

FALLS TOWNSHIP

Spring / Summer 2025

Bucks County, Pa.

Shopping Local Just Makes Sense

“Shop small” isn’t just a motto or hashtag in Falls Township. For us, it’s the backbone of our community.

Ten years ago our Board of Supervisors introduced “Live Here, Spend Here,” an initiative focused on highlighting our Falls Township businesses by featuring them in an article on our website and social media. Since then, we have shared the unique stories of more than 100 local businesses. The goal of this effort continues to be supporting our business community and, by doing so, encouraging our residents to shop, eat and use service providers close to home.



I have always tried to support local, but realized it could be a great Township-wide initiative after seeing a similar successful program while working in Burlington County, N.J.

If each of Falls Township’s 13,000 households spent just \$20 a week on goods or services that would otherwise be spent elsewhere, more than \$13 million would be spent within our Township. This would help ensure that our

local businesses not only survive, but thrive.

In addition, Live Here, Spend Here creates a sense of belonging for our small business community and our residents, creates jobs, stimulates the local economy and aids in support of community causes. Did you know that small businesses are more likely to support your kid’s little league team or dance recital fundraiser? In fact, studies show that small businesses donate 250% more than larger businesses to local nonprofits and community causes with around 75% of small business owners donating an average of 6% of their profits to charity annually.

We can all support our local businesses. It costs nothing to write a positive review or refer a business to our friends and family. The Township too supports its business community by offering a business directory on our website where residents can search for an accountant, a daycare, an auto repair shop and more. Nearly 150 businesses have been added to the directory and we welcome new additions.

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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**.

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Falls Police Add Officer to Roster



During its first meeting of 2025, the Falls Supervisors added a new police officer to the Falls Township Police Department.

The board unanimously approved hiring Bensalem resident Zach Sherman, a U.S. Army National Guard veteran of eight years.

Sherman, who graduated from the Philadelphia Police Department's academy

in December, served as a correction officer with the Bucks County Department of Corrections, most recently serving as the department's administrative lieutenant.

Sherman holds an associate's degree in police administration from Bucks County Community College and also received educational credits from Temple University and Holy Family University.

Take the Community Feedback Survey



Dear Falls Township Residents,

Your voice matters! The Falls Township Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. To better understand your concerns and priorities, we've created a Community Feedback Survey.

This is your opportunity to share your thoughts on local issues such as public safety, mental health, traffic, and how we can strengthen our relationship with the community. Your feedback will help us shape programs and initiatives that address the most pressing concerns in Falls Township.

The survey is anonymous, only 16 questions long and takes only a few minutes to complete. You can access it by scanning this QR Code.

We value your input and look forward to working together to make Falls Township a safer and stronger community for everyone. Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,
Nelson E. Whitney, II
Chief of Police
Falls Township Police Department

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 Facebook

Falls Township Police department is now on social media outlets like Facebook. 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](https://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.

Falls Police Mark 75 Years

Thursday, Jan. 2 marked the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the Falls Township Police Department.

From 1950 to 2025 - 75 years – the police department has come a long way.

Looking back, we have no idea how Chief Franklin Kirby was able to police a growing population, initially by himself, in a car without a radio, computer or even air conditioning. We imagine the Chief would similarly look through our lens of policing in 2025 and have no idea how we navigate the complexity of technology and the evolving role and responsibility of law enforcement in our current society.

Since Jan. 2, 1950, 164 Falls Township police officers have sworn an oath to protect and defend the United States and Pennsylvania Constitutions along with protecting and defending the lives and property of all those who live, work and travel through Falls Township. Among that number are 7 Chiefs of Police:

- Chief Franklin Kirby
- Chief Donald Beacraft
- Chief James Kettler

- Chief Arnold Conoline
- Public Safety Director Neil Harkins
- Chief William Wilcox
- Chief Nelson Whitney, II

All of whom contributed to the department's professionalism and service provision to the community.

The men and women of this agency, both active and retired, look extremely forward to commemorating this diamond jubilee by making 2025 a year dedicated to service to the community of Falls Township. We will be

announcing various projects and events throughout the year as well as sharing memories, photographs, stories and information to mark this important milestone.

The police department plans to form a 75th Anniversary Committee to work together to create several future projects and ideas to bring the theme of community service to life.

To commemorate 75 years, the Falls Township Police Department is pursuing the following:

- The formation of a Falls Township



Falls' First Police Chief, Franklin Kirby

Police Athletic League;

• Pennsylvania's Adopt a Highway Program;

• The Franklin Kirby Park Rehabilitation and Rededication Project;

• The first Annual Chief Franklin Kirby Memorial Three on Three Basketball Tournament;

• An awards ceremony honoring police personnel for their various achievements including meritorious service awards, years of service acknowledgments, educational achievements and more;

• The creation and provision of the agency's 75th Anniversary challenge coin.



