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Welcome to Towamencin Township

As we move from the hot, sultry days of Summer into the cooler days of Fall, and prepare for Winter, there are a number of items we need to remind you of, or bring to your attention:

- With children back in school a reminder to be aware of children at school bus stops and the need to observe the 15mph School Zone flashing lights.
- On Halloween evening please ensure your trick or treaters are dressed either in reflective clothing, or with reflective items on their outer wear so they are visible.
- With Fall comes the leaves. This is a reminder that EPA rules and Township Ordinance prohibit blowing leaves into the street or gutters. This will prevent them from getting into the storm drain system and our streams. Burning leaves is also prohibited.
- As it gets darker earlier we encourage all walkers and joggers to wear reflective outer wear or items so that they are visible to drivers. Also, please ensure you are walking or jogging facing traffic so you can see the drivers.
- As we get into the winter months, please ensure you remove goalie nets and mobile basketball nets from the street or cul de sac to assist our snow removal crews.
- We also remind everyone of the need to clear all sidewalks of ice and snow within 24 hours following the end of a snow storm. This is especially important for the school children who wait for their buses, and for our seniors.
- We also ask for your assistance in keeping fire hydrants accessible for fire crews during snow storms.
- It is also that time of the year when the Board begins the Budget Process. All Board Budget meetings are open to the public. You can find the meeting dates and times on the Township website: www.towamencin.org.
- Everyone who has used the Montgomery County Recycling events for getting rid of electronics should become familiar with the new Pennsylvania law regarding disposal of certain electronics effective January 2013. That information is available at: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/-portal/server.pt/community/household/14079/covered_device_recycling_act/589596
- Montgomery County will hold an electronics and tire recycling collection event at the Montgomery Mall on Thursday, Nov 15 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

The Board welcomes Stephanie Hughes to the staff as the Executive Assistant to the Township Manager. Stephanie comes to us from Bohler Engineering.

The Board was saddened with the passing of Sharon Luma, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager, who died in a vehicular accident in May. An area in front of the Township Meeting Room is being planned as a Memorial in memory of Sharon.



*To all residents best wishes for a
Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.*

WHEN IT RAINS, YOUR TOWN DRAINS

10 EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STOP POLLUTION OF OUR CREEKS AND RIVERS

1.



Recycle your used motor oil. Autozone, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, and other service stations in your community accept used oil. Some will also accept your used antifreeze. **Never dump oil or antifreeze down the storm drain which flows into the creeks or rivers.**

6.



Choose water-based paints such as latex. Wash brushes in your sink with water. If using paint thinner, reuse and recycle it. Solidified paint can be disposed of in regular household waste. **Don't pour any paint or toxic material down the storm drain.**

2.



Reduce auto emission through regular auto maintenance, ride sharing, and use of public transportation. Fix oil, radiator and transmission leaks in your car. **Don't let your car leave ugly oil slicks behind.**

7.



Use pesticides and other lawn chemicals sparingly. Never double the dose! Follow the directions and do not apply if rain is forecasted.

3.



Use a garbage can for your trash. Recycle reusable materials. **Don't put trash and litter in the street; it will be washed to the river.**

8.



Go to a car wash or wash your car in the grass. **Don't wash that grimy road dirt and chemical cleaners down the drive and into the storm drain.**

4.



Sweep the dirt from your walk or driveway back into the yard with your broom. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. **Hosing dirt and pet waste away sends it into the drainage system and directly to the creeks & rivers.**

9.



Pick up and properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings. Start a compost pile with yard waste. **Never use streams or gutters to dispose of yard waste.**

5.



Dispose of any hazardous home chemicals at approved household hazardous waste collection sites. **Use the least toxic products available in your home and garden.**

10.



