

FALLS TOWNSHIP

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Bucks County, Pa.

EIT and Securing Finances for the Future

Many times, the necessary decision is not the most popular one. Yet, as elected officials, we must always govern with our residents' best interests in mind.

The addition of an earned income tax in 2023 is certainly not something the Falls Board of Supervisors wanted to implement. It is a new tax for me, as I know it is for some of our residents. Certainly, no one wants to pay more taxes, just like the board does not want to institute a new tax.

I understand, as does the board, that this is a new expense for some residents. With inflation driving up the cost of food and other necessities, the timing, perhaps is not the best. While I empathize with everyone impacted, we are past the point of postponing our financial future.

The EIT was necessary for our Township to shore up its finances as we stare down the very real end to roughly \$18 million a year in Waste Management host community fees. If Falls is lucky, the remaining \$130 million to \$140 million can be spread over the next decade or so.

Falls has relied on host community fees to help balance annual budgets for a number of years. With an anticipated 10 to 12 years left for the landfill's life – and fees to Falls Township – the Supervisors recognized that now is the time to act.

Our governing body has never taken taxes lightly. We have worked hard, seeking grants for large projects, and trimming budgets to maintain the same millage rate for 30 years. In order to hold the line on taxes – while costs have grown significantly over the last three decades – staff, along with our elected officials, have had to make multi-million-dollar cuts annually.

Looking at the future, we will continue to trim expenses in order to be as fiscally responsible as possible.

In 2023, the EIT is expected to yield more than \$5 million based on conservative estimates and as much as \$7.2 million. More than two-thirds of our working residents have paid this tax prior to 2023. The only difference is that taxes were paid to the municipality where our residents worked instead of where they live. An EIT would have no financial impact at all on our senior citizens and those who earn less than \$8,000 per year.

Our board has considered implementing an EIT on several occasions during the last decade. Until recently, the decision to move forward has always been postponed. An EIT study undertaken in 2014 determined that a higher percentage of residents would be impacted by an EIT, so the board opted to wait. Analysis from 2022 showed that a smaller number of residents – 32 percent – would potentially be impacted by an EIT. Since most of our working residents are already paying an EIT, the board thought it made the most sense to redirect those funds to Falls Township.

Some have suggested that the Township wait longer to institute this tax or raise real estate taxes. However, it would be fiscally irresponsible to wait until Waste Management closes the landfill and stops paying host community fees to begin securing our finances.

Some residents have asked why we implemented an EIT instead of increasing real estate taxes. There are several reasons, chief of which is to protect our non-working seniors and residents living on a fixed income from paying higher taxes.

In addition, a real estate tax increase would not bring in the revenues necessary to secure our finances. A 1-mill increase would net approximately \$329,000. Over five years, that would generate only \$1.6 million – far less than that of an EIT.

Once the shock of the EIT has worn off, I hope residents will understand why this new funding stream is necessary in Falls. An EIT may not be popular, but it is certainly the right decision for our Township's financial future.

-Jeffrey Dence

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Police Department

Add Your Name to the No Solicitation Registry

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

the list. To be placed on this list, please contact the Police Records department at **(215) 949-9100**.

(More Police Department News On Page 3)



New Detective Has a Familiar Name

Falls Township promoted Officer Ronald MacPherson to Detective, a milestone that precedes two generations of service in the MacPherson family.

MacPherson is a second generation Falls Township Police Officer, having followed in the footsteps of his father, Ronald MacPherson, Falls police said in a statement.

The older MacPherson retired from the Falls Township Police Department as a Lieutenant after which he spent many years as the Police Chief of the Upper Southampton Police Department, Falls police said.

Detective MacPherson was promoted following a lengthy promotional process in which he was the highest scoring candidate.

Coffee With a Cop



Building relationships ... one cup at a time! Come meet your chief and officers from the Falls Township Police Department at the Falls Township Senior Citizen Center, 282 Trenton Road in Fairless Hills. This excellent program brings your local police officers together with community members over a cup of coffee to discuss issues and learn more about each other. The mission of Coffee With a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. Please check the Police Department Facebook page for dates.

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, buildings 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 individuals and \$15 for attorneys and insurance companies. Online report availability is provided through Carfax, which also offers an investigative element for police.

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**.

