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## Improvement Projects & Comprehensive Plan Update Underway



*Construction at Grist Mill Park*

Several long-awaited projects are moving forward, either advancing to construction or finishing up this spring.

Construction of the Grist Mill Park Improvements Project has started and will include: an inclusive playground, a pavilion, a basketball court, a handicapped parking area, fencing and a perimeter trail. The Township was awarded a \$250,000 grant by PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and \$175,000 via a PA Local Share Assessment Grant to help fund this project.

Weikel Road drainage and sidewalk improvements (from Township Pool to Snyder Road) began last fall and will continue this spring. This project provides pedestrian connectivity between various neighborhoods, the Township pool and North Penn High School and will address stormwater issues. To date, 11 new storm sewer inlets, over 1,100 feet of new concrete piping, and a new concrete end wall were installed. Most curbing and driveway aprons have been completed. The spring work will include: completing sidewalk installations and regrading yards, roadway milling and full width pavement overlay - giving Weikel Road a “crown” for

proper drainage. A crosswalk installation at Snyder Road and proper line striping throughout the project area will also be completed. This project is primarily funded by remaining ARPA funds and a Montco 2040 Grant for the sidewalk component.

Phase 2 of the Skippack Creek Sewer Interceptor Project was recently released for bid with construction to start later this year. The interceptor project includes the replacement of approximately 1,200 linear feet of existing 18 inch diameter asbestos cement pipe – running from where the interceptor crosses beneath the Northeast PA Turnpike to its crossing at Wambold Road and an un-named tributary of the Skippack Creek. In October, the Towamencin Municipal Authority was awarded \$400,000 through the PA Local Share Assessment Program to help fund this project.

The final public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Update will be later this spring. Residents are urged to attend. The draft document is available on the Township website. The public comment period has just concluded. This update will set the course for the future of our community.

The Township has been working on several grant submissions since last fall, including the following projects: Welsh and Orvilla Road intersection improvements, the Central Drive Storm Sewer Project, Municipal Complex Improvements, Skippack Creek Interceptor Phase 3, Grist Mill Basin Conversations, Kriebel Road Trail Extension, Phase 3, Butch Clemens Park Pickleball Courts, Grist Mill Park Connector Trail and the Tennis-Lukens Cemetery restoration. Check out a review of grant submissions and awards received



*Weikel Road sidewalk improvements*

over the last few years by visiting the Township website’s Finance section.

On the development front, construction for the Mattress Warehouse and Chipotle Restaurant continues at the shopping center at Forty Foot and Allentown Roads. These retailers are expected to open this summer.

In December, the Board approved a waiver of land development for the proposed Goddard School at 1390 S. Valley Forge Road, with minimum site improvements planned. The property is situated at the former Rite Aid site. Construction is set for later this year.

The construction of the Delp Drive Warehouse Development, a 267,648 square foot warehouse, located at the end of Delp Drive, is nearing completion. The site should be finished this summer.

Core5 Industrial Partners received land development approval for a 591,360 square foot warehouse facility on Wambold Road at Allentown Road.

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Two of the three buildings have been constructed. The developer recently submitted modified plans for the third building.

Reminder, last year the Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance 24-04 changing the sewer billing from one annual bill to quarterly bills. Bills are being issued on: March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st. There was no increase in the real estate taxes or sewer rates for 2025. If you have not received your 2025 tax and sewer bills, please contact the Township.

The North Penn YMCA will be returning to Fischer's Park for a second season of day camp for ages K-8, from June 23 through August 22. For more information contact: [camp@northpennymca.org](mailto:camp@northpennymca.org).

In closing, we hope you are able to attend our annual Towamencin Day on Saturday, May 10th, and can make it out to our 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](http://www.towamencin.org).

Sincerely,

Chuck Wilson  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

## Towamencin Electronic Recycling Event

**Saturday, June 14**  
**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

North Penn High School Parking Lot  
1340 South Valley Forge Road  
Lansdale, PA 19446

Returning for 2025, our annual recycling event is available to all Towamencin residents and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

This event allows residents to responsibly recycle their obsolete electronics.

Registration will be required to participate in this event. For further details, please scan the QR code, or visit our website.

<https://towamencin.org/resources/calendar>



Scan to visit our June Calendar Event



## 2025 VOTER INFORMATION

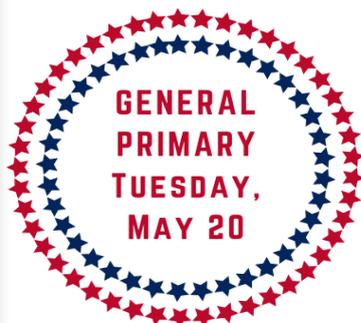
Election updates and deadlines can all be found on Montgomery County's website. You can check polling locations, voter registration status, candidates running for office, volunteer opportunities, district maps and more.

