

FALLS TOWNSHIP

Fall / Winter 2023-2024

Bucks County, Pa.

Anticipating New Municipal Building

To renovate or rebuild. Those were the options our Board of Supervisors contemplated a few years ago when we began re-evaluating our current municipal building and our township's needs well into the future.

As you read this, our building is under construction. All of our municipal and police operations have been relocated to a temporary location at 430-450 Lincoln Highway. Our staff will continue to operate and serve our residents and businesses from that location throughout construction, which we estimate will continue for approximately 14-18 months. While all of our services will remain the same in this temporary space, the setup is a bit different. Administrative Offices, Police Department and the Tax Office, permitting and other township functions will all be available at a single counter, instead of the multiple counters available at the municipal building.

Our board and its professionals worked tirelessly to ensure the smoothest transition possible while construction is underway.

I am confident that any inconvenience our residents and business owners endured from driving to this temporary location or attending our Supervisors, Planning Commission or Zoning Hearing Board meetings at Middletown Township's municipal building during construction will be worthwhile once our new building is finished.

Getting back to my initial thought: To renovate or rebuild. Our board, led by Township Manager Matthew Takita, an architect who has worked in public service for more than 30 years, opted to undertake a combination of renovation and rebuilding. Our existing municipal building will be demolished to the shell and reconstructed with brand-new mechanical systems, electrical, HVAC and plumbing.

We are expanding our building's footprint in response to the needs of our community. Our new building will feature a community room that residents, as well as local groups and organizations can use. In anticipating our current needs and growth in the future, we included about 20 percent more space for the police department.

In addition to incorporating state-of-the-art technological advancements to put Falls Township's municipal building at the forefront, the project entails a complete updating of the existing building and integrating functions. Upgrades will include improvements to administration, code enforcement and the fire marshal, finance, parks and recreation, police, tax collector and public works.

Beyond typical renovations, our newly reimagined municipal building will be more welcoming and easier to navigate with a new front vestibule and better signage.

With regular maintenance and good care, our professionals anticipate our municipal building will meet the needs of our community well into the future.

I simply can't wait to see the finished product and invite all of our residents to visit the new space once it is reopened.

- Jeffrey Dence

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Falls Township Contact Information

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TEMPORARY ADDRESSES DURING CONSTRUCTION

Police: 430 Lincoln Highway, Suite 225, Fairless Hills, PA 19030;
Administration: 450 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA 19030

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 Jeff Boraski, Vice Chairman

Brian Galloway, Secretary / Treasurer

John Palmer, Supervisor
 Erin Mullen, Supervisor

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Township Information - Press 3
 After you press 3 for Township information, the following numbers indicate each department

Receptionist - 1

Code Enforcement/Permits - 2
 Matthew Takita, Zoning Officer

**Director of Emergency Services/
 Fire Marshal/Asst. Mgr - 3**
 Richard Dippolito

Public Works Department - 4
 Jason Lawson, Public Works Director

Parks and Recreation - 5
 Brian Andrews, Director

Finance Department - 6
 Betsy Reukauf, Director

Tax Office - 7
 Kimberly Scarpiello

Township Manager - 8
 Matthew Takita, Township Manager

Human Resources - 9

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Police Department

Add Your Name to the 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**.

(More Police Department News On Page 3)



Falls Township Police officer Robert Evangelista (left), joins (from left) Lieutenant Christopher Clark, Chief Nelson Whitney, II, police officer Scott Hall and police officer Mark Stillman. Good luck to the new police officers.

Police Force Names Three New Officers

Three newly hired police officers were sworn in at Magisterial District Court 7-1-10 by Judge Jan Vislosky.

P/O Robert Evangelista, Badge #131

Police officer Evangelista is a lifelong resident of Warminster Township. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Delaware Valley College. He graduated with his police certification in 2020 from the Delaware County Police Academy. He is active in the community as a coach and board member with Warminster Pioneers Youth Football and Cheer Association as well as a volunteer with the Officer Brad Fox Foundation.

P/O Mark Stillman, Badge #132

Police officer Stillman, a native of the Midwest, became a Buckingham Township resident in 2018. He earned his Bachelor of Science, Chemistry Education, Secondary Chemistry, from Purdue University. He is active in the community as a volunteer firefighter with the Midway Volunteer Fire Company, Lahaska.

P/O Scott Hall, Badge #134

Police officer Hall, originally from Northampton Township, became a New Britain Borough resident in 2020. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Arcadia University. Prior to joining the force, Hall worked full-time with people suffering from intellectual disabilities. Hall is active in the community as he participates in the Saint Mary Medical Center Volunteering for Pennsylvania Program. He is a youth soccer referee, a member of Athletes Helping Athletes, a member of the Central Bucks Youth Aid Panel, and on the Bucks County Quality Council for IDD.

SafetyNet Tracking Systems



Caring for someone with a cognitive condition who wanders is a considerable responsibility. SafetyNet Tracking Systems helps public safety agencies quickly find and bring home loved ones who may be lost.

