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Bucks County, Pa.

Sam Snipes: A Seed of Bucks County

When King Charles II signed the charter in 1681 to give William Penn the land that would become Pennsylvania, Penn stated that he believed his new colony would become “the seed of a nation.” As with any seed, there is effort and care that must go into making sure something grows from it. Pennsylvania did become one of the most important colonies of the new world, and of the new United States less than 100 years later. Our own connection to William Penn surrounds us every day here in Falls Township. From Pennsbury Manor (and the school district named after it), to Three Arches and historic Fallsington, we have brick and mortar reminders of our history, and the first planting of that “seed” 338 years ago. This past December we lost one other connection to that history with the passing of Sam Snipes. Mr. Snipes would have turned 100 years old this year and his life is connected to both the founding of Pennsylvania and Falls Township, and with the care and effort it took to help ensure our growth and success.

On the wall of the Snipes home is a marriage license of one of Sam Snipes’ ancestors bearing the signatures of witnesses to the wedding, which is the custom in Quaker weddings. One of those signatures is that of William Penn, who was an associate of Mr. Snipes’ ancestor. Sam Snipes was the historian of our Township, having written “The History of Falls Township” 30 years ago, and his own family history made our history that much more important to him. Being the historian he was, and having the memory he did, I am sure Sam knew of Penn’s quote about Pennsylvania being “the seed of a nation.” The fact that the Snipes family has operated a farm for hundreds of years in Falls Township makes the “seed” analogy that much more perfect because Sam spent his life not only nurturing crops and animals, but also nurturing his family, community and country.

As an attorney, Mr. Snipes worked to promote justice and equality throughout Bucks County, most famously by defending the Myers family when they became the first African-American family to move into Levittown in 1957. As crosses were burned in Falls Township, Mr. Snipes was standing alone in front of the Myers home in Dogwood Hollow as an angry mob threatened to go through him and burn down the house. Sam didn’t flinch, and the house stayed safe. Six years later, he would take his children to attend the March on Washington and hear Martin Luther King give his famous address. It was this same spirit of service that had led Sam to Europe after World War II to assist refugees who were starving and afraid. As an attorney for Falls Township he helped us develop into the economic engine that gave jobs to thousands of residents and led to the enormous growth of Bucks County. Later, he used his abilities to fight for our environment and preserve our history.

There have been many people throughout the history of our Township, county and state who have helped the “seeds” of our past grow into what we are today. And there continue to be people all around us who are still tending to the work needed to make our community and country the best it can be. Many of those who do this work do it without notoriety or fame. We should do a better job of noticing their efforts and sacrifices and thanking them. Sam lived as full a life as anyone could have and would not have liked the attention he has received since his passing. It was my pleasure to have gotten to know him a little bit over the past 20 years, and an honor to try my best to continue nurturing the “seed” planted so long ago.

-Bob Harvie

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Police Department

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



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Police Department

Yeager 'Officer of the Year'



The Levittown Memorial American Legion Post 960 presented the 'Officer of the Year' award to Falls Township Police Officer John Yeager at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting.

Edward Crohe III, commander of Post 960 described Yeager as

"the true meaning of patriotism" moments before he presented him with the first-ever award.

Yeager, who's served 33 years on the police force, is a role model for his peers and the community, according to Crohe. In addition to his supervisors on the police department seeking him out for advice, Yeager "would help any officer," Crohe said.

Yeager oversees the DARE drug awareness and prevention program at local schools, he started the Falls Township Youth Police Academy four years ago, Yeager is actively involved with the Community Town Watch, helps with the Great Shredder Events, he assists with police clothing donation bins and "gives countless hours of his time," according to Crohe.

Supervisor Chairman Bob Harvie echoed Crohe's praise of Yeager, calling him "certainly a very deserving officer."

"This is truly an honor," Yeager said after receiving the award.

From here, Crohe said Yeager will be nominated for recognition on the national level as well.

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 j.yeager@fallstwp.com.

SafetyNet Tracking Systems



Caring for someone with a cognitive condition who wanders is a considerable responsibility. SafetyNet Tracking Systems helps public safety agencies quickly find and bring home loved ones who may be lost.

