

# FALLS TOWNSHIP

Spring / Summer 2018

*Bucks County, Pa.*

## Cleaning up Falls Township's Streets

**A**s we leave winter behind and start spending more time outside it will be impossible to ignore two issues that affect our neighborhoods and roadways ... speeding and littering. Speaking for the Board of Supervisors I can tell you that complaints about littering and traffic safety are two of the most common complaints we receive. These are serious issues to people for many reasons. We appreciate the fact that we all want to live in a community that is safe and clean, which is why we thank all those residents who, over the years, have shared their concerns and helped us focus on areas of the Township where these problems are more serious.

We first want to assure you that we have taken steps to address both of these concerns, and with the help of all our residents we, as your government, will continue to do what we can to make Falls Township even better.

To begin, several years ago the Board of Supervisors created the Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Council (NTAC) which is made up of representatives from our Police department and other Township staff along with volunteers from the community. The purpose of the NTAC is to listen to resident concerns and identify roadways where speeding and accidents are a problem. Together, the members of the NTAC develop a plan for monitoring problem areas, enforcing our motor vehicle codes and determining if there are any permanent fixes to make the situation better. Increased enforcement from 2013 to 2017 has led to a 144% surge in the number of traffic citations given to people who were speeding or otherwise violating traffic laws. For those who think that this increase may be the result of more unsafe drivers there is good news: The accidents in Falls Township in 2017 were at their lowest level in more than 6 years. More tickets are being written, and fewer accidents are both a sign of more enforcement and awareness and can also serve as a message that Falls Township takes traffic safety seriously.

When it comes to littering, the Board of Supervisors, in 2014, voted to double the maximum fine for littering to \$1,000 to signal our seriousness about cleaning up Falls Township. Of course, we know that the higher fine is useless if people doing the littering aren't caught in the act. And a higher fine doesn't clean up the areas of our Township where littering is a serious problem, especially along the major local and state roads. This is where we need your help. We ask you to please be vigilant for people who insist on polluting our Township by throwing trash where it doesn't belong and report activities like that to our Police department. In addition, we are working with PENNDOT to start an "Adopt a Highway" program in Falls Township for roads where litter is a more serious problem. Please consider contacting the Manager's Office about sponsoring a section of roadway in our Township for cleanup a few times a year. Your organization or business will be recognized by PENNDOT and Falls Township for its efforts to keep our community beautiful.

A township this large cannot succeed in anything it wants to accomplish without the help of the citizens and businesses. Working as a community, we can continue to clean up our neighborhoods and roadways and make them safer.

*-Bob Harvie*

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## Police Department

# Get Your Name On the No Solicitation Registry

In 2014, the Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance that allows residents to add their name to a No Solicitation Registry. This list is distributed to anyone that applies for a Solicitation Permit with instructions not to solicit at any of the addresses

on the list. To be placed on this list, please contact the Police Records department at **215-949-9100**, or you may use the link on the Township website <http://fallstwp.com/tools-resources/no-solicitation-registry.aspx>.

**(More Police Department News On Page 3)**



## Find Us on Facebook and Twitter

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

## 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 or [j.yeager@fallstwp.com](mailto:j.yeager@fallstwp.com).



## Rapid Recovery Program



When an autistic child or an adult with Dementia wanders off and gets lost, finding them quickly can sometimes make a difference between life and death. The Rapid Recovery Program is a tracking system that consists of a small 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 at **215-949-9100**.

## Citizens Police Academy

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

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for dates.

## "Coffee with a Cop"

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

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

Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for coming dates.



# Parks and Recreation

Ready to get over those winter blues? Looking forward to the warmer weather? Look no further than the programs and amenities offered by Falls Township Parks and Recreation for the 2018 Spring/Summer season. It is our goal to offer diverse programming to Township residents. Please check out what's available:

## Pinewood Pool Lists Activities



The Pinewood Pool is a great way for our residents to cool off and spend quality time with family. We have many activities planned for 2018 such as: five youth splash nights, two movie nights, theme days, dollar dog days, the senior breakfast, family ap-

preciation day, national ice cream day, a wonderful swim lesson program and much more! To register or for further information on how to register, please visit [www.fallstwp.com](http://www.fallstwp.com) or contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email at [b.loessy@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.loessy@fallstwp.com).

## Summer Lifeguards Sought

Additionally, Parks and Recreation is looking to hire several lifeguards for the 2018 pool season. For the lifeguard position, a candidate must be at least 15 years old and have a current Lifeguard/First Aid/AED certification. The starting pay rate for a lifeguard is \$8/hour. For further information or if interested in applying, contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com).



