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Adapting to the 'New Normal'

It is true what they say about the only constant being change. So much of life as we had known it seems to have forever changed – or at least for the foreseeable future.

Like everyone else, I miss in-person gatherings and shaking the hand of a new acquaintance. I miss sitting next to my fellow Supervisors to hear land development plans and updates from our department heads. Since spring, the Board has held its monthly meetings virtually. I understand that adapting to this new normal was necessary, yet I still miss the way it was pre-COVID.

The pandemic has presented personal and/or financial hardships for all of us, seemingly changing in an instant day-to-day habits like shopping for groceries, greeting a loved one, going to work and educating our kids. In these times of great change and almost constant flux, it is important to know that we are all weathering the same storm. We all are struggling in our own ways and hoping for an end to what has become the new normal.

Our small business community has been battling a near-constant storm of closures, limited capacity, and reduced offerings in the wake of the pandemic. One thing that has not changed is the importance of supporting our local businesses. Now, more than ever, our local restaurants, retailers and service providers need our backing to stay afloat. Businesses are struggling not only to make ends meet, but to maintain their staffing levels while continuing to provide the great service we have all come to expect. Supporting our businesses has a domino effect. Eating at one restaurant, for example, means more business for our local produce stores, grocers, and bakeries. Together the fabric of our small business community helps build a stronger economy for everyone's benefit.

In my last message, I had shared that the Township's Live Here, Spend Here campaign had reached its five-year anniversary. Since 2015, the township has actively promoted our local businesses in articles on our Website and mentions on our social media pages. I also highlighted a Pizza Tour that I had hoped to begin in 2020 in collaboration with the Community and Economic Development Committee. The thought is to encourage repeat visits to our Township's many pizzerias. We would still like to move forward on the Pizza Tour. However, like most things envisioned for this year, our planning has been sidelined for the time being.

I wish I could say when we will move forward with the Pizza Tour, events, and other offerings we have had to cancel this spring and summer. The truth is, I do not know. If only I could see into the future and know when we could resume some semblance of our normal routines ... That would be great, wouldn't it?

Until then, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy and adapting as best as possible to the various changes we have all encountered these last few months.



-Jeffrey Dence

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Police Department

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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 <https://bit.ly/3iYablr>.

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No Parking On or Blocking Sidewalks

Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75) section 3353 (a) (2) (ii) prohibits parking a motor vehicle on a sidewalk. The fine is \$50. Residents cannot park their cars in any way that blocks a sidewalk or they are subject to being issued a state parking citation.

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**.

Find Us On Social Media



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.



Police Reports Available Online

Police reports are now available online through Crashdocs.org. Cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents and insurance companies. Online report availability is provided through Carfax, which also offers an investigative element for police.

"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.

Police Chief Wilcox Retires

Reflects on 48 Years of Service

Falls Township Police Chief Bill Wilcox cannot recall what triggered his love of police work and his nearly lifelong pursuit of a law enforcement career.

“Probably when I was in grade school,” Wilcox said, remembering a visit a trooper paid to students at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. “I just always knew that my career path or my goal in life was to be a policeman.”

The Penn del native had been attending college for general business when some friends returning from the Vietnam War mentioned that the Falls Township Police Department was hiring. In April 1973, Wilcox took the test to become a police officer.

“The next thing I know I was in the state police academy,” he said, adding that he took night courses to finish college while enrolled in the academy.

Wilcox, who worked his last day on Aug. 31, began his career with Falls Township Police Department on July 9, 1973.

“My entire career has been here in Falls Township. I’m just lucky,” Wilcox said. “When I came up here, I knew nothing about Falls Township. Probably it was a good thing. I had no expectations. I just knew I wanted to be the best policeman I could.”

Early in his career Wilcox worked in undercover narcotics with the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office. Knowing he wanted to go into the investigative field, he applied himself and soon advanced to detective. He later became a supervisor and was promoted to sergeant, eventually becoming lieutenant. On Oct. 17, 2007, Wilcox became the police department’s top cop with his promotion to police chief.

“I wanted to try my ideas out,” Wilcox said of returning to college to obtain his master’s degree. “I knew I wanted to head a police department.”

He was offered two chief positions. At the time, his mother-in-law was ill, and Wilcox opted to stay local. Soon after, then-Chief Neil Harkins resigned from the Falls Township Police Department.

The Falls Supervisors asked him to serve as acting chief before naming him Chief of Police.

“Everything was timing in life,” Wilcox said.

During his time as chief, Wilcox created the Coffee with a Cop initiative, which brings the community together with police to discuss concerns over a cup of coffee. He also spearheaded the Chief for a Day program, which highlights fifth-grade students and gives them an inside-look at running the police department.

“The goal of all these programs is communication,” Wilcox said. “You want to get across that you’re listening to their needs, you’re listening to their wants. Sometimes you’re listening and you try their solution and it doesn’t work. You want them to know that you do care and you are listening.”

Even as he looks to a future following his police career, Wilcox said he will still be there, still listening, still ready and willing to lend a hand.

“I’ll still be a police officer. I just won’t be arresting people,” he said. “When they put me in a box that’s who I’ll be. I’ll be a police officer. It sounds a little morbid. It’s who I am.”

With 48 years of policing under his belt, retiring does not come easy.

“At some point in time you have to say when is enough?” Wilcox said. “You’ve got to give other people the opportunity too.”

The Falls Supervisors have appointed Lt. Nelson Whitney to serve as interim chief effective Sept. 1 and as police chief effective Jan. 1, 2021.

Wilcox intends to take some time to decide what his post-police life will entail. Having more time to spend with his wife, their four children, and grandchildren is a top priority. He also plans to continue coaching Pennsbury softball next spring. And, more than likely, the self-proclaimed “car nut” will show some of his hot rods – including a 1948 Chevy that he refurbished entirely – at car shows or cruise nights.