Falls Township Police can provide your loved one with a SafetyNet bracelet that they should always wear. Water-proof bracelets feature a radio frequency transmitter that emits a continuous signal. If a loved one is missing, caregivers would contact authorities immediately. Trained search and rescue teams track the signal emitted from the bracelet, locate the missing person and return him or her home safely.

Radio frequency technology can work in densely wooded areas, building and shallow water, even when GPS and cellular technology can not.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this program, or would like additional information, please contact the Falls Township Police Department at (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

Ready to get over those winter blues? Looking forward to the warmer weather? Look no further than the program offerings and amenities offered by Falls Township Parks and Recreation for the upcoming 2019 Spring/Summer season. It is our goal to offer diverse programming to the residents in the Township. Please check out our following offerings:

Pinewood Pool Activities



The Pinewood Pool is a great way for our residents to cool off and spend quality time with family. We have many activities planned for 2019 such as: five (5) youth splash nights, two (2) movie nights, theme days, dollar dog days, the senior

breakfast, family appreciation day, national ice cream day, a wonderful swim lesson program and much more! The pool is scheduled to open Saturday May 25, 2019 and the season runs till Monday, September 2, 2019. Take advantage of the “Early Bird” discount period which runs February 1-April 1! To register or for further information about the pool, please visit www.fallstwp.com, go to the Parks and Recreation Page, and click on the link to “Pinewood Pool.” Registration must be completed online by using your existing Community Pass Account. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

Summer Lifeguards Wanted

Additionally, Parks and Recreation is looking to hire several lifeguards for the 2019 pool season. For the lifeguard position, a candidate must be at least 15 years old and have a current Lifeguard/First Aid/AED certification. The starting pay rate for a lifeguard is \$9.00/hour. Hourly starting pay rates for lifeguards with prior experience are negotiable. For further information or if interested in applying, contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email b.andrews@fallstwp.com.



Three Arches Available For Rent



Rent Three Arches for your next event. Looking for a space to hold a small meeting or event such as a bridal or baby shower? Please consider the Historic Three Arches for your event. To reserve or for

more information, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

April 6 Will Be Egg-cellent

Once again, Parks and Recreation will be holding its annual Breakfast with the Bunny/Egg Hunt on Saturday April 6, 2019 from 9 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. at the



Falls Township Senior Center. For the breakfast only, there is a fee of \$1.00 per person. Both events are for all children ages 3-12. There will be a craft and a balloon artist on hand as well! Space is limited so pre registration for the breakfast only (9-10:30 a.m.) will be required through the Community Pass Registration System found on the Township website www.fallstwp.com. For further information, contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by or by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com. The Egg Hunt will also take place at the Senior Center and is **FREE**. Times for the various age groups will go as follows:

Ages 3-4	10:45 a.m.-10:50 a.m.
Ages 5-7	10:55 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Ages 8-9	11:05 a.m.-11:10 a.m.
Ages 10-12	11:15 a.m.-11:20 a.m.

Workshop For Medicare Questions

Getting close to or thinking about retirement and not quite sure what Medicare will and will not cover? Well, we are offering a great opportunity for you to get answers to these questions. A representative from DelVal Senior Advisers will be on hand to provide a **FREE** educational seminar on Thursday April 11, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Falls Township Municipal Complex (188 Lincoln Highway). Pre registration is suggested but not required. To pre register, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com. There will be an additional workshop on October 3, 2019 as well if you cannot make the April workshop. Same time and location as the Spring workshop.

Third Annual Touch A Truck

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is excited to announce that it will be holding its 3rd annual Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park. The 9-10 a.m. hour



Touch-A-Truck

will be sensory friendly (no horns, sirens, etc.) Please come explore and learn about fire engines, the police mobile command center, various construction vehicles, a race car and much more! We also will have giveaways, bounce houses, a DJ, facepainting, and a balloon artist. Levittown Fire Company #1 will be selling food and drinks. This is a **FREE**, family friendly event. For further information, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email b.andrews@fallstwp.com.

