

FALLS TOWNSHIP

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Bucks County, Pa.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

What made the recession that started in 2007 so serious to handle was the length of time it took to recover from its causes and effects. Foreclosures, high unemployment, and stagnant wages led to a slow recovery which, for some of our residents, is still going on. Falls Township was not immune to the impacts of the recession, but it is clear now that Falls is, once again, an attractive location for businesses, both big and small.

Over the past few years, the Board of Supervisors and the administration have noticed a definite uptick in economic expansion in our Township. Every week, there are Letters of Intent being submitted to the Township by businesses either opening for the first time, or expanding their operations. We are proud to see that most of these are small businesses, which are the driving force of our economy and a sign of economic confidence. To assist these businesses in their development and growth, the Township began our "Live Here, Spend Here" initiative to highlight local businesses and encourage our residents to shop at these local businesses as a way of strengthening our community.

An additional step to help local businesses is our new Business Directory, which will be available on our website (www.fallstwp.com) and will be organized to allow you to look for local businesses based on the services they provide. Any business owner interested in having their business included in the Directory should contact the Township Manager's office. New businesses in Falls Township are also being announced at each Board of Supervisors meeting by the Township Manager during his report.

The last few years have also seen an increase in expansions by large businesses in Falls Township. Major businesses like Morton Salt and Abington-Reldan (which deals with precious metals) are expanding their operations, and Aria Hospital just confirmed its merger with Jefferson Health in early July.

As residents of Falls Township there are many reasons to be proud of our community, and this economic growth is just one of them. This summer our 4.7 percent unemployment rate in Falls was below the average for Pennsylvania. We know we have residents in our community who are still struggling, and for those friends and neighbors of ours, we encourage you to reach out to the Bucks County Government offices to make use of the services they provide. The Board of Supervisors will continue to do what we can to support the growth of our economic base. The growth we have seen over the past few years gives us hope that our economic situation will only get better.

Sincerely,
Bob Harvie

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Police Department

No Solicitation Registry

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



Facebook & Twitter

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

Police Welcome New Officer



The Falls Township Police department introduced its newest officer, William Tanner, during a recent Board of Supervisors meeting.

Tanner, a married father of three who graduated from the Temple University Municipal Police Academy, had worked as a police officer in New Hope prior to beginning his work in Falls Township.

Falls Township Anonymous Tip Line 215-949-9120



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

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

anonymous, the sender will not receive a response.

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

Neighborhood Watch Program

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



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

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

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

Rapid Recovery Program



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

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

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

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

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

Citizens Police Academy

The 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 upcoming dates.



Parks and Recreation Department

Youth Kickball

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is once again holding a youth kickball program (ages 7-11) on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Falls Township Community Park (Softball Field).



The six-week program will conclude on October 15. Cost is \$10 for a resident; \$15 for a non-resident. For further information, or to register, please contact **Brian Andrews at 215-949-9000 ext 220.**

Yoga



Yoga continues on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office (Room 105) at the Township building. Six (6) week session cost is \$52 for residents; \$58 for non-residents. Drop in rate is \$10 per class. For further information or to register, please contact **Jessica Fox at 215-949-9000 ext. 222.**

Family Movie Night at the Park

Parks and Recreation will be holding its second annual Family Movie Night at the Falls Township Community Park (Phase 1 area Soccer Fields) on Saturday, October 15 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, please contact **Brian Andrews at 215-949-9000 ext. 220.**

Halloween Party

Parks and Recreation is excited to announce it will be holding its annual Halloween Party for children of all ages on Saturday, October 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Falls Township Senior Center, 282 Trenton Road in Fairless Hills. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Games, arts and craft activities, and prizes for the best costumes will be awarded. This is a free program. Pre-registration is required through your Capturepoint account. Any questions, please contact **Barbara Loessy at 215-949-9000 ext. 221.**



Turkey Bowl Kickball Tournament



Parks and Recreation will be looking to hold its second annual one-day Double Elimination Turkey Bowl Kickball Tournament for those ages 18 and over in November 2016. (Date TBA). Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to a local food pantry. For information, please contact **Brian Andrews at 215-949-9000 ext. 220.**

Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual Falls Township Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place Saturday, December 3, at 6 p.m. at Three Arches, 335 Trenton Road in Fairless Hills. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. For information, please contact **Barbara Loessy at 215-949-9000 ext. 221.**