“I have a wonderful life,” Wilcox said. “I have no complaints.”



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**Bill Wilcox,
Outgoing Police Chief**

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Whitney Named New Chief of Police

The Township Police Department will have a new top cop come 2021 when Lt. Nelson Whitney takes the helm as police chief.

The Supervisors accepted Police Chief William Wilcox's separation agreement during the May virtual board meeting. Wilcox is retiring from his long-time position at year's end.

The Supervisors voted unanimously to appoint Whitney as acting chief effective Sept. 1 and police chief effective Jan. 1, 2021. He will earn \$155,000 per year in his new position.

Supervisors Chairman Jeff Dence said the board collaborated with the Police Chiefs Association from Montgomery County in narrowing down a list of candidates. All three of the chiefs recommended Whitney, Dence said, adding that he is a "great addition."



"We look forward to working with him," Dence said.

Lt. Whitney's police career began in Falls Township on Aug. 9, 1988. His new chapter as acting chief and, come next year chief of police, will mark 32 years of police work.

"It has been an honor serving the community of Falls Township as a police officer for the last 32

years," Whitney said. "I look forward to the challenges of this new position and thank the Board for their confidence in me. We have excellent officers in the Falls Township Police Department, and I am proud to serve with them."

Lt. Whitney spent his first 10 years working as a police officer and EMT. In 1998, he transitioned to an investigator in the cold case homicide unit. He was promoted to detective in 1999 and detective corporal in 2002. In 2003, Whitney advanced to detective sergeant and served as supervisor of the detective division, a position he held for 10 years. In 2013, he was promoted to lieutenant, serving as the detective division commander for the following three years. In 2016, Whitney began his current role as lieutenant, serving as the patrol division commander.

As lieutenant, Whitney instituted a program of data-driven, proactive policing to help address community issues related to drug abuse and traffic crashes. He also developed a training profile for new patrol officers emphasizing proactive patrol and increased training of patrol officers in responding to active shooter incidents.

Throughout his tenure, Lt. Whitney has served as an instructor for the Falls Township Police Department Youth Police Academy, Falls Township Police Department Citizens Police Academy, as well as the Bucks County Police Training Center and Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) of Bucks County. A lecturer at Bucks County Community College and Pennsbury School District, Lt. Whitney has received numerous awards and commendations.



A Local Perspective to a National Issue

Police Chief Nelson Whitney brought the national conversation about criminal justice reform to the local arena during a recent Supervisors meeting.

Nationwide protests following the death of George Floyd due to excessive police force have prompted some to call for major overhauls to law enforcement training, psychological evaluations and more.

Supervisor Jeff Rocco reached out to Whitney to find out how the township could ensure that officers were not using excessive force, are receiving adequate training and are not mistreating or racially profiling anyone. Their conversation prompted Whitney to share with the board steps the police department takes to make sure police treat everyone fairly.

"We do so much," Rocco said. "It should be made public to our citizens."

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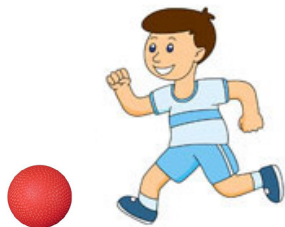
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If we can de-escalate, officers frequently do. There's a high value placed on human life.

**Nelson Whitney,
New Police Chief**

Parks and Recreation

Youth Kickball

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is once again holding a youth kickball program (ages 7-11) on Saturdays 10-11 a.m. at the Mill Creek Road Sports Complex (Levittown Continental Challenger Field). The program will begin September 12 and conclude on October 17. 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. **This program is tentative and will follow all COVID-19 restrictions and protocols**



Movie Night in the Park

Parks and Recreation will be holding a **FREE** movie night featuring "Frozen 2" at the Falls Township Community Park on Saturday October 3 at 7:30 p.m. The movie will be shown on the soccer field next to the pavilion (Mill Creek Road entrance to the park). Please bring your favorite chair and/or blanket and plenty of bug spray! Pre-registration will be required using an existing Capturepoint/Community Pass account. **There could be COVID-19 restrictions in place for this event. An announcement on these restrictions will be made as we get closer to the event date**

Yoga Classes To Be Held Outdoors



Outdoor Yoga at Three Arches! This program will be held Mondays 7-8 p.m. (weather permitting). Six-week session cost: Resident \$48; Non-resident \$54. Drop-in rate is \$10 per class. For further information or to register, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220. The program will move indoors to the Annex Building at the Falls Township Senior Center (282 Oxford Valley Road, Fairless

Hills, PA 19030) as the weather gets colder. **The indoor program is tentative based on what COVID-19 restrictions are in place at that time**

Medicare Information Workshop

Getting close to retirement and not quite sure what Medicare will and will not cover? Well, we are offering you the opportunity to get answers to these questions! A representative from DelVal Senior Advisers will be on hand to provide a **FREE** educational seminar on Thursday, October 1 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the public meeting room at the Falls Township Municipal Complex (188 Lincoln Highway). To pre-register, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email b.andrews@fallstwp.com. **Program is tentative and will only take place if indoor programming is permitted under COVID-19 restrictions**

Halloween Party

Parks and Recreation is excited to announce it will be holding its annual Halloween Party for children (all ages) on Saturday, October 24 from 1-3 p.m. at the Falls Township Senior Center. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Games, arts and craft activities, and prizes for the best costumes will be awarded. There is a nominal charge of \$1 per registrant. Pre-registration will be required for this event through your Capturepoint/Community Pass account. Any questions, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221. **If the Senior Center is not available due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will hold the event at the Falls Township Community Park Pavilion B (lakeside portion of the park) An announcement on that will come at a later date.**

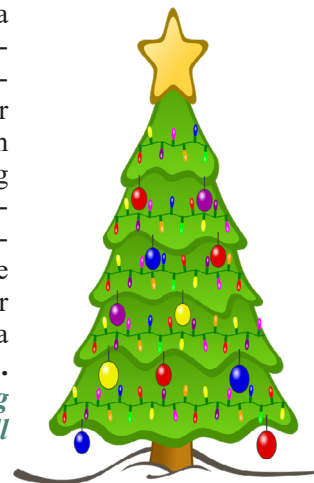


Fall Photo Contest

Parks and Recreation will be holding its sixth annual photo contest this Fall. Entries will be accepted (electronically only) beginning October 1 and continuing through November 30. Photos will be accepted for the following categories: Plants, Landscape, Architecture, Wildlife, and Other. Participants can submit as many photos as they wish but will only be eligible to receive one prize. All photos must be taken within the boundaries of Falls Township. For further information, please call Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220.

