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Election Information

The 2024 General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The voter registration deadline is Monday, October 21, 2024. For details regarding voting procedures, poll locations, or registering to vote, please call Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280 or visit www.montcopa.org.



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CISCO PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS

Springfield Township is excited to announce that the Cisco Park Playground and Pavilion are now officially open!

Through this project, the Township revitalized the playground at James A. Cisco Park with the installation of new play structures and swings, play-surfacing to replace the existing mulch, and a new pavilion. Other aspects of this project included improving ADA access to the playground as well as the installation of a new sensory play area (sensory panels, musical structures, etc.) to create a more inclusive playground that will provide an opportunity for universal play to all residents, regardless of age or ability. For this project, the Township was awarded a Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for \$134,300, a DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant for \$75,000, and a 2022 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant for \$130,000, totaling \$339,300 in grant funding.



Additionally, representatives from the Springfield Township Rotary Club presented a generous gift of \$32,000 at the May 2024 Board of Commissioners Business Meeting for the purchase and construction of the new recreation pavilion. This pavilion is named in honor of William Piszek, who volunteered as a member of the Rotary Club for over 20 years until he passed away in 2022. The pavilion is respectfully named Piszek Pavilion.

On August 28, Springfield Township celebrated with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to mark the official opening of the Cisco Park Playground. We hope you enjoy this new addition to our community as much as we do!

TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS

YOUNES BOUJIDA

Ofc. Boujida joined STPD in July 2024. He is a graduate of Ridley High School, Delaware County Technical School and the Universal Technical Institute. He also attended the Delaware County Community College Municipal Police Academy, where he obtained his Act 120 Certification in 2021. Ofc. Boujida has served as a part-time police officer for the Norwood Borough Police Department since 2022 and the Folcroft Borough Police Department since 2023 in Delaware County. Welcome to Springfield Township, Ofc. Boujida!



JOE MCAVOY

Joseph (Joe) McAvoy was welcomed as the police department's administrative assistant to the Chief of Police in March 2024. Joe holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology from LaSalle University and an associate's degree in science from Montgomery County Community College. He is also a graduate of Roman Catholic High School. Previously, Joe worked as a sales agent for a commercial insurance agency and a home and auto insurance agency. He volunteers with the Special Olympics, coaching athletes in basketball and volleyball.



LAURA BRUNNER

Last spring, the Free Library of Springfield Township welcomed Laura Brunner as a part-time circulation assistant. Laura and her husband currently reside in Oreland after moving from Horsham, where they spent 28 years. Laura has two children and one grandchild, all of whom provide endless fun and a sense of pride. In her free time, Laura enjoys reading, playing Mahjong, and spending time with friends.

TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

On August 1, 2024, Brett Righter, a Recycle Laborer for Springfield Township, was awarded the David H. Shaffer Jr. Memorial Scholarship at the MontCo Public Works Association Annual Meeting and Picnic. This scholarship is intended to help defray costs associated with continued education for employees in the Public Works field. Brett is currently completing online courses to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at The University of Arizona, while also working full-time on the Recycling Collection Crew. Congratulations to Brett, and we wish him the best in his education!



Fond Farewells

NANCY ASHTON

After over 10 years of service in the Springfield Park and Recreation Department as Administrative Assistant, Nancy Ashton will be enjoying her retirement. Nancy has been a valuable member of the Parks and Rec team, and we will certainly miss her holiday cheer! Nancy plans on spending her retirement with her husband, children and grandchildren.



We wish her the best of luck in this new chapter!

Tax Collector Bill Schedule

The County/Township tax bills are mailed by February 1 and are due by May 31. If payment is received in full by March 31 a 2% discount is applied. Payments received June 1 or after will be subject to a 10% penalty. The school tax bills are mailed by July 1 and are due by October 31. If payment is received in full by August 31 a 2% discount is applied. Payments received November 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, Mrs. Joelle Kleinman. Please visit www.springfieldmontcotaxcollector.com or call 215-233-1084 to learn more.



Drug Take-Back Initiative

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands, which can be dangerous and sometimes tragic. That's why people are encouraged to clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in unused or expired prescription drugs.

