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Your Award-Winning Communications Community

Township Wins Statewide Award for Communications Effort

Montgomery Township received third place honors out of more than 1,450 municipalities for its entry in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 40th Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated results, programs and activities to citizens.

Montgomery Township was chosen as the third place winner in the "Annual Reports" category. All entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to township residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability.

Judges for the contest included members of the association's Publications-Public Relations Committee, representatives from the Governor's center for Local Government Services, and staff members of the Pennsylvania Township News, the association's official monthly magazine.



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MEETING SCHEDULE:

Board of Supervisors:
2nd & 4th Mondays at 8 p.m.

Autumn Festival:
2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Business Development: Partnership
(BDP):

3rd Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

Environmental Advisory:
4th Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Finance:
4th Thursday at 7:30p.m.

Open Space:
2nd Tuesday at 12 noon

Park & Recreation Board:
2nd Wednesday at 8pm

Pension:
3rd Thursday (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) at 7 pm

Planning Commission:
1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm

Public Safety:
3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Authority:
3rd Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

Shade Tree:
3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board:
1st Tuesday at 7:30pm

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News from the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors

March 2008

Welcome New Supervisors

Welcome to the new members of Montgomery Township's Board of Supervisors! Michael J. Fox, Jeffrey McDonnell, and Robert J. Birch were sworn into office on Monday, January 7 at the Montgomery Township Administration Building.

Mr. Fox is a Chief Operating Officer for Seeton Turf Warehouse in New Jersey. He's been a resident of the Township since 1990. Mr. Fox graduated from the University of Delaware with a BS in Economics.

Mr. McDonnell is a civil defense attorney, who is a partner in Kent & McBride, P.C., a Philadelphia law firm, and has been a resident of the Township for over five years. His educational background includes a BS in Finance from the University of

Scranton and JD from Widener University School of Law.

Robert Birch previously served as a member of the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Committee and as the alternate member for the Zoning Hearing Board. He has a BS in Accounting from Villanova and a JD from University of Miami. He was appointed by the Board after the retirement of Pete Greenberg and will serve the remainder of Mr. Greenberg's term through 2010.

All three new Supervisors look forward to working with the rest of the Board.

"I am looking forward to help-
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Michael J. Fox



Jeffrey McDonnell



Robert J. Birch

No Tax Increase for Township Residents

On December 17, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2008 Final Budget. The budget encompasses both the revenues and expenditures to support the community services provided for the residents and businesses of the Township.

In addition, the Final Budget continues funding for the Board approved \$2 million Park Capital Improvement Plan and \$2.4 million funding for the Stump Road Fire Station renovation project. The Board continues to explore the priorities for

Open Space acquisitions setting aside \$2.24 million in the Capital Reserve Budget for such efforts.

The 2008 Final General Fund Budget proposes no increase in Real Estate Tax rates, which will remain at 1.49 mills for the third year in a row. Other taxes and service fees will remain at the same rates as 2007. The 2008 Final Budget continues to uphold the Board of Supervisors' conservative fiscal management practices.

Holiday Lights Contest Winners

The Holiday Lights Contest brightened skies and attracted 13 participants this year.

Two new categories were added this year – Most Classical/Elegant and Best Decorated Business! From elaborate light displays set to music to “inflatable cities,” participating homes and businesses raised the benchmark for all future Holiday Lights Contest participants!

The winners were announced and recognized at the Township’s First Annual Holiday Lights Celebration on December 17. The Pennbrook Middle School Voice and Brass Ensemble entertained the crowd of over 200. Kids of all ages decorated holiday crafts while sipping hot chocolate provided by Starbucks and munching cookies donated by Costco. In addition, representatives from local churches, the synagogue and the temple offered their holiday wishes for the season.

Local businesses including Lansdale Chrysler Jeep, BAE Systems, Outback Steakhouse, Lizell Office Furniture and Worldwide Stereo donated gift certificates for the Holiday Lights winners. In addition, Fast Signs donated the yard signs to identify each winner. Thank you to all for a great community wide effort in celebrating the holiday season!



