

FALLS TOWNSHIP

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

There are few of us in Falls Township who have not been affected in some way by the problems of drug addiction and abuse. The headlines for the past few years only highlight what too many of us have seen in our neighborhoods, families and workplaces. Our police and emergency personnel deal with it every day, and our County has seen alarming numbers of overdoses and deaths. Here in Falls Township, steps have been taken to make the best use of our resources when fighting against the drug problem. Our police department has, for the past few years, worked very closely with County, State and Federal law enforcement agencies to identify and apprehend drug dealers and their associates in our Township. In addition to enforcement of the law, our Police are also focused on spreading information about treatment for addiction to addicts and their families in the hopes that the simple sharing of information will help prevent future tragedies.

The common question asked when people hear about drug overdoses and drug dealing in the Township is "where is this happening the most?" The answer is no residential section of our Township is dramatically more prone to these crimes and incidences, but we do know that many deals were being done in some of the hotels and motels in Falls. Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors passed a law aimed at helping our Police crack down on drug abuse and drug dealing. The law requires hotel and motel managers to keep specifically detailed records of who is staying in their establishments (see page 11 for more information). This seemingly simple law enables our officers to more easily track and find known dealers, and then arrest them. The law is having a positive effect and had the full support of the hotel and motel owners.

In addition to fully supporting the efforts of the Police on the streets, the Board of Supervisors also remains committed to fully funding the DARE program in our schools, making our Township the only municipality in Lower Bucks to do so. It is our belief that this program helps strengthen the bond between our children and the police, and also empowers our young people to make good decisions when faced with choices involving drugs, alcohol and violence.

With all this being said, it is important to point out that this problem is not one that can be solved solely through the efforts of the Falls Township government and Police. This problem requires the courage of all our residents. Specifically, the courage to see when someone you care about is suffering from addiction, and the courage to speak with them about how they can find help. In order to help you do this, we are including information on page 11 about services available to you to fight drug addiction. If you need more assistance, you may call the Falls Township Police non-emergency line, which is listed on Page 2 inside.

Bob Harvie

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Police Department

No Solicitation Registry

In 2014, the Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance that allows residents to add their name to a No Solicitation Registry. This list is distributed to anyone that applies for a Solicitation permit with instructions not to solicit at any of the addresses on the list. To be placed on this list, please contact the Police Records department at **215-949-9100** or you may use the link on the Township website <http://fallstwp.com/tools-resources/no-solicitation-registry.aspx>.



Facebook & Twitter

Falls Township Police department is now on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us to get information on what's going on in your neighborhood.
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welcome to our

NEW HIRES

**Jacob Blickley
and Ryan Murphy**

Patrolmen

Falls Township Anonymous Tip Line 215-949-9120



Falls Township Police has created a tip line allowing the public to contact the Police department anonymously.

Members of the public are encouraged to report suspicious individuals or activity. Tips are then analyzed and passed on to the appropriate division for follow-up. Because the tip line is anony-

mous, the sender will not receive a response.

The tip line is not an emergency number. If you witness a crime in progress or have an emergency that requires the police, please call 911.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area.

Neighborhood Watch is a group of concerned citizens, joining together to assist local law enforcement in identifying and reporting suspicious or criminal activities in their neighborhoods.

By taking an active role in the protection of their homes and families, residents are better able to discourage criminal activity and keep their neighborhoods safe.

For more information, please contact: **Officer John Yeager, 215-949-9100 ext. 434** yeager-pd@fallstwp.com



Rapid Recovery Program



When an autistic child or an adult with Dementia wanders off and gets lost, finding them quickly sometimes can make a difference between life and death. The Rapid Recovery Program is a tracking system that consists of a small wrist

bracelet worn by someone that is at risk of wandering. It is designed to locate missing special needs children as well as Alzheimer and Dementia patients.

This bracelet transmits a signal for up to a one-mile radius, allowing search and rescue efforts to be quicker, finding the individual in minutes instead of hours.

This program is available to all Falls Township residents and surrounding communities.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this program or would like additional information regarding Rapid Recovery, please contact the Falls Township Police Department **215-949-9100**.

Citizens Police Academy

The Falls Township Police Department's Citizens Police Academy is designed to educate Township residents about department procedures, responsibilities and demands on Police officers. Some of the topics that will be covered include: An overview of the department's structure; recruitment and training; interview techniques; a visit to the (911) county radio room; traffic enforcement; as well as observation of court hearings at the local District Justice. In addition, participants will be given an opportunity to "ride along" with a Patrol officer.

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for dates.

"Coffee with a Cop"

Coffee with a Cop allows Police and residents to come together in an informal, neutral space to sit down with a mix of officers, detectives, sergeants, lieutenants and the Chief to ask questions, discuss happenings in the area, voice concerns, and get to know the officers who patrol their areas. This is a great way to strengthen police-community partnership and build friendships throughout the community.

Coffee with a Cop is just another way to allow our residents to make Falls Township a better place to live.

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for coming dates.



Parks and Recreation Department

Park and Recreation Board Meetings

The Parks and Recreation Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at Three Arches (335 Trenton Road) at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Note: For questions or further information, contact Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221**.

Youth Kickball

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is once again holding a youth kickball program (ages 7-11) on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Mill Creek Road Sports Complex (Levittown Continental Challenger Field). The program will begin Sept. 9 and conclude on Oct. 14. Cost for a resident is \$10. Cost for a non-resident is \$15. For further information or to register, please contact Brian Andrews at **215-949-9000 ext. 220**.



Yoga

Yoga continues on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office (Room 105) at the Township building. Six-week session cost for a resident is \$52; or \$58 for a non-resident. Drop in rate is \$10 per class. For further information or to register, please contact Brian



Andrews at **215-949-9000 ext. 220**.

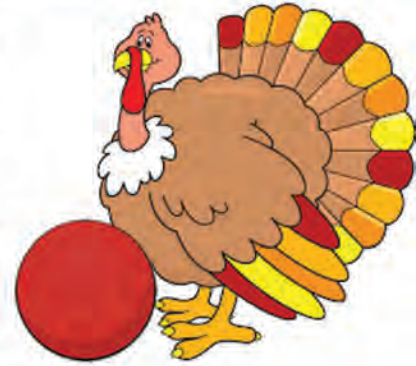
Halloween Party

Parks and Recreation is excited to announce it will be holding its annual Halloween Party for children (all ages) on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Falls Township Senior Center, 282 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Games, arts and craft activities, and prizes for the best costumes will be awarded. This is a free program. Pre-registration will be required for this event through your Capturepoint account. Any questions, please contact Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221**.



Turkey Bowl Kickball Tournament

Parks and Recreation will be looking to hold its third annual one-day Double Elimination Turkey Bowl Kickball Tournament for those ages 18 and over on Nov. 11. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to a local food pantry. For information, please contact Brian Andrews at **215-949-9000 ext. 220**.



Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual Falls Township Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place Saturday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at Three Arches. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. For information, please contact Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221**.

Breakfast with Santa



Our annual Breakfast with Santa event will take place Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Falls Township Senior Center, 282 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills. This is a free event for children of all ages. Pre-registration will be required through your

Capturepoint account. A delicious breakfast will be served, and children will have the opportunity to complete a craft project and get their picture taken with Santa. For information or to register, please contact Brian Andrews at **215-949-9000 ext. 220**.

Parents Night Out

Need to get that last-minute holiday shopping completed or just need a night out? Parks and Recreation will be holding a Parents Night Out program for children ages 5-12 (must be potty trained) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in early December (Date TBA). Kids will enjoy sports, playing board games, arts and crafts, etc. All of our staff have the current required background clearances required by PA State Law. Pre-registration will be required through your Capturepoint account. Please call Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221** in mid-September to get an update on the finalized date for the program. Cost for a resident is \$5 per child; or \$8 per child for a non-resident.

Board Seeks Bids for Municipal Building

With a watchful eye on costs and measures put in place to prevent unnecessary delays and project overruns, the Falls Township Board of Supervisors set the wheels in motion to move forward with a much-needed and long-awaited new municipal building.

Sitting in the board room as water trickled from the ceiling of the outdated and cramped building, the Supervisors voted unanimously to authorize advertisement and seek bids for construction of a 30 percent larger municipal complex. The new 55,174-square-foot building and adjacent 12,000-square-foot structure dedicated to Public Works would be situated in the field across from the current township building on Lincoln Highway.

Bids could be opened and potentially awarded in September. From there, the project is expected to be completed within two years.

Project architect Jonathan Trump of Kimmel Bogrette told the board that two-thirds of the new building would be dedicated to police operations, including a sally port for holding prisoners, offices for staff and patrol, as well as the addition of a large training room.

The remaining one-third would house Administration, including the Tax Office, Finance, Zoning and Codes departments. A large community room for use among local groups would be a new addition, according to Trump. The new municipal building would also have enhanced space for parks and recreation activities, something that the current building is lacking.

The second building would be located adjacent to the main building and would house five service bays, as well as storage for the Public Works department.

The first phase includes the administration, police building and Public Works department. Once those buildings are constructed, the current municipal building would be demolished.



Infrastructure, including parking lots and an improved stormwater management system, would be built at the demolition site. In all, the Supervisors support a plan to increase the green space – thereby decreasing impervious surface – by one-half acre.

The eco-friendly building designs have a LEED silver standard and would incorporate a geothermal system for heating and cooling both buildings. LED light fixtures would be used as well.

Plans for a new municipal complex have been in the works for many years. Supervisor Jeff Dence said the board originally sought to upgrade the current building, but opted to build a new building when renovation costs projections were “astronomical.”

Building a new facility was expected to come with the same or a slightly higher price tag. Given that the new complex will be a green facility, saving money on energy expenses for years to

come, the decision to build anew was a no-brainer.

Supervisor Chairman Bob Harvie said that while the board did its due diligence in reviewing cost estimates, it would not be wise to disclose a project cost as bids could come in for less money than is estimated. The project would be funded through Falls Township’s long-term restricted savings account. The project would not financially impact Falls Township residents at all.

In keeping with its fiscally responsible stance, the Falls Supervisors also determined that a project labor agreement would ensure that the new municipal complex stays on schedule and is built as efficiently as possible, without cost-overruns and delays. A project labor agreement assures high quality control, certainty of a skilled workforce, security of the building site and an assurance that builders will not go on strike during the construction process.

Falls Welcomes New Businesses

Falls Township has had the pleasure of welcoming two dozen new businesses to town in the last six months.

A tenet of our Live Here, Spend Here campaign is that by shopping Falls first we continue to bolster our local economy, creating jobs and helping our local businesses to thrive.