Lt. Belinsky Retires after 40 Years of Service

The Township Police Department earlier this year wished a fond farewell to the department's longest-tenured police officer, Lieutenant Martial Belinsky, who served the Township and residents with distinction and pride for 40 years. Throughout his career Belinsky was promoted several times leading him to serve in the capacity of a detective, corporal, sergeant, and finally, a lieutenant. He was one of the most even-keeled and universally liked police officers that ever wore our badge. He was a mentor, friend and embodied the best of what it means to be a police officer.



Police Department

Police Initiative Benefits Homeless

As part of the first Project DASH, Falls Township Police have collected 5,416 items sought by Bucks County organizations which support individuals experiencing homelessness.

The community donated various items, including non-perishable food items, toiletries, warm weather clothes, blankets and more as part of the Project DASH (Direct Appeal to Support Homelessness) collection drive.

During a recent Supervisors meeting, representatives from various Bucks County agencies joined Lt. Christopher Clark and Chief Nelson Whitney in commemorating a successful first effort.

The police department's Human Services Co-responder, Cara Gadzinski, said items collected will be distributed to Fam-



ily Service Association, Valley Youth House, Bucks County Opportunity Council, and PATH.

"It really helps our people who are unsheltered in the community," Gadzinski said.

Venus Johnson, Reach Out Foundations of Bucks County executive director, said she was homeless at 16 and understands the need for support.

"No one was out there to catch me," Johnson said, adding that she strives to uplift individuals by referring to them as being "un-

housed" as opposed to "homeless."

Supervisor Vice Chair Erin Mullen applauded the efforts and said she heard that 500 families were on a wait list for shelter.

"We all need to pitch in on that," Mullen said, referring to helping the unhoused be placed.

Parks and Recreation

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. It is our goal to offer diverse programming for Township residents.

Pinewood Pool Opens May 24

Pinewood Pool is a great way for residents to cool off and spend quality time with family. The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday,



May 24. The season runs until Monday, Sept. 1. Take advantage of the early bird discount period which runs through April 1! To register or for more

information about the pool, please visit www.fallstwp.com, go to the Parks and Recreation Page, and click on the link to "Pinewood Pool." Registration must be completed online by using your existing **MyRec** Account. Pool memberships can also be purchased by visiting **FallsTwpRec.com**. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9004 or by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com. The 2025 pool season will be holding more special events and activities than ever before! The list of those scheduled activities can be found at **FallsTwpRec.com**.

Lifeguard Positions Are Available

Parks and Recreation is looking to hire several lifeguards for the 2025 pool season. For the lifeguard position, a candidate must be at least 15 years old and have a current Lifeguard/First Aid/AED certification. Starting pay for a lifeguard will be \$15 an hour. Township covers all costs (physical, drug test, background checks). Additionally, the Township will reimburse for lifeguard certification and recertification costs (50 percent at the end of first year, remaining 50 percent at end of the second year). Lifeguard certifications are valid for two years. For further information or if interested in applying, contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006 or by email b.andrews@fallstwp.com.



New Indoor Yoga Session Begins

Indoor Yoga (ages 16+) continues year-round in six-week sessions. All skill levels are welcome! Please sign up for a session by visiting <https://fallstownship.myrec.com> to get the latest session dates. A six-week session costs \$48 for residents; or \$54 for non-residents. Looking to just try it out? Well, we also offer a drop in rate of \$10 per class! For more information, contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006 or b.andrews@fallstwp.com.

Parks and Recreation

Summer Camp Registration Online

Falls Township Parks and Recreation will be accepting registrations for its 2025 Summer Camp Program. We offer before and after care options, field trips (costs are included in the registration fee), in-camp entertainment, and weekly visits to Pine-wood Pool!

Registration is completed online through the MyRec Registration System. Visit <https://fallstownship.pa.myrec.com> to access the online registration system. The camp is designed for children ages 5-13 (all registered participants must be at minimum 5 years of age and have completed kindergarten). Our camp employs several certified teachers, a well experienced support staff, and offers an incredible 1:5 counselor to camper ratio. The camp runs from Monday, June 23 through Friday, Aug. 1. If you need help registering for the program, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9004 or by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

Community Park Cleanup Day March 29

We have a great volunteer opportunity! Come join us for our 2025 Spring Clean Up Day at the Falls Township Community Park on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Volunteers will meet at Pavilion A at Falls Township Community Park (adjacent to the soccer fields) at 9 a.m. Cleaning supplies will be provided. A light snack



and refreshments will be available afterward. Registration is **FREE**. Please use an existing **MyRec** account to register for the cleanup. If you need to create an account, please visit <https://fallstownship.pa.myrec.com>. If you need any assistance registering for the program, contact Erin Long at (215) 949-9018 or by email at e.long@fallstwp.com.

