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Help Support Your Local Fire Company and Ambulance Service

The Flourtown, Oreland and Wyndmoor Fire/Hose Companies and Ambulance Assoc. of Ambler provide fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the entire community. Please take a moment to consider supporting these agencies with a donation of any size or by becoming a member!

2022 Spring/Summer Holidays

Township offices will be closed for business on the following days. Trash and recycle **will not be collected** on these holidays. Trash and leaf waste will be collected the following business day. Recycling will be collected the following week on your regular collection day.

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

Local Fire Companies Win at State Parade.

The 2021 Firefighters' Association of the State of Pennsylvania Convention & Parade concluded this past fall with several big wins and trophies for our local Fire Companies!

- Oreland Fire Company won 1st place Engine 702 - 2000 American LaFrance, 1st place Engine 704 - 1979 Mack, and 1st place Utility 700, and 2nd place for their 1937 International.
- Flourtown Fire Company won 1st place for most functional and appearing chief's/command vehicle and 2nd place for most functional and appearing ladder!

The Township congratulates both companies for their amazing wins in this state-wide event featuring hundreds of fire vehicles from all across the Commonwealth. Their wins are a testament to the tremendous pride and effort that our local Fire Companies take in keeping their equipment in great shape and how fortunate our community is to be protected with first-class equipment!



Administration

NEW & DEPARTING FACES OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP



SUSANNA RATSAVONG
Commissioner

Commissioner Ratsavong was elected this past November to replace long-standing Ward 2 Commissioner Jeffrey Harbison. Susie is a licensed attorney and has worked in law and advocacy on issues such as immigration and support for small business. Susie holds a J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where she was jointly studying for a Masters of Urban Planning, Design, and Development, at Cleveland State University, and B.A. in

American Politics and minor in Business from the University of Akron, in Ohio, her home state. Susie is a first-generation Lao-American. She lives in Wyndmoor with her husband (a Marine veteran), two kids, and two dogs.



KATE MAYBERRY
Head of Circulation

Kate joins the Free Library of Springfield Township as our new Head of Circulation. Having graduated with B.A.s in English and History from Penn State's Schreyer Honors College, Kate's honors thesis explored disability themes in Modernist poetry. Kate has worked and volunteered in libraries for over a decade and can be found indexing archival records in her free time (yes, for fun).



MICHAEL FANTRY
Police Officer

On Oct. 26, 2021, Ofc. Michael Fantry was sworn in as an officer for the Springfield Township Police Department. A graduate of North Penn High School, Ofc. Fantry recently graduated from the Temple University Police Academy. Law enforcement also runs in Ofc. Fantry's family as he is the son of retired Springfield Police Deputy Chief Donald Fantry.

FAREWELL JEFFREY HARBISON

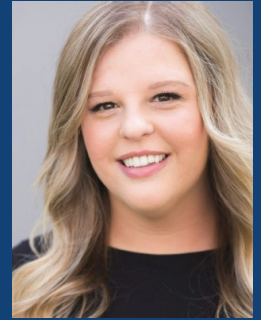
Commissioner Harbison faithfully represented Ward 2 for the past sixteen (16) years, serving as President of the Board of Commissioners on two separate occasions, from 2008-2011 and from 2016-2019. During his tenure, Cmsr. Harbison was active in making the Township's pension plans some of the best managed in the state, awarded a new lease that resulted in over \$700,000 in renovations at the Flourtown Country Club, and promoted environmental sustainability through the installation of an energy efficient LED street light system, construction of the library's green roof, and the adoption of the Ready for 100 energy initiative.



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP'S NEW TAX COLLECTOR!

JOELLE KLEINMAN
TAX COLLECTOR

Also elected this past November, Ms. Kleinman replaced Bonny Davis as Springfield Township's new Tax Collector.



In her role as Tax Collector, Ms. Kleinman is responsible for the billing and collection of real estate taxes for Springfield Township, Montgomery County, and the Springfield Township School District. Learn more about Joelle by visiting her newly redesigned website: springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com

Thank You Bonny Davis

Elected by the public in 2009, Ms. Davis has served as the Tax Collector for Springfield Township, Montgomery County, and Springfield Township School District for the past twelve (12) years. As Tax Collector, Ms. Davis strived to educate taxpayers and modernize the tax payment process.