In partnership with the Montgomery County Police Chiefs Association and the District Attorney's Office, the Springfield Township Police Department (STPD) serves as a collection site for expired or unused medication disposal. Medications can be dropped off safely and anonymously. STPD has a prescription drug drop box located in their lobby, accessible during regular business hours (8:30am–5:00pm). STPD also hosts designated Drug Take-Back Days biannually to encourage the proper disposal of prescription medications. These events are announced in advance on the Township website.



Follow the Springfield Township Police Department on Facebook, @STPDMontco! Stay in-the-know on Police events, happenings and general information. Also, check out our web page springfieldmontco.org/departments/police/

STPD AWARDED GRAYKEY UNIT TO IMPROVE MOBILE FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS

Springfield Township Police Department Chief Michael E. Pitkow and OUR Rescue Domestic Law Enforcement Manager Tracy Wyant announce a \$5,000 grant to provide the STPD with a Graykey Lite forensic tool. This donation enables examiners to conduct Full File System extractions of Apple devices, accessing deleted and hidden data previously unavailable. This addition transforms the STPD Digital Forensics Lab into a full-service lab, allowing in-house investigations instead of relying on external regional labs.



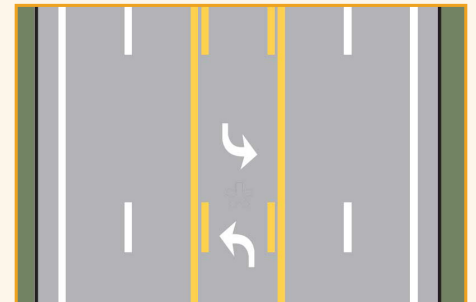
The demand for examinations in cases involving child sexual abuse material (CSAM), human trafficking, child sexual abuse, narcotics, and firearms-related crimes is growing. With this new capability, the STPD can better meet this demand. OUR Rescue is a non-profit dedicated to protecting children from sex trafficking and exploitation, working closely with law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad. They provide tools, training, and technology to enhance law enforcement's ability to combat child exploitation. OUR Rescue is funded by donors committed to saving children from sexual predators and helping to rescue and heal victims.

NAVIGATING A CENTER TURN LANE

As part of PennDOT's Bethlehem Pike Improvement Project that commenced in March 2024, a center turning lane was added to Bethlehem Pike for left turns.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR NAVIGATING A CENTER TURN LANE IN PENNSYLVANIA:

- **Enter completely.** Don't leave the back of your car in the regular travel lane, which could block traffic.
- **Don't get in too early.** The longer you're in the center lane, the more likely you are to encounter someone head-on.
- **Turn safely.** Look for vehicles coming toward you in the same lane and make sure there's a big enough gap before turning across oncoming traffic.
- **Signal.** Use your turn signal to indicate any lane change or turn.
- **Watch for traffic.** If you're entering the center lane from a cross street, be aware of through traffic and other center lane traffic that might be preparing to turn.



BUILDING & ZONING

SEASONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO COMPLETE YEARLY HOME MAINTENANCE TASKS. HERE IS A QUICK LIST TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR WINTER:

- **Trim Vegetation:** Trim all vegetation away from your home, power lines, and traffic signs.
- **Roof Inspection:** Plan to have your roof inspected by a quality roofing company. Ensure all flashing is in place and secure.
- **Windows and Doors:** Check for a tight fit and caulk any leaks to prevent drafts and save energy. Replace screens with storm windows and install weather stripping.
- **Home Exterior:** Inspect the exterior of your home and take dated photographs to document its condition in case of winter storm damage.
- **Heating System:** Service your heating system and regularly change filters to improve operation and reduce costs.
- **Fireplace:** If you have a fireplace, have the chimney cleaned and consider installing a chimney cap to deter pests.
- **Attic Vents:** Ensure attic vents are free from obstructions and vent screens are secure to keep out pests.
- **Sidewalks and Driveways:** Check for trip hazards and consider replacing damaged sidewalks.
- **Pool Water Discharge:** Contact Springfield Township for the required permit before draining any portion of your pool.

Need a Permit? Give us a Call.

If you have any questions related to building permits, property maintenance or the like, please feel free to contact us at 215-836-7600.

BEST PRACTICES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

By prioritizing stormwater management, you can help protect the environment, promote yard health, and manage stormwater effectively on your property.