Holiday Party/Tree Lighting

Falls Township will be holding a holiday party and tree lighting ceremony at the Falls Township Senior Center on Saturday December 5 from 5-8 p.m. Pre-registration will be required using an existing Capturepoint/Community Pass account. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m. For information, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221. **This event is tentative depending on COVID-19 restrictions that will be in place at that time**



Parks and Recreation Board Meetings

The Park and Recreation Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Falls Township Municipal Complex (Suite 100-conference room) at 7 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. For questions or further information, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221. **If COVID-19 restrictions preventing indoor gatherings are still in place, meetings will be held remotely through Zoom**

Dual Roles Saves Falls Funds

With an eye on efficiency and substantial financial savings, the Falls Supervisors unanimously approved the appointments of Matthew Takita and Rich Dippolito to dual-role positions.

Takita, who was hired as Falls Township's assistant township manager and director of building, planning and code enforcement in October 2019, has been serving as interim township manager since February following the departure of former manager Peter Gray. During the Falls Supervisors' virtual meeting in June, the board voted unanimously to make Takita's township manager position official.

As part of his contract, Takita will earn \$160,000 per year. He will continue to serve as director of building, planning and code enforcement as well.

In his short time with Falls, Supervisors Chairman Jeff Dence said Takita has "turned around the code department" – and saved the township a full-time salary to boot.

The Supervisors named Falls Township Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito as assistant township manager effective Aug. 1. Dippolito continues to serve as fire marshal, as he has done since 2008. As Director of Emergency Services/Assistant Manager, Dippolito will assist Takita on an as-needed basis, according to Dence.

"The Supervisors are excited to expand Rich's duties," Dence said. "Since he began his career with Falls almost 20 years ago, Rich has and continues to be an asset to our township and community."

Dippolito was hired in 2002 as a fire inspector. By August 2008, he was promoted to fire marshal and emergency management coordinator. In his new role,



Matt Takita

Falls Township Manager and Director of Building, Planning and Code Enforcement

Dippolito will earn \$130,000 per year.

In addition to his work with the township, Dippolito has served as a volunteer firefighter for Fairless Hills Fire Department since January 1978. He served nearly 20 years as the fire department's chief.

Prior to his work with Falls Township, Takita served for 24 years as Bensalem Township's director of building and planning department. While at Bensalem Township, he authored zoning regulations for a 675-acre revitalization district on the Delaware River.

A 1991 Bachelor of Science in Architecture graduate of Spring Garden College, Takita has worked in public service since 1992.

He holds two dozen certifications from the International Code Council, including



Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito

Falls Township Director of Emergency Services and Assistant Township Manager

Building Code Specialist, Mechanical Code Official, Fire Plans Examiner, Residential Building Inspector, Master Code Professional and Certified Building Official, among others. Takita has more than a dozen Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code licenses, including Residential Building Inspector, Residential Mechanical Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Fire Inspector and Building Code Official.

Takita is a member and former chair of the International Code Council - Building Code Exam Advisory Committee, which assisted the country in transitioning from three separate building codes to one standard code. In addition, he prepared the national certification exam for building inspectors across the country from 1999 through 2006.

Bulk Disposal Day Set For October 17

Mark your calendars for the next FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY, which will be held on Saturday, October 17 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**.

Supervisors Applaud Elcon Withdrawal

After more than a year-long battle in court, the fight to keep a large hazardous waste facility out of Falls Township has finally come to a close.

Israel-based Elcon Recycling Services officially withdrew its application with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to build a large facility in Falls. DEP has said it will discontinue review of the application.

The withdrawal also means Elcon will abandon a long-standing court appeal stemming from the Falls Township Board of Supervisors' April 30, 2019 plan rejection.

An official from U.S. Steel told Falls officials that Elcon has also dissolved the option it had on a 23-acre parcel of land situated at the Keystone Industrial Port Complex where the company had planned

to build the hazardous waste treatment plant. Typically, with land development projects, a would-be owner has an option on land, or purchases/leases it contingent upon the developer receiving the necessary approvals and the project moving forward. Elcon has ceased its land acquisition agreement for the U.S. Steel property.

In its letter to the DEP, Elcon cites "the current business climate, including impacts of COVID-19" as the reason for not continuing its pursuit of expansion into the U.S. via the Falls Township site.

A groundswell of opposition had followed the Elcon plan for the last several years. Residents from Falls, as well as Bucks County and throughout the region regularly attended Falls Supervisors meetings along with representatives from

environmental groups, urging the board to deny Elcon's application. Until early 2019, the township did not have an Elcon land development plan and could not formally review the project without one. In April 2019, following a review and opposing comments from a standing-room-only crowd, the board unanimously rejected the plan.

Now with the legal fight over, the Falls Supervisors are breathing a collective sigh of relief.

"On behalf of the Falls Township Board of Supervisors, I am pleased with Elcon's decision to withdraw its application," Supervisors Chairman Jeff Dence said. "This plan was not a good fit for our community, which is why our board unanimously rejected the application last year."

Falls Site of First-Ever Drive Thru Wawa

If all goes according to plan, the first-ever drive thru only Wawa store will open by year's end in Falls Township.

