

# MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP *Community Guide*

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA



**Discover the many Spring and Summer Events, Services, and Activities Montgomery Township has to offer inside...**

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# A Message from the Chairwoman

As winter passes into memory, we welcome spring and the return of warmer weather. In addition to flowers and showers, spring also heralds the arrival of numerous opportunities to enjoy our beautiful community.

If you visit any of Montgomery Township's 14 parks, you will likely see members of our Public Works Department hard at work sprucing-up our public spaces. Be sure to stop-by Fellowship Park to see the newly renovated tennis courts.

Spring 2020 offers chances to engage in a wide range of activities, from participating in fitness programs, to voting in the primary election. Starting with the primary on April 28th, voting can be completed in advance by mail. In a presidential election year, this is a significant benefit for residents with accessibility challenges, or anyone who would like to avoid waiting in line at the polls. To request a mail-in or absentee ballot, visit: <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/>

**Spray Park Opening**—One of our most popular warm weather amenities is the Spray Park at the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center (Mont CRC) located at the intersection of Horsham and Stump Roads. The Spray Park will open for Memorial Day weekend and will once again be free of charge for area families. For those who aren't familiar with the facility, the Spray Park features sprinklers, shade sails, tables and benches, well-maintained public restrooms, and an adjacent, accessible playground.

**Mont CRC Programs**—Our talented Mont CRC team members have been busy developing fun programs for the community to enjoy, like the annual Summer Concert Series! Stop by the Community & Recreation Center or visit [www.montcrc.com](http://www.montcrc.com) to learn more.

**Kids U**—For those with children between the ages of 6-12, you will be excited to learn that our Kids University summer camp program will be returning again. Both full-time and part-time programs are offered. Kids U campers play sports, make crafts, go on field trips, and much more.

For more details on these events and programs, visit our website [www.montgomerytwp.org](http://www.montgomerytwp.org).

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I hope you have a wonderful spring and summer season with us here in Montgomery Township. We value your feedback and suggestions. Please stop by a future board meeting to share your thoughts on how we can serve you better, or feel free to contact our township offices and speak with a member of our staff.

Best wishes,

Tanya C. Bamford, Chairwoman



Left to right: Matthew Quigg, Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Tanya Bamford, Beth Staab, Annette Long



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## Township Contact Information

### Montgomery Township

1001 Stump Road  
Montgomeryville, PA 18936

Phone: 215-393-6900

Fax: 215-855-6656

Email:

generalinfo@montgomerytp.org

### Community and Recreation Center

1030 Horsham Road  
Montgomeryville, PA 18936

Phone: 267-649-7200

## 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  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

#### State Senator for the 12th District:

Maria Collett  
1180 Welsh Road, Suite 130  
North Wales, PA 19454  
215-368-1429

#### 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, MD, MPH, 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](http://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us)

## Stormwater Management

Please be mindful while washing your cars this summer.

Outdoor car washing is a standard summertime activity, but may lead to large amounts of dirt, road grime, oil, and heavy metals flowing into waterways.

The soapy water used to wash the car flows down the street and into storm drains. Water that enters storm drains travels directly to the nearest streams and creeks without being cleaned.

The best option to keep harmful chemicals from entering our streams is to go to a local car wash. Commercial car wash water is recycled and sent to the wastewater plant for treatment.

When washing your car at home, wash it on your lawn or a pervious (non-paved) surface, so the wash water can soak into the ground and pollutants will be filtered out. Use phosphorous-free soap to decrease the amount of nutrients entering our waterways. Excess nutrients decrease water quality and harm aquatic life.

For more tips and helpful information on stormwater management, visit [www.montgomerytp.org](http://www.montgomerytp.org).

**WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE  
DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST  
WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY.**





# Township Office Information

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

**Finance, Business Tax, and Sewer** | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 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](http://www.montcrc.com)

## **Administration Department: 215-393-6900**

*(Includes Public Information & Human Resources)*

**Township Manager:** Carolyn McCreary

**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. She 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 role of the Human Resources Office is to attract and select qualified applicants, retain valuable employees, provide training and education, and ensure a safe, healthful, and positive working environment. We seek to maintain the same high level of professionalism, care, and respect among employees that is shown to the members of the Montgomery Township community.

### **Public Information Office**

The Public Information Office increases citizen awareness and participation in township government programs and events through various communication channels including the website, social media, weekly electronic newsletter, cable channel, and Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer Community Guide.