Maintain your septic system. Have it pumped out every 3 years to remove sludge and scum. Do not use tank additives, and practice water conservation to prevent overworking your system. **Repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems.**

EDUCATE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. SPREAD THE WORD. WATER POLLUTION IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM; WATER QUALITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Remember it is illegal to put anything other than stormwater into the stormwater collection system!
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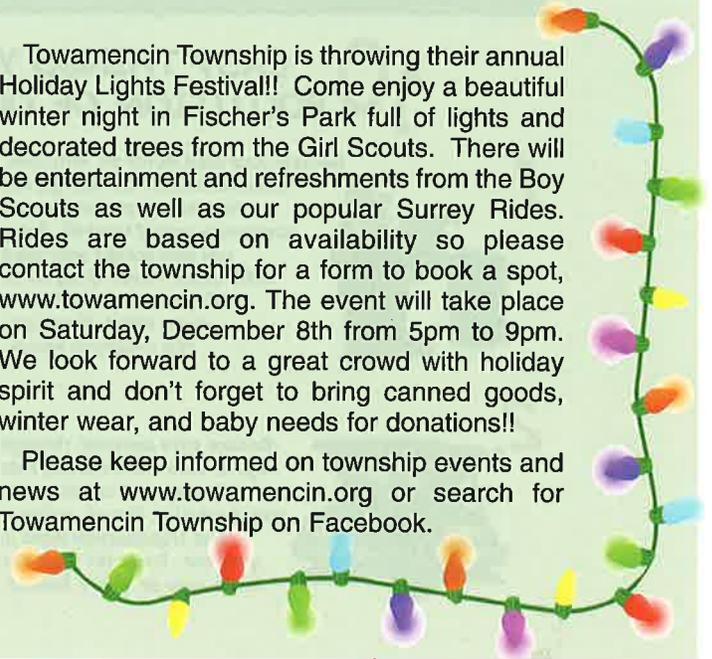
Parks & Rec:

The Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers!! The committee is a volunteer group appointed by the Board of Supervisors to aid the Recreation Department in the planning and execution of the various programs offered to the residents of the Township. The members attend a meeting every other month in order to plan, suggest, and organize events for the Township. The volunteer members bring fresh ideas, creative solutions, head subcommittees and aid in recruiting other volunteers for each event. We ask that each member attend at least 4- 5 events throughout the year. Please contact events@towamencin.org for more information.

Towamencin Township is thrilled to announce our annual Turkey Trot 5k run/walk!! The race will be on Saturday, November 17th starting at 9am at Fischer's Park. Bring family and friends of all ages to walk or run in the event and get into the Holiday Spirit!! Winners will receive a turkey. Pre-registration can be done for a discount price on www.active.com or at the Township Building. Race day registration is at 8am.

Towamencin Township is throwing their annual Holiday Lights Festival!! Come enjoy a beautiful winter night in Fischer's Park full of lights and decorated trees from the Girl Scouts. There will be entertainment and refreshments from the Boy Scouts as well as our popular Surrey Rides. Rides are based on availability so please contact the township for a form to book a spot, www.towamencin.org. The event will take place on Saturday, December 8th from 5pm to 9pm. We look forward to a great crowd with holiday spirit and don't forget to bring canned goods, winter wear, and baby needs for donations!!

Please keep informed on township events and news at www.towamencin.org or search for Towamencin Township on Facebook.



Discount Movie Tickets

- The Township provides discount movie tickets for \$7.50 to Regal and United Artist Theatres.
- We will have PA Renaissance Faire and Six flag tickets until October 31
- Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, Philadelphia Zoo and Sesame Place until Dec. 31.

Fall Election Campaign Sign Recycling

Montgomery County will again be offering recycling of campaign signs after the fall election. Watch for information on collection locations, date and time. For more information contact Chris Kaasmann, Montgomery County Recycling Coordinator at 610-278-3618, or visit www.montgomerycountyclecycling.org.

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“HELP US PROTECT YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS. REMEMBER TO DIG OUT YOUR FIRE HYDRANT.”

As winter approaches many people concentrate on preparing for the onslaught from Mother Nature and the joys associated with winter. As this past year has shown snow is an unavoidable occurrence in this region. When you are out clearing your driveway and sidewalk also remember to clear the snow away from the fire hydrants. Not only will this benefit you and your neighbors should a fire occur **it is the law.**

Every person in charge of or in control of any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed or cleared away snow and/or ice from a path of at least 28 inches in width from so much of said sidewalk as is in front of or abuts on said building or lot of land.



Such person shall also maintain a minimum three-foot

clear space completely around all fire hydrants located within all street rights-of-way abutting the property.

