

FALLS TOWNSHIP

Spring 2016

Bucks County, Pa.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Regardless of your views on government, or which political party you belong to, everyone agrees that one of the main jobs of any government is to protect public safety. This is a main goal of the Board of Supervisors. Recent programs, purchases and projects approved by the Board are focused on improving public safety in our Township.

In January, the Board approved the construction of the long-planned sidewalk along part of New Falls Road. The sidewalk will run along the Vermilion Hills side of New Falls, from the Vermilion Square shopping center, to the stores near the intersection of New Falls and Hood Boulevard. This project has been studied and debated for several years until the Board, and its engineers, finally agreed on a plan that accommodated what was needed, at a reasonable price. Integral to the plan is cooperation with the different business owners along that stretch of New Falls whose properties will be affected as a result of sidewalk improvements. Residents who drive New Falls Road regularly know that pedestrians and bicycle riders are a common sight. The desire of the Board is to avoid tragedies that have occurred in recent years in our neighboring Townships, along New Falls Road.

The New Falls Road sidewalk isn't the only pedestrian improvement being made in the near future. The Township is also moving forward on safer pedestrian crossings along South Olds Boulevard, near the Oxford Valley Golf Course. This project is based on a recommendation from our Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee. Finally, the pedestrian bridge that connects the two sections of Vermilion Hills will be replaced. The walkway, which is decades old, has become unsafe and the Township engineers will be working on the replacement during the winter and spring.

One of the best ways to improve public safety is to work together as a community and share information that can help make all of us safer. Over the past few years the Falls Township Police Department and the Fire Marshal's office have run citizens academies for residents of Falls Township interested in learning more about the nature of police work, and the importance of our fire departments and fire safety. These academies, in addition to our first-ever Youth Police Academy, which ran last summer, have been extremely popular with residents and even attract non-residents. Those interested in participating in future academies are encouraged to check the Falls Township Website for information.

Finally, the Board of Supervisors continues to make public safety a priority in the budgeting process. Township funds have been spent, or budgeted, for new police vehicles and police equipment as well as new, upgraded radios to make sure all our fire departments have the latest communications technology.

The Board, in addition to the valuable employees and volunteers who make our Township run so smoothly and safely, will continue to make public safety a top priority and asks, as always, for the help of every resident in sharing information which might help our first responders do their jobs more effectively and keep Falls Township a safe place to live, work and grow.

Sincerely,
Bob Harvie

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Police Department

No Solicitation Registry

In 2014, the Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance that allows residents to add their name to a No Solicitation Registry. This list is distributed to anyone that applies for a Solicitation permit with instructions not to solicit at any of the addresses on the list. To be placed on this list, please contact the Police Records department at **(215) 949-9100** or you may use the link on the Township website <http://fallstwp.com/tools-resources/no-solicitation-registry.aspx>.



Facebook & Twitter

Falls Township Police department is now on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us to get information on what's going on in your neighborhood.
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Retirement

We would like to send our best wishes to Detective John Martin who recently retired. It has been an honor to have worked with you. Thank you again for all your years of dedicated service. We wish you and your family the best in your well-earned retirement. You will be missed.

Falls Township Anonymous Tip Line 215-949-9120



Falls Township Police has created a tip line allowing the public to contact the Police department anonymously.

Members of the public are encouraged to report suspicious individuals or activity. Tips are then analyzed and passed on to the appropriate division for follow-up. Because the tip line is

anonymous, the sender will not receive a response.

The tip line is not an emergency number. If you witness a crime in progress or have an emergency that requires the police, please call 911.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area.



Neighborhood Watch is a group of concerned citizens, joining together to assist local law enforcement in identifying and reporting suspicious or criminal activities in their neighborhoods.

By taking an active role in the protection of their homes and families, residents are better able to discourage criminal activity and keep their neighborhoods safe.

