

Spring/Summer 2019

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP

Community Guide

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA



Discover the Many Spring and Summer Events, Services, and Activities Montgomery Township has to Offer.



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A Message from the Chairman

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring! It finally feels like the spring thaw is here for good and we can put away the snow shovels, hats and gloves. It is also a good time to thank our Public Works Department who brave the elements and clear our streets during the winter storms to make it safe to travel throughout our Township. While they can't control the timing of storms, they did a great job of salting roads and clearing snow even when it fell in the middle of the work day. They will be glad to trade snow plows for lawnmowers to get the parks ready for play. After this cold winter, many are hankering to get out in the fresh air, and our parks are the ideal spot.

While it was cold outside, a lot was happening in the Township, and there is much to look forward to this Spring/Summer. To help plan your time enjoying your Township, we developed a new fun website, "Explore Montgomery Township," which gives residents and visitors the ability to find park information, amenities and all things about our community in one convenient website. We encourage you to browse "Explore Montgomery Township" which can be found on the Township's website, www.montgomerytpw.org or by visiting www.montgomerytpw.org/explore. Find park amenities and details, 202 bike trail information, all community events and happenings, photo galleries, and more. Nothing gives us greater pleasure than seeing our residents enjoy all that the Township has to offer.

It is also a good time to plan for those annual events we have become accustomed to in Montgomery Township. On April 27th, we will be holding our annual Arbor Day celebration in which we give away free trees to Township residents to beautify your property. It is also a day where we show our good stewardship by properly disposing of those old electronics that have been piling up in our homes. Electronic Recycling Day will also be held on April 27th, so stop by Mont CRC for your free tree and then swing by the Township building to get rid of those old electronics you may have piling up!

The staff at your Community & Recreation Center is always working to bring new and fun opportunities for families to enjoy. Stop in or visit www.montcrc.com to browse the many offerings. The popular Summer Concert Series held on the Great Lawn at Mont CRC is back, as well as many new activities like the Father/Daughter Dance and Mother/Son Sports Day.

The ever popular Spray Park will again open Memorial Day weekend and will be offered to the community at no charge. Be sure to also take advantage of the Accessible Playground located just behind the Spray Park, outside of Mont CRC. It is so fun to watch parents and their children make new friends and interact with one another!

Our Police Department continues to take great pride in their efforts to provide a safe community for our residents. Part of this effort is offering numerous opportunities for residents to have direct interaction with their police officers. Look for them at National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop and at the Autumn Festival. The Fire Department will also be hosting a fun way for families to connect with the department and learn all about how they are educating the community on fire safety. Bring your preschooler over on May 15th to meet Sparky the Fire Dog, color, and more with our firefighters! These events are so special and so beneficial for our children. Be sure to take the time to meet those who guard our community.

We hope this Spring/Summer Newsletter finds you ready to shake off the winter doldrums and motivated to enjoy all that is around you here in Montgomery Township. We think you'll agree that Montgomery Township remains a great place to live, work and play!

Best regards,



Michael J. Fox

Chairman

Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors



(left to right) Michael J. Fox, Tanya C. Bamford, Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Matthew W. Quigg, Jeffrey W. McDonnell

Township Contact Information

Montgomery Township

1001 Stump Road
Montgomeryville, PA 18936

Phone: 215-393-6900

Website: www.montgomerytpw.org
Cable Channel 22 (Comcast Cable)

Cable Channel 34 (Verizon)

Twitter: @MontTwp

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/MontTwp.

**For all emergencies,
please call 911!**

Community and Recreation Center

1030 Horsham Road
Montgomeryville, PA 18936

Phone: 267-649-7200

Website: www.montcrc.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/MontCRC.

Federal, State, & County Government

Federal Government

U.S. Senators

Robert P. Casey, Jr.: 215-405-9660

Patrick J. Toomey: 215-241-1090

U.S. Representative for the 1st PA Federal Congressional District

Brian Fitzpatrick

1717 Langhorne Newtown Road, Suite 400
Langhorne, PA 19047 • 215-579-8102

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Government

State Governor: Tom Wolf

110 N. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-560-2640

State Senator for the 12th District:

Maria Collett

1180 Welsh Road, Suite 130
North Wales, PA 19454
717-576-5983

State Representative for the 151st District:

Todd Stephens

515 Stump Road, North Wales PA 19454
215-368-5165

Montgomery County Government

County Offices: One Montgomery Plaza
425 Swede Street, Norristown, PA 19401
610-278-3000