Parks and Recreation

Summer Camp Registration Is Open

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is now taking registrations for our 2019 Summer Camp Program. Registration is completed online through the Community Pass Registration System (Capturepoint link). Visit www.fallstwp.com to access the online registration system. The 2019 Summer Camp will once again be held at Walt Disney Elementary School. The camp is designed for children ages 5-13 (all registered participants must be potty trained). Our camp employs several certified teachers, a well experienced support staff, and an offers an incredible 1:5 counselor to camper ratio. Have your children join us for fantastic trip opportunities, theme weeks, in house entertainment, arts and crafts, sports, and much more! The camp runs from Monday, June 24-Friday, August 2 (note: there is no camp July 4th). To register or for more information, visit www.fallstwp.com or contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com.

Calling All Anglers



Our annual Fishing Derby will be held on Monday May 27, 2019. Parks and Recreation is inviting all children between the ages of 5-17 to sign up and participate in the annual event. Walk up signups will take place at 7:30 a.m. The derby will run from 8-10 a.m. It is followed by a casting contest. Each participant will receive a participation medal and awards will be given for most fish caught and largest fish caught in various age categories. Additionally, awards

will be given for winners from the casting contest. To register or for further information, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com. Registration forms will be available in the Parks and Recreation Office at the Falls Township Municipal Complex (Room 105) starting April 1, 2019. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Forms will also be available in the beginning of April at Bart's Bait and Tackle Shop (a long time proud sponsor of this event) located at 460 Lovett Avenue in Tullytown. Please call (215) 943-0174 for their hours of operation.

Vietnam Flag Memorial Returns

Falls Township is proud to once again host the The Delaware Valley Vietnam Flag Memorial at the Falls Township Community Park. This year's event will take place Friday, June 7 to Sunday, June 9. Volunteers will be needed to plant flags on the soccer field (located on phase 1 of the park) on Friday, June 7 at 9 a.m. For further information, please contact Ed Sabol at edwardsabol@gmail.com.



Summer Concert Series

Once again, Falls Township Parks and Recreation will hold 13 concerts as part of its 2019 Summer Concert Series lineup. All concerts take place under the pavilion in Phase 1 at the Falls Township Community Park on Sundays from 6-8 p.m. The following is a tentative schedule and is subject to change:



- Sunday, June 16** – Mango Men
- Sunday, June 23** – Chester County Concert Band
- Sunday, June 30** – Point Blank
- Sunday, July 7** – Barbone Strret Jazz Band
- Sunday, July 14** – Dennis Ostopowicz Band
- Sunday, July 21** – Strictly 60's Band
- Sunday, July 28** – Daisy Jug Band
- Sunday, August 4** – Dennis Ostopowicz Band
- Sunday, August 11** – Big Band from the Valley
- Sunday, August 18** – A Touch of Blues
- Sunday, August 25** – Uptown String Band
- Sunday, September 1** – Tuesday Night Special
- Sunday, September 8** – First Time Around Band

Join Us For a Movie in the Park

Summer Movie in the Park! Parks and Recreation is excited to announce it will be holding a family movie night in the park on Saturday, July 20. We will be showing The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part. The movie will be shown at the Falls Township Community Park (soccer field area) starting at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be for sale at the event. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair.

Six-Week Yoga Programs

Yoga takes place each Monday night 7 p.m.- 8 p.m. in Room 105 (Falls Township Municipal Building, Parks and Recreation Office). Program runs in 6 week intervals. Cost for a resident is \$48 and \$54 for non-residents. Questions can be directed to Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com.



National Night Out August 6

Parks and Recreation will be teaming up with the Falls Township Police Department to hold a National Night Out Event this summer! Mark the date! Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 6-9 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park. Rain date is Wednesday, August 7. Come out and meet our first responders and bond with fellow members of the community. We will have bounce houses, table vendors, facepainting, and much more! Food and drink will be sold by Levittown Fire Company #1. This is a **FREE** event.

Parks and Recreation

Family Festival Slated For September

New date in 2019! The annual Family Festival will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 3-7 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park. Rain date is Saturday, September 14. We will have bounce houses, food and table vendors, a petting zoo, a DJ and much more! Please join the Falls Township Parks and Recreation Facebook Page to get further updated info as we get closer to the event! The event culminates with an awesome Fireworks display at dusk (approximately 8:00 p.m). This is a **FREE** event except for food and drink.