## Summer Camp Registration Begins

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is taking registration for the 2018 Summer Camp Program. Registration is completed online through the Community Pass Registration System (Capturepoint link). Visit [www.fallstwp.com](http://www.fallstwp.com) to access the online registration system. Summer Camp will be held at Walt Disney Elementary School, 200 Lakeside Drive, Levittown. The camp is designed for children ages 5-13 (all registered participants must be potty trained). Our camp employs several certified teachers, an experienced support staff, and offers an incredible 1:5 counselor-to-camper ratio. Have your children join us for fantastic trip opportunities, theme weeks, in-house entertainment, arts and crafts, sports, and much more! The camp runs from Monday, June 25 through Friday, August 3 (note: there is no camp on July 4). To register or for more information, visit [www.fallstwp.com](http://www.fallstwp.com) or contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email at [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com).

## Breakfast With The Bunny March 24



Once again, Parks and Recreation will be holding its annual Breakfast with the Bunny/Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Falls Township Senior Center, 282 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills. Cost for breakfast

is \$5 per family (up to 5 family members) for residents; or \$6 per family (up to 5 members) for non-residents. Cost for additional people is \$1 per person. Both events are for all children ages 3-12. Space is limited. Pre-registration for the breakfast only will be required through the Community Pass Registration System found on the Township website [www.fallstwp.com](http://www.fallstwp.com). For further information, contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email at [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com).

## Touch a Truck on April 28

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is excited to announce that it will be holding its second annual Touch A Truck Event on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park. Please come see and experience what it would be like to learn about such things as a fire truck, police mobile command center, various construction vehicles, and much more. We also will have a balloon artist, face painter, and a food truck on site for your enjoyment. For further information, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com).



## Touch-A-Truck

## Mark Earth Day With Park Cleanup



Falls Township is once again partnering with Comcast Cares for a park cleanup in honor of Earth Day. This year, we are looking for volunteers to assist with projects such as building of gardening boxes at our Community Garden, planting trees, and assisting with a general cleanup around the park. The cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast will be provided. For information

or to register as a volunteer, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com).

# Parks and Recreation

## Annual Fishing Derby May 28



The 2018 Fishing Derby will be held on Monday, May 28. Parks and Recreation is inviting all children between the ages of 5-17 to sign up and participate in the annual event. Walk up sign-ups will take place at 7:30 a.m. The derby will run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will be followed by a casting contest. Each participant will receive a participation medal. Awards will be given for most fish caught and largest fish caught in various age categories.

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

## Community Park Site of Flag Memorial

The Delaware Valley Vietnam Flag Memorial will once again take place at the Falls Township Community Park. This year's event will take place Friday, June 8 through Sunday, June 10. Volunteers are needed to plant flags on the soccer field (located on phase 1 of the park) on June 8 at 9 a.m. For further information, please contact Ed Sabol by email at [edwardsabol@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsabol@gmail.com).

## Park Pavilions Available for Rent

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

## Rent Three Arches For Your Next Event



Looking for a space to hold a small meeting or event such as a bridal or baby shower? Please consider the Historic Three Arches for your event. To reserve or for more information, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email [b.loessy@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.loessy@fallstwp.com).

## Boat Ramp Pass Available For Purchase

Seasonal passes are only available for purchase at the Township building. Daily passes can either be purchased at the Township building or at the kiosk. Rates will stay the same for 2018! For further information, contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email [b.loessy@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.loessy@fallstwp.com).

## Summer Concert Series Starts June 17

Falls Township Parks and Recreation will hold 13 concerts as part of its 2018 Summer Concert Series lineup. All concerts take place under the pavilion in Phase 1 at the Falls Township Community Park on Sundays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The following is a tentative schedule and is subject to change:



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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6/17 & 8/5: Dennis Ostopowicz Band |                                |
| 6/24: Point Blank                  | 7/29: Big Band from the Valley |
| 7/1: Eco Del Sur                   | 8/12: Barbone Street Jazz Band |
| 7/8: Men of Harmony                | 8/19: Old Firesticks           |
| 7/15: The Rose of Omagh            | 8/26: Uptown String Band       |
| 7/22: First Time Around Band       | 9/2: Strictly 60's Band        |
| 9/9: The Mango Men                 |                                |

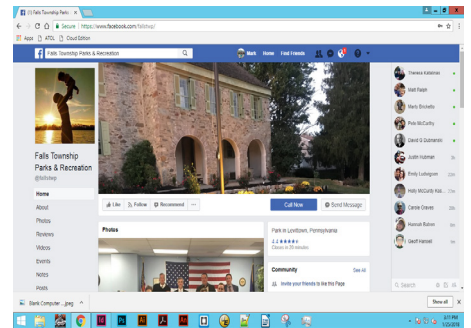
## Six-Week Yoga Programs



Yoga takes place each Monday night from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room 105 (Parks and Recreation Office). The program runs in 6-week intervals. Cost for a resident is \$60; or \$66 for a non-resident. The daily drop in rate is \$12 per class. Please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email at [b.andrews@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.andrews@fallstwp.com) to learn more.