Pavilions at Park Available to Rent

If you're looking for a place to hold a party, family reunion, nonprofit event, bridal shower, wedding ceremony, etc. please consider reserving our pavilions and gazebos at the Falls Township Community Park and Quaker Penn Park by using your existing **MyRec** account. To create an account, visit <https://fallstownship.pa.myrec.com>. To reserve the gazebo at Fallsington Commemorative Park, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9004 or by email b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

Free Medicare Workshops Available

Getting close to or thinking about retirement and not quite sure what Medicare will and will not cover? We are offering a great opportunity for you to get answers to these questions. A representative from DelVal Senior Advisers will conduct an educational workshop on Thursday, April 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Annex Building at the Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road). This is a **FREE** workshop. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please use your existing MyRec account or to create an account, go to <https://fallstownship.pa.myrec.com>. If you need assistance with registering, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006 or by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com. There will be an additional workshop that will take place as well on Thursday, Sept. 25 at the same time and in the same location if you cannot attend the April date.



Multiple Easter Egg Hunts on April 12

2025 Funny Bunny Scavenger Hunt! The Easter Bunny is hopping into Falls Township with a special mission! He will be hiding eggs at multiple Falls Township parks throughout the day on Saturday, April 12. There will be three times to "hunt" at the three different parks during the day: 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Which parks will have the hidden eggs? A half



hour before each hunt, a CLUE will be posted on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page and Instagram account to direct you to the proper park. There will be 333 colorful eggs hidden at each park and four bonus golden eggs. Anyone who finds a golden egg can redeem a special prize by contacting Erin Long at (215) 949-9018 or by email at e.long@fallstwp.com. **THIS IS A SELF-DIRECTED HUNT.** Grab your friends and neighbors and explore some of our favorite parks! Happy Hunting!

Glow in the Dark Zumba at Three Arches

Grab some friends for a fun night of Glow Zumba in the parking lot of the Three Arches Historical Home (335 Trenton Road) on Saturday, April 26 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, April 27. Lace up your sneakers and wear white or light-colored clothing. Do not forget your water! Cost is \$10 for residents; \$12 for non-residents. Please sign up by using an existing **MyRec** account or to create an account, visit <https://fallstownship.pa.myrec.com>.

Parks and Recreation

Community Yard Sale Coming April 26

Looking to trade your unwanted stash for cash? Reserve table spaces at our Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 26. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park (soccer field adjacent to the pavilion). Cost is \$20 per table space. Additional table space is \$15. Participants must provide their own tables. To reserve your table space, please visit <https://fallstownship.pa.myrec.com> to use an existing **MyRec** account or to create one to register and pay for your space. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9004 or by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com.



Annual Fishing Derby May 26

Our annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. Parks and Recreation is inviting all children between the ages of 5-17 to sign up and participate in the annual event. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. The derby will run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Each participant will receive a giveaway item and awards will be given for most fish caught and largest fish caught in various age categories.



Please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9004 or by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com for registration forms/information starting April 1.

Vietnam Flag Memorial Returns

Falls Township is proud to once again host The Delaware Valley Vietnam Flag Memorial at the Falls Township Community Park. This year's event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 6 to Sunday, June 8. Volunteers are needed to plant flags on the soccer field (located on phase 1 of the park) on Friday at 9 a.m. For more information, please contact Ed Sabol at edwardsabol@gmail.com.



Boat Ramp Passes Available Online

All seasonal and daily passes must be purchased online (VISA and MasterCard only). Rates for seasonal passes will be: \$80 for Falls residents; \$155 for non-residents. Daily passes will be \$15. To purchase a seasonal or daily pass, go to www.fallstwp.com, go to the Parks and Recreation page, and click on the link "Quaker Penn Park Boat Launch Pass." You will then be able to register and pay for either a seasonal or daily pass. A daily pass is only good for a 24-hour period from time of purchase. For further information, contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9004 or by email b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

Summer Concert Series Fun For All

Once again, Falls Township Parks and Recreation will hold 12 concerts as part of its 2025 Summer Concert Series lineup. All concerts are **FREE** and take place under the pavilion in Phase 1 at 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 15** Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet
- June 22** Chester County Concert Band
- June 29** Barefoot Bobby and The Breakers
- July 6** Rick Gazda Band
- July 13** The Lewis Brothers
- July 20** Christopher Dean Band
- July 27** Echoes of the British Invasion
- August 3** Big Band from The Valley
- August 10** First Time Around Band
- August 17** Zydeco-A-Go-Go
- August 24** Uptown String Band
- August 31** Strictly 60's Band



Weekend of Double Fun

Save the dates for our doubleheader! Falls Township will hold its annual Food Truck Festival (featuring live music, a beer garden, children's activities, and an awesome fireworks display!) on Friday, Sept. 19, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fireworks will take place at approximately 9:15 p.m. Our annual Touch a Truck event follows on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park. A "quiet hour" will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for community members with special needs. Both events are **FREE** with the exception of the purchase of food and drink.



All programs are subject to change

For the latest up-to-date information from Falls Township Parks and Recreation Department visit us at FallsTwpRec.com and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Capital Improvements On Deck

Falls Township will maintain its current municipal tax rate in 2025, while continuing the same high-quality services residents have come to appreciate.

