

# FALLS TOWNSHIP

Fall / Winter 2025/2026  
*Bucks County, Pa.*

## New Leadership, Municipal Building on Horizon

On behalf of the Falls Board of Supervisors, I wanted to make a special introduction to our new Township Manager, John M. Shepherd. John began with us on Sept. 1.

He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this position and Falls Township is excited to have him at the helm. The Supervisors chose John from a pool of candidates following an extensive search that got underway in the winter.

Prior to his role with Falls, John served as a township manager for more than 25 years, including his most recent post as Township Manager of Roxbury Township, N.J. Since John is originally from western Pennsylvania and had worked as a township manager in Pennsylvania before relocating to New Jersey he's familiar with local government operations.

John replaced Matthew Takita, who, since his hiring in 2019, had also served as chief code enforcement and zoning officer. Matthew decided to step back from his role as Township manager but will continue overseeing code and zoning matters for Falls Township.

John's team-oriented approach to management, coupled with his attention to vision and detail, make him an asset for Falls now and in the coming years.

Our new manager's arrival comes in time for the final touches to be put on our long-awaited new municipal complex. We anticipate the completion of our completely renovated and expanded 61,000-square-foot municipal building by the end of 2025.

The Township and its professionals had to overcome numerous obstacles throughout the process, including construction that's taken longer than anticipated and at a higher cost. Unfortunately, several unforeseen circumstances, such as issues with the exterior of the building, have prompted delays. Once the walls were opened up, hollow cinder blocks were 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 involved lots of testing, retesting, searching for the contamination source and removing it. Most of the site that roads were built on top of consisted of clay, debris, and trash throughout. To remedy the situation, an engineer oversaw construction of the roadways, as well as the excavation of bad material and ensuring that there is a stable base.

Now, with project issues in the rearview mirror, we're excited to look ahead to impending completion of our new and improved municipal building, which has been 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. Upgrades will include improvements to administration, code enforcement and the fire marshal, finance, parks and recreation, police, clerks, tax collector, and public works, as well as a transition from a public meeting room to a community room, which could be used by residents and local groups. The municipal building will also feature shared, flexible conference rooms, incubator space for start-up businesses, as well as additional support and amenity spaces.

For our seniors and other visitors with limited mobility, the great news is that all of our municipal functions will be situated on the first floor for easier access. Once you visit, we hope you'll agree that our renovated building offers a welcoming feeling and is open, light and inviting, with building designs reflecting Falls Township's rich history.

Please join us for our Christmas tree lighting at the municipal complex on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-7 p.m. I hope to see you there!



**John M. Shepherd and his wife, left, with Supervisor John Palmer, right, and Vice Chairperson Erin Mullen, joined the Falls Township family on September 1.**

*-Jeffrey Dence*

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After you press 3 for Township  
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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)**



# Police Department



**Sean Perry (third from right) with Police Chief Nelson Whitney (left), Supervisors Chair Jeff Dence (second from left) and Supervisor John Palmer (right)**

## Police Welcome New Officer

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors recently authorized the hiring of Falls Township Police Officer Sean Perry.

He is a Lower Makefield Township native and Pennsbury High School graduate. A senior at West Chester University, Perry is pursuing a degree in criminal justice. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard's 1069th Military Police Company.

He returned in May after an almost year-long deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, with the 28th Military Police Company.

Perry has been pursuing a career in law enforcement throughout his life. First as an Explorer with the Lower Makefield Township Police Department, as a Community Service Officer with the New Shoreham Police Department in Rhode Island, and, in our humble opinion, most notably as the very first graduate of the Falls Township Youth Police Academy to become a Falls Township Police Officer.

He is enrolled in the Montgomery County Community College Police Academy with an anticipated December graduation.

Please join us in congratulating Sean and welcoming him to the department!

## Fraud Alert for Property Owners

Dan McPhillips, Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, offers a Fraud Alert program designed to protect Bucks County property owners' deeds. It's easy to sign up and a FREE service to all Bucks County residents and business owners.

Once enrolled, property owners will be alerted any time a document has been recorded in the office against your name or parcel number. A cell phone or email address is needed to sign up. We suggest signing up by both name and parcel number at: [www.landex.com/recorderalert/bucks](http://www.landex.com/recorderalert/bucks) or if you need assistance, please contact the office at **(215) 348-6209** or email Dan at [djmcphillips@buckscounty.org](mailto:djmcphillips@buckscounty.org).

Should you receive an alert (text message or email), follow the instructions and contact our office immediately. If fraudulent activity occurs, our office will connect you with the District Attorney's office. We cannot emphasize enough the importance that you follow up on any alert. Never assume it was received in error. Our staff is available to help and dedicated to keeping your investment safe.

