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Election Information

The 2023 Municipal Primary Election is Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The voter registration deadline is Monday, May 1, 2023. 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.

Digital Newsletter Available

Did you know that you can easily access this newsletter, the articles inside, and even more information in a digital format by visiting the Township webpage? Use this QR code or visit us online!



Mermaid Park Restoration

After months of planning and hard work, Mermaid Park is now open to the public! The Mermaid Park Stream & Habitat Restoration Project directly addressed negative environmental impacts by dredging to remove 3,000 cubic yards of sediment from the pond, stabilizing 190 linear feet of streambank to prevent future erosion and sediment accumulation in the pond, and by planting seventy-two native trees, shrubs, and tall grasses that will help filter stormwater runoff and capture additional sediment before stormwater from nearby neighborhoods reaches Mermaid Park's stream and pond. A 0.38 mile walking trail was also constructed in the park to increase accessibility and provide residents with additional recreational amenities.

A grand opening ceremony will be planned this Spring. For more information, visit the Township website www.springfieldmontco.org/mermaidpark.



Photo credits: Brad Maule, Friends of the Cresheim Trail

Township Happenings

WELCOME ABOARD NEW HIRES

Springfield Township has a few new faces that we would like to welcome to our community!

OFC. MICHAEL PORRINI



Born and raised in Springfield, Officer Porrini graduated from Springfield Township High School and attended Montgomery County Community College, where he studied Criminal Justice. A graduate of the Philadelphia Police Academy, Ofc. Porrini served in the Philadelphia Police Department's 35th District from 2016-2022. He is currently assigned to Squad 1, under the supervision of Sergeant Nisbet.

OFC. TYLER DONNELLY



Officer Donnelly graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School. Another graduate of the Philadelphia Police Academy, Ofc. Donnelly served in the Philadelphia Police Department's 25th District from 2017-2022. He is currently assigned to Squad 3, under the supervision of Sergeant Wilbur.

PATRIOTIC SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Memorial Day is often considered the unofficial start of summer. Each year, the Arthur Savage Post 100 celebrates Memorial Day by hosting a parade that flows through the streets of Wyndmoor, followed by a community event that features many free attractions, live music, and food to enjoy. On Independence Day, another parade celebration is hosted by the Oreland Lions Club, which occurs throughout Oreland and features exciting attractions and performances. The Board of Commissioners encourages all Township residents to come out to these and all other community events this spring and summer. Event information will be available on the Township website and Parks & Recreation Facebook when they become available.



Photo credits: The Oreland Lions Club

2023 BUDGET



The Springfield Township Board of Commissioners adopted a balanced operating budget for 2023 of \$18,697,151 with a real estate tax rate of 4.516 mills and an earned income rate of 1.0%.

As a result of the 2023 budget projections, the "typical" residential taxpayer will realize no change to their 2023 real estate tax, and an increase of \$12.56 associated with the annual 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.

Police & Public Safety

Coffee with a Cop



After a hiatus during the pandemic, Springfield Township's Coffee with a Cop program is back! The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood over some coffee! For information on dates and locations for this program, please visit the Township website at www.springfieldmontco.org.

National Night Out 2023

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 1. Details about the event will be available on the Springfield Police Department's Facebook page (@STPDMontco) later this year.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CROSSWALKS

Crosswalks are marked at intersections to allow pedestrians to cross busy roads and improve walkability. Because crosswalks can cause some conflict between pedestrians and drivers, here are some

tips that can help both navigate crosswalks safely and effectively. **Please be aware: Pennsylvania law states that drivers must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.**



Pedestrian Safety:

When walking on the street, make sure to cross at marked crosswalks or street corners and be aware of traffic signals. Crossing mid-block can cause injuries and increase the likelihood of an accident. You forfeit your rights as a pedestrian if you cross anywhere other than a crosswalk. Pedestrians should also not assume that drivers will see them or yield. Look left, right, and left again before stepping out. If a driver waves you on, do not cross until you verify that all traffic has stopped. Be especially careful at intersections where drivers may be turning and fail to yield the right of way. Wearing bright, reflective clothes and walking on the sidewalk whenever possible also helps keep you safe. If no sidewalk is provided, it is usually safer to walk facing road traffic and as far left as possible. Avoid distractions such as texting and walking.