The 2025 spending plan, which the Falls Supervisors adopted in December, will hold the line on the current 8.97 millage rate.

Even with holding the line on taxes the Township is planning a number of capital projects for 2025, including culvert improvements at South Olds Boulevard, Rice Drive and Falls Township Community Park. In addition, repairs are planned for Martins Creek, as well as drainage upgrades at Briarroot Lane. Mill and overlay projects planned for next year include Cedar Lane, Corbin Lane and East Tyburn Road.

In addition, Falls has earmarked \$100,000 to replace the 15-year-old slide at Pinewood Pool and \$70,000 for improvements at Elderberry Park and Mill Creek Manor Park.

Under the budget, property owners would continue to pay \$269.10 for an average assessment of \$30,000 under the Township's 2025 budget. The owner of a similarly assessed Bristol

Township property, by comparison, paid \$1,059.40 in local taxes for 2024, while the owner of a similarly assessed Northampton Township home paid \$1,415.

Unlike neighboring communities, Falls residents are not assessed for trash and leaf pickup.

The 2025 spending plan reduces the reliance on host community fees from \$16.8 million in 2019 to \$7 million for 2025, according to Finance Director Betsy Reukauf.

Reukauf said \$10 million is estimated to be collected in 2025 from the EIT.

For decades, Falls officials have worked hard to do more with less. For every \$1 paid in taxes, Falls Township receives just 4 cents. Yet, year after year the Township sees spiraling pension contribution increases. Over the last decade, the Township has seen its pension obligation nearly triple. Pension contributions surged from \$1.3 million in 2012 to \$2.6 million in 2017, with nearly \$3 million projected for next year, all while the state contributions have remained relatively flat.

In all, \$48,871,695 is projected to be spent in 2025.

Touch a Truck Fundraiser Breaks Record

The 2024 Touch a Truck fundraiser proved to be the most successful charitable fundraiser to date, generating \$30,000 in sponsorships. Donations were split evenly between nonprofit organizations The Goofy Gators and The Barkann Family Healing Hearts Foundation.

Proceeds resulted from generous contributions from the following event sponsors: Trash Daddy, Clarke Gallagher Barbiero Amuso & Glassman LLC, Waste Management, Yard Truck Specialists, Crozier Contractors, SKD Tryon's Emergency Vehicle Upfitting, IBEW Local 269, KPK Development, Premium Excavating, Grace Construction, United Inspection Agency, B. Blair Corp, Jones Engineering Associates, Barry Isett & Associates Inc., Armour & Sons Electric Inc., Carr & Duff, Red Box Dumpsters, Fred Beans, Victory Gardens Inc., Family Fuel, Britton Industries, Remington and Vernick Engineers, Just



Former Flyer and National Hockey League Hall of Famer Bernie Parent and Falls Township Supervisor Jeff Boraski distribute checks to The Goofy Gators (left) and The Barkann Family Healing Hearts Foundation as part of the charitable donations from Falls Township's Touch a Truck Fundraiser. They are joined by Philadelphia Eagles mascot, Swoop, and Falls Township mascot, Archie.

Stumps, Bayard Pump and US Municipal.

Future Touch a Truck and other fundraising initiatives will be managed under Falls Township's impending 501c3 non-

profit organization. The organization is tentatively called Friends of Falls Township Park, but officials said another name will likely be chosen.

Yard Waste Cleanup

The 2025 yard waste cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 19. Please have it out in the same location as your regular trash pickup by 6 a.m. Yard

waste must be bagged in 30-gallon biodegradable paper bags or placed in 30-gallon trash containers without lids. Branches must be no larger than 4' in length, bundled, and not to exceed 50 pounds.

PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS



Supervisors Eye Industrial Zone

New industrial operations are on the horizon in Falls Township.

During a recent Falls Supervisors meeting, the board granted preliminary and final land development approval for construction of a cold storage facility, as well as areas for the storage and production of mulch and compost.

With the approval Agile Cold Storage will construct a 232,596-square-foot warehouse on a 14.5-acre parcel situated on the south side of Cabot Boulevard East. Once built, the warehouse would operate in two shifts with 70 employees working during the busiest work shift, according to attorney Mike Meginniss, who represents the

property owner.

The facility, he said, would be used for the sole purpose of storing cheese and French fries.

“That’s two of my five food groups,” Chairman Jeff Dence joked.

In addition to the new warehouse, a new rail spur, driveways, parking, entrance roads, a guardhouse and stormwater facilities would be added to the parcel. Supervisor John Palmer, the lone no vote on the project, raised concerns about the waiver related to sidewalk construction, stressing that walking along Cabot Boulevard for employees who take mass transit

would be unsafe.

The board also granted preliminary and final land development approval to Britton Industries to clean up the junkyard at 4 M-Y Lane and transform it from “an eyesore” to a “positive use for a good business in Falls,” according to Meginniss, who also represented the applicant.