Parks and Recreation

**All programs/events are subject to change* For the latest up-to-date information from Falls Township Parks and Recreation Department, be sure to follow us on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be accessed by visiting www.fallstwp.com, clicking on the "Parks and Recreation" page, and looking for the link to the feed.*

Ready to get over those winter blues? Looking forward to the warmer weather? Look no further than the program offerings and amenities offered by Falls Township Parks and Recreation for the 2023 Spring/Summer season. It is our goal to offer diverse programming to Township residents. Please check out our following offerings:

Pinewood Pool



The Pinewood Pool is a great way for residents to cool off and spend quality time with family. The pool is scheduled to open Saturday, May 27. The season runs through Monday, Sept. 4. Take advantage of the early bird

discount period which runs through April 1! To register or for further information about the pool, please visit www.fallstwp.com, go to the Parks and Recreation Page, and click on the link to "Pinewood Pool." Registration must be completed online by using your existing Community Pass Account. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

Lifeguards needed

Parks and Recreation is looking to hire several lifeguards for the 2023 pool season. Candidates must be at least 15 years old and have a current Lifeguard/First Aid/AED certification. The starting pay rate for a lifeguard during the 2023 season is \$15 per hour. Hourly pay rate for returning lifeguards and anyone with prior experience is \$16 per hour. Township covers all costs (physical, drug test, background checks). Additionally, the Township will reimburse for lifeguard certification and recertification costs (50 percent end of year 1, remaining 50 percent at end of year 2. Lifeguard certifications are valid for two years). For further information or if interested in applying, contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email b.andrews@fallstwp.com.



Medicare workshop

Getting close to or thinking about retirement and not quite sure what Medicare will and will not cover? We are offering a great opportunity for you to get answers to these questions. A representative from DelVal Senior Advisers will conduct an educational workshop on Thursday, April 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Annex Building at the Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road). Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com. An additional workshop will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the same time and in the same location.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children (ages 2-12) will take place on Saturday, April 1 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Quaker Penn Park (300 Pennsbury Road



Morrisville, PA 19067- located next to Pennsbury Manor). Lots of eggs, prizes, and additional activities will be offered as well!! This is a FREE event!

Summer Camp

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for its 2023 summer camp program. We offer before and after care options, field trips (trip costs are included within the registration fee), in-camp entertainment, and weekly visits to Pinewood Pool!! Registration is completed online through the Community Pass Registration System (Capturepoint link). Visit www.fallstwp.com to access the online registration system. The camp is designed for children ages 5-13 (all registered participants must be a minimum of 5 years of age and have completed kindergarten). Our camp employs several certified teachers, a well experienced support staff, and offers an incredible 1:5 counselor-to-camper ratio. The camp runs from Monday, June 19 through Friday, July 28. If you need help registering, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

Community Yard Sale

Looking to clear out unwanted goods – or find new treasures? Be sure to stop by Fallsington Library's spring community yard sale on Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Falls Township Community Park. Vendor space is available for this event. First priority is given to Falls Township residents. Tables cost \$20 or two for \$30. All proceeds benefit Fallsington Library. For more information, contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9000 ext. 220 or by email b.andrews@fallstwp.com.



Fishing Derby

Our annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Memorial Day Monday, May 29. The Parks and Recreation Department is inviting all children between the ages of 5-17 to sign up and participate in the annual event. Pre-registration is required for this event. The derby will run from 8-10 a.m. Each participant will receive a participation medal and awards will be given for most fish caught and largest fish caught in various age categories. For additional information, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com for registration forms starting April 3. This is a free event.

Parks and Recreation

Flag Memorial



Falls Township is proud to once again host The Delaware Valley Vietnam Flag Memorial at the Falls Township Community Park. This year's event is tentatively scheduled to take

place Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11. Volunteers are needed to plant flags on the soccer field (located on phase 1 of the park) on Friday morning June 9 at 9 a.m. For further information, please contact Ed Sabol at edwardsabol@gmail.com.

Pavilion Rentals



If you're looking for a place to hold a party, family reunion, nonprofit event, or wedding ceremony, please consider reserving our pavilions at the Falls Township Community Park,

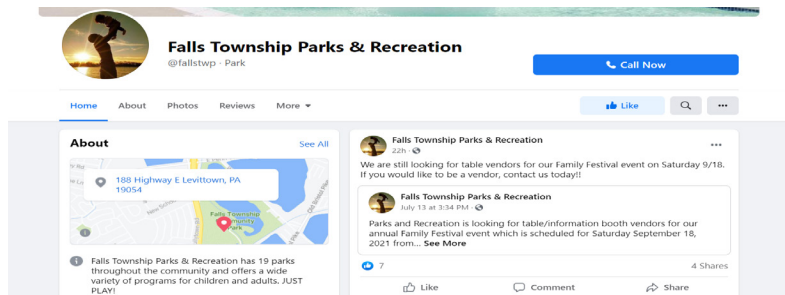
Quaker Penn Park or the Fallsington Gazebo at Fallsington Commemorative Park. To reserve a pavilion or gazebo, please contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

Boat Ramp Passes

All seasonal and daily boat ramp passes must be purchased online (Visa and MasterCard only). Rates for seasonal passes will be: \$80 for a Falls resident; \$155 for a non-resident. Daily passes will be \$15. To purchase a seasonal or daily pass, visit www.fallstwp.com, go to the Parks and Recreation page, and click on the link "Quaker Penn Park Boat Launch Pass." You will then be able to register and pay for either a seasonal or daily pass. A daily pass is only good for a 24-hour period from time of purchase. For further information, contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9000 ext. 221 or by email b.loessy@fallstwp.com.