Winter Festival

Parks and Recreation will hold its first Winter Holiday Festival at the Falls Township Community Park on Saturday, December 10 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come and enjoy the outdoor ice skating rink, holiday craft vendors, music, food and drink, and much more. This is a FREE event for the public. For more information, contact **Jessica Fox at 215 949-9000 ext. 222.**



Parents Night Out

Need to get that last minute holiday shopping completed or just need a night out? Parks and Recreation will be holding a Parents Night Out program for children ages 4-12 (must be potty trained) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in early December. (Date TBA). Kids will enjoy sports, playing board games, arts and crafts, etc. All staff have the current background clearances required by Pennsylvania State Law. Pre-registration will be required through your Capturepoint account. Please call **Barbara Loessy at 215-949-9000 ext. 221** for an update on the finalized date for the program. Cost for a resident is \$5 per child; non-resident \$8.

Breakfast with Santa



Our annual Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Falls Township Senior Center, 282 Trenton Road in Fairless Hills. This is a free event for children of all ages. Pre-registration will be required through your Capturepoint account. A delicious breakfast will be served, and children

will have the opportunity to complete a craft project and have photos taken with Santa. For information or to register, please contact **Jessica Fox at 215-949-9000 ext. 222.**

Park and Recreation Board Meetings

The Park and Recreation Board meets the first Monday of the month at the Falls Township Municipal Complex, 188 Lincoln Highway, Room 201 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.**

Follow These Fire Safety Tips for Fall

When the weather turns cold most people spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces, and heaters to keep warm. There's nothing quite as cozy as a fire, but it presents some safety hazards. Keep these tips in mind.

Service Your Furnace

Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

Exercise Candle Caution

Candles are a great way to give a room that warm glow, but they can also cause fires. According to the National Candle Association, almost 10,000 home fires start with improper candle use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep, and keep your candles away from pets and kids.

Change Smoke Alarm Batteries

Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.



Use Fireplaces Safely

Keep fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

Falls Township Citizens Fire Academy Recap



Live fire extinguisher training is part of the Citizens Fire Academy.

We finished our second Citizens Fire Academy in June, which I believe went very well. We worked out some kinks from our first one, so this time it went much smoother. We ran five sessions, which consisted of learning the requirement to be a firefighter in Pennsylvania, live fire extinguisher training, first aid/CPR/AED training, a demonstration of various emergency services equipment available in Falls Township, and a fire inspection of a local restaurant and hotel to teach participants what they should look for when working and traveling in terms of safety.

I would like to do it again in the spring and maybe expand on what we did this year. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Sincerely,
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Falls Township Launches Business Directory

With a goal of helping to easily connect its residents with the local business community, Falls Township recently launched a business directory on its website.

The online directory will be sorted within 45 categories, including accounting, general contractor, daycare, grocery, salon, services and more and will provide the business hours of operation, address and contact information. The various headings make it simpler for residents to find the businesses of most interest to them.

The directory is another way the Board of Supervisors supports township businesses.

"Falls Township is lucky to have many long-standing businesses here, as well as newer arrivals," Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said. "The Board decided



to add a business directory as a way for our residents, especially those new to our community, to search for and quickly find the local businesses that best meet their needs."

The directory follows the Township's successful "Live Here, Spend Here" initiative, which was launched in 2015. Live Here, Spend Here was the brainchild of Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence, who got the idea for the program while working in Burlington, N.J. Burlington has a similar business promotion effort

in place and promotes it with a logo and stickers in local merchants' windows.

Through Live Here, Spend Here - a local "Shop Small" undertaking - Falls Township features a local business on its website and social media channels, encouraging residents to shop where they live.

Patronizing local business helps the Falls Township community thrive. If each of the Township's 13,000 households spent \$20 a week that would otherwise be spent elsewhere, more than \$13 million would be spent within Falls, in turn supporting the local economy.

To learn more

If you know of a Falls business that should be featured as part of Live Here, Spend Here, email Falls Township Manager Peter Gray at gray@fallstwp.org.

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Grant to Fund Fishing Pier, Community Garden Expansion, New Foot Bridge

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors are planning to undertake three community projects at a fraction of the original cost, saving a whopping \$234,000.

The Township presented six projects for consideration as part of Bucks County's Open Space grant program recently. Of those, the county chose to earmark funds for the installation of a 70-foot-long fishing pier at Falls Township Community Park; the expansion of the Township's community garden; and a replacement of the Vermillion Hills pedestrian bridge.