“EMERGENCY ACCESS ROADS ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT CLEAR.”

Do you have an emergency access road on your property or abutting your property?

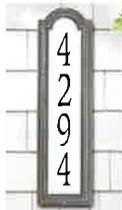
It is the responsibility of the property owner, landlord or association to maintain the fire department access road in a clear and passable manner **at all times.**

The fire department access road shall not be obstructed in any way including by snow or vehicles. These roadways provide a second access point to your homes and businesses in an emergency. Do your part to maintain the required access roadways.



Posting your address: Help us Find You in an Emergency

All properties within the Township are required to have their address posted to identify their home. The Fire Code requires that all addresses be placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. The best way to accomplish this is with reflective numbers that will be noticeable with the lighting on the emergency vehicles. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (101.6 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).



Where should I put my address?

If you have a curbside mailbox the address should be placed on both sides of the post or the mailbox. If you do

not have a curbside mailbox the address should be mounted on the front of your home in a location that is visible from the street. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

Do not put your address on your curb where it will be blocked by parked cars or snow.

When police, fire or medical services are called to your residence or business we need to be able to see your address so we can find you in a timely manner. Posting your address is in accordance with the Township Fire Code.

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Decorate Safely for the Holiday Season

Keep your holidays injury-free with these important safety tips from Safe Kids USA and the United States Fire Administration.

Washington, DC – In addition to food, family, and gifts, decorations are one of the reasons that many look forward to the holiday season. While candles, Christmas trees, and other decorations are part of the holiday spirit, they can pose fire and poisoning hazards, especially to curious children. Safe Kids USA and the United States Fire Administration remind parents and caregivers to take a few precautions when decorating for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and other festivities.



Wintertime is the most dangerous time of the year for injuries and deaths from fire. Each year, approximately 450 children ages 14 and under die in residential fires; children under the age of 5 are at the greatest risk. “Never, never leave lit candles unattended,” says Suzanne Morton, Safe Kids USA fire and burn safety program manager. “Don’t put candles on a tree or a natural wreath, or near curtains or drapes, and keep matches and lighters locked out of reach of children.”



In 2005, candles started an estimated 15,600 home fires in the United States, and the top four days for candle fires are around Christmas and New Year’s, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Battery-operated flameless candles are an alternative that does not have a fire risk. Decorative lighting should be labeled with the seal of an independent testing lab and should only be used outdoors if it’s labeled for outdoor use.

“I am pleased to join with Safe Kids USA to raise the level of awareness about the potential dangers during the holiday season,” said U.S. Fire Administrator, Kelvin J. Cochran. “Make sure your smoke alarms are working and that your children can hear them while they are sleeping; make and practice a home fire escape plan; and follow basic safety tips regarding holiday decorating.”

If you decorate a tree, Safe Kids USA and the USFA recommend these precautions:

- Never leave a lighted Christmas tree or other

decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.



- Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize the risk, get a fresh tree and keep it watered at all times. Do not put the tree within three feet of a fireplace, space heater, radiator, or heat vent.
- Decorate with children in mind. Do not put ornaments that have small parts or metal hooks, or look like food or candy, on the lower branches where small children can reach them. Trim protruding branches at or below a child’s eye level, and keep lights out of reach.
- Do not burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood, or wrapping paper in a home fireplace

Safe Kids USA also offers these tips to prevent poisoning:

- Keep alcohol (including baking extracts) out of reach and do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended.
- Color additives used in fireplace fires are a toxic product and should be stored out of reach. Artificial snow can be harmful if inhaled, so use it in a well-vented space.
- Mistletoe berries, Holly Berry and Jerusalem Cherry can be poisonous. If they are used in decorating, make sure children and pets cannot reach it.
- In a poison emergency, call the national Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222.



For more information about holiday safety, call 202-662-0600 or visit the fire and poisoning prevention pages at www.usa.safekids.org. For in-depth fire safety information, visit the USFA’s fire safety Web site at www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens.



