

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP

Community Guide

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA



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

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A Message from the Chairwoman

The past year has been one of the most challenging on record for Montgomery Township. Within the span of twelve months, our community grappled with a pandemic, the related shutdown, and the tragic loss of more than 40 residents to COVID-19. We witnessed business closures, rising unemployment, increased food insecurity, social unrest, and even had a tornado touch down within our borders. Our collective mettle has been well and truly tested. Yet despite these heartaches and hardships, our community rose to meet each challenge we faced.

Montgomery Township's first responders were quick to implement new COVID safety protocols while continuing to serve and protect us 24/7. They also collected and distributed critical PPE supplies to our most vulnerable senior citizens. Our administrative staff implemented innovative procedures and tools to allow staff to work and conduct meetings remotely. Among the many positive outcomes, this rapid deployment of technology enabled our Planning & Zoning Department to continue to process permits--which kept construction projects throughout our township moving forward. It also helped our staff keep our residents well-informed across all township communication channels. Even our Board of Supervisors meetings were live streamed online so that the business of the township could be conducted via video conference, while still complying with Sunshine Laws.

Across every department, township staff developed new and innovative ways to fulfill our obligations to our constituents. Even though our Community and Recreation Center had to close to the public for several months, our Public Works and Recreation departments worked diligently to maintain our parks, develop alternative outdoor recreational programming, and coordinate with youth sports organizations so residents of every age had access to safe places to recreate and find respite from daily stress and strain.

To assist our local business community, we drafted and passed a new ordinance allowing restaurants and retail establishments greater flexibility to serve patrons outdoors. In the spirit of teamwork, our staff proactively shared that draft ordinance with their colleagues across the region which resulted in eight other area municipalities adopting the ordinance, as well.

We hosted the township's first ever virtual town halls to discuss issues of pressing concern, including a COVID-19 forum with Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Chairwoman of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, and another with J. Scott Bendig, our Chief of Police, on MTPD hiring policies and training related to bias and use of force.

During this challenging period, our board and staff made a concerted effort to not only conduct the business of the township, but to find ways to lift spirits in the process. These efforts ranged from conducting successful food and blood drives, to hosting a parade-like Memorial Day tour around the township, as well as a drive-through Halloween festival.

While it has been an incredibly difficult year, the good news is that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The COVID-19 vaccination process has begun. As more and more of our residents are vaccinated, we will continue to see our numbers of positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths decline. Hopefully, we will see a return to normalcy in the not-too-distant future. In the interim, I encourage you to remain vigilant in following CDC guidelines for mask wearing, hygiene and social distancing.

Please know that your feedback is always welcome. I encourage you to email us, or if you feel comfortable, drop-by a Board of Supervisors meeting in the future to share your thoughts on how we can better serve your needs. Until then, on behalf of my fellow board members and all our staff and volunteers, I hope you have a happy, healthy, and enjoyable spring and summer here in beautiful Montgomery Township.

Best wishes,
Tanya C. Bamford,
Chairwoman, MT Board of Supervisors



Board of Supervisors

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

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

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

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

Ken Lawrence, Jr., 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

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.

**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 and Sewer Authority | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fire Department | 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 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: Carolyn McCreary

Director of Administration and Human Resources: Ann Shade

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: Greg Reiff

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: 215-393-6910

Finance Director: 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 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 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.



Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors Appoint Human Relations Commission Members

At their meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors appointed members to the recently formed Human Relations Commission.

The Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to establish a Human Relations Commission at their October 26, 2020 public meeting. The full ordinance is available online at www.montgomerytwp.org

The Human Relations Commission will work to ensure that all persons, regardless of actual or perceived race, color, age, religious creed, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap, use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals, or sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression enjoy the full benefits of citizenship and are afforded equal opportunities for employment, housing and public accommodation.