The Falls Supervisors approved land development plans in 2017 for an adjacent Wawa situated at the former Acme, as well as a 14,578-square-foot pharmacy - which has since opened as a Rite Aid - and a 1,850-square-foot restaurant with a drive through.

The 1,840-square-foot drive thru only Wawa would be built in place of the restaurant. The store would be located at the intersection of West Trenton Avenue and Pine Grove Road.

Wawa submitted site plans to Falls Township recently and anticipates opening the store on Dec. 10.

Wawa Real Estate Project Engineer Mike Redel said Wawa chose the Falls Township location because the intersection sees an average of 25,000 cars per day and is in the commercial district near a strong residential population.

"Wawa is very excited about our planned Drive Thru location in Falls Township. This is a brand-new venture for us, and we think this location is the perfect place to test it," Redel said. The drive thru window will front Route 13.

Wawa is under construction in Westampton, N.J. for a similar concept, which adds a drive thru window to a con-



venience store. However, the model being implemented in Falls is a bit different.

"It is meant to serve drive thru customers only, with no customer access to the store," Redel said of the Falls Township location. "The menu will be limited to our most popular items, with a focus on value bundles with chips and a drink."

The new store will offer curbside pickup in addition to drive thru service.

The company will spend more than \$2 million on the location, which will feature state-of-the-art technology for order taking and tracking. The store is expected to employ 25 associates, including four full-time employees.

Wawa reviewed more than 50 poten-

tial locations to determine where would be best for its first drive thru only store. Ultimately, the company chose Falls Township for its loyal customer base and the site's full access to two signalized roadways.

Falls Supervisor Chairman Jeff Dence expressed excitement at the township being the first-ever site of such an innovative concept.

"Particularly in the wake of COVID-19, with concerns over minimizing person-to-person contact, Wawa's drive thru only store just makes sense," Dence said. "Falls Township is proud to help Wawa pioneer such a forward-thinking development."

Hundreds of New Jobs Coming

Supervisors Review Plan for Large Warehouse

The Falls Supervisors recently discussed the possibility of a large-scale warehouse planned for more than 95 acres along the Delaware River.

The board reviewed a sketch plan from Stalwart Equities for construction of 916,300 square feet of warehouse space and 60,000 square feet of office space. The bulk of the property – 84.664 acres – is at the former Solvay tract. Two other parcels are comprised of land on South Pennsylvania Avenue and a portion of the former Rogers Foam tract on East Post Road.

The property is bound by industrial uses along East Post Road to the north, the Delaware River to the east and Biles Creek, vacant land to the south and a mix of commercial and residential properties to the east between the site and South Pennsylvania Avenue.

Samuel Wachsman, Stalwart Equities president, told the board that his industrial development company has undertaken multiple projects in central and northern New Jersey. The Falls building would be used mainly for storage.

Wachsman said the building would not house hazardous materials or toxic chemicals.

The warehouse would employ 500 or more local workers. The project would



generate \$963,000 in real estate taxes to Pennsbury School District, \$41,000 in municipal taxes and \$33,000 in annual local services taxes.

Stalwart officials have not yet submitted a land development plan. Until plans are submitted, the Supervisors cannot formally review or vote on the project. Stalwart officials intend to file a preliminary land development application this fall and a final land development application in spring 2021.

Falls would need to schedule, advertise, and hold a public hearing on the application. To move forward, the Supervisors would need to grant conditional use approval since warehouses are not a permitted use in the riverfront district.

A similar development in Woodbridge, N.J. is in the works and will be built to suit a tenant or tenants. Walmart is a tenant for a separate project in Long Island, N.Y.

The Falls site could house one tenant or be subdivided to house up to four. Details on occupancy would not be known until the project is finalized and marketed.

Stalwart's traffic consultant told the board that the property would host 700 vehicles daily. Of those, 150 to 200 per day would be trucks.

Developers are planning to widen South Pennsylvania Avenue to help accommodate traffic. In addition, the warehouse would have separate truck and passenger vehicle access. The truck route would be Route 13 to Tyburn Road to South Pennsylvania Avenue. Trucks exiting the site would be directed to turn left and head south along South Pennsylvania Avenue. Passenger vehicles would be able to access the site from both the South Pennsylvania Avenue and East Post Road driveways.

The Supervisors spoke favorably of the project and its economic impact.

Former US Steel Property Site of Two Projects

With an eye on creating new jobs and expanding industry in Falls, the Supervisors unanimously granted land development approval for two projects at the former US Steel site. The projects would yield dozens of new jobs.

Conshohocken-based MM Metals USA, LLC is creating a "new operation, new entity" on a 3.738-acre lot leased from US Steel, according to attorney Michael Meginniss of Begley, Carlin and Mandio. The company would employ 60 to 70 new workers. Plans call for construction of a 27,694-square-foot industrial land development, consisting of a 2,844-square-foot office/laboratory and workshop; a 15,120-square-foot building with silos, a substation and a cooling water/heat exchanger for the manufacturing of ferrochrome; and a 10,000-square-foot building for aluminum.

MM Metals would operate around the clock, but would not have overnight truck storage, loud noise, or impacts on water or air. The company would be handling aluminum scrap, lime, and ferrochrome primarily, he said and would not be working with radioactive or contaminated material.

"We did go through the EPA process. We were approved," Meginniss said. "There was no negative impact from an environmental standpoint and no loud noises on site."

Ferrochrome, a type of alloy between chromium and iron, is used in jet engines. The Department of Defense stockpiles 30,000 tons of ferrochrome. MM Metals will produce 18,000 tons annually. Once the Falls operation is open, the company would be the "only domestic producer," he said.

"You're the only domestic manufacturer and you're going to be right here in Falls Township," Supervisors Chairman Jeff Dence said.