## **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 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:** Brian Shapiro

The Finance Department is responsible for the effective and efficient management of the Township's financial resources. The Finance Department staff is responsible for the daily operations of accounting, accounts payable and receivable, and payroll. The Department also leads the preparation of the annual budget and comprehensive annual financial report, provides regular expense and revenue reports to the Board of Supervisors, and works with the Township Manager on financial matters and policies related to the investment of funds. The Department serves as liaison to the Finance Committee, and oversees and administers all Township funds in conjunction with individual departments.

## **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:** Bill Wiegman

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 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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.





## Welcome New Members of the Board of Supervisors and Township Manager

Please welcome new Township Officials and Township Manager!

Annette Long and Beth Staab were sworn into the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors during the Swearing-in Ceremony on Monday, January 6. Annette and Beth now serve on the Board of Supervisors alongside Tanya Bamford (Chairwoman), Matthew Quigg (Vice-Chairman), and Candyce Fluehr Chimera.

The Board of Supervisors meet on the 2nd and the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room located in the Township Building.

Learn all about the Board of Supervisors on the Township's website at [www.montgomerytp.org/board](http://www.montgomerytp.org/board).



Left to right: Matthew Quigg, Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Tanya Bamford, Beth Staab, Annette Long



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The Board held their annual Reorganization Meeting following the Swearing-in Ceremony, where Carolyn McCreary was also officially appointed to the position of Township Manager.

Following her appointment, the Montgomery Township Public Information Office sat down with Carolyn for a fun and informative Q&A session!

## TOWNSHIP MANAGER Q&A

**A glimpse of the Q&A is available below, and the full version is available at [www.montgomerytp.org](http://www.montgomerytp.org).**

### **What's your background in government?**

Prior to this position, I was the Manager for Plumstead Township in Central Bucks County for 11 years. I also worked as the Director of Finance for Lansdale Borough, and Accounting Manager for Upper Gwynedd Township.

### **What made you want to get involved with municipal government?**

During my undergrad, I took a class called Government Accounting, where I got a little taste of what government work might be like. I then went onto work as an Internal Auditor for Montgomery County Community College, and realized I loved working for a community. I knew then that working in local government would be a great fit for me. In government, you have the chance to watch special projects come to fruition and benefit the community. Whether it be a park, special program, road improvement, etc., you are there from that first grant application, through Board approvals, to the birth of that special project. In government, your work can make a difference in the day-to-day life of your residents and community, and that's pretty awesome.

### **What do you like most about being a township manager?**

Definitely the diversity of the work. No two days are the same!

### **What advice would you give to someone who wants to work in government?**

Following my MPA, Villanova asked me to speak to some students who were currently pursuing their Master of Public Administration. I told them- if you like to know what you're in for every day, local government is not for you, but if you want to have your hands in many things this is the level of government you want to be in. I think it's important for students interested in local government to speak to someone who works in local government, in the department in which they are interested in. If it's local enough, go to municipal meetings, and consider volunteering on a committee!

### **What are you most excited about in your new role here at Montgomery Township?**

The newness of it! The challenges are going to be unique to this community and the people in it. It's also a professional reset for me, and I think that is important to do.



Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

## Welcome New Businesses

Please welcome the following new businesses to Montgomery Township.

*Please note this guide is sent to the printing/mailing companies in February, so all new businesses opened past this point have not been included.*



- Bliss Nails located at 8 Airport Square, North Wales, PA 19454
- Gran Rodeo Mexican Bar & Grill located at 544 Dekalb Pike, North Wales, PA 19454
- L & J Beverage located at 408 Doylestown Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936
- Wawa located at 1008 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454

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Follow the Community & Recreation Center on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MontCRC](http://www.facebook.com/MontCRC).

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**Tiny Tykes Basketball**



**Yoga**



**Princess Party**



**Dodgeball Tournament**

# Montgomery Township PARKS

## PARKS & RECREATION - *A Township Priority.*

### 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.**

# Real Estate Tax Collector

## REAL ESTATE TAX

**Phone: 215-996-9999 • Fax: 215-996-9951**

**Email Address: [tgallagher@montgomerytwp.org](mailto:tgallagher@montgomerytwp.org)**

**Address: PO Box 690, Montgomeryville, PA 18936**

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.**

**Mail or drop-off payment-** The tax collector does not have an office in the Township Building. Tax payments may be made via credit card or check, 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 the Montgomery Township Administration Building (1001 Stump Road) at any time during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) In order to receive a receipt for payment, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and a receipt will be mailed to you. **Please note that there is no longer a drop-box at Santander Bank in Assi Plaza.**

**Credit card payment- Please note there is a 3% fee charged by the credit card processing company.** To pay via credit card, visit [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) and follow the prompts, or call 1-800-2PAYTAX. The jurisdiction code is 4865. You will need to know your parcel number, the exact amount of tax payment, and the type of taxes you will be paying (Township/County, NPSD, Township/County Interim, NPSD interim).

