

Welcome,

On behalf of the elected Board of Supervisors and appointed officials of Montgomery Township, we wish to extend to you a very cordial welcome. We trust that you will find Montgomery Township a pleasant and enjoyable place to live. You may already know that Montgomery Township is one of the fastest growing municipalities in the County. We are also a major retail center with an abundance of stores of all types for your shopping convenience. Our 1980 population was 5,718. According to our 2000 census, it is now estimated at approximately 22,025. In addition, we have a good balance of industrial properties in four major industrial areas throughout the Township.

To help you become acquainted with the area, we have enclosed several informational items. You will find enclosed a government directory and map, voter registration form, emergency phone stickers, driver=s license change of address forms, dog license application, and other useful Township information. In addition, we have enclosed information on our local ambulance corps, library and school district.

We hope you will enjoy your new residence in Montgomery Township. If we can be of service to you, contact us either in person at the Township Building, which is located at 1001 Stump Road in Montgomeryville, or call us at 215-393-6900; building permits 215-393-6920; police 215-362-2300. The Board of Supervisors meet the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 8:00 p.m.

Cordially,

Montgomery Township

## WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Because of the way municipalities and post offices are arranged in Pennsylvania, it is often difficult for residents to determine the local municipality where they actually live. For example, if you live in **Montgomery Township**, you should have been notified about this information packet via an enclosure mailed to you. In **Montgomery Township**, this is complicated by the fact that six different post offices service our community - Montgomeryville, Chalfont, Colmar, Lansdale, Line Lexington, and North Wales. But these post offices have nothing to do with the structure of your local government and sometimes can cause problems if residents do not know the municipality in which they actually reside.

This is especially true when residents need emergency services. Often a neighboring police or fire department (Chalfont, North Wales, Lansdale, etc.) is called by mistake resulting in the loss of valuable response time. Montgomery Township has access to 911 calling services. For the record, if you reside in **Montgomery Township**, you are served by the following emergency services:

Montgomery Township Police Department (serves Montgomery Township exclusively)

Fire Department of Montgomery Township (serves Montgomery Township exclusively)

Volunteer Medical Service Corps Ambulance (VMSC) - (serves entire North Penn area)

*(Phone stickers are available in this packet for the above numbers.)*

In addition, you may also be served by the following agencies:

North Penn School District - public school system serving all of Montgomery Township  
215-368-0400

North Wales Water Authority - public water authority serving most of Montgomery Township - 215-699-4836

North Penn Water Authority - serves a small portion of Montgomery Township  
215-855-3617

Montgomery Township Sewer Authority - covers all public sewer areas in Montgomery Township - 215-393-6930

Another bit of confusion arises from the fact that Verizon Communications has designated many different telephone exchanges to serve Montgomery Township. These exchanges will not necessarily coincide with your post office.

Our Township has the same name as the County. Therefore, you are in Montgomery **Township**, Montgomery **County**, Pennsylvania. But, Montgomery Township is only one of 67 municipalities (townships and boroughs) within Montgomery County.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT OF MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP**

The Fire Department of Montgomery Township welcomes you to our community. The FDMT mission is to serve the residents, merchants and businesses of the township with excellent fire services. It is our philosophy to serve you with honesty, dedication and integrity. In addition to fire suppression, we provide fire prevention and safety education to our community. Nevertheless, we wish to provide a total service system approach. If you have any questions regarding emergencies requiring fire services, please call us at 215-699-8699.

Volunteers are a tremendous help in keeping our overall fire protection costs low. But, we cannot do it alone. Volunteers are always needed. If you would like information on the Fire Department of Montgomery Township, or are interested in joining, please contact the Director of Fire Services, William E. Brightcliffe at 215-393-6935, call the Station at 215-699-8699, or contact any fire company officer.

## **VOLUNTEER MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS (VMSC)**

Montgomery Township is serviced exclusively by the Volunteer Medical Service Corps (VMSC) ambulance service. The VMSC has three stations, one of which is located next to the Montgomery Township Administration/Police Building. Volunteers are a tremendous help in keeping our overall ambulance service costs low. But, we cannot do it alone. Volunteers are always needed. If you would like more information on the VMSC, please contact the VMSC business office at 215-855-3779 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **THE COMMUNITY**

The Township of Montgomery is a Second Class Township located in Montgomery County. \*Montgomery County is the third most populated county in Pennsylvania with an estimated population of 750,097 as of the 2000 Census. Its size is only smaller than those counties which encompass the largest cities in our state, Philadelphia or Pittsburgh.

