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Election Information

The 2021 Primary Election is Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The voter registration deadline is Monday, May 3, 2021. For details regarding voting procedures, poll locations, or registering to vote, please call Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280 or visit www.montcopa.org.

2021 Spring/Summer Holidays

Administration, Public Works, Code Enforcement, and the Parks & Recreation Departments will be closed for business on the following days:

Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday
Monday, May 31st – Memorial Day
Monday, July 5th – Independence Day
Monday, September 6th – Labor Day

There will be no refuse or recycling collection on these dates. Refuse and leaf bags will be collected on the next business day. Recycling will be collected the following week on your regular collection day.

POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS

At a time when police departments across the nation are looking to assess their policies and procedures to maximize community-police engagement and ensure that the services they deliver are both fair and equitable, Springfield Township and the Springfield Township Police Department (STPD) remain committed to engage in productive dialogue, form strong partnerships with the community and local organizations, and identify meaningful strategies to improve the level and quality of protection offered to all residents.



To conduct a community-wide survey about police-community interactions, a team of local researchers have partnered with the Township, STPD, Multicultural Parents Association of Springfield Township School District, the Cheltenham Chapter of the NAACP, and Temple University. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary and all information provided, including the identity of respondents, will be kept anonymous.

The survey will be conducted primarily in an online format and will be accessible on the Township website (www.springfieldmontco.org) once the survey launches. The survey will also be made available in PDF for those who wish to print and return a completed survey for drop off at the Free Library. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey online to improve the efficiency of the analysis. If you don't have a computer, smartphone or tablet, the public computers at the library can be used to complete the survey.

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TAX COLLECTORS

Three separate entities are responsible for collecting taxes from residents and businesses in Springfield Township. Ms. Bonny Davis, Springfield Township's independently elected Treasurer/Tax Collector, is responsible for collecting real estate taxes for the Township, County, and School District. Berkheimer and Tri-State Financial are professional collectors under contract with the Township to collect income, local service, and business taxes, respectively.

Springfield Township Administration and the Free Library cannot answer tax questions. Please contact the respective tax collectors if you have any questions regarding taxes. ●

TAX:	County, Township, & School District Real Estate Taxes	Earned Income Tax (EIT) & Local Services Tax (LST)	Business Privilege and Mercantile Taxes
Collector:	Ms. Bonny Davis	Berkheimer Associates	Tri-State Financial Group
Phone:	215-233-4040	610-588-0965	610-270-9520

CHIARAMONTE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

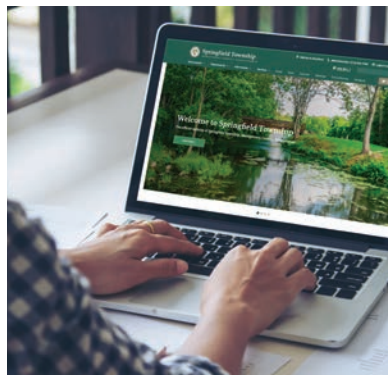
In 2020, the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners awarded a contract valued at over \$100,000 for improvements at Henry R. Chiamonte Park in Oreland. Funded in part by a \$72,000 U.S. Federal Community Development Block Grant, a new rubberized play surface as well as an ADA accessible walkway were installed to increase safety and access to the playground.



The improvements were completed in late 2020 with the addition of new swings to this beloved neighborhood park. ●

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP WEBSITE NOTIFICATIONS

Want to receive Township news and alert notifications? Our new website allows residents to create a personalized account, bookmark favorite Township web pages for quick, easy access, and sign up for alerts and notifications. News about emergency alerts, road closures, calendar events, meeting dates, or when Advisory Board meeting minutes and agendas are posted will go straight to your email when you sign up for these notifications. Visit our website, springfieldmontco.org to create your account today! ●



New Faces in the Township CRAIG LLOYD, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Craig Lloyd was raised in North Coventry Township, Chester County and graduated from Owen J. Roberts High School. Craig earned his B.A. in Accounting/Business from Alvernia College and an MBA in Technology Management from University of Phoenix. Craig has spent the majority of his career in Accounting/Finance roles. Most recently, Craig served as Township Manager for West Pottsgrove Township.