The company intends to create eight lease areas ranging in size from 1.76 acres to 1.99 acres on the 17.34-acre property for outside storage and production of mulch or compost. Existing buildings will be demolished, and no new buildings will be constructed, according to the plan.

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

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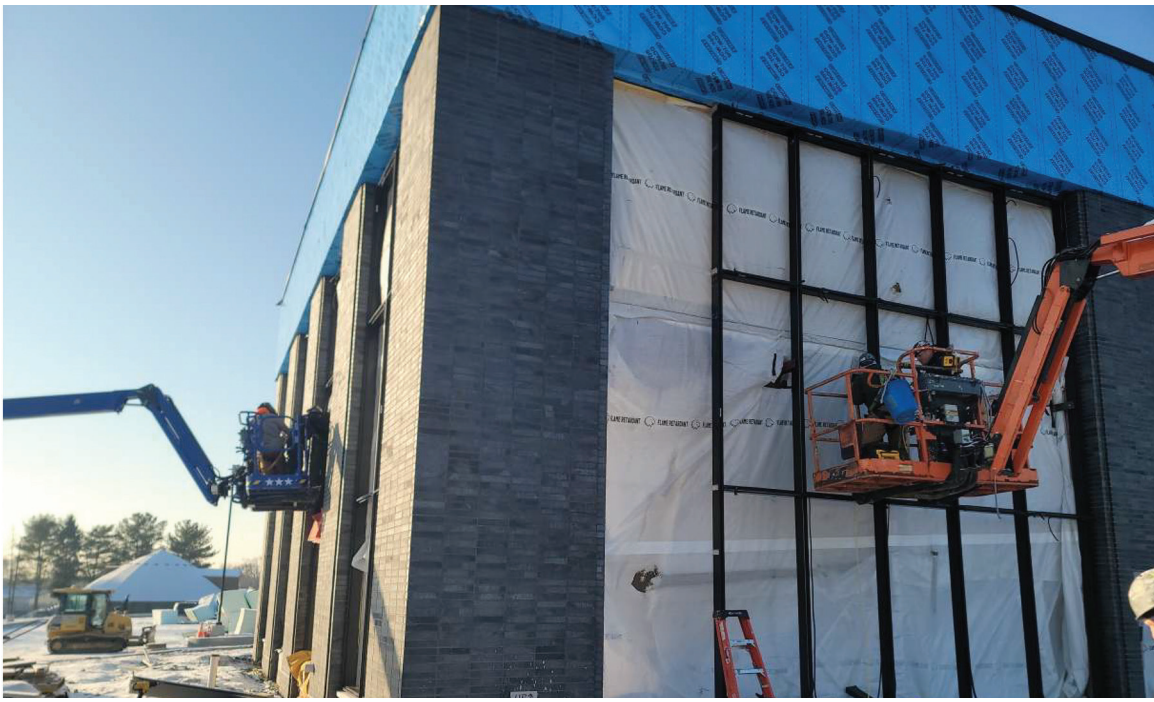
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Township Building Nearly Finished

Falls Township's long-awaited municipal complex construction project will be completed and open to the public this spring.

Grace Construction Project Manager James Gates said he expects work to conclude this spring with punch list items being completed and furniture being installed thereafter. Once complete, the existing 60,000-square-foot space will be essentially rebuilt from the ground up with several new building additions, according to Gates.

Among the highlights is a community meeting room that residents and local organizations can use. The renovated building will offer a welcoming feeling, be open, light and inviting and feature a better layout and use of space. In addition, it will be more easily accessible with proper signage and identification to help guide visitors to their desired location.

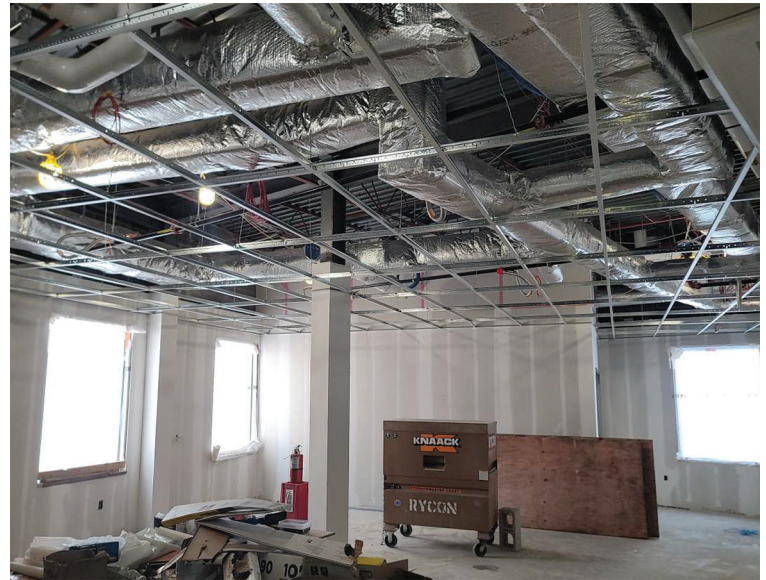
The remodeled and expanded space will be something that residents can be proud of with building designs intended to subtly reflect Falls Township's history.