Montgomery Township is a suburban community of 10.8 square miles. We are the fastest growing township in the county growing from 5,178 persons in 1980 to 12,179 in 1990 and the current population of 22,025 in 2000. The 2000 Census revealed that 15% of the population is non-white and the medium age to be 37.

For a small community, we have a large number of retail stores including several shopping centers and Montgomery Mall, which is comprised of 150 stores with four major department stores. The Township also encompasses four industrial parks which are conveniently located near major highways. The industrial parks contain primarily light industrial types of businesses. Recreation facilities comprise most of the open space available in the Township which includes five parks, a natural area, fitness trail, soccer fields and neighborhood play areas.

The per capita income in 1989, as established by the Bureau of the Census, was averaged at about \$21,465. The average household income is approximately \$52,193. In 1989, Montgomery Township had one of the highest household incomes among the sixty-two municipalities in Montgomery County. The 2000 income figures are not yet available from the Census Bureau.

Montgomery Township is within the North Penn School District along with neighboring municipalities including the Townships of Hatfield, Towamencin, and Upper Gwynedd and the Boroughs of Lansdale, Hatfield and North Wales.

\*A Township in Pennsylvania is no different from a city or most municipalities in other states. The classification is simply the result of class legislation many years ago for four classes of cities, two classes of township and boroughs.

## **VOTING DISTRICTS**

The enclosed Montgomery Township map indicates the eight voting districts within the Township. The polling places are as follows:

District #1	Vote at the Bridle Path Elementary School 200 Bridle Path Road, Lansdale, PA
District #2	Vote at the Montgomery Elementary School 1221 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA
District #3	Vote at the Bridle Path Elementary School 200 Bridle Path Road, Lansdale, PA
District #4	Vote at the Village of Neshaminy Falls Club House 195 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA
District #5	Vote at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA
District #6	Vote at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA
District #7	Vote at the Montgomery Elementary School 1221 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA
District #8	Vote at the Fire Department of Montgomery Township Station Stump Road and Route 309, Montgomeryville, PA

## **DRIVER'S LICENSE CHANGE**

If you have just moved into Montgomery Township from another jurisdiction within the state, then you will find the change of address form included with your packet very useful.

If you happen to be a **new** Pennsylvania resident and need assistance in obtaining a Pennsylvania driver=s license, then the following information should be helpful.

1. You may obtain the Pennsylvania Driver=s Manual from the Montgomery Township Police Department at 1001 Stump Road in Montgomeryville. You may also reach them by calling 215-362-2300.
2. Any applications, testing, etc., that may be required for obtaining the driver=s license may be done through one of our Pennsylvania State Police Driver=s Examination Units. We would recommend the two following locations since they are probably the closest to you:

Norristown Driver's Examination Center  
2101 Swede Road  
Norristown, PA 19401  
610-270-1768  
Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

PennDOT Driver's License Center at Dublin  
161 North Main Street, Route 313  
Dublin, PA 18917  
215-249-1406  
Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

If you should need any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Township Building at 215-393-6900. The Township Offices are open Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m..

## **CABLE TELEVISION**

Montgomery Township is serviced by Comcast cable. Comcast may be reached at 610-828-3932. If you would like to subscribe to this service, please call the above number.

## DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

### Chapter 88

- 88-1 Digging or Defecation to be Nuisance.
- 88-2 Owners not to Permit Nuisances.
- 88-3 Responsibility of Owners to Clean Nuisances.
- 88-4 Disturbing Noise Prohibited.
- 88-5 Exceptions.
- 88-6 Violations and Penalties.

(History: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Montgomery 6-20-88 as Ordinance #105. Amendments noted where applicable.)