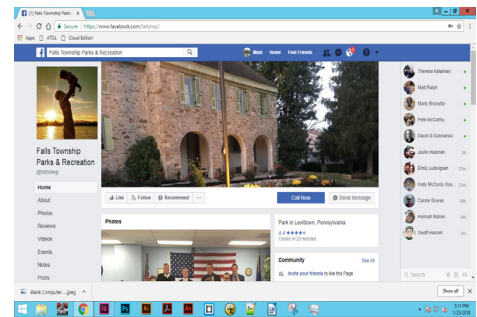
Rent a Pavilion For Your Next Event

If you're looking for a place to hold a party, family reunion, non-profit event, or wedding ceremony, please consider reserving our pavilions at the Falls Township Community Park, Quaker Penn Park or the Fallsington Gazebo at Fallsington Commemorative Park. To reserve a pavilion or gazebo, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email b.loessy@fallstwp.com.



Be Sure To Like Us On Facebook

For the latest up to date information coming out of the Falls Township Parks and Recreation Department, be sure to follow us on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be accessed by visiting www.fallstwp.com, clicking on the "Parks and Recreation" page, and looking for the link to the feed.



Boat Ramp Passes Are Available

Seasonal passes are only available for purchase at the Township Building. Rates for seasonal passes will stay the same for 2019! Additionally, anyone who purchased a seasonal pass in 2018 will receive a 25% discount on their 2019 seasonal pass. Contact our office at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 for information on how to obtain a daily pass. For further information, contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

Committee Works to Make Travel Safer



Are drivers zooming through your neighborhood faster than the speed limit permits? Do you often see motorists roll through stop signs or ignore them altogether?

Falls Township's five-member Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee seeks to address these and the public's other traffic-related concerns. Comprised of residents and local officials serving as a central point of contact, the NTAC receives and evaluates neighborhood traffic complaints. In instances of frequent or severe occurrences, the committee may recommend that the administration and Board of Supervisors consider implementing a traffic calming solution.

To address motorists' failure to come to a complete stop at stop signs, NTAC recommended the installation of new "Stop means Stop" signs. The committee also championed the new adaptive traffic signal at Lincoln Highway and Oxford Valley Road; and the PennDOT redesign project for the intersection near the Wawa on Bristol Oxford Valley Road.

In 2018, Falls Township had 1,346 traffic crashes. Five traffic fatalities occurred last year. Of those, two were pedestrian deaths and the others stemmed from motor

Don't Block Fire Hydrants

If your house was on fire would you want firefighters to have to wait while your neighbor moved his or her car? While it may sound unlikely, vehicles parked too close to fire hydrants could interfere with firefighting capabilities.

Just a reminder that state law requires that motorists park no closer than 15 feet from a fire hydrant.

vehicle crashes. Many factors contribute to the likelihood of a vehicle crash. Speeding, running red lights, running stop signs, distracted driving, driving while impaired and tailgating are among the top causes of crashes – and are all preventable.

To learn more about the Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee visit <https://www.fallstwp.com/government/neighborhood-traffic-advisory-committee.aspx>. If you would like to share a traffic-related concern with the committee, please complete the complaint form, which is available here: <https://www.fallstwp.com/tools-resources/complaint-form.aspx>.

Beware of pool and spa dangers

You may be on vacation or away from home and be unfamiliar with the swimming facilities and the dangers that may be present from suction outlet entrapment or disembowelment. Many swimming facilities were designed with filters or circulation systems that allow suction so great, that a person can be held at the bottom causing serious injury or possible drowning. An infant or small child can be placed over a drain in a baby pool that could cause disembowelment.

Today's swimming facilities are supposed to be designed with dual drains, special covers, and/or vacuum breakers that will help prevent a suction outlet from having such suction that it could cause injury or possibly death.

Always be aware of the dangers that may be present by faulty drain grates or excessive suction. If you see a drain grate that is not properly placed or missing, let someone know right away. Your acknowledgment and reporting of a defective or missing drain grate may prevent an injury or even a drowning.



