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News from the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors

May 2004

Township's Communications Stand Out In State

Montgomery Township has received the Outstanding Citizen Communication Award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors in recognition of the Township's successful communication of information, programs and activities to residents.

The Township was also honored for the Communicator, the Township newsletter, its cable TV channel (Comcast Channel 22) and the Web site home page. The 13th annual PSATS award recognizes municipalities across the state for the excellence in communication.

"The Township's overall commitment to citizen communication is a team effort," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Stephen Prousi. "It takes the cooperation and commitment of all Township Departments and staff members to ensure that citizens are informed. We are committed to hard work, diligence, and effective ongoing communications to successfully enhance the quality of life of our residents and opportunities for businesses."

The association presented the Board of Supervisors with the Outstanding Citizen Communication Award at its annual state convention in April in front of more than 3,500 officials from across the state. PSATS represents Pennsylvania's 1,456 townships of the Second Class.



Township Manager John Nagel (from left), Supervisors Robert Kuhn, William Sarosky, J. Robert Witmer and Supervisor Chairman Stephen Prousi accepted the Outstanding Communication Award in Harrisburg.

In 2002, Montgomery Township was chosen as the second place winner for its home page on the Internet and third place for its Cable TV Channel in the statewide citizens' communication contest. Please visit the Awards and Accolades Web page on the Township Web site www.montgomerytpw.org for more information.

Please remember to visit the Township Building to read the latest newsletter or press release, pick up a Township map or New Resident packet and view the Township Web site on the public computer. The Township Building is open Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Trees Appreciate Good Mulching

Did you know that grass clippings and mulch can kill your trees?

While the practice of mulching around trees can be aesthetically pleasing and make mowing easier, improperly placed mulch can be deadly to your prized foliage.

Tree roots have to breathe oxygen for the tree to survive. Tree roots feed through root fibers off of the top 8-10 inches of soil to supply the nutrition for the entire system.

So how does mulch change this situation? Mulch placed against the bark of a tree creates a moist and moldy environment. Eventually, the tree begins to grow root fibers in this new area, killing off root fibers lower in the ground. Wet grass clippings and leaves cut off all oxygen to the roots and can kill the underlying root system if not removed.

To prevent the death of your tree, follow the Public Works Department's helpful tips:

- Only allow three inches of mulch, maximum, to build up
- Remove mulch every few years to ensure that the tree has normal root growth
- Keep mulch four to five inches away from the trunk.
- The mulched area should include as much of the root zone as possible. For beds, mulch the entire area. For individual plants, such as trees, the mulched area should extend at least 3 to 6 feet out from the base of the plant.



Proper mulching extends the life of a tree.

Township Celebrates Local Government Week

Local Government Week focuses attention on the need for strong, independent, and active local governments and recognizes the valuable contributions made by citizens serving their communities in public office. This year, Local Government Week was celebrated by municipalities throughout the state April 12-16.

Students from the Montgomery Elementary School toured the Township Building and met with representatives of the Fire and Police

Departments and Volunteer Medical Corps. The students also had the opportunity to learn about the daily activities of the Township.



Career Firefighters Frank Colelli and John Scheiter of the FDMT welcomed (left to right) Adrienne Albano, Margaret Gillespie, Adam Morrow and Jay Morrow from the Montgomery Elementary School during Local Government Week.

On April 12, the Supervisors passed a resolution in honor of Local Government Week. The Supervisors also recognized Montgomery Elementary School and Mary Mother of Redeemer School for their participation in student government and commitment to developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Practice Runoff Prevention

Most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. By minimizing runoff, surface water quality and groundwater resources can be protected. For more information on stormwater runoff, pick up an informational pamphlet at the Township Building or visit www.montgomerytwp.org

Prevent Stormwater Pollution:

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads.
2. Never dump anything down storm drains.
3. Compost your yard waste.
4. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
5. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
6. Check car for leaks, and recycle motor oil.
7. Pick up after your pet.

Police Offer Gun Locks

As part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Child," the Police Department is now distributing free firearm locks to residents.



