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The 2025 Municipal Election



is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The voter registration deadline is Monday, October 20, 2025. For details regarding voting procedures, poll locations, or registering to vote, please call Montgomery County Voter Services at **610-278-3280** or visit www.montgomerycountypa.gov.

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!

NEW DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW

Effective June 5, 2025, Pennsylvania's new distracted driving law (also known as Paul Miller's Law) prohibits drivers from using mobile devices while driving. This means drivers cannot hold or handle their handheld devices while driving, even at traffic lights or stop signs. An exception to



the new law allows individuals to communicate with law enforcement or emergency services when necessary to prevent injury to persons or property. Enforcement of the law began on June 5, 2025, and the violations during the first 12 months will result in a written warning. Effective June 5, 2026, the penalty for violations will be elevated to a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees.

THE LAW:

- · Defines an interactive mobile device as a handheld wireless telephone, personal digital assistant, smart phone, portable or mobile computer, or similar device which can be used for voice communication, texting, emailing, browsing the Internet, instant messaging, playing games, taking or transmitting images, recording or broadcasting videos, creating or sharing social media or otherwise sending or receiving electronic data.
- Defines driving as operating a motor vehicle on a highway, including anytime the motor vehicle is temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device (e.g., a traffic light or stop sign), or other momentary delay.
- Defines the use of an interactive mobile device as using at least one hand to hold, or supporting with another part of the body, an interactive mobile device, dialing or answering an interactive mobile device by pressing more than a single button, or reaching for an interactive mobile device that requires a driver to maneuver so that the driver is no longer in a seated driving position, restrained by a seat belt.

TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS

JIM DONOFRY

On Monday, April 21, Jim Donofry was promoted to the position of Foreman in the Public Works Department. Jim has been employed in the Public Works Department for the last 46 years, serving as a laborer, driver and equipment operator before being promoted to municipal project inspector 23 years ago. Congratulations Jim!



PAT DEPAUL

On Monday, April 21, Pat DePaul transitioned from the Public Works Department to the Community Development Department as the new Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal for Springfield Township. Pat has been employed with the Township for 28 years, the last 6 of which were as a Foreman in Public Works. Congrats Pat!

RAY DAWES

Ray Dawes was promoted to Municipal Project Inspector, effective June 2. Throughout Ray's 37 years of service, he has held positions of Refuse Laborer, Highway Truck Driver, Highway Equipment Operator and most recently, General Mechanic. His institutional knowledge of Springfield Township will afford him the opportunity to grow in his new position. Best of luck, Ray!

ALEXANDRIA YATES

Alex joined Springfield as the Community Relations and Media Specialist in April 2025. She is a graduate from the Fashion Institute of Technology with a degree in visual presentation $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ exhibit design. For the last 6 years she has been the Operations Manager at a home furnishings store in Philadelphia, PA. She currently lives in Oreland with her family. She enjoys reading, astrology, bird watching and spending time with her 1-year-old son.



SAM JENKINS

Sam began working at the library on May 27 as the new Youth Services Clerk. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Penn State and got her master's in library & information science from Syracuse University last December. She enjoys reading in her free time and wants to foster that joy in this community. Her best friend is her dog, a 12-year-old Chesapeake Bay Retriever named Pippa. She also enjoys knitting and baking when she has time.

FOND FAREWELLS

CHARLES BAILY

Chuck worked his last day for Springfield Township on April 4th, after 17 years of dedicated service as Springfield's Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer. We will miss his cheery disposition and funny stories! In his retirement, Chuck looks forward to relaxing at his home in the "forest."



DOTTI SNYDER

Dotti Snyder joined the Public Works Department in 2013 as a part-time Administrative Assistant. Through her hard work and proven abilities, Dotti was hired as a full-time Administrative Assistant in 2015. Dotti was instrumental in updating the record keeping of the Public Works Department and we thank her for her years of service. In June 2025, Dotti decided to retire and enjoy the next chapter of her life. We wish Dotti a safe, healthy and happy retirement.