Here are some of the most recent new business additions:

Sunil Realty, LLC. - 830 West Trenton Avenue (new owners of the shopping center)

McCullough Rubbish Removal, Inc. - 9240 East Tyburn Road

Gemini Cleaners - 322 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite B

Galaxy Limousines - 969 Trenton Road

DeLorenzo's the Burg - 8919 New Falls Road, Suite 10

West Trenton Day Spa, LLC. - 332 W. Trenton Avenue, Ste 112

St. Joseph's Court Information Center - 9172 New Falls Road, Suite 41



Mattress Firm - 109 Lincoln Highway

Plato's Closet - 467 S. Oxford Valley Road

ProcessIT, Inc. - 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 116

Bill Deckhart, LMT, BCTMB - 164 Lincoln Highway, Suite 204

Prime Multi Services, LLC. - 660 Lincoln Highway

USA Dental Services - 320 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite C

Progressive Living Units & System - 72 Hillside Lane

Algo, LLC. - 210 Lincoln Highway

VCA Delaware Valley Animal Hospital -

183 Bristol Oxford Valley Road, Suite B

L&Z Jewelry & Gifts - 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 114

Action Network - 300 West Trenton Avenue, Suite 202

Scott's Security Services - 57 Vermillion Way

Almo Corporation - 16 East Cabot Blvd

Grooming Salon - 332 West Trenton Avenue, Suite 108

Greg Mahon's Auto Repair - 8821 New Falls Road

All State Insurance Co. - 914 Trenton Road, Suite 3-A

Fast Facts From Waste Management ...

...on Waste Removal

When should trash be placed at the curb?

Place trash and recyclables out after 6:00 p.m. the evening before your pickup day. Place containers so they are not blocked by parked vehicles.

What size containers should I use?

Household waste containers should be between 20 and 35 gallons and may not exceed 50 pounds in weight. Use up to 10 sturdy plastic or metal containers with handles and detachable lids. Recyclables should be placed in a recycle bin or can be clearly labeled as "Recyclables."

How do I dispose of leftover paint?

Evaporate latex paint by air-drying or mixing with kitty litter, shredded newspaper or other absorbent. Bag and put out with your regular trash.

Which wastes are not acceptable?

We do not accept liquid waste of any type, tree stumps or tires. We do not accept HHW of any type, including insecticides, pesticides, gasoline, waste oil, non-latex paints, varnish, thinners, drain cleaner, pool chemicals, car parts or similar materials as part of your regular waste removal services. Hold all Household Hazardous Waste materials for special HHW collection events.

...on Bulk Items

When are bulk items collected?

Larger items are collected on the second pickup day of the week, sometimes by a second crew.

What type of bulk items are collected?

Examples of regular bulk items include furniture, cabinets, washers and dryers.

How much can I discard at once?

The limit is one bulk item per week.

What about refrigerators?

Some items require an appointment, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers containing CFCs. To make an appointment, please call **800-869-5566**.

...on Holiday Pickups

What if my pickup day falls on a holiday?

If a scheduled holiday (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) falls on your regular pickup day, trash and recyclables will be collected on your next regular service day.

For more information, call **215-788-5555**.

Supervisors Back Redistricting Effort

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors joined five other Bucks County municipalities and a growing number of municipal governments statewide in supporting the creation of a citizen's commission to oversee legislative and congressional redistricting.

The Supervisors approved a resolution during a recent meeting backing bills under consideration in the House and Senate to assemble an independent citizens redistricting commission to help ensure a fair legislative and congressional redistricting process. Locally, Middletown Township, Lower Makefield Township and Doylestown Borough elected officials have

approved similar resolutions with the goal of ridding the state of gerrymandered legislative and congressional districts.

Supervisor Chairman Bob Harvie said officials want the state government to approve an amendment to the state constitution essentially changing the way legislative districts are drawn. The goal, he said, is to have a legislative and congressional redistricting commission comprised of citizens, not politicians.

"It's hoped that this would be a fairer way of drawing boundaries so you don't have people creating seats for themselves," Harvie said, noting that Bucks County, for instance, has more registered Democrats than Republicans, yet

fewer state representatives from the majority party. "The math doesn't seem to quite work."

Typically redistricting occurs following the U.S. Census. The next census is in 2020. However, any change in the redistricting process would require amending the state constitution, which is no small feat. The legislature would need to pass a reform bill in two consecutive sessions before moving to a voter referendum in 2020.

"It's a pretty lengthy process," Harvie said. "If it takes too much longer you won't have any of this in place."

That would mean waiting at least another 10 years – for the U.S. Census in 2030 – to consider redistricting efforts.



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Que Continues Support of Liberty USO



Falls Township Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence (left) congratulates Que for the Troops Grand Champion Lo' -N- Slo' BBQ of New Providence, Pa.

Falls Township's eighth annual Que for the Troops Bar-B-Que competition lived up to its organizers' promise of being bigger and better. Sixty-eight teams faced off in the Township's Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned event, with Lo' -N- Slo' BBQ claiming the Grand Champion trophy.

The two-day BBQ competition and joint Family Festival drew in 5,000 or more visitors to Falls Township Community Park.

Since its inception, approximately \$75,000 has been raised for non-profit organization Liberty USO, which supports our military and their families in Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey.

The 2017 Que for the Troops event was sponsored by The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Newtown; Rudolph Clarke, LLC Attorneys at Law; SEI; T&M Associates; IBEW Local #269; KPK Development Co.; and Waste Management.

The 2018 Que for the Troops event will be held the first weekend in June. To learn more, visit www.queforthetroops.com/.

Upcoming Waste Collection Dates

Falls Township will collect all yard waste, as well as leaves, on November 11, December 2 and December 16. We will not accept yard waste with the trash.

Leaves MUST be bagged in 30-gallon biodegradable PAPER BAGS or placed in 30-gallon trash containers WITHOUT LIDS.

They are to be placed curbside by 6 a.m. on the collection day in the same location as your regular trash pickup. LEAVES IN ANY OTHER CONTAINER WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Christmas trees will be collected on January 3 and January 10. Trees will not be picked up with the trash.

Congratulations!

Falls Township would like to recognize our dedicated staff for reaching years in service milestones in their employment

5 YEARS

Diane Beri

10 YEARS

Thomas Bennett
Nicholas Pinto

Thomas Lundquist
Brian Wert

15 YEARS

Sven Beauchmin
Jane Levson

Richard Dippolito
Stephen Reeves

Jeffrey Rhodunda

20 YEARS

Victoria Crosier

Raymond Fanelli

30 YEARS

Henry Ward

40 YEARS

Patricia DeFrancisco

John Logue

New Wawa to Open In Near Future

A series of road upgrades and traffic signalization improvements will accompany a brand-new Wawa on West Trenton Avenue and Pine Grove Road.

Construction of the 5,586-square-foot convenience store and gas station is expected to reach completion in the near future, officials told the Falls Township Board of Supervisors. The new development features a new traffic signal, left and right turn lanes into the store, two lanes exiting the Wawa, traffic signal timing improvements, widening of the roadway on Pine Grove Road, as well as 26 Americans with Disabilities Act ramps at intersections and pedestrian accommodations, including sidewalks along West Trenton Avenue and Pine Grove Road.

Following careful consideration and public comment from residents both in favor of and in opposition to the development, the board voted 4-1 to grant conditional use approval to allow Wawa to operate gas pumps at the site. Fueling stations are allowed in the township's highway commercial district under conditional use only. One of the pumps would be full service, enabling customers with disabilities and others who desire full service to be accommodated with a push of a button. Wawa officials said employees would pump customers' gas, on request, for no additional cost.



Supervisor Jeff Dence voted no on the conditional use application.

The Supervisors also voted unanimously to amend the preliminary and final land development plan to swap out a 6,000-square-foot restaurant at the corner of Pine Grove and West Trenton Avenue for the Wawa. The rest of the 8.7-acre development is proposed to include a 14,578-square-foot pharmacy, as well as an 1,850-square-foot fast food restaurant with drive-in.

To address residents' concerns, the board requested that Wawa store deliveries and trash pickup be restricted between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie also suggested that tractor trailer deliveries be limited to access at Pine Grove Road only. Wawa officials agreed.

Wawa officials said it is anticipated that one or two fuel deliveries would be made daily. When the Acme was onsite, Harvie said the store was receiving two deliveries daily from tractor trailers, with only one entrance and exit.

"It's relatively the same as what it used to be," Harvie said.

Also about the same is the anticipated traffic on the roads, ac-

ording to Matt Hammond of Traffic Planning and Design Inc.

"This is a convenience type of facility," Hammond said, noting that most of Wawa's customers will be motorists passing by the site. "People will not go a mile or two miles out of their way."

The previously planned restaurant addition, on the other hand, would have added new traffic to the intersection simply because drivers would have ventured out of a normal daily commute for restaurant dining, he said.

Hammond said his firm took traffic counts during peak morning hours of 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on five separate days – even though traffic planners are only required to collect such data on one day. Counts were taken with someone observing and recording traffic; as well as using a camera to record intersection traffic.

"I was encouraged to see the traffic report," Harvie said, adding that township professionals arrived at the same results. "Our traffic engineer looked at and came to the same conclusion."

Harvie shared that a rebuild of a Wawa store on Wistar and New Falls roads helped to improve traffic and hoped this new Wawa would have similar results.

"That gave me a little bit more peace of mind listening to the traffic information," he said. "The comfort level I had looking at this plan was growing. I know certain people are disappointed in our vote. I think, in general, the plan is a good one."

Township to Hold Bulk Disposal Day October 14

Bulk Disposal Day will be held on October 14, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the GROWS Landfill, 1000 New Ford Mill Road, Morrisville.

This program is for resident homeowners of Falls Township and Tullytown Borough. Proof of residency is required. It is not intended for commercial customers or contractors.

Residents can drop off bulky waste items, yard waste and appliances. For additional information,

call **800-869-5566**.

The following materials can not be accepted: liquids, oil paint, car batteries, propane tanks, gas cylinders, hazardous household waste, tires, chemicals, pesticides and spray cans. No refrigerators, air conditioners or freezers.

Bucks County holds Household Hazardous Waste collections throughout the year. Call **215-345-3400** for details.

Falls Township Has New Flood Maps

On March 21, 2017 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued new flood maps for Falls Township. There were significant changes made to the former flood maps from May of 1999. Approximately 643 homes were removed from the 100 year floodplain, or the Special Flood Hazard Area.