Initially the project had been expected to be completed by December 2024. However, major items that have caused the bulk of the delays were related to the exterior of the building. Once the walls were opened up, hollow cinder block was discovered all the way down to the footings, which required redesigning, re-engineering and a rebuild. Hollow steel construction on the east end required reconstruction as well.

The Department of Environmental Protection got involved once oil contamination was found, which, according to Gates resulted in a "long, drawn out process, lots of testing and retesting and searching for the source of contamination and removing it."

Since oil contamination was found "in the heart of the building," it dramatically slowed down the pace of construction.

Most of the site that roads were built on top of consisted of clay, debris, and trash throughout. To remedy the situation, Gates said an engineer oversaw construction of the roadways, as well as the excavation of bad material and ensuring that there is



a stable base.

Now that the issues have been resolved, the building is on track for spring completion.

The new and improved municipal building is being reconstructed with brand-new mechanical systems, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing. High-efficiency equipment and LED light fixtures are being installed throughout, which will result in energy savings. EV charging stations are also planned, although Gates said they may not be installed in tandem with the building's completion this spring.

The municipal 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, clerks, tax collector, and public works.

Shopping Local Helps the Entire Community

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Our governing body and Township staff are continually looking at ways to build upon these successful efforts. To that end, I'm pleased to share that in 2025, Falls Township plans to create an economic development commission that would focus on new and existing local

businesses.

I encourage residents and businesses alike to take advantage of these resources to promote and strengthen our small business community. If you know of a business that you would like to see featured as part of our Live Here, Spend Here campaign, please email admin@fallstwp.com.

Applications for our business directory can be found on our website by visiting <https://www.fallstwp.com/information/falls-township-business-directory/>.

-Jeffrey Dence



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WM Opens \$120M Facility in Falls

Falls Township is now the home of one of the nation's largest green energy projects.

WM, operators of the Fairless Landfill Complex, is in the process of commissioning the site's landfill gas-to-energy plant located on New Ford Mill Road. It is expected each day to produce enough renewable natural gas to power the equivalent of 65,000 homes annually.

The company has invested \$120 million in the construction of the plant that will take landfill gas generated in the Fairless Landfill and the closed GROWS-North Landfill and convert the gas into pipeline-quality gas.

Landfill gas is created when organic material in our waste, including food waste, naturally decomposes. A system of wells connected to a vacuum system is used to collect the gas and move it to the renewable natural gas plant where it is processed and injected into the regional natural gas distribution system.

WM's investment in and operation of the facility is offsetting the use of fossil fuel and is another way the company is working for a more sustainable tomorrow.



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Bulk Disposal Day Will Be April 19

Mark your calendars for the next FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY, which will be held on Saturday, April 19 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.

Falls Welcomes New Businesses

Falls Township has had the pleasure of welcoming more than 50 new businesses to town in 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:

Esco Concrete, 1001 Bristol Pike, Morrisville;

Bennington Pool Services, Inc.,

225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 176, Fairless Hills;

J A Chino Pallet, 65 Cedar Lane, Yard 100, Morrisville;

Haru Sushi, 99 Makefield Road, Morrisville;

Tri State Metals Inc., 297 Cedar Lane, Fairless Hills;

Jack's Pizza & Pasta, 423 Alden Ave., Morrisville;

Thor Heating & Cooling, Inc., 12 Blue Spruce Lane, Levittown;

RM Christine Plumbing & Drain Cleaning,

243 Wyandotte Road, Fairless Hills;

CDL Lab LLC, 225 Lincoln Highway, Building B, Fairless Hills;

Zen Leaf Fairless Hills, 203 Lincoln Highway, Suite 6 and 7, Fairless Hills;

Brian's House, 275 Yardley Ave., Fallsington;

Makefield Nails & Spa Inc., 93 Makefield Road, Morrisville;

Numeco Human Services Agency, 237 North Park Drive, Levittown;

Machag Home Improvements, 1235 Bristol Pike, Morrisville;

River Sports Center, 375 W. Trenton Ave., Suite A, Morrisville;

Trinity Care Specialty Pharmacy, 169 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills;

HB Genetics, 437 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

Timeless Threads Studio, LLC, 1600 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

Cap Dental, 518 N. Oxford Valley Road, Langhorne;

Smoothie & Co., 103 Makefield Road, Morrisville;

GL Premier Logistics LLC, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 204, Morrisville;

Quality Granite & More LLC, 1016 Trenton Road, Levittown;

Mega Trucking Group, 225 Lincoln Highway, Side Yard A4-1, Fairless Hills;

Davinci Construction Corporation,

435 Tyburn Road, 1st floor, Fairless Hills;

Dcruz Agency, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 105, Morrisville;

Amore Ristorante, 8630 New Falls Road, Levittown;

TB Children's Services, LLC, 120 Trenton Road, Suite 201, Fairless Hills;