### 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

Towamencin Township PA State Representative District 61 : Representative Liz Hanbidge

Towamencin Township PA State Senate District 24 : Senator Tracy Pennycuick

Towamencin Township US House of Representatives District 4 :  
Congresswoman Madeleine Dean

Towamencin Township US Senators :  
Senator Dave McCormick and Senator John Fetterman



**VOTE!**

# SEWER & TAX BILL INFORMATION

In 2024, the Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance 24-04, changing the sewer billing frequency from annual to quarterly. Starting March 1, 2025, bills will be issued four times a year. Bills will continue to be mailed to all residents unless you have opted to receive electronic bills through our new online provider, Xpress Bill Pay.



The schedule below outlines the new quarterly sewer billing schedule. Bills paid after the due date will be charged a 10% late fee.

	Billing Period	Issue Date	Due Date	Late After
1st Quarter	March 1 - May 31	March 1st	April 1st	April 2nd
2nd Quarter	June 1 - August 31	June 1st	July 1st	July 2nd
3rd Quarter	September 1 - November 30	September 1st	October 1st	October 2nd
4th Quarter	December 1 - February 28	December 1st	December 1st	January 1st



2025 Township/County Real Estate tax bills were mailed in mid-February. If you have not received your bill, please contact the Township. Homeowners with taxes escrowed through their mortgage company are responsible for ensuring the mortgage company has the correct tax information and receives the current bill. The Township does not send tax bills directly to mortgage companies. The FACE period for Township and County Real Estate taxes ends on June 30, 2025; payments must be received or postmarked by this date to avoid penalties.

Residents can mail payments by check or drop off payments in person by check or cash to avoid convenience fees. We accept in-person payments until 4:30 p.m. daily. After hours, use the payment drop-box in front of the Administration Building. If using the drop-box, place your payment and stub in an envelope. Residents requesting a mailed receipt must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The Township now offers online payments through Xpress Bill Pay, providing features like bill presentation, paperless billing, billing history, auto pay, stored payment info, email notifications, and more. To use this service, residents must create an account on the Xpress Bill Pay website. *Fees apply for auto pay, ACH transactions and credit card payments.*

<https://xpressbillpay.com/#/?org=towamencintownship11021>.

Want more tax and sewer information, visit our website:  
[www.towamencin.org/departments/tax-sewer-information](http://www.towamencin.org/departments/tax-sewer-information)



**School District Real Estate Taxes are not collected by Towamencin Township, they are collected by Robert A. Di Domizio, Jr., Tax Collector. Please contact the Tax Collector for school tax information.**

Phone: 215-723-7297

Email: [Tax@Robertdidomizio.com](mailto:Tax@Robertdidomizio.com)

Mail: P. O. Box 1415 Kulpsville, PA 19443

Fax: 1-866-496-3991

# Community Planning & Land Development Updates

**Code Enforcement Reminder:** All Towamencin property owners must keep weeds and grass trimmed to a height of 12 inches or less. Weeds or grass exceeding this height are considered a nuisance and may result in violation notices or citations. This does not apply to riparian buffers, wetlands, woodlands, floodplains, steep slopes, detention/retention basins, or open spaces designated as meadows by the Township.

## Community Development Updates

**Delp Drive Warehouse Development** - A 267,648 SF warehouse at the end of Delp Drive is nearing completion, with the site expected to be fully finished this summer.

**Belfair Square** - Caracausa Acquisitions LP received land development approval in early 2024 to build sixteen (16) townhomes on Welsh Road, between Vernon Court and Grist Mill Road. The developer has agreed to provide the Board of Supervisors with an update every six months.

**Wawa** - A new Wawa at Sumneytown Pike and Forty Foot Road will replace the existing Wawa and include twelve (12) fuel filling stations. Construction has been delayed, and the start date remains unknown.

**North Penn School District High School Renovations** - North Penn has submitted land development plans to renovate the existing high

school building, construct new athletic fields, upgrade existing fields and courts, demolish the current bus garage and parking, build a new bus garage with parking, and implement other site improvements.

## Shopping Center Update

Chipotle and Mattress Warehouse are expected to open this summer. Philadelphia Suburban Development Corporation has confirmed that it will not be proceeding with the Target and Whole Foods tenants at this time.

The Township is awaiting PSDC to reestablish rear circulation access to the shopping center to be able to issue permits for future tenants.