Falls Enacts Zoning Ordinance Updates

Just as the Lorax speaks for the trees in the Dr. Seuss children's story, so too do the Falls Township Board of Supervisors.

The governing body, in an effort to update its zoning ordinances, recently adopted revised regulations for various sections related to earth disturbance, regulation and placement of PODS and dumpsters, rights of way, and set tree protection standards.

Township attorney Lauren Gallagher said the earth disturbance update was a "complete rewrite" aimed at ensuring compliance with state regulations and requiring access to easements.

The ordinance related to PODS (Portable On Demand Storage) units, is a new one for the Township. It requires a permit and provides for a limited duration of use.

Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie

said PODS are commonly used during home renovations, fire cleanup, or relocation. The ordinance was needed, he said, because "our ordinance says nothing about them," meaning that without the regulation the Township could not restrict where they can be located or duration of use.

The goal of the tree protection ordinance is to ensure that all permits for earth disturbance, demolition, building, subdivision, land development or zoning change application "shall respect existing trees as a natural resource," according to the ordinance. The regulation requires that applicants "preserve the healthy trees" onsite "whenever possible."

The ordinance aims to maintain existing trees and increase the tree canopy and understory on public and private property.

The provision prohibits clear cutting of trees. It also requires that all applications include a tree survey plan denoting each tree to be saved, lost or destroyed, the location of tree protection fences and the proposed tree replacement schedule. Any tree lost or destroyed within five years prior to an application submission must be replaced.

For the past few years, Falls Township staff and attorneys have combed through a three-ring binder containing the Township's zoning ordinance to determine which areas are most in need of updating.

"It really has been a few years of work," Harvie said, adding that Township staff and professionals have gone through "every one page by page and look for any inconsistency."

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Board: Roads Part of Utility Repair

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance that could potentially make travel smoother – and safer – for motorists driving on roads that were recently opened for water main or other utility work.

The Board unanimously adopted an ordinance that would ensure that roads are adequately fixed following construction.

The so-called “curb to curb ordinance” requires that a developer or utility company repair the entire road, from curb to curb, following excavation on a portion of the street, according to Township attorney Lauren Gallagher.

Doing so ensures that the “pavement is even and less likely to fall into repair,” she said.

Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said roads that are patched in part tend to be “lumpy.” Under the new ordinance, that will no longer be the case.

“This makes (the developer or utility company) have to do it,” Harvie said. “They have to patch the entire road.”

The ordinance sets standards for how contractors and utility service providers must repair roads once work is complete. Many other municipalities have similar ordinances in force.

The ordinance outlines various requirements, as well as penalties for delays. The amendments mandate that permanent paving



be constructed within 30 days after the installation of temporary paving. If defects appear within a year of the permanent installation as a result of defective restoration, Falls would require the applicant to pay for all necessary repairs.

On roads that are less than five years old, Falls would require that the applicant overlay the traffic lanes in which the opening was made for the entire length of roadway in instances where a longitudinal opening longer than 100 linear feet has been made in the pavement. In addition, when four or more openings

have been made by the same applicant within 100 linear feet of pavement, the applicant would be required to overlay traffic lanes in which the openings were made for the entire length of the highway.

Regardless of the age of the road, if more than 100 feet of longitudinal or transverse openings, or both, are made in the pavement, Falls reserves the right to require the applicant to overlay traffic lanes for the entire road “if the Township engineer determines that the rideability or structural integrity of the pavement has been impaired by the openings,” according to the proposed ordinance.

Falls Sets Wheels in Motion for Annual Road Program

With an eye on motorists’ safety while traveling on Falls Township roadways, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to contract with Jones Engineering Associates to undertake various duties related to the Township’s annual road program.

For 2019, Falls plans to carry out full depth reconstruction of five Township roads in the Hedgerow Woods section of Falls, including Fletcher Drive, Rice Drive, Lions Drive, Simons Drive and Gilbert Drive. In addition, a portion of Elbow Lane between Stony Hill Road and the Falls Township boundary has been designated for mill and overlay improvements.

Road work is typically undertaken sometime in the spring



or summer months once weather is consistently above freezing.