Commissioners

Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair

Kenneth E. Lawrence, Vice Chair

Joseph C. Gale

Board of Assessment Appeals

610-278-3761

Commissioners - 610-278-3020

Courthouse - 610-278-3224

Dog Licenses (forms available at the
Township Building) - 610-278-3066

Health Department - 610-278-5117

Jury Commissioners - 610-278-3215

Marriage Licenses - 610-278-3414

Recorder of Deeds - 610-278-3289

Veterans Affairs - 610-278-3285

Voter Services - 610-278-3280

Registration forms available at the Township Building
and at www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us

Township Office Information

Administration and Planning & Zoning | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Finance, Business Tax, and Sewer | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fire Department | 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Volunteer staff overnight & weekends
for 24 hour emergency services

Police Department | 24 hours a day

Public Works Department | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Recreation- Visit the Community & Recreation Center's
website at www.montcrc.com

Administration Department: 215-393-6900

(Includes Public Information & Human Resources)

Township Manager: Lawrence J. Gregan

Director of Administration and Human Resources: Ann Shade

Assistant to the Township Manager: Stacy Crandell

The Township Manager is the chief administrative officer of the Township, who is directly responsible to the Board of Supervisors for the administration of all Township affairs. All departments, offices, and agencies of the Township are directed and supervised by the Township Manager. He manages the day-to-day operations, administration, and execution of policies and objectives set by the Board of Supervisors.

The Administration Department focuses on delivering quality, reliable, customer-oriented services to Township residents. This department supports the Board of Supervisors and includes the offices of Public Information and Human Resources.

Human Resources Office

The Human Resources Office effectively hires and retains a skilled and productive workforce.

Public Information Office

The Public Information Office increases citizen understanding, awareness, and participation in Township government programs, events, projects, and services through media, Township publications, meetings, and events.

Recreation Department: 267-649-7200

Director of Recreation & Community Center: Floyd Shaffer

The Recreation Department is responsible for the daily operations of the Community & Recreation Center, providing a broad range of recreational programs, classes, and fun opportunities to the public.

Public Works Department: 215-855-0510

Director of Public Works: Kevin A. Costello

The Director of Public Works is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of all Township roads, curbs & sidewalks, traffic lights, street lights, basins & drainage, parks, Township facilities, as well as snow removal.

Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority: 215-393-6930

Sewer Authority Manager: Shannon Drosnock

The Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority operates and maintains the Township's sanitary sewer facilities on behalf of the Township and its residents. The Authority builds or purchases sanitary sewer treatment capacity using tapping fees it has collected. The Authority uses sewer rentals to cover the cost to operate, repair and maintain the Eureka Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility and the sanitary sewer conveyance system.

Finance Department/Business Tax Office: 215-393-6910

Director of Finance: Ami Tarburton

The Finance Department is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget, the collection and accurate accounting of all revenues from taxes and other sources, the processing of all payroll and accounts payable obligations of the Township, and the prudent investment of all funds held by the Township. The Township is subject to an audit performed by a certified public accounting firm at the end of every fiscal year. The Audit, Annual Budget, and all financial reports of the Township are available for inspection by any resident of the Township.

Planning & Zoning Department: 215-393-6920

Director of Planning & Zoning: Bruce S. Shoupe

The Planning and Zoning Department continues to actively work 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 the protection of the Township standards to ensure the health, welfare, and safety by fair, equitable, and consistent code enforcement.

Department of Fire Services: 215-393-6936 (non-emergency)

Director of Fire Services/Fire Marshal/Emergency

Management Coordinator: Richard M. Lesniak

The Department of Fire Services provides the Township with emergency services twenty-four hours a day/seven days per week, responding to all types of emergencies to provide fire suppression, fire prevention and public safety education with a "customer first" philosophy. The Department of Fire Services and the Fire Department of Montgomery Township are a combination fire department which consists of two operational components. A career or paid firefighter segment that is on duty Monday-Friday from 7:30AM to 5:30PM and a volunteer firefighter segment that covers weeknights, weekends, and holidays, combine to provide emergency protection for the Township.

Police Department: 215-362-2301 (non-emergency)

Chief J. Scott Bendig

Lieutenant William Peoples

Lieutenant Gerry Dougherty

The Montgomery Township Police Department is committed to providing protection and services within the Township on a 24-hour-a-day basis, with a strong emphasis on community awareness. The Police Department provides several community outreach programs including Citizens Police Academy, Junior Police Academy, DARE, and much more.



Explore Montgomery Township

Montgomery Township's New Community Subsite

We announced this exciting new addition to our website in February. If you haven't already done so, be sure to visit www.montgomerytwp.org/explore.