Falls Township Police can provide your loved one with a SafetyNet bracelet that they should always wear. Water-proof bracelets feature a radio frequency transmitter that emits a continuous signal. If a loved one is missing, caregivers would contact authorities immediately. Trained search and rescue teams track the signal emitted from the bracelet, locate the missing person and return him or her home safely.

Radio frequency technology can work in densely wooded areas, buildings and shallow water, even when GPS and cellular technology can not.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this program, or would like additional information, please contact the Falls Township Police Department at (215) 949-9100.

Find Us On Social Media

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



Police Reports Available Online

Police reports are now available online through *Crashdocs.org*. Cost is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for attorneys and insurance companies. Online report availability is provided through Carfax, which also offers an investigative element for police.

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.

Police Department



Supervisor John Palmer, Lt. Christopher Clark, Lt. Martial Belinsky, Lt. Steve Langan, Supervisors Erin Mullen, Jeff Dence, Brian Galloway, and Police Chief Nelson Whitney during a recent Supervisors meeting.

Falls Promotes Three Officers to Lieutenant

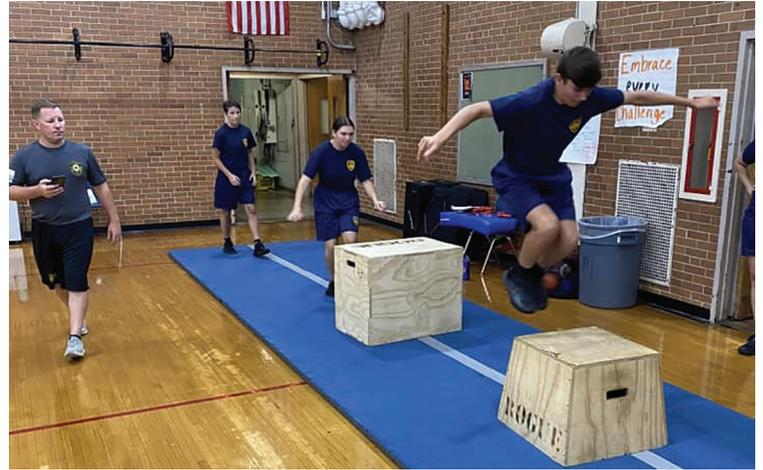
Three long-time police officers have officially risen to the rank of lieutenant.

The Falls Supervisors voted unanimously to promote Sgt. Christopher Clark, Sgt. Martial Belinsky and Cpl. Steve Langan to the role of lieutenant.

Clark, who has 25 years with the department, has served in both the patrol and criminal investigative divisions.

Belinsky has 38 years with Falls Township Police and has served in both the patrol and criminal investigative divisions.

Langan, a police officer of 23 years, has served in the patrol division and has been a member of the K-9 unit and SWAT team.



Thirty cadets recently graduated from this year's Youth Police Academy. Students learned about various aspects of law enforcement during the 10-day program.

Exchange Internet Purchases in Safety

Anyone who uses the police department's Internet Purchase Exchange Location is welcome to make exchanges at the department's temporary location, 430 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills while the municipal building construction is ongoing. However the temporary location does not provide a designated spot for exchanges and it is not monitored.

Congratulations

Falls Township would like to recognize our dedicated staff for reaching years of service milestones in their employment.

5 Years

Melissa Haxel

Donald McAnulty

10 Years

Nicholas Pinto

15 Years

Michael Callahan

David Gold

Betsy Reukauf

Mary Stockton

John Vella

20 Years

Richard Krotz

Maryjo Westerhold

25 Years

Christopher Clark

35 Years

Jonathan Ceaser

Leon Thompson

Nelson Whitney

40 Years

Joseph Arnao

Parks and Recreation

Youth Kickball

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is once again holding a youth kickball program (ages 7-11) on Saturdays 10-11 a.m. at the Mill Creek Road Sports Complex (Levittown Continental Challenger Field). Dates of the program will be September 23 through October 28. Cost for a resident is \$10; non-resident is \$15. Registrations will be done online only using an existing Community Pass Account. If you need assistance with registration, please contact



Brian Andrews by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com or by phone at (215) 949-9006.

Glow In The Dark Zumba

Come on out and enjoy an outside Glow In The Dark Zumba class on the grounds of Three Arches (335 Trenton Road) on Friday, September 22 from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Must be 16 years of age or older. Registrations must be done online only using an existing Community Pass Account. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Parks and Recreation Coordinator Erin Long by email at e.long@fallstwp.com or by phone at (215) 949-9018.

Coffee House at Three Arches

Individuals of high school age or older interested in sharing poetry, displaying a favorite drawing or painting, or playing a musical instrument with others will have an opportunity to share those talents with others during a Coffee House program at Three Arches (335 Trenton Road) on Sunday, September 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event will take place outdoors under the “arches” (weather permitting). Light refreshments will be provided. For further info or to confirm your attendance, please email Erin Long at e.long@fallstwp.com or call (215) 949-9018.