Craig and his wife have two daughters and reside in West Pottsgrove Township. When not crunching the numbers, Craig is most likely in or around the water as a Scuba or Water Rescue Instructor. ●



2021 Budget

The Springfield Township Board of Commissioners adopted a balanced operating budget for 2021 of \$17,223,096 with a real estate tax rate of 4.516 mills and an earned income rate of 1.0%.

As a result of the 2021 budget projections, the "typical" residential taxpayer will realize an increase of \$13.15 to their 2021 real estate tax, and an increase of \$8.62 associated with the refuse service fee. ●



From the Police



Protect or Reduce Your Digital Footprint

Your digital footprint has implications to both you and your loved ones. It can be defined as your unique set of traceable activities and communications on the internet and/or on any digital device. You can try to delete accounts in an effort to erase your digital footprint, but many social media platforms retain your profile data.

Here are a few tips to help residents minimize their footprint and reduce the risk of being targeted by cybercriminals:

- 1** Limit what you share online via social media, online submissions/forms, etc.
- 2** Avoid unsafe websites. If a website begins with “HTTP” instead of “HTTPS”, reconsider going to that site. The “S” stands for secure.
- 3** Be cautious when connecting to and using public internet/wi-fi networks.
- 4** Delete what you don’t need to save online (like passwords)

The Springfield Township Police Department is trained for and has been investigating cybercrimes for years. In 2018, one member of STPD was even selected to serve on the U.S. Secret Service’s Cyber Fraud Taskforce. ●

PENNSYLVANIA REVISES “STEER CLEAR” OR “MOVE OVER” LAW

Under the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, drivers approaching an emergency response area must slow down and should pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area. Known as the Steer Clear or Move Over Law, these rules are in place to ensure the safety of emergency responders (i.e.

Police, Fire, EMS, etc.) as well as public motorists. The law was revised in late 2020 to clarify how motorists should react when approaching or passing an emergency response area. Specifically, drivers who are unable to safely merge into an adjacent lane are now required to slow to at least 20 mph less than the posted speed limit.



Other changes include a new point system that imposes two points for failure to merge into the adjacent lane and sets fines at \$500 for first-time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent offense. Third time offenders will also receive a 90-day suspension. Additional fines of up to \$10,000 will be assessed to violators who injure or kill an emergency service responder or a person in or near a disabled vehicle. If several traffic violations occur in an emergency response area, fines may be doubled. The revised law takes effect on April 27, 2021. ●

KEEP PORCH PIRATES AT BAY: USING DOORBELL/ SECURITY CAMERAS

Surveillance and/or doorbell cameras are powerful security tools that discourage crime and helps local law enforcement by providing evidence that could be used to keep our community safe. The Township and Springfield Township Police Department (STPD) strongly supports the use of such devices and encourages those with such cameras to register them with the Safewatch program.



The Safewatch program is a STPD surveillance camera initiative where residents and businesses can register at no cost and share their security camera footage with the police in the event of a crime being committed near their property. By registering with Safewatch, residents can help Police decrease the time between the commission of a crime, to suspect identification and arrest. Participation is strictly voluntary and residents can withdraw from the program at any time. Personal information is confidential and participants will receive a window decal which helps serve as a deterrent to criminals. ●

Building & Zoning

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

When it rains, stormwater is collected by the Township's storm sewer system and carried directly to the nearby streams and creeks. It is the Township's responsibility to monitor the storm sewer system for pollutants. In the case of stormwater, a pollutant is anything other than rainwater. Below are 10 simple things identified by the EPA that the typical homeowner and/or business owner can do to help reduce pollutants in 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 pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- 6 Never dump anything down storm drains.
- 7 Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- 8 Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- 9 Check cars for leaks and recycle motor oil.
- 10 Pick up after your pet, even in your own yard.