As part of the company’s proposal, the engineering firm would prepare design, bid and construction documents for the road program improvement project and would also prepare the project specification, bid schedules, advertisements and attend pre-bid meetings. Jones Engineering Associates would also obtain professional surveying and base mapping services and perform a PA One-Call for all available information related to the various underground utilities that could be present in the work

zone. Cost of the company’s services related to this project is \$294,500.

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.

We welcome the following new business additions:

- Malay Thai Kitchen, LLC**, 8800 New Falls Road, Levittown
- Stages Academy**, 8919 New Falls Road, Levittown
- Professional Tank & Environmental**, 908 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills
- Box Drop of Delaware Valley**, 163 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills
- Luxury Autohaus Group, LLC**, 210 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills
- AP Modern Electric**, 246 Pinewood Drive, Levittown
- Infinity Tax & Accounting, LLC**, 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 152, Fairless Hills
- 3J Floors and Blinds, Inc.**, 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite F10, Fairless Hills
- Spirit Halloween**, 330 Commerce Boulevard, Fairless Hills
- New Ultimate Billing**, 433 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills
- TJOR Holdings, LLC**, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 122, Morrisville
- AREPII BC Industrial, LLC**, 3000 W. Cabot Boulevard, Langhorne
- Heisenbooks**, 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 208, Fairless Hills
- Tile Maya**, 714 Auburn Road, Fairless Hills
- WeBuyAnyCar.com**, 200 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills



- Salon Centric**, 110 Lincoln Highway, Suite 1, Fairless Hills
- Living Wellness**, 443 Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills
- LKQ Best Automotive**, 199 Canal Road, Suite 100, Fairless Hills
- Ninerell Insurance**, 830 W. Trenton Avenue, Suite 6, Morrisville
- Progressive Living Units**, 242 W. Trenton Avenue, Morrisville
- Progressive Living Units**, 2 Wildrose Lane, Levittown
- Elite Massage Therapy of Bucks County**, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 110, Morrisville
- McAllister Construction**, 5054 Grace Dr., Morrisville
- John Beck Towing, LLC**, 9266 E. Tyburn Road, Morrisville



2019 Spring Yard Waste Cleanup

The 2019 yard waste cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 13. Please have it out in the same location as your regular trash pickup by 6 a.m. Yard waste must be bagged in 30-gallon biodegradable paper bags or placed in 30-gallon trash containers without lids. Branches must be no larger than 4' in length, bundled, and not to exceed 50 pounds.

PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS

Bulk Disposal Day Is Set For April 20

Mark your calendars for the next FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY, which will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. This bulk disposal 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.

WHERE: GROWS Landfill behind Waste Management's Turkey Hill Office 1000 New Ford Mill Road, Falls Township

DROP OFF: Bulky waste items, yard waste and appliances. For additional information please call Waste Management at (800) 869-5566.

PLEASE NOTE: The following materials cannot be accepted: liquids, oil, paint, car batteries, propane tanks, gas cylinders, hazardous household wastes, tires, chemicals, pesticides and spray cans. No refrigerators, air conditioners or freezers. No electronics, including TVs, computer equipment, stereo equipment, or any other electrical item that plugs in or operates on batteries. Bucks County organizes household hazardous waste collections throughout the year. For further details on the household hazardous waste collections, please call (215) 345-3400.

Falls Township 2019 Street Sweeping Schedule

Listed below is the Spring 2019 street sweeping schedule. On the date(s) when your street is scheduled to be cleaned, please do not park your vehicle(s) on the street between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. If the street sweeper does not arrive on the scheduled day(s), please keep your vehicle(s) off the street during the above mentioned hours until the sweeper cleans your street.

The schedule was prepared so the sweeper will not be on the same day as the recycling pickup day. However, it was unavoidable to miss every trash collection day conflict as we sweep all streets prior to Memorial Day weekend.

If your neighbor is parking his/her vehicle(s) on the street, please ask them to remove the vehicle until the street sweeper has cleaned your street.