Police & Public Safety

Congratulations Lt. Mersky



Springfield Township congratulates Lieutenant Rebecca Mersky on her graduation from the 509th Class of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command. Pictured is Shelly Camden, Director of Public Safety for Northwestern University, and Rich Vona, Director of Bucks County Police Training.

Det. Craig Receives Special Training

Earlier this year, STPD's very own Detective Steve Craig attended a month-long training for Mobile Device Forensics through the National Computer Forensics Institute in Alabama. The training was sponsored by the US Secret Service and STPD was awarded \$40,000 in equipment for conducting investigations into cell phones and mobile electronics as part of the program.



BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR THE STPD

The Springfield Township Police Department (STPD) has started implementing a body-worn camera program this year with the help of a grant awarded to the

Township by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). The body cameras are to be assigned and worn by STPD officers and will record both audio and video. The body-worn camera program will also include integration with the STPD's in-car camera system as well as an upgrade to the department's data storage capabilities.



AirTag Vigilance

Apple AirTags were designed to help people keep track of common items like keys and wallets, but in the wrong hands, they can be quite dangerous. The small tracking devices, which are about the size of a quarter, have been making headlines recently as an increasing number of people have reported receiving the following notifications on their iPhones: "Unknown Accessory Detected - This Item Has Been Moving With You For A While" as well as "Safety Alert, Your Current Location Can Be Seen By The Owner of This Item. If This Item Is Unfamiliar To You, You Can Disable It And Stop Sharing Your Location."



Unfortunately, these notifications are a sign that criminals are beginning to use the AirTag technology for nefarious reasons such as stalking or to track vehicles that they want to steal. If you receive a notification like the ones above, call 911 immediately

STPD PURSUES ACCREDITATION

Springfield Township is excited to announce that the Springfield Township Police Department (STPD) has embarked on becoming an accredited agency through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC). This effort is being funded by a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice.

STPD has contracted with Law Enforcement Accreditation Services, LLC to meet PLEAC's 139 accreditation standards in four areas: Organization and Management Roles, Law Enforcement Functions, Staff Support Responsibilities, and Pennsylvania Legal Mandates. Accreditation is an ongoing process whereby the agency is required to establish policy and procedures against established criteria and have compliance with that criteria verified by three independent assessors. The assessors review training, services, equipment, policies, and participate in "ride-alongs" to verify compliance with the acceptable best practices as set forth by PLEAC.

PLEAC Accreditation is a coveted recognition that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence in the law enforcement profession. Those served by the STPD can take pride in knowing that their police department represents the very best in Pennsylvania law enforcement.

Building & Zoning

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.

- Use fertilizers very sparingly.
- Sweep up driveways and sidewalks: dispose of debris properly. Do not sweep into street gutters.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Avoid pesticides.
- Never dump anything down storm drains.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Avoid washing your car in the driveway.
- Check cars for leaks and recycle motor oil.
- 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.

SPRING CLEANING

Spring is here and it's the time most of us clean up the property from the winter months. The following is a list of items to help you with the spring clean-up chores:

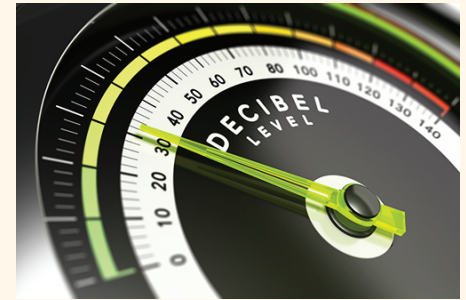
- The spring season generally brings rain. Be sure to check and clean out your rain gutters, downspouts, drainage swales, and/or inlets of leaves and other potential blockages.
- When mulching your flower beds, keep your mulch at least six inches below the sill plate level.
- Dispose of downed limbs and brush in accordance with Township refuse rules and regulations.
- Check the condition of your sidewalks and walkways for the need to repair or replace.
- The installation of sheds and/or fencing is very common in the spring and summer months. Before you begin, please contact the Township to learn more about necessary permits and regulations that could potentially impact your project.
- Please remember to call PA One-Call at {811} before you dig on your property or within the public right-of-way.

For more Spring Cleaning Tips visit: www.springfieldmontco.org/springcleaning

NEW PERMIT FEE STRUCTURE

Springfield Township has updated the permit fee schedule. Several of the permit fees have been reduced, while several others have been increased. Please contact our office for information on what permits are required and the fees associated with those permits.