## 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**. 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**.



Brandon Hughes

## Ex-Eagle Joins Force

The Township Police Department has added a former Philadelphia Eagles player to its roster.

Brandon Hughes began his 10-day orientation on Aug. 4. From there, he transitioned to a combination of ride-alongs and in-house/external training before beginning at the Temple Police Academy on Oct. 7.

Hughes graduated from Oregon State in 2009. The San Diego Chargers used the 149th pick to select him in the 2009 NFL draft. He spent five years playing football for the Chargers, Giants, Browns, as well as three years with the Eagles.

Following his playing career, he opened and operated his own gym, Fuel House, in Middletown Township. Hughes has also volunteered at Falls Township Police Department's Youth Police Academy, coaching and mentoring the cadets in physical fitness.



## Officer Bids Farewell to Canine Partner

For eight years Zico seamlessly switched gears from drug-sniffing canine officer to a beloved pet who loved chewing on his Kong toy and sneaking peanut butter from the kids when his handler wasn't within view.

Falls Police Officer Thomas Lundquist said goodbye to his German Shepherd partner recently. Despite battling health issues the last year and a half of his life, Zico continued to patrol with Lundquist.

Prior to his death, Zico aided the Pennsylvania State Police in obtaining \$100,000 worth of marijuana and \$90,000 in cash. In another instance, Lundquist recalled how Zico nabbed a suspect – who was rumored to have a gun – as he hid in thick grass. At the beginning of 2025, Lundquist was pursuing a suspect who allegedly stole a car. The suspect allegedly hit his vehicle and another vehicle before bailing on foot.

"Zico and I took off after the driver," Lundquist recalled of how his four-legged partner caught the suspect. "He didn't bite him. Because of our bond and connection, I called and he came to me."

Lundquist joined the Falls Township Police Department in January 2007. He began working as a K-9 officer in June 2012. At the same time, Lundquist – and later Zico – became part of the SWAT team.

"He was right there with us," Lundquist

said. "Based off the calls, we determined what our role would be, on a perimeter team or if we'd be on a reaction entry team."

More than just a partner, Zico was a pet for Lundquist and his family, regularly appearing in family pictures and prom photos.

"I don't allow my dogs or pets on furniture," he said. "My step-kids allowed him on their bed. They spoiled him, giving him peanut butter. He's just a puppy at home. He brings us his toy and wants to play. They

loved him and probably gave him more human food than I know about."

German Shepherds are widely recognized as highly intelligent dogs. Because of his smarts and training, Zico could easily transition from work to pet mode. Once he and Lundquist went home for the day and his collar and harness were off, Zico knew he was off duty.

"OK, we're home now," Lundquist said. "He did a pretty good job at turning it off, coming home and being a pet."

Zico also joined Lundquist at several National Night Out events and other community events, demonstrating his impressive skillset.

"At the end of our day he was part of our family and part of our community," Lundquist said. "Most people love dogs and love talking with people about dogs. I always had people approaching me and asking me about him."





## Grant Funds Engagement Program

Falls Township Police will be rolling out a new program that keeps 911 callers up to date on the status of their call via text message updates.

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors recently approved an agreement between Versaterm Public Safety US, Inc. and the Falls Township Police to implement an automated victim notification system to provide support for those impacted by or involved in the criminal justice process.

Through a grant from the Pennsylvania Community and Economic Assistance Program, the first year of the community engagement program will be fully funded. The funding covers all aspects of the project, including deployment, training, software integration and support services. There is no cost of participation for Falls Township.

Police Chief Nelson Whitney, II said he was “proud that we will be the first community in our area to get this amazing program.”

“The Community Connect program is an enhanced 911 program that will increase our engagement with citizens who call 911 for the police in Falls Township,” Whitney said. “It can send

automated text messages to citizens and keep them informed of our response to their calls for service.”

According to Versaterm, the software, which is available in all 50 states and Canada, sends more than 1 million monthly notifications to community members.

Versaterm’s software integrates with the police department’s computer-aided dispatch, records management system and case management system to automate 911 caller and crime victim updates.

“To help agencies avoid any communication gaps and potential delays, SPIDR Tech will send automatic notifications every time there is a change in the victim’s case,” the company said in its informational brochure. “Our platform helps integrate, automate, streamline agency communications and focus on victim care. Victims will feel empowered and informed due to having the autonomy on how they want their notifications (text, email, portal), whether they want to receive them and providing their feedback via customizable surveys.”