Yoga

Indoor Yoga at The Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road) in the Annex Building continues on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Six-week session cost is \$48 for residents; \$54 for non-residents. Drop-in rate is \$10 per class. We need a minimum of eight participants registered in order to run the class. Interested participants can register online using their existing Community Pass Account. For further information or if anyone needs assistance with



registration, please contact Barbara Loessy by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com or by phone at (215) 949-9004.

Medicare Information Workshop

Getting close to retirement and not sure what Medicare will and will not cover? We are offering you the opportunity to get answers to these questions! A representative from DelVal Senior Advisers will be on hand to provide a FREE educational seminar on Thursday, October 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Annex Building at the Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road). To pre-register, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006 or by email b.andrews@fallstwp.com.

Movie In The Park

Looking for a fun and FREE family night out? Come on out to our Movie Night In The Park on Saturday, October 14. The movie is the original “Ghostbusters.” The movie will begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. on the field adjacent to the pavilion at the Falls Township Community Park (off the Mill Creek Road entrance to the park). Additionally, prior to the movie, we will have bounce houses and yard games for the kids as well from 5-7 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.



Park and Recreation Board Meetings

The Park and Recreation Board will meet the first Tuesday of the month at Three Arches (335 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA 19030) at 7 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. Note: The first meeting of fall will be Tuesday, September 5. For questions or further information, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006.

“Witchy” Storytime

On Sunday, October 29 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., bring the kids out for a Halloween-themed program at Fallington Commemorative Park (285 Yardley Avenue). Our favorite witch will be reading stories. There will be a craft, and light refreshments will also be provided. **This is a FREE program.**



Holiday Party/Tree Lighting

Falls Township will be holding a Holiday Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Falls Township Senior Center on Saturday, December 2 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pre-registration will be required using an existing Capturepoint/Community Pass account. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Tree Lighting will take place at 6 p.m. For information, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006.



A Fun Day for the Whole Family



Falls Township will be holding an all-day affair which will prove to be a good time for everyone. The first event is our annual Touch a Truck/Family Festival event, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Falls Township Community Park. A quiet hour for our community members with special sensory needs will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Come out and explore construction vehicles, fire engines, police vehicles, and much more. Levittown Fire Company #1 will be selling food and drink. There will be bounce houses, facepainting, balloon artistry, table vendors and much more.

After a short break, we will hold our Food Truck/Live Music/Beer Garden event from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come out and sample various food trucks, take in live music from the band "Spare Parts" and purchase beer from the Fairless Hills Fire Department beer garden. The day culminates with awesome fireworks at dusk.

Community Yard Sale Returns October 1

COMMUNITY
YARD SALE

Sunday, October 1 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Clear out the clutter and trade your unwanted items for cash at the Community Yard Sale on Sunday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park (soccer field located next to the pavilion off the Mill Creek Road entrance into the park). Proceeds from the sale of table space will be donated to Fallsington Library. Cost for one table space is \$20 or two spaces for \$35. Participants must provide their own table(s). To request a vendor form or further information, please email Barbara Loessy at b.loessy@fallstwp.com or phone at (215) 949-9004.

Falls Seeks to Recoup EIT Funds

The fiscally responsible Board of Supervisors is working to bring \$1,180,000 back to township coffers.

That's the amount of earned income tax that Falls Township estimates it is losing to the City of Philadelphia. Approximately 1,810 Falls residents work in Philadelphia and are therefore assessed the 3.448 percent Philadelphia wage tax. The Sterling Act, which was enacted in 1932, prevents municipalities from collecting the EIT from residents who work in Philadelphia.

The governing body is hopeful that that may change. The board unanimously approved a resolution to request an amendment to the Sterling Act, which, if enacted, would allow Falls to collect its 1 percent EIT from Falls residents who work in Philadelphia.

Recouping lost EIT monies will not happen "unless and until the legislature amends the Sterling Act," township attorney Lauren Gallagher told the board.

With the exception of Philadelphia, Falls residents who work in other municipalities still pay their EIT to Falls Township. If the Sterling Act were to be amended, Falls Township residents would still pay the same in earned income taxes. However, instead of paying the full Philadelphia wage tax, a portion of their tax (up to 1%) would be paid to Falls Township.

The township enacted an EIT in January. Taxes are assessed on all income earned from working. Social security, unemployment compensation and pensions are not subject to an earned income tax.

Supervisor Erin Mullen noted that residents attended earlier meetings and expressed displeasure at the board's inability to collect an earned income tax from those working in Philadelphia. Mullen said she hopes residents will be "satisfied" that Falls and other townships "are trying something" to resolve the problem.

Board Plans Pedestrian Safety Upgrades

With an eye on public safety, the Falls Township Supervisors set the wheels in motion for greater pedestrian protection along a state-owned roadway.

The Supervisors unanimously approved a proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers to install rectangular rapid flash beacon traffic control devices on New Falls Road and Vermillion Drive. Even though New Falls Road is owned by the state, Supervisor Vice Chairman Jeff Boraski said the township is sponsoring the pedestrian improvements.