SPRING CLEANING

Spring is here and our Code Enforcement office has prepared a list of essential tips to help residents spring-clean their properties:

- Clean and check your rain gutters and downspouts.
- Dispose of downed limbs and brush.
- Check windows and doors to make sure they are properly sealed.
- Check your roof or have it inspected by a licensed and insured roofing specialist.
- Have any damaged or unhealthy tree on your property inspected.
- Repair any sidewalk or walkway on your property that is a tripping hazard.
- Have any drainage swale or inlet on your property cleared of leaves and other debris.
- Do not forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- Call PA One-Call at {811} before you dig on your property or in the public right-of-way.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Putting in a Swimming Pool: YES.

Most also require an electrical permit.

Installing a Shed or Garage: YES.

These require zoning approval for setbacks and height.

Replacing or Putting up a Fence: DEPENDS ON HEIGHT AND

LOCATION. A permit is not required for fence work, however, height restrictions apply. Contact the Township.

Renting a Dumpster: DEPENDS ON

LOCATION. Dumpsters are not permitted within the public right-of-ways. If located in a driveway, a permit is not required. If located in the street, permission is required from the Township prior to placement of the dumpster. Contact the Township at 215-836-7600.

Renting a POD: YES. A permit is required.

Please contact Code Enforcement before work on any activity that could require a permit.



Unexpected Consequences of Feeding Wildlife with Guidance from the Pennsylvania Game Commission

Decades of research indicates numerous unexpected consequences associated with feeding local wildlife: long term habitat destruction, increased vehicle collisions, habituation to humans, alteration of animal behavioral patterns, increased potential for disease transmission, and reduced wildlife diversity. Animals can also become more aggressive with increased exposure to humans.

Risk to native vegetation:

One of the most prominent consequences of feeding wildlife, especially deer, is an increased risk to native vegetation and biodiversity. Feeding can cause more deer to survive than the local habitat can support, which diminishes the natural carrying capacity of an area. This can put native plant populations at risk and create a ripple effect through the whole food chain. With native plants at risk, non-local invasive plant species can take over a habitat and cause its own share of unintended consequences. In turn, other animal species are also at risk when these changes to the habitat occur.

Increased chance of collisions

and disease: Feeding wildlife also increases the likelihood of vehicle collisions. This can increase the likelihood of injury or even death for both humans and animals. Deer and other animals also carry diseases, such as Lyme, rabies, and many others. Feeding animals can increase exposure to these diseases and thus increase the risk of spread among local human, pet, and other wildlife populations. ●

Curbside Leaf Waste Collection

The Township's residential curbside leaf waste 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, 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 nor 50 pounds in weight) at their curbside by 7:00 AM on their regular collection day.

NOTE: Grass clippings are not leaf waste. Please do not include grass with your leaf waste. Place grass in cans or plastic bags for regular Refuse collection.

Fifteen (15) bags of leaf waste will be collected on a weekly basis. To the extent that additional bags are placed at curbside for collection, the Township will make reasonable efforts to remove them in a timely manner. The bags are not to exceed 50 lbs. in weight.

Leaf waste generally gets collected later in the day after the crew finishes Refuse collection.

You are encouraged to voluntarily compost leaves and garden debris in an environmentally responsible manner, including home-based composting and grass-cycling.

Composted leaf waste (mulch) is available to our residents free of charge at our W. Wissahickon Avenue site (opposite the entrance to Mt. Saint Joseph's Academy).

Please be advised that Chapter 92-18 of the Springfield Township Code prohibits the depositing of leaves or material of any kind in any gutter or upon any street or highway within the Township. ●

Public Works

REFUSE & RECYCLING INFORMATION

2021 SPRING / SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Trash and recycle will not be collected on these holidays. Trash and leaf waste will be collected the following business day, and recyclables should be held until the following week.

Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday
Monday, May 31st – Memorial Day
Monday, July 5th – Independence Day
Monday, September 6th – Labor Day



Refuse, recyclables and leaf waste must be placed at the curb, in front of premises, no earlier than 7:00pm on the evening prior to collection and no later than 7:00am on the day of collection.

Within eight hours of collection, containers must be returned to the household. Please locate refuse and recyclables a suitable distance apart from one another at the curbside so that the proper truck can identify your materials. ●

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING REGULATIONS



GLASS: All colors. (NO ceramics, light bulbs, plate glass, head lights, mirrors, windshields or glass blocks).



CANS: Aluminum beverage cans and bi-metal cans.



PLASTICS: (#1 through #7) containers including soft drinks, water bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles and food/yogurt.



NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, OFFICE PAPER, COMPUTER PAPER, TELEPHONE BOOKS, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD AND PAPERBOARD containers including cereal boxes, cracker boxes, and cartons from beer and soda (with no waxy coating) – are recyclable. Please remove contaminants such as trash, food waste, styrofoam, plastic and all other packing materials.

- 1** Recyclable materials may be combined in one can or container not to exceed 32-gallon capacity 50 lbs. in weight. Please do not place recycled items in plastic bags!
- 2** New and replacement recycling containers are available at the Township Administration Building for \$15 (cash or check only).
- 3** Place all acceptable recycling materials at your curb, separate from refuse materials, for collection on your regular collection day.

COVID-19:

Safety is our priority. All programs will be modified to prevent potential spread. All participants are required to wear masks for indoor programs. Participants are encouraged to wear masks outdoors when keeping social distance. Instructors and coaches will wear masks.

Martial Arts with Paul and Amanda Schmidt

Classes are held on Monday nights and Saturday mornings throughout the year. Please reference RecDesk for specific dates.

Location: Recreation Center B
Ages: 7 – Adult
Saturdays: 9:30am – 10:30am
Mondays: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

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. Students and instructors will wear masks and be distanced about 20 feet away from each other inside the Rec Center; weather permitting, classes may be moved outside to the adjacent park.



Inspirational Yoga with Jennifer Schelter

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

Location: Recreation Center B
Age: 14 – Adult
Time: Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Spring I: April 20, 27; May, 4, 11, 18, 25 (6 sessions)
Fee: \$108 Resident
\$118 Non-Resident
Drop-Ins: \$20 Resident
(per session) \$22 Non-Resident

Stressed? Anxious? Need self-care? In this Yoga course, students experience balance, flexibility, and ease from the basics of the physical poses (asana) and life-giving philosophy of Yoga. Each class focuses on an uplifting, therapeutic theme and the importance of alignment, breathing, flexibility, strength and centering. Through guided mindful meditation and yoga poses, students feel present and at ease in both body and mind, slowing down to feel and release the monkey mind, tension or stress, while gaining poise, strength, posture, and ease.

Babysitting Certification

Location: Springfield Township Recreation Center B
Date: Saturday, April 17
Ages: 11 – 15 years (Must be 11 by the date of the class)
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Fee: \$75 Resident
\$85 Non-Resident

This certification course provides teens with the confidence and skills to care for youngsters. Prospective employers will be happy to hire babysitters who have acquired this official recognition. Upon completion of the course, you will receive an American Red Cross Certification Card. You must attend the entire course, pass the evaluations, and show the maturity to properly care for children. Please bring a lunch, pencil and snack. No late registrations will be accepted.

After School Golf Clinic with Gerry Davis, PGA Certified Professional

Location: Flourtown Country Club
Session 1: Weds., April 7 – April 28 (4 sessions)
Session 2: Weds., May 5 – May 26 (4 sessions)
Session 3: Mon., Sept. 13 – Oct. 4 (4 sessions)
Session 4: Mon., Oct. 11 – Nov. 1 (4 sessions)
Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Ages: 8 – 12
Fee: \$150 Resident
\$160 Non-Resident

Develop the fundamentals of golf with PGA Certified Professional, Gerry Davis. Space limited. Wear sneakers. Bring a water bottle, clubs and wear a mask. Clubs are not provided.

