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Springfield Township Celebrates Completion of Municipal Solar Energy Installation

(Wyndmoor, PA - August 10, 2026) - Springfield Township (Montgomery County) will celebrate the completion of a new municipal solar installation **with a ribbon cutting and public solar education event** on Wednesday, August 19th at 9:30 a.m. at the Springfield Township Administration Building, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor. The celebration is scheduled as Part of Philadelphia Energy Authority's Solar Week, spanning August 17-21.

Township Commissioners, staff, project partners, members of the Environmental Advisory Commission, and residents are invited to attend as Springfield Township marks a major milestone in its commitment to sustainability, fiscal responsibility, and clean energy.

This project comprises two solar energy systems including 887 solar panels with a total solar capacity of 390 kilowatts (kW), installed on the Springfield Township Police/Administration Building and Public Works Facility rooftops. The \$629,125 project will power both these facilities, as well as the Free Library of Springfield Township through virtual meter aggregation with excess solar generation from the Public Works Facility. Once operational, the two systems are expected to generate approximately 456,273 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity annually, supplying about 89% of the Township's annual municipal electricity use, significantly reducing long-term operating costs while increasing energy resilience.

The Township expects to receive a direct payment of \$188,738 through the federal investment tax credit (ITC), \$38,783 thorough PA's Act 129 (PECO's Commercial Solar Incentive), and \$250,000 from Montgomery County's Montco2040 Grant Implementation Program., substantially reducing the project's net cost. Based on these incentives and projected energy savings, the investment is expected to pay for itself in less than three years.

The ribbon cutting is part of Philadelphia Energy Authority's Solar Week, which showcases successful solar projects throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

All are invited to attend Solar & You, a free public educational event from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Free Library of Springfield Township (8900 Hawthorne Lane, Wyndmoor), adjacent to the Administration Building. Representatives from the Philadelphia Energy Authority will provide information about the Solarize Greater Philadelphia program and will be joined by project partners and other groups to discuss the benefits of residential and commercial solar energy, available incentives, and financing opportunities.

During the event, Montgomery County Commissioner Jamila Winder and Chief Sustainability Officer Devi Ramkissoon will present Springfield Township with a \$250,000 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant awarded through the Montgomery County Planning Commission in support of the project.

Construction on the solar installation began in May 2026 and was completed in August 2026. The project was made possible through technical assistance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Shared Energy Manager Program, along with support from federal, state, county, and utility funding sources.

The project reflects years of collaboration among Township officials, staff, community volunteers, and the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Council, whose members have long championed practical, locally driven sustainability initiatives. Their advocacy helped lay the groundwork for a project that not only reduces municipal operating costs but also demonstrates Springfield's commitment to environmental stewardship.

"This solar installation represents more than a single infrastructure project," said Susanna Ratsavong, President of the Board. "It reflects Springfield Township's commitment to thoughtful long-term planning, responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources, and environmental leadership. It is the next step of several sustainability initiatives the Township is pursuing to strengthen municipal operations while building a healthier and more resilient community."

As Springfield Township continues implementing its sustainability goals, this project serves as an important next step in a broader strategy to reduce energy consumption, lower operating expenses, and invest in infrastructure that benefits residents for years to come.

Attendees are encouraged to attend both the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the Solar & You educational event to learn more about the project and how solar energy can benefit homes, businesses, and communities throughout Montgomery County.

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