"The Township felt it was in our best interest and the residents' best interest to move forward with this project," said Boraski.

Driving along New Falls Road from Penn Valley Road to Tyburn Road, you can see a couple of memorials in place, Boraski said.

The walkways will be equipped with wired push buttons for crossing on both sides of the crosswalk, Boraski said, adding that the township will call on police to step up enforcement in the area.

"We've had some incidents there and probably more close calls than you can imagine," he said. "We want the traffic to stop to allow these children and their families to cross safely."

Boraski added that the project is "a step in the right direction" in improving safety along New Falls Road.

Township Manager Matthew Takita said he anticipates the project concluding by the end of 2023.



Rectangular rapid flash beacons are designed to increase driver awareness of pedestrians crossing roadways at marked midblock crossings. The beacons consist of rectangular shaped amber LED lights

installed below pedestrian warning signs.

The pedestrian safety upgrades are expected to cost \$57,177 based on Remington & Vernick Engineers' proposal.

Falls Welcomes New Businesses

Falls Township has had the pleasure of welcoming more than three dozen new businesses and, in some cases, new locations for existing businesses over the last six months. A tenet of our Live Here, Spend Here campaign is that by shopping Falls first we continue to bolster our local economy, creating jobs and helping our local businesses to thrive.

We welcome the following new business additions:

Philly's Steaks & Beer, 160 Bristol Oxford Valley Rd., Langhorne;
Premium Barbershop, 8616 New Falls Rd., Levittown;
Sims Metal, 1513 Bordentown Rd., Ste. D, Morrisville;
Gardner Family Chiropractic, 664 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;
Ramsey's Lawn & Landscaping Service, 81 Falls-Tullytown Rd., Ste. C, Levittown;
Green Health Choice, LLC, 225 Lincoln Highway, Ste. G16, Fairless Hills;
Been There Dump That, 351 Philadelphia Ave., Morrisville;
Redbox of Bucks County, 351 W. Philadelphia Ave., Ste. 200, Morrisville;
Port Contractors, 1513 Bordentown Rd., Ste. E, Morrisville;
KPG Commercial Management, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste. 204/211, Fairless Hills;
Burn's Auto Group, 8 Lincoln Cir., Fairless Hills;
Phila Rhythmic Academy, Inc., 375 W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville;
5.11, 630 Commerce Blvd., Fairless Hills;
Trinity Care Pharmacy, LLC, 169 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;
State Farm Insurance, 372 W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville;
Milan Laser Hair Removal, 110 Lincoln Hwy., Ste. 2, Fairless Hills;
Vellapais, Inc., 221 Lower Morrisville Rd., Ste. A, Fallsington;
Woods Community Services, 18 Tanglewood Ln., Levittown;
Exeter 199 Canal, LLC, 199 Canal Rd., Fairless Hills;
Exeter 279 Canal, LLC, 279 Canal Rd., Fairless Hills;
Quintana Artist Management, 81 Big Oak Rd., Ste. 102D, Morrisville;
Fear Boutique, LLC, 81 Big Oak Rd., Ste. 105, Morrisville;
New Jersey Tutoring Corps, Inc., 81 Big Oak Rd., Ste. 112, Morrisville;