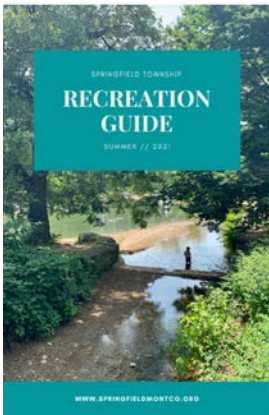


Shining Knights: After School Chess

Location: Recreation Center B
Age: 1st Grade – 6th Grade
Spring 1: Wednesdays, April 7 – May 12 (6 sessions)
Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Fee: \$126 Resident
\$136 Non-Resident



Whether you are new to the game, learning to push pawns for the first time, or have played in numerous tournaments and want to sharpen your skills, come to Shining Knights Chess Club! We have trained numerous state champions and national trophy winners. We have trained even more kids to enjoy the game so they can spend hours playing with friends and family. So, whether you want to win games in your living room against your parents or win tournaments in other states, come join us and learn how to play chess or improve your game!



Summer Recreation Guide

Our online Summer Recreation Guide and camp registration is now available! Please visit www.springfieldmontco.org/summer2021 for more details.



Summer Concerts in the Park

Time: Thurs., 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Dates: June 10, 17, 24; July 8, 15 (Rain Date, July 22)
Location: James A Cisco Park Gazebo

Performers for each consecutive week are TBA and will be posted on our Facebook Page. Pack up your blankets and join Springfield Parks and Recreation this summer for several evenings of music as our Annual Summer Concert Series returns to Cisco Park. Music is family-friendly and free!

Please bring low sitting chairs for the consideration of other patrons and keep in mind that this series is weather permitting. All weather updates will be posted to the Springfield Township Park and Recreation Facebook page.



Magarity Tennis Clinics

LOCATION: HOSTED AT MAGARITY TENNIS

Magarity has taken all the precautions to assure the safety of our valued customers and employees. Masks are required in common areas and there are sanitizing stations throughout the building. Occupancy in our Pro Shop and Restrooms is limited. Our building and tennis courts are sanitized regularly throughout the day.

Tuesday Clinic

Session 6: April 13 – May 4 (4 weeks)

PEE WEE

Time: 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Fee: \$40 Resident
 \$50 Non-Resident

LEVEL 1 - FUTURES

Time: 4:40pm – 5:55pm
Fee: \$104 Resident
 \$114 Non-Resident

Thursday Clinic

Session 6: April 15 – May 6 (4 weeks)

LEVEL 2 - CHALLENGERS

Time: 4:30pm – 5:45pm
Fee: \$104 Resident
 \$114 Non-Resident

Pee Wee AGES 4-5

Clinics focus on the basics of tennis. Emphasis is on having a good time by keeping moving and developing motivation.

LEVEL 1: Futures GRADES 1-2

Emphasizes building a strong tennis foundation of footwork and stroke production. Clinic includes groundstrokes, volleys, and serves. Learning is made fun.

Saturday Clinic

Session 6: April 17 – May 8 (4 weeks)

PEE WEE

Time: 11:15am – 11:45am
Fee: \$40 Resident
 \$50 Non-Resident

LEVEL 1 - FUTURES

Time: 12:00pm – 1:15pm
Fee: \$104 Resident
 \$114 Non-Resident

LEVEL 2- CHALLENGERS

Time: 1:30pm–2:45pm
Fee: \$104 Resident
 \$114 Non-Resident

LEVEL 3 - SUPER STARS

Time: 3:00pm – 4:15pm
Fee: \$104 Resident
 \$114 Non-Resident

LEVEL 2: Challengers GRADES 3-5

This level will continue to improve stroke production with the emphasis on consistency. Teaching professionals will encourage consistency during games, drills, and point play.

LEVEL 3: Super Stars GRADES 6-8

This level will enhance the improving players' game through the proper use of placement and spin. Games and drills will continue to be used with the focus on shot selection during point and match play.