If you are paying flood insurance or if your mortgage company is requiring you to have flood insurance, you should check to see if your property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. You can check by going to the FEMA map services website (<https://fema.gov/portal>) and typing in your address. Remember that



the mortgage companies make the determination as to whether your home will require flood insurance. The mortgage companies do not always check for flood map changes, or notify their customers of changes in their flood zone designation.

If your home was removed from the Special Flood Hazard Area and you still have concerns about flooding, you should qualify for a Preferred Risk Policy, which costs significantly less

than regular flood insurance. The costs can be found at the fema.gov website.

If you need more information, call Tom Bennett at 215-949-9000 ext. 251.

Pennsbury Baseball is Tops in the State



The Falls Township Board of Supervisors presented a commendation to the coaching staff and players of the Pennsbury High School boys varsity baseball team for winning the 2017 Suburban One League title, the District 1 Championship and the Pennsylvania State Championship. The wins mark the first time that Pennsbury has ever won a state championship.

Hotels, Motels Must Keep Registration Book

With an eye on added safety and support for its Police department, the Falls Township Supervisors adopted an ordinance that requires hotel and motel occupants to show valid photo identification prior to renting a room.

The Supervisors unanimously adopted the ordinance, which requires that the Township's eight hotels and motels would be required to maintain a registration book and keep records available and able to be turned over to police under court order or subpoena for three years.

"This ordinance is designed to assist our police in giving them more access to records for people who are staying at hotels in Falls Township," Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said, adding that the new law is "Giving our cops another weapon they can use in fighting crime in Falls Township."

Under the ordinance, police can scan the registration book in search of occupants with outstanding warrants, or known drug affiliations, for example.

Bensalem Township has had a similar ordinance in place for three years. It has proven successful in limiting transients of motels and hotels. Township at-



The Falls Township Supervisors adopted an ordinance that requires Township's hotels and motels to keep a registration book and check identification of anyone staying there.

torney Lauren Gallagher said municipalities have seen a decrease in the number of raucous parties in hotel rooms and are seeing fewer instances of numerous people staying in one room.

The ordinance would require everyone staying in the hotel to provide valid photo ID.

Harvie said he met recently with many of the local hotel owners, who supported the measure.

The ordinance would help police officers in tracking down suspects much easier, Harvie

said, referencing an instance several years ago, involving the murder of a woman in a hotel room. The hotel had no record of the person who had been staying with her.

"It made the job of the police department that much harder," he said. "This would be something that would help our officers."

The penalty for failure to comply with the ordinance is \$1,000 upon conviction in a summary proceeding. Each day of violation will be considered a separate offense.

Assistance is Available For Those in Need



Homeless Persons:
Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN)
215-550-3868

Mental Illness:
Lenape Valley Foundation
Mobile Crisis
215-785-9765

Families with Mentally Ill relatives:
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
215-442-5637

Drug Addiction:
Steps to Recovery (STR)
888-755-7227

Galloway Leads 'Push Out the Pusher' Effort

It literally pays to report drug dealers in Bucks County.

As part of the "Push Out the Pusher" initiative led by State Rep. John Galloway (D-140) of Falls Township, District Attorney Matt Weintraub and law enforcement from throughout Bucks County, anyone who reports drug activity resulting in the conviction of a drug dealer will receive an award of up to \$5,000.

The goal of the program, which began in June, is to reduce the instances of heroin overdoses and deaths and keep drugs out of communities. Red and white signs bearing the words "Push Out the Pusher" have been placed in locations throughout Bucks County to encourage residents to call the drug tip hotline and report illegal drug activity. Callers will remain anonymous.

The Bucks County Crime Stoppers, a nonprofit organization, continues to fundraise to not only print Push Out the Pusher signs, but to also pay rewards for



Credit: Erich Martin/Levittownnow.com

Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub (left) and State Rep. John Galloway (D-140) hold a sign encouraging local residents to call a tip line if they witness drug activity.

tips that lead to a conviction. If you suspect drug dealing or are aware of suspicious activity, please call the Bucks County

Crime Stoppers tip line at **215-345-DRUG (3784)** or your local police department and share what you know.

Helping Police Help Students



Extreme Fitness Personal Training owners Marty McLoughlin and his wife, Linda, presented an oversized check to the Falls Township Police Department's Youth Police Academy during a recent Falls Township Supervisors meeting. The money was raised from the Fallsington 5K, which Extreme Fitness organized. Funds help cover the cost for high school students to attend the Youth Police Academy. The next 5K will be held on April 22, 2018.

Don't Kick that TV to the Curb!

Televisions, along with computers and some other electronics (covered devices), can no longer be disposed of with municipal waste under the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010. Many of these electronics contain mercury, lead, arsenic, chromium and other potentially hazardous substances. In addition to keeping these toxic substances from contaminating groundwater when put in a landfill, it is less expensive to recycle than to mine rare earth minerals used in the manufacturing.

Listed are several locations to drop off your television, and companies that will come to pick up your television for recycling. Some retailers offer a haul-away service with a purchase of a replacement TV.

Please confirm the program, fees, and any other conditions that may apply prior to dropping off your television.



Fall Sweeping and Clean Up

In the fall months our sweeper is in your neighborhood. However, it's mostly cleaning around the storm inlet areas only to keep the leaves, etc. from building up on them.

Please do not rake your leaves in the street and create a traffic hazard! Bag your leaves!

Leaf pickup will be made by Waste Management in November and December.

Lower Bucks Area

E-Waste Experts
416 Green Lane
Bristol, PA 19007
877-328-2927

Central Bucks Area

611 Metals
6776 Easton Road
Pipersville, PA 18947
267-629-6427

Upper Bucks Area

Gigabiter
130 Penn Ann Drive
Quakertown, PA 18951
267-227-3032

Perkasie PC Repair & Recycling

1133 N. 5th Street
Perkasie, PA 18944
215-257-7727

Mail-In Programs

Sims Recycling Solutions
<http://oem.srsapp.com/applepoweredbysims>

Samsung products
www.oemtakeback.com

Nearby Bucks Locations

611 Metals
2509 Wyandotte Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090
215-659-4200 • 267-629-6427

AERC Recycling Solutions
2330 Southwest 26th Street
Allentown, PA 18103
610-433-4011 • 610-797-7608

Call For Pickup

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1-877-328-2927

Geek Squad
1-800-433-5778

1-800-Got Junk
1-800-468-5865

Junk Luggers
1-800-584-5864

Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at **800-346-4242** for a list of events not sponsored by Bucks County.

Bucks County Planning Commission

1260 Almshouse Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-3400

Fax: 215-345-3886

Email: bcpc@buckscounty.org

Business Office Holiday Closures

Falls Township business offices will be closed on the following dates in observance of holidays for the year 2017.

Friday, Nov. 10..... Veterans Day (Observed)

Thursday, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, Nov. 24..... Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, Dec. 25..... Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 26..... Christmas Holiday

Citizens Fire Academy's Third Year a Success

The third installment of the Citizens Fire Academy concluded in June. The five sessions consisted of learning the requirements to be a firefighter in Pennsylvania, live fire extinguisher training, fire aid/CPR/AED training, a demonstration of various emergency equipment available in Falls Township and a fire inspection of a local restaurant and hotel to teach individuals what to look for when working and traveling to stay safe.

The Fire Marshal's office is planning to offer another Citizens Fire Academy in spring 2018 and possibly expand on what was accomplished this year. If interested in participating, please contact the Fire Marshal's office at **215-949-9000, ext. 250**.



Members of the Falls Township Board of Supervisors and Fire Marshal's Office pose with Citizens Fire Academy graduates.

Fire Prevention Week - October 8-14, 2017

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages:

- Draw a map of your home (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.

- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.

- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.

- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Smoke Detector Help From the Fire Marshal

Did you know that the Falls Township Fire Marshal's office will install smoke detectors for you if you don't have any? We will also install new batteries in your existing ones if you provide the batteries. This is a free service offered by the Fire Marshal's office. Just call **215-949-9000, ext. 250** to schedule a time for us to come to your home.

Fire Marshal Checks Safety of Trash Trucks on Falls Township Roads



Another function of the Fire Marshal's office is to perform compliance checks on the trash trucks that enter Falls Township. We can enforce all Township ordinances that pertain to the trucks traveling into our Township. Through our local ordinances, we control litter by making sure trucks are tarped and that material does not leak out of their trailer, and that trucks travel the proper posted route to the landfill.



Leaf Piles: An Unassuming Safety Threat

There's something about a pile of freshly raked autumn leaves that makes it irresistible for children, often causing them to dive right in. The same can be true for pets and even zealous adults. Unfortunately, what seems like a harmless seasonal tradition can result in serious injuries and, sometimes, fatalities.

Worst case scenario

It might sound like a suburban legend, but children being run over while hiding in leaf piles has true origins. October 24, 2013 an 18-year-old Oregon woman intentionally ran over a pile of leaves with her car, only to find out she had hit and killed 6-year-old and 11-year-old stepsisters. The 6-year-old died at the scene, and her stepsister died the next night at a hospital.

It may seem unlikely but this is not the first accident of its kind. In 2004, a Massachusetts father parked his truck on a pile of leaves, where he didn't realize his 10-year-old daughter and her friend were hiding. His daughter later died at the hospital, and her friend sustained serious injuries. In both incidents, the children were temporarily unsupervised.



You can't be sure what's hiding in a large leaf pile like this one.

Smaller dangers

There are more reasons to stay out of leaf piles than just rare-yet-deadly accidents. Ticks may be hiding in piles, which threatens the health of both children and dogs. Dogs love to frolic in leaf piles, but staying away is best for their own safety. Mites, parasites, bacteria, and mold could also be lurking in leaves. Even if dangerous organisms aren't present, simply eating wet leaves could cause your dog to vomit. Even more frightening are the snakes that may be hiding in leaf piles.

Cyclists & motorists

Leaf piles can be both an inconvenience and hazard to cyclists and drivers. Multiple leaf piles in the street might cause drivers to

swerve and risk running into oncoming traffic or obstacles in the road. When leaves accumulate on streets and become wet, they are also dangerous, as parking on them can be a fire hazard. Do not park on leaf piles. Think of leaves as a "no parking" sign.

If you cannot avoid driving or riding over leaves, slow down, especially if they're wet or you're turning. Be wary of potholes, speed bumps, debris that could harm tires, and uneven surfaces, as leaves make them less visible.