Noise Pollution



From rustling leaves (20 to 30 decibels) to the wail of a siren (120 to 140 decibels), there are many natural and man-made sounds that occur in our community. Unfortunately, sometimes these noises exceed acceptable thresholds and ultimately disturb nearby residents.

When sounds are unwanted or disturbing in nature, they become a form of noise pollution. Noise pollution, which can be defined as any unwanted or disturbing sound, cannot be seen but impacts the health and well-being of millions of people on a daily basis. To safeguard the community against noise pollution, the Township does set limitations on activities and the operation of machines that are likely to produce loud noises (i.e. lawn mowers, emergency generators, etc.).

As a courtesy to neighbors, homeowners should limit such activities to between the following hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am to 7:00pm
Saturday and Sunday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

In the event of a power outage, it is recommended that emergency generators be turned off at 10:00 pm so that individuals who do not have a generator do not have to listen to the noise all night long.

Public Works



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. Leaf waste generally gets collected later in the day following refuse and recycling collection.

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.

Please be advised that the Township prohibits the depositing of leaves or materials of any kind in any gutter or upon any street or highway in the Township. **The open burning of leaves or yard waste is also prohibited.**

RECYCLE RIGHT: PLEASE DON'T PUT PIZZA BOXES IN YOUR RECYCLING BUCKET!

Most people assume that pizza boxes are recyclable. However, pizza boxes are not accepted through our household recycling program.

Grease and oil are the worst contaminants in the paper recycling process. During this process, paper products are mixed with water and turned into a kind of slurry. When there is grease or oil contamination in the slurry, the oil forms at the top and the paper fibers cannot separate from the oils and the batch is ruined. This also explains why other food-related items that are similarly grease/oil stained cannot be recycled (think used paper plates, towels, and napkins.)



Residents also ask if pizza boxes can be composted. Although the cardboard will break down in your compost pile, the grease is still problematic as it may attract rodents, bugs, or other small critters. It may also cause odors, and is not good for the plants when the compost is ready to harvest.

It is important to place contaminated food items, such as pizza boxes, in the trash instead of recycling. One piece of garbage can contaminate the whole load and cause it to end up in a landfill. We encourage all residents to be conscious of the items they put in their recycling bin.

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 50lbs. 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.

Parks & Recreation

Martial Arts

With Paul and Amanda Schmidt

SATURDAY from 9:00 am – 10:00am

Dates: April 30, May 7, 21, June 4, 11, 18, 25
(No 5/14, 5/28)

**Mondays from 6:30 pm – 7:30pm
(7 sessions)**

Dates: May 2, 9, 23, June 6, 13, 20, 27
(No 5/16, 5/30)

Ages: 7 – 18+

Location: Recreation Center B

Single Day Fee: \$110.00

Combined Fee: \$200.00

Springfield Martial Arts emphasizes traditional Isshinryu Karate, self-defense judo, and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. 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.



Jump Start Sports Play Days (Spring Break)



Dates: Monday, April 11 – Thursday, April 14

Ages: 5 – 10 years old

Half Day Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 am

Full Day Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Recreation Center A / Laurel Beech Fields

Half Day Fee: \$125.00 Resident
\$135.00 Non -resident

Full Day Fee: \$180.00 Resident
\$190.00 Non -resident

Come have a blast with Jump Start Sports during your days off from school! Each day includes a variety of fun sports as well as traditional camp and recreational games. Our day-off-school play days provide children an opportunity to be active and make new friends in a fun, well-supervised environment. *If registering for a full day program, please pack a nut free lunch.*

Inspirational Yoga

With Jennifer Schelter

SPRING I

Dates: Tuesdays, April 12, 19, 26,
May 3, 10, 24

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$108.00 Resident
\$118.00 Non -resident

**Drop In
(per session)** \$20.00 Resident
\$118.00 Non -resident

Online registration must be completed prior to start of class

Location: Recreation Center B

Ages: 14 – Adult

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.