**Cash payments are no longer accepted-** Please call the Tax Collector to schedule an appointment or call for special office hours at the Township Building. 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](mailto:tgallagher@montgomerytwp.org).



### REAL ESTATE TAX RATE

.93 Mills for General Fund

.24 Mills for Parks and Recreation

.17 Mills for Fire Protection

.15 Mills for Debt Service

1.49 Total Township 2020 Real Estate Tax Rates

### 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 TOWNSHIP EARNED INCOME TAX

**Berkheimer Tax Administrator**

**Phone: 866-701-7206**

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.

## Finance Department

The Montgomery Township Finance Department has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the 9th consecutive year that the Finance Department has received this award. The Township received the certificate for the fiscal year ended December 2018.

To earn this certificate, the Finance Department has to prepare a comprehensive annual financial report showing the "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the township's financial story and motivate potential users to read the report.

The report is available on the Montgomery Township website at [www.montgomerytwp.org](http://www.montgomerytwp.org).





# Connect with Montgomery Township

The Montgomery Township Public Information Office operates with one very important goal in mind-

**Keep the Township and community close and connected to provide the best place to live, work, and play.**

This is achieved through engaging with the residents and members of this community on a regular basis through the following communication channels:

- Website- [www.montgomerytwp.org](http://www.montgomerytwp.org)
- Weekly Email newsletter “E-News”- sign-up on homepage of Township website
- Explore Site (subsite of the Township website)- [www.montgomerytwp.org/explore](http://www.montgomerytwp.org/explore)
- Facebook- [www.facebook.com/MontTwp](http://www.facebook.com/MontTwp)
- Twitter- [www.twitter.com/MontTwp](http://www.twitter.com/MontTwp)
- ReadyMontco- Montgomery County’s Emergency Alert System. Sign-up on the homepage of the Township’s website under “Emergency Alerts.”
- Cable Channel- Comcast 22 and Verizon 34

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## 2020 Municipal Election Information

**Governor Tom Wolf has announced that the Pennsylvania Primary Election has been rescheduled from Tuesday, April 28 to Tuesday, June 2.**

### Updated Deadlines:

- May 18 to register to vote: [Register.VotesPA.com](http://Register.VotesPA.com).
- May 26 to sign up to vote by mail ballot: [VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot](http://VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot).

### New Mail-in Ballot Option for Primary Election

Pennsylvania residents can now sign up online to vote by mail-in ballot for the Primary Election on June 2, without having to provide a reason.



The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is 5 p.m. on May 26. The deadline to return your completed mail-in ballot to the Montgomery County Election Office is 8 p.m. on Election Day.

You must be registered to vote in order to apply to vote by mail-in ballot.

### Know Your Voting District!

*Do you know where you're going to vote?*

Montgomery Township has eight voting districts and five different polling locations that are listed below. **Please note the polling change for District 8.**