Driver Safety:

Drivers should always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections. Be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks, and reduce speed around these areas. Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross. Before resuming travel, wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in. Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk. Be aware of children, as they may dart out in the street at any time. Use caution around school zones and residential neighborhoods for this reason. Do not drive distracted, such as using a cellphone or eating and drinking while driving. Make sure to follow the speed limit, which can help increase the driver's ability to see and watch for pedestrians. Never drink and drive, as drinking can significantly reduce cognitive ability and increase the risk of having an accident.

NO STIGMA/NO SHAME

Many people are affected either directly or indirectly by substance use disorder and other mental health crises. Addiction knows no boundaries, which is why it is imperative to raise awareness and support those who are impacted by the disease. 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 this spring to call attention to substance abuse disorder and mental health issues.

No Stigma/No Shame Day is planned for April 19, 2023, and 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.



Building & Zoning

BE STORMWATER SMART

Here are some tips from the Penn State Extension to consider when trying to control stormwater on your property:

- **Downspout Disconnect/Redirect** - look for opportunities to redirect your downspouts to lawn and garden areas. Just be sure that all downspouts are directed away from foundations to avoid basement flooding.
- **Rain Barrels** - Rain barrels capture and hold water until it can be used or slowly released into planted areas. It is important to have a plan for using the water before installing one.
- **Patch Grass** - Inspect for bare spots in your lawn. A thick lawn produces less runoff than a thin lawn with exposed soil. Reseed grass in mid-spring, when the threat of hard frost is past but it's still too early for most weeds to grow.
- **Rain Gardens** - One of the best options for managing stormwater on your property is to install a rain garden. A rain garden is a bowl-shaped garden that can capture and hold water until it is able to be absorbed into the soil.



WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Springfield Township helps preserve and improve the quality of life for residents and businesses within the community through the enforcement of the codes and ordinances of the Township. One of the ways the Township makes sure codes and ordinances are being followed is by using building permits.

When do you need a permit? The Township requires a building permit for any addition, alteration, demolition, replacement or new construction prior to the start of any work. Below is a list of some common projects that require a permit:

- New construction
- Additions & interior renovations
- Electric & plumbing improvements
- HVAC & hot water heater installations
- Decks, patios & walkways
- Gas fireplaces
- Swimming pools & hot tubs
- Sheds
- Detached garages
- Whole-house generators

Have a permit question or need to schedule an inspection? Stop into the office in the Administration Building or give us a call at 215-836-7600 for questions on how to begin.

From the Fire Marshal

Summer Safety Tips



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

- 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, vegetation, and anything combustible;
- Check your propane grill for leaks before using for the first time this season;
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.

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.

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. Place grass in cans or plastic bags for regular refuse collection or better yet, mulch grass clippings and leave them in place to add nutrients to your lawn.

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.

2023 SPRING / SUMMER UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

- Friday, April 7 - Good Friday
- Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day
- Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day
- Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

Trash and recycle will not be collected on the above dates. **Trash, recycle and leaf waste** will be collected the following business day.



REFUSE REMINDERS

Acceptable for refuse: Pizza boxes, garbage (when drained and wrapped), rags, metal, ashes, crockery, grass, latex paint after drying in can (lid removed), 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.

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: webex.retrievr.com. Visit retrievr.com for the complete list of accepted items, fees, and additional program information.

NOW HIRING: SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS

Springfield Township is always on the lookout for Refuse/Highway Summer Seasonal Laborers. This is an hourly position with a daily work schedule 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday-Friday, for a total of 40 hours/week, May through August.

Responsibilities include collecting, emptying and returning the refuse and recycling containers to the curb, as well as cleaning and maintaining refuse vehicles, equipment and related duties. Note: Applicants must be 18 years old by the start date. For more details and requirements, please visit www.springfieldmontco.org.

Parks & Recreation

Martial Arts

With Paul and Amanda Schmidt

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

Session III

Dates: April 27, May 4, 11, 25, June 8,
15, 29 (No 5/18, 6/22)

Session IV

Dates: July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24

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

Session III

Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 22, June 5,
12, 26 (No 5/15, 5/29, 6/19)

Session IV

Dates: July 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 14, 21

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. 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

(2023 HOLIDAY MAY 16)

SPRING I

Dates: Tuesdays, April 11, 18, 25,
May 2, 9, 23 (No 5/16)
(6 sessions)

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$108.00 Resident
\$118.00 Non - Resident
(6 sessions)

Drop In \$20.00 Resident

(per session) \$22.00 Non - Resident

Online registration must be completed prior to start of class

Location: Recreation Center B

Ages: 14 – Adult

Do you suffer from anxiety? Stress? Overwhelmed? In this Yoga course, students experience relief, 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, breath, flexibility, strength and centering. Through guided mindful meditation and yoga poses, students feel present and at ease in body and mind, slowing down to feel and release the monkey mind, tension or stress, while gaining poise, strength, posture, and ease.