You will find Township parks, amenities, events, and services all in one fun community hub!

This new addition can be found on the following sections of www.montgomerytwp.org:

• **Community**

• **Resident Services**

• **I Want To**



The banner features a large image of a park with the text "Explore Montgomery Township" overlaid. Below this, there are several smaller images and text boxes:

- Information Office:** A goal in mind- Keep the community connected to provide the best service. How is this achieved? It's...
- Visit Montgomery Township:** Whether you are visiting family, in town for business, or new to the neighborhood, we think you will enjoy the many amenities that are just a short distance away from where you are staying or residing within the Township. [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discover our Parks:** The mission of Montgomery Township Parks & Recreation, in partnership with its residents, is to enhance the quality of life and foster a sense of community. [LEARN MORE](#)
- Events & Happenings:**
 - MAR 19 Citizens Police Academy** 7:00 pm | Police Department
 - MAR 23 Public Safety Celebration** 11:00 am[VIEW MORE](#)

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Montgomery Township PARKS

PARKS & RECREATION

The Spray Park at Mont CRC

Description: Shade sail section with small sprinklers for young children, and section with larger sprinklers for the older, more active children. Open at no cost to the community and for ages 2-12.



Location: 1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936

The Accessible Playground at Mont CRC



Description: Playground comprised of innovative playground equipment for children of all abilities, located behind the Spray Park.

Location: 1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936

Applewood Park

Description: Undeveloped open field surrounded by deciduous woodlands.

Location: 101 Richardson Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Acreage: 6

Autumn Woods

Description: Playground equipment - picnic tables - basketball court (half-court) - walking trail-paved loop starting from Richardson Road: 2,014 feet or slightly over 1/3 mile.

Location: 101 Richardson Road, Lansdale, PA 19446 (Located off of Richardson Road)

Acreage: 6

Bark Park

Description: fenced-in, off-leash area designed for dogs to run and play.

Location: 1228 Welsh Road, North Wales, PA 19454 (behind Sovereign Bank)

Acreage: 1+

Fellowship Park

Description: softball/baseball field and soccer field with bleachers, four tennis courts, picnic area, basketball court, volleyball area, and playground equipment.

Location: 125 Meadowood Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446 (located at the end of Meadowood Drive)

Acreage: 13

Friendship Park

Description: Under construction.

Location: (located off of Hartman Road)

Acreage: 16 acres

Hourglass Park

Description: Large open space parcel in center of residential cluster development.

Location: 501 S. Stone Ridge Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446 (located at center of Stone Ridge development, Upper State and Fairacres Drive)

Acreage: 9

Memorial Grove

Description: Sundial, benches, and trail.

Location: (located off Kenas Road across from Oxford Lane)

Acreage: 27

Municipal Building Park (Gazebo Park)

Description: gazebo and walking trails.

Location: located behind the Township Building: 1001 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454

Acreage: 24

Natural Area

Description: walking and hiking paths. (Intentionally left natural to promote sustainability and environmental awareness. This also helps reduce erosion, encourages infiltration, provides a valuable habitat for wildlife, slows floodwaters, filters out chemical pollutants and litter, and improves overall water quality)

Location: 1011 Pecan Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446

Acreage: 36

Montgomery Township PARKS

Spring Valley Park



Description: two playgrounds, three baseball fields, softball field, two soccer fields, picnic pavilion (electricity available), restrooms (near pavilion), paved jogging/biking loop by baseball fields (2,287 feet or slightly less than ½ mile), paved trail from baseball fields to tennis courts (1,604 feet or slightly less than 1/3 mile), four tennis courts with lights, two basketball courts with lights, street hockey court with lights, sand volleyball court, paved parking lots, and two large naturalized basins.

Location: 200 Claremont Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446 (Accessible from Claremont Drive or Upper State Road)

Acreage: 63.7

Whispering Pines Park

Description: playground, basketball court, and street hockey court.

Location: 200 Orchard Drive, North Wales, PA 19454 (Located off of Orchard Drive)

Acreage: 5

Whistlestop Park

Description: one multi-purpose field, one baseball field, one softball field with lights, four tennis courts with lights, street hockey court with lights, basketball court with lights, playground equipment with lights, gazebo.

Location: 88 County Line Road, Chalfont, PA 18914 (Located off of County Line Road by the railroad tracks)

Acreage: 13

Windlestrae Park



Windlestrae's woodlands represent a large intact forest ecosystem which is home to a wide variety of native trees, wildflower species, birds, animals and aquatic life.

See all three sections below.