In addition to the land development approval for MM Metals, the Supervisors voted in favor of an amended land development for Gelest Realty, Inc. to construct a 550-square-foot accessory building on a 6.972-acre parcel situated in the New Ford Mill Industrial Park. The addition would allow for the increase in manufacturing capabilities as the company "assists in the fighting" of COVID-19.

Warehouse Planned for KIPC Site

The Falls Supervisors advanced plans that call for construction of a warehouse and office building to support approximately 128 employees at the Keystone Industrial Port Complex.

The Supervisors voted unanimously to grant preliminary and final land development approval for the 18.31-acre J.G. Petrucci tract. The property is in the Materials Processing and Manufacturing Zoning District. The area is bound by Ben Fairless Drive to the west and Middle Drive to the east. The site has been used for more than 50 years for industrial operations. That same use would continue under the latest plan.

The warehouse building is intended for conveyance, product distribution, processing, manufacturing, and storage of materials. Plans entail constructing a 225,000-square-foot ware-

house building and 10,380-square-foot office building. Two driveways will be used to enter the property, one proposed for the northern entrance of the site and one at the southern portion of the site.

Attorney Ed Murphy, who represents the developer, said the owner would not house hazardous materials and said it would be a “clean” use of the site. The property is currently owned by Hiossen, Inc., 85 Ben Fairless Drive.

Supervisor Chairman Jeff Dence said the land development approval does not give the developer complete freedom to do as he or she wishes on the property. Any project that does not fit the township’s zoning would need to go before the zoning hearing board, he said.

Supervisors Extend Outdoor Dining

Those eating at restaurants in Falls Township will be able to continue dining al fresco – should they prefer – at least through the end of October.

The Falls Supervisors voted unanimously to extend the provisions of its previously approved outdoor dining resolution. Originally, the resolution was approved in mid-June in response to the state’s reopening plan and limited capacity for indoor dining. The township’s resolution was set to expire 90 days following its adoption. With the extension, restaurants will be able to offer outdoor dining until Oct. 31.

“That’s a no-brainer for me,” Supervisors Chairman Jeff Dence said, urging the community to continue supporting the local business community. “Do your best to keep shopping in Falls. (Businesses) are doing the best they can to stay afloat.”

Extending the outdoor dining resolution was “the least we could do to help the business owners of Falls Township,” Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeff Boraski said.



Police Chief Offers Thoughts on Justice Reform

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Whitney outlined the various training that is required of Falls police officers, including cultural diversity; sexual harassment; and excited delirium. The latter is common with suspects on methamphetamine, bath salts, synthetic marijuana or PCP, Whitney said, noting that people “will resist and fight until they overheat and die.”

Falls police officers also undergo defensive tactics and firearms trainings three times a year. Frequent training helps officers better evaluate situations.

“When you watch some of these incidents that have occurred nationwide ... You say to yourself as an experienced officer, ‘why did that officer even have their gun out?’”

Other required trainings include avoiding in-custody deaths and injuries; de-escalation training; and procedural justice, which centers on giving people a voice and treating people with respect and being trustworthy.

The police department has a policy in place on bias-based policing. Each year, the department conducts a review of arrests made to examine the ethnicity of people arrested as compared to the demographics in the township. According to census data, 82.4 percent of Falls Township’s population is white. Data matches “quite nicely” with the demographics and indicates no sign of bias-based policing.

Neck restraining has been banned in the Falls Township Police Department for decades. Whitney, who has worked for

Falls police since 1988, said it was never in place during his 32-year career.

“That is not anything our officers are trained to do here or permitted to do by policy,” he said.

Instead, police have restraint belts and leg restraints in every patrol unit and cell blocks. Cell blocks also have a restraint chair. Restraints allow people to be handcuffed up front instead of behind their back.

Instead of deadly force, officers, when necessary, use less lethal options, including pepper spray, tasers and batons.

“If we can de-escalate, officers frequently do. There’s a high value placed on human life,” Whitney said. “They don’t resort to higher levels of force just because they can.”

New Traffic Signals Mean Less Waiting

How many times have you sat at a traffic light waiting to go when no other traffic is present in other directions? By 2021, this will be less of an issue for nearly two dozen Falls Township intersections with the installation of an adaptive traffic system.

In addition to the added convenience of faster travel, 80 percent of the projected \$1,355,900 installation cost will be covered by a Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission grant. Falls will chip in 20 percent - \$271,180 - for completion of adaptive signalization of up to 23 intersections.

The Falls Supervisors approved a proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide engineering and design services. Derrick Kennedy, Remington & Vernick project manager, told the board he expects construction to begin on the adaptive traffic signalization by spring or summer 2021 and complete that year. The effort will "better manage traffic" he said, adding that it will help to address recurring traffic issues.

"The signals optimize themselves in real time," Kennedy



said of the more efficient system. "This would be reactive to what's happening out there moment to moment."

Adaptive traffic signals adjust almost instantly to the changes in traffic. Instead of motorists having to wait for a pre-determined traffic cycle, adaptive traffic signals would change based on the volume of vehicles in any given lane, meaning the lane with no cars in it, for example, would not be given the green light while drivers in other lanes waited their turn.

The system upgrades will be an extension of a similar signal system completed in Middletown Township, where traffic congestion was said to have been greatly reduced. The new technology will provide Falls with less maintenance intensive signal timing plans and will give PennDOT im-

proved access for monitoring state roadways.

Adaptive signalization is planned for key corridors, including Lincoln Highway (Business Route 1), Tyburn Road, Oxford Valley Road and West Trenton Avenue.

Falls Moves Forward With 2020 Road Program

Smoother driving is coming to a half dozen Falls Township roads.

The Falls Supervisors voted unanimously to award its 2020 road improvement program to General Asphalt Paving Co. in the amount of \$3,046,575.67. The project received two bids. The other bidder came in at about \$200,000 higher, according to township engineer Joe Jones.

Falls had earmarked \$6.5 million for the project, including engineering fees. The project came in "significantly under budget," Jones said.