## Keep Up To Date on Facebook

For the latest up-to-date information coming out of the Falls Township Parks and Recreation department, be sure to follow us on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be accessed by visiting [www.fallstwp.com](http://www.fallstwp.com), clicking on the "Parks and Recreation" page, and looking for the link to the feed.



# Ninth Que Will Be the Best Ever

The ninth annual Que for the Troops and Family Festival will be held June 1 and June 2 at Falls Township Community Park.

The Bar-B-Que competition will feature up to 75 teams from all over the country battling for trophies and thousands in cash prizes in the following categories: Chicken, Pork, Pork Ribs and Brisket. Teams can also vie for the optional Anything Butt and Dessert categories.

Proceeds from Que for the Troops benefit Liberty USO, a nonprofit organization supporting our military and their families in Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey.

In addition to awarding prizes for this year's top BBQ contenders, Saturday is the day where families can enjoy free, kid-friendly activities beginning at noon and continuing until the fireworks at night.

If your business or organization would like to sponsor Que for the Troops, please visit [www.queforthetroops.com/sponsorship.html](http://www.queforthetroops.com/sponsorship.html) for more information, or call Park and Recreation Director Brian Andrews at 215-949-9000 ext. 220.



## Great Slate of Events for Family Festival



The 2018 Family Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at the Falls Township Community Park, 9125 Mill Creek Road, Levittown. The rain date is Saturday, June 16. Here is a tentative schedule of event activities:

### **Noon to 4 p.m.**

Delaware Valley Roadrunners Car Show  
(parking lot area by the soccer fields)

### **Noon to 7 p.m.**

Bounce Houses, Face painting, DJ,  
Food and Table Vendors

### **2 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

Balloon Twisting and Petting Zoo

### **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

Strolling Magician

### **3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Video Game Truck

### **9 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.**

Fireworks

# Planting for Pollinators is Vital

**P**ollinators are responsible for one-third of what we eat every day. Most fruit and vegetable crops, nuts, seeds and hay to feed livestock rely on insects for pollination. But pollinator populations are declining in abundance and diversity especially bees, bats, hummingbirds and butterflies. Extensive pesticide use and misuse, habitat destruction, invasive plants and climate change all have a negative impact on pollinator populations.

Gardeners can play an important role in pollinator conservation by providing plants and nesting sites for pollinators and by adapting gardening practices to protect pollinators.

An easy way to help is to grow more flowers. An abundance of different flower shapes, sizes and colors will appeal to a variety of pollinators. By planting flowers with a sequence of bloom from early spring to late fall you will ensure there is always plenty of food for pollinators. Planting native flowers will attract native pollinators.

A water source in the garden helps thirsty pollinators in the heat of summer. Limiting pesticide use will also help.



## Key Plants for Pollinators

- Trees: maple, crabapple, linden & serviceberry
- Shrubs: ninebark, pussywillow, sumac & viburnum
- Perennials: aster, hysopp, milkweed, purple coneflower
- Herbs: basil, borage, catmint, lavender and oregano



## Carbon Monoxide a Serious Threat

**A**lthough the popularity of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms has been growing in recent years, it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless 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 are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be.

A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine such calls per hour. The number of incidents increased 96 % from 40,900 incidents reported in 2003. This increase is most likely due to the increased use of CO detectors, which alert people to the presence of CO.

**Source:** NFPA's "Non-Fire Carbon Monoxide Incidents" report

### Safety tips

- 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 the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instruc-

### CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



**CAN'T BE  
SEEN**



**CAN'T BE  
SMELLED**



**CAN'T BE  
HEARD**



**CAN BE  
STOPPED**

tions for placement and mounting height.

- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrives.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

### Symptoms of CO Poisoning

CO enters the body through breathing. CO poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches. High levels of CO can be fatal, causing death within minutes.

The concentration of CO, measured in parts per million (ppm) is a determining factor in the symptoms for an average, healthy adult.