For more information, please contact: **Corporal Michael Wolverton, 215-949-9100 ext. 326** wolvertonpd@fallstwp.com or **Officer John Yeager, 215-949-9100 ext. 434** yeagerpd@fallstwp.com

Rapid Recovery Program



When an autistic child or an adult with Dementia wanders off and gets lost, finding them quickly sometimes can make a difference between life and death. The Rapid Recovery Program is a tracking system that consists of a small wrist

bracelet worn by someone that is at risk of wandering. It is designed to locate missing special needs children as well as Alzheimer and Dementia patients.

This bracelet transmits a signal for up to a one-mile radius, allowing search and rescue efforts to be quicker, finding the individual in minutes instead of hours.

This program is available to all Falls Township residents and surrounding communities.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this program or would like additional information regarding Rapid Recovery, please contact the Falls Township Police Department **215-949-9100**.

Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy is designed to educate Township residents about department procedures, responsibilities and demands on Police officers. Some of the topics that will be covered include: An overview of the department's structure; recruitment and training; interview techniques; a visit to the (911) county radio room; traffic enforcement; as well as observation of court hearings at the local District Justice. In addition, participants will be given an opportunity to "ride along" with a Patrol officer.

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for dates.

"Coffee with a Cop"

Coffee with a Cop allows Police and residents to come together in an informal, neutral space to sit down with a mix of officers, detectives, sergeants, lieutenants and the Chief to ask questions, discuss happenings in the area, voice concerns, and get to know the officers who patrol their areas. This is a great way to strengthen police-community partnership and build friendships throughout the community.

Coffee with a Cop is just another way to allow our residents to make Falls Township a better place to live.

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for coming dates.



Parks and Recreation Department

Ready to get over those winter blues? Looking forward to the warmer weather? Look no further than the program offerings and amenities offered by Falls Township Parks and Recreation for the 2016 Spring/Summer season. It is our goal to offer diverse programming to Township residents. Please check out our offerings:

New Offerings at Pinewood Pool

The Pinewood Pool is a great way for residents to cool off and spend quality time with family. New for 2016: additional membership discount opportunities, a Nanny/Caregiver membership option, an adult party night, movie night, and the return of the Senior Breakfast! In addition, Pinewood Pool will continue to offer its top-notch swim lessons program, family appreciation day, teen splash nights, and much more. To register or for further information, please visit www.fallstwp.com or contact **Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221** or by email at loessyb@fallstwp.org.



Lifeguard Openings for 2016 Season



Parks and Recreation has several lifeguard positions available for the 2016 season. If you are at least 15 years old and have a current Lifeguard/First Aid/AED certification, we urge you to apply for a job at the Pinewood Pool. The starting pay rate for a lifeguard is \$8 an hour. For further information or if interested in

applying, contact **Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220** or by email andrews@fallstwp.org.

Summer Camp Registration Now Open

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is taking registrations for our 2016 Summer Camp Program. The camp is designed for children ages 5-13. Our camp employs several certified teachers, experienced support staff, and offers an incredible 1:6 counselor-to-camper ratio. Have your children join us for fantastic trip opportunities, theme weeks, in-house entertainment, arts and crafts, sports, and much more!! Camp runs from Monday, June 27 through Friday, August 5. There will be no camp on July 4. To register or for information, visit www.fallstwp.com or contact **Jessica Fox at (215) 949-9000 ext. 222** or by email at fox@fallstwp.org.

Fishing Derby Returns Memorial Day



Parks and Recreation is inviting all children ages 5-17 to sign up for our annual Fishing Derby. This event will take place on Memorial Day from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. For further information, contact **Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220** or by email at andrews@fallstwp.org.

Adult Kickball League Forming Soon

One of our most popular activities in 2014 and 2015 was our Adult Kickball League. Falls Township Parks and Recreation is excited to announce that it will once again be running an Adult Kickball League in the summer. League play will begin in July and run through September. For information, please contact **Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220** or by email at andrews@fallstwp.org.

Have Breakfast With the Bunny

Parks and Recreation will be holding its annual Breakfast with the Bunny/Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Falls Township Senior Center. This event is free for all children ages 3-12. Space is limited. Pre-registration will be required through the Community Pass Registration System found on the Township Website: www.fallstwp.com. For further information, contact **Jessica Fox at (215) 949-9000 ext. 222** or by email at fox@fallstwp.org.