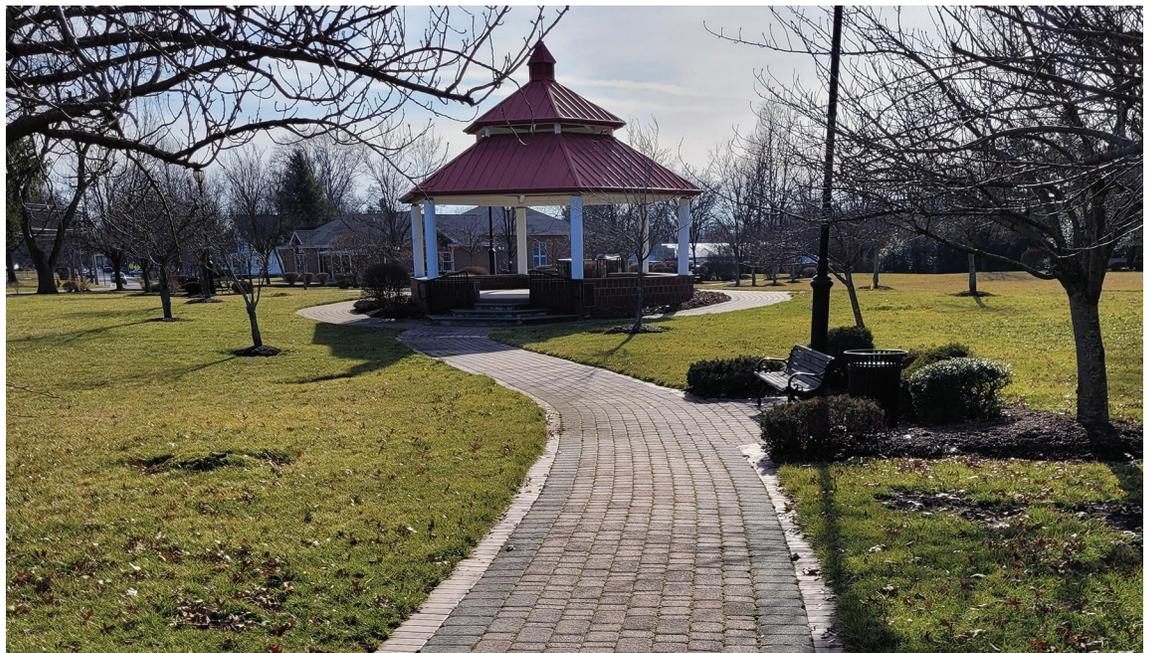


Kinder Morgan, 995 S. Port Rd., Fairless Hills;
Atlantic Recovery Services, Inc., 1313 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 106, Morrisville;
RPK Construction, LLC, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste. 152, Fairless Hills;
Merryman Electrical Construction, LLC, 108 Penn Ln., Fallsington;
Burns Heating & Cooling, LLC, 506 Curtis Dr., Morrisville;
MC Janitorial Services, 169 Simons Dr., Morrisville;
Allied Home Services, 46 Edgewood Ln., Levittown;
Wolverine Hearing Group, 900 W. Trenton Ave., Ste. 3, Morrisville;
Kristen Kratz Lactation Care, LLC, 400 N. Buckstown Dr., Ste. 1A, Langhorne;
Original's Pizza Three Brothers, LLC, 833 W. Trenton Ave., Ste. 3, Morrisville;
Jag-One Physical Therapy, 333 N. Oxford Valley Rd., Ste. 102, Fairless Hills;
Meraki Skyn Waxn, LLC, 81 Big Oak Rd., Ste. 104, Morrisville;
Newport Village Apartments, 8590 New Falls Rd., Ste. K7, Levittown;
Rocco's Italian Sausages & Cheesesteaks, 400 Commerce Blvd., Ste. 100, Fairless Hills;
Woodbourne Property Managers, 400 W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville;
Love 2 Learn Scholar Corp., 231 Guilford Rd., Fairless Hills.

Honor a Loved One with a Brick

The Memorial Brick Program is an opportunity to honor a loved one at one of our most beautiful parks. Purchase a 4" x 8" brick (red w/black engraving) and have it placed along the walkway leading to the Veteran's Memorial at the Fallsington Commemorative Park (285 Yardley Avenue, Levittown). Cost is \$125. We will accept orders for 2023 (Sept. 15-Dec. 15). Applications are available at www.fallstwp.com/media/3786/memorial-brick-program-registration-form-final-version.pdf.

Estimated time of install is tentatively summer 2024. If you have any questions, please call (215) 949-9004.



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U.S. Senate

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Falls Township Polling Places

1-1	Fallsington Elementary School	134 Yardley Ave.	Fallsington
1-2	Pennsbury West High School	608 S. Olds Blvd.....	Fairless Hills
1-3	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School	185 Walton Dr.	Morrisville
1-4	Village Park Elementary School	75 Unity Dr.	Fairless Hills
1-5	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School	185 Walton Dr.	Morrisville
1-6	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School	185 Walton Dr.	Morrisville
1-7	Fallsington Elementary School	134 Yardley Ave.	Fallsington
2-1	Oxford Valley Elementary School	430 Trenton Rd.	Fairless Hills
2-2	Pennsbury West High School	608 S. Olds Blvd.....	Fairless Hills
3-1	Oxford Valley Elementary School	430 Trenton Rd.	Fairless Hills
3-2	Pennsbury West High School	608 S. Olds Blvd.....	Fairless Hills
4-1	St. Paul's Episcopal Church.....	89 Pinewood Dr.....	Levittown
4-2	Penn Valley Elementary School.....	180 North Turn Ln.	Levittown
4-3	Manor Elementary School	401 Penn Valley Rd.....	Levittown
4-4	Penn Valley Elementary School.....	180 North Turn Ln.	Levittown
4-5	Penn Valley Elementary School.....	180 North Turn Ln.	Levittown
4-6	Manor Elementary School	401 Penn Valley Rd.....	Levittown
4-7	Manor Elementary School	401 Penn Valley Rd.....	Levittown

Falls Continues “Live Here, Spend Here”

In an effort to promote existing Township businesses and encourage residents to spend more – or all – of their hard-earned money within Township borders, the Falls Supervisors are continuing with the popular “Live Here, Spend Here” initiative. Spending in one’s hometown not only supports the local business community, but creates jobs, strengthens the local economy and helps lessen the need for municipal taxes.

If each of the 13,000 Falls Township households spend as little as \$20 weekly on takeout dinner, or a gift from a local boutique, we could ensure that more than \$13 million is spent within our Township borders. The more spending our community does

within Falls Township, the greater support we provide to our local businesses.