- 50 ppm:** No adverse effects with 8 hours of exposure.
- 200 ppm:** Mild headache after 2-3 hours of exposure.
- 400 ppm:** Headache and nausea after 1-2 hours of exposure.
- 800 ppm:** Headache, nausea, and dizziness after 45 minutes; collapse and unconsciousness after 1 hour of exposure.
- 1,000 ppm:** Loss of consciousness after 1 hour of exposure.
- 1,600 ppm:** Headache, nausea, and dizziness after 20 minutes of exposure.
- 3,200 ppm:** Headache, nausea, and dizziness after 5-10 minutes; collapse and unconsciousness after 30 minutes of exposure.
- 6,400 ppm:** Headache, dizziness after 1-2 minutes; unconsciousness and danger of death after 10-15 minutes of exposure.
- 12,800 ppm:** Immediate physiological effects, unconsciousness and danger of death after 1-3 minutes of exposure.



## Spring Cleaning Home Fire Safety Tips

**Fact: Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in reported home fires by 50 percent.**

Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button. Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm “chirps,” warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away. Clean and dust smoke alarms as per manufacturer’s instructions. If you don’t have smoke detectors in your home, please contact my office and we will install them free of charge. You can reach my office at **215-949-9000, ext. 255**, or by email at [R.dippolito@fallstwp.com](mailto:R.dippolito@fallstwp.com).

**Fact: The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.**

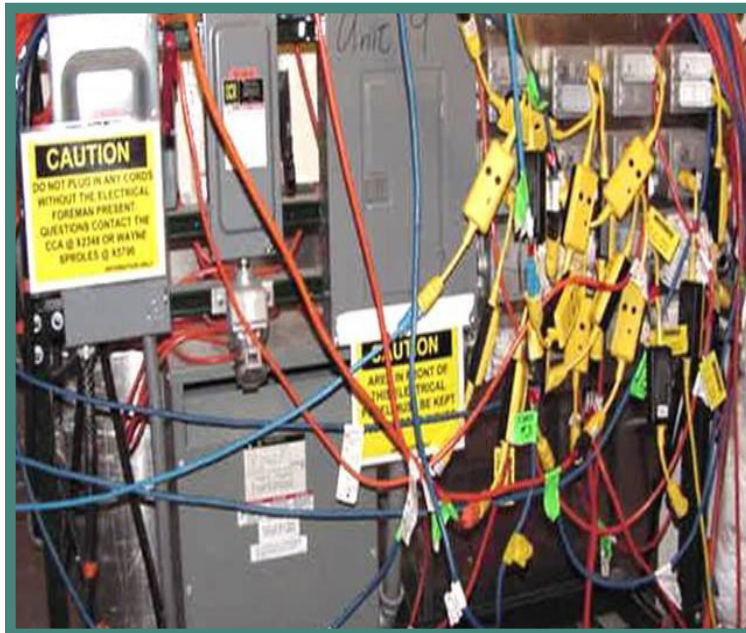
Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum. Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer. Poor maintenance allows lint to build up in the exhaust duct and cause fire. Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.

**Fact: Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.**

Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop. Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop. Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter. Keeping this clean of cooking grease will help keep a stovetop fire from spreading.

**Fact: Extension cord fires outnumbered fires beginning with permanent or detachable power cords by two-to-one.**

Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don’t have to use extension cords. Replace all extension cords that have become brittle, worn or damaged. Exposed wires may cause arcing, which will produce heat and can start a fire. Keep appliances and their power cords away from water or a heat source because this will damage the cord’s insulation. In the event of fire, always have a multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible. Make sure it is Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed or Factory Mutual (FM) approved. Check the gauges to make sure they are charged and ready to use.



### Outdoor Safety:

When using ladders, check for safe and proper placement. Be aware of any obstructions, overhead wires, electrical, cable, phone and tree branches.

Check cords and outlets for fraying or exposed wiring on all electrically operated equipment.

On gas operated equipment, check fuel lines and connectors for leaking fuel. Never use or store gasoline indoors.

Fill lawn mowers, motorbikes, and power saws outside and only when the motor is cool. Store gasoline in a cool place away from the house in a detached garage or shed, and always in an approved safety can.

Keep gas and all flammable liquids away from children!

### Around the Home:

Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street. They should be a minimum of 4” in height.

Maintain a clear ‘fire zone’ of 10 feet around structures.

Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances for animal nests and to ensure proper wiring.

Keep 100 feet of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for use.

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# Falls Welcomes New Businesses

Falls Township has had the pleasure of welcoming nearly two dozen new businesses to town in the last six months. A tenet of our Live Here, Spend Here campaign is that by shopping Falls first we continue to bolster our local economy, creating jobs and helping our local businesses to thrive.