Take proper precautions

Know the proper method of disposing of leaves in your community. It's not uncommon for homeowners to rake accumulated leaves into piles or bags near the curb for the local streets department or department of public works to pick up. Be mindful that your leaves aren't imposing on bike lanes or sidewalks.

Do not let your child play in leaf piles or around piles near the road. Even if your child is not hiding inside a leaf pile, distracted drivers might not spot them in the road. If you absolutely refuse to deprive your child of the leaf pile fun you experienced growing up, make sure they're constantly supervised while in piles or near the road.

Smoke Trailer Teaches Kids 'Stay Low and Go'

Our smoke trailer is available to visit your school or business to train children on what to do in an emergency. The trailer produces a non-toxic like smoke that teaches them how to "Stay low and go" out of a home in a fire. Contact the office for information.



Fire Safety Training is Free

The Fire Marshal's office offers free fire safety training, as well as fire extinguisher training. This could be for your home or work place. For more information on this training, please call 215-949-9000, ext. 250.

15 Safety Tips For Using a Turkey Fryer

It's hard to beat the speed of deep-frying a turkey, or the irresistible flavor and juiciness that results. But turkey fryers have the potential to cause fire and serious injury, which is why organizations like the National Fire Protection Association advise against using them.

If you plan to deep-fry your holiday bird, be sure you know how to safely use the fryer, and take these precautions to protect yourself, your guests and your home:

1. Keep outdoor fryers off decks, out of garages and a safe distance away from trees and other structures.
2. Make sure the turkey is thawed and dry before cooking. Ice or water that mixes into the hot oil can cause flare-ups.
3. Watch the weather. Never operate a fryer outdoors in the rain or snow.
4. Place the fryer on a level surface, and avoid moving it once it's in use.
5. Leave 2 feet between the tank and the burner when using a propane-powered fryer.
6. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid overfilling. Oil can ignite when it makes contact with



the burner.

7. Choose a smaller turkey for frying. A bird that's 8 to 10 pounds is best; pass on turkeys over 12 pounds.

8. Never leave fryers unattended.

9. Purchase a fryer with temperature controls, and watch the oil temperature carefully. Cooking oil that is heated beyond its smoke point can catch fire. If you notice the oil is smoking, turn the fryer off.

10. Turn off the burner before lowering the turkey into the oil. Once the turkey is submerged, turn the burner on.

11. Wear goggles to shield your eyes, use oven mitts to protect your hands and arms and keep a grease-rated fire extinguisher close by.

12. Skip the stuffing when frying turkey, and avoid water-based marinades.

13. Keep children and pets away from the fryer at all times.

14. Once finished, carefully remove the pot from the burner, place it on a level surface and cover to let the oil cool overnight before disposing.

15. Opt for an oil-less fryer. This uses infrared heat, rather than oil, to cook the turkey.

Recycling Cans Now Available for Purchase

Falls Township currently has two sizes of recycling containers available for purchase at the Municipal Building.

The original green 22-gallon Orbis® Recycling Container with Lid is available for \$9.

Our new blue 32-gallon Blue Hawk Recycling Container with Lid is available for \$14.

New Township residents are eligible to pick up one free green 22-gallon container for their new home!

Falls Township uses a single-stream recycling program, which means residents do not need to separate different recyclable materials. Everything can go into one container.

Acceptable recyclable materials include:

- Paper and cardboard including newspaper, office paper, junk mail, brown paper bags, magazines, cardboard (cereal boxes, etc.), and corrugated cardboard (no larger than 2' by 2')
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum, tin and steel cans
- Plastic bottles and containers #1 through #7. Just look inside the small recycling symbol (usually on the underside of the container) for any number 1 to 7
- Milk, dairy, orange juice and other paper containers

For more information, contact the Falls Township Finance department at **215-949-9000** then press 5.



Department Plans For Snow Removal

The Public Works department has developed a plan to be implemented when snow and ice occur. These plans can be achieved best with the Township residents' cooperation. Please remember our Public Works crews are trying our best to remove snow and ice from roadways as quickly as possible. There are some situations that occur to slow this process down, possible mechanical issues, cars on roadways or sometimes it is the type of snow that we have at that particular time. As trucks come through the neighborhoods they are going to push all snow on the roadways to the curb line. This is the **ONLY** place snow can be moved to when being removed. We know that the aftermath of snowstorms can be frustrating. Residents are trying to clear their properties and then when the Public Works Department comes through and places snow on your cleared driveways. If your street is not plowed yet, I suggest leaving the bottom of your driveway snow-covered until the trucks plow the street. This will help prevent the snow from being dumped onto your cleared apron.

Salting Applications

Salt is usually applied when snow and ice begins to stick to the roadway, up to a depth of two inches. At that point, if the snow or accumulation constitutes plowing, the salting will stop except where needed.

Snow Plowing

Plowing usually begins when the depth reaches two inches. All Township main roads get first priority, with all Township snow emergency routes next, then all remaining roadways.

The Public Works foreman or authorized representative, at their discretion, will determine the course of action the Township takes on dealing with snow and ice events.

How can you help our Public Works Department this Winter?

Follow a few simple guidelines during a storm to make snow removal easier for yourself and crews:

- **Be patient.**
- **Remove your vehicles from the street when it snows.**
- **Shovel your driveway and sidewalk, but wait until the Township plows your street to shovel your apron.**
- **When using a snow blower, turn the discharge apparatus away from the street.**

By following these guidelines, you will allow a more efficient clearing of the many miles of Township roads and allow better drainage when the snow starts to melt.

DO NOT: Blow or Shovel Snow into the Street
DO: Shovel Snow into Yards and Grass Areas

Snow and ice control on state roads

The following is a list of roads maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. For emergencies, complaints or information about these roads, please contact PENNDOT by calling **(215) 345-6060**.

- Big Oak Road
- Bordentown Road
- Bristol-Oxford Valley Road
- Old Bristol Pike
- Fallsington-Tullytown Road
- Hood Boulevard
- Levittown Parkway
- Lincoln Highway
- Lower Morrisville Road
- New Falls Road
- New Ford Mill Road
- New Route #13
- Newbold Road
- Old Route #13
- Oxford Valley Road
- Penn Valley Road
- Pennsbury Road
- Philadelphia Avenue
- Pine Grove Road
- South Pennsylvania Avenue
- Stony Hill Road
- Trenton Road
- Tyburn Road
- U.S. Route #1
- West Trenton Avenue
- Woolston Drive



Falls Township Citizen Scientists (from left) Carl Lang, Joann Cosgrove and Ellen Miller collect monitoring data at Waste Management's "Laboratory for Learning" Pollinator Garden.

Pollinator Partnership Has Proven Results

Worldwide there is evidence that pollinators are rapidly decreasing and disappearing from natural areas.

The U.S. has lost more than 50 percent of its managed honeybee colonies over the past 10 years. The Monarch butterfly population has decreased to alarmingly low levels due to loss of milkweed and habitat in the U.S. Why should we care?

In the U.S., pollination by bees, native bees, and other insects produces \$40 billion worth of products annually. Food and beverages produced with the help of pollinators include: apples, blueberries, chocolate, coffee, melons, peaches, potatoes, pumpkins, vanilla, almonds, and tequila. Worldwide, roughly 1,000 plants grown for food, beverages, spices, fibers, and medicines need to be pollinated.

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Falls Township Senior Center Garden Committee Members Jestine Fantini and Ellen Murray learn to be Citizen Scientists from Martin Mikulas from the PA Department of Agriculture at Waste Management's "Laboratory for Learning" Pollinator Garden.

Pollinator Partnership Has Proven Results

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In 2013, Waste Management of Pennsylvania launched an inter-generational partnership with the Falls Township Senior Center, Pennsbury Manor, The Pen Ryn School and the Bucks County Audubon Society that would advance student and community understanding of the importance of taking action by creating healthy pollinator habitats. A “Laboratory for Learning” pollinator garden was developed at Waste Management where the partners gained the expertise to establish pollinator gardens on their properties.

An important part of the partners’ contribution to pollinator protection is their support of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s Citizen Scientist Program. In June, Martin Makulas came and trained 40 members of the partnership to monitor bees of concern and the plants they are populating. He also presented information about the very invasive and damaging Lantern Fly and the need to report sightings of it.

Following the training, everyone honed their skills at Waste Management’s “Laboratory for Learning” pollinator garden. They collected data on the bees seen and the plants they are populating and will continue to monitor throughout the growing season. The data collected is sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to contribute to ongoing research.

This project is an example of Waste Management’s long-standing commitment to conservation, stewardship and environmental protection. Most recently, the company gained Gold Level Conservation Certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council signifying its leadership among the over 700 Wildlife Habitat Council Certification programs. Programs are given a Certified, Silver Certified or Gold Certified designation. Waste Management is also certified by the National Wildlife Federation and as a Monarch Waystation.

“Waste Management of Pennsylvania is recognized as meeting the strict requirements of WHC Conservation Certification,” said Margaret O’Gorman, President, WHC. “Companies achieving WHC Conservation Certification are environmental leaders, voluntarily managing their lands to support sustainable ecosystems and the communities that surround them.”

Wildlife Habitat Council promotes and certifies habitat conservation and management on corporate lands through partnerships and education. WHC Conservation Certification programs take corporate sustainability goals and objectives and translate them into tangible and measurable on-the-ground actions. Through a focus on building collaboration for conservation with corporate employees, other conservation organizations, gov-



Waste Management employee and Citizen Scientist Sue Schofield counts pollinators populating a bee balm plant.

ernment agencies and community members, WHC programs focus on healthy ecosystems and connected communities. WHC-assisted wildlife habitat and conservation education programs are found in 48 states, the District of Columbia and 17 countries.

Nominate a Township Business for ‘Live Here, Spend Here’ Profile

In an effort to promote existing Township businesses and encourage residents to spend more – or all – of their hard-earned money within Township borders, the Falls Township Board of Supervisors is continuing with its popular “Live Here, Spend Here” initiative. Spending in one’s hometown not only supports the local business community, but creates jobs, strengthens the local economy and helps to lessen the need for municipal taxes.

“Live Here, Spend Here” was the brainchild of Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffry Dence, who said he got the idea for the program while working in

Burlington County, N.J. That community has a similar business promotion program and promotes it with a logo and stickers in local merchants’ windows.

Locally, two Falls Township businesses are featured each month in an article and photos posted on the Township’s Website: www.fallstwp.com/information-services/live-here-spend-here-campaign.aspx and shared on the Township’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fallstwp1/>.