PSDC has submitted pad site development plans along Forty Foot Road, across from Newbury Way. The proposal includes approximately 8 tenant sites, including space for a fast casual restaurant, a drive-thru restaurant, a bank, and retail spaces. Construction of these tenant spaces will warrant the installation of signals at the existing intersection. Plan approval is expected at the end of 2025.

## Swimming Pool Permit & Discharge Guidelines

### Pool Guidelines

The following criteria shall apply to the construction of an above or in-ground pool:

- A pool is defined as any pool/container (spa, fish pond, etc.) that can hold more than twenty-four (24) inches of water.
- Barrier fencing is required when a pool permit is issued.
- A Grading/Stormwater Permit is required for disturbances greater than 1,500 square feet.
- An in-ground pool plan and the electrical plan must be signed and sealed by a professional engineer or surveyor.
- Manufacturer's specifications are required for pool heaters.
- Impervious surface calculations are required, but the water surface of the pool is not an impervious surface.
- A swimming pool must be located in accordance with the criteria noted in the accessory structure (A-10) section of the code.

### Swimming Pool Discharge Guidelines

In Towamencin, no permit is required for discharge of water from a swimming pool discharge, but the following guidelines shall apply:

- Discharge of water to a storm sewer is not permitted. In no event shall pool waters be directly discharged to waters of the Commonwealth.
- Water should be pumped over a grassy area to allow absorption, filtration and aeration of water. The discharge should be at a rate which prevents erosion and optimizes infiltration.
- Standing water or accumulated rain and/or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top so as not to disturb settled solids.
- Solids on the pool bottom should not be discharged. Following pump down of water, solids should be cleaned out manually.
- Cleaning wastewaters containing muriatic acid of chlorine that is used in cleaning pool surfaces must to be treated prior to discharge.
- Filter backwash water during normal pool operation must be at a sufficiently low volume that all water infiltrates to the ground.

Questions concerning pool guidelines should be directed to the Township Planning, Zoning & Code Enforcement Department at 215-368-7602.



## Police Department 50th Anniversary & Updates

The Department is celebrating its 50th Birthday! Formed 50 years ago on January 1st, 1975, we are excited about this momentous anniversary. Throughout the year, the Department will be celebrating this golden anniversary in various ways. Join us at our open house Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 13th. The anniversary celebration is open to all Township residents. Keep a close eye on the Department's website and Facebook pages for "flashback" posts, news and events related to our 50th Birthday Celebration.

- This spring, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary, Towamencin's Police Department will unveil a new police badge designed to honor the Township's history.
- In January, Detective Christopher Bluem's exceptional work on a cybercrime case led to his invitation to join the FBI's Cyber Crime Task Force. His appointment allows him to assist with federal-level investigations while still working in Towamencin, gaining access to federal resources which will benefit the Department and Township.
- In February, the Department announced it will host its 2nd annual Citizens Police Academy in the fall. The Academy is a 6-week program, running one night per week, for 2-hour sessions. Each session will cover a different topic of instruction, offering an inside look into what our officers do every day. Keep an eye out for details regarding registration and class dates and times.



### Towamencin Accepted into Bird Town, PA



**BIRD TOWN**  
PENNSYLVANIA  
[birdtownpa.org](http://birdtownpa.org)

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Bird Town, PA's Outreach Committee formally accepted Towamencin's application, making it officially the 77<sup>th</sup> Bird Town in PA. Congratulations to the Township's Environmental Advisory Council, and lead member Vanessa Gaynor, for their dedication and efforts made over the last year leading up to this achievement!

On February 25, members of Towamencin's Bird Town Committee made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors – outlining the Bird Town Pennsylvania mission, threats to bird populations, program initiatives, and designation benefits provided to the municipality. At this meeting, the Board unanimously approved the EAC's participation in Bird Town, PA, passing a resolution of support.

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. For more information, visit their website at <https://birdtownpa.org/>.

The Township's Bird Town Committee, is organized as an EAC sub-committee, with the following members: Andrew Dolan, Bruce Bailey, Donna Hegge, Kelly Bonsignore, Vanessa Gaynor and Joyce Snyder. Look for more information on the Township's website and Facebook page. The Committee plans to hold public meetings on April 10, June 12 and September 11 at the Township's Meeting Hall Building.