- **Storm Drains:** Do not blow leaves into stormwater drains or dispose of garbage, motor oil, paint, or animal feces in them. This helps prevent clogs and pollution in the water system.
- **Buffer Strips:** Maintain a buffer strip of unmowed natural vegetation along waterways and ponds to trap excess fertilizers and sediment from lawns and gardens. This helps filter runoff before it enters water bodies.
- **Rain Gardens:** Install a rain garden, a bowl-shaped garden designed to capture and hold water until it is absorbed into the soil. This effectively manages stormwater on your property by reducing runoff and promoting infiltration.
- **Water Management:** When discharging water on-site for infiltration or irrigation, ensure it does not flow into storm sewers or other water bodies. Proper water management helps prevent erosion and water pollution.
- **Equipment Cleaning:** Wash spreader equipment on a permeable, vegetated area like a lawn to allow for natural absorption of excess fertilizer and prevent runoff.
- **Compost:** Use commercially available compost or make your own from garden/yard waste. Mixing compost with your soil reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and repurposes waste.
- **Avoid Over-Fertilizing:** Do not fertilize before a rainstorm, and avoid fertilizing sidewalks and driveways to prevent runoff. Over-fertilizing can lead to nutrient pollution in nearby water bodies.



From the Fire Marshal

THANKSGIVING FIRE SAFETY

Thanksgiving is the top day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. On Thanksgiving, the number of reported residential fires is more than double the average of other days. To prevent cooking fires during the holidays and beyond, follow these steps:

Stovetop Safety:

- Stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling, or broiling.
- Keep flammable items (paper/plastic bags, oven mitts, etc.) away from the stovetop.
- Turn off the stovetop if you leave the kitchen, even briefly.
- When simmering, boiling, baking, or roasting, stay in the house and check frequently.

Grease Fires:

- Keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires. Slide the lid over the pan, turn off the stove, and leave the lid on until the pan cools.
- For oven fires, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
- Frying a turkey in oil can be dangerous and may cause a fire if not done properly.

Personal Safety:

- Keep children and pets out of the kitchen during busy times; create a "kid/pet-free zone" at least 3 feet from the stove.
- Keep knives, electric cords, matches, and candles out of children's reach.
- Keep the floor clear of toys, bags, and other tripping hazards.

If a fire occurs, evacuate the house, close the door, and call 911.

Save this Reminder!



Curbside Leaf Waste Collection

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

Leaf waste includes leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings and similar material. Residents should place their leaf waste in a biodegradable paper bag or securely tied and bundled (not to exceed: 4' in length, 6" in diameter, 50 lbs. in weight) at their curbside by 7:00am on their regular collection day. **Please note:** Grass clippings are not leaf waste. Place grass in cans or plastic bags for regular Refuse collection.

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

Save those Paper Leaf Waste Bags!

Residents are reminded that paper leaf waste bags should only be used for leaf waste and only during the leaf waste collection season (late March through December). **Paper leaf waste bags placed at the curb will NOT be collected before or after the leaf waste collection time period, unless a special collection is warranted based upon weather conditions.**

REFUSE & RECYCLING INFORMATION

2024-2025 FALL / WINTER HOLIDAYS

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

Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day
Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Wednesday, January 1 (2025) – New Year's Day
Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(Administration will remain open)
Monday, February 17 – Presidents' Day
Friday, April 18 – Good Friday



TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees are collected during the first three weeks of January. Make sure to remove all decorations and tree stands and place your tree at the curbside along with your refuse on your normal collection day. Be sure to not "wrap" your tree in plastic as the trees are chipped into mulch and made available for FREE to the public every spring at our site on W. Wissahickon Avenue (across from St. Joseph Academy).



ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING MATERIALS



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



PLASTICS: (#1 through #7) containers including soft drinks, water bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles and food/yogurt. (NO hard plastic) (NO plastic bags) (NO Styrofoam).



CANS: Aluminum beverage cans and bi-metal cans.



NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, TELEPHONE BOOKS, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD including cereal boxes, cracker boxes, and cartons from beer and soda (with no waxy coating). Remove all packaging materials from cardboard boxes.

- 1 Recyclable materials may be combined in one can or container not to exceed 32-gallon capacity or 50 lbs. in weight. (**No plastic bags!**)
- 2 New and replacement recycling containers are available at the Township Administration Building for \$25 (cash or check only). Lids can be purchased separately for \$5.
- 3 Place all acceptable recycling materials a **short distance from refuse materials** on your regular collection day.
- 4 Food containers need to be **cleaned of any food waste and debris** prior to placement in the recycle can. **No pizza boxes!**

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.