Firearm locks are available from the Police Department. The type and style of lock may vary depending upon availability.

The Police Department recommends that all firearms be stored unloaded and locked with a locking device. The Department also suggests that firearms be secured in a locking safe or vault not accessible to children or unauthorized persons.

Later this year, the Police Department will be offering "Firearms Safety Training Courses". Certified firearms instructors from both the Montgomery Township Police Department and Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department will conduct these courses. Please check www.montgomerytwp.org and Channel 22 for the dates, times, and places for the courses.

Be Safe on the 4th

The American traditions of parades, cookouts, and fireworks help us celebrate the summer season. However, fireworks can turn a joyful celebration into a painful memory if children and adults are injured. This season, remember to leave fireworks to the professionals.

The Township Fire Marshal's Office also reminds residents that it is illegal to buy, sell, possess, or discharge fireworks in Pennsylvania. Only sparklers are permitted in the Township.

To help consumers use sparklers more safely, the Montgomery Township Fire Marshal's Office offers these recommendations:

- ♦Do not allow young children to play with sparklers under any circumstances.
- ♦Older children should only be permitted to use sparklers under close adult supervision. Do not allow any running or horseplay.
- ♦Light sparklers outdoors in a clear area away from houses, dry leaves or grass, and flammable materials.
- ♦Store sparklers in a dry, cool place. Check instructions for special storage directions.

Paving Work Scheduled For Coming Months

The following is the proposed list of roads that will be milled and repaved. Most of the roads will also have curb and sidewalk replacements. This work will take place on an as needed basis. Work will be done from approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Curb and sidewalk projects are scheduled to begin in May. Road paving projects are scheduled to begin in July or August.

Property owners on the roads should check their mailbox to ensure that it is a minimum of 6 inches behind the curb face. Prior to the start of paving, homeowners should reset any mailbox protruding past the minimum measurement of 6 inches. This will ensure that the mailbox will not be damaged during work. Any damage that may occur will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Bartlett Drive	Damson Lane
Elberta Drive	Henning Drive
Jonathan Drive	Macintosh Lane
Orchard Drive	Red Haven Drive
Stayman Drive	Windsor Circle
Acorn Place	Aspen Place
Azalea Place	Harbob Lane
Hawthorne Circle	Hawthorne Drive
Hedgegrow Place	Hemlock Drive
Jason Place	Magnolia Place
Narcissus Place	Rose Lane
Sassafras Drive	Village Drive
Winter Drive	

Roads will be closed except for local traffic and emergency vehicles during work hours. All cars must be parked in driveways. Children and pets should be kept away from paving work. Do not drive your vehicle on roads during paving work. The Township cannot be held liable for any vehicle damage.

The Township asks for your patience and cooperation during this work. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (215) 855-0510.



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Your Award-Winning Communications Community

Recycle Electronics

Looking to clean up around the house? Bring computers, peripherals, monitors, printers and smaller TVs (no large consoles) to:

Norristown Area High School
Eagle Drive (off Whitehall Road)
West Norriton Township
Saturday, June 26, 2004
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Call (610) 278-3618
Or visit www.wsaemc.org

Send Household Hazardous Waste To Proper Burial

Automotive products, pesticides, household cleaners, paint products, lighter fluids, swimming pool chemicals and other household hazardous waste may be dropped off at the following locations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the dates noted as part of the 2004 Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program. For more information and directions, call (610)278-3618 or visit www.wsaemc.org.

Saturday, May 1, 2004
Green Lane Park
Deep Creek- Lake Tennis Court
Parking Lot
Green Lane Road (off Rt. 29)
Upper Frederick Township

Saturday, July 10, 2004
North Penn High School Parking Lot
Sumneytown Pike & Valley Forge Road
(Rt. 363)
Towamencin Township

Saturday, August 14, 2004
Temple University- Ambler Campus
Butler Pike Entrance ONLY
Student Parking Lot
Upper Dublin Township

Saturday, October 23, 2004
Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 Woodbine Avenue
Penn Valley/ Lower Merion Township



Recreation News

May 2004

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Tuesday evenings throughout the summer beginning at 7 p.m. in Gazebo Park behind the Municipal Building.

