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Election Information

The 2024
Pennsylvania
Primary Election



is Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The voter registration deadline is Monday, April 8, 2024. For details regarding voting procedures, poll locations, or registering to vote, please call Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280 or visit www.montgomerycountypa.gov.

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NEW COMMISSIONERS ELECTED

At their January 2nd reorganization meeting, the Board of Commissioners welcomed new Commissioners Beth McNamara and Edward Morris to serve Wards 1 & 5 of the Township, respectively. Springfield Township is excited to introduce them!

ELIZABETH MCNAMARA – Ms. McNamara will serve as the Commissioner for Ward 1 of the Township, which includes the “panhandle,” and parts of Flourtown and Erdenheim. McNamara has been a resident of Springfield Township for 35 years and has led various events at her children’s schools as well as served on local and national boards.



Her professional background is in mental health and wellness. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a local practice, a member of adjunct faculty at Drexel University, and consultant to a major pharmaceutical company’s Employee Assistance Program.

EDWARD MORRIS – Mr. Morris will serve as the Commissioner for Ward 5 of the Township, which covers a large portion of Wyndmoor, where Morris resides. He is an attorney and real estate broker. He has a B.S. in Management Information Systems, and a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh.



Mr. Morris has experience in all aspects of real estate development, including integrating technology. From 2017 to 2021, he was the Real Estate Manager for the Mt. Airy Community Development Corporation. One of his responsibilities was to procure and administer federal, state, municipal, and private development grant funding.

TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS



WELCOME ABOARD!

EILEEN HENRY joined Springfield Township in September 2023 as Finance Administrator. She attended Montgomery County Community College receiving her associate degree in Business Administration. Previously, she worked at Springfield Township School District in Accounts Payable. Eileen has been a resident of Springfield for 24 years and has run an Irish Dance school for over 30 years, receiving her teaching and judging certification from Ireland.

FOND FAREWELLS

BAIRD STANDISH was elected to office in November 2003 and sworn in as a member of the Board of Commissioners in January 2004, faithfully serving for 20 years as the representative for Ward 5. During this time, Mr. Standish was nominated by his fellow commissioners to serve as the President of the Board on two separate occasions, as well as Vice President on three separate occasions. Mr. Standish served as a founding member of the Springfield Shade Tree Commission in 1994 and has been a resident of Springfield Township for over thirty years.



MICHAEL MAXWELL

was elected to the Board of Commissioners in November 2015, and subsequently sworn in January 2016. During this time, Mr. Maxwell served as Co-Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, and served as Chairperson of the Public Works and Facilities Committee. He was the commissioner liaison to the Shade Tree Commission and Emergency Services Committee. Mr. Maxwell was also a volunteer firefighter for 20 years.



MICHAEL GROVE

For over 40 years, Mike Grove has kept the Springfield Township streets clean and presentable for residents and motorists.

Operating the Public Works Department's street sweeper, Mike took great pride in how the community looked. In his retirement, Mike will be moving to North Carolina to be with his family and new grandchildren. We wish Mike a healthy and relaxing retirement and thank him for his many years of service.



MARIE (MIMI) MCLENNAN has been the Administrative Assistant for the Chief of Police since 2010 and retired this February. Mimi has over 13 years of service with STPD, first hired as a clerk in the Police Department from 2010 – 2015, and then as the Administrative Assistant since 2015. She has been an invaluable asset in her duties over these many years, and we wish her a long and healthy retirement!

WES HOLLOWAY

After 35 years of service to the Springfield Township community, Wes Holloway will be enjoying his retirement with friends and family. Wes has been a valuable member of the Refuse Collection team, and his daily humor will be missed. He plans to travel with family and spend more time with his grandson. We wish Wes the best of luck in whatever life brings next!



SGT. BRUCE NISBET

After 33 years of service, Sgt. Nisbet retired in February 2024. He was hired in February 1991 and was promoted to Sergeant in December 2012, in charge of Platoon 1. He graduated from the Montgomery County Community College Municipal Police Academy. Before being hired by Springfield Township, Sergeant Nisbet was a part-time Officer in the Jenkintown Borough and Rockledge Borough Police Departments. He is a Firearms Instructor, previous Field Training Officer, and attended the FBI's LEEDA Trilogy of courses in Supervision, Command, and Executive training. Sergeant Nisbet is a part-time instructor at both the Montgomery County Community College Municipal Police Academy and the Temple University Police Academy. We thank him for his years of service, and we wish him a long and healthy retirement!