The system is also able to provide language translations.

## Parks and Recreation

*\*All programs/events are subject to change\* For the latest up-to-date information from Falls Township Parks and Recreation Department, be sure to follow us on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be accessed by visiting [www.fallstwp.com](http://www.fallstwp.com), clicking on the “Parks and Recreation” page, and looking for the link to the feed.*

### Youth Kickball

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is once again holding a youth kickball program for ages 7-11 on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. at the Mill Creek Road Sports Complex (Levittown Continental Challenger Field). The program will run from Sept 27 through Nov. 1. Cost for residents is \$15. Cost for non-residents is \$20.

Program registrations will be done online only using an existing **MyRec account**. Set up an account at [FallsTwpRec.com](http://FallsTwpRec.com). If you need any assistance with registration, please contact Brian Andrews by email at [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com) or by phone at (215) 949-9006.



### Yoga

Indoor Yoga at the Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road) in the Annex Building continues Mondays from 7-8 p.m. Six-week sessions cost: \$48 for residents; and \$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 **MyRec Account**. For further information or assistance with registration, please contact Barbara Loessy by email at [b.loessy@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.loessy@fallstwp.com) or by phone at (215) 949-9004.



# Parks and Recreation

## Medicare Information Workshop



Getting close to retirement and not quite sure what Medicare will and will not cover? We are offering residents 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, Sept. 25 from

6:30-8 p.m. in the Annex Building at the Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road). Please use an existing **MyRec** account to pre-register. If you need assistance registering for this event, contact Brian Andrews at **(215) 949-9006** or by email at [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com).

## Halloween In The Park

Looking for a fun, family-friendly event? Come out to our Halloween In The Park event on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 3:30 to 9 p.m. (3:30-4:30 p.m. is our sensory-friendly hour). We will have games, crafts, a costume contest, and much more followed by a screening of the original “Beetlejuice” movie starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase during the movie. For further information, contact Erin Long at **(215) 949-9018** or by email at [e.long@fallstwp.com](mailto:e.long@fallstwp.com).

## Holiday Party/Tree Lighting



Falls Township will be holding a Holiday Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony at the renovated Falls Township Municipal Complex on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-7 p.m. Pre-registration is required using a **MyRec** account. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Tree Lighting will take place at 6 p.m. For information, please contact Erin Long at **(215) 949-9018**

or by email at [e.long@fallstwp.com](mailto:e.long@fallstwp.com).

## Park and Recreation Board Meetings

The Park and Recreation Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at the temporary Township offices (450 Lincoln Highway Fairless Hills, PA 19030) at 7 p.m. until we move to the renovated Township complex (188 Lincoln Highway Fairless Hills, PA 19030). Meetings are open to the public. Note: The first meeting of fall will be Tuesday, Sept. 2. For questions or further information, please contact Brian Andrews at **(215) 949-9006** or by email at [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com).



## Touch a Truck/ Family Festival

The popular two-day Food Truck Festival and Touch a Truck events return Friday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 20 at Falls Township Community Park. Our Food Truck Festival will be held on Friday



from 6 to 9 p.m. and features live music from House Party, children’s activities, a beer garden with alcoholic beverages for sale from Fairless Hills Fire Department and culminates with fireworks at dusk. Saturday’s Touch a Truck event will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first hour is designated as a sensory-friendly hour for community members with special needs. Come out and explore construction vehicles, fire engines, police vehicles, and more. Levittown Fire Co. #1, Kona Ice and Breakfast, Burgers and More will be selling food and drink. There will be bounce houses, a photo booth, balloon artistry, and more. Event proceeds will benefit The Goofy Gators and Pennsbury Elementary School PTOs.

## Let’s Social-ize

Additional activities may be offered. Stay up to date by visiting our Facebook and Instagram pages and checking FallsTwpRec.com for new program additions.





# Amazon Eyes NorthPoint for Data Hub

Amazon is constructing a data center in Falls Township as part of a larger plan to establish multiple innovation campuses throughout the state, which would create 1,250 jobs.

In all, the e-commerce giant plans to invest \$20 billion in Pennsylvania to expand cloud computing infrastructure and advance AI innovation. Amazon plans to build an innovation campus on a portion of the sprawling 1,800-acre Keystone Trade Center, which is being redeveloped by NorthPoint Development.

"Falls Township is thrilled to be at the forefront of this exciting engine of innovation—powering and strengthening artificial intelligence globally," Falls Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff Dence said. "The creation of so many high-skilled career opportunities puts Falls Township and Bucks County in a robust position for further economic development opportunities."

