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PennDOT Offers Route 202 Proposal

PennDOT has unveiled a proposed replacement for the Route 202 Bypass with a goal of having cars traveling along the road in five years.

The PennDOT proposal includes a limited access parkway in the preserved right-of-way for the Route 202 Bypass along with options for local road improvements. The proposal was developed in numerous meetings with representatives of Montgomery



Township and other neighboring municipalities, state legislators and officials from the planning commissions in Montgomery and Bucks counties.

The proposal features:

- ♦ A new roadway running from Welsh Road to Route 611 in the same right-of-way as the proposed US 202 Bypass
- ♦ From Welsh Road to Horsham Road, the new roadway would have four 11-foot-wide travel lanes (two per direction) and a 5-foot-wide paved shoulder on each side.
- ♦ From Horsham Road to Route 611, the new roadway would have two 11-foot-wide travel lanes (one per direction), 5-foot-wide paved shoulders on each side and no curbing.
- ♦ 40mph operating speed for the roadway.
- ♦ A 12-foot-wide multi-use trail along the roadway.

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Citizens' U. Begins New Season

You won't find Citizen' University ranked in any football polls this fall but that doesn't mean it's not national championship caliber.

Citizens' U., as it is warmly called, returns in October for a second year to offer residents an up close and personal look at the operations of Montgomery Township. Through a series of classes spanning a ten-week period, students will gain a better understanding of Montgomery Township's structure and services.

Alumni from last year's class have graduated to starring roles on the Township's advisory boards. This semester, the University hopes to further its success in

educating "students" and encouraging them to also become involved in civic and community organizations.

"We hope residents will jump at the opportunity to learn more about the Township," said Supervisor Chairman Pete Greenberg. "When they graduate, we look forward to using their expertise on our committees and boards."

SAT scores aren't required and a call or visit to the Township's Public Information Office will start you on the path to Citizens' U. Don't delay. Early admission students might be eligible for season tickets.

Get Involved by Adopting a Highway

Want to help improve Montgomery Township?

Of course you do. So why not become part of the Environmental Advisory Committee's Adopt-A-Highway program.

Through the Adopt-A-Highway program, residents and employees at local businesses can "adopt" a section of Township-owned roadway, park or stream and then schedule a regular clean up. It's that simple.

Adopt-A-Highway is a great opportunity to



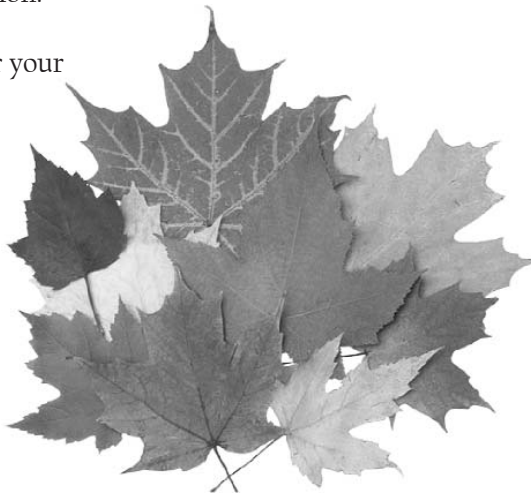
become involved in the community and ensure a clean environment. Groups work in their adopted areas two times a year over a two-year period. The Township supplies bags, vests, and gloves. This is a great opportunity for service clubs, sports teams, neighborhood associations or even friends to help keep the township clean.

If you are interested in adopting-a-highway or would like further information, please feel free to pick up a flyer at the Township Building or call the Township at (215) 393-6900.

Autumn Leaf Reminder

Autumn leaves are falling and that can only mean one thing: Leaf raking. The Public Works Department reminds residents: **DO NOT SWEEP LEAVES INTO THE STREET.** The Township does not collect leaves. Please contact your private trash hauler for instructions on leaf collection.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Supervisor Bill Sarosky presents Boy Scout Steve Heilman with a commendation for his Eagle Scout project. Steve recently applied medallions to storm drains throughout the Township. The medallions warn against dumping pollutants into the storm drain and help protect the Township's water supply. The Board thanked Steve for his time and efforts that help all residents and businesses.

Community Meetings to be Held on Route 202

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- ♦ Overpasses at Route 309, Pickertown Road, Almshouse Road, Wells Road, and New Britain Road.
- ♦ No access to private properties from the parkway.

"We are pleased that we are finally moving toward bringing traffic relief to our community," said Supervisor Chairman Pete Greenberg. "We have a great deal of work

ahead of us but we thank everyone for their efforts so far."