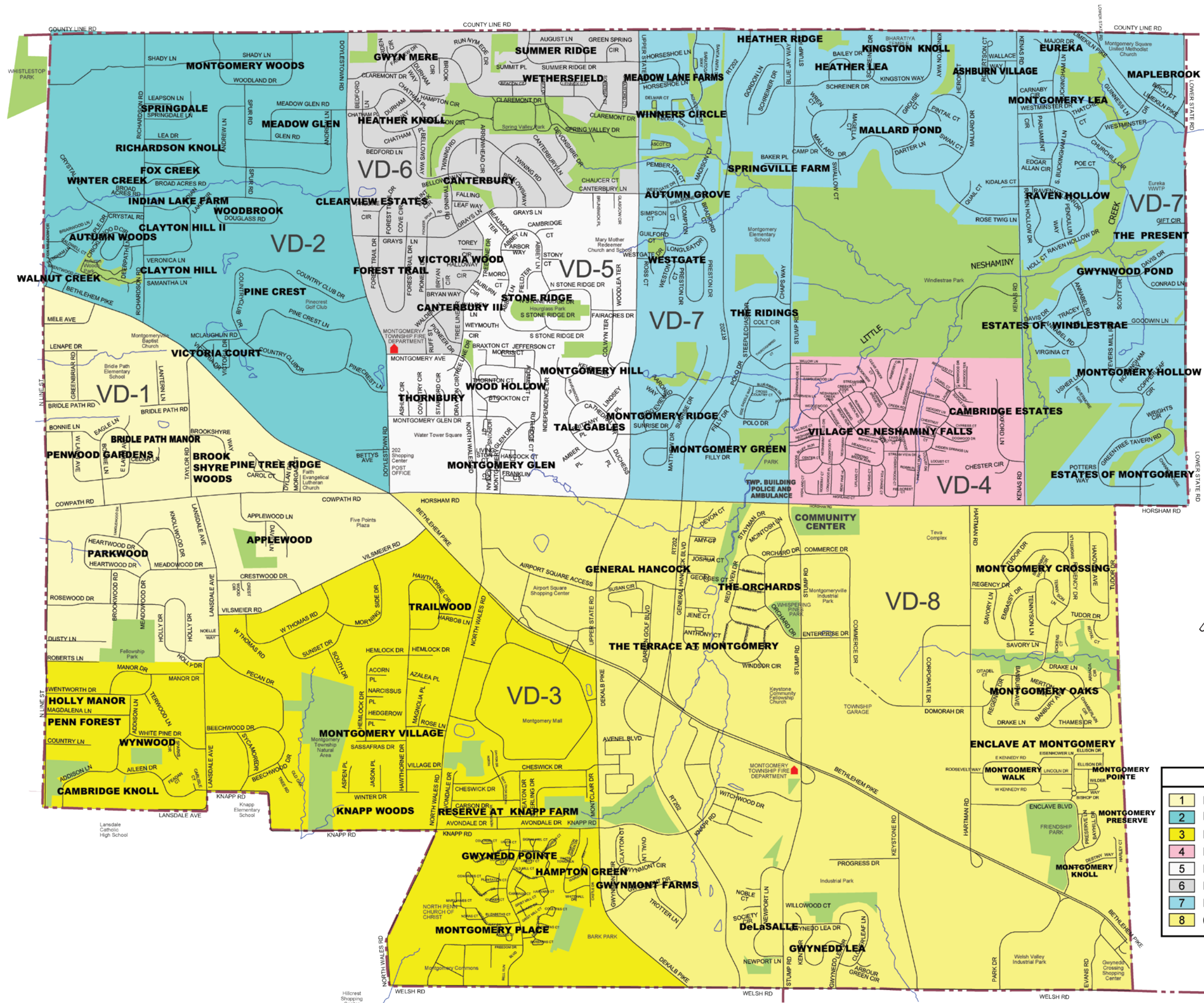
<b>Districts 1 &amp; 3:</b>	<b>Bridle Path Elementary School</b> 200 Bridle Path Road, Lansdale, PA 19446
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<b>District 4:</b>	<b>Neshaminy Falls Club House</b> 195 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454
<b>Districts 5 &amp; 6:</b>	<b>Montgomery Township Building</b> 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936
<b>District 8:</b>	<b>Now the Montgomery Township Community &amp; Recreation Center</b> 1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville PA 18936 (Previously Battalion One Fire Station)

**Please visit pages 14-15 to find your voting district.**



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7	MONTGOMERY ELEM. SCHOOL
8	COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

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



# Recycling Information for Residents

Have you visited the recycling page on the Township website yet?

Learn all about leaf & yard waste, prescription drugs, household hazardous waste, and more by visiting [www.montgomerytwp.org](http://www.montgomerytwp.org).

Questions can be directed to 215-393-6900.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Did you know that when you recycle your Christmas tree, it goes back into our Township parks? Montgomery Township would like to thank those who recycled their tree this past winter.



## Recycle Your Electronics with Retrievr

Retrievr is Montgomery County's new recycling program offered to all residents in the county. With Retrievr, you can recycle most electronics and clothing right at your curb.

Text "PICKUP" to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824) or give them a call to schedule an appointment.



Visit  
<https://montcopa.org/637/Recycling-Information>  
for more information.

# Public Works Department

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 Fellowship Park

The Public Works Department worked hard last summer to renovate the tennis courts at Fellowship Park, located at 125 Meadowood Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446. Be sure to get out this spring/summer season and enjoy them!