If you know of a Falls business you would like to see spotlighted, please contact Township Manager Peter Gray at gray@fallstwp.org or 215-949-9000.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

There are few of us in Falls Township who have not been affected in some way by the problems of drug addiction and abuse. The headlines for the past few years only highlight what too many of us have seen in our neighborhoods, families and workplaces. Our police and emergency personnel deal with it every day, and our County has seen alarming numbers of overdoses and deaths. Here in Falls Township, steps have been taken to make the best use of our resources when fighting against the drug problem. Our police department has, for the past few years, worked very closely with County, State and Federal law enforcement agencies to identify and apprehend drug dealers and their associates in our Township. In addition to enforcement of the law, our Police are also focused on spreading information about treatment for addiction to addicts and their families in the hopes that the simple sharing of information will help prevent future tragedies.

The common question asked when people hear about drug overdoses and drug dealing in the Township is “where is this happening the most?” The answer is no residential section of our Township is dramatically more prone to these crimes and incidences, but we do know that many deals were being done in some of the hotels and motels in Falls. Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors passed a law aimed at helping our Police crack down on drug abuse and drug dealing. The law requires hotel and motel managers to keep specifically detailed records of who is staying in their establishments (see page 11 for more information). This seemingly simple law enables our officers to more easily track and find known dealers, and then arrest them. The law is having a positive effect and had the full support of the hotel and motel owners.

In addition to fully supporting the efforts of the Police on the streets, the Board of Supervisors also remains committed to fully funding the DARE program in our schools, making our Township the only municipality in Lower Bucks to do so. It is our belief that this program helps strengthen the bond between our children and the police, and also empowers our young people to make good decisions when faced with choices involving drugs, alcohol and violence.

With all this being said, it is important to point out that this problem is not one that can be solved solely through the efforts of the Falls Township government and Police. This problem requires the courage of all our residents. Specifically, the courage to see when someone you care about is suffering from addiction, and the courage to speak with them about how they can find help. In order to help you do this, we are including information on page 11 about services available to you to fight drug addiction. If you need more assistance, you may call the Falls Township Police non-emergency line, which is listed on Page 2 inside.

Bob Harvie

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Township Information – Press 6
 After you press 6 for Township Information,
 the following numbers indicate each department:

Public Works Department – 3
 Jason Lawson, Public Works Director

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 Peter Gray, Township Manager

Parks and Recreation – 4
 Brian Andrews, Director

Animal Control: 215-945-3100

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 Rudolph Clarke, LLC
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 Suite 200
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 215-633-1890

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 Fallsington, PA 19054
 215-736-0231

Police Department

No Solicitation Registry

In 2014, the Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance that allows residents to add their name to a No Solicitation Registry. This list is distributed to anyone that applies for a Solicitation permit with instructions not to solicit at any of the addresses on the list. To be placed on this list, please contact the Police Records department at **215-949-9100** or you may use the link on the Township website <http://fallstwp.com/tools-resources/no-solicitation-registry.aspx>.



Facebook & Twitter

Falls Township Police department is now on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us to get information on what's going on in your neighborhood.
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Police Department

welcome to our

NEW HIRES

**Jacob Blickley
and Ryan Murphy**

Patrolmen

Falls Township Anonymous Tip Line 215-949-9120



Falls Township Police has created a tip line allowing the public to contact the Police department anonymously.

Members of the public are encouraged to report suspicious individuals or activity. Tips are then analyzed and passed on to the appropriate division for follow-up. Because the tip line is anonymous,

the sender will not receive a response.

The tip line is not an emergency number. If you witness a crime in progress or have an emergency that requires the police, please call 911.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area.



Neighborhood Watch is a group of concerned citizens, joining together to assist local law enforcement in identifying and reporting suspicious or criminal activities in their neighborhoods.

By taking an active role in the protection of their homes and families, residents are better able to discourage criminal activity and keep their neighborhoods safe.

For more information, please contact: **Officer John Yeager, 215-949-9100 ext. 434** yeager-pd@fallstwp.com

Rapid Recovery Program



When an autistic child or an adult with Dementia wanders off and gets lost, finding them quickly sometimes can make a difference between life and death. The Rapid Recovery Program is a tracking system that consists of a small wrist

bracelet worn by someone that is at risk of wandering. It is designed to locate missing special needs children as well as Alzheimer and Dementia patients.

This bracelet transmits a signal for up to a one-mile radius, allowing search and rescue efforts to be quicker, finding the individual in minutes instead of hours.

This program is available to all Falls Township residents and surrounding communities.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this program or would like additional information regarding Rapid Recovery, please contact the Falls Township Police Department **215-949-9100**.

Citizens Police Academy

The Falls Township Police Department's Citizens Police Academy is designed to educate Township residents about department procedures, responsibilities and demands on Police officers. Some of the topics that will be covered include: An overview of the department's structure; recruitment and training; interview techniques; a visit to the (911) county radio room; traffic enforcement; as well as observation of court hearings at the local District Justice. In addition, participants will be given an opportunity to "ride along" with a Patrol officer.

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for dates.

"Coffee with a Cop"

Coffee with a Cop allows Police and residents to come together in an informal, neutral space to sit down with a mix of officers, detectives, sergeants, lieutenants and the Chief to ask questions, discuss happenings in the area, voice concerns, and get to know the officers who patrol their areas. This is a great way to strengthen police-community partnership and build friendships throughout the community.

Coffee with a Cop is just another way to allow our residents to make Falls Township a better place to live.

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for coming dates.



Parks and Recreation Department

Park and Recreation Board Meetings

The Parks and Recreation Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at Three Arches (335 Trenton Road) at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Note: For questions or further information, contact Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221**.

Youth Kickball

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is once again holding a youth kickball program (ages 7-11) on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Mill Creek Road Sports Complex (Levittown Continental Challenger Field). The program will begin Sept. 9 and conclude on Oct. 14. Cost for a resident is \$10. Cost for a non-resident is \$15. For further information or to register, please contact Brian Andrews at **215-949-9000 ext. 220**.



Turkey Bowl Kickball Tournament

Parks and Recreation will be looking to hold its third annual one-day Double Elimination Turkey Bowl Kickball Tournament for those ages 18 and over on Nov. 11. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to a local food pantry. For information, please contact Brian Andrews at **215-949-9000 ext. 220**.



Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual Falls Township Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place Saturday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at Three Arches. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. For information, please contact Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221**.

Breakfast with Santa



Our annual Breakfast with Santa event will take place Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Falls Township Senior Center, 282 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills. This is a free event for children of all ages. Pre-registration will be required through your

Capturepoint account. A delicious breakfast will be served, and children will have the opportunity to complete a craft project and get their picture taken with Santa. For information or to register, please contact Brian Andrews at **215-949-9000 ext. 220**.



Yoga

Yoga continues on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office (Room 105) at the Township building. Six-week session cost for a resident is \$52; or \$58 for a non-resident. Drop in rate is \$10 per class. For further information or to register, please contact Brian

Andrews at **215-949-9000 ext. 220**.

Halloween Party



Parks and Recreation is excited to announce it will be holding its annual Halloween Party for children (all ages) on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Falls Township Senior Center, 282 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Games, arts and craft activities, and prizes for the best costumes will be awarded. This is a free program. Pre-registration will be required for this event through your Capturepoint account. Any questions, please contact Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221**.

Parents Night Out

Need to get that last-minute holiday shopping completed or just need a night out? Parks and Recreation will be holding a Parents Night Out program for children ages 5-12 (must be potty trained) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in early December (Date TBA). Kids will enjoy sports, playing board games, arts and crafts, etc. All of our staff have the current required background clearances required by PA State Law. Pre-registration will be required through your Capturepoint account. Please call Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221** in mid-September to get an update on the finalized date for the program. Cost for a resident is \$5 per child; or \$8 per child for a non-resident.

Board Seeks Bids for Municipal Building

With a watchful eye on costs and measures put in place to prevent unnecessary delays and project overruns, the Falls Township Board of Supervisors set the wheels in motion to move forward with a much-needed and long-awaited new municipal building.

Sitting in the board room as water trickled from the ceiling of the outdated and cramped building, the Supervisors voted unanimously to authorize advertisement and seek bids for construction of a 30 percent larger municipal complex. The new 55,174-square-foot building and adjacent 12,000-square-foot structure dedicated to Public Works would be situated in the field across from the current township building on Lincoln Highway.

Bids could be opened and potentially awarded in September. From there, the project is expected to be completed within two years.

Project architect Jonathan Trump of Kimmel Bogrette told the board that two-thirds of the new building would be dedicated to police operations, including a sally port for holding prisoners, offices for staff and patrol, as well as the addition of a large training room.

The remaining one-third would house Administration, including the Tax Office, Finance, Zoning and Codes departments. A large community room for use among local groups would be a new addition, according to Trump. The new municipal building would also have enhanced space for parks and recreation activities, something that the current building is lacking.

The second building would be located adjacent to the main building and would house five service bays, as well as storage for the Public Works department.

The first phase includes the administration, police building and Public Works department. Once those buildings are constructed, the current municipal building would be demolished.



Infrastructure, including parking lots and an improved stormwater management system, would be built at the demolition site. In all, the Supervisors support a plan to increase the green space – thereby decreasing impervious surface – by one-half acre.

The eco-friendly building designs have a LEED silver standard and would incorporate a geothermal system for heating and cooling both buildings. LED light fixtures would be used as well.

Plans for a new municipal complex have been in the works for many years. Supervisor Jeff Dence said the board originally sought to upgrade the current building, but opted to build a new building when renovation costs projections were “astronomical.”

Building a new facility was expected to come with the same or a slightly higher price tag. Given that the new complex will be a green facility, saving money on energy expenses for years to

come, the decision to build anew was a no-brainer.

Supervisor Chairman Bob Harvie said that while the board did its due diligence in reviewing cost estimates, it would not be wise to disclose a project cost as bids could come in for less money than is estimated. The project would be funded through Falls Township’s long-term restricted savings account. The project would not financially impact Falls Township residents at all.

In keeping with its fiscally responsible stance, the Falls Supervisors also determined that a project labor agreement would ensure that the new municipal complex stays on schedule and is built as efficiently as possible, without cost-overruns and delays. A project labor agreement assures high quality control, certainty of a skilled workforce, security of the building site and an assurance that builders will not go on strike during the construction process.

Falls Welcomes New Businesses

Falls Township has had the pleasure of welcoming two dozen new businesses to town in the last six months.

A tenet of our Live Here, Spend Here campaign is that by shopping Falls first we continue to bolster our local economy, creating jobs and helping our local businesses to thrive.