- Our local businesses, in turn, give back to our community by:
- Creating local jobs for our neighbors
- Buying supplies and services from other local businesses
- Investing in our community
- Strengthening our local economy
- Generating tax revenue to reduce the need for municipal taxes

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To nominate a business to be featured as part of our Live Here, Spend Here effort, email admin@fallstwp.com.

Yard Waste Collection Dates Set

Falls Township will collect all yard waste, as well as leaves, on Saturday, November 4, Saturday, November 11 and Saturday, December 2.

We will not accept yard waste with the regular trash.

Leaves **MUST** be bagged in 30-gallon biodegradable **PAPER BAGS** or placed in 30-gallon trash containers **WITHOUT LIDS**.

They are to be placed curbside by 6

a.m. on the designated collection day in the same location as your regular trash pickup. **LEAVES IN ANY OTHER CONTAINER WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

Christmas trees will also be collected at an upcoming date. This collection date will also be put on the Township website and Facebook page.

Trees will not be picked up with the regular trash.

Electronics Recycling Planned November 4

Falls Township will be offering an electronics recycling event on Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants must be Falls residents. Reservations are required. Stay tuned for updates on our website and social media as the date gets closer.

Fall Yard Advice for Conservation



Image by ilovehz on Freepik

Leave the Leaves: Leaves provide food, shelter and nesting to a variety of wildlife and insects, such as moth and butterfly pupae;

Build a Brush Shelter: Branches, sticks and leaves can be used to make brush piles that shelter native wildlife;

Leave the Seeds: Perennials and grasses should be left standing over winter (seed-bearing perennials such as purple coneflower, Joe Pye weed and sunflowers provide valuable food for songbirds;

Avoid Chemical Fertilizers: Grass clippings and mulched leaf litter can provide plant nutrition; chemical fertilizers can reduce beneficial insects.

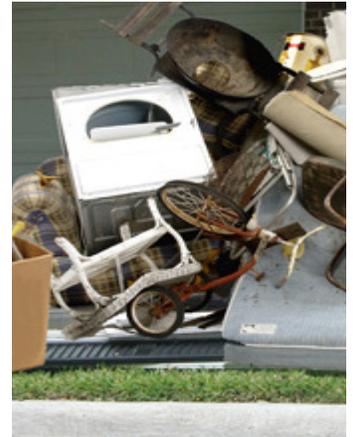
Bulk Disposal Day Oct. 21

Mark your calendars for the next **FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY**, which will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 7 a.m. to 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.

WHERE: GROWS Landfill behind Waste Management's Turkey Hill Office, 1000 New Ford Mill Road, Falls Township

DROP OFF: Bulky waste items, yard waste and appliances. For additional information please call Waste Management at **(800) 869-5566**.

PLEASE NOTE: The following materials cannot 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**.





**FAIRLESS HILLS
HEALTH CENTER**

CHIROPRACTIC

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www.fairlesshillshealthcenter.com

Best Practices For Recycling

Municipal and state regulations require that residents, commercial establishments, and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. Commonly recycled materials include:

- Paper – newspaper, office/copy paper, glossy paper, color paper, cardboard, junk mail, phone books, cereal/cracker boxes
- Plastic – bottles and jugs
- No. 1-7
- Glass – clear, green and brown containers
- Metal – aluminum, steel, tin, and bimetal cans and containers

Please check with your hauler for a complete list of acceptable recyclable materials.



Avoid contamination of recycling materials with food or liquids

Materials contaminated with food or liquid cannot be recycled. Here is what you should do:

- Check that the material is recyclable. Look for the recycle symbol on items.
- Rinse jars, bottles, and cans that have visible residue in them. A quick rinse is usually adequate.
- Throw away heavily soiled items.

Acceptable waste is recycled

This question often comes up. People are concerned that not all the materials they put in their recycle bin are recycled. Their concern is that some end up in landfills. This leads some to minimize their recycling efforts. According to several major waste management firms in Montgomery County, all the acceptable recycled materials listed above are being recycled.

You should continue to recycle all the items listed in the first bulleted list above.

Things you should not put in your recycle bin

- Foam containers and cups, even if they have a recycle symbol on them
- Cups coated with wax or plastic such as soda cups
- Plastic bags such as grocery store bags (You can often take these bags back to the grocery store.)
- Flexible packaging such as chip bags or juice pouches
- Plastic wrap
- Container caps
- Diapers



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What Does the Fire Marshal's Office Do?

The Falls Township Fire Marshal's Office is comprised of five full-time employees. The Director of Emergency Services/Fire Marshal, three Fire Inspector/Firefighters and an Administrative Assistant.

The department completes a wide variety of assignments throughout the year. The primary responsibilities of the office include conducting fire investigations to determine origin and cause, completing life/safety inspections, and responding to all fire and emergency incidents during the day to supplement the local volunteer fire companies.

The department completes life/safety inspections at nearly 1,000 locations annually. These locations include

every business, school, hotel/motel, apartment complex and daycare within the township. Collectively the office responded to over 644 fire company incidents in 2022.