Prime Home Furnishings, 120 Trenton Road, Suite 205, Fairless Hills;

Rubinstein Law, P.C., 120 Trenton Road, Suite 206, Fairless Hills;

M.T. Kaye Steel, LLC, 120 Trenton Road, Suites 207 & 208, Fairless Hills;



Jonas & Lucas, 120 Trenton Road, Suite 210, Fairless Hills;

PA Newco 6, LLC, 1501 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

Victory Gardens, Inc., 65 M-Y Lane, Morrisville;

The Land Crew – DCP Partners, LLC,

333 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite 406, Fairless Hills;

Criterion Group, LLC, 8 M-Y Lane, Morrisville;

American Paving Contractors, Inc., 890 W. Bridge St., Morrisville;

Advance Auto Parts, 403 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

Hwy Express, Inc., 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 207, Fairless Hills;

Total Realty Fairless, LLC, 120 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills;

Ioannis 3 Inc., 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 201, Morrisville;

Beck Family Roofing, 167 Fallsington Tullytown Road, Levittown;

Signature Kitchens and Flooring,

225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 10M, Fairless Hills;

Road Auto Group, LLC, 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 182, Fairless Hills;

Harrison Asphalt, LLC, 5137 Gowan Dr., Morrisville;

R&I General Contracting, 449 Thornridge Dr., Levittown;

VRK Trucking, 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 39C, Fairless Hills;

Overly Dedicated Basketball Academy,

375 W. Trenton Road, Suite 103, Morrisville;

Sam's Shoe Repair, 372 W. Trenton Road, Suite 103, Morrisville;

Bucks County Intermediate Unit, 300 W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville;

Atlas Yoga & Movement, LLC, 429 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

Burns & Burns, LLC, 100 Central Ave., Fairless Hills;

M-Core Electric, LLC, 12 Progress Dr., Suite 100, Fairless Hills;

BCF Mechanical, LLC, 51 Thaliabush Lane, Levittown.

Fire Company Seeks Volunteers



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.

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.

News From Fairless Hills Fire Department



We strive to provide our highest level of service to you and we would be unable to provide these services without your help. The Fairless Hills Fire Department is seeking volunteer firefighters. We also offer a Junior Firefighting program for ages 16-17. Member benefits include, free

training, pay per call incentive program, life insurance and bunk-in opportunities. If interested, please stop by the fire station any Tuesday night at 7 p.m. to speak with one of our firefighters.

To rent Westaby Hall, please call (215) 493-0194 or visit www.westabyhall.com.

Celebrate Twilight in Fallsington May 17

Join Historic Fallsington on Saturday, May 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Stagecoach Tavern for a casual picnic with light fare and drinks, including a first taste of the Fallsington Four Pack from Aristaeus Craft Brewing Company. You will also have the chance to tour the collections with the director and buy a chance to win some great items in the raffle too. Tickets cost \$50 per person.

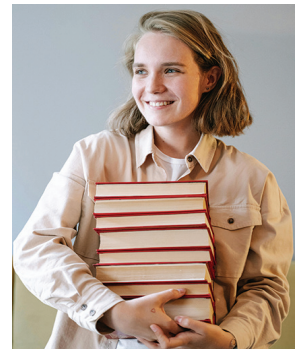
Library Sets Spring Fundraisers

Fallsington Library will hold several spring fundraisers to benefit programming. Join the library at one or all of these events:

Rummage and Book Sale: Find treasures and support the library in the rummage room and book sale room on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Jewelry Sale Fundraiser: Just in time for Mother's Day, stop by Fallsington Library's jewelry sale on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event features hundreds of pieces of donated jewelry, vintage and contemporary, gently used and brand-new, costume and fine jewelry, including sterling silver and gold. Prices begin at \$2.

Rummage and Book Sale: Find treasures and support the library in the rummage room and book sale room on Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to noon.



Falls Township 2025 Street Sweeping Schedule

Listed below is the Spring 2025 street sweeping schedule. On the date(s) when 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.

<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>SWEEPING DATE</u>
Township main roads	March 17-21
Willowood	March 24
Makefield Road Village	March 25
Old Fallsington areas/Fallsington Woods	March 26
Lakeside	March 27
Rue Court/Amelia Drive & Amelia Turn/ Orchard Drive and Mill Creek Estate	March 28
Birch Valley	March 31, April 1
Elderberry.....	April 2-3
Bristol Road/Lacy Avenue, Reed Avenue, Penn Valley Ext. Wheatsheaf Road, East Tyburn Road, Corbin Lane, Cedar Lane Lewis Avenue, Ferry Road, East Post Road, Biles Lane, Island Street, Third Street	April 4
Fairless Hills-South of Trenton Road, including Fairbridge and Drexelwood	April 7-8
Penns Place & Decou Village	April 9-10
Pennsbury Heights	April 11
Nottingham, Taylor Tract, Penn Village	April 14-15
Penns Grant	April 16-17
Thornridge	April 21-22
Pinewood	April 23-24
Yardley Farms	April 25
North Park – including Nasturtium Lane and New Pond Lane	April 28-29
Hedgerow Woods	April 30, May 1
Fairless Hills-North of Trenton Road, including Oak Lane, Pennsylvania Avenue, Arleans Avenue and Lebbie Lane	May 6-7
Vermillion Hills	May 8-9
Township Parks/Industrial Parks	May 12-23
Maintenance Day	May 2 or May 5