<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>SWEEPING DATE</u>
Township main roads	March 18-29
Willowwood	April 1
Makefield Road Village.....	April 2
Penns Place & Decou Village.....	April 3-4
Old Fallsington areas/Fallsington Woods.....	April 5
Lakeside.....	April 8
Penns Grant.....	April 9-10
Elderberry.....	April 11-12
Birch Valley.....	April 15-16
Pinewood	April 17-18
Fairless Hills-South of Trenton Road, including Fairbridge and Drexelwood	April 22-23
Hedgerow Woods.....	April 24-25
Rue Court/Amelia Drive & Amelia Turn/ Orchard Drive and Mill Creek Estate.....	April 26
North Park – including Nasturtium Lane and New Pond Lane.....	April 29-30
Yardley Farms.....	May 1-2
Pennsbury Heights.....	May 3
Thornridge.....	May 7-8
Vermillion Hills.....	May 9-10
Nottingham, Taylor Tract, Penn Village.....	May 14-15
Fairless Hills-North of Trenton Road, including Oak Lane, Pennsylvania Avenue, Arleans Avenue and Lebbie Lane.....	May 16-17
Bristol Road/Lacy Avenue, Reed Avenue, Penn Valley Ext., Wheatsheaf Road, East Tyburn Road, Corbin Lane, Cedar Lane, Lewis Avenue, Ferry Road, East Post Road, Biles Lane, Island Street, Third Street.....	May 21
Township Parks/Industrial Parks.....	May 20, 22-24
Maintenance Day.....	May 6

Public Works at Work For You

The Falls Township Public Works Department is responsible for many tasks aimed at providing a superior service to Falls Township residents. Public Works achieves this by maintaining and improving the Township's infrastructure, as well as providing support to other Township Departments.

The Public Works Department is involved in many aspects of the Township's operations. The department works with the Parks and Recreation Department, Fire Marshal's Office, Code Enforcement and the Police Department to ensure the best possible service and an enhanced quality of life to Falls Township residents.

Falls Township Public Works asks that property owners maintain their roadside landscaping and trees. Roadside landscaping and trees that are not maintained and protrude into the roadway become a safety issue for pedestrians and motorists using Township roadways. All roadside landscaping and trees shall be trimmed back approximately 1 foot behind the face of the curb line or edge of pavement and to a minimum height of 13 feet. Corner property owners and owners that reside on the inside curvature of a roadway shall take extra care to make sure their landscaping does not interfere with sight line distances.



Properly maintained landscaping allows for safe passage of pedestrians and motorists using our roadways.

If residents have questions on what the Public Works Department maintains, I urge you to call the office at **(215) 949-9000 ext. 280** or email j.lawson@fallstwp.com. We will get to your service request ASAP or I will try my best to get you whatever answer I can to help you.

Falls Seeks Grant to Improve Intersections

With an eye on improving public safety at intersections, the Falls Township Board of Supervisors set the wheels in motion for the submission of a PennDOT grant to cover the bulk of upgrades at West Trenton and Alden avenues, as well as the installation of a solar-powered flashing school zone system at Fallsington Elementary School.

The board approved a proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for grant writing services related to the projects. The firm completed a Green Light Go Program application and submitted it to PennDOT along with supporting docu-

mentation, as well as a scope of work for the projects and cost estimates.

If the grant is approved, Falls would be required to provide a 20 percent match.

In terms of improvements, the intersection of West Trenton and Alden avenues would be made handicap accessible. The lights would be re-signalized, re-timed and the intersection would be reconfigured, according to Christopher Fazio, Remington & Vernick executive vice president.

At the Fallsington Elementary School location, the addition of a solar-powered flashing school zone system would provide added safety and help to slow speeds

down, Fazio said.

Falls has been successful in obtaining Green Light Go grants previously, including funds to improve the traffic signalization at Mill Creek and Levittown parkways.

"We've done all of the major intersections," Supervisor Chairman Bob Harvie said.

The governing body had considered installing flashing signals at Fallsington Elementary School previously, but found prices to be "really, really high," according to Harvie. The state grant would cover 80 percent of the expense, making it much more affordable.