2024 Budget

Commissioners adopt budget with no tax increase for 3rd straight year.

The Springfield Township Board of Commissioners adopted a balanced operating budget for 2024 of \$19,646,947 with a real estate tax rate of 4.516 mills and an earned income rate of 1.0%.

As a result of the 2024 budget projections, the "typical" residential taxpayer will realize no change to their 2024 real estate tax, and an increase of \$13.98 associated with the refuse service fee.

Tax Information

The County/Township tax bills are due by May 31.

A 2% discount is applied to payments received in full by March 31. Payments received June 1 or after will be subject to a 10% penalty. Real Estate/Property tax billing and collection for the Township, County, and School District is the responsibility of Springfield Township's independently elected Treasurer/Tax Collector, Ms. Joelle Kleinman. Please visit www.springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com or call 215-233-1084 to learn more.

No Stigma/No Shame Day

Many people are affected either directly or indirectly by substance use disorder and other mental health crises.



Less stigma around substance use disorder creates a better understanding, more support, and more lives saved.

The Springfield Township Opioid Action Committee (STOAC), supported by the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners, is organizing a No Stigma/No Shame Day on April 20, 2024 to call attention to substance abuse disorder and mental health issues. This event, kicking off with a Town Hall on April 11th, aims to foster creative ways our community can contribute to reducing the stigma and shame surrounding mental health issues and substance use disorders. To join the cause or ask questions, email stoac2019@gmail.com.



National Night Out 2024

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. It is also a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This year's National Night Out will take place on August 6. Details about the event will be available on the Springfield Police Department's Facebook page (@STPDMontco) later this year.

STPD ACCREDITATION

At the Board of Commissioner's regularly scheduled December Business meeting, the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission recognized the Springfield Township Police Department with a certificate of Law Enforcement Accreditation. The Springfield Township Police Department received their initial accreditation certification from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at a meeting in Harrisburg.

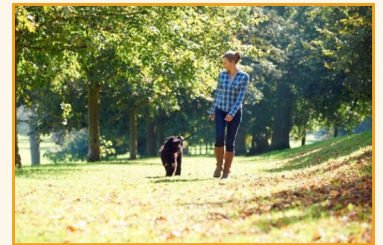


The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Accreditation Program to the Commonwealth in 2001. Since then, of the 1,150 law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania, approximately 300 agencies have enrolled in the program and approximately 117 agencies are accredited. This prestigious program ensures that police departments participate in a system to evaluate policies so that the department is following a best practices approach in law enforcement. The Springfield Police Department continues to strive to provide excellent police services with a high level of professionalism to our residents, businesses, and visitors in Springfield Township.

Special recognition for Lieutenant Mersky, Accreditation Manager, Detective Baiada, and their consultants, Law Enforcement Accreditation Services, LLC, and to all the STPD Officers for this accomplishment. We are proud to have a police department with this distinguished status!

PARK SAFETY TIPS

As the weather becomes warmer, we anticipate many residents will be visiting our Township's beautiful parks. Recently, we have responded to reports of theft from vehicles during the daytime at Cisco Park and in the area of Northwestern Ave and Andorra Road.



HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOU AND YOUR VALUABLES SAFE:

- Park in designated areas, preferably near other park-goers.
- Be mindful of your surroundings and stay on the designated trail or path.
- Remove valuables from your car before leaving and do not leave anything in plain sight. Most common items stolen include; phones, purses or wallets, laptops or computer bags, backpacks, shopping bags, diaper bags, small electronics, earbuds, cash/loose change, and keys.
- Walk with a buddy or your favorite leashed canine.
- Close the windows, sunroof, and lock your vehicle.
- Report suspicious activity to police by calling 911. If something feels off, then it probably is. Provide a good description of the person, the vehicle he or she arrived in, and the type of activity that you are observing as it is happening. Don't wait until later to notify the police!