Open Space Donation Program

Springfield Township is committed to preserving green space, protecting the environment, and enhancing quality of life through the Open Space Donation Program. Each year, the Township will match every private dollar contributed to the Open Space Fund, up to \$200,000, with donations accepted in the form of cash, land, or conservation easements (which may qualify as tax deductible). Funds will be used to permanently preserve land, expand public access to trails and open spaces, protect wetlands and wildlife habitats, and improve green infrastructure across the community.

Donations can be sent to the Springfield Township Open Space Donation Program, 1510 Paper Mill Rd, Wyndmoor, PA, or call 215-836-7600 for more information.

Township Employee Receives Scholarship

On August 7, 2025, Brett Righter, a Highway Truck Driver 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. This is the second year in a row for Brett to receive this award. He 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 Highway Crew. Congratulations to Brett, and we wish him the best in his education!

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Vehicle Theft Warning

Over the past few months, several vehicles have been stolen or broken into in Springfield Township and nearby areas. While detectives continue investigations and patrols stay vigilant, please remember to take your keys, lock your vehicles, and remove or hide all valuables from your car.

We also recommend installing security cameras and registering for the Springfield Township SafeWatch Program, a surveillance initiative by the Police Department. Many residents and businesses now use outdoor cameras to monitor their property. SafeWatch seeks residents and business owners willing to share footage if their cameras capture something relevant to an investigation.

Security footage is a powerful tool in solving crimes, helping police identify suspects, vehicles, and track movements near a crime scene. By registering, you can help reduce the time between a crime and an arrest. Police may contact you if an incident occurs nearby, but you're under no obligation to share footage, and no live access is ever requested.

Registration is free, voluntary, and can be withdrawn anytime. Your information remains confidential and used only for official purposes. Participants also receive a window decal to help deter crime.

For questions, contact the Detective Unit at 215-836-1606.



ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, MINIBIKES, E-BIKES

Recently, Springfield Township has experienced an increase in electric scooters and other small off-road vehicles. Most of these are not street-legal, and children should not be operating them anywhere around town, including on sidewalks. The PA micromobility fact sheet provides a description of each vehicle and its permitted use. However, Springfield Township has enacted a local ordinance prohibiting the use of certain versions of these vehicles on public roadways.

Section 107-16.1 of the Springfield Township Code prohibits any minibike, mini cycle, trail bike, motorcycle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, golf cart, or similar vehicle that is not properly registered with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from being operated on any street, sidewalk, or public property within Springfield Township. Furthermore, these vehicles are also prohibited on private property unless the operator has prior written permission from the property owner or the person in control.

Any person observed to be operating these types of vehicles in violation of state or local laws are subject to immediate enforcement. As outlined in Section 107-16.2, if an individual is found operating one of these vehicles unlawfully, the Police Department may confiscate the vehicle and have it removed by an authorized towing company. The vehicle owner will then be required to pay towing and daily storage fees before the vehicle is returned. If a child is operating the vehicle, their parent or guardian will be contacted to retrieve them and will be responsible for the associated fees.

To help keep our community safe and our streets orderly, we ask all residents to stay informed and follow local laws regarding micromobility and off-road vehicles.

DESCRIPTION	MIN	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INCUDANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LICUTE	MAX CAPABLE	RIDE ON	RIDE ON	POSSIBLE	PA
DESCRIPTION	AGE LICEN	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSUKANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIUHIS	SPEED	SIDEWALK	BIKE LANE	DUI	VEHICLE CODE
SCOOTER SCOOTER	•	101	7		•	0.51	-	170	-	•	Yes	§ 102
•	Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.											
MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE	16	С	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(6 § 1714
	Gas	Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.										
MOTOR	16	Class M/Class if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525
6-0	Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.											
SEGWAY		No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	•	Yes	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
	Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.										3 57 50 (0)	
E-BIKE	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514
	Has	Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.										
		No	No	No	Yes.	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in	Yes	Yes	§ 102,

BUILDING & ZONING

FALL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS FROM SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Fall is the perfect time to tackle home maintenance and prepare your property for the colder months ahead. Use the checklist below to help protect your home and ensure safety this winter:

- Clean gutters and downspouts, making sure all drains are free-flowing and directed away from neighboring properties.
- Have your roof inspected by a professional. Check that all flashing is secure.
- Trim back bushes, shrubs, and trees, especially those near your house, power lines, and any street or traffic signs to ensure visibility and prevent winter damage.
- ☐ Inspect windows and doors for leaks, caulk gaps, install storm windows, and add weather stripping to improve energy efficiency.
- Shut off and drain exterior hose bibs to prevent freezing.
- Take photos of your home's exterior to document its condition before winter storms

- Keep mulch at least six inches below the sill plate to avoid rot and pests.
- Service your heating system, change filters regularly, and schedule a chimney cleaning if you have a fireplace. Consider installing a chimney cap to keep pests out.
- Inspect your attic vents to ensure they're clear and screened.
- Check sidewalks and driveway aprons for tripping hazards. Fall is a great time to make repairs.
- Before draining a pool, contact our office for the required discharge permit.
- Snow removal is required within 24 hours of a storm, including clearing sidewalks and handicap ramps (per Section 92-21 of the Township Code). If there's a fire hydrant on your property, please keep it clear of snow for emergency access.

For questions about building permits or property maintenance, contact us at 215-836-7600.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Rainwater collected by the storm sewer system flows directly into nearby streams and creeks without being treated. To help reduce pollutants (anything other than rainwater) from entering our waterways, there are simple steps you can take at home. Use fertilizers sparingly, sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of washing debris into gutters, and plant grass or vegetation on bare spots in your yard. Compost yard waste, avoid pesticides,



and never dump anything into storm drains. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces, wash your car at commercial car washes, repair any vehicle leaks, and recycle motor oil properly. Most importantly, always clean up after your pets, even in your own yard. Every action counts; keeping rainwater clean helps protect our local streams, wildlife, and the environment. Your efforts truly make a difference!



Permitting Requirements

Building & Zoning is the first point of contact for developers, property owners, and contractors looking to submit plans, schedule an inspection, or obtain a permit for new construction and renovation work in the Township.

Here are some important requirements to keep in mind if selling or renovating a property:

- When selling a property, you are required to obtain a Statement of Certification for Real Estate Transfer and submit it at least 30 days prior to settlement (application available online and in person).
- Property deeds must also be registered with our office. Make sure to follow up with your settlement company about this important step.
- Permits are required for any addition, alteration, demolition, replacement, or new construction prior to the start of any work.
- Home additions must comply with Springfield's zoning ordinance. Call or visit the Building Department for questions about zoning.
- Property maintenance issues, such as weeds, junk, and abandoned vehicles, can be reported to our office over the phone or in person.
- Visit us with questions related to permits, code requirements, zoning, setbacks, or property size!

PUBLIC WORKS

Save this Reminder!



Curbside Leaf Waste Collection

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

Specific dates for the beginning and end of leaf collection will be posted on the Township website annually. Please note that if snow/ice are present, leaf collection may be delayed.

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

2025-2026 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.

Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Thursday, January 1 – New Year's Day
Monday, January 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
(Administration will remain open)
Monday, February 16 – Presidents Day
Friday, April 3 - 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).

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING REGULATIONS



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, plastic bags, or 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.

- Recyclable materials may be combined in one can or container not to exceed 32-gallon capacity or 50 lbs. in weight. **No plastic bags!**
- 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.
- Place all acceptable recycling materials a **short distance from refuse materials** on your regular collection day.
- 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**.

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

As cooler weather arrives and heating systems kick on, it's the perfect time to review some essential home fire safety tips. The Office of The Fire Marshal and our three volunteer fire companies want to help you stay safe, warm, and informed as we head into the colder months

October is Fire Prevention Month, and Fire Prevention Week will be observed from October 5–11. This year's theme, designated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." Everyday electronics, such as smartphones, tablets, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and earbuds, are powered by lithium-ion batteries. While convenient, these batteries can pose a serious fire risk if they are damaged or not used correctly, as they may overheat, catch fire, or even explode. To learn more about how to safely charge, store, and dispose of lithium-ion batteries, visit NFPA.org/FPW.