SPORTS LEAGUES: Save the Date



Save the Date: Fall Soccer League registration will begin June 12 at 9:00 am. Join Springfield Township and Jump Start Sports for the fall soccer league!

Pee Wee Soccer League:

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

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

Location: Laurel Beech Park

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

Youth Soccer League:

Dates: Saturdays, September 9 –
October 28 (Rain date
November 4)

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

Location: Springfield Middle School
Soccer Field and Field
Hockey Field

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

Levio Learning Quidditch

- Quidditch Academy Clinic: Spring Weekend:
- Dates: Saturday, April 22 (Rain Date April 29)
- Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Location: Laurel Beech Park Small Plot / Recreation Center A
- Ages: 7 – 12
- Fee: \$50 Resident / \$60 Non-Resident

Inspired by fictional quidditch, quadball is a mixed gender sport with a unique combination of elements from basketball, dodgeball, and tag. Students will be learning the non-contact version of the sport including how to score a quaffle, throw a bludger, and catch a snitch for their team! While the game can appear chaotic to the casual observer, once familiar with the basic rules, quadball is an exciting team sport to watch and even more exciting to play!

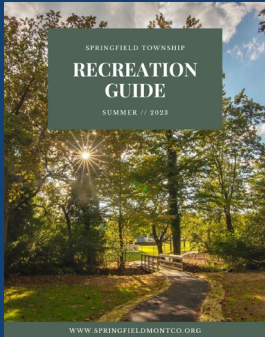


Let's Stay Connected!



Want to stay connected with Springfield park happenings, program announcements, and general fun? Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @springfieldmontcoparksandrec! We also provide monthly E-Newsletters for individuals who sign up in advance. You can sign up for the E-Newsletter at www.springfieldmontco.org under "Parks and Recreation".

Summer Recreation Guide



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

Summer Concerts in the Park

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.



Dates & Times :

Thursdays, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: James A Cisco Park Gazebo

- **June 8: The Northern Lights Band**
Genre: Classic Rock
- **June 15: Bernie Gillespie**
Genre: Classic Rock
Sponsored by the The Sivel Group
- **June 22: Philadelphia Funk Authority**
Genre: Soul, R&B and Jazz
- **June 29: Mark Schultz and the Wayne Rangers**
Genre: Jazz, Country and Folk
- **July 6: Native Sun**
Genre: Roots / Rock
- **July 13: Rain Date**

KIDZ KLUBHOUSE

Resident registration opened on March 1.
 Non-Resident registration will open on April 3.

- Dates:** Mondays June 26 – Thursday, August 3
- Week 1:** Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29
- Week 2:** Monday, July 3 – Thursday, July 6 (no camp July 4) (\$72 per week / \$83 Non-Resident)
- Week 3:** Monday, July 10 – Thursday, July 13
- Week 4:** Monday, July 17 – Thursday, July 20
- Week 5:** Monday, July 24 – Thursday, July 27
- Week 6:** Monday, July 31 – Thursday, August 3

Times: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Enfield Elementary

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

Fee for all 6 weeks: \$395 Resident / \$410 Non-Resident

Individual Week Fee: \$95 Resident / \$110 Non-Resident

Parent feedback is important to Springfield Township! As a result of the feedback received during Kidz Klubhouse 2022, Springfield Township Parks and Recreation has extended the ages of the program to encompass those entering 6th grade.

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.



SENIOR GAMES

Montgomery County Senior Games will occur on Monday, 5/1/2023 – Friday, 5/5/2023.

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.



RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Springfield Township Recreation Center Advisory Committee was established in January 2023 by the Board of Commissioners to guide the planning process for the future of the recreation center located at 1200 Willow Grove Avenue in Wyndmoor. Specifically, this committee will explore what renovations would be needed to the existing facilities in order to accommodate the current and anticipated recreational needs of the community OR if the construction of a new facility is necessary to meet the recreational needs of the community. If a new facility is recommended and affirmed by the Board of Commissioners, the Committee will guide the process for designing a new recreational facility at 1200 Willow Grove Avenue.

The Springfield Township Recreation Center Advisory Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Free Library of Springfield Township, 8900 Hawthorne Ln, Wyndmoor.

Community Improvements

Things are happening in Springfield Township! The Township is working hard to provide and plan for some much-needed improvements to the community. All these enhancements were made possible in large part with grant funding!