June 22

Stephen Parker Band

American Folk Rock

The Stephen Parker Band effortlessly blends elements of folk, country, and rock together to create a distinctive presentation of original acoustic music.

July 6

Pennsylvania Dance Swing Band

The Pennsylvania Dance Swing Band recreates the swinging jazz sounds of the Big Band era, performing compositions that span an entire century of music.

July 13

Steppin' Out

Folk and Blue-Grass

Steppin' Out represents a mixture of folk, pop, blue-grass, and country swing, ranging from The Kingston Trio to Jimmy Buffet.

July 20

Montgomery County Concert Band

The Montgomery County Concert Band, a traditional concert band, presents music from well-known musicals such as West Side Story and other marvelous Big Band music from the 20's to the present.

July 27

Sands of Time

50s and 60s Classic Rock

Sands of Time is a new band being featured at Montgomery Township's Summer Concert Series. Enjoy listening and dancing to the old classics from the 50s and 60s.

August 3

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Classic Rock Music

A mixture of classic rock from the 1960s on. They perform The Rolling Stones to The Who.

August 10

Dean Garofolo

An authentic Elvis impersonator will be performing the greatest Elvis hits. Garofolo won the Dick Clarke contest for best Elvis impersonators!

August 17

Point Blank

50s Classic to Contemporary Rock

Don't miss this exciting energetic band that will have you singing, tapping, and dancing to their endless repertoire of songs of all styles from the 50s to today's hits.



COME JOIN MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP FOR A TRIP TO THE NEW PHILLIES STADIUM!! Experience the fireworks show and excitement as the Philadelphia Phillies face the Baltimore Orioles.

DATE: Saturday, July 3, 2004

TIME: Bus leaves Montgomery Township Building at 4:30p.m. sharp!

PLACE: Citizens Bank Ballpark

COST: Residents: \$35 Nonresidents: \$40

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Your child can become a certified babysitter. Part of the course is basic first aid training and how to treat minor cuts and scrapes along with basic CPR techniques. Upon completion, participants will receive a canvas bag with information, first aid kit, manual, and certification.

AGE: 11 to 15 years
DATE: Tuesday, June 22 and Thursday, June 24
TIME: 9 a.m. to Noon
PLACE: Montgomery Township Community Rooms
COST: Residents: \$75
Nonresidents: \$85
HOST: American Red Cross

DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASS

A 30-hour theory program covers the Pennsylvania Driver's Manual and all phases of defensive driving with six hours of on-the-road training. Completion of this course may make a teen driver eligible for reduced insurance rates. A permit or license is NOT required to begin the theory portion of the course. Text is provided.

AGE: Minimum age 15 years
DATE: Monday, July 12 to Friday, July 23
TIME: 9 a.m. to Noon
PLACE: Montgomery Township Community Rooms
COST: \$362, includes the 30 hours of theory and six hours of road training

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO CAMEO DRIVING SCHOOL
HOST: Cameo Driving School

KIDS UNIVERSITY CAMP

Back by popular demand! This half-day program offers arts and crafts, sports, interactive games, nature programs, speakers, and much more, in a series of one-week sessions. Camp is Monday through Thursday and Friday is a make-up day in the event of inclement weather. Sign up for five weeks and get the sixth week FREE. The total cost for six weeks is \$225 for residents and \$250 for nonresidents.

WEEK I June 21 - June 24
WEEK II June 28 - July 1
WEEK III July 5 - July 8
WEEK IV July 12 - July 15
WEEK V July 19 - July 22
WEEK VI July 26 - July 29

KIDS UNIVERSITY CAMP I

AGE: 5 to 7 years
TIME: 9 a.m. to Noon
PLACE: Spring Valley Park
COST: Residents: \$45 per week
Nonresidents: \$50 per week

KIDS UNIVERSITY CAMP II

AGE: 8 to 10 years
TIME: 9 a.m. to Noon
PLACE: Windlestrae Park (Main)
COST: Residents: \$45 per week
Nonresidents: \$50 per week

PRESCHOOL CAMP

Montgomery Township is now offering a two-day a week camp for preschoolers. There will be arts and crafts, games, etc.