HOME HEATING & CO TIPS

As temperatures drop, it's important to keep safety in mind while heating your home. Keep all combustibles at least three feet away from heating equipment, especially space heaters and baseboards, and never use your oven to heat your home. Be sure to have your furnace, chimney, and other heating equipment inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified professional. If you use a portable heater, turn it off and unplug it when you leave the room or go to sleep.

In addition to heating safety, remember the risks of carbon monoxide (CO); a colorless, odorless, and potentially deadly gas. Install CO alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home, and test them monthly along with your smoke alarms. Replace the batteries at least twice a year, and if a CO alarm sounds, evacuate your home immediately and call 911.

By following these tips, you can help keep your household safe throughout the colder months.

SMOKE ALARM GIVEAWAY PROGRAM

The Office of the Fire Marshal is proud to announce Springfield Township's first-ever Smoke Alarm Giveaway Program. In partnership with Denney Electric in Ambler, the Township has purchased 10-year, worry-free smoke alarms, funded entirely through Local Vitality Grants and local business sponsorships. Beginning Monday, October 6,



alarms will be distributed free of charge to Township residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that installation is not provided by the Township.

For more information, contact Alexandria Yates, Springfield Township Community Relations & Media Specialist, at 215-836-7600 or ayates@springfieldmontco.org.

Support Your Local Fire and Ambulance Service

The Flourtown, Oreland, and Wyndmoor Fire Companies, along with the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler, provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to Springfield Township residents and assist neighboring communities during major incidents.

The fire companies are staffed by volunteers, while the ambulance association employs trained professionals. Together, they dedicate hundreds of hours annually to training and preparedness.

Firefighter training includes fire suppression, vehicle extrication, CPR, first aid, water rescue, and hazardous materials awareness. Paramedics and EMTs are trained to treat everything from minor injuries to trauma.

All four agencies are committed to delivering top-tier emergency services, which require ongoing training and costly equipment that must be regularly replaced. The Township offers partial funding, but each agency relies heavily on annual donation appeals and membership drives to support their operations.

Please consider donating directly to your local fire company and the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler. Every dollar makes a difference, and donations can be made through each organization's website.



SNOW REMOVAL

Student Snow Shovel Registry

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 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."

PECO-Preparation is Power

Here are key steps to follow once the lights go dark:

- Report the Outage: Contact PECO immediately at 1-800-841-4141 to report the outage and any hazardous conditions, such as downed power lines.
- Stay Informed: Use a batterypowered radio to receive news and updates.
- **Preserve Food**: Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed to maintain cold temperatures.
- **Unplug Electronics**: Disconnect devices like computers and televisions to prevent damage from power surges when electricity is restored.
- Use Generators Safely: Operate generators outdoors, away from windows and doors, to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Conserve Water: If you rely on well water, have an emergency supply of bottled water.
- Stay Warm: Check smoke alarms and CO monitors, and stay inside if possible. Seek out heated shelters and visit the Library for warmth and charging stations if necessary.
- Check on Neighbors: Assist those who may need help, such as the elderly or individuals with medical conditions.

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:

- Remove trash and recycle cans, basketball nets, and the like from the roadway before winter weather is forecast or approaches to avoid potential damage by snow plows.
- 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.
- 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.
- Clear snow, sleet and ice from sidewalks in front of your property within 24 hours after a storm.

- 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!
- Keep stormwater inlets open after snow has accumulated. Keeping it open will prevent flooding and icing conditions on the street.
- 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 or the Snow Shovel Registry if you need assistance in plowing your private driveway.

WHAT IS A SNOW EMERGENCY?

A snow emergency prohibits on-street parking and limits motor vehicle traffic to essential services only to allow for efficient snow removal and emergency vehicle access.

- 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 oddnumbered 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.

PARKS & RECREATION

ADULT & YOUTH FALL PROGRAMS

Martial Arts

with Paul and Amanda Schmidt

Session VI

Mondays: 6:30pm-7:30pm (7 sessions)

Dates: October 27, November 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15, 22 (Skip 11/3, 11/24)

Thursdays: 6:30pm-7:30pm (7 sessions)

Dates: October 30, November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11, 18 (*Skip 11/27*)

Ages: 7–18+

Location: Recreation Center B

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

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



Inspirational Yoga

with Jennifer Schelter

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

Session VI

Dates: November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16

(6 sessions)

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Ages: 14-Adult

Location: Recreation Center B

Fee: 6 Sessions: \$120 Resident / \$130 non-resident

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

Are you anxious? Do you want a routine to stretch, feel stronger, and more at peace? In this mindful, gentle Yoga course, students love experiencing being centered, stronger, and stretching in ways that feel good and healthy.