We're On Facebook!

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Summer Concert Series

Once again, Falls Township Parks and Recreation will hold 12 concerts as part of its 2023 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:

June 18 Rick Gazda Band

June 25 Strictly 60's Band

July 2 Big Band From the Valley

July 9 Mark Margolies Band

July 16 Tri County Band

July 23 Daisy Jug Band

July 30 Barbone Street Jazz Band

August 6 Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers

August 13 First Time Around Band

August 20 Mikey Junior

August 27 Uptown String Band

September 3 Strictly 60's Band

Touch a Truck/Family Festival



Save the date! So much fun all in one day! Falls Township will hold its annual Touch a Truck/Family Festival Event on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park. The event kicks off with a quiet hour from 9

a.m. to 10 a.m. for children with special needs. Come on out and explore construction vehicles, fire engines, tow trucks, electrical trucks, along with food and table vendors, bounce houses, games, balloon artistry, face painting and much more. Stick around for the second annual Food Truck Festival, featuring live music from Mikey Junior. The event runs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and features a beer garden, as well as food truck fare available for purchase. Additional activities for children and families are planned as well. Cap the day's festivities with a fireworks display at approximately 8:30 p.m. The rain date for the Touch a Truck/Family Festival/fireworks display is the following Saturday, Sept. 16.

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Homeless Shelter Receives \$6K

For some it may be bragging rights to making the best bowl of chili, but for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, the \$6,000 donation from Marie's Kozy Korner's sixth annual chili cookoff means so much more.

During a recent Falls Supervisors meeting, the owners of Marie's Kozy Korner presented Murielle Kelly with a check from the recent fundraising event, held at the neighborhood bar. Each year proceeds from the contest are donated to the shelter, the only family shelter in Bucks County.

"It's dear to us," said Jason Lawson, Falls Township Public Works Director, and husband of Nancy Lawson, who c o o n s the bar with her mother, Marie Krotz.

How you can help

The shelter is always in need of linens, comforters, pillows, sheets, towels, bottled water and laundry detergent.

"We really don't want to see anyone struggle, especially the kids."

Each year the shelter houses more than 300 families, according to Kelly, who serves as the center's director of housing



The owners of Marie's Kozy Korner (front, from left) Jason Lawson holding his grandson, his wife, Nancy, (second from right) mother-in-law Marie Krotz and niece, Taylor, present a check for \$6,000 to (center) Murielle Kelly, of the Bucks County Emergency Services Shelter during the November Falls Supervisors meeting. Supervisors are (back, from left): Chairman Jeff Dence, Vice Chairman Jeff Boraski, John Palmer, Erin Mullen and Brian Galloway.

services. Since COVID the need for housing has grown exponentially, she said.

Before the pandemic, the center averaged between 30 and 75 people waiting for emergency housing. However, during the last two years, there have been more than 200 people waiting for services.

"It can take six months to get into the shelter," she said.

The shelter also operates a housing link help line, which has seen an increase of more than 1,000 calls. Staff are answering 4,500 calls from people experiencing a housing crisis.

Upgraded Roller Hockey Rink Reopens



Bucks County Commissioner Bob Harvie (left) joins other ribbon cutters (from left) State Rep. John Galloway, Falls Township Supervisor Erin Mullen, State Sen. Steve Santarsiero and Falls Township Parks & Recreation Director Brian Andrews as they reopen the renovated roller skating rink at Community Park.

Hockey enthusiasts can skate on an entirely restored rink at Falls Township Community Park.

Upgrades improved the look and function of the roller hockey rink by resurfacing it, replacing the dasher board, restoring the fencing, painting, and marking the surface, and sealing cracks.

The bulk of the project was funded by grants secured by Sen. Steve Santarsiero and Rep. John Galloway.





Retired Falls Township police officer John Yeager (right) receives his award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Levittown Fire Co. #1 firefighter Brian Huber (right) was named the national firefighter of the year by the VFW.

First Responders Recognized By VFW

Two Falls Township emergency services officials bested nominees nationwide to receive honors from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Monday night.