HOLIDAY LIGHTS WINNERS 2007

Most Number of Lights	Kelvin Taylor of Mallard Drive West
Best Theme	Mike Pierson of Fairview Drive
Most Whimsical/Creative	Nancy Tumas of Franklin Court
Most Variety	Larry Moran of Highland Drive
Most Color	Ed Pratt of McKean Court
Most Classical/Elegant	Ken & Nancy Persich of Highland Drive
Most Musical/Moving Objects	Tom Coffey of Beaumont Terrace
Best Decorated Business	Will Canum of Mallard Drive West
GRAND PRIZE WINNER:	
Car Stopper	Mary Lou Ferrese of Spur Road

Thank you to all participants, judges and sponsors.

Temporary Quarters for Stump Road Fire Station

During January, the Montgomery Township Department of Fire Services and the Volunteer FDMT moved into a temporary fire station located in the Penn Manufacturing Industries Inc. (PMI) parking lot at 506 Stump Road. The Department of Fire Services and FDMT thanks PMI for the use of a section of its parking area as the temporary fire station location.

The move allows a major renovation project for the Stump Road Fire Station to begin. The firehouse was built in the early 1970s by the Montgomery Township Businessmen Association. The major renovations, which are scheduled to be completed in mid-August, are necessary so the station can have appropriate facilities for firefighting, including vehicle and equipment storage.

The temporary fire station will provide the same quality level of emergency service to the residents by housing the same fire apparatus and equipment that is currently in service at the Stump Road facility. The volunteer firefighters of the FDMT who live near the station will be able to continue to provide evening, night, weekend and holiday staffing while helping to supplement the paid staff. The Fire Marshal and office staff will temporarily be assigned to the Route 202 and Montgomery Avenue Fire Station and during the renovation project.

The completion of this project will enable the Department of Fire Services and the FDMT to continue the quality service they provide residents and businesses.

Leaf Waste Collection

Still have leaves that you need to get rid of? Montgomery Township will be holding leaf waste drop offs at Windlestrae Park (main section) off Kenas Road along with the Spring curbside pick-up of bagged leaves.

In addition to the fall leaf waste program, leaves placed in biodegradable paper bags will also be collected on April 26 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. The bagged leaves must be placed curbside just prior to their scheduled collection time. Paper leaf waste bags may be purchased from local stores.

Residents who want to dispose of leaves before or after the two yearly collections in the Fall and Spring may bag them in biodegradable paper bags and drop them off at the main section of Windlestrae Park, located off of Kenas Road between 8 a.m. and noon. on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The Public Works Department will maintain the site. Drop offs are prohibited outside the scheduled times.

- February 23, 2008* (4th Saturday)
- March 15, 2008
- April 19, 2008
- May 17, 2008
- June 21, 2008
- July 19, 2008
- August 16, 2008
- September 20, 2008
- October 18, 2008
- November 15, 2008
- December 20, 2008
- January 17, 2009

Please note February's drop off will remain the 4th Saturday of the month. For more information, call the Community Services Office at 215-393-6900 or visit www.montgomerytwp.org.

Local Government Week

Local Government Week begins April 7th. Montgomery Township will celebrate with many activities designed for residents of all ages to participate. These events include a meet and greet with your elected officials, Citizens University Preview Session, and much more. Please tune in to Comcast Channel 22 or Verizon Channel 34 or visit www.montgomerytwp.org for the complete schedule of events.

Energy-Saving Tips- You Can Do At Home

- Replace five of your most frequently used light fixtures or bulbs with ENERGY STAR qualified options. This will not only help the environment but save you about \$60 on your energy bill.
- Look for ENERGY STAR qualified products, especially household appliances.
- Heat and cool smartly by cleaning air filters regularly, installing adequate insulation, and having your heating and cooling equipment tuned annually by a licensed contractor.
- Consider modifying your home and using green power such as wind and solar energy.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- Compost your food and yard waste.
- Calculate your household's carbon footprint by using the EPA's Personal Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculator to estimate your household greenhouse gas emissions resulting from energy use, transportation, and waste disposal.

For more information, please visit www.epa.gov or www.energystar.gov

Welcome Supervisors

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ing maintain our fiscal management practices and continuing to broaden our environmental efforts," said Fox.

"I hope to end the delays of the long-awaited Route 202 Parkway project and to assist in acquiring any remaining open space in the area," said McDonnell.

"I am grateful to continue to serve the Township residents as a Supervisor. I look forward to continuing to make the township a great place to live and work," said Birch.