The announcement comes on the heels of a shift in NorthPoint Development's plan for the Keystone Trade Center. The Falls Supervisors approved two preliminary and final land development plans, modifying previous plans for a 1 million-square-foot distribution center for its sixth building, located at 1 Ben Fairless Drive; and more than 3 million square feet of warehousing at 700 S. Port Road for phase two of the multi-tiered project. Under the revised land development plans, building six of the NorthPoint project will be modified to become a data center. The four different distribution centers that had been eyed for the 247-acre parcel have shifted to 10 different structures ranging from 112,000 square feet to 217,000 square feet, totaling more than 2 million square feet of a "digital infrastructure campus," according to NorthPoint attorney Mike Meginniss. Buildings will be one or two stories tall.

The new high-skilled jobs will range from data center engineers and network specialists, to engineering operations



managers, security specialists, and many more technical roles, according to Amazon. This planned investment is expected to also support thousands of local construction jobs and positions in the data center supply chain, as well as other jobs in the local community.

The Falls Supervisors began reviewing plans for various tiers of the extensive project in 2020.

In all, NorthPoint intends to build 20 or more state-of-the-art industrial warehouse buildings, distribution centers and data centers totaling 10 million square feet, with the potential of 15 million square feet.

Once complete, the redevelopment will create up to 14,000 new jobs.

"Falls Township is committed to seeing the former U.S. Steel property restored to its heyday as a major employer in the community," Dence said. "This commitment from Amazon positions the Township well for an influx of high-paying jobs."

NorthPoint Development will invest \$1.5 billion in the transformation of the site. In all, NorthPoint will spend an estimated \$40 million to \$45 million to remediate the site.

## Congratulations

### 5 Years

**Michael Collins**  
**Robert Goodwin**  
**Daniel Matkowski**  
**Michael Mraw**

### 10 Years

**Gage Noel**  
**Francisco Olmeda**  
**Jessica Ryan**  
**Nicole White**

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

### 15 Years

**James Bray**  
**Stephen McCreary**  
**Rosemarie Molle**  
**Christopher Morrell**

### 20 Years

**Nicholas Noel**

### 25 Years

**Sherry McGovern**  
**Bryan Detrick**  
**Brian McShane**  
**Gregory Small**

### 40 Years

**Renee Thompson**

# 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 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

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 Bucks 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

# Levittown Lanes to Become 24-Unit Apartment Building

Three years after a fire destroyed Levittown Lanes, the Falls Supervisors put the wheels in motion for the site of the long-time bowling alley to be home to a 24-unit apartment building.

On July 28, the board granted preliminary and final land development approval to owners Allen and Mary Ella Episcopo of 8815 and 8821 New Falls Road.

The plan calls for construction of an 11,875-square-foot, three-story apartment building on the 1.5-acre parcel, which includes the original bowling alley site and parking across the street.

Michael Meginniss, the property owner's attorney, said construction is expected to begin within 90 days.

Meginniss said the family is "pouring all of their savings and money into this project to make sure they do it correctly."

The Episcopo family owned the property for decades and will continue to own the apartment building. Units will not be age-restricted, and a property management company will oversee its operations and undertake various functions such as landscaping.

Allen Episcopo said his family has been in Falls Township since 1962 and intends to stay.

"We want to do something to improve the property and improve Falls Township," he told the board. "The building that we proposed is a beautiful building."

His son, Michael, shared how, as a result of the fire, "we lost our whole world."

"I'm going to continue my parents' legacy to my children and have something that I can pass to them," Michael said. "I hate seeing the empty lot."

Residents echoed his sentiments about an empty lot, but said they opposed a three-story building in proximity to homes. Residents noted that a digital petition circulating has more than 400 signatures of residents who oppose the project.

Supervisor Jeff Boraski said he had one resident reach out to him regarding Levittown Lanes, expressing concerns about the placement of the dumpster. Boraski said he never saw a petition and did not receive phone calls or emails.

"I understand people's concerns," Boraski said. "I feel for the residents, and I feel for the property owners as well."

The property owners agreed in July that the dumpster would be relocated away from residences and enclosed to prevent kids from playing on or around it.

In addition, 70 parking spaces will be provided for the 24 units, eliminating the need for overflow parking. Most of the parking – 56 spaces – will be situated across the street, while the remaining 14 will be on the same parcel as the apartment building.

The project will help with stormwater management and drainage by reducing the impervious surface by 32 percent. A vegetative perimeter is also planned, as are sidewalks along the frontages on New Falls Road, and along Orchard Drive. Crosswalks are also planned.