Left to Right: Leesa Meade, Nisha Joy, Amy Hanson, Board Chair Tanya Bamford, Kunbi Rudnick, Jaszianne Tolbert and Brinder Gill)

Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors is a five-member Board serving 6-year terms. They 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.montgomerytwp.org/board.

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



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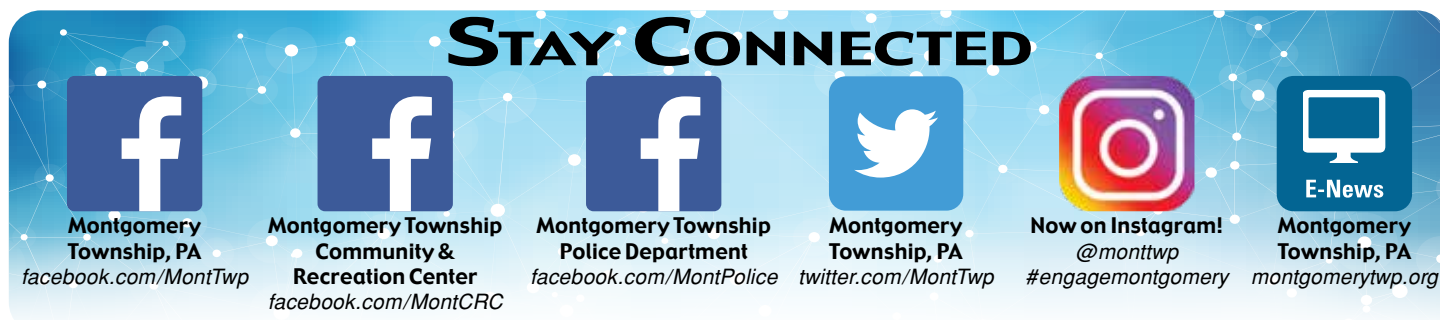
Connect with Montgomery Township

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.montgomerytp.org
- Weekly Email newsletter "E-News"- sign-up on homepage of Township website
- Explore Site (subsite of the Township website)- www.montgomerytp.org/explore
- Facebook- www.facebook.com/MontTwp
- Twitter- www.twitter.com/MontTwp
- Instagram - @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



2021 Municipal Election Information

***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.***



Know Your Voting District!

Districts 1 & 3:	Bridle Path Elementary School 200 Bridle Path Road, Lansdale, PA 19446
Districts 2 & 7:	Montgomery Elementary School 1221 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454
District 4:	Neshaminy Falls Club House 195 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454
Districts 5 & 6:	Montgomery Township Building 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936
District 8:	Now the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center 1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville PA 18936 (Previously Battalion One Fire Station)

***Please visit pages 16-17 to find
your voting district.***

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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: 106 David Lane, 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 (Anticipated to Open Summer 2021)



Construction progress of Friendship Park April 2021. (Photo courtesy of Safety Turf, Inc.)

Description: Multi-use field, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of paved walking trail, pickleball courts, covered pavilion with picnic tables, handicap accessible playground equipment for ages 2-5 and 5-12.

Location: 200 Enclave Boulevard, North Wales, PA 19454 (Enclaved Blvd. is accessible from N/B Route 309 and 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

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 outside the Montgomery Township Administration Building (1001 Stump Road) Police Entrance at any time. 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 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.

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 10th consecutive year that the Finance Department has received this award. The Township received the certificate for the fiscal year ended December 2019.

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.



REAL ESTATE TAX RATE

General Purpose .93 mills

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Fire Tax Protection .17 mills

Park and Recreation .24 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.

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE/MERCANTILE/ AMUSEMENT TAX

The Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors has appointed Berkheimer Innovations (Berkheimer) as the Business Privilege/Mercantile and Amusement Tax Collector effective January 1, 2021.

When you receive mail from Berkheimer, please do not throw it away!