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**BERKSHIRE  
HATHAWAY**  
HOMESERVICES

KEYSTONE  
PROPERTIES



Dear Towamencin Township Neighbor:

#### 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

Thank you,  
Ted Miller, Realtor  
*I've sold over 900 homes in the area*

**Your  
Towamencin  
Township  
Real Estate  
Specialist**

Cell: 215-290-6106

Office: 215-855-1165 ext. 121

[tedm@bhhskeystone.com](mailto:tedm@bhhskeystone.com)

[www.BHHSkeystone.com](http://www.BHHSkeystone.com)



# Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company News

**2024 Review:** TVFC responded to 468 incidents, including fire, rescue, cardiac arrest, gas leaks, water flow alarms, as well as turn-pike calls. At the time of publication, we will have completed our annual hazardous material training update. Given the numerous hazardous materials that regularly pass through our township - especially on the turnpike - this training is crucial. Volunteers are on call 24/7 year-round, and also dedicate time to training, fundraising, and other special events to support the community.

As members age, graduate, and move for their careers, we are constantly seeking new volunteers - both men and women - to join us as fire-fighters, Fire Police, or administrative members. We are committed to protecting the community as an all-volunteer company, ensuring safety and quick response. Who will be there to answer the call when needed? Why not you? Consider joining us in this vital community service. Stop by our Bustard Road Station any Thursday evening between 7 pm and 9 pm to speak with an officer about how you can help.

Thanks to your support, our 2024 Chicken BBQ fundraiser was a huge success. We appreciate everyone who volunteered to help and those who purchased dinners. Despite rising food costs, we strive to keep the dinner affordable for families while still generating a profit. This year's BBQ will be held on September 6. TVFC thanks you all for your continued support of this event!

In addition to our annual Chicken BBQ, we rely on fundraisers like our fund drive bingo, hoagie/flower sales, and pictures with Santa to help maintain our equipment. We thank the residents and businesses who supported our 2024 fund drive, which finished strong. These efforts are crucial in covering the rising costs of operating our volunteer fire company. Our 2025 fund drive launched in March, and we encourage all Towamencin residents and businesses to participate. A fire apparatus now costs over \$1 million per unit, along with equipment and gear (about \$4,000 per set), and maintenance expenses, all present ongoing financial challenges. When the fund drive mailer arrives, please consider donating generously to help us continue providing low-cost, all-volunteer service to the community.

This year, we proudly celebrate our 76th anniversary of dedicated volunteer fire service to this community. Our 76th year kicked off with our newly elected officers and administrators jumping into action. Mark your calendars! **In celebration of our 76th, we're thrilled to invite the public to a special Anniversary Open House on September 27, details to be announced.**

In addition to planning our 76th anniversary celebration, we are also starting the first phase of station upgrades and remodeling focusing on firefighter safety. At our Bustard Road station, we are redesigning the gear area to improve the process of putting on and removing gear. Fire-fighters will enter a new space after a call, where they can clean their gear and switch into a fresh set. This system aims to protect them from harmful particles from fire or rescue incidents. We are also relocating the engineers' room and installing a new exhaust system to remove hazardous particles from the air. New gear racks will be added as well. Once these upgrades are completed, we will begin similar improvements at Station B on Snyder Road. We are actively pursuing grants to help cover costs, and much of the work has been done by our own members to keep expenses low. For updates, please visit our website throughout the year: <https://towamencinfire.com>.

Once again, TVFC sincerely thanks all of you for your incredible support throughout the year. Stay safe, and enjoy a fantastic spring and summer!

Respectfully,

The Men and Women of TVFC

## Fundraising Events & Dates (all at Bustard Road Station):

- Designer Bag Bingo: March 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 PM
- Spring Flower & Hoagie Sale: May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10 AM-1 PM
- Bingo: September 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM
- 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House: September 27; TBA
- Fall Mum and Hoagie Sale: October 4<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM-1 PM
- Pictures with Santa: December 6<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM -1 PM

**Open House**

Celebrating 76 years  
with Station 76

Towamencin Volunteer  
Fire Company  
Station A  
Kulpsville, PA

✓ September 27  
Details TBD

✓ Fun for the  
whole family!

**TOWAMENCIN  
FIRE**  
WWW.TOWAMENCINFIRE.COM

[www.towamencinfire.com](http://www.towamencinfire.com)

# JOIN THE TOWAMENCIN VOL. FIRE COMPANY



Are you ready to to make a different in your community? We are looking for passionate individuals to join our team. Whether interested in being a firefighter, serving as part of our dedicated fire police, or supporting us on one of our essential committees, we need YOU!

## WHY JOIN US?

- Be a part of a proud and respected team serving our community for 75 years
- Learn life saving skills and make an impact in times of need
- Support the fire company through administrative roles or community outreach
- Training and support provided - no training necessary!