Here are some of the most recent new business additions:

- Shelmet Plumbing**, 225 Lincoln Highway
- PA Cars and Trucks, Inc.**, 910 Lincoln Highway
- LM Wireless, LLC**, 332 Trenton Ave., Suite 116
- KVM**, 830 Trenton Ave., Suite 6
- Contempro Dance Theatre**, 612 Lincoln Highway
- Artistic Nails Plus**, 493 S. Oxford Valley Road
- CJ's Tires**, 127 Lincoln Highway
- Dollar General**, 332 W. Trenton Ave.
- Demark**, 81 Big Oak Road
- Soho USA, LLC**, 8800 New Falls Road
- New Harvest Transportation**, 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 174
- Crossfit Yards**, 791 W. Bridge St.
- Rite Aid**, 547 W. Trenton Ave.
- Tip Tap Toe Dance Academy**, 203 Lincoln Highway
- Blue Man Plumbing**, 15 Tulip Lane



- B&D Auto Sales**, 135 Lincoln Highway
- Beef Jerky Outlet**, 110 Lincoln Highway
- Commercial Trailer Leasing**, 225 Lincoln Highway
- Gold Star Contracting**, 168 W. Trenton Ave.
- Brown's Vending**, 225 Lincoln Highway
- The Christmas Tree Stand**, 375 W. Trenton Ave.
- Dollar General**, 1279 Bristol Pike
- Great Clips**, 833 W. Trenton Ave., Suite 5
- Re/Max Total**, 120 Trenton Road
- Flower Nails and Spa**, 364 W. Trenton Ave.



## 2018 Spring Yard Waste Cleanup

The 2018 yard waste cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 14. Please have it out in the same location as your regular trash pickup by 6 a.m. Yard waste must be bagged in 30-gallon biodegradable paper bags or placed in 30-gallon trash containers without lids. Branches must be no larger than 4' in length, bundled, and not to exceed 50 pounds.

**PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS**

## Finance Department Gets Highest Award

The Falls Township Finance Department was recognized by the Government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for their Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2016. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This was the 19th consecutive year that the Township has received this prestigious award.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the annual financial report. The 2017 report will be submitted to the Government Finance Officer's Association to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

## Falls Township Welcomes New Hires

Falls Township is pleased to welcome two new employees:

- John Strazzeri** – IT Technician
- Donald McNulty** – Public Works

# Falls Sets Pinewood Pool Fees

The early bird gets the best Pinewood Pool membership rates.

Through April 1, family memberships for residents cost \$270; or \$245 for a family membership with a referral. In order to receive the \$25 discount, the existing member would have to refer someone who purchases either a new individual or family pool membership.

By comparison, family memberships purchased after April 1 cost \$290 or \$265 with the referral discount.

Family memberships are limited to two adults per household and up to five children.

Individual pool memberships for residents are available for \$160; or \$135 with the referral discount through April 1. Those rates increase to \$170; or \$145 with the referral savings for memberships purchased between April 2 through August 1.

Senior citizen pool memberships for residents cost \$83; or \$58 with the refer-



ral discount through April 1. Senior citizen memberships purchased from April 2 through August 1 cost \$94; or \$69 with a successful referral.

Caregiver memberships are available for both residents and non-residents for \$105, regardless of time of purchase.

Through April 1, non-residents may also purchase family, individual and senior citizen memberships for \$400, \$270 and \$104, respectively. From April 2 through August 1, those rates are as fol-

lows: \$420 for a family membership; \$290 for an individual membership; and \$114 for a senior membership.

In addition to memberships, Pinewood Pool also offers daily passes for guests of pool members. Cost is \$6 for seniors; \$8 for children ages 3 through 17; and \$10 for adults ages 18 through 54.

If you're looking for a venue to host a summertime party, the pool is available for two-hour rentals after-hours. Prices varying depending upon the number of guests, among other factors.

Residents and non-residents alike can also take advantage of reasonably priced youth swimming lessons, which cost \$55 for pool members or \$65 for non-members.

To purchase a pool membership or for further information, please visit [www.fallstwp.com](http://www.fallstwp.com) or contact Barbara Loessy at **215-949-9000 ext. 221** or by email at [b.loessy@fallstwp.com](mailto:b.loessy@fallstwp.com).

# Supervisors Seek Recycling Grant

If you could spend \$4,000, but know that you would recoup another \$70,000 or \$80,000 would you do it?