Kidz Klubhouse

LOCATION: TO BE DETERMINED



Dates: Monday, June 28 to Thursday, August 5
Times: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Location: To Be Determined
Age: Children entering 1st Grade - Entering 5th Grade
Fee for All 6 Weeks: \$375 Resident Only
Individual Week Fee: \$80 per week

Week 1

Theme: Get to Know You

Monday, June 28 - Thursday, July 1

You are the next contestant on the Springfield Township Game Show! Put your skills to the test in the games such as Guess Who, What's My Line and Family Feud.

Week 2

Theme: Let's Dance

Tuesday, July 6 - Thursday, July 8 (No Camp July 5)

Who doesn't like to sing and dance? During this short week, let's get crazy. We all know how fun it is to move around and dance so let's do it together! Working with our counselors, let's choreograph a dance that everyone at camp can do!

Week 3

Theme: Nature

Monday, July 12 - Thursday, July 15

What's more fun than a scavenger hunt? Campers will have the opportunity to connect with nature and develop a love of wildlife through hands-on experiences. Join us on nature exploration and investigation, games, crafts, hikes and more.

Week 4

Theme: Science

Monday, July 19 - Thursday, July 22

Release your inner evil genius while exploring science at the same time. Campers will learn basic elements of science such as mass, gravity, inertia and much more! Throughout the week, campers will perform basic experiments as well as themed games and activities. Campers will participate in a Wacky Science demonstration by Mad Science!

Week 5

Theme: Summer Olympics

Monday, July 26 - Thursday, July 29

Campers will showcase their talents during games and crafts specific to their group's nation. Through friendly competition, campers will participate in their own Olympic games. Campers will compete in field day on the last day of the week. The Springfield Township Police will visit the Klubhouse and teach campers about safety in our community.

Week 6

Theme: Water World

Monday, August 2 - Thursday, August 5

Campers will indulge in various water-themed games as well as a water balloon toss, tie-dying, Kona Ice and a visit from the Wyndmoor Hose Company No. 1 Fire Truck!



Counselor In Training (C.I.T.) Program

The Counselor In Training Program is for teens ages 13-15 that are too old for camp and not old enough to be a counselor.

This program is geared to developing leadership skills and a basic understanding of camp operations.

Although this is an unpaid, volunteer position,

CITs are an important part of Camp. CITs are responsible for aiding the counselors in every facet of camp such as set-up/clean-up, playing in games, helping campers with small tasks and so on. CITs will assist in the appropriate supervision and interaction of campers and help enhance their camp experience. For information and application paperwork, visit www.springfieldmontco.org



Advisory Board News

Environmental Advisory Commission

WORKING TOWARDS A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

Did you know Springfield Township and the Board of Commissioners are committed to transitioning to 100% clean, renewable electricity? The shift to clean energy may seem like a tall order, but the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) has volunteered to help guide the transition and keep the public informed about the progress being made and what residents can do to help.



The Township has already started making this transition by undertaking an extensive energy audit of the municipal buildings. Partnering with Practical Energy Solutions, the Township analyzed their operations to enhance efficiency and reduce energy consumption. The Commissioners also authorized the purchase of two new hybrid vehicles instead of traditional (internal combustion engine) models for the Springfield Township Police Department as part of the Township's annual vehicle replacement plan.

The EAC encourages anyone interested in getting involved to reach out to them by attending a meeting (held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM) and/or by following them on Facebook.

It is more important than ever that we embark on the journey to 100% clean, renewable energy, which is after all a commitment to bring about a healthier environment and a brighter future for all. ●

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In December 2019, the Board of Commissioners authorized the creation of the Springfield Township Historical Commission, an advisory body designed to preserve local properties of historical importance. With the help of the Springfield Township Historical Society, along with contributions from the Montgomery County Planning Commission and Temple University, the Historical Commission has identified a preliminary list of properties as eligible for listing on a historic resources inventory.