BUILDING & ZONING

PERMITS

Spring weather means that home maintenance and improvement projects will increase once again. The best resource for any renovation project or permit requirements is our website, springfieldmontco.org.

IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING FREQUENTLY ASKED ABOUT REQUIREMENTS:

- A permit is not required for the installation of or the replacement of fencing within the Township, however, there are set back requirements for yards that adjoin a street. Fencing 5ft in height must be setback 10ft from the property line, and fencing 6ft in height, must be setback 15ft from the property line adjoining any street.
- Dumpsters are not permitted to be placed within the street without a permit being issued by our office.
- Permits for storage units, "PODS," must also be obtained prior to being placed on-site.
- Trees or bushes that border or overhang a street or sidewalk, must be trimmed back to not impede the use of the sidewalk or street, allowing 14ft of clearance.
- Ensure that downspouts do not discharge to adjoining properties.
- Any property within Springfield Township requires that you file for a Statement of Certification for Real Estate Transfer.



Any questions, comments or concerns can be directed to the Building & Zoning Department at 215-836-7600. Make sure to get outside and enjoy all the things Springfield Township has to offer!

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Whenever it rains, stormwater is collected by our local storm sewer system and carried directly to the nearby streams and creeks. It is the Township's responsibility to monitor this system for pollutants. In the case of stormwater, a pollutant is basically anything other than rainwater. Here are a few simple steps that a typical homeowner and/or business owner can do to help reduce pollutants in the rainwater carried to our streams and creeks.

- 1 Use fertilizers very sparingly.
- 2 Sweep up driveways and sidewalks; dispose of debris properly. Do not sweep into street gutters.
- 3 Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- 4 Compost your yard waste.
- 5 Avoid washing your car in the driveway.
- 6 Avoid pesticides.
- 7 Never dump anything down storm drains.
- 8 Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- 9 Check cars for leaks and recycle motor oil.
- 10 Pick up after your pet, even in your own yard.

By making an effort to keep our rainwater clean you are helping the Township and the environment.

From the Fire Marshal

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Summer is always a great time to tune up the backyard and host fun barbecues. However, there are many safety precautions to keep in mind amidst all the fun.

Here are a few tips from our Fire Marshal:

- Store gasoline in a closed, properly marked and approved container.
- Store flammable liquids, such as gasoline, outside the home in a well-ventilated area, such as a garage or lawn shed.
- Keep power equipment away from children and pets.
- Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 10 feet from siding, decks, leaves, and anything combustible.
- Check your propane grills for leaks before using your grill for the first time this season.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.
- Do not use a flammable or combustible liquid for a charcoal grill other than charcoal lighter fluid. Do not add charcoal lighter fluid after the ignition of the coals.

PREVENTING FIREWORK RELATED INJURIES

Every year, thousands of people (mostly teens and children) are injured while using fireworks. Injuries can include burns, cuts, permanent scarring, loss of vision, dismemberment and even death. Remember: fireworks may be legal, but they are not safe. The best way to enjoy fireworks is to watch displays from a distance and conducted by trained professionals.

Save this Reminder!



Curbside Leaf Waste Collection

The Township's residential curbside leaf collection program runs from late March through December with a special collection week at the end of February – weather permitting.

Leaf waste includes leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings and similar material. Residents should place their leaf waste in a biodegradable paper bag or securely tied and bundled (so as not to exceed 4 feet in length, 6" in diameter, nor 50 pounds in weight) at their curbside by 7:00 AM on their regular collection day. **Please note:** Grass clippings are not leaf waste. Place grass in cans or plastic bags for regular trash collection.

Leaves are composted into mulch that is available to our residents free of charge at 201 W. Wissahickon Avenue. For more information about the Curbside Leaf Waste Collection Program, visit springfieldmontco.org/departments/public-works.

Save those Paper Leaf Waste Bags!

Residents are reminded that paper leaf waste bags should only be used for leaf waste and only during the leaf waste collection season (late March through December). Paper leaf waste bags placed at the curb will NOT be collected before or after the leaf waste collection time period.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING REMINDERS

ACCEPTABLE FOR REFUSE (TRASH) COLLECTION:

Garbage (when drained and wrapped), pizza boxes, rags, metal, ashes, crockery, grass, latex paint after drying in can, carpeting (must be securely tied so as not to exceed 3 feet in length, nor 25 lbs. in weight), and most furniture.