At left, the family of Kera Gordon and her mother, Karen Murphy-Gordon, watch as a memorial bench is unveiled. Below, the newly named Craig Doster Footbridge.

# Footbridge, Bench Honor Memories of Falls Residents

Manor Elementary School music teacher Marta Grothman hoped to have the vegetation removed from around the Craig Doster Bridge in Vermillion Hills. Her hope morphed into a complete restoration of the nearly 50-year-old bridge, which was installed in 1976 to honor 23-year-old Craig Doster, who lost his battle with cancer. Growing up in Vermillion Hills, Craig was 12 years older than Marta, but she still recalls with a smile the all-star athlete zooming by on a unicycle.



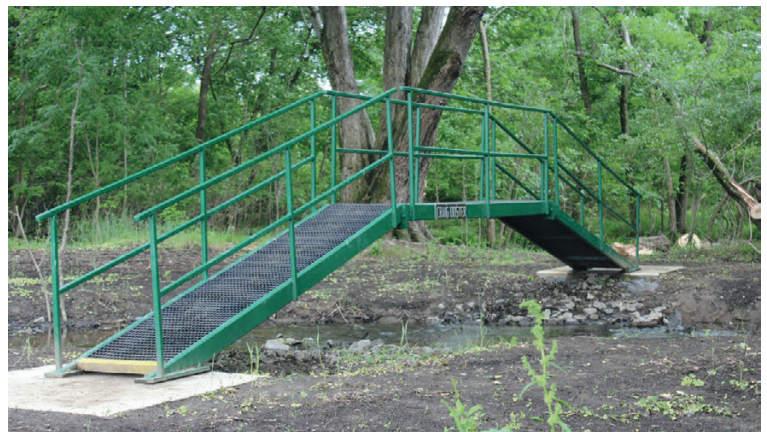
**Marta Grothman**

In the midst of her mission to beautify the bridge, Marta, with help from Pennsbury School District officials, teachers, the PTO, as well as Falls Township Supervisors Vice Chairperson Erin

Mullen, Falls Township Public Works officials, Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito, Parks and Recreation Director Brian Andrews and Falls Township Police Chief Nelson Whitney and Lt. Chris Clark, was able to grow her idea to include a newly installed flower garden, a new sign for the footbridge,



**Erin Mullen**



and a memorial bench to honor the lives of Kera Gordon and her mother, Karen Murphy-Gordon, who were killed in 2024.

Family members and friends of Craig, Kera and Karen gathered recently to honor their memories and unveil the bench and sign.

Marta led students in singing songs during the ceremony, while speakers took turns sharing memories of Craig, Kera and Karen.

The overwhelming theme of the evening was one centered around a community that stands strong behind its residents, much like the Falls Township community has stood strong behind Craig, Kera and Karen.



# Help Prevent Bird/Building Collisions

Up to 1 billion birds in the U.S. suffer fatal collisions with buildings and other man-made structures annually. As a result, the survival of hundreds of bird species is in great jeopardy. Collisions are caused by the ways in which artificial lights and glass on buildings affect birds.

Most birds do not understand that reflections on glass are not real scenes, and most do not comprehend that many transparent glass surfaces are even present because these surfaces are often difficult to detect, causing many birds to fly into glass surfaces.

In addition to glass, artificial lights can cause birds to collide with structures at night, especially when birds are migrating. Migrating birds drawn to brightly lit buildings, communication towers, bridges and brightly lit ships at night can collide with parts of these structures they cannot see in the dark. Lights that make windows and other reflective and transparent surfaces visible at night can also allow collisions to occur at night as easily as they do during the day.

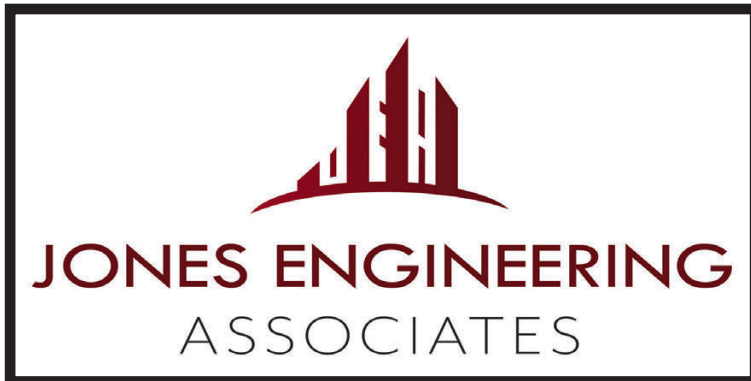
Building collisions are the second-largest source of bird mortality in the U.S. that is caused directly by humans. The mortality caused by these collisions could reduce the populations of many bird species, especially those already under threat.