Lacrosse Program Available



USA Sport Group is offering an introductory program called "Foundation Lacrosse." The program is designed for beginners ages 5-12. The program will be held for six weeks on Saturdays from April 9-May 21. There will be no program on May 7. Cost for a Falls Township resident is \$105 and \$110 for a non-resident. For further information on how to register, please contact **Matthew Hird at (732) 563-2520 ext. 246** or by email matth@USAsportgroup.com.

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USA Sport Group Offering New Camp

Looking to find something for the kids to do for those weeks after most summer camps end and school begins? Look no further than the Total Play Multi Sports Camp being offered by USA Sport Group. The camp is designed for children ages 3-11. The camp will be broken down into two separate groups (ages 3-5) and (ages 5-11). The program will be held at the Falls Township Community Park. It will be scheduled Mondays-Fridays over a two-week period, August 8-August 12 and August 15-August 19.

Program options:

Week 1 or Week 2: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (ages 5-11)
\$159 resident; \$169 non-resident

Week 1 or Week 2: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (ages 5-11) \$115
resident; \$125 non-resident

Week 1 or Week 2: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ages 5-11) \$189
resident; \$199 non-resident

Week 1 or Week 2: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (ages 3-5)
\$95 resident; \$105 non-resident

****If you choose to sign up for both weeks,
the program fee would double****

To register or for more information, please contact **Matthew Hird** at (732) 563-2520 ext. 246 or by email matth@USAsportgroup.com.

Pavilion Rentals at Falls Township Parks

If you are looking to hold a party, family reunion, non-profit event, or wedding ceremony, please consider reserving our pavilions at the Falls Township Community Park or the Fallsington Gazebo at Fallsington Commemorative Park. To reserve a pavilion or the gazebo, contact **Barbara Loessy** at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or at loessyb@fallstwp.org.



Rent Three Arches For Your Next Event

Looking for space to hold a small meeting or event such as a baby or bridal shower? Please consider Historic Three Arches as your host site. To reserve or for more information, please contact **Barbara Loessy** at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or at loessyb@fallstwp.org.

Discounted Boat Ramp Parking Passes

Do you know Falls Township residents can save money on the purchase of a daily pass for the boat ramp parking lot at Quaker Penn Park if they purchase one at the Township Building as opposed to the kiosk at the boat ramp? This is true. A resident will pay \$15 for a daily pass if purchased at the Township Building as opposed to \$25 if purchased at the kiosk. We also offer a seasonal pass for residents and non-residents alike, which can only be purchased at the Township Building. For further information, please contact **Barbara Loessy** at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or at loessyb@fallstwp.org.

Summer Concert Series

Falls Township Parks and Recreation will hold 13 concerts as part of its annual Summer Concert Series lineup for 2016. All concerts will take place under the pavilion in Phase 1 of the Falls Township Community Park on Sundays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The following is a tentative schedule and is subject to change:



June 19 - Daisy Jug Band

June 26 - Uptown String Band

July 3 - Doris Simon Swing Band

July 10 - Eric Mintel Quartet

July 17 - Point Blank

July 24 - Dennis Ostopowicz Band

July 31 - Big Band from the Valley

August 7 - The Rivers

August 14 - Dennis Ostopowicz Band

August 21 - Old Firesticks

August 28 - Barbone Street Jazz Band

September 4 - Society Music Makers

September 11 - The Mango Men

Six-Week Yoga Programs

Yoga takes place every Monday night from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Parks and Recreation Office. Program runs in six-week intervals. Cost for a resident is \$52. Cost for a non-resident is \$58. The daily drop-in rate is \$10 per class.



For the latest up-to-date information coming out of the Falls Township Parks and Recreation Department, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Both can be accessed by visiting www.fallstwp.com, clicking on the "Parks and Recreation" page, and looking for the link to each feed.



New Township Building Planning Underway

Falls Township professionals are in the process of reviewing plans for what will ultimately be a new, 30 percent larger municipal building.

The project is moving along in the process and could be bid by the end of 2016 following review by Township engineers and architects.

