storm drains, or nearby wooded areas where they might wash into the water. This can damage natural habitats, pollute waterways, and cause flooding.

Fall Stormwater Tips

Fall is the time of year when school starts back up and the leaves begin to fall. As you are working outside and enjoying the cooler weather, remember these tips to protect our environment and water.

Leaf Litter and Yard Waste

- Leaf litter and any yard waste can cause harmful nutrient accumulation in nearby waterways.
- Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile or use it for mulch or fertilizer.
- Do not rake leaves into storm drains, streets, or waterways.

Plant a Tree

Fall is a great time to plant a tree. Trees absorb runoff and reduce the amount of water that will flow into streets and waterways.

Prune your Trees and Shrubs

Pruning trees and shrubs in the fall helps them get a good start in the spring growing season. It will also help them to use more water in the spring which reduces runoff.

Aerate your Lawn

Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water, and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots, promoting a healthy lawn. Aeration encourages roots to grow deeply, reduces soil compaction, and restores your lawn's natural draining capability, resulting in less runoff to our streams.

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

STORMWATER NEWS









PREVENTING STORMWATER POLLUTION

Winter is here, and with colder temps comes snow and ice that we need to remove from our sidewalks and driveways. To make this chore easier, many of us use deicers, like salt, at our homes. However, these chemical deicers often have harmful impacts on aquatic life and the water quality of local streams and creeks. Here are some tips to reduce salt use and prevent pollution this winter:

- Reduce your salt use! More salt does not mean less ice. Use deicing
 products sparingly and follow the label instructions. Sweep up any
 remaining salt before it is washed away.
- **Shovel first.** Shoveling early will prevent ice from forming, reducing the amount of salt you will need to use.
- Plant natives that are salt tolerant! This spring, plant salt tolerant, native perennials where stormwater runoff from your driveway or sidewalks accumulates. Butterfly milkweed is a great example of a salt tolerant PA native plant!





SUPPORTING WILDLIFE THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS

Colder temps and shorter days can make a lot of wildlife less active and harder for us to spot. However, many of our local critters will appreciate a helping hand during the chilly months. Here are some ways to help wildlife this winter:

- Leave seedheads standing. Seeds provide food for birds and small mammals and hollow stems are valuable shelter for insects. Wait until early spring to cut back seedheads and perennial tops.
- **Provide a water source**. During freezing temps, make sure to thaw bird baths and other water sources for wildlife to utilize.
- Feed the birds. Food can become difficult to find in the winter months, keep bird feeders clean and full to provide important energy sources during temperature extremes and migration periods.
- **Build a bird, bat or pollinator house**. Prep for spring by building and installing safe places for wildlife to raise their young. Cleanout existing houses to make way for incoming residents!





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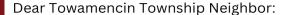




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Sell on Your Terms

If you're considering selling your home and want to align the timing with your next move, there are flexible options available. Recently, I've helped several homeowners in our community sell their properties while negotiating both price and terms that worked for their schedules. In some cases, this even included arranging a post-settlement stay in the home, helping to reduce the stress and cost of multiple moves.

If you'd like to explore these options further, I'd be happy to discuss how we can customize the process to meet your specific needs. Feel free to reach out anytime.

Capitalize on the Seller's Market

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