Jump Start Hummingbird Soccer



SPRING I

Dates: Mondays, April 11, 18, 25,
May 2, 9, 16 (6 sessions)

SPRING II

Dates: Mondays, June 6, 13, 20, 27,
July 11, 18 (6 sessions)
(Skip 7/4)

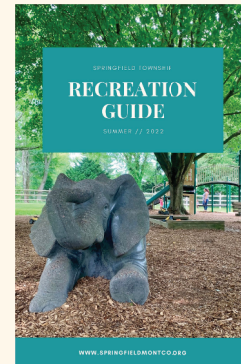
Ages: 3 – 5 years old

Times: 5:00 – 5:45 pm
or 5:45 – 6:30 pm

Fees: \$85.00 Resident
\$95.00 Non -resident

Location: Recreation Center A / Laurel Beech Fields

Boys and girls ages 3-5 years old have fun and learn the basics of soccer, dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, and positioning. Each session consists of instruction in each aspect of the game, participation in fun, age-appropriate drills designed to teach fundamental skills, and low-key, non-competitive games.



Summer Recreation Guide

Our Online Summer Recreation Guide and camp registration is now available! Please visit springfieldmontco.org/summer2022 for more details.

Save the Date



Fall Soccer League registration will begin June 1 at 9:00 am. Join Springfield Township and Jump Start Sports for the fall soccer league!

Pee Wee Soccer League:

Dates: Sundays, September 11 – October 30 (Rain date November 6)

Ages: 4-5 years old (co-ed)

Youth Soccer League:

Dates: Saturdays, September 10 – October 29 (Rain date November 5)

Ages: 6-8 years old (not co-ed)



Summer Concerts in the Park

The Concert in the Park series is proudly sponsored by:

- Dan Helwig Inc. Realtors
- Delran Builders
- Oreland Lions Club
- Scoogie's Classic Italian Kitchen & Bar

Times : Thursdays, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: James A Cisco Park Gazebo

Dates :

- **June 9: River of Dreams**
Genre: Billy Joel Cover Band
- **June 16: 309 Express**
Genre: Country/Americana
- **June 23: Smoke and Mirrors**
Genre: Classic Rock & Roll
- **June 30: Red Angels**
Genre: Classic Rock & Roll
- **July 7: Tookany Creek**
Genre: Bluegrass
- **July 14: 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.



KIDZ KLUBHOUSE

Resident registration opened on March 1.
 Non-Resident registration will open on April 1.

Dates: Mondays June 27 – Thursday, August 4
Times: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Enfield Elementary
Age: Children Entering 1st Grade – Entering 5th Grade



Camp is a six-week, half-day summer camp for children grades 1st through 5. Children participate in crafts, games, sports, creative learning activities and annual traditions.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

*Application Deadline: Monday, April 7th (or until filled).

Kidz Klubhouse Camp Counselor

Now hiring Kidz Klubhouse Camp Counselors! Camp Counselors will perform a variety of tasks in a summer camp setting including recreation activities, arts and crafts, sports, games, and hobbies. Interested applicants should visit www.springfieldmontco.org and submit an application.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (C.I.T.)

The Counselor In Training Program is for teens ages 12-13 that are too old for camp and not old enough to be a counselor. This program is geared to develop leadership skills and a basic understanding of camp operations. This is an unpaid, volunteer position. 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

THEATRE HORIZEN SUMMER DRAMA CAMP

Session 1: June 20 – 24
Session 2: Aug. 8 – 12
Ages: 7-11 years old
Location: Rec B
Times: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fee: \$205.00 Resident / \$220.00 Non-resident

Young actors spend a week working as an ensemble to create an original play - full of drama, comedy, suspense, and one-of-a-kind characters. Professional teaching artists guide campers through play-writing basics and fun improvisation games. On the last day, they perform their world premiere play.

SAVE THE DATE – NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Date: Tuesday, August 2
Time + Location: TBD

National Night Out is back! Join us for a night filled with: multiple County agencies and groups, races with Springfield's finest, games, a dunk Tank, food and ice Cream, police cars, fire trucks, an ambulance, K-9 demonstration, M.I.R.T. truck, SWAT, and more. Stay tuned for more details!



Parks & Recreation

YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY PROGRAM

Springfield Township is now part of a growing list of 28 Montgomery County community organizations who have joined the Young Lungs at Play program to advocate for tobacco and vape-free public parks, playing fields and playgrounds. This program is intended to help eliminate secondhand smoke exposure at Springfield's public parks, playgrounds, and playing fields and promote healthier lifestyles in our community.

Because their bodies are still growing, infants and young children are especially vulnerable to health risks from secondhand smoke. Children are at particular risk for asthma, respiratory infections and cardiovascular disease when exposed to tobacco smoke. Springfield Township has updated Township ordinances in accordance with the Young Lungs at Play mission. All Springfield parks currently prohibit the use or littering of tobacco products.