Solutions for alleviating collisions from lights:

- Turn off exterior decorative lighting.
- Extinguish spot and floodlights.



- Choose non-flashing lighting over strobe lighting.
  - Reduce lobby and atrium lighting.
  - Turn off interior lighting, especially upper floors at night.
  - Substitute task and area lighting for workers staying late or pull window coverings.
  - Down-shield exterior lighting to eliminate all light directed upward and horizontal glare.
  - Install motion sensors and automatic controls to turn off unneeded lights.
  - When converting to new lighting, avoid over-lighting.
- Solutions for alleviating collisions caused by glass:
- Create patterns of closely spaced decorative shapes on reflective or transparent glass. (Multiple markings 2 inches by 2 inches apart are recommended).
  - Hang vertical cords in front of a window, four inches apart.
  - Place taught netting or screening, an outdoor shade, or a decorative scrim in front of the outer surface of a window to create a barrier that birds are less likely to attempt to fly through.
  - Cover the outside of a window with a perforated vinyl film to allow one to see through the window from the inside.
  - Close blinds or curtains, especially at night.
  - Move plants away from windows.
  - Place bird feeders directly on windows.



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# Falls Celebrates 58 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:

**Agri-Cycle Energy, LLC**, 201 Lower Morrisville Road, Ste 400, Fallsington;

**The MOTA Corp.**, 300 W. Trenton Ave., Ste 107, Morrisville;

**US – Penn Logistics**, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 402, Fairless Hills;

**Insurance Solutions Concept**,

300 W. Trenton Ave., Ste 108-109, Morrisville;

**Manna Services Group**, 81 Big Oak Road, Ste 201A, Morrisville;

**1900 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, LLC**, 1900 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