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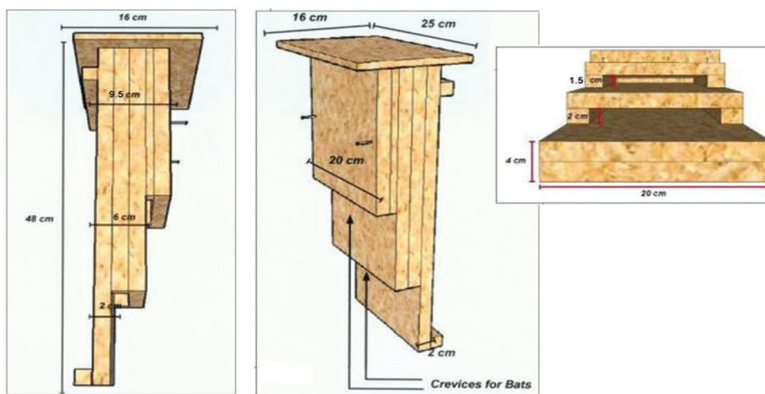
The only critical measurement is the width of the crevices. These should be no larger than suggested. Other measurements are approximate.

Materials and construction

Box to be made from untreated rough-sawn timbers
Timber should be 20mm thick
The box should be rainproof and draught free
Crevices can be between 15 and 25mm wide
Fixing may be by use of brackets, durable bands or wires

Location

Boxes are best fixed as high as possible in a sheltered wind-free position, exposed to the sun for part of the day.
They can be fitted to walls, other flat surfaces or trees



This design has been developed by Kent Bat Group

We'd like to know how successful it is. Please send any comments or records of bats seen using it to: records@kentbatgroup.org.uk

With thanks to Glen Sharman for help in producing the prototype and Lloyd Bore for providing plans

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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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Properly use and store flammable, combustible liquids

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel, never as a cleaner or to break down grease.
- Only store liquids in a container sold for that purpose and never bring it indoors.
- Never store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in a detached garage or an outdoor shed.
- Keep the container tightly capped when not in use.
- Never use flammable and combustible liquids near an open flame.
- Never smoke when working with these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, launder clothing.

Carefully dispose of rags with paint and stain

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air as the rags dry, the heat is trapped, builds up and can cause a fire.

- When you're finished using the rags, take them outside to dry, keeping them well away from the home and other structures.
- Spread rags on the ground and weigh them down so they don't blow away.
- Put dried rags in a metal container, making sure the container is tightly covered. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution to break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place out of direct sunlight and away from other heat sources.

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Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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Ensure your home is safe and free of fire hazards



- Ensure your address number is visible from the road. Remove debris that could obstruct the view of first responders.
- Clean out filters above your stove.

- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, replacing batteries if they are dead. Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old, or CO alarms more than 5 to 7 years old.
- Have an emergency preparedness kit in case of power outages or floods.
- Dust or vacuum the coils behind the refrigerator. Unplug the fridge while cleaning the coils.
- Practice your home escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of fire. Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly in case they are needed as an exit. Clear out stairs and landings so they are accessible during an evacuation.
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances for animal nests and to ensure proper wiring.
- Recycle old newspapers, magazines, and junk mail. Piled up items can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
- Clean up and properly store paints, pool, and yard chemicals.

Tips for battery usage and disposal

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices, including smart phones, laptops, e-bikes, smoke alarms and more. These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space. Batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous. Like any product, a small number of batteries are defective and can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
 - Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
 - Only use the battery designed for the device.
 - Put batteries in the device properly.
 - Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
 - Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
 - Stop charging the device after it is fully charged.
 - Keep batteries at room temperature. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
 - Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.
- Stop using the battery if you notice odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
 - Take them to a battery recycling location.
 - Do not put discarded batteries in piles.



Charging e-bicycles and electric vehicles

The safest place to charge e-bikes, e-scooters and electric vehicles is outdoors away from any structure or enclosure and not in direct sunlight. Do not charge a battery when either the charger or the battery is damaged. Do not store batteries in extremely hot or cold locations or in an area that blocks the only exit out of a room. And do not attempt to modify the battery or charger.

Keep debris well away from your home

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., with more and more people living in communities where wildfires are a real risk.

- Dispose of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings to reduce fuel for fire.
- Remove leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters,

and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.

- Remove dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- Move construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and outbuildings.

Clean your clothes dryer

- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe for your dryer is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating.
- Move things that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, away from the dryer.



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