Total Acreage: 172 (total for all three sections)

William F. Maule at Windlestrae

Description: Three soccer fields (two fields with lights), four baseball fields (field 1 & 2 with lights), playground, walking trail, pavilion with lights, walking path connecting this section to Rose Twig (3,118 feet or slightly over ½ mile) and restrooms.

Location: 1147 Kenas Road, North Wales, PA 19454

Rose Twig at Windlestrae

Description: Playground, street hockey court, two soccer fields, three softball fields, two basketball courts & half-courts, four tennis courts, walking trail (2,158 feet or slightly less than ½ mile), pavilion, and batting cages.

Location: 1151 Kenas Road, North Wales, PA 19454

Zehr at Windlestrae

Description: Three soccer fields, walking path connecting Zehr Section to Rose Twig Section, and disc golf course.

Location: 1238 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454

RESERVE A PARK! If you would like to reserve a park for an event, please contact the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center at 267-649-7200.

PARKS & RECREATION - A Township Priority.

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Upcoming Events in Montgomery Township

Arbor Day

DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center (1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936)

Electronic Recycling

DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Montgomery Township Building (1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936)

Fun with the Firefighters

DATE: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center (1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936).

Primary Election

DATE: Tuesday, May 21, 2019

LOCATION: Visit pages 12 - 13 to find your voting district.

Coloring with a COP

DATE: Wednesday, May 29, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 p.m.

LOCATION: Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center (1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936).

Summer Concert Series

DATE: Every Thursday night beginning June 27th and ending August 22nd. No concert the week of July 4th.

TIME: Concerts are from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

LOCATION: The Great Lawn at the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center (1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936).

National Night Out

DATE: Tuesday, August 6, 2019

TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Home Depot parking lot (751 Horsham Road, Lansdale, PA 19446)



For more information on these events please visit www.montgomerytwp.org or call 215-393-6900.



Save the Date!

Please Join us for our

19th Annual

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP AUTUMN FESTIVAL!

WHEN: Saturday, October 12, 2019

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: William F. Maule Park at Windletrae
1147 Kenas Road, North Wales, PA 19454



Engage With Your Community!

The Montgomery Township Public Information Office operates with one very important goal in mind- to keep the township and community close and connected to provide the best place to live, work, and play. We are engaging with our residents on a daily basis on Township news, events, and services through social media, our weekly E-News email publications, community guides, the Township website, ReadyMontco, cable channel, community events, and more. We encourage everyone to use these communication channels to stay in-touch with Township happenings! Visit www.montgomerytwp.org to access these channels. Maybe social media isn't your thing? No problem! Just drop by the Township Building and we will be happy to speak with you.



Police

The Montgomery Township Police Department is not only passionate about public safety, but also about building strong police/community relationships.

Coffee/Crafting/Coloring with a COP! It all started with Coffee with a COP back in 2013. Coffee with a COP originated with the idea of inviting residents out to local coffee shops to share ideas and voice concerns over a cup of coffee with some of the officers patrolling their neighborhood. We slowly began to realize that more and more parents were coming out to these events with their children. From there, Crafting with a COP and Coloring with a COP were born in the winter of 2019! The concept is the same as Coffee with a COP, but with more of a child/police officer relationship focus. As kids color police badges with some of our officers, they create meaningful relationships. The end goal is for those children to then grow-up embracing their police department, instead of fearing them.



We Would Love Your Ideas!

_____ with a COP!

What do you think we should do next? If you think you have a fun event idea for us to host next, email Kelsey Whalen, Public Information Coordinator, at kwhalen@montgomerytwp.org.

SWAT Central Region Officer of the Year



Officer John Rushin was selected as the 2018 Montgomery County SWAT- Central Region Officer of the Year! Officer Rushin was recognized for this achievement at a Board of Supervisors Meeting and is the fourth officer from Montgomery Township to receive this recognition. Thank you to Lieutenant John Ciarllo, Deputy Commander of Montgomery County SWAT- Central Region and Lieutenant with Hatfield Township Police Department for presenting this award.