Here are some of the most recent new business additions:

Sunil Realty, LLC. - 830 West Trenton Avenue (new owners of the shopping center)

McCullough Rubbish Removal, Inc. - 9240 East Tyburn Road

Gemini Cleaners - 322 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite B

Galaxy Limousines - 969 Trenton Road

DeLorenzo's the Burg - 8919 New Falls Road, Suite 10

West Trenton Day Spa, LLC. - 332 W. Trenton Avenue, Ste 112

St. Joseph's Court Information Center - 9172 New Falls Road, Suite 41



Mattress Firm - 109 Lincoln Highway

Plato's Closet - 467 S. Oxford Valley Road

ProcessIT, Inc. - 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 116

Bill Deckhart, LMT, BCTMB - 164 Lincoln Highway, Suite 204

Prime Multi Services, LLC. - 660 Lincoln Highway

USA Dental Services - 320 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite C

Progressive Living Units & System - 72 Hillside Lane

Algo, LLC. - 210 Lincoln Highway

VCA Delaware Valley Animal Hospital - 183 Bristol Oxford Valley Road, Suite B

L&Z Jewelry & Gifts - 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 114

Action Network - 300 West Trenton Avenue, Suite 202

Scott's Security Services - 57 Vermillion Way

Almo Corporation - 16 East Cabot Blvd

Grooming Salon - 332 West Trenton Avenue, Suite 108

Greg Mahon's Auto Repair - 8821 New Falls Road

All State Insurance Co. - 914 Trenton Road, Suite 3-A

Fast Facts From Waste Management ...

...on Waste Removal

When should trash be placed at the curb?

Place trash and recyclables out after 6:00 p.m. the evening before your pickup day. Place containers so they are not blocked by parked vehicles.

What size containers should I use?

Household waste containers should be between 20 and 35 gallons and may not exceed 50 pounds in weight. Use up to 10 sturdy plastic or metal containers with handles and detachable lids. Recyclables should be placed in a recycle bin or can be clearly labeled as "Recyclables."

How do I dispose of leftover paint?

Evaporate latex paint by air-drying or mixing with kitty litter, shredded newspaper or other absorbent. Bag and put out with your regular trash.

Which wastes are not acceptable?

We do not accept liquid waste of any type, tree stumps or tires. We do not accept HHW of any type, including insecticides, pesticides, gasoline, waste oil, non-latex paints, varnish, thinners, drain cleaner, pool chemicals, car parts or similar materials as part of your regular waste removal services. Hold all Household Hazardous Waste materials for special HHW collection events.

...on Bulk Items

When are bulk items collected?

Larger items are collected on the second pickup day of the week, sometimes by a second crew.

What type of bulk items are collected?

Examples of regular bulk items include furniture, cabinets, washers and dryers.

How much can I discard at once?

The limit is one bulk item per week.

What about refrigerators?

Some items require an appointment, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers containing CFCs. To make an appointment, please call **800-869-5566**.

...on Holiday Pickups

What if my pickup day falls on a holiday?

If a scheduled holiday (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) falls on your regular pickup day, trash and recyclables will be collected on your next regular service day.

For more information, call **215-788-5555**.

Supervisors Back Redistricting Effort

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors joined five other Bucks County municipalities and a growing number of municipal governments statewide in supporting the creation of a citizen's commission to oversee legislative and congressional redistricting.

The Supervisors approved a resolution during a recent meeting backing bills under consideration in the House and Senate to assemble an independent citizens redistricting commission to help ensure a fair legislative and congressional redistricting process. Locally, Middletown Township, Lower Makefield Township and Doylestown Borough elected officials have

approved similar resolutions with the goal of ridding the state of gerrymandered legislative and congressional districts.

Supervisor Chairman Bob Harvie said officials want the state government to approve an amendment to the state constitution essentially changing the way legislative districts are drawn. The goal, he said, is to have a legislative and congressional redistricting commission comprised of citizens, not politicians.

"It's hoped that this would be a fairer way of drawing boundaries so you don't have people creating seats for themselves," Harvie said, noting that Bucks County, for instance, has more registered Democrats than Republicans, yet

fewer state representatives from the majority party. "The math doesn't seem to quite work."

Typically redistricting occurs following the U.S. Census. The next census is in 2020. However, any change in the redistricting process would require amending the state constitution, which is no small feat. The legislature would need to pass a reform bill in two consecutive sessions before moving to a voter referendum in 2020.

"It's a pretty lengthy process," Harvie said. "If it takes too much longer you won't have any of this in place."

That would mean waiting at least another 10 years – for the U.S. Census in 2030 – to consider redistricting efforts.

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Que Continues Support of Liberty USO



Falls Township Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence (left) congratulates Que for the Troops Grand Champion Lo' -N- Slo' BBQ of New Providence, Pa.

Falls Township's eighth annual Que for the Troops Bar-B-Que competition lived up to its organizers' promise of being bigger and better. Sixty-eight teams faced off in the Township's Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned event, with Lo' -N- Slo' BBQ claiming the Grand Champion trophy.

The two-day BBQ competition and joint Family Festival drew in 5,000 or more visitors to Falls Township Community Park.

Since its inception, approximately \$75,000 has been raised for non-profit organization Liberty USO, which supports our military and their families in Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey.

The 2017 Que for the Troops event was sponsored by The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Newtown; Rudolph Clarke, LLC Attorneys at Law; SEI; T&M Associates; IBEW Local #269; KPK Development Co.; and Waste Management.

The 2018 Que for the Troops event will be held the first weekend in June. To learn more, visit www.queforthetroops.com/.

Upcoming Waste Collection Dates

Falls Township will collect all yard waste, as well as leaves, on November 11, December 2 and December 16. We will not accept yard waste with the trash.

Leaves MUST be bagged in 30-gallon biodegradable PAPER BAGS or placed in 30-gallon trash containers WITHOUT LIDS.

They are to be placed curbside by 6 a.m. on the collection day in the same location as your regular trash pickup. LEAVES IN ANY OTHER CONTAINER WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Christmas trees will be collected on January 3 and January 10. Trees will not be picked up with the trash.

Congratulations!

Falls Township would like to recognize our dedicated staff for reaching years in service milestones in their employment

5 YEARS

Diane Beri

10 YEARS

Thomas Bennett
Nicholas Pinto

Thomas Lundquist
Brian Wert

15 YEARS

Sven Beauchmin
Jane Levson

Richard Dippolito
Stephen Reeves

Jeffrey Rhodunda

20 YEARS

Victoria Crosier

Raymond Fanelli

30 YEARS

Henry Ward

40 YEARS

Patricia DeFrancisco

John Logue

New Wawa to Open In Near Future

A series of road upgrades and traffic signalization improvements will accompany a brand-new Wawa on West Trenton Avenue and Pine Grove Road.

Construction of the 5,586-square-foot convenience store and gas station is expected to reach completion in the near future, officials told the Falls Township Board of Supervisors. The new development features a new traffic signal, left and right turn lanes into the store, two lanes exiting the Wawa, traffic signal timing improvements, widening of the roadway on Pine Grove Road, as well as 26 Americans with Disabilities Act ramps at intersections and pedestrian accommodations, including sidewalks along West Trenton Avenue and Pine Grove Road.

Following careful consideration and public comment from residents both in favor of and in opposition to the development, the board voted 4-1 to grant conditional use approval to allow Wawa to operate gas pumps at the site. Fueling stations are allowed in the township's highway commercial district under conditional use only. One of the pumps would be full service, enabling customers with disabilities and others who desire full service to be accommodated with a push of a button. Wawa officials said employees would pump customers' gas, on request, for no additional cost.



Supervisor Jeff Dence voted no on the conditional use application.

The Supervisors also voted unanimously to amend the preliminary and final land development plan to swap out a 6,000-square-foot restaurant at the corner of Pine Grove and West Trenton Avenue for the Wawa. The rest of the 8.7-acre development is proposed to include a 14,578-square-foot pharmacy, as well as an 1,850-square-foot fast food restaurant with drive-in.

To address residents' concerns, the board requested that Wawa store deliveries and trash pickup be restricted between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie also suggested that tractor trailer deliveries be limited to access at Pine Grove Road only. Wawa officials agreed.

Wawa officials said it is anticipated that one or two fuel deliveries would be made daily. When the Acme was onsite, Harvie said the store was receiving two deliveries daily from tractor trailers, with only one entrance and exit.

"It's relatively the same as what it used to be," Harvie said.

Also about the same is the anticipated traffic on the roads, ac-

ording to Matt Hammond of Traffic Planning and Design Inc.

"This is a convenience type of facility," Hammond said, noting that most of Wawa's customers will be motorists passing by the site. "People will not go a mile or two miles out of their way."

The previously planned restaurant addition, on the other hand, would have added new traffic to the intersection simply because drivers would have ventured out of a normal daily commute for restaurant dining, he said.

Hammond said his firm took traffic counts during peak morning hours of 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on five separate days – even though traffic planners are only required to collect such data on one day. Counts were taken with someone observing and recording traffic; as well as using a camera to record intersection traffic.

"I was encouraged to see the traffic report," Harvie said, adding that township professionals arrived at the same results. "Our traffic engineer looked at and came to the same conclusion."

Harvie shared that a rebuild of a Wawa store on Wistar and New Falls roads helped to improve traffic and hoped this new Wawa would have similar results.

"That gave me a little bit more peace of mind listening to the traffic information," he said. "The comfort level I had looking at this plan was growing. I know certain people are disappointed in our vote. I think, in general, the plan is a good one."

Township to Hold Bulk Disposal Day October 14

Bulk Disposal Day will be held on October 14, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the GROWS Landfill, 1000 New Ford Mill Road, Morrisville.

This program is for resident homeowners of Falls Township and Tullytown Borough. Proof of residency is required. It is not intended for commercial customers or contractors.

Residents can drop off bulky waste items, yard waste and appliances. For additional information,

call **800-869-5566**.

The following materials can not be accepted: liquids, oil paint, car batteries, propane tanks, gas cylinders, hazardous household waste, tires, chemicals, pesticides and spray cans. No refrigerators, air conditioners or freezers.

Bucks County holds Household Hazardous Waste collections throughout the year. Call **215-345-3400** for details.

Falls Township Has New Flood Maps

On March 21, 2017 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued new flood maps for Falls Township. There were significant changes made to the former flood maps from May of 1999. Approximately 643 homes were removed from the 100 year floodplain, or the Special Flood Hazard Area.