Household refuse must be placed in watertight containers not to exceed 32 gallons capacity and 50 lbs. in weight. Large cans with metal lifting bars and/or in excess of 32 gallon capacity will not be collected due to risk of injury.

RECYCLE: Items acceptable for single stream recycling include; aluminum and tin cans, clear, green and brown glass, plastics #1–#7, newsprint, mixed paper, junk mail, corrugated and paperboard boxes. All other material should be treated as trash and disposed of accordingly. Please do not use plastic bags to place your recyclables out for collection.

Not sure how to dispose of an item? Visit springfieldmontco.org under "How Do I...?" and "Trash/Recycle" for a list of commonly asked about items. All recycling and trash regulations can be found on our website under "Public Works," or call the Township at 215-836-7600.

SPRING CLEANING & RECYCLING TIPS

Spring is a great time to declutter, reduce, recycle and get some spring cleaning done.

KEEP THESE TIPS IN MIND WHEN YOU ARE SPRING CLEANING:

- **Reduce:** Go room-by-room, drawer-by-drawer, closet-by-closet and group the items that you haven't used in a while. Chances are if you cannot remember the last time you used it, or you forgot that you had it, it is time to pass it on.
- **Reuse:** Avoid the "throw it away" mentality and think about how the item can be reused. Are there creative uses for the item that you haven't thought of?
- **Recycle:** Check out our Recycling page on our website, www.springfieldmontco.org that has links on how to recycle different items.

Reminder: All Montgomery County residents can schedule curbside and doorstep pickups for electronics and clothing through Retrievr. Scheduling a Retrievr pickup can be done online by visiting their website: retrievr.com. Visit their site for the complete list of accepted items, fees, and additional program information.



2024 Spring / Summer Holidays

Trash and recycle will not be collected on these holidays. Trash, recycle, and leaf waste will be collected the following business day.

- Friday, March 29 – Good Friday
- Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day
- Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day
- Monday, September 2 – Labor Day



SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS

Martial Arts

with Paul and Amanda Schmidt

Session III

Mondays: 6:30pm–7:30pm (7 sessions)

Dates: May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 17, 24 (Skip 5/27)

Thursdays: 6:30pm–7:30pm (7 sessions)

Dates: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13

Ages: 7–Adult

Location: Recreation Center B

Fee: Single Day Fee: \$110
Combined Fee: \$200

Springfield Martial Arts emphasizes traditional Isshinryu Karate, self-defense judo, and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Additionally, this martial arts session will integrate cardiovascular training, wellness and philosophy of excellence by habit. Students develop self-discipline, mindfulness, goal-setting skills and respect for themselves and others. Parents are encouraged to enroll with their child for a shared experience.



Inspirational Yoga

with Jennifer Schelter

Online registration must be complete prior to the start of class.

Session III

Dates: April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21 (6 sessions)

Time: 7:00pm–8:00pm

Fee: \$120 Resident / \$130 non-resident (6 sessions)

Drop In (per session): \$25 Resident / \$27 non-resident

Location: Recreation Center B

Ages: 14–Adult

Are you anxious? Stressed? Stiff or achy? Do you want to feel more ease, peace and wellbeing? In this Yoga course, students experience balance, flexibility, and release. Each class focuses on alignment, conscious breathing, strength, mindful movements and the philosophy of Yoga.

The classes are geared towards those who value a gentle, mindful approach to longevity, and sustainability of motion. Students feel present to a sense of release in body and mind. Led by Jennifer Schelter, named "Best of Philly" multiple times, and has over 25 years of professional experience facilitating yoga, meditation and writing courses and retreats. Sessions include: guided meditation, yoga postures, breath work and final relaxation. All levels welcome. Bring: yoga mat, water bottle and a blanket for the final relaxation. To learn more: www.jenniferschelter.com.