Recycling Day

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9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Montgomery Township
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Montgomeryville, PA 18936

Montgomery Township

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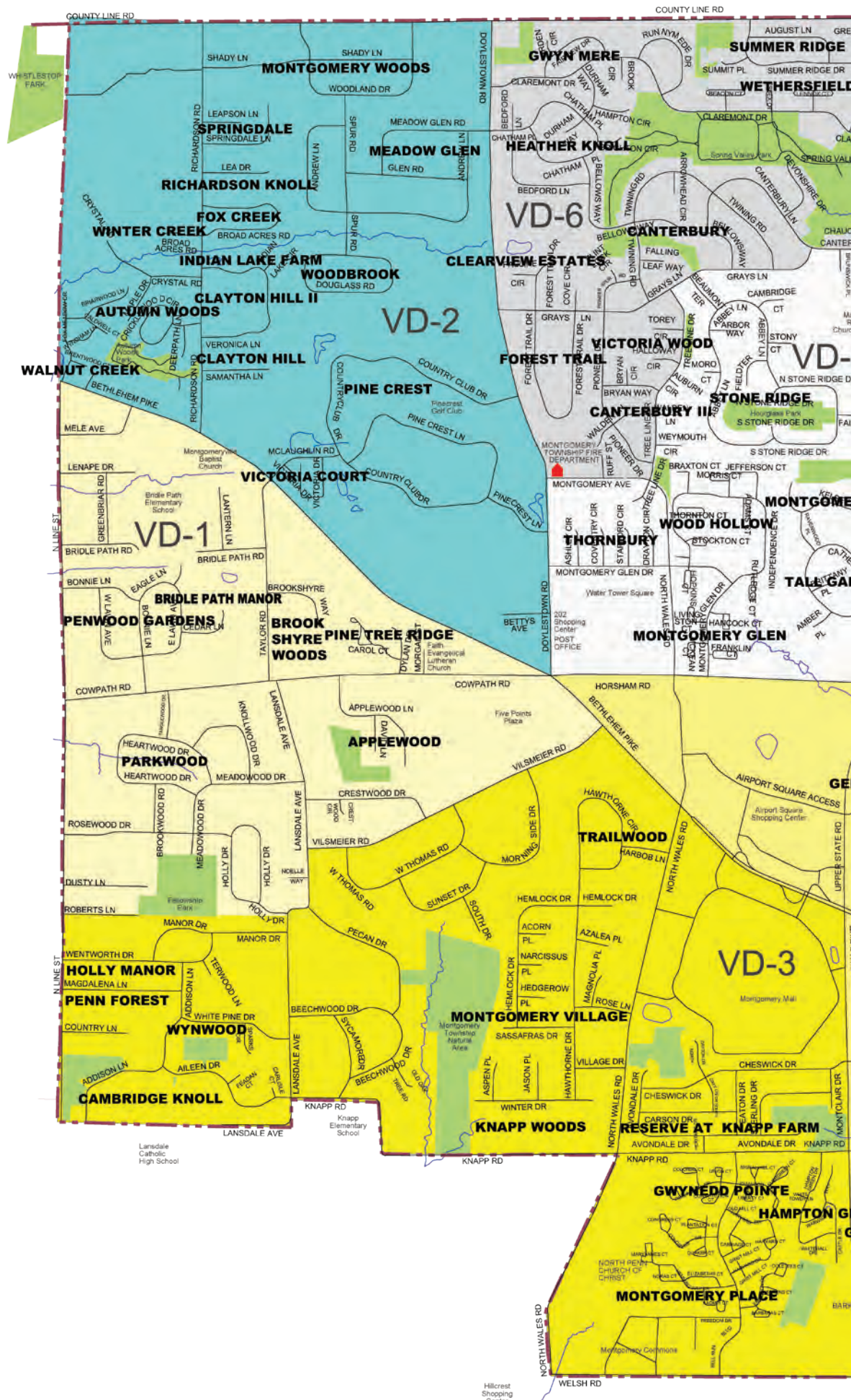
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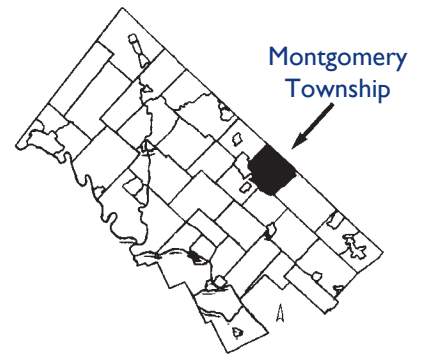