The Falls Township Supervisors advanced a measure that's expected to pay the Township much more than its initial investment. The fiscally responsible board approved a \$4,000 proposal from F.X. Browne, Inc. for completion of the Township's 2017 recycling grant application. Previously, the company has helped Falls obtain state grants averaging \$80,000

annually.

Grant amounts are based on total tonnage for residential and commercial properties in 2017. F.X. Browne, Inc., as part of its proposal, will obtain valid documentation needed for the application.

"The more residents recycle, the more money we get," Supervisors Chairman Bob Harvie said.

Harvie encouraged residents and businesses to recycle as much material as possible.

Haulers make it even easier to recycle with single-stream recycling, which allows for paper, plastic and cans to be co-mingled. Recycling materials can be placed in any receptacle, provided it's marked as being recycling and not mistaken for trash. More information about recycling can be found here: <https://www.fallstwp.com/information-services/trash-collection.aspx>. Falls has 22-gallon and 32-gallon recycling containers available for purchase at the municipal building.

# Falls Continues "Live Here, Spend Here"



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

"Live Here, Spend Here" was the brainchild of Supervisors Vice Chairman Jeffrey Dence, who said he got the idea for the program while working in Burlington County, N.J. That community has a similar business promotion program and promotes it with a logo and stickers in local merchants' windows.

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

If you know of a Falls Township business you would like to see spotlighted, please contact Township Manager Peter Gray at [p.gray@fallstwp.com](mailto:p.gray@fallstwp.com) or **215-949-9000**.

# Falls Township 2018 Street Sweeping Schedule

Listed below is the Spring 2018 street sweeping schedule. On the date(s) when your street is scheduled to be cleaned, please do not park your vehicle(s) on the street between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. If the street sweeper does not arrive on the scheduled day(s), please keep your vehicle(s) off the street during the above mentioned hours until the sweeper cleans your street.

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

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

<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>SWEEPING DATE</u>
Township main roads .....	March 12-26
Makefield Road Village .....	March 27
Willowood .....	March 28
Old Fallsington areas/Fallsington Woods .....	March 29
Lakeside.....	April 2
Penns Place & Decou Village .....	April 3-4
Penns Grant .....	April 5-6
Birch Valley .....	April 9-10
Elderberry.....	April 11-12
Rue Court/Amelia Drive & Amelia Turn/ Orchard Drive and Mill Creek Estate.....	April 13
Fairless Hills-South of Trenton Road, including Fairbridge and Drexelwood .....	April 16-17
Pinewood .....	April 18-19
Bristol Road/Lacy Avenue, Reed Avenue, Penn Valley Ext., Wheatsheaf Road, East Tyburn Road, Corbin Lane, Cedar Lane, Lewis Avenue, Ferry Road, East Post Road, Biles Lane, Island Street, Third Street .....	April 20
North Park – including Nasturtium Lane and New Pond Lane.....	April 23-25
Hedgerow Woods.....	April 26-27
Thornridge.....	April 30-May 2
Yardley Farms.....	May 3-4
Nottingham, Taylor Tract, Penn Village .....	May 7-8
Vermillion Hills.....	May 9-10
Pennsbury Heights.....	May 11
Maintenance Day.....	May 14
Fairless Hills-North of Trenton Road, including Oak Lane, Pennsylvania Avenue, Arleans Avenue and Lebbie Lane .....	May 15-16
Township Parks/Industrial Parks .....	May 17-25

# High Honors for Waste Management

**W**aste Management of Pennsylvania's work to protect and improve wildlife habitat on its 6,000-acre complex in Falls Township has received two major awards from a prestigious international environmental organization.

The Wildlife Habitat Council, during its annual symposium in Baltimore, awarded its Pollinator Project of the Year and Landscape Project of the Year awards to the local habitat projects. The company's Wildlife Habitat Team also earned Gold Conservation Certification for its habitat work at the site. The certification recognizes the commitment to environmental stewardship made by the team and its partners.

The site's Laboratory for Learning Demonstration Pollinator Garden was launched in 2013 as a four-pronged intergenerational partnership that focuses on developing a previously open grassland field into a sustainable pollinator habitat for bees, monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

More than 50 Waste Management employees, 20 Falls Township Senior Center Garden Committee members, students and teachers from The Pen Ryn School and staff and volunteers from Pennsbury Manor have been actively involved in the pollinator project. Together, employees, families, friends and community partners learn how to manage species and habitats and extend that learning into the community.

The expertise of the intergenerational partnership members has evolved and expanded so that they now serve as citizen scientists and provide the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture with data on pollinators and the plants these important insects pollinate.