**STOP BY OUR STATION ON THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7PM TO LEARN MORE!**

visit us online at [www.towamencinfire.com](http://www.towamencinfire.com)

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: TOWAMENCIN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



Special Events Presents

# SPRING/SUMMER 2025



## Jigsaw Jamboree - April 4

Enjoy a friendly competitive evening of puzzles, food and fun! Register your team of 2-4 people & be the first to assemble a 500 piece puzzle. Prizes awarded to the fastest team! Space is limited. \$30 per group. Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company - 1590 Bustard Rd. Kulpsville - 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Visit our website for complete event details.



## Towamencin Day - May 10

Join us for our annual community day! This event includes vendors, activities and more. This is a FUN, FREE event for all. Interested in being a vendor, visit our website. Fischer's Park 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale - 12:00 - 4:00 PM.



## Classic Car Show - June 28

Our classic car show is back! Take a stroll through Fischer's Park & take in some classic cars. Want to show off your classic car: visit our website for registration details. Fischer's Park 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale - 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM.


**NEW**

## Flick & Float - August 9

This summer, our movie event will be held at the Towamencin Pool. Float in the pool while you enjoy a movie. Admission is \$5 per person w/pool member, otherwise \$10 - Township Pool - 895 Weikel Rd. Lansdale - 8:00 - 10:00 PM.



## Summer Concert Series - Thursday nights in June & July

Bring your lawn chair or blanket for an evening in the park. Groove to the sounds of various musical genres, and enjoy a bite to eat from local vendors. Fischer's Park - 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale - Bands begin at 7 PM.

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High Noon - June 19
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The Fabulous Greaseband - June 26
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Mike Greer & Company - July 10
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Class of '84 Tribute Band - July 17
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Don't Call Me Francis - July 31



Contact our Special Events Coordinator: Katie Cleary  
215-368-7602 ext. 1206 - events@towamencin.org

For complete event or registration details, visit our Facebook page or website:  
[www.towamencin.org/departments/events/](http://www.towamencin.org/departments/events/)

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP

# Montgomery County Bookmobile & Outreach Service

## 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/>.

## 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](mailto:bookmobiles@mclinc.org)
- Call our office at 610-278-5100 x204
- Drop off a request form at the bookmobile
- Ask our Bookmobile staff



## 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 Road Lansdale, PA 19446  
Every Thursday 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### MERRYMEAD FARM

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

### TD BANK

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

### SNYDER SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

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

### RALPH'S CORNER SHOPPING CENTER

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

**Bookmobile and Outreach Services Contact: Email: [bookmobiles@mclinc.org](mailto:bookmobiles@mclinc.org) | Phone: (610) 278-5100 Ext. 204**



## Join Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library monthly for Preschool Story Time.

Story time is held at the Township Meeting Hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 11 AM. Read books, sing songs, and learn about movement, sounds, and nursery rhymes. All children are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

# Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball

## Want to Get Your Child Involved in a Sport They'll Love for Life?

Look no further than America's favorite pastime! Hatfield-Towamencin offers a competitive and fun baseball program spanning Quickball through American Legion.



**STAY CONNECTED**  
 Email: [HTbaseball@hotmail.com](mailto:HTbaseball@hotmail.com)  
 Web: [www.tyasports.org](http://www.tyasports.org)

### 2025 CALENDAR BY DIVISION

#### Spring Intramural Season (March-June)

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

A: Coach Pitch — Ages 6-7

Rookies: 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)

**HT Baseball also offers competitive Travel baseball opportunities for ages 8 through 12. See the [TYASports.org/Baseball](http://TYASports.org/Baseball) site for more details**



**GET STARTED**



@Hatfield-Towamencin Baseball | X @TowamencinCMB and @HatfieldALB

Did you miss our official registration period? Scan this code, visit [www.tyasports.org](http://www.tyasports.org), or email us right away at [HTbaseball@hotmail.com](mailto:HTbaseball@hotmail.com). We will work to find a spot for your player.

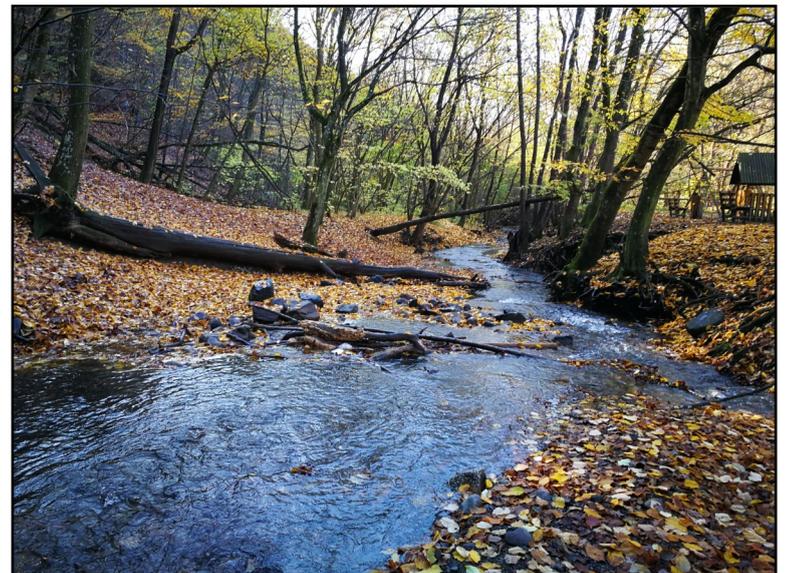
**SAVE THE DATE: Opening Day | SAT, APRIL 12 | Bustard Road Park**