## 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?

Visit the "I Want To" section of the Township's website, [www.montgomerytwp.org](http://www.montgomerytwp.org)



# Important Information Regarding COVID-19

Montgomery Township is working hard to keep the residents and community safe and informed as we all work through the impacts of COVID-19.

The Township urges you to continue practicing the social distancing recommendations made by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Montgomery Township is keeping residents informed on the following communication channels:

- Website- [Montgomerytwp.org](http://Montgomerytwp.org)
- E-News (email newsletter) sign-up at [montgomerytwp.org](http://montgomerytwp.org).
- Facebook.com/MontTwp
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## PREPARING FOR THE SPREAD OF COVID-19




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# Montgomery Township Fire Department



As we near Memorial Day and July 4th, The Montgomery Township Fire Department would like to remind residents on the fireworks law, and how you can stay safe.

In October 2017, Pennsylvania passed new fireworks legislation. Residents can now legally purchase and use consumer-grade, or Class "C" fireworks that include firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks containing no more than 50 mg of explosive material. "Display fireworks," which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

## Please be aware of the following requirements for igniting fireworks:

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on public or private property without the express permission of the property owner
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building
- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug
- Display fireworks that contain more than 130 mg of explosive material and professional aerial shells may only be used by professionals and require a permit
- M-80's, cherry bombs, quarter-sticks, etc. are federally unlawful

Despite the law allowing their purchase, fireworks remain a dangerous explosive and must be handled carefully. **Nationally, an average of 7 fireworks-related deaths occur each year, along with an estimated 11,100 injuries.** If you choose to celebrate the holiday with lawful fireworks, please do so responsibly and carefully, and be considerate of your neighbors and their pets.

Call 911 immediately if you observe a violation of the law or wish to report a noise complaint.

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# Montgomery Township Police Department



The Montgomery Township Police department is passionate about keeping this community safe, and knows that in order to do so, police/community relationships are key.

The Montgomery Township Police Department is one of seven departments in the County who have a Community Policing Liaison. By now, you probably have seen our Community Policing Liaison, Officer Rob Johnson, out and about in the Township and surrounding North Penn area.

Officer Rob Johnson helps coordinate the popular Coffee with a Cop, Coloring with a Cop, Prescription Drug Take-Back Days, Child Fingerprinting events, annual National Night Out and Public Safety Celebration events, Junior Police Academy, and much more.



We encourage our residents to follow along and stay up to speed on all department news and events by following our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MontPolice](http://www.facebook.com/MontPolice).



Officer Rob Johnson at Coloring with a Cop



Detective Rick DeJesus at National Night Out



Officer Jason English (left) and Officer Nicholas Eufrazio (right) at National Night Out



Detective Todd Walter at National Drug Take-Back Day

## THE ANNUAL REPORT

Did you know the Police Department publishes an annual report on all things MTPD? You can find police statistics, important public safety information and alerts, recent accomplishments, and much more in this report.

These reports are typically ready and available in the month of March. The most recent report is always available at the station for pick-up and online at [www.montgomerytp.org](http://www.montgomerytp.org).

# MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



# Mark Your Calendar for Township Events & Happenings!

Please note that these events are subject to cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be sure to check the Township's website at [montgomerytp.org](http://montgomerytp.org) or call the Township at 215-393-6900.

**NEW!**

## Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Event

Give back and have fun at our first Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Event! Donate blood and vote Team Police or Team Fire! Both the Police Department and Fire Department will be there throughout parts of the day with giveaways, hand-outs, and more.

**DATE:** Friday, April 17

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center



Every blood donor is a **HERO**

## Electronic Recycling

**DATE:** Saturday, April 18

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

**LOCATION:** Montgomery Township Building

## Arbor Day

**DATE:** Saturday, April 25

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

**LOCATION:** Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center

## Summer Concert Series

**DATE:** Every Thursday night beginning June 25 and ending August 27. No concert the week of July 4.

**TIME:** Concerts are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** The Great Lawn at the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center

## National Night Out

National Night Out is an opportunity for communities nationwide to promote safety, police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. With many different attractions for children and parents to choose from, this summer night guarantees to be one to remember.