As part of the project, the following roads are planned for full-depth reconstruction: Simons Drive between Lions Drive and Bernard Drive; Gilbert Drive between Elbow Lane and Bernard Drive; Decou Drive between Walnut Lane and West

Trenton Avenue; and Burgess Avenue from dead end to North Lafayette Avenue. The following roads are planned for mill and overlay improvements: Elbow Lane from Stony Hill Road and the Falls Township boundary; Walnut Lane from the dead end to North Pennsylvania Avenue; and North Lafayette Avenue from North Pennsylvania Avenue to West Trenton Avenue.

The improvements include a portion of Elbow Lane in Lower Makefield Township. Officials said Lower Makefield would reimburse Falls for its portion of the project.

Jones Engineering Associates will provide construction inspection and oversight for all work within the project scope and attend weekly progress meetings.

In other business, the Supervisors ap-

proved a change order for the 2018 road program in the amount of \$7,670. Jones said the cost stemmed from an overage for topsoil. Jones worked to have the cost reduced by more than half of what the contractor had originally charged.

"We negotiated the best we could," Jones told the Supervisors. "We came to a fair arrangement."

Moving forward, Jones said work which incurs additional costs would not proceed until the township issues a written authorization.

"We're watching out and this won't happen again," Jones said.

The 2018 road program came in \$100,000 under budget and would not be impacted by the small change order, Jones said.



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Bins, Barrels Being Discontinued

Falls Township currently has 80-gallon Earth Machine Compost Bins and 55-gallon Rain Barrels available for purchase at the Falls Township Municipal Building. **We will no longer sell these two items once the current stock is depleted.** Compost bins cost \$45; and the rain barrels cost \$57.

For information, or to see if either is still in stock, please contact the Falls Township Finance Department at (215) 949-9000, ext. 233.

Doughboy Gets a Facelift



The Falls Supervisors hired Kreilick Conservation, LLC, a conservation company that had a hand in preserving the Rocky statue in Philadelphia, as well as historical monuments in Gettysburg and Washington D.C. to breathe new life into its limestone Doughboy statue. The company thoroughly cleaned the statue and pedestal, strengthened the stone, repaired a crack and recreated a missing barrel on the rifle stock. The brick walkway and low wall was also steam-cleaned to reduce soiling and biological growth.

Year-Round Food Drive Continues

Non-perishable food collections are often plentiful around the holidays. But, what about the other months of the year?

That was the question on Falls Township Director of Emergency Services/Assistant Manager Rich Dippolito's mind when he proposed to the Falls Supervisors his idea of offering a year-round food drive to benefit local food pantries.

"A kid should never be hungry," said Dippolito, noting that children in need line up early at school for breakfast because there is nothing to eat at home.

The easiest fix is to launch an ongoing food drive and invite the community to contribute non-perishable food items and toiletries as they are able. Pickup of donations can be arranged.

Donations would benefit a different Falls-area food pantry each month.

A representative of Mary's Cupboard Food Bank, which is located at St. Frances Cabrini Church on Oxford Valley Road, said the pantry is always in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal as well as various household and personal care items including toothpaste, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels.

Food pantries collect other non-perishable food items, including canned fruits and vegetables, as well as soup, canned pastas, crackers, cookies, bagged pasta, spaghetti sauce and more that is distributed to people in need.

To get involved

To arrange a food pickup, email Rich Dippolito at fallsfoodbank@fallstwp.com or send a message through the Falls Fire Marshal Facebook page. Donations will be picked up the first Wednesday of the month. Food should be left in bags at the curb for pickup. If you know a local food pantry that would benefit from food donations, please share with Rich.

Grant Aims for Hockey Rink Upgrades

Improvements are planned for the hockey rink at Falls Township Community Park. And, with any luck, most of the costs will be covered by a state grant.

The Board of Supervisors recently authorized submission of a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. If awarded, the grant is expected to cover \$138,988.60 of the total \$163,516 project with Falls Township contributing the remaining \$24,527.40.

"We were going to budget and spend the money," Supervi-

sors Chairman Jeff Dence said. "It's a pretty good deal since we were just going to (pay for) the whole thing."

Upgrades are aimed at improving the look and function of the roller hockey rink by resurfacing the rink, replacing the dasher board, restoring the fencing, painting, and marking the surface, and sealing cracks.

Parks and Recreation Director Brian Andrews said the project requires a two-part bid. Andrews said he hopes to have the resurfacing done this year, with remaining work to follow.

Why Support Local Businesses

Falls Township supports local business.



Follow us on Facebook to learn about businesses profiled as part of "Live Here, Spend Here."



The year 2020 will go down in history as one of the most challenging for businesses, particularly small businesses. In the wake of COVID-19, more and more retailers are closing stores, laying off employees and filing for bankruptcy.

It has perhaps never been more important to support our local business community. Restaurants, bars, fitness centers, dance studios, entertainment venues and small retailers are among some of the hardest-hit businesses. Many of these businesses had to close and, even after re-opening, had to do so with limited capacity, further impacting the business' bottom line.

The Community and Economic Development Commission would like to encourage Falls residents to shop local whenever possible.

If each of the 13,000 Falls Township households spend as little as \$20 weekly on takeout dinner, or a gift from a local boutique, we could ensure that more than \$13 million is spent within our township borders. The more spending our community does within Falls Township, the greater support we provide to our local businesses.

Our local businesses, in turn, give back to our community by:

- Creating local jobs for our neighbors
- Buying supplies and services from other local businesses
- Investing in our community
- Strengthening our local economy
- Generating tax revenue to reduce the need for municipal taxes

To learn more about some of the businesses located in Falls Township, visit our business directory: <https://www.fallstwp.com/information-services/falls-township-business-directory.aspx>. If you wish to have your business added to the directory, please fill out an online application here: <https://www.fallstwp.com/information-services/falls-township-business-directory/falls-township-business-directory-application.aspx>

Let's Hear From You

If you know of a Falls Township business you would like to see spotlighted, contact cedc@fallstwp.com.