Come out for the official kickoff of the 2025 season featuring our very popular Parade of Players, local dignitaries, food, fun & more!

## Ways We Can All Keep our Streams Clean

As part of our stormwater permit with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Township is required to help prevent pollution and keep our streams clean for drinking water, irrigation, fishing and enjoyment by the public. Below ways you can help keep our streams and rivers clean:

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



For stormwater questions, concerns or information, please call the Township at 215-368-7602 or visit the website at <https://www.towamencin.org/information/stormwater-management/>



# Towamencin Swim and Dive Team



- Season runs Memorial Day through July 26
- Ages 5-18
- Afternoon practice daily until mid- June
- Morning practices begin mid-June
- 7 meets Tuesday and Thursday nights + Champs
- High school practice option



**Now Hiring Coaches  
Apply via TST website  
or Facebook**



[www.towamencinswimteam.org](http://www.towamencinswimteam.org)  
 [facebook.com/towamencinswimteam](https://facebook.com/towamencinswimteam)

# Reminders from our Emergency Management Coordinator



## Are You **READY!**

Some disasters strike without any warning. Have you thought about those supplies you'll need the most? They will usually be the hardest to come by. Enlist your children to help gather supplies for your family's emergency kit. It'll bring you a sense of relief, and your kids a feeling of empowerment.

Make sure you have enough supplies to last for at least **three days**. Think about where you live and your needs. Consider having a large kit at home, and smaller portable kit in the car or your workplace.

### *If a big storm is coming...*

- ✓ Fill your car with gas
- ✓ Fill plastic bags with water and place them in the freezer
- ✓ Get extra cash out of the bank
- ✓ Fill prescriptions

### **Emergency Supplies List**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-day supply of non-perishable food (dried fruit, canned tuna fish, peanut butter, etc.)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle to signal for help   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can opener   | <input type="checkbox"/> Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper (when diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils, paper towels  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local maps   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or traveler's checks  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water – at least a gallon per person, per day for drinking and hygiene                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency reference material such as first aid book or information from <a href="http://www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit  | <input type="checkbox"/> Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, ID, and bank records in a waterproof, portable container  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medication and glasses  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet supplies   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or warm blanket for everyone in your family   | <input type="checkbox"/> Infant formula and diapers   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes to last for at least 3 days, including sturdy shoes; consider the weather where you live | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper and pencil   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matches in a waterproof container  | <input type="checkbox"/> Books, games or puzzles (let your kids pick these out themselves!)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and other personal items  | <input type="checkbox"/> Your child's favorite stuffed animal or security blanket   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine hygiene supplies  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and extra water for your pet  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dust mask, and plastic sheeting and duct tape, to help filter contaminated air                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and extra batteries  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights and extra batteries  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone with charger, extra battery and solar charger   |   |

*Don't forget to think about infants, elderly, pets, or any family members with special needs!*

# Open Space & Parks Advisory Committee Spotlight

## Benefits of Trees in Towamencin

There was a time, eons in the making, when what is now Towamencin Township was forested. There was also a time, not so long ago, when Towamencin Township was deforested, becoming, at first, only a rotting debris field, from the logging, then transitioned to farmland. When William Penn first visited his “woods” (Penn’s Sylvania) in 1682, his land grant of the nearly 29 million acres that is now Pennsylvania was almost 99% forested. By 1900, only half of that was still a forest and trees were blatantly abused by many.

Times have changed. While Towamencin Township will never return to the forests that amazed William Penn, the Towamencin Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee is dedicated to enhancing the prevalence of trees in our community because we now recognize trees as invaluable assets to any community. They offer a myriad of benefits to enhance the quality of life which include: improved air quality, temperature modulation, better psychological well-being, and a positive community economic impact.