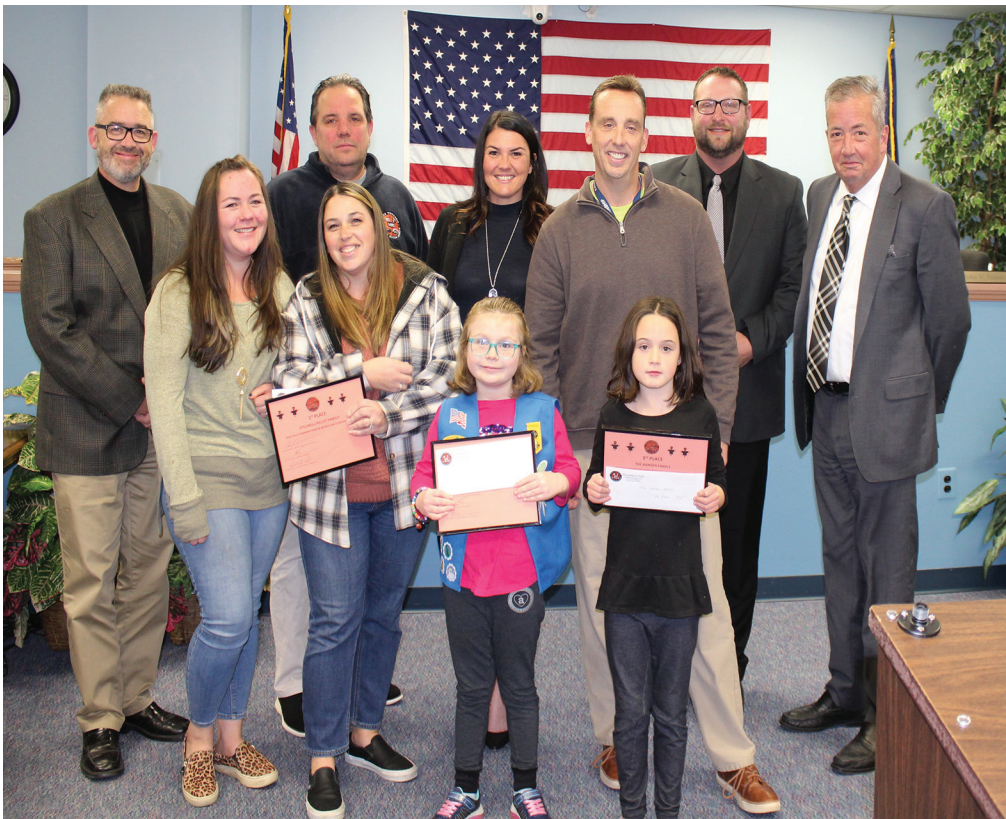
VFW officials recognized retired Falls Township Police officer John Yeager and Levittown Fire Co. #1 firefighter Brian Huber. Both received national honors. Huber received a national firefighter of the year award.

“This award is not given to everybody,” the VFW representative

said before honoring Yeager and Huber.

The honorees were chosen from a pool of candidates of the state’s 425 VFW posts. Levittown VFW Post 6495 nominated Yeager and Huber. From there, nominations were forwarded to the state’s 25 districts for affirmation before being considered nationally.

“It tells me we have the best in Falls Township,” the VFW representative said before giving the awards.



2022 Scarecrow Award Winners Are Outstanding in Their Field

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors and Falls Township Parks & Recreation Director Brian Andrews (third from right) congratulated the winners of this year’s scarecrow contest. Contest award winners were (front row, from left) First Place Winner, the Stillwell/Kelley family; Second Place winner, Girl Scout Troop 2029 and Third Place winner, the Hansen family. Winners received a certificate and a gift card for Arosso, A Touch of Sicily.

Touch a Truck Raises over \$20K

Falls Township's fifth annual Touch a Truck fundraiser was bigger and better than years past, featuring even more large trucks, excavators, towing vehicles, utility trucks, mowers, emergency response vehicles, fire trucks, fuel trucks, construction vehicles and heavy machinery.

In addition to more vehicles, 2022 Touch a Truck raised a record-breaking \$20,200 for The Barkann Family Healing Hearts Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides financial aid to families throughout the Delaware Valley who are in need due to recent tragedy or adversity. In all, Falls Township's Touch a Truck, through its generous sponsors, has contributed more than \$50,000 to the Foundation over the last several years.

"Throughout COVID 19, we were reminded by many social workers who we work with throughout the year that we were one of the only charities they refer families to who were able to provide support to families without any interruption during that two-year span though the pandemic," said The Barkann Family Healing Hearts Foundation Executive Director Mike Barnes. "In my humble opinion, we look too far for the good in this world when it is right in front of us."