Soccer Shots Outdoor Soccer

Spring (6 sessions)

Spring I – Mondays

Dates: April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3
(Weather Date: 6/10) (No class 5/27)

Spring II – Mondays

Dates: June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
(Weather Date: 8/5)

Times: Classic's Program (3–5 years old)
4:50pm–5:30pm

Minis Program (2–3 years old)

5:00pm–5:30pm

Classic's Program (3–5 years old)

5:35pm–6:15pm

Premier Program (5–8 years old)

6:20pm–7:00pm

Fee: \$142 Resident
\$157 Non-Resident

Location: Laurel Beech Fields – Small Plot

MINI (2–3 years old)

Soccer Shots Mini is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling and the basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

CLASSIC (3–5 years old)

Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork and appreciation.

PREMIER (5–8 years old)

Soccer Shots Premier focuses on individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and team interaction. Children will also be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner.



Want to stay connected with Springfield park happenings, program announcements, and general fun? Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @springfieldmontcoparksandrec!



Register Online For Recreation Programs At Springfieldmontco.recdesk.com/Community/Home

Summer Recreation Guide



Our online Summer Recreation Guide and camp registration is now available! Please visit www.springfieldmontco.org/departments/parks-recreation for more details.

Kidz Klubhouse

Resident registration opened on March 5.
 Non-Resident registration after April 2.

- Week 1:** Mon., June 24–Thur., June 27
- Week 2:** Mon., July 1–Wed., July 3
 (No camp 7/4) (\$72 Res./\$83 Non-Res.)
- Week 3:** Mon. July 8–Thur., July 11
- Week 4:** Mon., July 15–Thur., July 18
- Week 5:** Mon., July 22–Thur., July 25
- Week 6:** Mon., July 29–Thur., August 1

Times: 9:00am–12:00pm

Location: Enfield Elementary

Age: Children Entering 1st Grade
 – Entering 6th Grade

All 6 Weeks: \$395 Resident
 \$410 Non-Resident

1 Week Fee: \$95 Resident
 \$110 Non-Resident

Kidz Klubhouse is a six-week, Monday through Thursday, half-day summer camp for children entering grades 1 through 6. Children participate in crafts, games, sports, creative learning activities and annual traditions. Kidz Klubhouse is the perfect place for your child(ren) to relax and have fun with new friends.

Montgomery County Senior Games

Monday, 5/6/2024 – Friday, 5/10/2024

Experience a week of various competitions such as basketball, billiards, bowling, horseshoes and more. Any Montgomery County resident 50 years or older is eligible. For more information, visit www.montcoseniorgames.com.

Summer Concerts in the Park

Thursdays, 7:00pm–8:30pm

The Concert in the Park series is proudly sponsored by:
Dan Helwig Inc. Realtors

Location: James A Cisco Park Gazebo

- June 6:** Yucatán Mexico • Genre: Indie
- June 13:** Shady Groove • Genre: Classic Rock (Sponsored by the Sivel Group)
- June 20:** String Theory Philly • Genre: A History of Rock and Roll
- June 27:** The Northern Lights Band • Genre: Classic Rock
 (Sponsored by Cawley Masonry)
- July 11:** Pure Jerry Band • Genre: Rock, Folk
- July 18:** Slim and the Perkolorators • Genre: Blues
- July 25:** Rain Date

Pack up your blankets and join Springfield Parks and Recreation for a concert in the park. Bring your family and friends to enjoy an evening by Hillcrest Pond. Please bring low sitting chairs for the consideration of other patrons. Music is family-friendly and free! This series is weather permitting. All weather updates will be posted to the Springfield Township Park and Recreation Facebook page.



Fall Soccer Leagues

Regular Registration Begins: Tuesday, June 11 at 9:00am

Regular Registration Closes: Sunday, August 25 at 11:59pm

\$15 Late Fee Registration Begins: Monday, August 26 at 12:00am

Pee Wee Soccer League

Sundays, September 8–October 27
 (Rain Date, November 3)

Times: 9:00am–1:30pm
 (game times may rotate)

Location: Laurel Beech Park

Ages: 4–5 years old (co-ed)

Fee: \$105 Resident
 \$120 Non-Resident

Youth Soccer League

Saturdays, September 7–October 26
 (Rain Date, November 2)

Times: 9:00am–1:30pm
 (game times may rotate)

Location: Cisco Park: Upper Field
 (Corner of Montgomery & Paper Mill)

Ages: 6–8 years old (not co-ed)

Fee: \$105 Resident
 \$120 Non-Resident

The league will feature eight weeks of soccer, the first two meeting dates will be practice and the remaining six meeting dates will be games. During registration, an opportunity to make a friend or coach request will be available. Requests limited to one per person. Requests will only be honored if the person requested reciprocates the same request. Friend requests will not be accepted once the late fee window begins. Volunteer Parent Coaches are needed for this program.