CISCO PARK GABION REPAIR

Tropical Storm Ida caused significant damage throughout the region, including several sections of the gabion wall in Cisco Park. Gabions, large cages filled with rocks, gravel or other heavy material, are installed along waterways to prevent streambank erosion. Thanks to funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Township was able to repair the collapsed gabions and add a concrete footer to prevent future collapse.



WALNUT AVENUE TRAIL

(Joint partnership with Sandy Run Country Club and funded in part by a Montgomery County 2040 Grant)

The Township will soon be installing a 0.3 mile pedestrian trail along Walnut Avenue from Oreland Mill Road to the entrance of Sandy Run Park. In addition to providing residents with increased walking trail access, the Walnut Avenue Trail will enhance pedestrian safety and provide a viable connection between Sandy Run Park and the planned public park at the former Tank Car property (1725 Walnut Ave).



BYSHER FIELDS ADA IMPROVEMENTS

(Joint partnership with Springfield Township Little League, PA Senator Art Haywood, and funded by a PA Keystone Communities Grant)

Ensuring that Township residents and visitors of all capabilities can enjoy our recreational amenities is a crucial focus of the upcoming Bysher Fields ADA improvement project. The home of Springfield Township Little League, Bysher Fields in Flourtown will soon have ADA-compliant parking spaces and a paved pathway to improve accessibility. Construction is anticipated to start later this year.



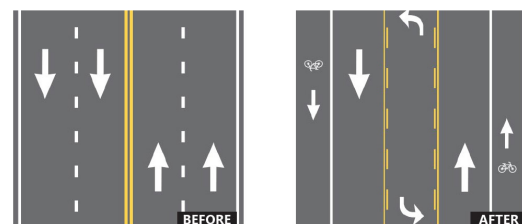
BETHLEHEM PIKE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

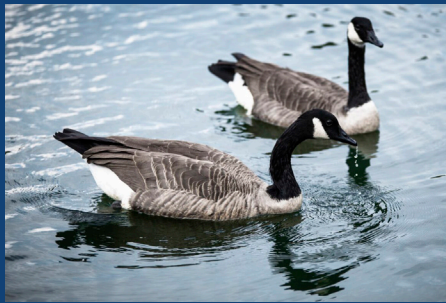
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) will be modifying Bethlehem Pike in Springfield Township from Stenton Avenue to Sunnybrook Road in Whitmarsh Township as part of its Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The project will improve the safety and navigation of Bethlehem Pike, including:

- Converting Bethlehem Pike from a four-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway with a two-way center left turn lane
- Modifying traffic signal phasing and timing
- Upgrading traffic signal equipment to improve pedestrian safety and vehicular visibility

The improvements proposed for Bethlehem Pike are also referred to as a road diet. A "road diet" is a strategy for calming and improving roadway safety, while minimally affecting roadway operation. Numerous studies have tested the effects of a road diet, finding that while road diets typically slow down vehicle speeds, they often have little or no effect on level of service when the average daily traffic (ADT) is 20,000 vehicles per day or lower (though road diets can work on roadways with over 20,000 ADT).

Questions about this project can be directed to PennDOT at 610-275-2368. This project is expected to begin in late spring/summer 2023.





Skip the Bread: Stop Feeding Waterfowl

Geese and ducks are frequent guests at Springfield Township parks, especially James A. Cisco Park's Hillcrest Pond. While feeding the ducks and geese is often considered a harmless pastime, it can actually have serious consequences for the animals and the environment.

Township Code Section 59-4C prohibits feeding wildlife, and for good reason. Feeding ducks and geese makes them lose interest in foods in their natural diet, such as insects, plants, crustaceans, acorns, etc. Bread is particularly bad for birds, as it has no nutritional value. Essentially, bread is junk food for birds, and can lead to developmental concerns such as unnaturally fast growth and stress.

Additionally, feeding the waterfowl increases the volume of birds at the parks, which results in overcrowding and an increased risk of disease. This in turn leads to habitat degradation, water pollution, and algae blooms. An unwanted consequence to feeding wildlife is attracting pests such as rodents, raccoons, skunks and even foxes. While feeding the geese and ducks at the park seems harmless, it actually is best to skip the bread and stop feeding waterfowl entirely!

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 20 available trees. This year, the Arbor Day Celebration will include a raffle to give away 30 trees to private residences, a tree dedication and planting ceremony, and guest speakers. Registration for this event will begin in April. Check the Township website and social media pages for more information this April.