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Morgan Log House Fall & Winter 2012 Events:

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October 26th, 6:30pm to 9:30pm Mayhem at Morgan

Do you have courage to walk the grounds at Morgan Log House after dark? Do you dare to hear of the happenings that occurred around this historic site over 200 years ago? Join us at Morgan Log House for mayhem and mystery. Lantern tours of the site will open up a world of ghosts and happenings from the past. Tours times begin at 6:30pm and run every 15 minutes. Reservations are highly recommended due to this event selling out quickly. Proper walking shoes recommended. Admission charged. Members are Free. Program not recommended for children younger than 8 years of age. For more information or to reserve your tour time contact Sarah DiSantis at 215-368-2480 or at Director@morganloghouse.org. Program proceeds benefit the Morgan Log House.



October 27th, 12pm to 3pm

Mini Mayhem: Trick-or-Treating by day!

Join us for a toddler and youth friendly program as the Morgan Log House opens its door FREE of charge to all those in costume! Families are welcome to bring their tots and children by for free candy being handed out by our costumed guides throughout the Morgan Log House. Enjoy hands-on activities as well. No charge for the program. Donations greatly accepted.



November 10th, 12pm to 4pm

Dusty Attic, Creepy Cellar Open House

Join us for an Open House focusing on the restoration of the Morgan Log House. Visitors will be allowed to walk up into our attic and climb down to the basement. Walk through the Log House and see what the rooms looked like prior to the house being saved from demolition. Do you want to know how a log house was built in the 18th century? Stop by our Visitor Center for a demonstration of colonial workmanship. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping on our Museum Shop. This program is Free.

December 9th, 1pm to 6pm

Holiday Candlelight Tours

The Morgan Log House presents Candlelight tours from 1pm to 6pm. Step back in time and listen to the stories of the families who lived at Morgan Log House over 200 years ago. Tour the house by the glow of candlelight, all decorated in 18th century holiday greenery style. Feel the warmth of the Kitchen fire, delight in the holiday scents as you are welcomed by both the Morgan and Cassel families to celebrate the Holiday season. Find that perfect gift in our Gift Shop. Enjoy holiday cider while warming yourself by our fire. Program proceeds benefit the Morgan Log House. Admission is \$6 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors and Students, Children 5 and under and Members are Free. This is a rain or shine event.



Clemens Development update in Towamencin



Over the past year, Clemens Development has been working on bringing a Chick-Fil-A restaurant to our retail property in Towamencin. The site we have in mind is next to the Wawa (across from the corner of Welsh Rd. and Forty Foot Rd.), and all parties are working together to bring it to a close. We are currently working with the Township on finalizing land development plan approvals. If all goes well, we expect the store to be up and running by summer or Fall of 2013.

The Chick-Fil-A restaurant represents the second part of a phased development plan for the 12 acres in Towamencin, which began with the Wawa as Phase 1, which opened in 2011. Aside from the Wawa and Chick-Fil-A, there is also a third pad available in the Phase 2 plan which does not yet have a retail user. As the economy improves, we hope to have a tenant identified in the next year or two. In the meantime, we will enjoy welcoming the new Chick-Fil-A restaurant which has a tremendous reputation for quality, strong values and commitment to the community.

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Sewer / Hydraulic Overload

During significant rain events, storm and ground water can find its way into the sanitary sewer system through Inflow and Infiltration. When this excess water enters the sanitary sewer system, it can create the following problems:

- I&I can increase the flow in the sanitary sewer system to a point beyond the designed capacity of the pipes. When the capacity of the pipes is exceeded, the excess wastewater looks for the lowest release point, which can lead to basement backups, and/or sanitary sewer manhole overflows.
- Storm and ground water that enters the sanitary sewer system is transported to the treatment plant and unnecessarily treated. This leads to higher treatment costs for the Sewer Authority and its customers.
- If I&I are not addressed, the sanitary sewer pipes may have to be upsized to handle these peak flows to reduce backups and overflows. These projects are expensive and do not completely solve the problem as the excess storm water in the system is still being unnecessarily treated at a cost to the Sewer Authority and its customers.