SNOW REMOVAL

SNOW STORM OPERATIONS AND REGULATIONS

Springfield Township recognizes the importance of snow removal, not only to residents, but to everyone who needs to travel to or through our community.



WHEN WINTER WEATHER IS FORECASTED, HELP US KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE WITH THESE WINTER WEATHER TIPS:

- 1** Remove trash and recycle cans, basketball nets, and the like from the roadway before winter weather hits to avoid potential damage by snow plows.
- 2** Do not place trash and recycling cans out the night before if two (2) inches of snow or more is forecasted. Check the Township website for possible trash collection updates and cancellations.
- 3** Remember that no vehicle, trailer, boat or camper may be parked in the roadway at any time. Whenever snow falls to a depth of two (2) inches or greater, or a Snow Emergency is declared by Springfield Township or the City of Philadelphia, all on-street parking is prohibited. Please see the guidelines below for parking during a snow emergency.
- 4** Clear snow, sleet and ice from sidewalks in front of your property within 24 hours after a storm.
- 5** Do not shovel, blow or plow the snow from your driveway and/or sidewalk into the street.
- 6** Leave space just off the foot of your driveway to avoid being plowed in. Shoveling out a space just before your driveway allows the snow that builds up on the plow to fall off in that space and not in your driveway!
- 7** Keep stormwater inlets open after snow has accumulated. Keeping it open will prevent flooding and icing conditions on the street.
- 8** If you have a curbside mailbox, check that your mailbox and post are in good repair and that they are behind the curb, not leaning out over the street.

Please note: The Township cannot plow residents' private driveways. Please contact a private plow operator if you need assistance in plowing your private driveway.

WHAT IS A SNOW EMERGENCY?

Declaring a snow emergency in the Township helps ensure the safety and efficiency of the employees working to remove the snow and ice. It also provides better and easier access to roads for emergency police, fire, and emergency medical services vehicle access as this becomes a very busy time for our emergency responders.

- No vehicles shall be parked to impede or obstruct snow/ice removal efforts or create a hazardous condition.
- Remember that no vehicle, trailer, boat or camper may be parked in the roadway at any time. Whenever snow falls to a depth of two (2) inches or greater, or a Snow Emergency is declared by Springfield Township or the City of Philadelphia, all on-street parking is prohibited. If off-street parking is not available, parking is permitted on the even side of the street in an even-numbered year, and on the odd side of the street in an odd-numbered year.
- If you have a neighbor who does not have off-street parking available, consider allowing them to park in your driveway so that your street can be cleared completely and efficiently.
- Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the cessation of the snow/ice event.

Student Snow Shovel Registry

At the beginning of the winter season, the Township solicits the local Middle and High Schools for a list of students who will, for a fee, shovel snow from walks and driveways. The consolidated list can be found online, picked up from the Township Administration Building, or mailed upon request. The "business" arrangement is then made between the resident and student that he or she chooses to employ.

The Snow Shovel Registry is open from September to November for students interested in participating. The list becomes public beginning in late November. Both the sign-up sheet and full snow shoveler list can be found on springfieldmontco.org under "Public Works."

Power Outages Due to Storms

PECO provides helpful information on what to do, how to prepare, and how to stay safe and informed, including estimated restoration of power. To find that information, please visit peco.com/outages. Please report all power outages to PECO at 1-800-841-4141, or call the Township to find out when power will be restored.

Help Keep Hydrants Clear

Winter storms often hide fire hydrants under snow and ice, making them difficult to access quickly. If you have a fire hydrant located on or near your property, please consider clearing a 3-foot perimeter around the fire hydrant in order to allow firefighters access to the fire hydrant in an emergency situation.

Register for News Alerts

The Township updates the website with important information during snow storms, such as snow emergency alerts and trash collection cancellations. Make sure to sign up for email notifications by registering on the Springfield Township website at www.springfieldmontco.org!



Leave the Leaves in Your Yard

Let Mother Nature Work for You!

Autumn is here again! The leaves are turning as the trees prepare for winter. But before you rake those leaves, bag them, and set them on the curb to be trucked away, consider a more environmentally friendly approach.