Help to Protect and Preserve Our Waterways

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

Sign-up for both Citizens' U and Citizens' Police Academy!

Learn all about your local government by signing up for Citizens' Police Academy in the Spring and Citizens' U in the Fall. During the week of April 7, we will be celebrating Local Government Week and there will be a preview session of Citizens' U. Stay tuned for more details! To sign up for both these activities, please visit www.montgomerytwp.org or contact the Community Service Office at 215-393-6900.

Citizen Police Academy Begins in March

The Montgomery Township Police Department announces its annual Citizen Police Academy. The academy will provide community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. During the academy, students will be introduced to a variety of topics.

The ten-week academy is designed to give citizens an overview of the police department's function and operational procedures. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional police academy. The weekly sessions, however, are not designed to train the participant as a police officer. This year's program runs from March 4th to May 6th.

Academy classes are taught by veteran police officers. The classes will on Tuesday for 10 weeks. Each class will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. After the final class, there will be a graduation ceremony.

There is no charge to participate. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a resident, or business owner. All applicants will be subjected to a criminal history check as a precondition to acceptance in the Academy. The Chief of Police has final approval of all applications and reserves the right to deny entry to any applicant.

Anyone wishing to participate can pick up an application at the Montgomery Township Police Department at 1001 Stump Road. All questions pertaining to the program can be directed to the Citizen Police Academy Coordinator Sgt. Scott Bendig via e-mail at sbendig@montgomerytwp.org or 215-362-2300.



Arbor Day Tree Give A Way

Last year's Arbor Day Celebration was a great success with the "Trees Are Great" Poster Contest and the annual Tree Give-A-Way. The date for Montgomery Township's Tree Give-A-Way will be Saturday, April 26. This year's festivities will be done in conjunction with the dedication of Memorial Grove, which is located off of Kenas Road. In honor of the dedication ceremony, the Tree Give-A-Way will take place at Memorial Grove. The trees that will be given away will be native shade trees, flowering trees, and evergreens. Visit www.montgomerytwp.org for more details on this year's activities.



SUMMER CAMP PREVIEW



Summer Programs Open House February 28th

Families can get a head start on their summer plans when Montgomery Township's Recreation Office hosts a "Summer Programs Open House" on Thursday, February 28 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Snow date: Thursday, March 6.) The event will be held in the Community Rooms at the Township Building at 1001 Stump Road. For more information, call (215) 393-6900. At the Open House you can:

- Meet the Staff
- Ask Questions
- Learn About Summer Programs & Camps
- Register for the summer programs!

KIDS UNIVERSITY CAMP

Put on your sneakers & get out your water bottles. Montgomery Township's Kids University starts its second year as a full-day activity. Five days a week – kids participate in arts & crafts, sports, drawing & painting, games book club, field and swimming trips (optional). The themes for the weeks are: Environmental Awareness, American Spirit, Under the Sea, Around the World in 5 Days, Travel through Space, Crazy Critters, Planes, Trains and Automobiles and Olympic Week.



AGE: 5 to 13 years
 DATES: Monday thru Friday, June 23 to August 15
 PLACE: Montgomery Elementary School
 TIME: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 8 WEEK COST: \$795 WEEKLY COST: \$145

EXTRA HOURS

TIME: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 8 WEEK COST: \$895 WEEKLY COST: \$165

HALF DAY KIDS UNIVERSITY

AGES: 5 to 13 years
 DATES: Monday thru Friday, June 23 to August 15
 PLACE: Montgomery Elementary School
 TIME: 9 a.m. to 1p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 8 WEEK COST: \$495 WEEKLY COST: \$95



FIRST STEPS PRESCHOOL

A great way to introduce your preschooler to the camp environment. Children are divided into groups by age and the groups rotate through each day's activities. Activities include: circle games, arts & crafts, songs and movement activities, story time, sprinkler time, free play while forging everlasting friendships. Children must be potty-trained.

AGE: 3 ½ to 5 years
 DATE: June 23 to August 1
 PLACE: Montgomery Elementary School
 COST: \$85 per week or \$425 for the full 6 weeks
 Lunch Bunch (Noon to 1 p.m.) New for 2008
 \$25 Additional per week or \$100 for all 6 weeks