AGE: 3 to 5 years
DATE: Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6 to July 29
TIME: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park (Rose Twig)
COST: Residents: \$100
Nonresidents: \$110

MAD SCIENCE CAMP

Come join the staff of Mad Science to learn about Radical Reactions & Detective Science.

In this weeklong program, campers will have tons of fun mixing up potions and experimenting with all kinds of chemical reactions! Our young chemists will grow crystals, create sidewalk chalk, and even make chromatography T-Shirts to take home.

AGE: 6 to 10 years
DATE: August 2 to August 5
TIME: 9 a.m. to Noon
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$105
Nonresidents: \$115

ADULT TENNIS

Session consists of 12 one hour lessons

AGE: 15 years and Up
DATE: June 22 to July 29
CLASSES: Tuesdays and Thursdays
TIMES: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
PLACE: Spring Valley Park on Upper State Road
COST: Residents: \$60
Nonresidents: \$70

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

This year's basketball league will be hosted by the Montgomery Basketball Association. Registration dates, costs, etc. will be available on the Township's Cable Channel 22 and Web site, or call Montgomery Basketball Association at (215)393-3132 or www.mba.org.

ROVING RANGER NATURE CAMP

2004 Roving Rangers Nature Safari: Sylvan Secrets

Magic in the woodlands! Creatures in the trees! Hidden Secret Spaces! Treasures! Join the Roving Rangers in learning the special, magical ways of the woods in playful animal and tree games, forestry crafts, and other woodland adventures. Each Roving Ranger receives Official Parchment of Participation!

AGE: 4 to 6 years
DATE: August 2 to August 6
TIME: 9:30 a.m. - Noon
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Resident: \$75
Nonresidents: \$85

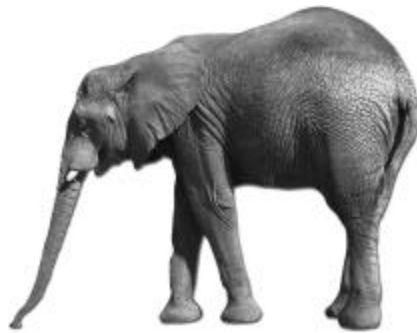
Junior Naturalists Outdoor Society: 2004 Passport to Adventure

Newly issued Junior Naturalist passports admit us to exciting and exotic destinations: strange new lands, where we meet and interact with the native residents, play Territorial Tag, mediate a border dispute between open land and forest land, and perform other useful exploits on our travels. Each Junior Naturalist receives a JNOS Passport and a Certificate of Outdoor Investigations.

AGE: 6 to 9 years
DATE: August 2 to August 6
TIME: 1 p.m. - 3:30p.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Resident: \$75
Nonresidents: \$85

Wildlife Trackers!

We'll find out what kinds of animals live in and around the park, and be on the look-out for them. We'll search for clues they leave: a bird's nest, a hollow tree, chewed leaves, foot-



prints, or feathers. We'll go on mini-expeditions, play games to learn how animals hide so well, make plaster casts of animal tracks, and meet up with some real live animals.

AGE: 4 to 6 years
DATE: August 9 to August 13
TIME: 9:30 a.m. - Noon
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$75
Nonresidents: \$85

Wildlife Mission: Incredible

Your mission, should you choose to accept, will be to track down and spy on the mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and fish of the field, forest and stream. We want to know: What bird comes down a tree head-first? Which animals have built-in drinking straws? Who has teeth that never stop growing? Through live animals and prepared specimens and field observations, we'll learn the answers!

AGE: 6 to 9 years
DATE: August 9 to August 13
TIME: 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$75
Nonresidents: \$85

YOUTH TENNIS

Session consists of 12 one-hour lessons.