**CSC Sugar Gravel Lot**, 40 Kresge Road, Fairless Hills;

**Air Liquide Electronics Morrisville Storage Facility**,

6 Steel Road E, Rear Yard, Morrisville;

**Russo Acquisition & Construction**,

323 Lincoln Highway Rear, Fairless Hills;

**Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center**,

405 S. Oxford Valley Road, Ste A, Fairless Hills;

**Big Blue Swim School**, 524 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;

**Blank Space Community Center**, 85 Makefield Road, Ste 7, Morrisville;

**299 Canal Road LLC**, 299 Canal Road, Fairless Hills;

**Transcend Wellness Group, LLC**, 300 W. Trenton Ave., Ste 104, Morrisville;

**Kaye's Beauty Oasis**, 914 Trenton Road, Ste 7, Fairless Hills;

**CLC Contractors**, 1560 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

**Foraker Landscaping, Inc.**, 830 W. Bridge St. Ste C, Morrisville;

**Wayne Moving**, 8 Headley Place, Fallsington;

**Premium Truck Repair**, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 12N, Fairless Hills;

**Var Fence & Contracting**, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 152, Fairless Hills;

**33 & 1/3 Record Distributors, LLC**, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 16L, Fairless Hills;

**33 & 1/3 Record Distributors, LLC**, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 19P, Fairless Hills;

**Fire Dog Promotions, LLC**, 370 Thornridge Dr., Levittown;

**Bubbakoo's Burritos**, 229 Plaza Blvd., Ste 28A, Morrisville;

**Progroup Properties, LLC**, 95 Lower Morrisville Road, Fallsington;

**The Little Gym**, 8919 New Falls Road, Ste 8C, Levittown;

**119 Trenton Road, LLC**, 119 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills;

**MSA Logistics**, 1501 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste 100, Morrisville;

**VICTRA**, 520 N. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

**Haul of Duty, Inc.**, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 175, Fairless Hills;

**Central PA Wireless**, 833 W. Trenton Ave., Ste 2, Morrisville;

**FNLr Compounds Matter, LLC**, 4 E. Steel Road, Morrisville;



**FNLr Compounds Matter, LLC**, 5 E. Steel Road, Morrisville;

**Libra Leasing, LLC**, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste A4, Fairless Hills;

**Sherwin Williams Paint Company**,

332 W. Trenton Ave., Ste 106, 108, 110, Morrisville;

**Modern Psychiatry**, 81 Big Oak Road, Morrisville;

**Morrisville Fuels**, 229 W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville;

**RNS Plumbing & Drain Cleaning**, 8806 New Falls Road, Levittown;

**ER2 Realty, LLC**, 236 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;

**Toasted Coconuts**, 636 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 12, Fairless Hills;

**Dcruz Agency, LLC**, 81 Big Oak Road, Ste 201, Morrisville;

**Grocery Outlet**, 510 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;

**Rise Chiropractic**, 110 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 12, Fairless Hills;

**Pets Plus of Fairless Hills, LLC**, 151 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;

**Movement Mortgage**, 119 Trenton Road, Ste 100, Fairless Hills;

**J. Pina Clinical Services, LLC**, 333 N. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

**Lulu's Pet Grooming**, 101 Makefield Road, Morrisville;

**Wawa**, 540 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;

**Big Lots**, 508 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;

**Fur Seasons Mobile Dog Grooming**, 10 Ember Lane, Levittown;

**JCDD Real Estate, LLC**, 1510 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

**Home Health Professional Network, Inc.**, 300 W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville;

**Retro Fitness**, 516-518 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;

**Bold Steps Behavioral Health**, 2 Wildrose Lane, Levittown;

**JL Truck Repairs, LLC**, 1520 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

**Shogun Martial Arts**, 364 W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville;

**CDL Lab**, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Ste 167, 186-188, Fairless Hills;

**Tangle Media, LLC**, 81 Big Oak Road, Ste 105, Morrisville.

# Fallsington Library Sets Fall Events



Fallsington Library has several exciting events planned for fall.

**Fallsington Day:** Join Fallsington Library on Saturday, Oct. 11 for the library's Burrow Rummage Sale, Book Sale, Bake Sale and crafts. The rummage sale begins at 9 a.m.

**Holiday Jewelry Sale:** The library will host its jewelry sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8. Jewelry available includes hundreds of pieces of vintage and contemporary jewelry, new and gently worn items, and tons of new donations.

**Burrow and Book Sale:** Get ready for the holidays with the library's Burrow and Book Sale on Saturday, Dec. 13. From 9 a.m. to noon, guests can peruse the rummage sale, which features antique, vintage, and contemporary items.



## Dates Set for Leaf Collection and Christmas Tree Pickups

Waste Management has scheduled leaf collection for October 25, November 8 and November 22.

If you experience any issues with your leaf collection, please contact Waste Management at **(800) 869-5566**.

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 collection day in the same location as your regular trash pick-up. **LEAVES IN ANY OTHER CONTAINER WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

Christmas tree pickup dates are January 10 and January 24, 2026. Trees will **NOT** be picked up with the regular trash.

## Bulk Disposal Day Oct. 18

Mark your calendars for the next **FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY**, which will be held on Saturday, October 18 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**.



## Fallsington Library to Host Fall Concert Fundraiser

Following two successful annual galas that featured rousing performances from the Fiddlehead String Quartet on the Fallsington Library's second-floor stage, the library is once again opening its doors and inviting patrons and community members alike to its Oct. 25 Fall Concert Fundraiser.

### If you go

Tickets cost \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets are available at the Fallsington Library, 139 Yardley Ave., Fallsington. Online auction items will be available for bids beginning on Fallsington Day, Oct. 11, at 8:30 a.m. Bidding concludes on Oct. 25 at 8:30 p.m.

The fundraising event aims to contribute to Fallsington Library's programming, which includes year-round fun, hands-on STEAM programs, an immersive summer activity and reading program, and monthly train club.

The popular Fiddlehead String Quartet returns for the night of fun and fundraising. Attendees can enjoy an hour-long concert, followed by refreshments, games, as well as a finale to the online

auction, which will feature dozens of items, including attraction and museum tickets, restaurant gift cards, and more.

"Fancy dress is optional, but encouraged," Fallsington



**The October 25 Fallsington Library fundraising event features a performance from the Fiddlehead String Quartet.**

Library Executive Director Charlene Rendeiro said. "The theme is upstage the bride (of Frankenstein)."

Previous events have raised a combined \$13,000.

If you're interested in sponsoring the event, please email Fallsington Library Executive Director Charlene Rendeiro at [rendeiroc@buckslib.org](mailto:rendeiroc@buckslib.org).

To register, or take part in the auction, go to <http://go.rallyup.com/fallsingtonlibrary2025>.



## Fairless Hills Plan Numerous Events

Friends and Neighbors,

Last year was another busy year for the Fairless Hills Fire Department. Our emergency personnel responded to 600+ calls in 2024, spent more than 4,000 hours on emergency incidents, training, community events and activities and educating approximately 2,000 students, teachers, and community members on fire safety.

Our volunteers provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We continue to strive to provide our highest level of service to you, our ever-growing and evolving community. These are services we would be unable to provide without your help.