Once complete, the new building will adequately house governmental operations, as well as the Police Department, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Finance, Fire Marshal and provide much-needed meeting space. The Public Works Department will be situated in a standalone building beside the new municipal building.

The municipal building would be situated on the opposite side of the parking lot in the field across from the current township building on Lincoln Highway. The entire project – estimated at \$17 million or \$18 million – is relatively inexpensive compared to other construction costs for neighboring



schools in Bucks County.

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors have budgeted for the new municipal building over the last 16 years. Township officials began putting funds in a long-term restrict-

ed savings account in January 2000. The interest-bearing account has earned money and helped to fund the general fund over the years. The new building will be constructed without any impact to Falls taxpayers.



Dual front and rear in-vehicle cameras will be installed into two Falls Township police cruisers.

Falls Police to Add 2 Vehicle Cameras

With an eye on watching over men and women in blue who protect the Falls Township community, the Falls Supervisors approved the purchase of two in-vehicle camera systems for two police vehicles.

The dual front and rear cameras equipped with microphones would be installed in two police vehicles as part of a pilot program, according to Police Chief Bill Wilcox.

"Up until this time we never utilized car cameras," Chief Wilcox said. "Most of the police departments in Bucks County now utilize in-car camera systems."

The WatchGuard cameras are in use by the Pennsylvania State Police.

Falls Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said the cameras are necessary to keep police safe in the line of duty.

"It's protection for our officers to have a set of eyes that are not going to lie," Harvie said.

If successful, cameras would be added to other police vehicles gradually.

"We'd like to ease them in," the Chief said. "That way it's not a burden to the Township."



Penalties will be levied if motorists have to be rescued during flooding.

Turn Around, Don't Drown

Heavy rain and flooding, at times, causes roads to be closed. Typically, emergency personnel place barricades on the road to notify motorists that the road is closed. Under Pennsylvania state law, motorists who ignore signs and have to be rescued will have to pay expenses, as well as a \$500 fine under the state's **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN** law.

Inland Flooding

Inland flooding is the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States. Every year, almost as many people die from flooding as from hurricanes, tornadoes and lightning combined. Most flood-related deaths and injuries could be avoided if people who come upon areas covered with water followed this simple advice: **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.**

Inland flooding usually occurs during or after a heavy, slow-moving rain storm. But it also can result from strong coastal storms. Severe inland flooding can occur in areas that are hundreds of miles from the eye of a hurricane.

The reason that so many people drown during flooding is because few of them realize the incredible power of water. A mere six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes only two feet of rushing water to carry away a vehicle. This includes pickups and SUVs.

If you come to an area that is covered with water, you will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. This is especially true during the dark, when your vision is more limited.

Play it smart, play it safe. Whether driving or walking, any time you come to a flooded road, **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**



Flash Floods

Inland flooding that leads to drowning usually occurs during flash flood conditions.

Flash floods are those that develop within six hours of a rain storm. That may sound like a lot of time, but severe flash floods can occur in a matter of minutes, depending on the intensity and duration of the rain, the topography of an area, and the condition of the soil and ground cover.

Nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle-related.

Anyone who has witnessed a flash flood can attest to the devastating power of fast-rushing water. Flash floods can roll boulders, uproot trees, destroy buildings and bridges, carry away vehicles and create deep new channels in the earth. Rapidly rising water can reach heights of 30 feet or more. Rain storms that trigger flash floods can also cause catastrophic mud slides.

They made our holidays a little bit brighter



Winners of the Falls Township holiday decorating contest were recognized during a recent Supervisors meeting.

Plots Are Available in the Community Garden



There are 46 plots available at the Community Garden.

The days are getting longer, temperatures are rising, trees are awakening from the winter slumber, and the garden section of the home centers are filling with live plants and seeds. It's springtime. If you are itching to dig in soil and plant tomatoes, peppers or your favorite flowers and have no place for a garden, the Falls Township Community Garden can help.

We have 46 raised plots in the Falls Township Community Park open to all residents. Each bed is 4 feet by 10 feet filled with fertile soil surrounded by a 10-foot fence and ready for seeds, plants and tender care until fall harvest. Water service is also available within the garden.