The department also completes the additional tasks of reviewing fire detection and suppression plans for new installations and modifications of systems, inspecting the same systems to ensure compliance with regulations, following up on fire company responses to reduce false alarms, conducting fire prevention/safety training sessions, completing incident pre-planning exercises, testing and installing smoke detectors and other miscellaneous tasks as needed.

Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January and February. Heating equipment is involved in one in every seven reported home fire and one in every six home fire deaths.

Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your house.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home, any nearby buildings and fences.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

There have been far too many unnecessary tragedies due to non-working or missing smoke detectors. Smoke detectors save lives. If you need them, please contact the Fire Marshal's office and we will provide and install them free of charge.



Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms monthly by pressing the "test" button.

- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

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Sign up for Text Notifications

Falls Township, in coordination with Bucks County, is currently upgrading our emergency and community notification system known as Ready Bucks/Everbridge. If you would like to receive emergency notifications, such as severe weather, missing children, road closures or sheltering in place, please sign up using the QR code to the right.

You will also have the ability to receive community notifications, such as upcoming community events, Pinewood pool openings and closings, concert information, and Touch a Truck/Family Festival information. You can select the type of notifications you receive, as well as how to receive them, i.e. text, email, etc.



Levittown Fire Company Looking for Help



There's more than one way to volunteer. In addition to needing firefighters, the Levittown Fire Company is looking for volunteers to help with fundraising, events, maintenance on equipment and facilities and other administrative tasks. We offer several incentives as a "thank you" for your service.

If you would like more information, stop by any Wednesday evening after 7 p.m. during our Drill or Duty Crew Night. Our address is 701 Falls Tullytown Road, Levittown. You can also email us at station32@levittownfire.com or you can complete an application online at www.levittownfire.com.

Calling Golfers & Sponsors!

The Fairless Hills Fire Department is seeking hole sponsors and golfers for its annual golf outing on Sept. 15. The outing will be held at Bensalem Township Country Club, 2000 Brown Ave., Bensalem.

If interested in getting involved, please reach out to the department via its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FairlessHillsFireDepartment.

Volunteers Needed

Fairless Hills Fire Department is always looking for dedicated volunteers. If interested in learning more, stop by the station on Tuesday, which is located at 425 Hood Blvd., Fairless Hills, after 7 p.m. You can also call (215) 949-0443 or email fairlesshillsfiredepartment@gmail.com.



Please Volunteer

The Falls Township Fire Company is continually seeking volunteers for our organization. Volunteers are needed for firefighting and emergency responses. No previous training required. The Falls Township Fire company will provide the formal training needed. A junior firefighter program is also provided for anyone who is at least 16 years of age. Don't want to fight fire but still want to volunteer? We are looking for auxiliary members as well. These members may help by assisting with community events, fundraising or other functions that the fire company provides. If you are interested in applying, please visit The Falls Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 for an application. We are located at 310 Yardley Avenue, Fallsington PA, 19054. Our phone number is (215) 295-5966. The best time to stop for an application is any Tuesday night around 7 p.m., just ask for any officer.



Fallsington Library to Host Gala

The Fallsington Library will host a concert fundraiser on Saturday, September 23 featuring the Fiddlehead String Quartet.

There will also be a silent auction for items including two guitars, a ukelele, tickets to an upcoming performance at the Bristol Riverside Theater, tickets to Smoke and Mirrors Magic Show, Zumba classes, tickets to a Philadelphia Eagles game, several pieces of

artwork and many more.

Doors to the library open at 6 p.m. The concert is from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the second floor hall and there will be light fare and games from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets are available at the library



or online at [ticketleap.com](https://www.ticketleap.com) (browse events, or search for Fallsington).

Sponsors for the event include Friends of Erin Mullen, Hiossen, Concord Public Finance and Univest Financial.

Historic Fallsington Announces Events

Check Historic Fallsington Inc.'s website and social media pages for updates to these and other events.

Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. Abraham Lincoln Visits Philadelphia

Philadelphia was special to President Lincoln beginning in 1848 when he first saw Independence Hall. He visited Philadelphia four times and was moved spiritually and emotionally by each visit, including his participation in the National Convention, his



speech to the citizens of Philadelphia on his way to Washington and his attendance at the Sanitary Fair. Join historical lecturer and tour guide Michael Jesberger for a presentation on the President's time in Philadelphia before, during and after the American Civil War. Hosted at Fallsington Friends Meeting, 9300 New

Falls Road, Levittown. **Free; donations always welcome.**

Saturday, Oct. 14 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 70th Historic Fallsington Day

This FREE community event will include something for everyone. Enjoy the many family-friendly activities including live music, historical demonstrations, and participation from many community partners with new elements added to make this year special! Don't forget to visit the entire village to purchase homemade crafts, buy new and used books, tour the historic museum buildings and other places throughout the town, purchase a homemade treat or two, and enter for a chance to win a handmade quilt. Parking: Fallsington Elementary School, 134 Yardley Ave. Fallsington Library Co. (139 Yardley Ave., Fallsington) will have a book, rummage, and bake sale during Historic Fallsington Day.