#### **88-1 Digging or Defecation to be Nuisance.**

Any animal which scratches, digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

#### **88-2 Owners not to Permit Nuisances.**

No person having possession, custody or control of any animals shall knowingly or negligently permit any dog or other animal to commit any nuisance upon any gutter, street, driveway, curb or sidewalk in the township or upon the floors or stairways of any building or place frequented by the public or used in common by the tenants or upon the outside walls, walkways, driveways, curbs or stairways of any building abutting on a public street or park or upon the grounds of any public park or public area or upon any private property other than the property of the owner of such animal.

#### **88-3 Responsibility of Owners to Clean Nuisances**

Any person having possession, custody or control of any dog or other animal which commits a nuisance in any area other than the private property of the owner of such dog or other animal, as prohibited in 88-2, shall be required to immediately remove said feces from such surface and carry the feces in a non-leaking container.

#### **88-4 Disturbing Noise Prohibited**

It shall be illegal within the Township of Montgomery for any person or persons to own, possess, harbor or control any dog or animal which makes any noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of fifteen (15) minutes or makes such noise intermittently for thirty (30) minutes or more to the disturbance of any person any time of the day or night, regardless of whether the animal or dog is physically situated in or upon private property, said noise being a nuisance, provided that at the time the animal or dog is making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal or dog is situated nor is there any legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the animal or dog.

**88-5 Exceptions**

The provisions of 88-1, 88-2 and 88-3 shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person or to a dog used to assist any other physically disabled person.

**88-6 Violations and Penalties**

Any owner, person, firm, association or corporation who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine or not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00), nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or to imprisonment for a term not less than five (5) days nor more than ninety (90) days.

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS**

### **Green Lane Park**

Located on Route 29 in Green Lane, PA.

Park offers picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping, tennis, boating and ice skating.

Telephone: 215-234-4528

### **Lower Perkiomen Valley Park**

Located in Oaks, Upper Providence Township

Park offers picnicking, band concerts (summer), fishing and hiking

Telephone: 610-666-5371

### **Lorimer Park**

Located on Moredon Road, Abington Township

Park offers hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, fishing, bicycling and sledding (winter)

Telephone: 215-947-3477

### **Upper Schuylkill Valley Park**

Located on Route 113, Upper Providence Township

Park offers picnicking, fishing and wildlife center

Telephone: 610-948-5170

### **Green Lane Reservoir Park**

Located on Route 29, Upper Frederick, Upper Hanover, Marlborough Townships

Park offers fishing, boating, picnicking, horseback riding, hiking, and cross-country skiing

Telephone: 215-234-4863

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC SITES**

### **Mill Grove at Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary**

Located on Pawlings Road, Lower Providence Township  
First home in America of famed artist/naturalist John James Audubon. Trails for bird-watching abound in a 175 acre preserve. Mill Grove museum features Audubon paintings and memorabilia.

Telephone: 610-666-5593

### **Peter Wentz Farmstead**

Located on Schultz Road, Worcester Township  
General Washington=s headquarters before and after the Battle of Germantown in 1777;  
Pre-Revolutionary War restoration.

Telephone: 610-584-5104

### **Pennypacker Mills**

Located on Haldeman Road, Perkiomen Township  
Home of Pennsylvania Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker in the early 1900's;  
preserved as turn-of-the-century Country Gentleman=s Estate.

Telephone: 610-287-9349

### **Pottsgrove Manor**

Located on West King Street in Pottstown, PA  
Wealthy ironmaster John Potts, founder of Pottstown, built this Georgian manor house in 1752.

Telephone: 610-326-4014

All of the above Historic Sites are open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. All are closed on Monday. There is no admission charge.

## FACT SHEET

### A GUIDE TO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

When someone mentions hazardous substances, we usually think of large industries. Yet we as homeowners routinely use and store a variety of products that can be hazardous to us and to the environment if they are used or disposed of improperly.

Hazardous waste is defined as any material that poses a threat to human or environmental health if handled improperly. Anything that is flammable, corrosive, explosive, poisonous, or radioactive is a hazardous substance. This covers a broad range of materials, such as rubbing alcohol, varnish, smoke alarms, gasoline and sulfuric acid.