Volunteer Parent Coaches are needed for this program. If you are planning on coaching for a Springfield Township Parks and Recreation program, the following clearances will be required:

- PA Child Abuse Clearance: www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS This clearance is free for volunteers to complete and will be valid for 5 years. Allow ½ hour to complete. The PA Child Abuse Clearance will ask for a Keystone ID. This is a username YOU make up.
- PA State Criminal History Clearance: www.epatch.state.pa.us. This clearance is free for volunteers to complete and will be valid for 5 years. Allow ½ hour to complete.

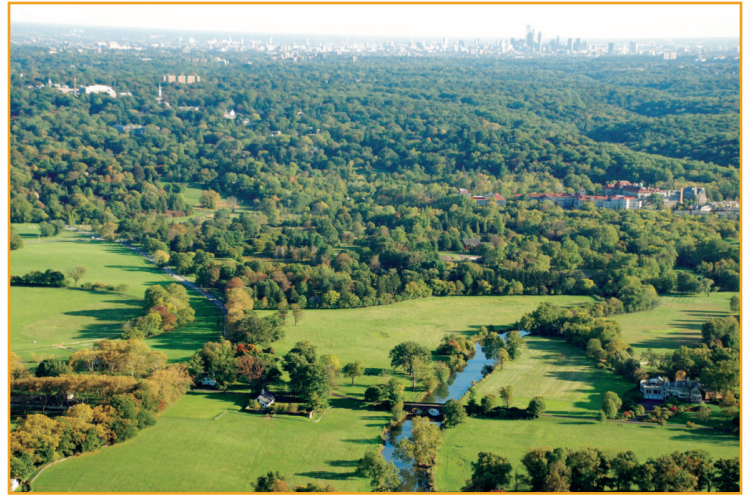
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Open Space Donation Program

The Board of Commissioners established a special fund for cash donations and matching funds that will only be used to preserve land. Every private dollar contributed to the Township Open Space Fund will be matched up to \$200,000 annually. This program's goals include;

- Provide public access to privately-owned lands that have been preserved by a conservation easement.
- Create open spaces that link to neighborhoods, commercial centers, etc.
- Protect environmentally sensitive lands, including floodplain, wetlands, and other open spaces.
- Increase open space by removing impervious surfaces.
- Establish a Township-wide network of trails and other on and off-road connections.

Donations can be sent to Springfield Township Open Space Donation Program, 1510 Paper Mill Rd, Wyndmoor PA.



Walnut Avenue Pedestrian Trail

On February 8th, 2024, the Township received bids for the installation of a walking trail on Walnut Ave from Oreland Mill Road to the area adjacent to the entrance of Sandy Run Park. Through a partnership with Sandy Run Country Club, the trail will be installed along the southern side of Walnut Ave. The Board of Commissioners reviewed all bids received and awarded a contract at the February 14, 2024 business meeting. It is anticipated that the project will begin in March and will be completed later this spring.

Cisco Park Playground Improvements

The Township has placed an order for new playground equipment for Cisco Park Playground. Currently, bid documents are being



prepared for the sitework that would need to be completed in conjunction with the new equipment installation. Once the equipment is installed, a new rubber safety surface will be installed. In addition, the Springfield Rotary Club has pledged \$32,000 towards the construction of a pavilion adjacent to the renovated playground. Project completion for the playground improvements is slated for Spring 2024. The pavilion installation timeframe has yet to be determined.

Recreation Center Master Plan

A steering committee (Recreation Center Advisory Committee) was formed to guide the master plan process to best utilize the Township's property at 1200 Willow Grove



Avenue to continue servicing the many growing needs of the community. A request for proposals was issued October 11, 2023, with a proposal due date of December 11, 2023. Five firms were interviewed in January 2024. On February 1st, the RCAC continued their discussions and selected two firms for the Commissioners to consider awarding a contract to develop the Recreation Center Master Plan.