SEPTA Can Help

Do you work in Philadelphia and drive in every day? Know your commute options! An alternative ride to work from lower Bucks County to driving on I-95 is to park at the Cornwells Heights Park-and-Ride in Bensalem Township and ride the SEPTA Regional Rail Trenton Line into Center City.

Need help planning your trip? Contact TMA Bucks (tmabucks.com) by calling **(215) 244-9082** or by email brandon@bctma.com for more information!

Smoke Alarms

Working smoke alarms save lives. However, people who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be able to depend on the traditional smoke alarm to alert them to a fire.



for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For added safety, interconnect all the smoke alarms. If one sounds, they all sound. This gives people more time to escape.

SAFETY TIPS

- Smoke alarms and alert devices are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Strobe lights flash when the smoke alarm sounds. The lights warn people of a possible fire.
- When people who are deaf are asleep, a pillow or bed shaker can wake them so they can escape. The shaker is activated by the sound of a smoke alarm.
- When people who are hard of hearing are asleep, an alert device that uses a loud, mixed, low-pitched sound can wake them. They may find a pillow or bed shaker helpful. These devices are triggered by the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Research the products and select the ones that best meet your needs.

WHERE TO FIND EQUIPMENT

Search home improvement store websites or use a general search engine to look for strobe light smoke alarms. BRK/First Alert, Gentex, and Kidde brands offer this type of smoke alarm. Find smoke alarm accessories such as pillow or bed shakers, transmitters, and receivers at lifetonesafety.com, safeawake.com and silentcall.com. Choose devices that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.



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FACT

Home fire sprinklers keep fires small. This gives people more time to escape in a fire.

AND DON'T FORGET...
Test all smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.



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CFL Light Bulb Safety

Energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) are becoming more common in homes and at work. In addition to using less electricity, they also have a positive impact on the global climate. Here are some important safety tips you should know about CFLs.



PURCHASE CFL LIGHT BULBS that have the listing label of a recognized testing laboratory. Light bulbs labeled by a recognized testing lab will ensure that the bulb meets the latest product safety standards.

When a CFL Burns Out

- »» When a CFL bulb burns out it may smoke and the plastic base may blacken. This is normal and is not a fire safety issue.
- »» CFLs should never be discarded with household trash. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that consumers use local recycling options for CFLs. Contact your local government or visit epa.gov/cfl/cflrecycling to identify local recycling options.

If a CFL Breaks

CFLs are made of glass and can break. Be careful when removing from packaging and installing or removing from a socket. If a CFL breaks:

- OPEN a window to allow the room to air out for 5–10 minutes.
- People and pets should LEAVE the room.
- TURN OFF forced air heating and/or air conditioning.
- COLLECT broken glass and visible powder using stiff cardboard, tape or a damp paper towel.
- PLACE the debris in a glass jar or a plastic bag in a safe location outside until you can dispose of it.
- CONTACT your local government to find out how to dispose of the debris
- CONTINUE airing out the room for several hours.

NOTE

Consider checking the Consumer Product Safety Commission (cpsc.gov) for recalls of CFLs that may present a fire danger.

FACT

CFL bulbs contain a small trace of **mercury** within the glass. When broken, mercury will immediately dissipate into the air. Concentrations of mercury will likely approach zero in an hour or so.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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Lithium Ion Battery Safety for Consumers



Lithium ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, scooters, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. Take care when using them. In rare cases, they can cause a fire or explosion.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Keep batteries at room temperature.
- Do not place batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot vehicles.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

High-Tech Luggage

Some major airlines no longer accept 'smart' luggage with non-removable lithium ion batteries as checked or carry-on luggage. The powerful batteries can potentially overheat and pose a fire hazard during flight.

In some instances, smart bags with removable lithium ion batteries will be allowed on board if the battery can be removed on site and taken on board with the customer. Check with your airline for restrictions.



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Fast Facts From Waste Management...

...on Waste Removal

When should trash be placed at the curb?

Place trash and recyclables out after 6 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 clearly marked 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, 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.

FREE YOUR RECYCLABLES.

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Add Your Name to the 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>.

NO SOLICITING

Cut this out and place it in a visible spot in the front of your house to ensure your privacy is not violated by solicitors.