#### **RULES OF THUMB**

Hazardous products are safe to use if you take the proper precautions. Most products have been tested and packaged in ways to make them safe for their intended use. Problems generally arise when homeowners use these substances incorrectly or dispose of them improperly. When dealing with any hazardous product, remember to:

1. *Follow the directions on the label of the product.*

Manufacturers perform rigid tests on products before making them available to the consumer and the label will reflect the results of these tests. Be careful, however, when dealing with older products. Their labels may not contain up-to-date safety precautions.

If you have any doubts whatsoever, do **NOT** use the product. Put it in a safe place until the next hazardous waste collection day in your area.

2. *Think twice before pouring anything down the drain.*

Septic tanks can be damaged, and waste treatment plants cannot deal with most types of hazardous waste.

3. *Always use a product for the specific purpose for which it was manufactured.*

In other words, don't use dog flea powder on cats and never use old medicines to treat new ailments.

4. *If in doubt, **DON'T** throw it out.*

Save, to dispose of on next hazardous waste collection day.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS**

**Telephone: 610-278-3618**

Montgomery County periodically conducts household hazardous waste collection days at different locations. During each collection there will be volunteers to answer questions and to take your hazardous materials. The following guidelines tell you how to prepare and safely transport your hazardous waste to a collection site:

1. Keep all products in their original labeled containers.
2. If a container leaks, wrap it in newspaper and put it in a plastic garbage can or bag.
3. Secure your containers in a box, using a newspaper to cushion shocks during the trip.
4. Keep volatile materials, such as ammonia and bleach, separate from each other.
5. Keep your materials out of direct sunlight for extended periods of time. If you are driving a truck, cover materials with a light-colored tarp or cloth to reflect heat.
6. Do not smoke in the car or at the collection site.

### **PAINT PURGING POINTERS**

Sprucing up the house? When using paints, try to buy only what you need. But, if you have old, unusable latex or oil-based paint, here are safe disposal tips.

1. Recycle first by mixing similar paints and using as primer, or paint an area you want to make festive.
2. Try painting playhouses and dog houses with leftover paint.
3. Small amounts of latex paint can be dried out in their cans in a well-ventilated area.
4. Mix larger amounts of latex paint with cat litter, sawdust or sand in a cardboard box lined with plastic. Let it dry out, and toss with regular trash.
5. Oil-based paint contains hazardous material. Dispose of it only at a hazardous waste collection site.

## **ACCESS PENNSYLVANIA**

### **STATEWIDE LIBRARY CARD SYSTEM**

The **ACCESS PENNSYLVANIA** sticker on your home library card entitles you to participate in the Statewide Library Card System sponsored by the State Library of Pennsylvania.

### **BENEFIT TO YOU**

When you present your home library card with its Access PA sticker at a participating library, you will be able to borrow books, films, records and other library materials. Participating libraries will display the Access PA logo on their doors.

Another benefit is that you may return most books you have borrowed to any participating library. Certain materials, such as films and video-cassettes, must be returned to the lending library. (Overdue fines will be paid at the rate used by the library where you returned the materials.) You must abide by the rules and regulations of the lending library.

### **THE ACCESS PA STICKER**

Your Access PA sticker is available at your home public library if it is participating in the Statewide Library Card system. You must be a borrower in good standing.

Each library has its own check-out system, and your local library card with its Access PA sticker may not be compatible. In these cases, a compatible card will be issued at no charge.

### **PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES**

If you are not sure which local public library serves as the *home library* for your neighborhood, you may telephone:

Berks County Public Library System	610-378-5260
Bucks County Free Library	215-348-0332
Chester County Library	610-280-2600
Delaware County Library System	610-891-8622
Montgomery County -Norristown Public Library	610-278-5100

In Philadelphia, apply at the Central Library or any local Free Library Branch.

*Participation in the Statewide Library Card System is made possible, in part, by funding from the Federal Library Services and Construction Act, administered by the State Library of Pennsylvania, and by general fund appropriations by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

## **TRASH DISPOSAL**

Montgomery Township does not have its own municipal trash collection service. Trash haulers, however, are licensed by the County to insure that they follow proper disposal practices. Residents have the option to choose a trash hauler of their preference. It is recommended that you check with your neighbors to determine which trash haulers collect in your neighborhood. Prices may vary from hauler to hauler depending on the number of scheduled pick-ups per week. The Township waste ordinance requires that all trash be placed in approved containers and not put out more than 24 hours in advance of collection.