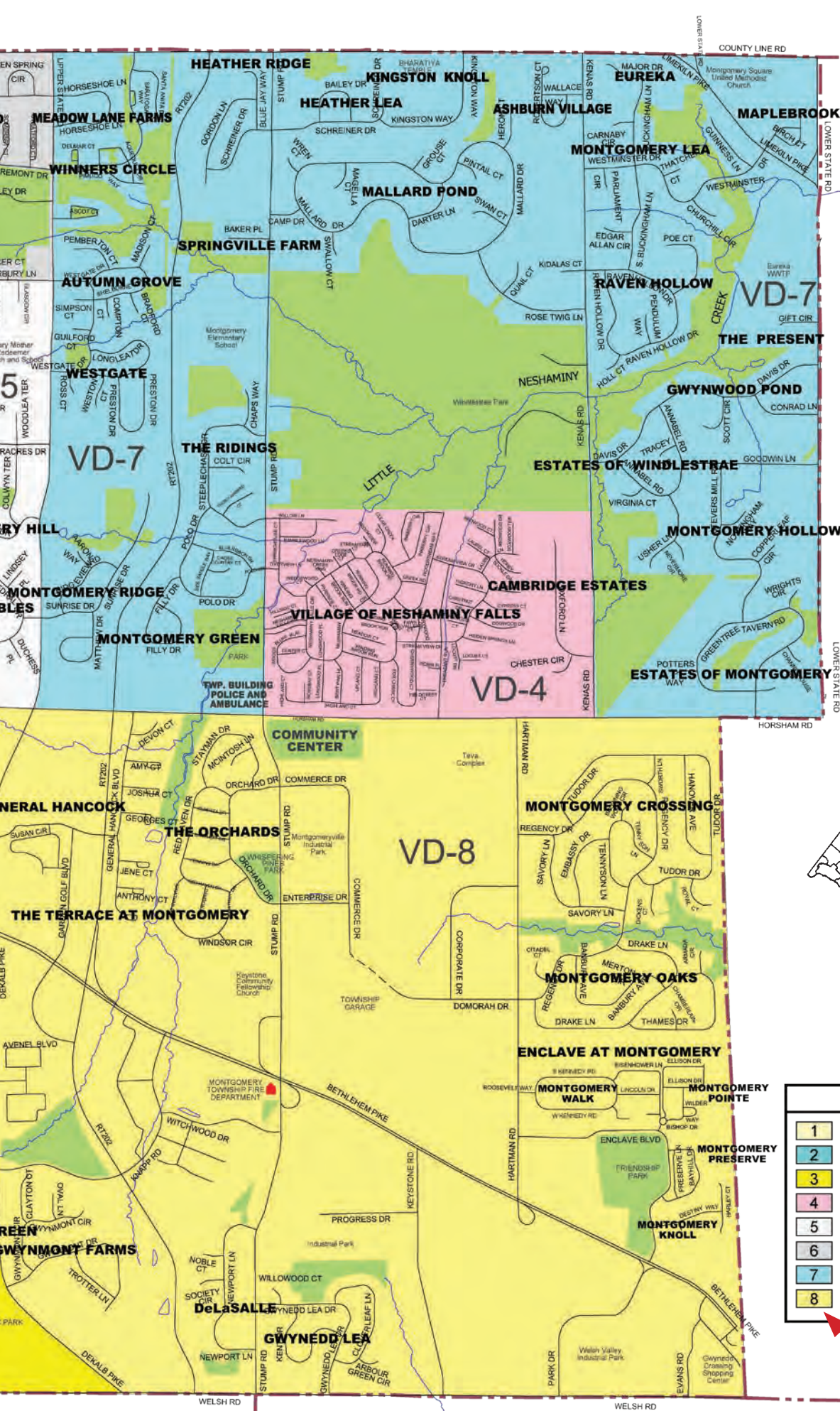
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VOTING DISTRICTS	
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2	MONTGOMERY ELEM. SCHOOL
3	BRIDLE PATH ELEM. SCHOOL
4	NESHAMINY FALLS CLUB HOUSE
5	MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BLDG.
6	MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BLDG.
7	MONTGOMERY ELEM. SCHOOL
8	COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