1725 Walnut Avenue / Former Tank Car Site (Future Park)

In June 2023 the Commissioners invited neighbors of the property to submit letters of interest if they were interested in joining the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to form a steering committee for the master plan of the site. The committee has developed scope of work and a request for proposal, both of which are being reviewed by PA DCNR.

Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

Every April, Springfield's Shade Tree Commission hosts an Arbor Day celebration that consists of a free tree giveaway and tree planting demonstration. Last year's festivities included a raffle to win one of 30 available trees. This year, the Shade Tree Commission will once again raffle away 30 trees to private residences. Dates, tree species, and times are TBD. Check the Township website and social media pages for more information this April.

Tree Donation Program

The Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission re-launched our community's Tree Donation Program! Groups and individuals can donate a tree in honor of a loved one, in memory of a friend/family member, or as a general tree donation to help preserve and strengthen our local tree canopy. Donors may share their preferred native tree species and planting location in any of our public parks using our tree donation form, available on the Township website. Exact size, species, and location will vary based on availability and need. Plantings occur every spring and fall.



PLASTIC BAG BAN

At the August 9, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board enacted Ordinance No. 975 entitled "Single-Use Plastic Carry-Out Bags" to regulate the use of single-use plastic carry-out bags. The ordinance states that effective February 9, 2024, retail establishments are prohibited from distributing single-use plastic carry-out bags to customers at the point of sale. Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags but may also pay a 10-cent fee to the retailer for a recyclable paper bag or reusable bag. All commercial establishments in Springfield Township that provide bags for retail purchases, takeout food, and/or delivery items are required to comply with the ordinance.



Single use plastic bags have a negative impact in our community. Plastic bag litter creates avoidable costs to the Township, blocking drains and sewers, fouling waterways, and clogging waste management equipment. Plastics also contain toxic chemicals which harm animals, people, and the environment, and are not removed by natural environmental processes. The plastics break into very small pieces (microplastics) that contaminate our water, soil, food supply, and our own bodies, where they can accumulate and remain indefinitely. The plastic lifecycle emits many toxic chemicals and greenhouse gases with all their dangers and will pollute the world for generations. This is one step in addressing the impact of single use plastics in our community.

Please note: the plastic bag ban does NOT include plastic trash bags for the disposal of refuse. The ban specifically targets plastic grocery store and food takeout bags.

Residents who may have difficulty affording reusable bags, have bags to donate, or have a hardship requirement for single use plastic bags should email the Environmental Advisory Commission at EACspringfieldmontco@gmail.com, to coordinate getting or donating reusable bags.

NO MOW MAY

Last year was the first year for Springfield's participation in "No Mow May." This project, which was spearheaded by our Environmental Advisory Commission, allows residences who volunteer for the program to grow out their lawn to encourage pollinators and a beneficial ecosystem to thrive. It involved 25 properties last year. The Township again will participate in "No Mow May" this year, and if you are interested, please contact Mr. Baily at 215-836-7600, ext. 1111, for information on the program.



FROM THE LIBRARY



FreeLibraryofSpringfieldTownship.org
Phone: 215-836-5300



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday–Thursday:

9:00am–9:00pm

Friday:

9:00am–5:00pm

Saturday:

10:00am–5:00pm

Saturday (July & August):

10:00am–2:00pm

Sunday:

1:00pm–4:00pm

Sunday (July 1–Labor Day):

Closed

Friends of the Library Book Sale

June 15th at 10:00am–3:00pm
Outside of the Library

The Friends of the Free Library of Springfield Township is



a group of neighborhood volunteers who work to strengthen their local library through advocacy and fundraising for this important educational and cultural asset to area residents. Each year, they organize a book sale event for fundraising efforts.

2024 Holiday Closures

These closures pertain to the Free Library only and do not reflect Township or refuse collection schedules:

- March 29 & 31 – Good Friday/Easter
- May 25, 26, 27 – Memorial Day
- June 19 – Juneteenth
- July 4 – Independence Day
- August 31, September 1, 2 – Labor Day

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE!