HERE ARE A FEW ALTERNATIVES TO BAGGING LEAVES:

- **Shred the leaves on the lawn**—Simply spread the leaves out over your yard in a thin layer and run the lawn mower over them.
- **Compost the leaves**—Add shredded leaves to your compost pile. The decomposed matter, often referred to as "black gold," will be ready in the spring to use in your gardens.
- **Use the leaves to suppress weeds**—Spread a layer of leaves over your vegetable or flower garden, and this will discourage weeds from moving in.
- **Protect shrubs and tree roots for winter**—Leave already fallen leaves in place around tree bases. They will buffer against winter temperatures and breakdown to create the next generation of soil.

Stop seeing leaves as garbage and start thinking of leaves as a free resource, "black gold" provided by Mother Nature!

SAVING MONEY AND GETTING CLEANER

At the recommendation of the Environmental Advisory Commission, the Board of Commissioners have been working hard to save money and reduce pollution in our municipal operations.

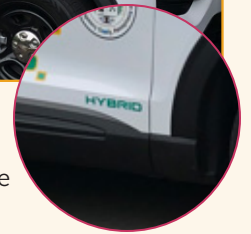
In 2017, the Township upgraded all streetlights to high-efficiency LEDs. These use significantly less electricity than the older models, saving the Township \$35,000 annually in electricity costs. Additionally, since LEDs last much longer, maintenance costs are lower as well.

By implementing recommendations from energy audits on the three main municipal buildings, the Township has cut \$90,000 annually in electricity and natural gas costs. In 2021, the Township began replacing its police cruisers with hybrids, reducing fuel usage and maintenance, thereby saving residents more than \$17,000 annually. This number will rise as more hybrids replace internal combustion engine vehicles in the fleet.

Perhaps even more important than cost savings, the Township's municipal operations are avoiding pollution that leads to climate change and unhealthy air. In 2019, the Board of Commissioners took a strong stance for a better future by passing a resolution committing the Township operations to use 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for building heat and our vehicle fleet by 2050.

Township staff is working closely with the Commissioners and the Environmental Advisory Commission to track our ongoing savings and plan for next steps. Find more information at springfieldmontco.org/renewable-springfield.

Looking ahead, the Township has ordered an all-electric Ford 150 Lightning Police vehicle. This will continue to lower our energy consumption while providing a top-notch performance vehicle for our officers.



PAPER SHOPPING BAGS: WHEN TO RECYCLE AND WHEN TO TRASH

HOW TO RECYCLE PAPER SHOPPING BAGS

Brown paper grocery bags and paper lunch bags can be recycled with other paper products. Many paper bags already contain recycled material. The most common method of recycling paper bags is by sending them to a recycling center. This method is ideal if you have many bags to dispose of at once. Mixed paper is one of the biggest recycling material commodities processed at recycling plants.

WHY ARE SOME PAPER BAGS NOT RECYCLABLE?

Paper bags are generally recyclable as long as they are free of contaminants such as grease, food residue, or ink. However, shopping bags from department stores and other retailers may present problems due to shiny residue, colored or textured paper, decorations, or plastic liners. These types of bags should be placed in regular trash.



PARKS & RECREATION



RECREATION CENTER PROJECT UPDATES

On March 13, 2024, the Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to MKSD Architects of Allentown, PA, to provide community research, data and needs analysis, facility programming, and conceptual design services for the Springfield Township Recreation Center. MKSD was selected at the recommendation of the Recreation Center Advisory Committee (RCAC) after a careful and deliberate process that began with the solicitation of a competitive Request for Proposals in October 2023.



Architects and engineers are currently evaluating the existing buildings to assess their condition and suitability for adaptive reuse. As part of the current scope of work, a recreation consulting firm will conduct a needs assessment and solicit a community survey. The firm will also provide recommendations for consideration and complete a financial analysis and budget.

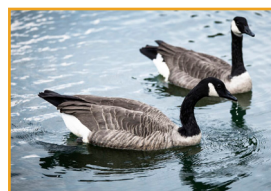
INPUT MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AND THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AND WILL OCCUR AS FOLLOWS:

- **Thursday, September 19, 2024:** 6:00pm–8:00pm, Location: Zoom (link to be provided on Township website the week of meeting)
- **Wednesday, October 23, 2024:** 6:00pm–8:00pm, Location: Recreation Center Site (1200 E. Willow Grove Avenue).
- **Wednesday, November 20, 2024:** 6:00pm–8:00pm, Location: Township Administration Building (1510 Paper Mill Rd)

Unable to attend these meetings? Visit the MKSD Architects at Community Day on Sunday, October 6 at Cisco Park. To stay informed, please subscribe to receive emails and alerts at springfieldmontco.org/my-account/.