Together, these projects are expected to cost \$312,000, according to Parks and Recreation Director Brian Andrews. Thanks to the county's grant, Falls will only need to chip in a 25 percent match or approximately \$78,000. The county's Open Space Committee has approved the grants. The Bucks County Commissioners still need to give the final authorization.

Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence said the T-shaped fishing pier will provide "access for everyone" to the lake. He said the board had bud-



geted for the project a few years ago as a way to ease entry into the water. The lake is shallow and drops off, he said, making it difficult for some folks to fish.

The board had also allocated funds for the replacement of the single span Vermillion Hills pedestrian bridge in 2016. Once complete, the bridge will be equipped with safety fencing and will look similar to the existing bridge.

The ever-popular community

garden has a waiting list of 20 for its 46 total plots, according to Andrews. Plans call for adding 13 more plots with grant funds, he said.

"There's always a waiting list," Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said. "It's been a big hit."

Supervisor Brian Galloway emphasized that the grants will help the Township to save money it had already planned to spend.

"This could be quite a savings," Galloway said.



The 300-year-old building was the focus of restoration efforts by a Chester County-based company.

Township Undertakes Three Arches Preservation

The Historic Three Arches home on Trenton Road in Fairless Hills recently had its weathered windows, doors, shutters and a bulkhead basement door completely remade and restored to its last renovation, approximately 25 years ago.

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors hired Chester County-based 18th Century Restorations, Inc. to make the repairs while preserving the authenticity of the 300-year-old building.

“Many of the repairs are for items no longer readily available in local hardware stores,” Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said. “We knew it was important to hire a contractor who could recreate the items by hand.”

Wesley T. Sessa and his 18th Century Restorations crew have decades of home restoration and preservation experience. The company has restored some of the oldest buildings in Chester County. Locally,

(See Three Arches, Page 9)



Phase one of the restoration was reproduction of the first floor shutters.

Three Arches undergoes restoration

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Sessa has restored Hope Lodge, buildings at Washington Crossing Historic Park in Upper Makefield Township, as well as six homes in Fallsington. The company is a pre-qualified contractor for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

“Our focus is historic preservation of antique structures generally before the Civil War,” he said.

Sessa, who began his career path as a high school English teacher, initially got into restorations out of necessity. When he was 26, his father urged him to stop renting and buy a home. His annual salary of \$10,200 prevented him from renting - let alone buying - a home in the Ardmore area where he taught in 1976.

Instead, he purchased an old, abandoned, completely “uninhabited” farmhouse.

“I had to learn how to tease out the details and do no harm,” he said. “After 10 years it was done.”

His teaching career came to an end soon after his house restoration was complete. He has been working on 18th and early 19th century buildings ever since.

In terms of the Three Arches home, Sessa said the first phase was to remove the first floor shutters and take them to the studio for dimensioning and drawing the plans to reproduce them. He and his team worked to reproduce in part and repair the second floor shutters. The



Wesley T. Sessa, of 18th Century Restorations, praised the efforts of Falls Township to preserve the integrity of the Three Arches building.

new shutters are made out of cedar.

“There is no product off the shelf that would match what these were,” he said, noting that each shutter pair takes most of a day to make. “You can’t go buy those shutters at Lowe’s or Home Depot. You have to make them. We make them by hand.”

For the most part, Sessa said Three Arches is in good condition.

“The building has most of its origi-

nal bones,” he said. “What’s been changed over the years are things that face the weather.”

He applauded the efforts of Falls Township to preserve the integrity of the building.

“The very fact that a community cares enough to preserve its historical resources makes us very, very happy,” Sessa said. “Fall Township is very special.”

Congratulations!

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

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William Roberts

Bulk Disposal Day

Bulk Disposal Day for all Falls Township residents will be held on October 15.

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

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

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

Bucks County organizes Household Hazardous Waste collections throughout the year. Call **215-345-3400** or **800-869-5566** for details.



Judges for the 2016 Que for the Troops enjoy the offerings at this year's event.



Que for the Troops Increases Number of Teams

70 teams competed in the seventh annual event, which benefits Liberty USO

The Falls Township community, along with dozens of barbecue teams and sponsors, helped Que for the Troops organizers put on another successful event.

Held in early June, the seventh annual Que for the Troops and Family Festival saw an increase in competitors, up from 50 in previous years, to an all-time high of 70 teams in this Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned event.