Please note **District 8** now reports to the Community & Recreation Center

The Department of Planning and Zoning

Your Home in Montgomery Township PERMITS & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Common Projects That Need Permits

Montgomery Township requires building permits for any addition, alteration, demolition, replacement, or new construction prior to the start of any work including, but not limited to:

- Remodeling (kitchens, bathrooms, finished basements)
- Electric and plumbing work
- Heating and air conditioning
- Roofs
- Hot water heaters (expansion tank required)
- Decks, patios and walkways
- Fences
- Fireplaces, wood stoves, fire pits
- Hot tubs
- Sheds
- Swimming pools
- Whole house generators
- Solar panels
- Driveway expansions

Building permit applications are available online and from the Planning and Zoning Office. If you have a question about what requires a permit and the permit process, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at 215-393-6920.

ADDITIONS, SHEDS, PATIOS, DECKS, SWIMMING POOLS...

There are setback requirements for these projects dependent upon the zoning district. Applications submitted require a site plan with measurements showing where the structures will be placed on the property.

FENCES

A new or replacement fence requires a permit. Fences cannot be placed directly on the property line. Applications submitted require a site plan with measurements showing where the fence will be placed on the property. The good side of the fence must face outward towards the neighboring property. There are specifications on height and types of fences permitted.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Montgomery Township would like to remind all residents the importance of keeping their trees and shrubs maintained especially along sidewalks, streets and driveways. Trees and shrubs shall not have overhanging limbs onto the sidewalk area. A minimum clearance of 8 feet above the walking surface and a minimum 18 feet clearance above the street is required.

It's mowing season! Per Chapter 65 of the Code of Montgomery Township, property owners are responsible to keep grass and weeds maintained on a regular basis so as not to exceed 12 inches in height.

DRAINAGE / STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Over the years, the drainage and the flow of water onto neighboring properties throughout our community has been a concern. Montgomery Township would like to remind residents to be courteous when handling drainage on their properties and not to redirect water onto neighboring properties. We request residents to consider the impact of pipes and drains from roofs, paved areas, and yards and that they are not being discharged in a manner that creates a nuisance.

It is illegal for downspouts, floor drains, and sump pumps to be discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How long does the permit process take? Plan reviews for residential permit applications typically take 2-3 weeks depending on volume. Please make sure the application and associated drawings are complete to help the review process.

Why am I submitting a curb escrow for my project?

Montgomery Township is one of the few municipalities responsible for the maintenance of the curb and sidewalk located in front of your home. Some projects require the property owner to submit \$1200.00 to the Township to be held in an escrow account until the completion of the project and an inspection of the curb and sidewalk to ensure there is no damage from the construction work. The fee is refunded typically within three weeks of the final inspection upon approval.

Do I need approval from my Homeowner's Association (HOA)?

Yes, a copy of the HOA approval must be submitted with the permit application for all exterior projects.

How do I schedule an inspection?

Each permit issued is supplied with a list of required inspections. Please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at 215-393-6920 to schedule a minimum of 24-48 hours prior to the requested date.

How do I know where my property lines are located?

The Planning & Zoning Office has site plans for most properties within the Township. While these site plans provide information, only a registered Civil Engineer or Surveyor can determine the exact location of your property lines and the locations of the buildings on your property.

Montgomery Township Department of Fire Services



MISSION:

The Mission of the Montgomery Township Department of Fire Services is to serve the residents, merchants, and businesses of the Township with excellence. The Department provides the Township with emergency services 24 hours a day, responding to all types of emergencies to provide fire suppression. In addition to emergency services they also provide fire prevention and public safety education with a “customer first” philosophy. The Department takes pride in providing a total systems approach to serve the community along with other agencies within the township government. Our combination fire department is comprised of career firefighters who are on duty Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, and volunteer firefighters who respond when available to provide emergency protection for the township. Our Department operates out of two municipal fire stations strategically located within the township.

Escape Planning

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.



READYMONTCO

Emergencies can happen any time and any place. It's important that you receive direction and information from emergency officials. By signing up for ReadyMontco at www.readymontco.org, you can receive information about emergencies happening in Montgomery Township. In addition, you can receive information about emergencies happening in Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties by signing up for other areas that may be important to you. Sign up at www.montgomerytwp.org.



Spring Cleaning

As you begin your spring cleaning, here are a couple of tips to help keep you safe at home:

Help Us, Help You

- Make sure we can quickly locate your house!
- Is your address posted and visible from the street?
- Can we see the numbers at night?
- Does the color of the numbers contrast with the materials they are attached to?

Clothes Dryer

- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or 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.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking

longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.

- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- A smoke alarm should be installed on the ceiling. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



Public Works

The Public Works Department works year-round to keep Township facilities, parks, roads, and streets well maintained and enjoyable for all to use.

Renovated Tennis Courts at Rose Twig at Windlestrae

The Public Works Department worked hard last summer to renovate the tennis courts at Rose Twig at Windlestrae Park, located at 1151 Kenas Road, North Wales, PA 19454. If you didn't get the chance to enjoy them last summer, be sure to venture out this spring/summer season.



COMING SOON



The department will be renovating the tennis courts at **Fellowship Park** this spring/summer season, and is looking forward to showing you the "after" photo! You can look for updates on this project at www.montgomerytwp.org and by liking the Township's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MontTwp.