Trees absorb our modern pollutants like carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides. They can sequester some of these and at the



*New tree installations along the Kreibel Road Trail*

same time release oxygen, making the air healthier to breathe. Trees provide essential shade, which cools the surface environment, reduces demand for air conditioning and lowers energy costs. Shade from trees also makes outdoor spaces more comfortable, encouraging physical activity and social interaction among community members.

The Japanese ancients practiced shinrin-yoku or forest bathing. They recognized trees were a crucial support pillar for mental and emotional well-being. Modern studies conclude that spending time in green spaces reduces stress, anxiety, depression, and even asthma. Trees

have a calming effect, promoting relaxation and improving overall mental health. Additionally, tree-lined streets and parks enhance the aesthetic appeal of a neighborhood, fostering a sense of pride and community spirit. These benefits come with the added impacts of enhanced habitat for wildlife, higher biodiversity, reduced soil erosion, less stormwater runoff, and reduced risk of flooding. It has been estimated that 100 mature trees intercept 538,700 gallons of rainwater, 32 tons of carbon dioxide plus 430 pounds of other pollutants annually while also being a natural barrier against wind and noise and creating a more pleasant living environment.

Economically, trees increase property values. Homes and businesses situated in well-landscaped areas with mature trees tend to have higher market values compared to those in more barren settings. This boost in property value benefits not only individual homeowners but the community.

Trees are vital to the health of our community and our families. Support Towamencin Township by encouraging public tree planting and plant a tree in your own space. Your children and your pocketbook will benefit from a healthier, happier, and more sustainable community.

## Veterans Social Event & Park Update - Spring 2025

The Veterans Committee is thrilled to announce a Veterans Social Event this spring! This gathering will offer local veterans a chance to connect, share experiences, and learn about plans for Veterans Memorial Park. We invite all veterans in the township to join us— Stay tuned for upcoming details on the event’s date and venue.

Progress on Veterans Memorial Park, a dedicated space to honor those who have served, is continuing. Although access to the park remains a challenge, discussions are ongoing to secure an appropriate entrance. Seed funding is being pursued, and the committee is actively working on next steps, including engineering plans and grant applications.

For updates on these initiatives or to get involved, attend public committee meetings or visit: <https://towamencin.org/government/boardsandcommissions/veterans-committee/>

Public committee meetings take place on the 4th Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. We look forward to seeing you at the Veterans Social Event!



# EAC Spotlight: Light Pollution & Night Sky Lighting Guidelines

As we enter the spring, temperatures will warm and nights get shorter. We'll begin to look forward to spending evenings outside, and our native pollinators will begin emerging. You might notice that there do not seem to be as many visible stars now, or as many fireflies as you remember from your childhood. It might surprise you to find out that light pollution from increased Artificial Light At Night (ALAN) - particularly the bright, cooler color temperature light from modern LEDs - negatively affects our lives, health, and the ecology.

**Health** - A large and growing body of research now supports evidence that ALAN is tied to an increase in insomnia; cognitive dysfunction and depression; metabolic disorders such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease; and cancer, among others. (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26375320/>)

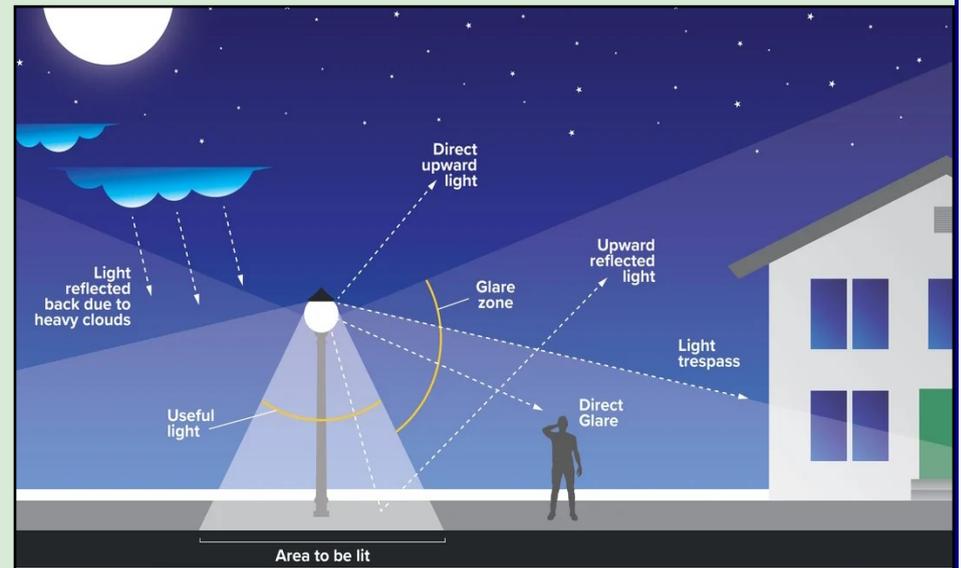
**Ecology** - ALAN has also been shown to negatively affect the ecosystem, disrupting night time pollination, reproduction of insects such as fireflies, bird migration, and the behavior of animals such as toads and owls. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-021-22011-8>; <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-020-01322-x>)

We all enjoy and depend on nighttime lighting - for security, traffic safety, and aesthetics. Fortunately, there are some simple guidelines that can mitigate the worst effects and balance our needs.