If you are paying flood insurance or if your mortgage company is requiring you to have flood insurance, you should check to see if your property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. You can check by going to the FEMA map services website (<https://fema.gov/portal>) and typing in your address. Remember that



the mortgage companies make the determination as to whether your home will require flood insurance. The mortgage companies do not always check for flood map changes, or notify their customers of changes in their flood zone designation.

If your home was removed from the Special Flood Hazard Area and you still have concerns about flooding, you should qualify for a Preferred Risk Policy, which costs significantly less

than regular flood insurance. The costs can be found at the fema.gov website.

If you need more information, call Tom Bennett at 215-949-9000 ext. 251.

Pennsbury Baseball is Tops in the State



The Falls Township Board of Supervisors presented a commendation to the coaching staff and players of the Pennsbury High School boys varsity baseball team for winning the 2017 Suburban One League title, the District 1 Championship and the Pennsylvania State Championship. The wins mark the first time that Pennsbury has ever won a state championship.

Hotels, Motels Must Keep Registration Book

With an eye on added safety and support for its Police department, the Falls Township Supervisors adopted an ordinance that requires hotel and motel occupants to show valid photo identification prior to renting a room.

The Supervisors unanimously adopted the ordinance, which requires that the Township's eight hotels and motels would be required to maintain a registration book and keep records available and able to be turned over to police under court order or subpoena for three years.

"This ordinance is designed to assist our police in giving them more access to records for people who are staying at hotels in Falls Township," Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said, adding that the new law is "Giving our cops another weapon they can use in fighting crime in Falls Township."

Under the ordinance, police can scan the registration book in search of occupants with outstanding warrants, or known drug affiliations, for example.

Bensalem Township has had a similar ordinance in place for three years. It has proven successful in limiting transients of motels and hotels. Township at-



The Falls Township Supervisors adopted an ordinance that requires Township's hotels and motels to keep a registration book and check identification of anyone staying there.

torney Lauren Gallagher said municipalities have seen a decrease in the number of raucous parties in hotel rooms and are seeing fewer instances of numerous people staying in one room.

The ordinance would require everyone staying in the hotel to provide valid photo ID.

Harvie said he met recently with many of the local hotel owners, who supported the measure.

The ordinance would help police officers in tracking down suspects much easier, Harvie

said, referencing an instance several years ago, involving the murder of a woman in a hotel room. The hotel had no record of the person who had been staying with her.

"It made the job of the police department that much harder," he said. "This would be something that would help our officers."

The penalty for failure to comply with the ordinance is \$1,000 upon conviction in a summary proceeding. Each day of violation will be considered a separate offense.

Assistance is Available For Those in Need



Homeless Persons:
Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN)
215-550-3868

Mental Illness:
Lenape Valley Foundation
Mobile Crisis
215-785-9765

Families with Mentally Ill relatives:
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
215-442-5637

Drug Addiction:
Steps to Recovery (STR)
888-755-7227

Galloway Leads 'Push Out the Pusher' Effort

It literally pays to report drug dealers in Bucks County.

As part of the "Push Out the Pusher" initiative led by State Rep. John Galloway (D-140) of Falls Township, District Attorney Matt Weintraub and law enforcement from throughout Bucks County, anyone who reports drug activity resulting in the conviction of a drug dealer will receive an award of up to \$5,000.

The goal of the program, which began in June, is to reduce the instances of heroin overdoses and deaths and keep drugs out of communities. Red and white signs bearing the words "Push Out the Pusher" have been placed in locations throughout Bucks County to encourage residents to call the drug tip hotline and report illegal drug activity. Callers will remain anonymous.

The Bucks County Crime Stoppers, a nonprofit organization, continues to fundraise to not only print Push Out the Pusher signs, but to also pay rewards for



Credit: Erich Martin/Levittownnow.com

Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub (left) and State Rep. John Galloway (D-140) hold a sign encouraging local residents to call a tip line if they witness drug activity.

tips that lead to a conviction. If you suspect drug dealing or are aware of suspicious activity, please call the Bucks County

Crime Stoppers tip line at **215-345-DRUG (3784)** or your local police department and share what you know.

Helping Police Help Students



Extreme Fitness Personal Training owners Marty McLoughlin and his wife, Linda, presented an oversized check to the Falls Township Police Department's Youth Police Academy during a recent Falls Township Supervisors meeting. The money was raised from the Fallsington 5K, which Extreme Fitness organized. Funds help cover the cost for high school students to attend the Youth Police Academy. The next 5K will be held on April 22, 2018.

Don't Kick that TV to the Curb!

Televisions, along with computers and some other electronics (covered devices), can no longer be disposed of with municipal waste under the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010. Many of these electronics contain mercury, lead, arsenic, chromium and other potentially hazardous substances. In addition to keeping these toxic substances from contaminating groundwater when put in a landfill, it is less expensive to recycle than to mine rare earth minerals used in the manufacturing.

Listed are several locations to drop off your television, and companies that will come to pick up your television for recycling. Some retailers offer a haul-away service with a purchase of a replacement TV.

Please confirm the program, fees, and any other conditions that may apply prior to dropping off your television.

Lower Bucks Area

E-Waste Experts
416 Green Lane
Bristol, PA 19007
877-328-2927

Central Bucks Area

611 Metals
6776 Easton Road
Pipersville, PA 18947
267-629-6427

Upper Bucks Area

Gigabiter
130 Penn Ann Drive
Quakertown, PA 18951
267-227-3032

Perkasie PC Repair & Recycling
1133 N. 5th Street
Perkasie, PA 18944
215-257-7727

Mail-In Programs

Sims Recycling Solutions
<http://oem.srsapp.com/>
applepoweredbysims

Samsung products
www.oemtakeback.com

Nearby Bucks Locations

611 Metals
2509 Wyandotte Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090
215-659-4200 • 267-629-6427

AERC Recycling Solutions
2330 Southwest 26th Street
Allentown, PA 18103
610-433-4011 • 610-797-7608

Call For Pickup

E-Waste Experts
1-877-328-2927

Geek Squad
1-800-433-5778

1-800-Got Junk
1-800-468-5865

Junk Luggers
1-800-584-5864

Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at **800-346-4242** for a list of events not sponsored by Bucks County.

Bucks County Planning Commission

1260 Almshouse Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-3400

Fax: 215-345-3886

Email: bcpc@buckscounty.org



Fall Sweeping and Clean Up

In the fall months our sweeper is in your neighborhood. However, it's mostly cleaning around the storm inlet areas only to keep the leaves, etc. from building up on them.

Please do not rake your leaves in the street and create a traffic hazard! Bag your leaves!

Leaf pickup will be made by Waste Management in November and December.

Business Office Holiday Closures

Falls Township business offices will be closed on the following dates in observance of holidays for the year 2017.

Friday, Nov. 10..... Veterans Day (Observed)

Thursday, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, Nov. 24..... Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, Dec. 25..... Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 26..... Christmas Holiday

Fire Marshal

Citizens Fire Academy's Third Year a Success

The third installment of the Citizens Fire Academy concluded in June. The five sessions consisted of learning the requirements to be a firefighter in Pennsylvania, live fire extinguisher training, fire aid/CPR/AED training, a demonstration of various emergency equipment available in Falls Township and a fire inspection of a local restaurant and hotel to teach individuals what to look for when working and traveling to stay safe.

The Fire Marshal's office is planning to offer another Citizens Fire Academy in spring 2018 and possibly expand on what was accomplished this year. If interested in participating, please contact the Fire Marshal's office at **215-949-9000, ext. 250**.



Members of the Falls Township Board of Supervisors and Fire Marshal's Office pose with Citizens Fire Academy graduates.

Fire Prevention Week - October 8-14, 2017

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages:

- Draw a map of your home (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.

- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.

- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.

- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Smoke Detector Help From the Fire Marshal

Did you know that the Falls Township Fire Marshal's office will install smoke detectors for you if you don't have any? We will also install new batteries in your existing ones if you provide the batteries. This is a free service offered by the Fire Marshal's office. Just call **215-949-9000, ext. 250** to schedule a time for us to come to your home.

Fire Marshal Checks Safety of Trash Trucks on Falls Township Roads



Another function of the Fire Marshal's office is to perform compliance checks on the trash trucks that enter Falls Township. We can enforce all Township ordinances that pertain to the trucks traveling into our Township. Through our local ordinances, we control litter by making sure trucks are tarped and that material does not leak out of their trailer, and that trucks travel the proper posted route to the landfill.



Leaf Piles: An Unassuming Safety Threat

There's something about a pile of freshly raked autumn leaves that makes it irresistible for children, often causing them to dive right in. The same can be true for pets and even zealous adults. Unfortunately, what seems like a harmless seasonal tradition can result in serious injuries and, sometimes, fatalities.

Worst case scenario

It might sound like a suburban legend, but children being run over while hiding in leaf piles has true origins. October 24, 2013 an 18-year-old Oregon woman intentionally ran over a pile of leaves with her car, only to find out she had hit and killed 6-year-old and 11-year-old stepsisters. The 6-year-old died at the scene, and her stepsister died the next night at a hospital.

It may seem unlikely but this is not the first accident of its kind. In 2004, a Massachusetts father parked his truck on a pile of leaves, where he didn't realize his 10-year-old daughter and her friend were hiding. His daughter later died at the hospital, and her friend sustained serious injuries. In both incidents, the children were temporarily unsupervised.



You can't be sure what's hiding in a large leaf pile like this one.

Smaller dangers

There are more reasons to stay out of leaf piles than just rare-yet-deadly accidents. Ticks may be hiding in piles, which threatens the health of both children and dogs. Dogs love to frolic in leaf piles, but staying away is best for their own safety. Mites, parasites, bacteria, and mold could also be lurking in leaves. Even if dangerous organisms aren't present, simply eating wet leaves could cause your dog to vomit. Even more frightening are the snakes that may be hiding in leaf piles.

Cyclists & motorists

Leaf piles can be both an inconvenience and hazard to cyclists and drivers. Multiple leaf piles in the street might cause drivers to

swerve and risk running into oncoming traffic or obstacles in the road. When leaves accumulate on streets and become wet, they are also dangerous, as parking on them can be a fire hazard. Do not park on leaf piles. Think of leaves as a "no parking" sign.

If you cannot avoid driving or riding over leaves, slow down, especially if they're wet or you're turning. Be wary of potholes, speed bumps, debris that could harm tires, and uneven surfaces, as leaves make them less visible.

Take proper precautions

Know the proper method of disposing of leaves in your community. It's not uncommon for homeowners to rake accumulated leaves into piles or bags near the curb for the local streets department or department of public works to pick up. Be mindful that your leaves aren't imposing on bike lanes or sidewalks.