Message from Berkheimer Tax Innovations:

For assistance in filing the Business Privilege/Mercantile Tax, please call: 610-599-3140 during regular business hours of 9:00AM thru 4:00PM, Monday thru Friday or visit our website at www.hab-inc.com for information and forms.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 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.



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Fire Department of Montgomery Township



The Department of Fire Services is comprised of both volunteer and career members. The volunteers of the Fire Department of Montgomery Township (F.D.M.T.) respond to incidents 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The F.D.M.T. is always accepting new applications for firefighters, fire police officers, and administrative members. The F.D.M.T. also accepts applications for junior firefighters from 16-17 years of age. The department provides the equipment and training free of charge. Please visit fdmt.org for more information on volunteering with the F.D.M.T. or to

complete an application for membership. Any questions about joining the F.D.M.T. can be directed to membershipcommittee@fdmt.org.

The Department of Fire Services provides additional services to Township residents and business. Please call 215-393-6928 to schedule the following activities for your home or business:

- Commercial Life Safety & Fire Inspections
- Residential Smoke Detector Installations
- Fire Escape Planning
- Residential and Commercial Fire Safety Training
- Pre-Planning
- Fire Safety Educational & Prevention Programs
- Fire Station Tours
- Fire Extinguisher Training

More information can be found at the Department of Fire Services webpage on the township's website including information regarding:

- Fire Investigations
- Knox Box Program
- Recreational Fires
- Truss Placard Program
- Fireworks Safety



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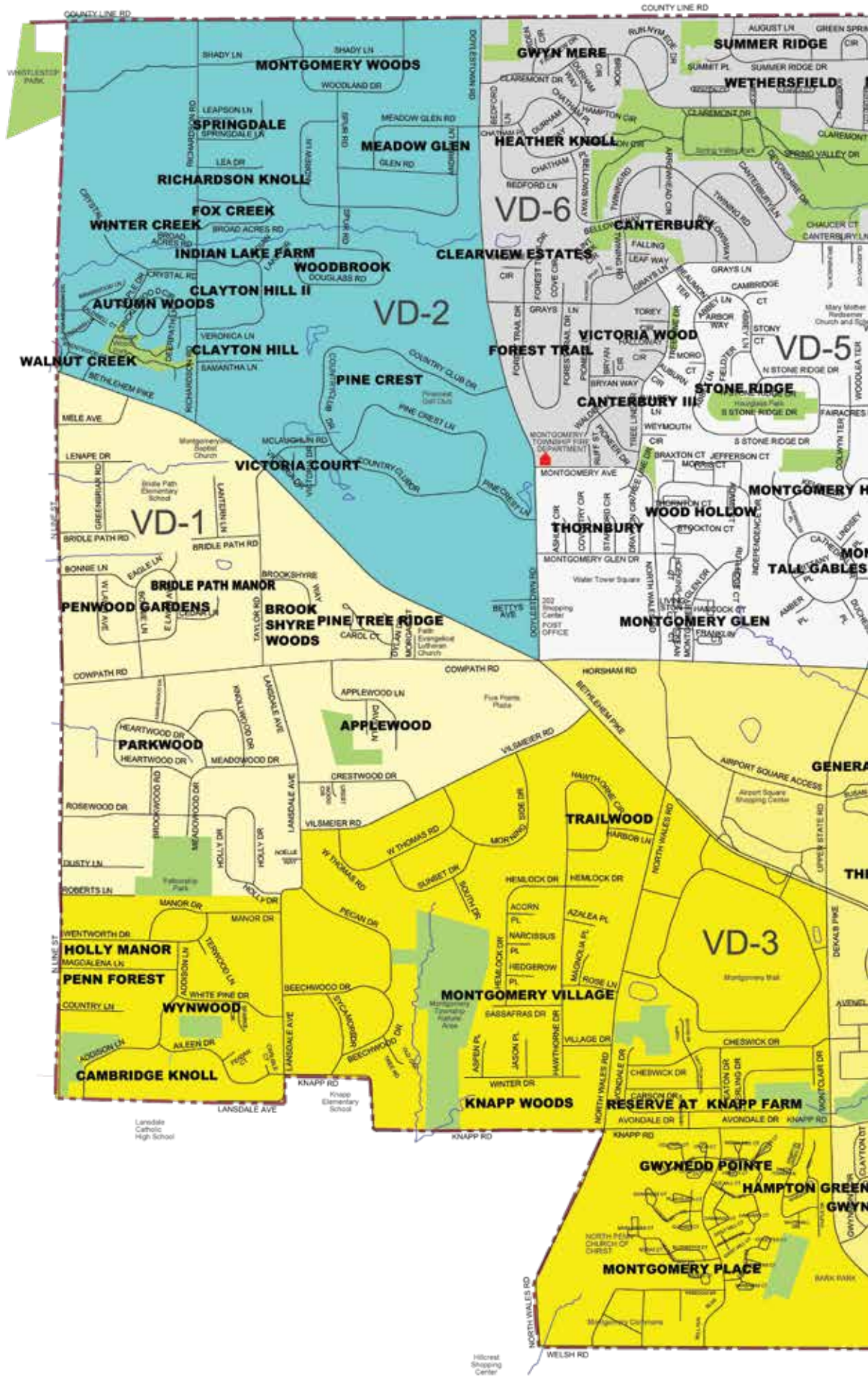
We would like to send out a Heartfelt, Safe and Healthy message to all the residents, businesses, and Township staff during this pivotal time in history.