"Waste Management of Pennsylvania is recognized as meeting the strict requirements of the Wildlife Habitat Council Conservation Certification," said Margaret O'Gorman, Council president. "Companies achieving WHC Conservation Certification, like Waste Management, are environmental leaders, voluntarily managing their lands to support sustainable ecosystems and the communities that surround them."

Falls Township Senior Center Executive Director Cecilia Murphy said,



**Waste Management's Vice President of Environmental Management Greg Ce-kander, (left) is joined by (from left) WMPA Senior District Manager Scott Perin, WMPA project lead Judy Archibald and President of the Wildlife Habitat Council Margaret O'Gorman at an awards presentation in Baltimore.**



**Representatives from The Pen Ryn School, Pennsbury Manor and the Falls Township Senior Center Garden Committee joined employees of Waste Management PA to celebrate the recognition of the intergenerational pollinator partnership led by Waste Management.**

"This pollinator project has provided tremendous opportunities and brought hours of joy to our members as they learned, actively participated and joined with others to make a difference in the environment."

"We attribute the projects' successes to the commitment and dedication of our employees and community partners," Landfill Senior District Manager Scott Perin said.

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# Waste Management's Fairless Landfill

## A Good Neighbor in Falls Township

Waste Management and its Fairless Landfill, through its operating agreement with Falls Township, continues to provide the community with significant host fees and free waste and recycling collection for residents.

In 2017, our two-decade wildlife habitat program received three prestigious awards from the Wildlife Habitat Council. Our work to improve pollinator habitat with the Falls Township Senior Garden Committee and other community partners was named the Council's Pollinator and Landscape Projects of the Year. And our wildlife habitat work within our 6,000-acre complex received Gold Conservation Certification.

Waste Management and its Fairless Landfill Team are proud to protect and improve the environment and make Falls Township a better and more affordable place to live.



# High Marks For Two WM Initiatives

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Perin went on to say, "We believe the greatest achievement is expanding community awareness, knowledge and commitment to biodiversity, increasing healthy habitats and advancing pollinator survival and monarch conservation."

## About the Wildlife Habitat Council

Wildlife Habitat Council promotes and certifies habitat conservation and management on corporate lands through partnerships and education. Programs take corporate sustainability goals and objectives and translate them into tangible and measurable on-the-ground actions. Through a focus on building collaboration for conservation with corporate employees, other conservation organizations, government agencies and community members, programs focus on healthy ecosystems and connected communities. Wildlife habitat and conservation programs are found in 48 states and 17 countries. For more information visit [www.wildlifehc.org](http://www.wildlifehc.org)

## Bulk Disposal Day April 21

Mark your calendars for the next FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY, which will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. This bulk disposal program is for resident homeowners of Falls Township and Tullytown Borough. Proof of residency is required. It is not intended for commercial customers or contractors.

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

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

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

# Falls OKs Medical Research Facility

The Falls Township Supervisors took a step toward bringing 50 jobs to town, while helping to repurpose 32 acres at the former US Steel site.

At its recent meeting, the board unanimously approved an amended final plan for MLH Explorations, an entity in partnership with Jefferson University Health System in Philadelphia. MLH Explorations, which received preliminary and final land development approval in 2017 to construct a state-of-the-art marijuana processing facility at 150 Roebling Road within the Keystone Industrial Port Complex to grow, process and study the medicinal benefits of state-licensed medical marijuana, has since been granted approval to use the existing buildings onsite instead of demolishing and building anew. A 3,000-square-foot addition would connect all three buildings.

MLH Explorations plans to hire 50 employees, including two horticulturalists to man the greenhouse operations, as well as staff to process marijuana into oils, gel caps and pills as permitted under the state's Medical Marijuana Act and others to help with deliveries. The site will not be open to the retail public.

Following Falls Township's local ordinance adopted in 2017 which governs medical marijuana grower and dispensary operations, the facility would be secured with a fenced-in area and steel sides up to 12 feet tall. Cameras and motion sensors would be in place and running continuously, according to MLH representatives. Access would be permitted only through electronic devices and access codes would be required.

MLH Explorations will partner with Jefferson University Health System in researching what causes the general conditions for people to respond positively via medical marijuana treatment.

The US Steel site was viewed as a great location because of its excess space for future expansion, as well as existing power and utilities. Officials said the facilities would increase the green space and thereby reduce the amount of impervious surface, which could help lessen flooding for neighboring flood-prone areas.