Apply now to reserve your space. Applications are available at www.fallstwp.com. Click on Departments, then Parks and Recreation and you will see the link on the right hand side. Applications are also available in the township building in the Manager's office or Parks and Recreation office. They are also available on the gate of the garden. Plots go fast and are assigned on a first come basis. For additional information email CommunityGarden@Fallstwp.org.



How to use a fire extinguisher is just one of the topics included in the Citizens Fire Academy, starting in April.

Citizens Fire Academy to Begin in April

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a firefighter? Most of us have, especially as kids.

That is why Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito is offering a Citizens Fire Academy starting on Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. This academy will run for five days: April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19 and June 2. Different topics will be discussed each night.

Some of the topics include:

1. What training is involved, and how long does it take to become a certified firefighter? (188 Hours)
2. Have you ever used a fire extinguisher? We will discuss what is in different extinguishers, how they react, and then do a live hands-on exercise outside using an extinguisher.
3. The three Township volunteer fire departments will display their equipment and demonstrate how it works. Some hands-on activities will be offered.



The Citizens Fire Academy will run for five weeks, beginning in April and extending into June.

4. Do you know basic first aid? CPR? Would you know what to do if one of your loved ones got hurt or had a heart attack? We will have a medical representative teach basic first aid and CPR. He/she will also discuss how to use an AED.

to eat? Stay in a hotel? We will discuss things you should be aware of when outside your home, and will do a fire inspection visit of one of our local businesses or hotels.

5. Basic home safety, including safe cooking, electrical hazards, emergency generators and carbon monoxide, and smoke detectors.

6. Are you familiar with your surroundings when you travel? Go out

To learn more

If you are interested and would like to join our academy, please call Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito at **215-949-9000, ext. 250** to sign up.

Their pictures paint a thousand words



Four of five winners of the Falls Township photo contest were awarded prizes during a recent Supervisors meeting.

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WE DELIVER TO PARTS OF THE FOLLOWING ZIP CODES:
19030, 19054, 19055, 19056, 19057 CALL TO SEE IF YOU ARE IN OUR DELIVERY AREA!



Lucky diners at this year's Que for the Troops will have 75 menus to choose from.

Que for the Troops Teams Expanded for '16

This year's Que for the Troops/Family Festival event is going to be bigger than ever! The Que for the Troops portion of the event will take place Friday, June 3 at the Falls Township Community Park. This year, we are expanding our number of BBQ competitors from 50 to 75 teams!! This will be the largest event yet! In addition to the annual barbeque competition (which benefits Liberty USO), we will once again offer additional activities on Friday night.

The annual Family Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 (the rain date will be Saturday, June 18). This is a FREE event!

For further information, contact **Jessica Fox** at (215) 949-9000 ext. 222 or by email at fox@fallstwp.org.

Tentative Schedule for Friday, June 3 (subject to change):

- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Cruise Night sponsored by the Delaware Valley Roadrunners Car Club (parking lot area in the Phase 1 area at the park).
- 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.** Children's Moon Bounce and Games, BBQ food vendors selling food to the public.
- 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Chicken Wing Eating Contest. (Pre-registration required).
- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.** DJ/Karaoke, Beer Garden (adults 21 and over only).

Tentative Schedule for Saturday, June 4 (subject to change):

- Noon - 8:30 p.m.** Craft and Food Vendors
- Noon - 4 p.m.** Car Show sponsored by the Delaware Valley Roadrunners Car Club (parking lot area in the Phase 1 area at the park).
- 2 p.m.- 8 p.m.** Live Music
- 3 p.m.- 7 p.m.** Children's Rides/Games
- 3 p.m.- 7 p.m.** Face Painting and Balloon Art, etc.
- Dusk:** Fireworks

Falls Township 2016 Sweeping Schedule

The Spring 2016 street sweeping schedule is listed below. On the date(s) that your street is scheduled to be cleaned, please DO NOT park your vehicle(s) on the street between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

If the street sweeper does not arrive on the scheduled day(s), please keep your vehicle(s) off the street during the above mentioned hours until the sweeper cleans your street.