Mindfulness and Mediation Hike

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Times: 3:00pm-4:15pm
Ages: 16 and Up
Location: Mermaid Park

Fee: \$25 Resident / \$29 Non-Resident



Experience the transformative power of nature with our guided mindfulness hike. Immerse yourself in a peaceful journey, designed to help you slow down, breathe deeply, and reconnect with the present moment.



Tails on Trails: An Introduction to Hiking with Dogs

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Times: 10:00am-11:00am

Ages: 18 and Up

Location: Sandy Run Park

Fee: \$20 Resident

\$24 Non-Resident

Our guided hikes are all about having a blast while learning how to hike responsibly with your furry friend. Whether you're a seasoned trailblazer or just starting out, join us for a tailwagging good time filled with fresh air, exercise and the chance to meet other dog-loving folks. Come discover the joy of hiking with your dog and make some pawsome memories on our carefully picked routes! Limited to one dog per participant. Participating dogs must be leashed at all times and must be up to date on vaccinations.

Zumba with Char

Dates: Thursdays, October 9, 16,

23, 30, November 6, 13

Times: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Ages: 13 and Up

Location: Recreation Center B:

Multi-Use Hall \$60 Resident

\$70 Non-Resident

Join Richarda for the ultimate dance party! Zumba is a dance fitness program that combines Latin

Fee:



and international music rhythms with easy-to-follow dance steps. It is a fun and energetic way to get a workout!

Ladies' Night Out (BYOB): Personalized Doormats Workshop

Friday, October 17, 2025

Times:7:00pm-9:30pmLocation:Recreation Center BAges:13 and Up (participants

ages 13-17 must be

accompanied by an adult)

Fee: \$65 Resident \$75 Non-Resident

Create a unique, personalized, outdoor doormat utilizing a variety of tools and techniques, and our collection of paints, while guided by our crafty instructors. Choose from over 30 different designs for your doormats!

Adult Recycled Art Class

Dates: Wednesdays, October 22,

29. November 5. 12

Times: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Ages: 18 and Up

Location: Recreation Center B **Fee:** \$235 Resident \$245 Non-Resident

Bring your old electronics, broken watches and clocks, and old canvas paintings, and create something beautiful from it.

Let's Stay Connected!

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

We also provide monthly E-Newsletters for individuals who sign up in advance. You can sign up for the E-Newsletter at springfieldmontco.org under "Parks and Recreation."

Little Tykes Go on Hikes: Storybook Adventure Hike

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Times: 11:00am-12:00pm

Ages: 3–12

Location: James A. Cisco Park

Fee: \$12 Resident / \$16 Non-Resident



This family-friendly course introduces children to hiking through interactive activities and guided nature exploration, offering kid-friendly tips and safety guidelines for quality family time in nature. With the Storybook Adventure Hike, participants contribute to a fun story as we hike through the park! Each child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Registration fee covers child participation; parents/guardians do not need to pay to accompany their child.

Ladies' Night Out (BYOB): Chunky Yarn Blanket Workshop Friday, November 7, 2025

Times: 7:00pm-10:00pm
Location: Recreation Center B

Ages: 13 and Up (participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

Fee: \$80 Resident / \$90 Non-Resident

Join AR Workshop Chestnut Hill for this BYOB Ladies' Night Out! They will guide you step-by-step through the hand knitting process to create a super cozy, one-of-a-kind blanket. The blanket requires no needles or knitting experience! You will have a choice of our exclusive colors of Lion Brand Yarn.

Winter Night Out: Holiday Ornament Workshop

Friday, December 5, 2025

Times: 7:00pm-8:30pm
Location: Recreation Center B

Ages: 13 and Up

Fee: \$32 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident

Join us for a festive and family-friendly ornament DIY workshop session to make any of our (totally kid-friendly) Holiday Wood Ornaments. Choose your ornament designs and paint colors at the workshop. Each attending guest must register to participate, including children.