PennDOT will be meeting with municipalities to plan community meetings on the proposal.

Visit www.montgomerytwp.org or cable channel 22 for complete details on the proposal or stop by the Township Building to view plans.



Fire Substation Nears Completion

The Township's new fire substation is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

The substation is located at Montgomery Ave and Route 202. It measure 8,000 square feet and features room for three fire trucks, including an engine truck, a aerial ladder fire truck, and a battalion chief fire truck. The substation also includes administrative offices, a communications dispatch room and bunk space.

The substation will help firefighters better serve the community. With bunk space, firefighters will be able to more quickly respond to emergencies during severe weather conditions. The substation also offers space for firefighters to study and review firefighting techniques.

The Township's Department of Fire Services is committed to meeting the community's fire protection needs. The Department's mission is to serve residents and businesses with excellence.

The Department responds to all emergencies with a customer first philosophy and takes pride in a total systems approach of serving the community with the other Township agencies.

Your Opinions Are Appreciated

The Board of Supervisors and staff thank residents who completed the recent citizen survey.

The results will help the Board and staff serve the residents and businesses of the community. Responses are being analyzed and a summary will be posted on www.montgomerytwp.org and Cable Channel 22. More information will also be featured in a future issue of the Communicator.

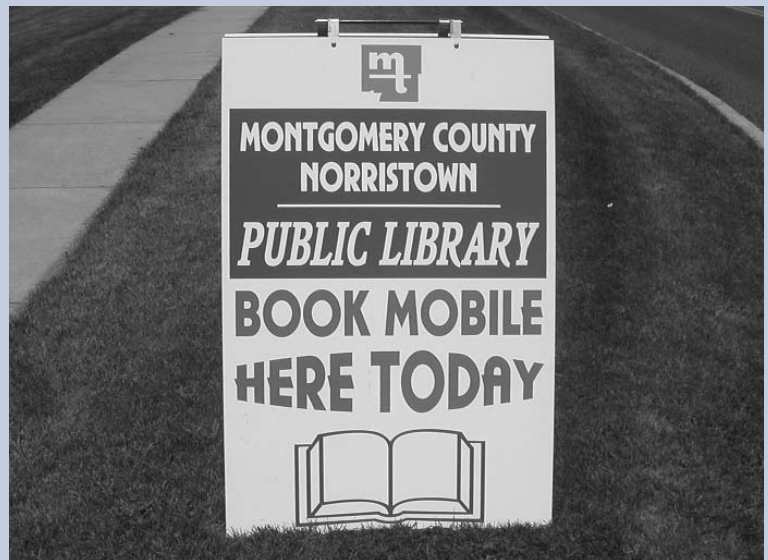
New Name for Important Department

The Township's Code Enforcement Department has been renamed to the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Under new director Carolyn Tukey, the Planning and Economic Development Department is actively working to build and maintain effective relationships for a better community. The Department pursues excellence for the Township with dynamic comprehensive planning, promotion of economic development that is desirable and positive, maintenance of historic, cultural and natural assets, and protection of the Township standards to ensure health, welfare, and safety by fair, equitable, and consistent code enforcement.

The Planning and Economic Development Department Web page provides the community access to all permit applications and requirements of the Township along with a fee schedule. The most common permits, which are roofing, sheds, pools, fences, decks, patios, basements, and additions, are available through the forms and documents section located at www.montgomerytwp.org.

For information concerning topics relating to zoning, land development, subdivision, code enforcement, and permitting, contact the Department at (215) 393-6900 or visit www.montgomerytwp.org.



The Montgomery County Library Bookmobile visits the Township Building every other Thursday. It's an easy and convenient way to pick up a good book for yourself or your child. And you can return the book to the Bookmobile. Call the Township Building to check dates and times so you can find yourself in a book.



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Storm Basin Success



The Environmental Advisory Committee has begun work on the Township's first naturalized storm basin. Grasses were planted around the basin to help it blend in with the natural environment while not hampering the crucial role the basin plays in controlling stormwater. Naturalized basins will be considered for future developments.

**Don't Forget
To Vote**

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. The Township encourages all residents to exercise this important right and vote on Election Day. If you need information on your polling place, please call the Township Building.

ELECTION CALENDAR

- ♦ Sept. 19 - First Day for Absentee Ballot Applications
- ♦ Oct. 11 - Last Day to Register before General Election
- ♦ Nov. 1 - Last Day for Absentee Ballot Applications
- ♦ Nov. 4 - Last Day for Completed Absentee Ballots
- ♦ Nov. 8 - General Election Day