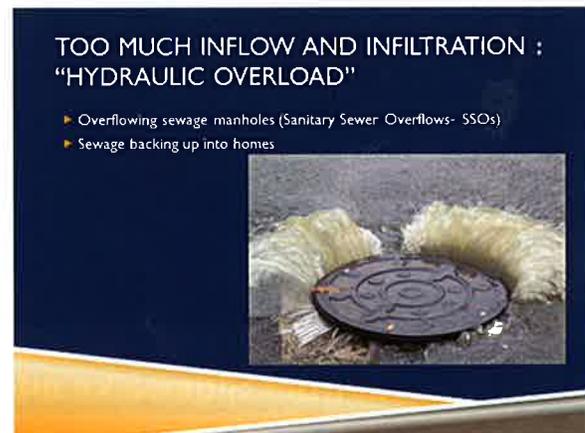
What are the benefits of removing sources of I&I?

Depending on the type of I&I connection, just a couple of properties with sources of I&I can overload a sanitary sewer line during a rain event. When the line becomes overloaded, the wastewater looks for the lowest point to release the pressure building up in the pipe. This can be a basement drain or a sewer manhole. Although a property owner may have I&I connections on their property and never have a problem, they could be contributing to a sewer backup in the basement of a neighbor or the overflow of wastewater from a sewer

manhole. Removing sources of I&I can help to reduce the occurrences of backups and overflows. Any reduction in the amount of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system is a public benefit to all Towamencin Township residents. The benefits include:

- Decreased occurrences of basement backups.
- Reduced claims and claim related costs associated with backups.
- Better protection of the environment from the impact of overflows.
- Reduced treatment costs.
- Increased capacity of the sanitary sewer system.
- Reduced need for expensive projects to handle excess flow

Check around your home for sources of I&I, such as downspouts connected to the sanitary sewer, yard vents should be at least 6 inches above the ground with a cap and most importantly disconnect your sump pump if it's connected to the sanitary sewer.



Towamencin Firebombs U10 Select Girls Softball Team Wins Tournament!



Front: Amber Gordon, Elia Namey, Victoria Juckniewitz, Sydney Doherty, Madison Stotler, Alisha Walter **Middle:** Dianna Pisut, Abigail Puketza, Jamie Beer, Sophia Broadhurst, **Standing:** Alli Lindsay **Back Coaches:** Marlee Doherty, Mike Beer & Chris Stotler

Towamencin Youth Softball Association (TYA) hosted the U10 Sunday Select Tournament on July 23rd & 24th. Ten teams participated in the two day event and played three games each on Saturday to determine the seeding for the single elimination playoffs on Sunday.

Towamencin and Doylestown went into Sunday undefeated 3-0. In the semi-finals, Towamencin beat Deep Run 10-2 and the Doylestown won over Warrington 11-7.

Towamencin's pitching was incredible all tournament and along with their solid hitting and fielding they did not disappoint going into the championship game. TYA shut out Doylestown 11-0 to win the Sunday Select U10 crown.

Incredibly, Towamencin went 6-0 for the tournament and only gave up 3 runs.

Mailbox Replacement

From time to time, a mailbox will be damaged by the Township's plow. Should your mailbox/post be struck or hit by a Township Truck, the damage must be reported to the Township within one week from the date of the



snowstorm to be eligible for reimbursement. The Township will reimburse residents that live on a Township Road up to a maximum of \$100 per incident.

WB Homes - Thorndale

W.B. Homes, Inc. is pleased to introduce their newest community, "Thorndale". This beautiful carriage home neighborhood is located in the heart of Towamencin Township near the intersection of Allentown & Forty Foot Roads. Thorndale is nestled on 44 secluded acres and offers an inviting boulevard entry, the convenience of shopping, parks, walking trails and quick access to major highways. The enjoyment of carefree living, 1st and 2nd floor Owner's Suites, WB quality construction and trademark amenities make this community **truly appealing to buyers of all ages!**

Bill Bonenberger, President of W.B. Homes prides himself on "Building the Home of your Dreams. "We start with 6 different open and airy floor plans ranging from just over 2100 SF to nearly 2600 SF, with several featuring 1st floor Owner's Suites. Each home includes 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a 2 car garage -side entry on all end models, full basement and Great Room with gas fireplace." "We've then also pre-designed



many additional structural options including finished basements, additional bedrooms and baths, Sun Rooms and lofts, all of which are designed to meet all the requirements of today's discerning buyers." Bonenberger added "we then top it all off with the most extensive choice of options, upgrades and customizing available in the industry today so that each Buyer gets exactly the home that fits their life style and budget". That's what WB Homes has been about for the last 26 years!