AGE: 8 to 14 years
DATE: June 21 to July 29
CLASSES: Monday & Wednesday mornings
Tuesday & Thursday mornings
TIMES: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
PLACE: Spring Valley Park on
Upper State Road
COST: Residents: \$60
Nonresidents: \$70
INSTRUCTOR: Christine Gale

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

One unopened can of regulation tennis balls, tennis racquet, non-marking sneakers, and a bottle of water.

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

Children will have the opportunity to take part in over 15 different sports, including group building activities and fun games. The multi-sport program is dedicated to the sports-minded youngster. Campers receive technical instruction in each sport and will then experience the sport in a realistic game situation. Participants can register online at www.usportsinstitute.com or call the Park & Recreation Department at (215) 393-6900.

AGE: 5 to 7 years
DATE: August 2 to August 6
TIME: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$145
Nonresidents: \$155

AGE: 7 to 14 years
DATE: August 2 to August 6
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$169
Nonresidents: \$179

SOCCER CAMP

Learn soccer from the pros! Join United Soccer for a week of instructional play, and learn proper soccer techniques and skills to improve your game. Register online at www.USAsoccer.net.

AGE: 7 to 14 years
DATE: July 5 to July 9
TIME: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$145
Nonresidents: \$155

SOCCER SQUIRTS CAMP

Learn soccer in a fun-filled environment. A great way to introduce your child to soccer in a camp format through games and activities. Register online at www.USAsoccer.net.

AGE: 3 to 6 years
DATE: July 5 to July 9
TIME: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$89
Nonresidents: \$99

PAR BREAKERS GOLF CAMP FOR KIDS

Is your child interested in learning to play golf or improve their skills? Come join Par Breakers instructors to learn the proper etiquette and rules of golf. Participants can register by calling the Park & Recreation Department at (215) 393-6900.

AGE: 7 to 14 years
DATE: August 16 to August 20
TIME: 9 a.m. to Noon
PLACE: Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$140
Nonresidents: \$145
HOST: Par Breakers Golf

BASKETBALL CAMP

It's another fun-filled program for the young athlete in your family! Participants will learn how to dribble, jump and shoot. Participants can register online at www.skyhawks.com or call the Park & Recreation Department at (215) 393-6900.

AGE: 7 to 12 years
DATE: June 21 to June 24
TIME: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
PLACE: Spring Valley Park/
Windlestrae Park
COST: Residents: \$103
Nonresidents: \$108
HOSTL: Skyhawks

PAR BREAKERS GOLF CLINIC FOR ADULTS

Feel your golfing skills need improvement. Come join the staff of Par Breakers to improve on slicing, chipping, driving and putting. Participants can register by calling the Park & Recreation Department at (215) 393-6900.

AGE: 15 years and Up
DATE: Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28
TIME: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park on Kenas Road
COST: Residents: \$90
Nonresidents: \$100
HOST: Par Breakers Golf

WINDLESTRAE WALKERS

Join the Township's Park & Recreation Department Monday evenings until October 18 to walk through Windlestrae Park's trails of fun!

AGE: All Ages Welcome
TIME: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
PLACE: Windlestrae Park (meet at pavilion of main section of park - near the bathrooms)
COST: FREE

AMUESEMENT PARK

TICKETS

Before you go to the amusement parks contact Montgomery Township Parks and Recreation Department for tickets! Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Hershey Park, Baltimore Aquarium, Camden Aquarium, Great Adventure, Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, Sesame Place, Philadelphia Zoo.

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society has selected the North Penn Recreation Consortium as the winner of its annual "Excellence in Special Programming" award for the Valentine Fun Fest hosted in conjunction with the Montgomery Mall. The Montgomery Township Parks and Recreation Office is a member of the consortium along with the surrounding North Penn Communities. The award recognizes outstanding quality and innovation in programming and the efficient use of resources. Montgomery Township congratulates the Parks and Recreation Office and the rest of the members of the North Penn Recreation Consortium for a job well done!

Recreation Department

Eve DiFeo, Recreation Coordinator
Leia Collins, Program Leader

The Parks and Recreation Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Township Building.

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