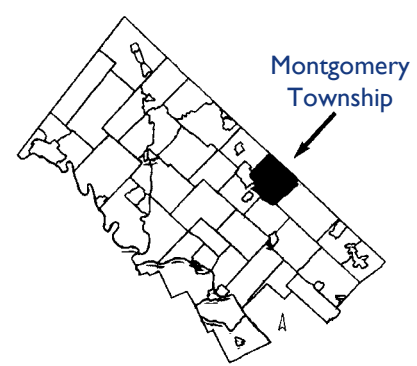
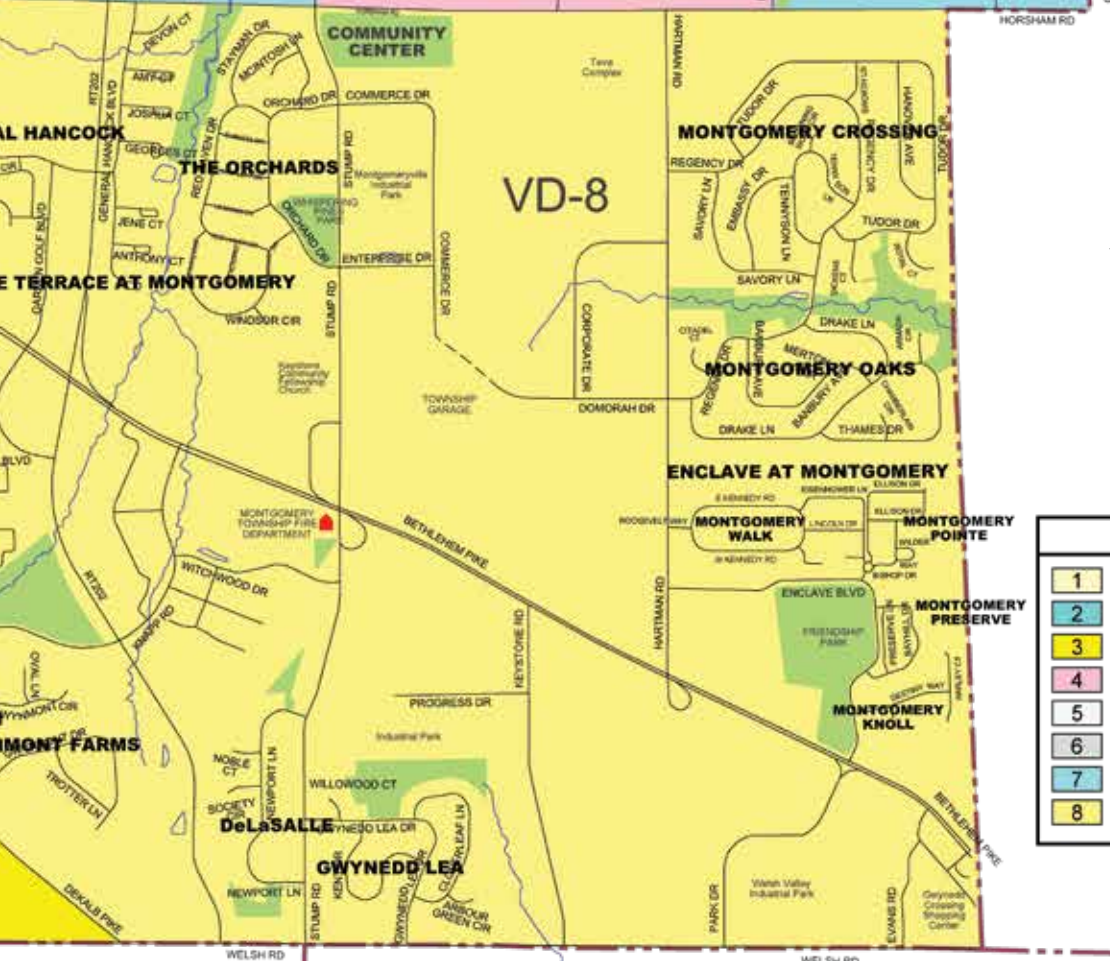
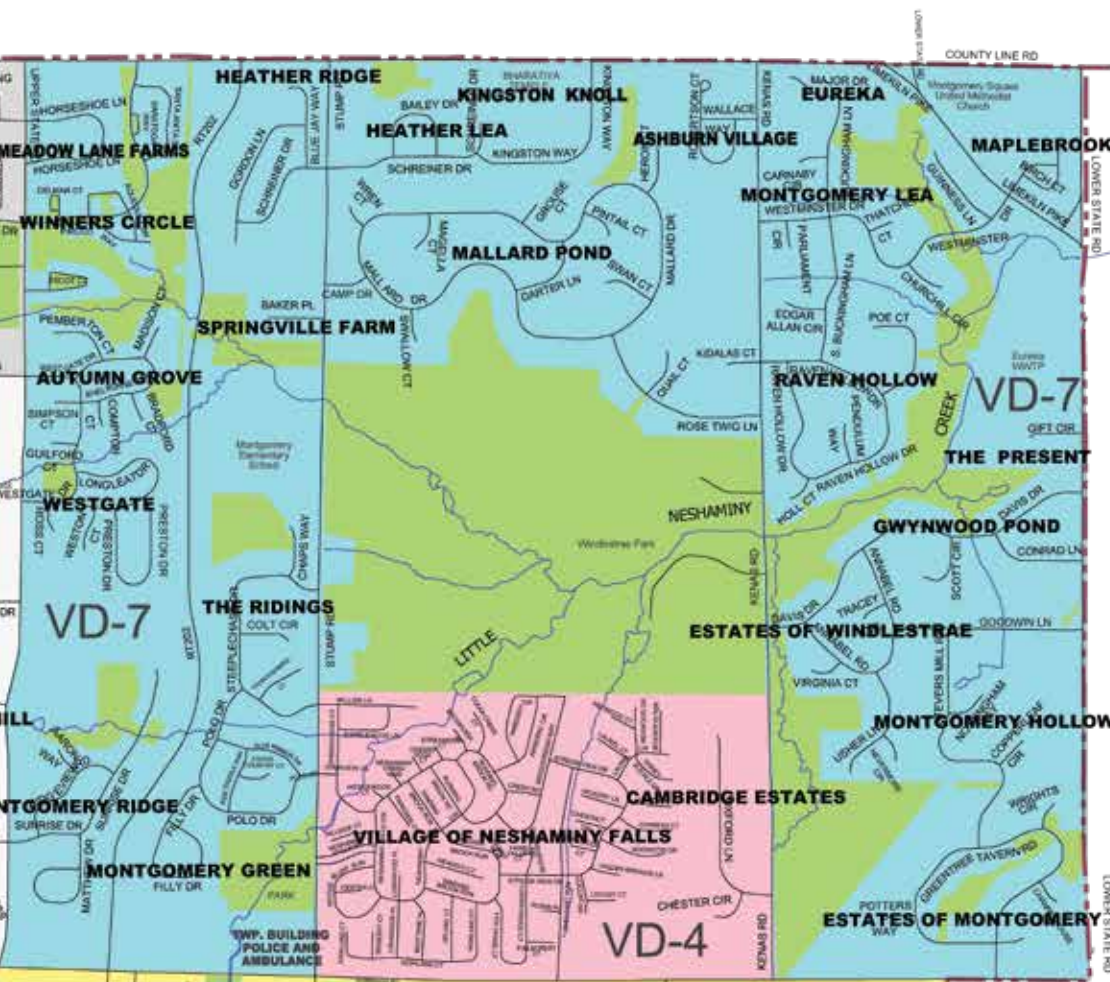
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8	COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