Since its inception in 2010, Que for the Troops has raised more than \$70,000 through donations for Liberty USO, the nonprofit organization supporting active duty, National Guard and reserve military personnel and their families in Pennsylvania and South Jersey.

"It's hard to believe that what began as a backyard contest with 11 teams competing for bragging rights has evolved into 70 teams and \$12,000 in prize money," Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence said.

In addition to the bar-b-que competition, the two-day event featured a chicken wing eating contest, mechanical bull, food vendors, a car show, live music, fireworks and various kids' activities, including inflatable rides and face painting.

For information on the 2017 Que for the Troops event visit their website www.queforthetroops.com.



Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence (right) congratulates Checkered Flag 500 BBQ - the 2016 Que for the Troops Grand Champion.

Fast Facts From Waste Management



...on Waste Removal

When should trash be placed at the curb?

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

What size containers should I use?

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

How do I dispose of leftover paint?

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

Which wastes are not acceptable?

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

...on Bulk Items

When are bulk items collected?

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

What type of bulk items are collected?

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

How much can I discard at once?

The limit is one bulk item per week.

What about refrigerators?

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

...on Holiday Pickups

What if my pickup day falls on a holiday?

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

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

Public Works Shares Winter Tips

During winter snowstorms, residents should not park their cars on roadways. This allows the Public Works department an easier pathway for more efficiently clearing roads. Winter storms are stressful for everyone. We ask that residents stay patient as Township roads are cleared. Employees are here to try and complete the snow removal operation in a timely manner. This does not always go as planned because of equipment failures or the type of storm. Residents must realize we will do our best to get this done ASAP

no matter what problems arise.

When clearing your driveway and sidewalks PLEASE DO NOT shovel or blow snow onto roadways. This causes problems before and after the street has been plowed. Instead, shovel or blow snow onto your front yard or grass areas.

The Public Works department is here to provide you with a service. If you feel this service is not being done to your satisfaction, please contact us so we can try and correct it.

Snow and Ice Control on State Roads

The following list of roads are maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. For emergencies, complaints or information about state roads, please contact PennDOT by calling (215) 345-6060:

- Big Oak Rd.
- Pine Grove Rd.
- New Rte. 13
- Bristol Oxford Valley Rd.
- Stony Hill Rd.
- Old Bristol Rd.
- Hood Blvd .
- Tyburn Rd.
- Oxford Valley Rd.
- Lincoln Highway
- West Trenton Ave.
- Pennsbury Rd.
- New Falls Rd.
- New Ford Mill Rd.
- Bordentown Rd.
- South Pennsylvania Ave.
- Newbold Rd.
- Fallsington Tullytown Rd.
- Trenton Rd.
- Old Rte. 13
- Levittown Pkwy.
- U.S. Rte 1
- Penn Valley Rd.
- Lower Morrisville Rd.
- Woolston Dr.
- Philadelphia Ave.

For Township roadways, please refer to the Online Code, Chapter 203 – Article IV – Temporary and Emergency Regulations.



Traffic Improvements Planned for Former Acme Plaza

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors put the wheels in motion for better traffic signalization in and around the former Acme shopping center on West Trenton Avenue.

The board unanimously approved five resolutions supporting Buckingham Retail Properties, LLC's plans to upgrade traffic signals in the plaza, which is located at 550 W. Trenton Avenue and Pine Grove Road. The 29,133-square-foot shopping center is expected to house a 14,578-square-foot Rite Aid, as well as a 6,000-square-foot restaurant and an 1,850-square-foot restaurant.

All of the buildings are planned to have drive-through lanes.

The resolutions were required as part of the PennDOT traffic signal application process. Proposed improvements include re-timing of the traffic lights, a new driveway, new traffic signals, upgrades to ADA curb ramps and cross walks, emergency vehicle preemption, upgraded pedestrian signals and push buttons and the addition of GPS time clock.

Plans include traffic signal approval and improvements at the following intersections:

- Pine Grove Road and Rite Aid driveway

- West Trenton Avenue and Rite Aid driveway

- West Trenton Avenue and Pine Grove Road

- West Trenton Avenue and Alden Avenue/Sweetbriar Drive

- West Trenton Avenue and Big Oak Road

The board last fall voted unanimously to grant preliminary and final land development approval to Buckingham Retail Properties, LLC for two drive-in restaurants and construction of a pharmacy. Associated parking lots, lighting, utilities and stormwater management are all part of the plan.