There is a lot of time, effort and energy that goes into keeping you, our community members, safe. As such, the members of the Fairless Hills Volunteer



Fire Department want to take this time to thank you for your continued support.

### Join the Family

The Fairless Hills Fire Department is seeking individuals interested in serving as 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.

### Providing Event Space

Visit [www.Westabyhall.com](http://www.Westabyhall.com) or call us at (215) 943-0194 for more information on renting Westaby Hall.

### Golf Outing Sponsorships

We have opportunities to sponsor a single hole or all 18 holes at our 22nd Annual Golf Outing. Donations help us maintain equipment and cover expenses to help keep Fairless Hills and the surrounding communities safe. Go to <https://fairless-hills-fire-company.square.site> to donate online.

## Falls Township 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](mailto:station32@levittownfire.com) or you can complete an application online at [www.levittownfire.com](http://www.levittownfire.com).

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## Falls Township Polling Places

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



# Historic Fallsington



## Historic Fallsington Day Saturday, Oct. 11; 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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. Don't forget to visit the entire village to purchase some 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. **FREE** parking is available at Fallsington Elementary School.

## Spirits of the Past Tours Sunday, Oct. 26 6:30 p.m.

Explore the historic village at night to learn more about the lives of those that lived and worked here in the past by visiting with their spirits.

Pre-registration required; tours start every 15 minutes with 10 visitors per tour. Fee: Adults: \$10; Kids (3-12): \$5 includes homemade snacks.

## Fall Fling Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Historic Fallsington's autumn benefit supports the continued education and preservation efforts and includes an evening of food, drink and live auction at the historic Bella Tori at the Mansion.

Tickets: \$130/person.

## Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

Historic Fallsington's annual community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Dec. 14. Guests will 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 Burges-Lippincott House just across the square before heading up Yardley Avenue for some complimentary refreshments.



## Christmas Tours Fridays/Saturdays in December 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The three historic houses will be adorned with Christmas trees decorated by local community groups and organizations while also sharing some of the common holiday practices of the past (1760s-1860s) during guided tours.

Tours offered by pre-registration. Fee: Adults: \$10; Kids (3-12): \$5.



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## Learn Your Alarm Sounds

Is there a beep or a chirp coming from your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds by checking the user guide or searching the brand and model online.

What is your alarm telling you?

### Smoke Alarms

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 911, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life. All alarms must be replaced after 10 years.

### Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 911 and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Some tips include installing a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss. In addition, individuals could sleep with their mobility device, glasses, and phone close to the bed. It’s also a good idea to keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

## Sign up for Text Alerts

Falls Township, in coordination with Bucks County, is upgrading its 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 this QR code. You can 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, either emergency, community, or both, as well as how to receive them, i.e. text, email, etc.



## Use Lithium-Ion Batteries Correctly

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space. Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous. Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

### Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- 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.
- Do not charge the device after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. 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 911.

Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions. Do not put discarded batteries in piles.



# Stay Warm Safely This Winter

Did you know heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.

- Never use your oven as a heater.

- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

- Use the right kind of fuel, specified



by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.

- Ensure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

## Portable Space Heaters

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.

- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.

- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.

- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.

- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.

- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.

# Dryer Fires Can Be Easily Prevented

Doing laundry is probably part of your daily routine. But do you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? Failure to clean dryers is the leading cause of home dryer fires. With a few simple tips, you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Ensure your dryer is installed and serviced by a professional.

- Make sure to use a lint filter every time.

- Clean the lint filter after each load of laundry.

- Remove lint that has collected around the drum.

- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.

- Ensure that the air exhaust pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating.

- Clean lint out of the vent pipe at least once a year.

- Gas dryers should be inspected to make sure the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.

- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.

- Turn the dryer off when you leave home or go to bed.

## And don't forget:

- Dryers should be properly grounded.

- Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it's not covered by snow.

- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.



- Clothes that come in contact with flammable substances like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then washed and dried as usual.

# 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?

Each resident should use their 96-gallon waste and 96-gallon recycling cart supplied by Waste Management. Those with mobility issues can request a 64-gallon cart by calling (800) 869-5566.

#### 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.





# Thank you Falls Township

Thank you to the Falls Township administration, staff and residents for your cooperation and assistance with the recent residential service changes.

We remain committed to Safety, Service and our Community.



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# Get involved: Become a Volunteer

# VOLUNTEER



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

Residents are welcome to volunteer to serve on one of the many boards and advisory bodies in Falls Township. If interested, please check the Township website for the most up-to-date

openings. Letters of interest, noting preference for any of the openings, can be emailed to [admin@fallstwp.com](mailto:admin@fallstwp.com) or mailed to

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