MANAGING PET WASTE AND LEASH LAWS IN SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP



It's all about poop and leashes. Although Springfield Township adores our four-legged friends, ordinances are in place to make Springfield Township not only a safe town but a sanitary one.

In Springfield Township, no dogs or domestic animals are allowed in the parks or recreational areas unless attended and controlled by a leash no longer than eight feet in length. Leashes are intended to keep our residents, visitors and furry friends safe from harm. Additionally, animals are not permitted inside playground areas nor within 25 feet of any playground equipment or apparatus for any reason.

According to the National Recreation and Park Society (NRPA), about 40% of dog owners do not pick up after their dogs. The individual in charge of an animal entering any park or recreational area is required to be in possession of proper implements for the gathering and disposal of animal feces. All animal waste shall be disposed of by the owner of said animal in accordance with accepted sanitary standards. During your next park visit or neighborhood walk; please remember to keep your pet leashed, pick up any and all waste and refrain from using playgrounds for your pets.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Want to stay connected with Springfield park happenings and program announcements? Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @springfieldmontcoparksandrec, and sign up for our monthly E-Newsletter at www.springfieldmontco.org under "Parks and Recreation".



CLEAN UP SPRINGFIELD



Springfield Township Code 53-8 states, "No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park within the township, except in public receptacles and in such a manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any street or other public place. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere as provided herein." Despite this, excess litter continues to be a problem in Township parks and facilities. We are counting on Springfield residents to help curb our litter problem.

Our Township is dedicated to making sure our parks are a clean and enjoyable experience for all patrons. We would like to remind all park users to properly dispose of trash during their visit. If you are visiting the park and see trash on the ground, please take the initiative to help keep our parks clean by picking up what another person left behind. We encourage others to help when they can. Together, we can reduce the volume of trash present in our parks!

Want to volunteer to host your own clean-up day at one of the parks? Email jcorley@springfieldmontco.org to get started.

#CleanUpSpringfield

Emergency Management



FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL

Residents and businesses that have burglar, automatic fire alarms, or fire suppression systems should make sure that your alarm company has the most current and up to date emergency contact information for your property.

Also, if your property is equipped with a Knox Box/Key Box it is imperative that the box holds the keys that will give emergency responders access to your building. A Knox Box/Key Box assures immediate entry to your building or residence without the delay of waiting for building keys to be delivered and eliminates damage from forced entry into the building. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing a Knox Box/Key Box please contact: Chuck Baily Fire Marshal at 215-836-7600

Find Us On Facebook!



Want to stay connected with Springfield Emergency Management announcements?

Follow us on Facebook @STEMAMontCo for storm and safety related updates.

Springfield Township's Emergency Management Office is responsible for coordinating our community's response to major emergencies. The office serves as a system for coordinating and managing various municipal, volunteer and private resources to effectively respond in the event of a community emergency.

Springfield Township addresses its Emergency Management responsibilities not only through planning, but also through preparation efforts but also public education.

SPRING STORM SAFETY TIPS

When spring hits, many of us are eager to get outside and into the fresh air. However, too much rain or thawing snow after a long winter can bring severe storms and flooding. Here are some tips from Fire Marshal Baily to keep in mind as the spring storm season draws near:



✓ TIP 1 Never drive or walk through flooded streets. If there is excess water on the roads, it may be deeper than it looks. It only takes six inches of moving water to sweep a person off their feet (not in the romantic way) and 12 inches to move a car. If you end up trapped in your vehicle during a storm/flooding event, call 911 immediately, climb onto the roof of the car, and wait to be rescued. Remember, if a street is flooded, Turn Around; Don't Drown.

✓ TIP 2 Know where to go during a storm. If you are caught in a thunderstorm, be sure to get into a building or vehicle. If swimming or boating, get out of the water and find a shelter immediately. If in an open area, head for low ground or crouch down. You are in the strike zone if you hear thunder five seconds or less after you see lightning!

✓ TIP 3 : Avoid downed power lines. Immediately report any loose, dangling or downed power line directly to PECO. If you see a loose, dangling, or downed power line, always assume it is energized and dangerous. Keep people and pets away from the area and anything that may be in contact with the power line. Tree limbs, fencing, objects, the ground and even people can carry a current that can cause injury or be fatal. If someone makes contact with a power line, don't try to rescue them because you risk being a victim yourself. Call 911 immediately.