TREE DONATION PROGRAM

Last year, the Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission re-launched our community's Tree Donation Program! Groups and individuals can once again 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.



ALTERNATIVES TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

Single-use plastics are goods made primarily from fossil fuel-based chemicals commonly used for packaging and serveware, such as bottles, wrappers, straws, and bags, that are meant to be disposed of right after use—often, in mere minutes. Springfield Township alone uses approximately 2-3 million single-use plastic bags every year.



Reducing plastic use is the most effective means of avoiding this waste and the detrimental impacts linked to plastic production, use, and disposal. Residents can take action in our day-to-day lives by carrying and using reusable bags and bottles. It is estimated that each reusable bag can take the place of roughly 1,000 disposable bags. By ditching single-use plastic bags, you will be doing your part in lessening the harmful impact of single-use plastics on our community.

Residents can learn more by attending a Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) meeting. The EAC meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7PM in the Free Library.

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)

GOING DIGITAL WITH THE FREE LIBRARY

The Free Library of Springfield Township offers much more than just physical books! Through the Free Library, residents can access a multitude of electronic materials. Here is a sampling of the e-resources available by using your library card:



Hoopla is an all-in-one media service where you can browse 700,000+ titles in six different formats, including audiobooks, ebooks, comics/graphic novels, full music albums, movies, and TV. After browsing, residents can instantly download or stream the titles of their choice.



Libby is a reading app released by the company OverDrive. It offers audiobooks, ebooks, and magazines, all available on a single website for browsing, checking out, and downloading.



Gutenberg E-Books is a database offering over 40,000 free ebooks to choose from in various electronic formats. Many titles, ranging from old classics to foreign authors, can be found on this site.



Freeding allows users to transfer ebooks to a variety of portable devices. To find books for children, select "Categories" and then choose either "Juvenile Fiction" or "Juvenile Nonfiction". Freeding titles are always available, which means no waiting lists!

2023 Holiday Closures

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

April 7 & 9: Easter

May 27-29: Memorial Day

July 4: Independence Day

September 2-4: Labor Day

Summer Reading Program

Every year the Free Library hosts a summer reading program for readers of all ages! Pre-registration begins in June and the program runs through the summer. Residents interested in participating should check the Library's social media pages and webpage on the Township's website for more information later this year.

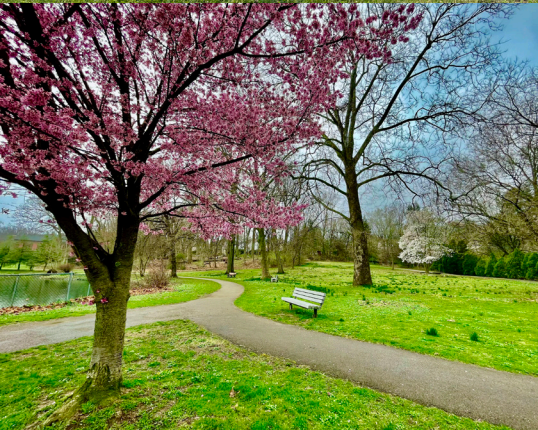
BeTWEEN the Pages

Did you know that the Free Library offers a variety of programs for local teens in grades 6-12?

From our increasingly popular Adulting classes, where teens get to learn basic skills like cooking, time management, and car maintenance, to our teen game nights and crafting classes, there are plenty of programs available to local teens at the Free Library.

Find Us On Facebook!





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, 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 (8:30 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

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610-278-3280

TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Joelle Kleinman, Township Treasurer/Tax Collector
P.O. BOX 461
Flourtown, PA 19031
P: 215-233-1084
F: 215-935-4523
Web: springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com
Email: joelle@springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com

EARNED INCOME TAX (EIT) AND 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 AND MERCANTILE TAXES

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

HEALTH RESOURCES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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

PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1-877-PA-HEALTH

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DRUG/ALCOHOL SERVICES

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

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)

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Philadelphia, PA 19106
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U.S. Sen. Bob Casey

2000 Market Street
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Philadelphia, PA 19103
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www.casey.senate.gov

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS:

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Michael E. Maxwell - *Ward 1*
Susanna O. Ratsavong - *Ward 2*
Peter D. Wilson - *Ward 4*
Jonathan C. Cobb - *Ward 6*
VACANT, - *Ward 7*

Officers:

Michael Taylor, *Township Manager*
James J. Garrity, *Solicitor*
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 Balada, *Director*

Planning and Zoning:

Mark Penecale, *Director*

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Michael Pitkow, *Chief of Police*

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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 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.

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.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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