The schedule was prepared so the sweeper will not be on the same day as the recycling pickup day. However, it was unavoidable to miss every trash collection day conflict as we sweep all streets prior to Memorial Day weekend.

If your neighbor is parking his/her vehicle(s) on the street, please ask them to remove the vehicle until the street sweeper has cleaned your street.

LOCATION	SWEEPING DATE
TWP. MAIN ROADS	March 14-24
WILLOWOOD	March 28
MAKEFIELD ROAD VILLAGE	March 29
PENNS PLACE & DECOU VILLAGE	March 30, 31
BIRCH VALLEY	April 1, 4
PENNS GRANT	April 5, 6
LAKESIDE	April 7
OLD FALLSINGTON AREAS/ FALLSINGTON WOODS	April 8
BRISTOL ROAD, LACY AVENUE, REED AVENUE, PENN VALLEY EXT., WHEATSHEAF ROAD, EAST TYBURN RD., CORBIN LANE, CEDAR LANE, LEWIS AVENUE, FERRY ROAD, EAST POST ROAD, BILES LANE, ISLAND STREET, 3RD STREET	April 11
FAIRLESS HILLS – SOUTH OF TRENTON ROAD INCLUDING FAIRBRIDGE AND DREXELWOOD	April 12, 13
ELDERBERRY	April 14, 15
RUE COURT, AMELIA DRIVE AND AMELIA TURN AND ORCHARD DR.AND MILL CREEK ESTATE	April 18
VERMILION HILLS	April 19, 20
PINEWOOD	April 21, 22
NORTH PARK - INCLUDING NASTURTIIUM LANE & NEW POND LANE	April 25-27
HEDGEROW WOODS	April 28, 29
NOTTINGHAM, TAYLOR TRACT, PENN VILLAGE	May 2, 3
YARDLEY FARMS	May 4, 5
THORNRIDGE	May 6, 9, 10
FAIRLESS HILLS-NORTH OF TRENTON ROAD, INCLUDING OAK LANE, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, ARLEANS AVENUE & LEBBIE LANE	May 11, 12
PENNSBURY HEIGHTS	May 13
TOWNSHIP PARKS/INDUSTRIAL PARKS/ETC.	May 16-27

Bare Root Tree Planting Returns for Spring

Falls Township will be offering the Residential Bare Root Tree program again this spring to Falls Township residents. The pilot program that took place in the fall had a great turnout and we are expecting the same for the spring.

The Township purchases trees through the Pennsbury Horticultural Society's Bare Root Tree Program each spring and fall and decided to offer our residents the discounted price. The Township will be offering 10 trees on a first come, first served basis for residents to purchase.

Trees cost \$25 each (prices are subject to change and the residents will be notified), which includes two stakes and ties (which are required for the Bare Root trees). The Bare Root trees must be planted on the front or side of the property. They must be 10 feet from the sidewalk.

April 15 is the application deadline. Trees will be available for pickup on Saturday, April 23 at the Township building. Residents are responsible for pickup and tree planting.

Tips for Planting a Bare Root Tree



1. Unpack your trees, carefully untangle the roots and soak the roots in water 3 to 6 hours.

2. Dig a hole, wider than seems necessary, so the roots can grow outward without crowding. Remove any grass within a 3-foot circular area. To aid root growth, turn soil in an area up to 3 feet in diameter.

3. Plant the tree at the same depth it stood in the nursery, with plenty of room for the roots. Partially fill the hole, firming the soil around the lower roots. Do not add soil amendments such as peat or bark. Do not use fertilizer, potting soil, or chemicals on your new trees.

4. Shovel in remaining soil. It should be firmly but not tightly packed. Construct a water-holding basin around the tree. Give it plenty of water.

5. Spread your mulch two inches deep in a 3-foot diameter area around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.

6. Keep Roots Moist. The soil and mulch around your trees should be kept moist but not soggy. During dry weather, water the tree every 7 to 10 days during the first year. Water slowly at the dripline.