✓ TIP 4 Protect yourself and your home from severe weather. Keep away from windows, skylights, and glass doors as tree limbs and other objects can become hazards in high winds. Do not use sinks or showers and be sure to unplug computers, TV's and other delicate electronic equipment. Consider attaching surge protectors for such equipment to prevent lasting damage. Listen to news reports via radio and TV, and have a battery operated radio as a back up.

If your power goes out and you use a portable generator, due to carbon monoxide, ONLY operate the generator outside. Do not place the generator into an enclosed or partially enclosed building/garage.

From the Library



[Freelibraryofspringfieldtownship.org](http://freelibraryofspringfieldtownship.org)

Phone: 215-836-5300

Library Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 9:00am - 9:00pm
Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 4:00pm
(Closed Sundays July 1- Labor Day)

NEW FACES IN THE LIBRARY:

Patrick Hillanbrand & Tori Knab

The Library would like to welcome our two newest part-time Library Assistants. Patrick is an avid writer, reader of tales of all things weird and wonderful, and hopes to soon publish his first novel. Tori is an energetic addition to the team with years of experience working in libraries who enjoys being able to help people of all ages ignite their love of reading.

SUMMER READING: OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is Oceans of Possibilities. Township residents of all ages are invited to participate in this 10 week fun experience filled with activities and family programs.

Benefits from participating in our summer reading program include:

- Encouragement that reading become a lifelong habit.
- Reluctant readers can be drawn in by the activities.
- Reading over the summer helps children keep their skills up.
- The program can generate interest in the library and books.

Different age groups benefit from summer reading programs in a number of ways. Children ages three through eight learn about communication, language, and storytelling long before they actually learn to read and write. They also develop a larger vocabulary and are more likely to want to learn to read. Older children learn how to interact with the material they are reading, record information, and engage in games and prizes. Teenagers are taught how to use library resources independently, and offer the opportunity to volunteer on projects. Adults participate in summer reading for entertainment and leisure time, and can look forward to summer reading as much as kids do!

Support the Friends

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.friendsoffl1st.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) organization, and
all gifts are tax deductible.

2022 Holiday Closures

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

April 15-17: Easter

May 28-30: Memorial Day

July 2-4: Independence Day

September 3-5: Labor Day





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
Erdenhein 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 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 (DEER REMOVAL)
610-926-3136 or 3137

LANTERN FLY HOT LINE
1-888-422-3359

VOTERS REGISTRATION
610-278-3280



UTILITY PROVIDERS

AQUA
1-800-711-4799

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Kenneth E. Lawrence Jr., Vice Chair
Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner
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Phone 610-278-3000
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www.senatorhaywood.com

PA Rep. Napoleon Nelson
115 E. Glenside Avenue, Suite 8
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U.S. Congresswoman Madeleine Dean
115 E. Glenside Ave. Suite 1
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dean.house.gov

U.S. Sen. Patrick J. Toomey, Jr.
8 Penn Center
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Philadelphia, PA 19103
Phone: 215-241-1095
www.toomey.senate.gov

U.S. Sen. Bob Casey
2000 Market Street, Suite 610
Philadelphia, PA 19103
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www.casey.senate.gov

TAX INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR
P.O. Box 27622, Philadelphia, PA 19118
P: 215-233-1084
F: 215-935-4523
Web: springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com
Email: joelle@springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com

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P: 610-588-0965

APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS & MERCANTILE LICENSE

Tri-State Financial Group
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
COVID 19@montcopa.org

PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1-877-PA-HEALTH

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS:

Eddie T. Graham, *President – Ward 7*
James M. Lee, *Vice-President – Ward 3*
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Joelle Kleinman, *Tax Collector/Treasurer*
Timothy Woodrow, *Engineer*
Bee, Bergvall and Co., *CPA Auditor*

Finance:

Craig Lloyd, *Director*

Fire Marshal:

Chuck Bailly

Library:

Marycatherine McGarvey, *Director*

Parks and Recreation:

Emily Croke, *Director*

Planning and Zoning:

Mark Penecale, *Director*

Police Department:

Michael Pitkow, *Chief of Police*

Public Works:

Ian Hammer, *Director*

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215-836-7600



PUBLIC MEETINGS

Until further notice, all meetings of the Board and 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

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

6:30 PM · Township Building
Held on the first Wednesday of every month (except the months of Jul. and Aug.)

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.

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