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 for several reasons. 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!



Community Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

Time: 10:00am–1:00pm
Location: James A. Cisco Park

Join Springfield Township for a day filled with family fun for all! This event features fishing at Hillcrest Pond, face painting, inflatables, balloon creations and surprise guests! Enjoy a day of music, games and free food all in your hometown. Community Day kicks off with a 5K Fun Run at 9:00am. To sign up for the race, visit erdenheimcivic.org.

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."

Register Online for Recreation Programs at Springfieldmontco.recdesk.com

Martial Arts

Session V

Mondays: 6:30pm–7:30pm (7 sessions)

Dates: September 9, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28
(Skip 9/16)

Thursdays: 6:30pm–7:30pm (7 sessions)

Dates: September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24

Ages: 7–Adult

Location: Recreation Center B

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



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

Gentle, Mindful Yoga: Space to Pause, Relax & Restore

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

Session V

Dates: September 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (6 sessions)

Session VI

Dates: November 12, 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17 (6 sessions)

Time: 7:00pm–8:00pm

Ages: 14–Adult

Location: Recreation Center B

Fee: \$120 Resident / \$130 non-resident
Drop In (per session): \$25 Resident / \$27 Non-Resident

Do you need time for yourself? To care for your body? De-stress? Feel peaceful? This Yoga course will give you precious time to stretch, connect to your core strength, flexibility, balance and posture while pausing to relax and restore your energy. This yoga class promotes a holistic, therapeutic approach to the mind-body connection, physical longevity, as well as mental and emotional health. All levels are welcome.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Recreation Basketball Program 2024-2025

Late Fee: \$15 charge starting Friday, November 21 at 9:00am

Dates: Saturdays starting December 7

Ages: Boys and Girls Grades 1 through 8
(not co-ed)

Times Vary: 8:00am–5:00pm

Location: Springfield Township
Middle School Gym

Fee: \$105 Resident / \$115 Non-Resident

Schedule Contingent on School District Calendar*

December 7, 2024 (Team Placement)

December 14, 2024 (Practice)

December 21, 2024 (Practice)

December 28, 2024 (No Game–School Closed)

January 4, 2025 (Game)

January 11, 2025 (Game)

January 18, 2025 (Game)

January 25, 2025 (Game)

February 1, 2025 (Final Game)

February 8, 2025 (Makeup Date)

February 22, 2025 (Makeup Date)

*Pending the school activities schedule, the Recreation Basketball League could conclude on February 1 with a makeup date of February 8 or 22.



Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Big Game Hoops for the Winter Recreation Basketball League. This program is an instructional, developmental program for players of all different skill-levels. No cuts will be made and no prior experience playing basketball is required. The Springfield Township Winter Recreation Basketball League is the perfect league for players with zero experience. Big Game Hoops' objectives for partnering with the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is to foster a love and passion for the game of basketball within each player by providing a safe, fun, positive and nurturing environment for everyone involved.

There will be designated time slots for each age group each Saturday for practices and games. The league will consist of 8 weeks of basketball activities ranging from assessment to practices to games. During registration, an opportunity to make a friend or coach request will be available. Requests limited to one per person. Requests will only be considered if the person requested reciprocates the same request.

A crucial and vital component to a successful season are Volunteer Parent Coaches. There can never be a situation in which there are too many Volunteer Parent Coaches. NO prior playing experience in the game of basketball is required to be a Volunteer Parent Coach. Volunteering to be a Parent Coach is a great way to get involved and connect with your son and/or daughter if your schedule allows you to volunteer your time.

If you are planning on coaching for a Springfield Township Parks and Recreation program, the following clearances will be required:

- PA Child Abuse Clearance: www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS
- PA State Criminal History Clearance: www.epatch.state.pa.us

FROM THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY WINS AWARD FOR PROGRAMMING

The Free Library of Springfield Township received a Best Practices Award from the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) at the recent annual conference. The award recognizes the creation and development of an innovative youth services program this



past year. Since 2004, Pennsylvania libraries have been honored for exceptional youth services (birth to 18) with the Best Practices Award. The Youth Services Division of PaLA selects winners in eight categories: Display & Design, High School, Infant/Toddler, STEM, School Age, Preschool, Middle School, and Family/Multi-generational. At the 2023 conference, Amy Ambler, Head of Youth Services, received the award in the School Age category for the library's Holiday Art Market program. This program helps children in grades K-5 build math, budgeting, and financial literacy skills through a fun, hands-on experience. Children use play money to "buy" arts and crafts supplies, learning to make change, prioritize purchases, and negotiate. More information on this year's event will be available in December.