Do not let your child play in leaf piles or around piles near the road. Even if your child is not hiding inside a leaf pile, distracted drivers might not spot them in the road. If you absolutely refuse to deprive your child of the leaf pile fun you experienced growing up, make sure they're constantly supervised while in piles or near the road.

Smoke Trailer Teaches Kids 'Stay Low and Go'

Our smoke trailer is available to visit your school or business to train children on what to do in an emergency. The trailer produces a non-toxic like smoke that teaches them how to "Stay low and go" out of a home in a fire. Contact the office for information.



Fire Safety Training is Free

The Fire Marshal's office offers free fire safety training, as well as fire extinguisher training. This could be for your home or work place. For more information on this training, please call 215-949-9000, ext. 250.

15 Safety Tips For Using a Turkey Fryer

It's hard to beat the speed of deep-frying a turkey, or the irresistible flavor and juiciness that results. But turkey fryers have the potential to cause fire and serious injury, which is why organizations like the National Fire Protection Association advise against using them.

If you plan to deep-fry your holiday bird, be sure you know how to safely use the fryer, and take these precautions to protect yourself, your guests and your home:

1. Keep outdoor fryers off decks, out of garages and a safe distance away from trees and other structures.
2. Make sure the turkey is thawed and dry before cooking. Ice or water that mixes into the hot oil can cause flare-ups.
3. Watch the weather. Never operate a fryer outdoors in the rain or snow.
4. Place the fryer on a level surface, and avoid moving it once it's in use.
5. Leave 2 feet between the tank and the burner when using a propane-powered fryer.
6. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid overfilling. Oil can ignite when it makes contact with



the burner.

7. Choose a smaller turkey for frying. A bird that's 8 to 10 pounds is best; pass on turkeys over 12 pounds.

8. Never leave fryers unattended.

9. Purchase a fryer with temperature controls, and watch the oil temperature carefully. Cooking oil that is heated beyond its smoke point can catch fire. If you notice the oil is smoking, turn the fryer off.

10. Turn off the burner before lowering the turkey into the oil. Once the turkey is submerged, turn the burner on.

11. Wear goggles to shield your eyes, use oven mitts to protect your hands and arms and keep a grease-rated fire extinguisher close by.

12. Skip the stuffing when frying turkey, and avoid water-based marinades.

13. Keep children and pets away from the fryer at all times.

14. Once finished, carefully remove the pot from the burner, place it on a level surface and cover to let the oil cool overnight before disposing.

15. Opt for an oil-less fryer. This uses infrared heat, rather than oil, to cook the turkey.

Recycling Cans Now Available for Purchase

Falls Township currently has two sizes of recycling containers available for purchase at the Municipal Building.

The original green 22-gallon Orbis® Recycling Container with Lid is available for \$9.

Our new blue 32-gallon Blue Hawk Recycling Container with Lid is available for \$14.

New Township residents are eligible to pick up one free green 22-gallon container for their new home!

Falls Township uses a single-stream recycling program, which means residents do not need to separate different recyclable materials. Everything can go into one container.

Acceptable recyclable materials include:

- Paper and cardboard including newspaper, office paper, junk mail, brown paper bags, magazines, cardboard (cereal boxes, etc.), and corrugated cardboard (no larger than 2' by 2')
 - Glass bottles and jars
 - Aluminum, tin and steel cans
 - Plastic bottles and containers
- #1 through #7. Just look inside the small recycling symbol (usually on the underside of the container) for any number 1 to 7
- Milk, dairy, orange juice and other paper containers

For more information, contact the Falls Township Finance department at **215-949-9000** then press 5.



Department Plans For Snow Removal

The Public Works department has developed a plan to be implemented when snow and ice occur. These plans can be achieved best with the Township residents' cooperation. Please remember our Public Works crews are trying our best to remove snow and ice from roadways as quickly as possible. There are some situations that occur to slow this process down, possible mechanical issues, cars on roadways or sometimes it is the type of snow that we have at that particular time. As trucks come through the neighborhoods they are going to push all snow on the roadways to the curb line. This is the **ONLY** place snow can be moved to when being removed. We know that the aftermath of snowstorms can be frustrating. Residents are trying to clear their properties and then when the Public Works Department comes through and places snow on your cleared driveways. If your street is not plowed yet, I suggest leaving the bottom of your driveway snow-covered until the trucks plow the street. This will help prevent the snow from being dumped onto your cleared apron.

Salting Applications

Salt is usually applied when snow and ice begins to stick to the roadway, up to a depth of two inches. At that point, if the snow or accumulation constitutes plowing, the salting will stop except where needed.

Snow Plowing

Plowing usually begins when the depth reaches two inches. All Township main roads get first priority, with all Township snow emergency routes next, then all remaining roadways.

The Public Works foreman or authorized representative, at their discretion, will determine the course of action the Township takes on dealing with snow and ice events.

How can you help our Public Works Department this Winter?

Follow a few simple guidelines during a storm to make snow removal easier for yourself and crews:

- **Be patient.**
- **Remove your vehicles from the street when it snows.**
- **Shovel your driveway and sidewalk, but wait until the Township plows your street to shovel your apron.**
- **When using a snow blower, turn the discharge apparatus away from the street.**

By following these guidelines, you will allow a more efficient clearing of the many miles of Township roads and allow better drainage when the snow starts to melt.

DO NOT: Blow or Shovel Snow into the Street
DO: Shovel Snow into Yards and Grass Areas

Snow and ice control on state roads

The following is a list of roads maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. For emergencies, complaints or information about these roads, please contact PENNDOT by calling **(215) 345-6060**.

- Big Oak Road
- Bordentown Road
- Bristol-Oxford Valley Road
- Old Bristol Pike
- Fallsington-Tullytown Road
- Hood Boulevard
- Levittown Parkway
- Lincoln Highway
- Lower Morrisville Road
- New Falls Road
- New Ford Mill Road
- New Route #13
- Newbold Road
- Old Route #13
- Oxford Valley Road
- Penn Valley Road
- Pennsbury Road
- Philadelphia Avenue
- Pine Grove Road
- South Pennsylvania Avenue
- Stony Hill Road
- Trenton Road
- Tyburn Road
- U.S. Route #1
- West Trenton Avenue
- Woolston Drive



Falls Township Citizen Scientists (from left) Carl Lang, Joann Cosgrove and Ellen Miller collect monitoring data at Waste Management's "Laboratory for Learning" Pollinator Garden.

Pollinator Partnership Has Proven Results

Worldwide there is evidence that pollinators are rapidly decreasing and disappearing from natural areas.

The U.S. has lost more than 50 percent of its managed honeybee colonies over the past 10 years. The Monarch butterfly population has decreased to alarmingly low levels due to loss of milkweed and habitat in the U.S. Why should we care?

In the U.S., pollination by bees, native bees, and other insects produces \$40 billion worth of products annually. Food and beverages produced with the help of pollinators include: apples, blueberries, chocolate, coffee, melons, peaches, potatoes, pumpkins, vanilla, almonds, and tequila. Worldwide, roughly 1,000 plants grown for food, beverages, spices, fibers, and medicines need to be pollinated.

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Falls Township Senior Center Garden Committee Members Jistine Fantini and Ellen Murray learn to be Citizen Scientists from Martin Mikulas from the PA Department of Agriculture at Waste Management's "Laboratory for Learning" Pollinator Garden.

Pollinator Partnership Has Proven Results

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In 2013, Waste Management of Pennsylvania launched an inter-generational partnership with the Falls Township Senior Center, Pennsbury Manor, The Pen Ryn School and the Bucks County Audubon Society that would advance student and community understanding of the importance of taking action by creating healthy pollinator habitats. A “Laboratory for Learning” pollinator garden was developed at Waste Management where the partners gained the expertise to establish pollinator gardens on their properties.

An important part of the partners’ contribution to pollinator protection is their support of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s Citizen Scientist Program. In June, Martin Makulas came and trained 40 members of the partnership to monitor bees of concern and the plants they are populating. He also presented information about the very invasive and damaging Lantern Fly and the need to report sightings of it.

Following the training, everyone honed their skills at Waste Management’s “Laboratory for Learning” pollinator garden. They collected data on the bees seen and the plants they are populating and will continue to monitor throughout the growing season. The data collected is sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to contribute to ongoing research.

This project is an example of Waste Management’s long-standing commitment to conservation, stewardship and environmental protection. Most recently, the company gained Gold Level Conservation Certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council signifying its leadership among the over 700 Wildlife Habitat Council Certification programs. Programs are given a Certified, Silver Certified or Gold Certified designation. Waste Management is also certified by the National Wildlife Federation and as a Monarch Waystation.

“Waste Management of Pennsylvania is recognized as meeting the strict requirements of WHC Conservation Certification,” said Margaret O’Gorman, President, WHC. “Companies achieving WHC Conservation Certification are environmental leaders, voluntarily managing their lands to support sustainable ecosystems and the communities that surround them.”

Wildlife Habitat Council promotes and certifies habitat conservation and management on corporate lands through partnerships and education. WHC Conservation Certification programs take corporate sustainability goals and objectives and translate them into tangible and measurable on-the-ground actions. Through a focus on building collaboration for conservation with corporate employees, other conservation organizations, gov-



Waste Management employee and Citizen Scientist Sue Schofield counts pollinators populating a bee balm plant.

ernment agencies and community members, WHC programs focus on healthy ecosystems and connected communities. WHC-assisted wildlife habitat and conservation education programs are found in 48 states, the District of Columbia and 17 countries.

Nominate a Township Business for ‘Live Here, Spend Here’ Profile

In an effort to promote existing Township businesses and encourage residents to spend more – or all – of their hard-earned money within Township borders, the Falls Township Board of Supervisors is continuing with its popular “Live Here, Spend Here” initiative. Spending in one’s hometown not only supports the local business community, but creates jobs, strengthens the local economy and helps to lessen the need for municipal taxes.

“Live Here, Spend Here” was the brainchild of Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence, who said he got the idea for the program while working in

Burlington County, N.J. That community has a similar business promotion program and promotes it with a logo and stickers in local merchants’ windows.

Locally, two Falls Township businesses are featured each month in an article and photos posted on the Township’s Website: www.fallstwp.com/information-services/live-here-spend-here-campaign.aspx and shared on the Township’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fallstwp1/>.

If you know of a Falls business you would like to see spotlighted, please contact Township Manager Peter Gray at gray@fallstwp.org or 215-949-9000.



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