Falls Welcomes New Business

Falls Township has had the pleasure of welcoming seven 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:

First Call Towing and Recovery, 1444 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

Law Office of Wayne Ely, 225 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills;

Tower Health Urgent Care, 8919 New Falls Road, Levittown;

Agostino Foods, 12 Headley Place, Fallsington;

Micro Trap Corp, 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 215, Fairless Hills;

R&J Fashion Variety, 636 Lincoln Highway, Suite 13, Fairless Hills;

KAP Auto Sales Inc., 910 Lincoln Highway, Morrisville.

Come in we're
OPEN

Carbon Monoxide a Real Threat

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide (CO).

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes, or standards. For best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.

- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.

- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to manufacturer's instructions.



CAN'T BE SEEN



CAN'T BE SMELLED



CAN'T BE HEARD



CAN BE STOPPED

- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call 911.

- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting. Do not run a vehicle or

other fueled engine or motors inside, even if the garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

- During and after snowstorms, make sure vents for dryers, furnaces, stoves, and fireplaces are clear from snow build-up.

- Generators should be used in well-ventilated locations outdoors, away from windows, doors, and vent openings.

- Gas and charcoal grills can produce CO – Only use outside.

Stay Safe on Halloween

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow stick in jack-o-lanterns.

- Be extremely cautious if using a real candle. Supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Place lit pumpkins far away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.



- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.

- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms are working.

- Tell children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Things to Keep in Mind This Fall

- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.

- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

- Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a coffee maker, space heater or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.

- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.

- Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.

- Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.



Did you know ...

Did you know that your address numbers must be clearly visible from the street? Emergency crews cannot help if they cannot find your residence. Numbers should contrast from their background and be 4 inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch. The numbers shall be Arabic numerals (e.g. 1 2 3 4) or alphabetical letters (e.g. A B C...) and not spelled out.

Safety Tips From the Fire Marshal

Be Thankful ... and Safe

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children at least three feet away from the stove.
Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Store matches and utility lighters up high in a locked cabinet, out of the reach of children.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you do not trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks, or bags.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Decorating for Christmas

- Choose holiday decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.
- Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.



Your 'Burning' FAQs



Q: Are chimeneas legal?

A: Yes, they are legal, provided you only burn what they are intended for, i.e. fire wood, not leaves, plywood, or trash.

Q: Can I open burn in my back yard?

A: No, open burning is illegal in Falls Township.

Q: Is a fire pit considered open burning?

A: Yes, a ground fire pit is considered open burning and is therefore not permitted.

Q: Do I have to be present while burning my chimenea?

A: Yes, chimeneas are intended for recreation and MUST be attended to at all times.

Fireworks Reminder

CHAPTER 170, PEACE AND GOOD ORDER, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION A (22), (B) Prohibited Activities

{1} No person shall discharge fireworks on any public or private property containing an occupied structure, or within 150 feet of any occupied structure. In the absence of any occupied structure, use or storage of fireworks on public or private property requires the express permission of the property owner.

{2} No fireworks may be purchased, possessed, used, or stored by any person under 18 years of age.

{3} No fireworks or pyrotechnic device shall be discharged within, out of, or toward any vehicle or building, or directed at any person.

{4} No fireworks or pyrotechnic device shall be used by any person under the influence of alcohol, controlled substance, or other drug.

Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall be guilty of a summary violation and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the township in the enforcement of this chapter. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. In default of the payment of any fine, the defendant shall be sentenced to imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses. Further, the appropriate officers or agents of the township are hereby authorized to file a citation for such summary violation and seek any other available relief at law or equity, including injunction, to enforce compliance with this chapter.



Tips for Safe Snow Removal

While enjoying the winter wonderland, remember these tips to help Falls Township crews clear the roads more quickly and efficiently:

- Mailboxes should be installed in accordance with U.S. Postal Service standards. Mailboxes installed incorrectly and, as a result are struck by a Township plow during snow removal operations, will be the sole responsibility of the property owner to repair.

- Move your vehicles out of the street and into private driveways (this also reduces the amount of snow you have to shovel).

- During any snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from roadways.

- Wait to shovel your driveway until

the plows have completed their final pass along the curb line or edge of pavement. A pass or two through the neighborhood does not mean the Township is finished with snow removal and your effort to clear your driveway entrance might be wasted.

- Shovel to the right-hand side of your driveway to reduce the amount of snow pushed back onto your driveways by plows.

- Clear your sidewalk by shoveling and salting within 24 hours of the last evidence of precipitation.

- Do not throw snow from any sidewalk or driveway into the roadway. Doing so is illegal, and you will be cited.

- Keep all receptacles (trash and recycling) on the sidewalk, not in the street.

- If you have an inlet in front of your property, please assist the Township in keeping it clear of snow and ice. This will prevent ice from accumulating and reduce drainage issues when snow begins to melt.

Please be patient during the snow removal process while the Township's plow operators work to clear roadways. We are here to get the roads open for travel as quickly as possible. Please remember we try to plow the roads from curb to curb to open the roadway as wide as possible. Some residents have no grass buffer between the curb and their sidewalks and snow is plowed onto the sidewalk area. This cannot be avoided. Snow is plowed to the shoulder of the roads to clear the travel areas.