The Township Library is your community resource. How many library references can you find in the word search?

AUDIO BOOKS

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038
P: 215-836-7600 F: 215-836-7180

FREE LIBRARY OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

8900 Hawthorne Lane, Wyndmoor, PA 19038
P: 215-836-5300

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT COURT

1316 Bruce Road, Oreland, PA 19075
P: 215-572-7845

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administration: 215-233-6000
Enfield Elementary: 215-233-6080
Erdenheim Elementary: 215-233-6085
Middle School: 215-233-6070
High School: 215-233-6030

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY

P: 215-836-1601 (8:30am-5:00pm)
P: 215-836-1600 (after 5:00pm)

EMS - COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION OF AMBLER (CAAA)

P: 215-643-6517 (non-emergency)
Email: support@amblerambulance.org

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT HOUSE

2 E. Airy Street, Norristown, PA 19404
P: 610-278-3000 Web: montcopa.org

GAME COMMISSION

P: 610-926-3136 or 3137

VOTERS REGISTRATION

P: 610-278-3280

UTILITY PROVIDERS

AQUA: 1-800-711-4779

PECO (OUTAGE): 1-800-841-4141

PENNDOT: 610-275-2368

PA ONE CALL: 1-800-242-1776

XFINITY/COMCAST: 1-800-934-6489

VERIZON FIOS: 1-800-837-4966

BUCKS COUNTY WATER & SEWER

P: 215-343-2538 (non-emergency)
P: 215-343-3946 (emergency)
For Sanitary Sewer (manholes/inside house).

HEALTH RESOURCES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

1430 DeKalb Street, PO Box 311
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
P: 610-278-5117 Email: publichealth@montcopa.org

PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1-877-PA-HEALTH

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DRUG/ALCOHOL SERVICES

P: 610-278-3642
www.montcopa.org/1339/Drug-Alcohol

TAX INFORMATION

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Joelle Kleinman, Township Treasurer/Tax Collector
P.O. Box 461, Flourtown, PA 19031
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F: 215-935-4523
Web: springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com
Email: joelle@springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com

EARNED INCOME TAX (EIT) & LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST)

Berkheimer Tax Innovations
63 W. 4th St., Bridgeport, PA 19405
Web: hab-inc.com
P: 610-599-3142 (LST)
P: 866-701-7206 (EIT)

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE & MERCANTILE LICENSE

Tri-State Financial Group
P.O. Box 38, Bridgeport, PA 19405
P: 610-270-9520
F: 610-270-9522
Web: tfgtax.com

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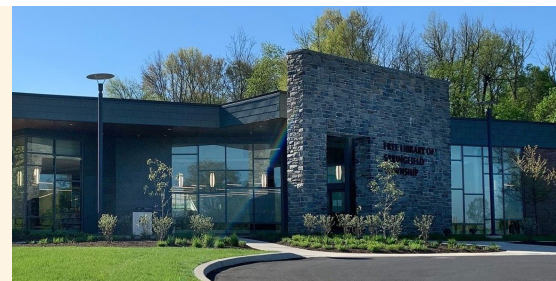


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Public Meetings

All meetings of the Board of Commissioners and Advisory Boards are in-person meetings at the designated locations below.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING

7:00 PM • Township Building
Held on the Monday preceding the second Wednesday of every month.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS MEETING

7:30 PM • Township Building
Held on the second Wednesday of every month.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD As Announced

Meets on an as-needed basis; meetings are announced in advance.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

7:00 PM • Springfield Library
Held on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

6:00 PM • Township Building
Held on the first Tuesday of every month.

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:00 PM • Springfield Library
Held on the fourth Tuesday of every other month (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.).

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:30 PM • Township Building
Held on the first Wednesday of every month (except the months of July and August).

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 PM • Township Building
Held on the first & third Tuesday of every month.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION As Announced

Meets on an as-needed basis; meetings are announced in advance.

RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:00 PM • Springfield Library
Held on the first Thursday of every month.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

7:00 PM • Springfield Library
Held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

WALNUT AVENUE MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

6:00 PM • Township Building
Held on the first Wednesday of every month.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

7:00 PM • Township Building
Held on the fourth Monday of every month.