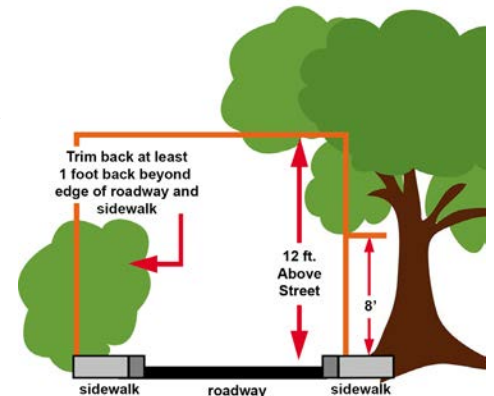


Over the next year, the Historical Commission plans to meet with the owners of the properties to educate them about the opportunities and obligations associated with listing on a historic resources inventory. The general public is welcome and encouraged to attend Historical Commission meetings to learn more. ●

STREET AND SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTIONS OVERHANGING VEGETATION

All overgrown trees, shrubbery and/or vegetation on your property overhanging the sidewalk or the street should be trimmed to provide a clear and unobstructed path. Springfield Township Code, Section 92-15, requires that all walkways, sidewalks or roadways be free of any obstructions. This clearing is the property owner's responsibility.

Tree limbs should be trimmed to provide for a clear passage of not less than 12 ft. above roadways. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please call the Code Enforcement Office. ●



SPRINGFIELD TWP. CELEBRATES 15TH YEAR AS A TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY

This year marks the Township's 15th consecutive year as a nationally recognized Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to become and achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day. Tree City USA and Arbor Day programs are organized and promoted by Springfield Township's Shade Tree Commission. ●



TREE CITY USA®

From the Library



Support the Friends 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.

How the Friends Help the Library

- Act as advocates for the Library in the community
- Sponsor and fund library programming for children, teens, and adults
- Organize special fundraising book sales
- Fund the purchase of new equipment, furniture, books, and more.

How You Can Help the Friends

DONATE ONLINE:

www.friendsofflst.org

BY MAIL:

Please make checks payable to The Friends of the Free Library of Springfield Township.

Friends of the Free Library of Springfield Township
8900 Hawthorne Lane,
Wyndmoor, PA 19038.

The Friends are a 501(c)3 organization, and all gifts are tax deductible. ●

2021 Library Holiday Closures

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

GOOD FRIDAY/EASTER WEEKEND

April 2, 3, 4

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

May 29, 30, 31

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

July 3, 4, 5

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 4, 5, 6



FreeLibraryofSpringfieldTownship.org
215-836-5300

The Free Library of Springfield Township remains open to patrons and is taking safety precautions to ensure the health and safety of the public.

Safety Guidelines

Patrons are asked to wear masks, sanitize their hands, and limit book browsing to 15 minutes. Overall capacity is limited. The staff offers a contactless pickup if requested. Public computers are available, limited to 45 minutes, with advance sign up required. All returned items go into quarantine for 72 hours. The meeting rooms and café are closed.

The Library website provides unlimited resources for both adults, teens, and children. Adult daytime and evening book clubs continue to be streamed on Zoom. Teen and children events are available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. ●

LIBRARY HOURS:

(During COVID-19 modifications)

Monday-Thursday: 9am-8pm

Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Closed Sunday

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

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

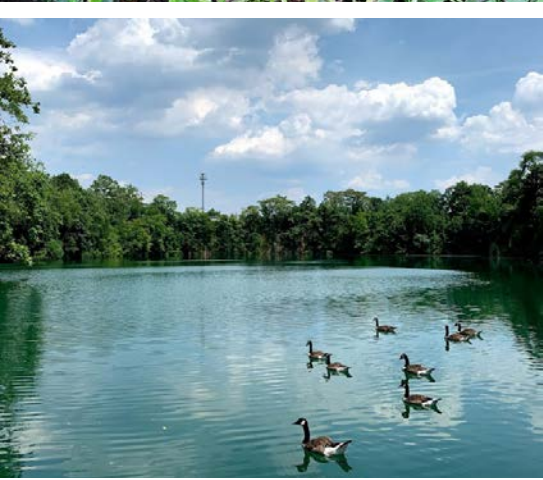
EMS - COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF AMBLER (CAA)
P: 215-643-6517 (non-emergency)
Email: support@amblerambulance.org