The application can be found on <http://www.fallstwp.com/government/shade-tree-commission.aspx>

Safety Aim of Sidewalk Addition

With an eye on increased pedestrian and bicycle safety, the Falls Supervisors put the wheels in motion for a safer crossing near the Oxford Valley Golf Course and connecting sidewalks along New Falls Road.

In an effort to be proactive in saving the lives of walkers and bike riders, the Board approved an intent to award a concrete and asphalt sidewalk installation between Vermilion Drive and Penn Valley Road.

Supervisors are putting public safety first.

"If I can move one person to the sidewalk and save one life I'm okay with making that decision," Supervisor Jeff Boraski said. "I drive that road multiple times a day ... it's a necessary project."

The board previously rejected a proposal for an 8-foot-wide macadam walkway which would have cost \$900,000.

"I see people walking every day, just about," Supervisor Chairman Bob Harvie said. "We're trying to make it safe."

In addition to keeping pedestrians and bicyclists safe, the goal is to connect neighborhoods with Pennsbury High School, as well as attractions, including Jo Jo's Ice Cream and Water Ice and the Levittown Lanes bowling alley.

In Bristol Township, fatalities along New Falls Road forced the town to add a walkway and crosswalks.

To make walking or riding along New Falls Road safer, the board suggested adding signage encouraging walkers and bicyclists to use the side of the roadway opposite Thornridge.

Bulk Disposal Day April 16

Mark your calendars for the next FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY, which will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. This bulk disposal program is for resident homeowners of Falls Township and Tullytown Borough. Proof of residency is required. It is not intended for commercial customers or contractors.

DROP OFF LOCATION: GROWS Landfill behind Waste Management's Turkey Hill Office, 1000 New Ford Mill Road.

Residents can drop off bulky waste items, yard waste and appliances. For additional information please call **800-869-5566**.

PLEASE NOTE: The following materials can not be accepted: liquids, oil, paint, car batteries, propane tanks, gas cylinders, hazardous household wastes, tires, chemicals, pesticides and spray cans. No refrigerators, air conditioners or freezers. No electronics including TVs, computer equipment, stereo equipment, or any other electrical item that plugs in or operates on batteries. Bucks County organizes Household Hazardous Waste collections throughout the year. For further details on the Household Hazardous Waste collections, please call **215-345-3400**.

Fire Marshal Offers Cleanup Tips

With warmer weather and longer days approaching, Falls Township residents are emerging from their winter cocoons to focus on long-neglected projects like spring cleaning, home repairs, and yard work. Many are also lacing up their shoes for their first outdoor walk or jog of the season. These activities can be beneficial, but they also involve a variety of health and safety hazards that can be avoided with proper precautions. To help ensure everyone stays safe, the Falls Township Fire Marshal's office offers the following tips and suggests you post them where they can be seen by your family members and co-workers:

- Household and pool chemicals, paints, and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or that look bad.
- Wear rubber gloves and follow the safety directions on packaging when cleaning up hazardous chemicals. Never mix chemicals in the same container. If you don't know how to dispose of them, seek outside advice. Never put them in the trash or pour down the drain.
- Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well-marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gas-



oline storage.

- Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts, or floors.
- Clean up work areas. Store dangerous tools, adhesives, matches, or other work items away from children's reach.
- Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks, and be sure to store any propane tanks away from

your house and garage.

- Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers, and magazines. Pay special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters, and dryer, as well as under the stairs.
- Check your smoke detectors and change the batteries twice a year.

Road, Bridge, Pool Upgrades Planned

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors is getting a jumpstart on preparations for its annual road program, as well as a pedestrian bridge replacement for Vermilion Hills and repairs to Pinewood Pool.

The board approved a trio of engineering proposals for the projects, which are all expected to get underway in Spring 2016. Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said the engineering costs are being funded from the 2015 budget. Repairs will be budgeted in the 2016 spending plan.