WB has been building communities in Towamencin Township for more than 20 years. Bill Bonenberger stated "Towamencin is a great place to live and work". It includes history dating back to the 1600's, combines it with state of the art land planning, transportation networks, and parks and open space to create an extremely desirable community where people want to live". "Thorndale is our 8th and largest community within the Twp, and were extremely proud of each and every one of them".

Snow Removal from Sidewalks and Driveways

State law mandates that adjacent property owners are responsible for providing pedestrians with a safe walking surface. Snow and ice should be cleared from abutting sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow event.

The snow from your sidewalk and driveway cannot be placed on Township streets in such a manner or amount as to cause a traffic or pedestrian hazard or require additional cleanup by the Township.

- * Please use proper snow etiquette by removing all obstacles (trashcans, basketball backboards and any other items) that may interfere with proper clearing of the roads.
- * The Public Works Department works around the clock to make sure our streets are cleared. Following these simple rules will help get the job done that much faster.





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POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES STATE ACCREDITATION STATUS

On July 11, 2012 the Towamencin Township Police Department received Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation status. The Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission unanimously voted to accredit the department at its meeting during the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Conference in Camp Hill, PA. Chief Tim Dickinson, Lieutenant Jeffrey Kratz, and Accreditation Manager Police Specialist CJ Yoder accepted the award at the association's annual banquet that evening. Currently, only 83 agencies out of the over 1200 law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are accredited.

The police department had been working towards accreditation for a number of years, but staffing shortages and the day-to-day workload continually slowed the process. With achieving accreditation as a goal, and with the support of the elected officials, retired Douglas Township Police Lieutenant Michael Croom was employed to work with Accreditation Manager Police Specialist CJ Yoder. The accreditation assessment team conducted the on-site accreditation assessment process on May 30 and May 31, 2012 and reported that the police department met and proved compliance to all the applicable standards set by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

The Towamencin Township Police Department would like to thank all of those involved in the accreditation process, and is proud to have achieved this goal.



Chief Dickinson, Lieutenant Kratz, Police Specialist Yoder & Officer Meyer

NORTH PENN AREA POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Towamencin Township Police Officer Patrick Horne has spearheaded an initiative to start the North Penn PAL. Horne said the creation of the North Penn PAL stemmed from a desire to provide guidance to youths, with the ultimate goal of assisting them in avoiding criminal activity. The program's mission includes promoting good character and providing a means for the exchange of ideas and solutions regarding youth problems. The program will feature athletic activities, games, and educational trips. Children between the ages of eleven and eighteen that live within the six-municipality region of the North Penn School District will be eligible for participation.

The Police Chiefs in Towamencin, Upper Gwynedd, Montgomery, Hatfield, North Wales, and Lansdale, as

well as Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetriferman, have offered their support. Towamencin Township Police Chief Paul T. "Tim" Dickinson will serve as President of the Board of Directors during the first year.

Towamencin Township resident Greg O'Brien, who will serve as the organization's Executive Director, assisted Officer Horne throughout the process and has played an integral role in the PAL's creation. Greg is the Vice President of County Electric and is very active in various youth development programs in the area.

Anyone interested in assisting with the North Penn Police Athletic League can contact Officer Patrick Horne at phorne@towamencinpd.org, or by calling Towamencin Township Police Department at (215) 368-7606.



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This October, Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) starts its 64th year of service to our community. With approximately 80 members serving the organization, the company has risen to meet the changing demands of the fire service, township growth and community changes. In response to the approximate 400 alarms a year, TVFC maintains 3 active pumpers (plus 1 retired pumper as an antique piece), 1 fire/rescue truck, 1 3000 Gallon tanker, 1 utility vehicle/personnel carrier, 1 special service/duty officer vehicle, 1 chiefs vehicle, 1 traffic unit vehicle, 1 spill containment trailer and 1-35KW portable generator. With this equipment being housed in the 6-bay main station on Bustard Rd. and the 4 -bay substation on Snyder Rd., TVFC has been successful over its 63 year history in supporting Towamencin Township residents, businesses and traveler's using the turnpike and local roads in its fire/rescue/special event needs.