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The Real Estate Tax Collector is independently elected and is responsible for collecting the Township's real estate tax and street light assessment (where applicable). The Real Estate Tax Collector also collects real estate taxes for Montgomery County and the school taxes for North Penn School District. Tax bills for the Township and County are combined and issued March 1 of every year. School district bills are issued July 1 of every year. The tax collector does not have an office in the Township Building.



Tax payments may be made via cash, check, or credit, made payable to Patricia A. Gallagher, Tax Collector. Check payments, as well as requests for tax certifications may be placed in a sealed envelope and dropped in a locked box inside Santander Bank (1224 Welsh Road - Assi Plaza), Village of Neshaminy Falls Club House (195 Stump Road), or the Montgomery Township Administration Building (1001 Stump Road) at any time during normal business hours for each location. In order to receive a receipt for payment, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and a receipt will be mailed to you. Cash payments are not accepted in the locked boxes and must be made in person. Please call the tax collector to schedule an appointment or call for special office hours at the Township Building. To pay by credit card, please call 1-800-2PAYTAX or visit www.officialpayments.com (Juris code 4865). A courtesy fee will be charged. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call the tax collector's office at 215-996-9999 or email her at tgallagher@montgomerytwp.org.

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General Purpose .98 mills

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Fire Tax Protection .17 mills

Park and Recreation .19 mills

Total: 1.49 mills

LOCAL SERVICE TAX

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Phone: 866-701-7206

The Local Services Tax is imposed upon each individual engaged in any occupation in the Township. It is the responsibility of the employer to deduct, from their employees, the tax of \$52 per year at a rate \$1 per week employed. An exemption is available for:

- Any person who earns less than \$12,000 in the calendar year and completes a low income exemption certificate
- Any person on active military duty during the taxing year, and
- Any current or former member of the military declared by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 100% disabled.

Any questions about the LST Tax, please contact Berkheimer Tax Administrator at 866-701-7206.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EARNED INCOME TAX

Berkheimer Tax Administrator

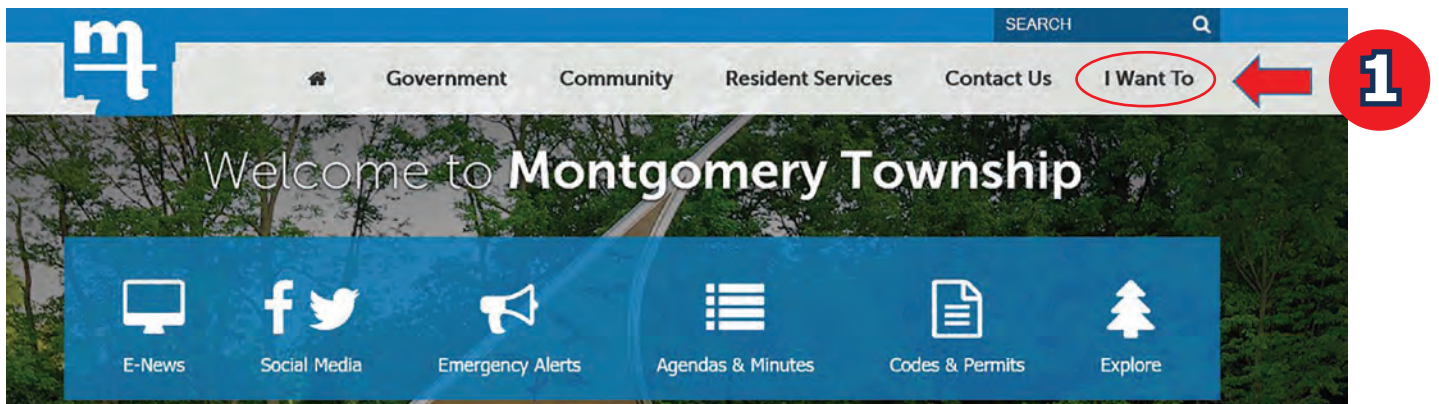
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The earned income/net profits tax requires that all persons living and working in the Township pay 1% on all individual gross earnings and net profits from businesses. This tax has been effective since January 1, 2003.



Reporting Township Road Repairs and Street Light Issues Online

Did you know you can report Township road repairs, street light issues, and more on the Township's website? All you have to do is visit www.montgomerytp.org and follow the steps below:



Report a Pothole or Sinkhole

Step 1 of 1

Please use this form to report a pothole or sinkhole in Montgomery Township.

* Denotes a required field

Reporting Potholes or Sinkholes

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Email*

Telephone*

Date*

There is a large pothole -- 3 feet in diameter -- along Stump Road near the intersection of Stump Road and Route 463. The pothole is in the right hand lane heading towards County Line Road.

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