Sunday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Spirits of the Past Tours

Explore the historic village at night to learn more about the lives of those that lived and worked here. Tours offered by pre-registration: 6:30, 6:45, 7, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, and 8:00 p.m.

Fee: Adults: \$10; Kids (3-12): \$5.

Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Fall Fling

Put on your favorite vintage evening attire and join Historic Fallsington for the autumn benefit event to support the continued education and preservation efforts. Your ticket includes an evening of fine food and signature drinks amongst good company at Bella Tori at the Mansion in nearby Langhorne. The live auction is not to be missed. Contact Historic Fallsington Inc. at (215) 295-6567 for more information.

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Begin the busy holiday season with Historic Fallsington during the annual community Christmas Tree Lighting! We'll gather around the tree setup on Meetinghouse Square, sing a few Christmas carols led by the Quaker Singers and local Girl Scouts, and light the tree for the season. Don't forget to visit with Santa at the Burgess-Lippincott House just across the square before enjoying some complimentary refreshments nearby. Parking: Fallsington Friends Meeting.



Fridays and Saturdays in December (12/1, 12/2, 12/8, 12/9, 12/15, 12/16, 12/22 & 12/23) Christmas Tours

Explore our three historic houses during this seasonal, guided tour as we celebrate our 70 years of education and preservation with the local community. New this year: Historic Fallsington will be showcasing Christmas trees decorated by various community partners and sharing tales of Christmases past and present. Tours offered by pre-registration: 10:30 a.m.; noon; 1:30 p.m.; 3 p.m.

Fee: Adults: \$10; Kids (3-12): \$5.

Tips For Safe Snow Removal

While enjoying the winter wonderland, remember these tips to help Falls Township crews clear the roads more quickly and efficiently:

- Mailboxes should be installed in accordance with U.S. Postal Service standards. Mailboxes installed incorrectly and, as a result are struck by a Township plow during snow removal operations, will be the sole responsibility of the property owner to repair.

- Move your vehicles out of the street and into private driveways (this also reduces the amount of snow you have to shovel).

- During any snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from roadways.

- Wait to shovel your driveway until the plows have completed their final pass along the curb line or edge of pavement. A pass or two through the neighborhood does not mean the Township is finished with snow removal and your effort to clear



your driveway entrance might be wasted.

- Shovel to the right-hand side of your driveway to reduce the amount of snow pushed back onto your driveways by plows.

- Clear your sidewalk by shoveling and salting within 24 hours of the last evidence of precipitation.

- Do not throw snow from any sidewalk or driveway into the roadway. Do-

ing so is illegal, and you will be cited.

- Keep all receptacles (trash and recycling) on the sidewalk, not in the street.

- If you have an inlet in front of your property, please assist the Township in keeping it clear of snow and ice. This will prevent ice from accumulating and reduce drainage issues when snow begins to melt.

Please be patient during the snow removal process while the Township's plow operators work to clear roadways. We are here to get the roads open

for travel as quickly as possible. Please remember we try to plow the roads from curb to curb to open the roadway as wide as possible. Some residents have no grass buffer between the curb and their sidewalks and snow is plowed onto the sidewalk area. This cannot be avoided. Snow is plowed to the shoulder of the roads to clear the travel areas.

Fast Facts From Waste Management...

...on Waste Removal

When should trash be placed at the curb?

Place trash and recyclables out after 6 p.m. the evening before your pickup day. Place containers so they are not blocked by parked vehicles.

What size containers should I use?

Household waste containers should be between 20 and 35 gallons and may not exceed 50 pounds in weight. Use up to 10 sturdy plastic or metal containers with handles and detachable lids. Recyclables should be placed in a recycle bin or can clearly marked as "Recyclables."

How do I dispose of leftover paint?

Evaporate latex paint by air-drying or mixing with kitty litter, shredded newspaper or other absorbent. Bag and put out with your regular trash.

Which wastes are not acceptable?

We do not accept liquid waste of any type, tree stumps or tires. We do not accept HHW of any type, including insecticides, pesticides, gasoline, waste oil, non-latex paints, varnish, thinners, drain cleaner, pool chemicals, car parts or similar materials as part of your regular waste removal services. Hold all Household Hazardous Waste materials for special HHW collection events.

...on Bulk Items

When are bulk items collected?

Larger items are collected on the second pickup day of the week, sometimes by a second crew.

What type of bulk items are collected?

Examples of regular bulk items include furniture, cabinets, washers and dryers.

How much can I discard at once?

The limit is one bulk item per week.

What about refrigerators?

Some items require an appointment, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers containing CFCs. To make an appointment, call (800) 869-5566.

...on Holiday Pickups

What if my pickup day falls on a holiday?

If a scheduled holiday (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) falls on your regular pickup day, trash and recyclables will be collected on your next regular service day.

For more information, call (800) 869-5566.



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Do you have extra time on your hands? Would you like to get more involved in the community?

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openings. Letters of interest, noting preference for any of the openings, can be emailed to admin@fallstwp.com or mailed to

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