In addition to regular trash collection, these haulers are required to collect mandated recyclable items - aluminum, clear glass and newspapers (plus high grade office paper and corrugated cardboard from businesses). When arranging your private trash collection, please get instructions on how to prepare your recyclables and which day the hauler collects recyclable items.

## **CAR BATTERIES**

According to Pennsylvania Act 101, the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act of 1988:

Any person selling or offering for sale at retail lead acid batteries shall accept, at the point of transfer, in a quantity at least equal to the number purchased, used lead acid batteries from customers in exchange for new batteries purchased.

***In other words, recycle your old car battery when you buy new.***

Batteries must be recycled through:

1. An automotive battery retailer
2. A secondary lead smelter permitted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
3. A collection or recycling facility authorized to accept them.

The Montgomery County Solid Waste Authority periodically collects car batteries and tires at various county locations.

## **APPLIANCES**

These establishments will take old washers, dryers and other large appliances from residents. (No refrigerators or freezers will be accepted unless they have been purged of CFC=s.)

Mattero Brothers Company  
316 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lansdale, PA 19446

Telephone: 215-855-4808

If you are having a new appliance delivered to your home, please arrange to have the old one removed by the delivery person when new appliance is delivered.

## **TEXTILES**

The following organization will take your unwanted clothes if they are clean and do not need to be mended. Pack clothes in bags or boxes for ease of handling. Do **NOT** leave clothing on the sidewalk in front of store.

### **The Salvation Army**

Thrift Store  
1601 North Broad Street  
Lansdale, PA 19446

Telephone: 215-362-9468

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

Montgomery Township offers seven public recreation facilities within its boundaries. Enjoy your visit to our parks. For further information, call 215-393-6900.

**AUTUMN WOODS**

Location: Route 309 and Richardson Road

A wooded 6 acre park containing small fitness trail, tot lot, 2 basketball court, 2 swing sets and picnic tables.

**FELLOWSHIP PARK**

Location: Off Rosewood Drive

A residential 13 acre park with a sand volleyball court, soccer and baseball field, full basketball court, 4 tennis courts, tot lot, wood chip trail and picnic area.

**HOURGLASS PARK**

Location: Center of Stone Ridge Development off Stump Road

An hourglass shaped open space reminiscent of a village green.

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING PARK**

Location: Stump and Horsham Roads

A picturesque 24 acre park with a gazebo, picnic tables, and small trails through a wooded area. Site for outdoor summer concerts.

**NATURAL AREA**

Location: Off Knapp Road

A 36 acre natural area in a lovely wooded setting. A small creek adds to the value of this preserved open space.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

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### **SPRING VALLEY PARK**

Location: Upper State Road and Spring Valley Drive

A popular 64 acre township park with 4 tennis courts, soccer and baseball fields, sand volleyball court, blacktopped walking trail, pavilion, street hockey court, 2 tot lots, and wooded area with dirt trails. Reservations accepted for large group facility use.

### **WHISPERING PINES PARK**

Location: Stump and Orchard Roads

A small 5 acre community park with a tot lot, open field, basketball and street hockey courts, and wooden play train.

### **WHISTLESTOP PARK**

Location: County Line & Walnut Street

Our 13 acre park by the tracks! Contains 4 tennis courts, softball, baseball and soccer fields, full basketball and street hockey courts, tot lot and wooden gazebo.

### **WINDLESTRAE PARK**

Location: Kenas Road

Our largest park contains 3 sections:

Rose Twig

Zehr Fields

Windlestrae

Offers small pavilion, 2 tot lots, baseball, softball and soccer fields, tennis courts, street hockey court, 2 full basketball courts, 2 half basketball courts, and great walking trails through heavily wooded areas. 172 acres total.

### **BARK PARK**

Location: Route 63 (Belle Run Plaza Shopping Center)

Bark Park is located in the far right hand corner of shopping center –

Behind the Sovereign Bank

Bark park is a fenced in and wood chipped area for your pet.