How Well Do You Know Your Library?

1. What do you do when you get notification that an item is overdue?

- (a) Ignore it
- (b) Return the item
- (c) Renew the item
- (d) Say someone took it from your car

2. For how many days can you check out a book?

- (a) 21
- (b) 10
- (c) 30
- (d) 365

3. How do you renew a library item?

- (a) Wish for it really hard
- (b) Ask a librarian to renew it for you
- (c) Log onto your MCLINC account at home to renew it
- (d) Call your congressman to do it for you

4. Who invented the shelving system for non-fiction books?

- (a) J.K. Rowling
- (b) Library of Congress
- (c) Melville Dewey
- (d) Franklin Roosevelt

5. Fiction books contain true information

- (a) True
- (b) False
- (c) Sometimes
- (d) Only if they make a movie version

6. What is the best way to reserve a meeting room at the library?

- (a) Come 15 minutes early and hope one is available
- (b) Call the library way in advance to book the room
- (c) Log onto the library's Facebook page.
- (d) Call the library half an hour before you need it

7. What is the meaning of MCLINC?

- (a) A medical clinic you can access thru the library
- (b) A way to order McDonald's take out from the library
- (c) Montgomery County Library and Information Consortium
- (d) A place to fix your MAC laptop in the library

8. Who can participate in the library's Summer Reading program?

- (a) All ages
- (b) Only children under 12
- (c) Only seniors
- (d) Only Millennials

9. Which activity does not currently meet in the library?

- (a) Mahjong
- (b) Swimming
- (c) Knitters
- (d) Fencing

10. Which of the following statements are true?

- (a) Township residents vote in the library
- (b) The library has programs for all age groups
- (c) The library is open 66 hours per week
- (d) The library has a café with vending machines



Library Hours:

Monday–Thursday:

9:00am–9:00pm

Friday: 9:00am–5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am–5:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm–4:00pm

2024 Holiday Closures

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

- November 5 - Election Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 27 - Closing at 5PM
- November 28 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 24, 25 - Christmas
- December 31 - New Year's Eve
- January 1 - New Year's Day
- April 18, 20 - Good Friday/Easter

Digital Resources

Download books straight to your E-reader, iPad, iPhone, Nook, and/or Kindle! Online resources are available through applications such as Libby, Hoopla, Freeding, and so much more. By using the Free Library's digital resources, you can access the Philadelphia Inquirer, stream movies, and even read magazines online! For questions on how to get started, visit the Library or call 215-836-5300!

[FreeLibraryofSpringfieldTownship.org](https://www.FreeLibraryofSpringfieldTownship.org)

Phone: 215-836-5300

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Answers: 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b & c) 4. (c)
5. (b) 6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (b&d) 10. (All)

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

EMS - COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION OF AMBLER (CAAA)

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT HOUSE

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

GAME COMMISSION

P: 610-926-3136 or 3137

VOTERS REGISTRATION

P: 610-278-3280

UTILITY PROVIDERS

AQUA: 1-800-711-4779

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

PENNDOT: 610-275-2368

PA ONE CALL: 1-800-242-1776

XFINITY/COMCAST: 1-800-934-6489

VERIZON FIOS: 1-800-837-4966

BUCKS COUNTY WATER & SEWER

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

HEALTH RESOURCES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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

PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1-877-PA-HEALTH

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DRUG/ALCOHOL SERVICES

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

TAX 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) & LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST)

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

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE & MERCANTILE LICENSE

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

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508 Main Capitol Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120
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Philadelphia, PA 19106
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Web: www.fetterman.senate.gov

U.S. Senator Bob Casey

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Web: www.casey.senate.gov

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Bee, Bergvall and Co., *CPA Auditor*

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Chuck Baily

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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 5:30 PM • Township Building

Held on the first Wednesday of every third month (Mar., June, 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 July and August).

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION As Announced

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

RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

WALNUT AVENUE MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

5:30 PM • Township Building
Held on the first Wednesday of every month.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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