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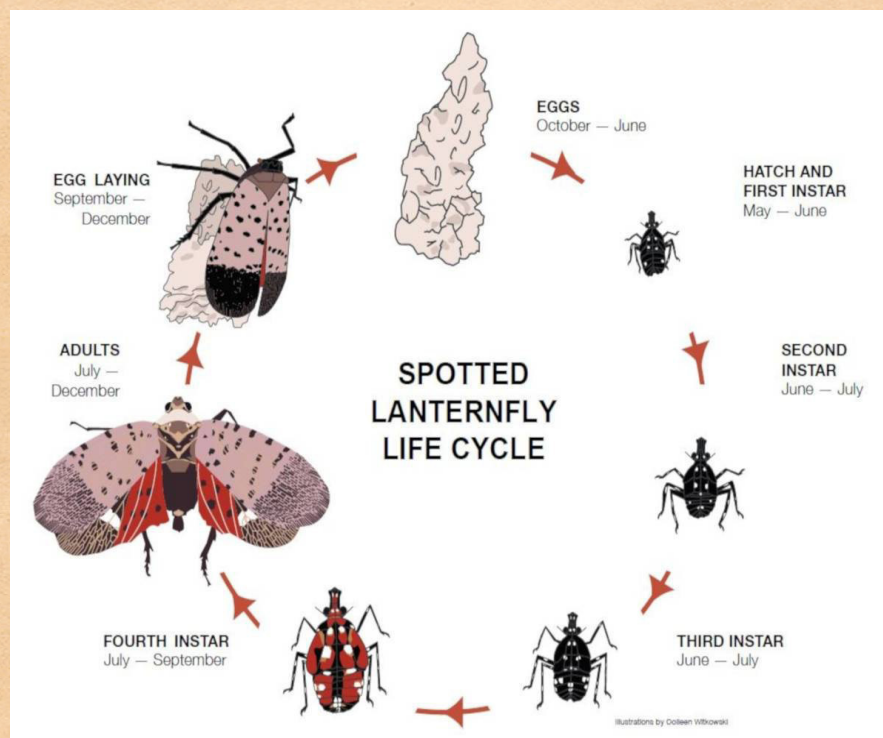
THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Spotted lanternfly is an invasive planthopper native to Asia, that was first detected in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania. It feeds voraciously on many plants, including economically important crops like fruit trees, grapevines, hops, hardwoods, and ornamentals.

Spotted lanternfly eggs are laid in the fall and hatch in the spring. Egg masses are laid on hard surfaces (trees, decks, houses, outdoor equipment, rocks, etc.) and protected with

a mud-like covering. Each egg mass contains 30–50 eggs. After hatching and before reaching adulthood, Spotted lanternfly goes through four nymph stages. Nymphs are

small ($\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch) and can be hard to find. The first three stages (instars) are all black with white spots, and the last instar is red with white dots and black stripes. Spotted lanternfly adults emerge in July and are active until winter. This is the most obvious and easily detectable stage because they are large and highly mobile. Adults have black bodies with brightly colored wings. Only adults can fly. Because Spotted lanternfly adults



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Quick Facts on the Spotted Lanternfly

- Stop the spread of Spotted lanternfly by checking your car and any outdoor equipment (grills, mowers, firewood, etc.) when going in and out of the quarantine zone.
- Manage Spotted lanternfly on your property by scraping eggs, banding trees, removing the favored host (tree-of-heaven), and using chemical control when appropriate.

To learn more, visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>.

Yard Waste Collection Dates Set

Falls Township will collect all yard waste, as well as leaves, on Oct. 31, Nov. 7 and Nov. 14. **We will not accept yard waste with regular trash collection until the last yard waste collection date.**

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 designated collection day in the same location as your regular trash pickup. **LEAVES IN ANY OTHER CONTAINER WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

Christmas tree pickup dates are Jan. 9 and Jan. 16. Trees will not be picked up with regular trash.



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 (800) 869-5566 and reference account number 45014766.

FREE YOUR RECYCLABLES.



Due to global changes in the recycling industry and commodity markets, collecting quality recyclable materials is more important than ever. Waste Management needs your help to reduce recycling contamination.

It's Simple – Keep These Items Out of Your Curbside Bin

THE DIRTY DOZEN
Keep these items OUT of your curbside recycling!

 1. Plastic Bags	 2. Propane Tanks	 3. Ropes	 4. Hoses
 5. Foam	 6. Tarps	 7. String Lights	 8. Pill Bottles
 9. Electronics	 10. Cups	 11. Food	 12. Liquids

Let's all get back to the basics of good recycling and remember these three rules each time you toss something into your recycling container:



1 Recycle empty bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



2 Keep food and liquid out of the recycling.



3 Empty recyclables directly into your recycling container - NO bagged recyclables.

For more information, tools and resources to recycling right, visit:

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Best Practices for Recycling Material

Municipal and state regulations require that residents, commercial establishments, and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. Commonly recycled materials include:

- Paper – newspaper, office/copy paper, glossy paper, color paper, cardboard, junk mail, phone books, cereal/cracker boxes
- Plastic – bottles and jugs No. 1-7
- Glass – clear, green and brown containers
- Metal – aluminum, steel, tin, and bimetal cans and containers

Please check with your hauler for a complete list of acceptable recyclable materials.

Avoid contamination of recycling materials with food or liquids

Materials contaminated with food or liquid cannot be recycled. Here is what you should do:

- Check that the material is recyclable. Look for the recycle symbol on items.
- Rinse jars, bottles, and cans that have visible residue in them. A quick rinse is usually adequate.
- Throw away heavily soiled items.



Acceptable waste is recycled

This question often comes up. People are concerned that not all the materials they put in their recycle bin are recycled. Their concern is that some end up in landfills. This leads some to minimize their recycling efforts. According to several major waste management firms in Montgomery County, all the acceptable recycled materials listed above are being recycled.

You should continue to recycle all the items listed to the left in the first bulleted list.

Things you should not put in your recycle bin

- Foam containers and cups, even if they have a recycle symbol on them
- Cups coated with wax or plastic such as soda cups
- Plastic bags such as grocery store bags (You can often take these bags back to the grocery store.)
- Flexible packaging such as chip bags or juice pouches
- Plastic wrap
- Container caps
- Diapers