The 2016 road improvement program will focus on road reconstruction of Howley Drive within the Hedgerow Woods section of Falls Township. The engineering will prepare for work on both sides of Mill Creek Parkway. For 2016, mill and overlay improvements will be carried out on the westbound lanes of the Mill Creek Parkway, from the intersection with Falls-Tullytown Road to the intersection with Levittown Parkway. The proposal also includes design scope for full depth reconstruction of Walton Drive from the intersection with Elbow Lane to the intersection with Bernard Drive.

Residents living in Vermilion Hills will be able to travel

easier on foot once the Vermilion Hills pedestrian bridge is replaced. The current bridge, which has been condemned and unusable for some time, makes walking in the area more cumbersome.

"You have to walk almost a half mile around it," Supervisor Brian Galloway said. "Replacing the bridge is important for the neighborhood."

The single span pedestrian bridge will be equipped with safety fencing and will look similar to the existing bridge. In addition to the bridge replacement, the project includes drainage improvements to help alleviate storm-water ponding issues in the area of Vermont Lane within the greenbelt.

Swimmers at Pinewood Pool will have the opportunity to enjoy pool improvements for the 2016 season. The board intends to have the plaster and tile of the main pool repaired. Pinewood Pool has been open since 2004. Engineer Jim Sullivan estimates that the pool improvements would have at least a 10-year life.

Before any of the projects can begin, the board would need to solicit bids from responsible contractors.

Dog Training Coming to Falls Township Community Park

You already know that Falls Township Community Park is a great place to walk your dog, play with the kids and go boating.

Did you know the park is also an ideal place to train your dog?

Beginning in the spring, Katie Brennan of Boundless Canine, Training and Pet Services will offer dog training opportunities at Falls Township Community Park.

Brennan, of Bristol Township, has been training professionally for four years. She is also certified in several professional organizations and is fully insured.

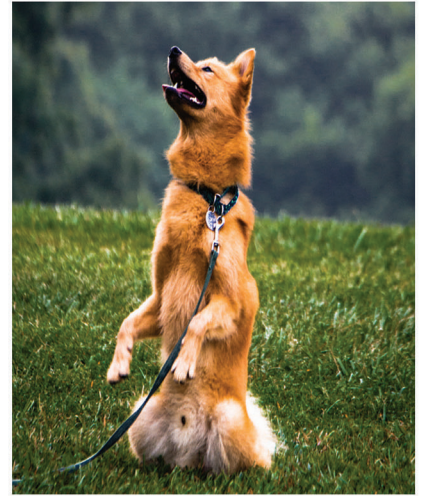
"I frequent the park constantly," she told the Board of Supervisors during a recent meeting. "We walk. We love it."

The Supervisors approved a one-year agreement with Brennan to allow her to use the park as a training site. In return, Falls Township will receive 20 percent of the training fees she collects.

"I wish everybody could train their dogs," Supervisor Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence said. "It would be a much better world, especially to walk in the park. I think it's a great idea."

Jessica Fox, Falls Township Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, said the Township has a huge dog population, yet has limited dog training options.

"It's a great opportunity for pets and their owners to spend some time out in our park," Fox said.



Falls Increases Energy Savings with LED Lights

In 2015 Falls Township switched 2,168 street lights from traditional lights to more efficient LED fixtures. As a result, the Township has been able to cut its street light fund by 20 percent as compared to the amount paid five years ago.

The Township is now planning to generate even more savings with the purchase of 99 additional LED fixtures for use at Falls Township Community Park, Tyburn Road, East Trenton Avenue and other various locations through

out the Township. Falls Township contractor Amour and Sons Electric is doing the retrofit and will install the fixtures.

"They use a lot less energy," Falls Supervisor Chairman Bob Harvie said of LED lights, which also last longer.

Next year Falls Township is planning to purchase 70 colonial style LED fixtures that the Public Works Department will install, thereby completing the project.



Spring Yard Waste Cleanup

Falls Township's Spring yard waste cleanup will be on April 23. Yard waste must be bagged in 30-gallon biodegradable paper bags or placed in 30-gallon trash containers without lids by 6 a.m. on April 23 in the same location as your regular trash pick-up.

Branches must be no larger than four feet in length, bundled, and not to exceed 50 pounds.

PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS.



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