While growing would be occurring in the greenhouse, MLH representatives said eco-friendly measures would be taken to use mainly all-natural preventative measures to

combat insects. Water usage would be relatively small as water would be treated and fully recirculated into the system.

Falls Supervisors, in adopting its ordinance, set regulations for the production and distribution of medical marijuana and outlined where operations could be located, namely in the highway commercial; materials processing and manufacturing; and farming and mining districts. Operations are not allowed within 1,000 feet of a school, park, day-care center, community center or worship site.

Under the local ordinance, the medical marijuana grower and dispensary are required to "operate entirely within an indoor, enclosed, and secure facility" and provide a security plan specifying the type of 24-hour security, as well as tracking, recordkeeping, record retention and surveillance.

Hours of operation for both growers and dispensers would be limited to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Exterior sales and sidewalk displays would be forbidden. Drive-through services would not be permitted. Minors would not be permitted inside unless accompanied by a caregiver.

## Compost Bins Available

Falls Township has 80-gallon Earth Machine™ Compost Bins available for purchase for \$45 at the municipal building.

The Earth Machine™ is a durable backyard compost bin designed to compost food and yard waste, effectively diverting it from landfills. The resulting compost can be used in lawns and gardens to provide much-needed nutrients, while helping to retain moisture in the soil. Using compost in your gardens returns organic material back into the natural cycle and promotes a healthy ecosystem. The result is significantly higher yields, with a substantial reduction in soil erosion.

The Earth Machine™ is designed for easy, passive composting. Just start filling the bin, water, and occasionally stir or poke. The finished compost is ready in four to six months.

According to the EPA, one person generates an average of approximately 1.35 pounds of organic waste per day. That equals almost 500 pounds per person every year. Backyard composting is an effective way of recycling organic wastes such as leaves, grass and food scraps that are generated at home and usually put out to the curb for disposal. For additional information, please contact the Falls Township Finance Department at **215-949-9000 ext. 233**.



## Rain Barrels Reduce Water Bills

Falls Township has 55-gallon Rain Barrels available for purchase at the Falls Township Municipal Building.

A rain barrel is a great way to keep stormwater out of the system and cut down on your water bill! Only a quarter inch of rainfall runoff from the average roof will completely fill a typical barrel, providing an ample supply of free "soft water" containing no chlorine, lime or calcium. Rainwater is ideal for watering plantings, vegetable gardens and lawns, as well as washing your car or windows. In the event of a water shortage, drought or water supply contamination, a rain barrel provides you with an emergency water supply.

Collecting rainwater is easy using a rain barrel! Simply position the barrel below the water downspout of your roof. The barrels are neutral in color to easily blend in anywhere around your house. Full installation instructions, as well as an overflow hose, clamp and faucet are included with the rain barrel at a price of \$57. For additional information, please contact the Falls Township Finance Department at **215-949-9000 ext. 233**.





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# Geese Management Efforts in Force

**T**he Falls Township Board of Supervisors remain committed to reducing geese populations at the Falls Township Community Park.

Geese mitigation efforts at the park have helped reduce Canada geese populations from approximately 80-100 to only a few currently, according to Parks and Recreation Director Brian Andrews.

Maintaining lower numbers of resident geese – or continuing to push newcomers elsewhere – is the goal for 2018.

To keep geese populations controlled, the Supervisors approved maintenance contracts through 2018. S&S Wildlife Control Services Inc. will continue its 10-month hazing program from March through December, which includes egg addling through spring months, as well as aggressive action on foot, watercraft, noise, lasers, lights and, if necessary, a limited take involving the killing of a specified number of geese. The cost of the S&S contract is an amount not to exceed \$27,225, a reduction of \$3,000 from the amount allotted in 2017. The Township spent roughly \$18,500 of the maximum amount of \$30,225 earmarked for last year's geese mitigation efforts, according to Andrews.

The Township is at a "maintenance phase" of geese management, Andrews said. Officials acknowledged that continued success in limiting geese populations is dependent on keeping up with mitigation efforts.

To date, S&S has not needed to use the limited take option in its geese reduction efforts.

Rick Shadel of S&S Wildlife said his company had a permit to kill geese last year, but chose not to use it.



"We didn't feel it was necessary based on the activity we were seeing from the geese," Shadel said, adding that he will again obtain the permit in case a limited take option is deemed necessary.

In addition to S&S's efforts to drive geese away from Falls Township Community Park, the Supervisors approved a contract for Geese Chasers in the amount of \$1,990 to use Border Collies to help push geese out of Falls Township Community Park. The 10-week program, which began several years ago, has proven successful in driving geese out of the park.