In recognition of the commitment of TVFC Life members and those members who have passed on from our 63 year history so far, we are in the process of creating a memorial which will be a permanent monument placed in the open area west of the Main Fire Station at Bustard Rd. It was designed to allow the community to stroll through the memorial walkway and to sit a moment on the benches provided to appreciate those that have given their time to serve this company and community. Please feel free to visit our website www.towamencinfire.com to see the proposed sketches and to see our progress. Ground Breaking took place in September. If you would like to be part of this project and donate specifically to this memorial effort, we are selling custom inscribed bricks for the pathway. You may download the order form from our website and send it to the firehouse with your donation enclosed or feel free to drop it off during any Thursday night practice from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Training, fund raising and alarm response keeps TVFC busy all year but the Fall months from October through December are exceptionally busy for the members and Ladies Auxiliary. October 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week. TVFC members will be visiting schools throughout this week, educating kids about fire prevention and making them aware of what to do in an emergency. We encourage parents/grandparents to follow up with their kids and talk about what they have learned and answer any questions they may have. Fire safety and emergency preparedness is a team effort from all of us. On October 4, TVFC will hold its

fire prevention Open House at its Main fire station on Bustard Rd. The company does this each year to give everyone an opportunity to see the equipment which supports them and to watch our fire personnel in action with demonstrations. The time and preparation TVFC puts into this event has proven to be successful in educating all ages on the skill and commitment of its fire department members. Your participation and enthusiasm is important to us that evening so please plan to join us October 4.

On October 27, the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Craft Fair at the Main fire station on Bustard Rd. This event provides a great opportunity for the community to get a head start on holiday gifts and to enjoy a good lunch provided at the firehouse. The proceeds earned from this event goes toward the Ladies Auxiliary yearly contribution to the fire company. The Ladies auxiliary support is essential in helping TVFC meet its budget each year.

November 17 brings us the Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade. At last year's parade, TVFC won once again the opportunity to ride Santa into town in this year's parade. We hope you come out and support us at this year's parade.

In December, the TVFC members and Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor again this year a Picture with Santa day for children, families and domestic pets to visit Santa and have a picture taken. The date for this event is December 1 at the Main station on Bustard Rd. This is another way for the fire company family to reach out to you, the community, to enjoy time together and once again link yourselves in a positive way to TVFC. We will advertise on our marquee so keep watch. Also, on December 15, TVFC will do its annual Santa run through the township. This is where Santa rides atop one of our trucks through the neighborhoods and the men and women of TVFC hand out candy canes. Keep listening for the siren in your neighborhood and come out and see us.

Finally, during the busy holiday season, TVFC asks that you remember to keep safety as a priority in all that you do. Fireplaces, holiday lights and holiday parties create enjoyable times for everyone this time of year. When done safely and with care, everyone benefits.

TVFC thanks you for your donation consideration to our memorial project and wishes you a safe Fall & Winter season, a safe and joyous holiday season and a safe and happy New Year.

Dates to Remember

October 27: Craft Fair Main Station, Bustard Rd 9AM-3PM

November 17: Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade/TVFC brings Santa 1PM

December 1: Picture with Santa Main Station, Bustard Rd
10AM-2PM

December 15: Santa Run in Towamencin Neighborhoods
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2012 Dates to Remember

- **November 17:** Turkey Trot 5k
- **December 8:** Holiday Lights Festival



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Christ Covenant Church solar committee members approached the township in February and began discussing their initial plans with the township manager, engineer and supervisor chairman. Following recommendations by the township from this meeting, the church made a comprehensive presentation in late March at a supervisor workshop session detailing the project for all in attendance. Since this is the first ground based solar

system implemented within the township, several suggestions were made which the church built into their plan and approval was given in May to proceed with the implementation. This solar implementation by Christ Covenant has brought to the forefront the need by the township to develop alternative energy guidelines and ordinance for future ground based alternative energy projects to be implemented within the township. This will be worked on by the supervisors, township manager and township engineer.

Dedication of the Christ Covenant Church solar installation took place on October 6 during an Applefest event at the church.



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