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 and search for "recycling".

Questions can be directed to 215-393-6900.

Recycle Your Electronics with Retrievr

Retrievr is Montgomery County's new recycling program offered to all residents in the county.

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Visit <https://retrievr.com/location/montgomery-county-pa/> for more information.

Single Use Battery Recycling

Montgomery Township currently has two recycling collection centers for single-use batteries. Single-use batteries may be dropped off at the Township Building or the Community & Recreation Center.

Note: No lithium batteries will be accepted.



Christmas Tree Recycling

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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
- E-News (email newsletter) sign-up at montgomerytwp.org.
- Facebook.com/MontTwp
- Twitter.com/MontTwp
- Instagram.com/MontTwp
- Cable Channel- Comcast 22 and Verizon 34



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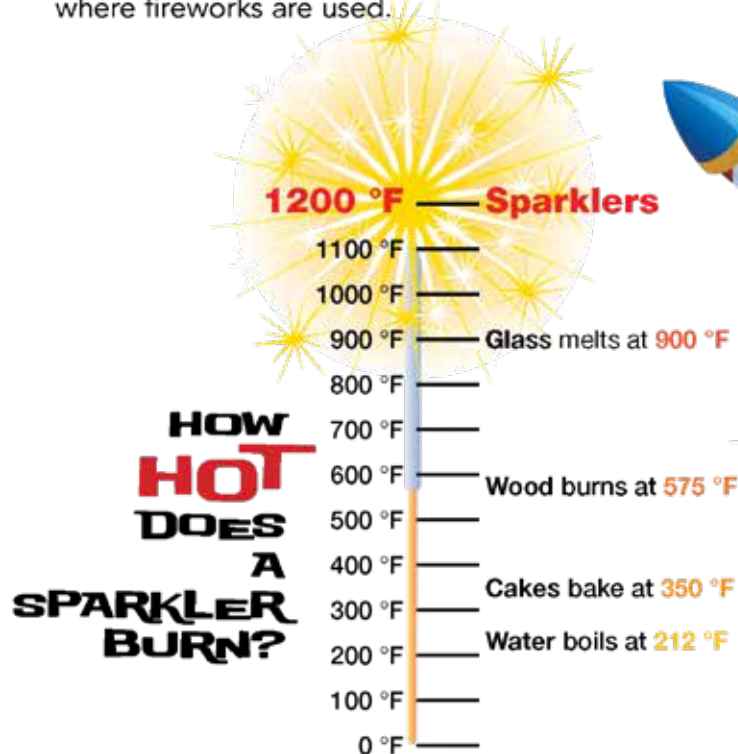
Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety tips:

BE CAREFUL!

- » Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- » Do not use consumer fireworks.
- » Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

NFPA is opposed to consumer use of fireworks. This includes sparklers and firecrackers. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- ! Fireworks cause an average of almost 18,500 reported fires per year.
- ! Sparklers account for more than one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.



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The Montgomery Township Police Department is a full time, accredited law enforcement agency, dedicated to providing progressive and professional police services to our community. The Department currently consists of thirty six sworn officers and nine unsworn personnel assigned to the Patrol and Administrative Divisions, providing quality services to the members of our residential, commercial, and industrial community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Follow us on facebook and stay up to date on department news and events! www.facebook.com/MontPolice



Montgomery Township Police Department strives to keep the community safe and maintain a relationship with the public through pro-active community engagement. Our Community Policing Liaison, Officer Rob Johnson does a phenomenal job at coordinating community events!



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.montgomerytpd.org.



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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 montgomerytpw.org or call the Township at 215-393-6900.

Check social media for updates on events!



Jr. Police Adademy 2018

Jr. Police Academy

Since 1998 the Montgomery Township Police Department has sponsored an annual Junior Police Academy as a way for officers to foster positive relationships with children in our community and introduce them to the wide variety of careers within the emergency services field.

The Jr. Police Academy is anticipated to return this Summer, with the dates to be determined still.

Summer Concert Series

The Summer Concert Series is anticipated to return this Summer at Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center! Performances will be scheduled on Thursday evenings throughout the summer @ 7pm-8:15pm. The Summer Concert Series will be held outdoors. For more information about safety protocols and the bands, please visit montcrc.com



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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 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, basements, etc.)
- Electric and Plumbing work
- Heating & Air Conditioning
- Roofing and Non-Vinyl Siding
- Hot Water Heaters (expansion tank required)
- Decks, Patios and Walkways
- Fences
- Fireplaces, Wood Stoves, Fire Pits, Chimneys
- Pergolas and Gazebos
- Sheds and Detached Garages
- Swimming pools and Hot Tubs / Spas
- Whole House Generators
- Solar Panels and Charging Stations
- Driveway Expansions

Please contact the Planning & Zoning office with any questions regarding projects, if permits are required, and permit submissions

ADDITIONS, ROOF STRUCTURES, 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.



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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

In Montgomery Township, the minimum property standards are enforced by the Planning & Zoning Department on a complaint and observation basis. The Township expects all residents and business owners to take responsibility for properly maintaining their property and doing their part to keep safe, clean, and attractive properties. The most common concerns include accumulation of rubbish and debris, grass and weeds maintenance, and the maintenance and clearance of sidewalks. Please remember to take care of your trees and shrubs to avoid 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.

Public Works Department

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



Removing the basin fence on Stone Ridge Dr.



Repairing the lighting in the gym of the CRC building.



Replacing a deteriorated storm sewer pipe at Stump Rd. & Commerce Dr.



Renovated Hockey Courts at Windlestrae Park – Rose Twig

(located at 1151 Kenas Road, North Wales, PA 19454)

The courts were recently renovated. Be sure to get out this spring/summer season and enjoy it!

LED Street Lighting Conversion

Our long awaited LED street lighting conversion is now complete! During the project a total of 1,237 residential and 134 cobra head street lights were converted to LED fixtures. The new LED bulbs have an approximate life expectancy of 10-15 years, which will cut down on maintenance costs and their energy efficiency will provide a significant cost savings. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented and long awaited project.



Report Township Road Repairs, Traffic and Street Light Issues Online



Did you know that you can report Township road repairs, traffic/street light issues and more on the Township's website? Visit the "I Want To" section of the Township's website, www.montgomerytp.org

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ! The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ! Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



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