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 4

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

**LOCATION:** Water Tower Square located at Home Depot Parking Lot



For details on all Township events, please visit [www.montgomerytp.org/explore](http://www.montgomerytp.org/explore)



## Autumn Festival 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**DATE:** Saturday, October 10

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

**LOCATION:** William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae

## CELEBRATE THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AUTUMN FESTIVAL





# Stop the Spotted Lanternfly



## WHAT IS IT?

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma Delicatula*, is a destructive invasive plant, native to China, that was first detected in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania. It feeds voraciously on many plants, including economically important crops like fruit trees, grapevines, hops, hardwoods, and ornamentals. The Spotted Lanternfly's favored host, however, is the Tree-of-Heaven.

## MANAGEMENT & QUARANTINE

In the spring, we are still in egg mass season, but soon, we will be entering hatching season! Follow the tips below to help stop the spread.

### FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING

#### *DESTROY EGG MASSES*

Check for egg masses on trees, cement blocks, rocks, and any other hard surfaces. If you find egg masses, scrape them off using a plastic card or putty knife and then place the masses into a bag or container filled with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. This is the most effective way to kill the eggs, but they can also be smashed or burned.

### SPRING & SUMMER

#### *BAND TREES*

When the nymphs first hatch, they will walk up the trees to feed on the softer, new growth of the plant. Take advantage of this behavior by wrapping tree trunks in sticky tape and trapping the nymphs. Check the traps on a regular basis because, while rare, birds and small mammals can become stuck to the tape.

#### *REMOVE TREE-OF-HEAVEN*

While the spotted lanternfly will feast on a variety of plant species, they have a special fondness for *Ailanthus*, or tree-of-heaven, which is an invasive plant that is common in landscape plantings, agricultural areas, and along the sides of roads. For this reason, there is a current push from spotted lanternfly experts to remove this tree.

### SPRING, SUMMER, AND FALL

#### *USE INSECTICIDES*

When used appropriately, insecticides can be a very effective and safe way to reduce lanternfly populations. The Penn State Extension is currently researching which insecticides are best for controlling the pest, but preliminary results show insecticides with the active ingredients dinotefuran, imidacloprid, carbaryl, and bifenthrin are most effective.

However, there are safety, environmental, and sometimes regulatory concerns that go along with the use of insecticides, so the Extension advises homeowners to do research, weigh the pros and cons, and seek professional advice if needed.

### ALL YEAR

#### *STOP THE SPREAD*

To help stop the insect's spread, check your vehicle closely- undercarriages, windshield wipers, wheel wells, luggage racks, and such - for spotted lanternflies and egg masses before traveling in and out of the quarantine zone.



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# Planning and Zoning Department

In the Planning & Zoning Department, it is our mission to preserve and improve the quality of life for residents and businesses within the community through the enforcement of the codes and ordinances of the Township; to be sensitive to the needs of the community while involved in planning and redevelopment; and to serve the community as we would ourselves.

We hope the information below helps guide you as a homeowner/business owner of Montgomery Township. The Planning & Zoning Office is happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact us at 215-393-6920 or stop-in the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Building permit applications are available on The Township's website at [www.montgomerytp.org](http://www.montgomerytp.org) and from the Planning and Zoning Office.

## 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 & Air Conditioning
- Roofing and Non-Vinyl Siding
- Hot Water Heaters
- Sheds and Detached Garages
- Swimming pools and Hot Tubs / Spas
- Whole House Generators
- Solar Panels and Charging Stations
- Driveway Expansions
- Decks, Patios and Walkways
- Fences
- Fireplaces, Wood Stoves, Fire Pits, Chimneys
- Pergolas and Gazebos
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## 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, sidewalks, and streets. 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 at least 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.



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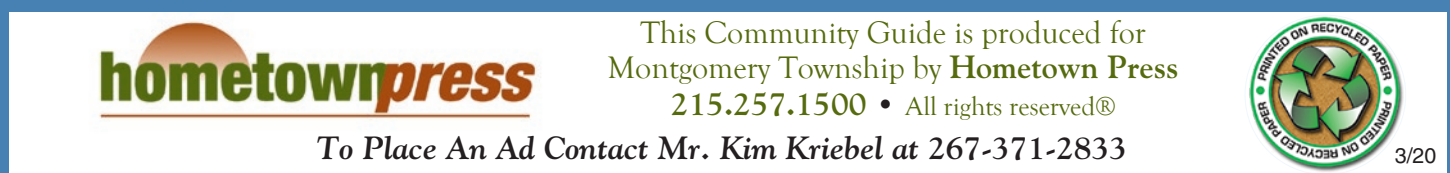


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