Rec Basketball League 2025-2026

Saturdays starting December 6 - February 7

Times Vary: 8:00am-5:00pm

Location: Springfield Township Middle School Gym **Ages:** Boys and Girls Grades 1 through 8 (not co-ed)

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

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

FROM THE LIBRARY



About the Free Library of Springfield Township

The Free Library of Springfield Township was founded in 1966 and provides free access to over 60,000 educational and recreational materials to all Springfield Township and Montgomery County residents. As a charter member of Access Pennsylvania and MCLINC, our library connects you with libraries and online resources across the state and county that are accessible from your home, office, or local branch. In addition to meeting your literary needs, our Library enables residents to visit local museums, access public computers and Wi-Fi to surf the web, loan books from other libraries, and so much more! To enjoy the wide range of services the Free Library of Springfield Township has to offer, please visit the "Get a Card" page on our website. Looking for community connection? The Library hosts weekly adult programs, from knitting and card games to word and strategy game meetups. Children of all ages can enjoy storytimes, workshops, and special events all year long.

Adult Events at the Library This Fall

The Free Library of Springfield Township is excited to host several engaging adult programs this fall:

- AARP Safe Driving Class Seniors are invited to participate in this valuable course, which includes two four-hour sessions over two days. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Many auto insurance providers offer a discount upon completion of the course.
- Bankers Life Financial Series This three-part educational program will cover different financial planning topics, each offered on two different dates for flexibility. These no-obligation sessions will provide helpful insights into making retirement more affordable.
- Local Author Talk (October) Don't miss the return of our popular author panel featuring five local authors. Join us for a fun and inspiring conversation as they share their personal experiences with writing and publishing.
- Memoir Writing Class (October) Always wanted to tell your story? This memoir
 writing workshop is the perfect opportunity to start capturing your memories and
 experiences on the page.

For exact dates, times, and registration details, visit our website at freelibraryofspringfieldtownship.org. We hope to see you there!





FreeLibraryofSpringfieldTownship.org
Phone: 215-836-5300

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm **Saturday:** 10:00am-5:00pm **Sunday:** 1:00pm-4:00pm

Support the Library

The Friends of the Free Library of Springfield Township is a volunteer group that strengthens the library through advocacy and fundraising.

Support their efforts by donating online or mailing a tax-deductible contribution to:

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

Many employers match charitable donations—check with your HR department to maximize your gift! The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, making all contributions tax-deductible.



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 (8:00am-4:30pm) P: 215-836-1600 (after 4:30pm)

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: 866-701-7206 (EIT) P: 610-599-3142 (LST)

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

COUNTY, STATE, & FEDERAL OFFICIALS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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One Montgomery Plaza, 425 Swede St., Suite 800

Norristown, PA 19404 P: 610-278-3000 Web: www.montcopa.org

COMMONWEALTH OF PA

Governor Josh Shapiro

508 Main Capitol Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120

P: 717-787-2500

Web: www.governor.pa.gov

PA Senator Art Haywood

1168 Easton Road, Abington, PA 19001

P: 215-517-1434

Web: www.senatorhaywood.com

PA Representative Napoleon Nelson

115 E. Glenside Avenue, Suite 8, Glenside, PA 19038

P: 215-572-5210

Web: www.pahouse.com/nelson/

U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

U.S. Congresswoman Madeleine Dean

115 E. Glenside Ave., Suite 1, Glenside, PA 19038

P: 215-884-4300

Web: www.dean.house.gov

U.S. Senator John Fetterman

200 Chestnut Street, Suite 600 Philadelphia, PA 19106 P: 215-241-1090

Web: www.fetterman.senate.gov

U.S. Senator David McCormick

2000 Market Street, Suite 610 Philadelphia, PA 19103 P: 215-405-9660

Web: www.mccormick.senate.gov

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Emily Baiada, Director

PLANNING AND ZONING

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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

7:30 PM • Township BuildingHeld 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 LibraryHeld 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.