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

GAME COMMISSION (DEER REMOVAL)
610-926-3136 or 3137

LANTERN FLY HOTLINE
1-888-422-3359

VOTERS REGISTRATION
610-278-3280



TAX INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR
P.O. Box 230, Oreland, PA 19075
P: 215-233-4040
Web: springfieldtownshiptreasurer.com
Email: springfieldtownshiptreasurer@gmail.com
Please contact the Tax Collector for any tax questions you may have.

**BERKHEIMER ASSOCIATES
(EARNED INCOME & LOCAL SERVICES TAX)**
63 W. 4th St., Bridgeport, PA 19405
P: 610-588-0965

TRI-STATE FINANCIAL GROUP (BUSINESS & MERCANTILE LICENSE/TAX)
P.O. Box 38, Bridgeport, PA 19405
P: 610-270-9520
Web: tfgtax.com



COVID-19 RESOURCES

For information on COVID-19 resources or vaccinations please contact:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
1430 DeKalb Street, PO Box 311
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
Phone: 610-278-5117
COVID19@montcopa.org

PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1-877-PA-HEALTH



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).

COUNTY, STATE, & FEDERAL OFFICIALS

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Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner
One Montgomery Plaza, Suite 800
Norristown, PA 19404
Phone: 610-278-3000
www.montcopa.org

COMMONWEALTH OF PA

Governor Tom Wolf
225 Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120
Phone: 717-787-2500
www.governor.state.pa.us

PA Sen. Art Haywood
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Phone: 215-517-1434
www.senatorhaywood.com

PA Rep. Napoleon Nelson
115 E. Glenside Avenue, Suite 8
Glenside, PA 19038
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U.S. Congresswoman Madeleine Dean
115 E. Glenside Ave. Suite 1
Glenside, PA 19038
Phone: 215-884-4300
dean.house.gov

U.S. Sen. Patrick J. Toomey, Jr.
8 Penn Center
1628 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 1702
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Phone: 215-241-1095
www.toomey.senate.gov

U.S. Sen. Bob Casey
2000 Market Street, Suite 610
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Phone: 215-405-9660
www.casey.senate.gov

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS:

Baird M. Standish, *President* – Ward 5
Eddie T. Graham, *Vice President* – Ward 7
Michael E. Maxwell – Ward 1
Jeffrey T. Harbison – Ward 2
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Peter D. Wilson – Ward 4
Jonathan C. Cobb – Ward 6



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James J. Garrity, *Solicitor*
Bonny S. Davis, *Tax Collector/Treasurer*
Timothy Woodrow, *Engineer*
Bee, Bergvall and Co., *CPA Auditor*

Finance

215-836-7600
Craig Lloyd, *Director*

Public Works

215-836-7600
Don Sirianni, *Director*

Fire Marshal

215-836-7600
Chuck Bailly

Parks & Recreation

215-836-7600
Emily Croke, *Director*

Police Department

215-836-1601
Michael Pitkow, *Chief of Police*

Free Library of Springfield Township

215-836-5300
Marycatherine McGarvey, *Director*

Planning & Zoning

215-836-7600
Mark Penecale, *Director*

PUBLIC MEETINGS

All board meetings will take place on Zoom until further notice. Check each meeting's agenda on our website for the Zoom Meeting ID.



**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

7:00 PM • Township Building
Held on the first Wednesday of every third month (Mar., Jun., Sept., Dec.)

**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**

7:00 PM • Township Building
Held on the first Wednesday of every month (except the months of Jun., Jul., Aug.)

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:30 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.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

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