- 1. Use light only where it is useful & needed.** Consider removing outdoor light sources that aren't useful.
- 2. Direct light only where needed.** Light fixtures should be shielded so they only direct light downward or on a target. Not only does this reduce light pollution, but also reduces glare and improves security. A searchable list of certified lighting fixtures by use can be found at <https://darksky.org>.
- 3. No brighter than necessary.** The negative effects of ALAN are proportional to brightness. You might find that bulbs around 200-300 lumens are both sufficient and aesthetically pleasing for house mounted lighting fixtures or residential street lamps. Ideally, for our suburban residential areas, the recommended limit is 50,000 lumens/acre.
- 4. Use Controls.** Timers, motion sensors, dimmers, and photocells are all useful for limiting light to when it is useful.
- 5. Use warm color lights.** The redder the better! The more reddish the light, the lower the negative effects, including glare and disruption of night vision. Use 3000K or lower bulbs.

For more detailed and comprehensive information on this subject, please visit <https://darksky.org/>.

AMA guidelines: <https://www.ama-assn.org/sites/ama-assn.org/files/corp/media-browser/public/about-ama/councils/Council%20Reports/council-on-science-public-health/a16-csaph2.pdf>



## Environmental Advisory Council: Spring Calendar of Events

### PWC Stream Cleanup - Saturday, April 12, 2025 (9AM - 12PM)

Join this regional event hosted by the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and help clean up our local waterways. Towamencin Township sites will be included. Visit [www.perkiomenwatershed.org/stream-clean-up](http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/stream-clean-up) for more information and to sign up.

### Fischer's Park Invasive Species Education and Removal - Saturday, April 19, 2025 (10AM - 12PM) *Check the Township website to sign-up.*

Join members of the EAC for hands-on experience. We will spend time identifying and removing invasive plants from the Fischer's Park Rain Garden, followed by an interactive educational walk around the park to learn about local native species, and the effects that the invasives are having on them.

### Towamencin Day - Saturday, May 10 from (12PM - 4PM)

The EAC will be hosting a table at this community event at Fischer's Park. Stop by to learn about different environmental challenges facing our community, ask members questions about native versus invasive plants, and enter to win a giveaway! Other environmentally focused organizations will also be present at the event.

## Exciting Programs Coming to Morgan Log House!

Mark your calendars! We have an incredible lineup of events planned for this year, and we can't wait to share history with you. Keep an eye on our website ([www.morganloghouse.org/events](http://www.morganloghouse.org/events)) for details and additional programming announcements.

Want to stay in the loop? "Below are three QR codes that provide access to various ways of staying informed."



### Volunteer With Us



### Become a Member



### Newsletter Sign Up



Join us in making 2025 a great year for history in our community—we look forward to seeing you!

**April** - Dusty Attics, Creepy Cellars (11 am - 4 pm) - Saturday, April 5

**May** - **\*NEW\*** A Murder at Morgan: An Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner - Saturday, May 3

Remake Learning Day with MCIU (11 am - 4 pm) - Sunday, May 18

Military Might (11 am - 4 pm) - Saturday, May 24

**June** - Metal Detecting Workshop - Saturday, June 7

**August** - History Happy Hour with Doug Miller

**September** - Tavern Night at Morgan Log House - Saturday, September 27

**October** - History Happy Hour - Montgomery County Ghost Stories

**\*NEW\*** Harvest Heritage Day (11 am - 4 pm) & Mayhem at Morgan (6:30 pm - 9:30 pm)

Saturday, October 25

**December** - Candlelight at Morgan Log House - Saturday, December 6



Tours are available from April through December on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at Noon, 1 PM, and 2 PM—come explore the rich history of Morgan Log House with us!



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**Saturday, April 26**

**Indian Valley Middle School**  
130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

**Saturday, June 7**

**Temple University–Ambler Campus**  
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

**Saturday, June 21**

**Norristown Area High School**  
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

**Saturday, June 28**

**Abington Middle School**  
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

**Saturday, September 20**

**Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center**  
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

**SUNDAY, October 12**

**Lower Merion Transfer Station**  
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