Bare Root Trees Available This Fall

The Residential Bare Root Tree program is expected to be in full swing this fall.

We will again be offering 10 trees on a first come, first served basis, for residents to purchase. Trees cost \$25 each (prices are subject to change and residents will be notified), which includes two stakes and ties (which are required for Bare Root trees).

Pennsbury Horticulture Society requires that Bare Root trees be planted on the front or side of the property. Also, trees need to be planted at least 10 feet from the sidewalk.

More details will be posted on the Township website, Facebook page and cable channel.

Tips For Planting a Bare Root Tree



1. Unpack your trees, carefully untangle the roots and soak the roots in water 3 to 6 hours.

2. Dig a hole, wider than seems necessary, so the roots can grow outward without crowding. Remove any grass within a 3-foot circular area. To aid root growth, turn soil in an area up to 3 feet in diameter.

3. Plant the tree at the same depth it stood in the nursery, with plenty of room for the roots. Partially fill the hole, firming the soil around the lower roots. Do not add soil amendments such as peat or bark. Do not use fertilizer, potting soil, or chemicals on your new trees.

4. Shovel in remaining soil. It should be firmly, but not tightly, packed. Construct a water-holding basin around the tree. Give it plenty of water.

5. Spread your mulch two-inches deep in a 3-foot diameter area around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.

6. Keep roots moist. The soil and mulch around your trees should be kept moist, but not soggy. During dry weather, water the tree every 7 to 10 days during the first year. Water slowly at the dripline.

Trash & Recycling Program



Single Stream Recycling Program

With the Single Stream Recycling Program, you can now place recyclable materials into one container. In the past, it was necessary to separate your recyclables. (Recycling container should be 23-35 gallons in size.) This process makes recycling easier and more efficient.

Recyclable materials include: aluminum food and beverage containers, glass food and beverage containers (brown, clear or green), ferrous (iron) cans, PET plastic containers with the symbol #1 (with or without caps), HDPE natural plastic containers with the symbol #2 (detergent, shampoo bottles, etc.), plastics with symbols #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7, steel cans, newsprint, old corrugated cardboard (no larger than 2'x2'), magazines, catalogs, cereal boxes, telephone books, printer paper, copier paper, mail, all other office paper without wax liners.

Materials not accepted include, but are not limited to: microwave trays, mirrors, window or auto glass, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, plastics unnumbered, plastic bags, coat hangers, glass cookware/bakewear, household items such as cooking pots, toasters, etc.

Falls Township participates in the recycling program not only to save money, but also for our economy, reducing waste, creating jobs, saving energy, preserving landfill space, preventing global warming, reducing water pollution, protecting wildlife, and creating new demand. Further, we are participating in this program because we are creating an environmentally responsible and sustainable world for future generations of Falls Township residents.

To see how the single stream process works, visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GP3JuiX5BY



Recycling Cans Available

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

The original, green 22-gallon Orbis™ Recycling Container with lid is available for \$9.

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

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

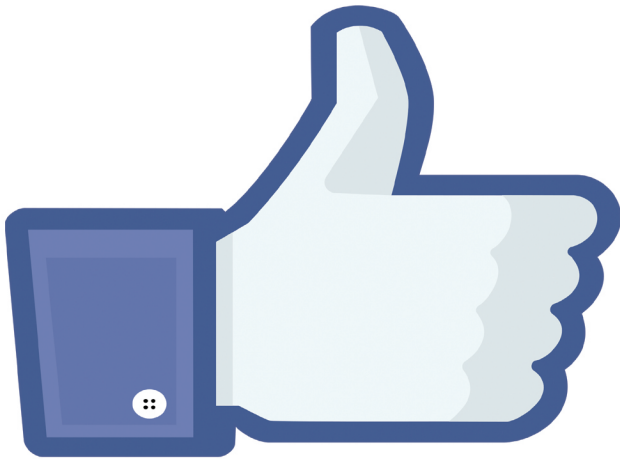
Volunteer Positions Let Residents Get Involved

Do you have extra time on your hands? Would you like to get more involved in the community?

Residents are welcome to volunteer to serve on one of the many boards and advisory bodies in Falls Township. If interested, please check the Township website for the most up-to-date openings. Letters of interest, noting preference for any of the openings, can be forwarded to: Falls Township, c/o Township Manager, 188 Lincoln Highway Suite 100, Fairless Hills, PA 19030. You may fax the letter of interest to **215-949-9013**, or email admin@fallstwp.org.



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