Last year's Touch a Truck fundraiser generated \$13,000 in charitable donations. Despite having to cancel the 2020 event because of the pandemic, many of the sponsors agreed to have their contributions donated to The Barkann Family Healing Hearts Foundation anyway.

Spearheaded by Falls Township Supervisor Vice Chairman Jeff Boraski and the Township's Parks and Recreation Department, Touch a Truck provides a unique opportunity for children to learn more about how the various vehicles on display serve as first response, construc-



Save the Date!

Family Festival Weekend kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 9 with the sixth annual Touch a Truck, combined with the Family Festival (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Food Truck Festival, which features a variety of tasty food from various vendors, a beer garden and live music, will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 9, with fireworks to follow at approximately 8:30 p.m.

All events will be held at Falls Township Community Park.

tion, farming, manufacturing and more.

In addition to generous contributions from returning and new sponsors,

the event's success was made possible through the hard work of Falls Township staff and volunteers.

Event sponsors for the 2022 Touch a Truck event were: Trash Daddy, Rudolph Clarke, LLC, Premium Excavating, Jones Engineering Associates, CLC Contractors, Yard Truck Specialists, Waste Management, IBEW Local 269, B. Blair Corp., Costello Fuel, Carr & Duff, Armour & Sons, Riley Electric, T&M Fuel, Britton Industries, GPS Hauling, Red Box Plus Dumpsters, Goldey Plumbing, Marie's Kozy Korner, Selective Vending Services, Area Fence Enclosures Co., Ray Litwin HVAC and Bayard Pump and Tank Company. The Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad, as well as volunteers from Fairless Hills Fire Department, Levittown Fire Co. #1 and Falls Township Fire Co. also spent the day at the Touch a Truck event.

Jewelry Sale to Benefit Fallsington Library

Accessorize your wardrobe – while supporting Fallsington Library – at this spring's jewelry sale.

The fundraiser, which features a huge selection of jewelry, including handmade items, vintage, and costume, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Fallsington Library, 139 Yardley Ave., in Fallsington on Saturday, April 1. All proceeds support the library.

For more information on other library events, please visit the Fallsington Library Facebook page or website at <http://www.fallsingtonlibrary.org/>.



Falls Welcomes New Businesses

Falls Township has had the pleasure of welcoming more than two dozen new businesses and, in some cases, new locations for existing businesses over 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:

Rocco's Nuway Barber Shop, 8012 Mill Creek Rd., Levittown;
Nolan Park Apartments, 603-609 Nolan Ave., Morrisville;
Chill's Grill & Bar, 610 Commerce Blvd., Fairless Hills;
Cushman & Wakefield, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Stes. 204 and 211, Fairless Hills;
Good Vibes Brazilian Jiu Jitsu LLC, 375 W. Trenton Ave., Ste. 100B, Morrisville;
Freedom Roofing, Inc., 1 Big Oak Rd., Ste. 128, Morrisville;
Red Rhino Car Wash 5, LLC, 1001 Trenton Rd., Levittown;
Kuhl Moves Dance Academy, 1380 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 100, Morrisville;
Lush Nail & Spa, 110 Lincoln Hwy., Ste. 9, Fairless Hills;
Little Istanbul Plus, 8630 New Falls Rd., Levittown;
Marty's Carpet Cleaning, 364 W. Trenton Ave., Garage 1, Morrisville;
Orion Systems, 430 Lincoln Hwy., Ste. 200, Fairless Hills;
Izzah Investment Property, 81 Big Oak Rd., Ste. 102B, Morrisville;
Livengrin, 448 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;
Sunset Wellness LLC, 81 Big Oak Rd., Ste. 102B, Morrisville;
Smart Arches Dental Implants, 110 Lincoln Hwy., Ste. 21, Fairless Hills;



Extreme Fitness, 8724 New Falls Rd., Levittown;
Resources for Human Development, 312 N. Oxford Valley Rd., Fairless Hills;
Dan's Boba, 229 Plaza Blvd., Ste. 27, Morrisville;
UGN Logistics, Inc., 745 Philadelphia Ave., Morrisville;
Envy Nail C, Inc., 833 W. Trenton Ave., Ste. 6, Morrisville;
Albano & Jonida DMD, LLC, 483 S. Oxford Valley Rd., Fairless Hills;
Hair BNB, 163 Fallsington Tullytown Rd., Levittown;
Flower of Life Yoga, LLC, 375 W. Trenton Ave., Second Floor, Morrisville;
72 Hillside Lane, LLC, 59 Hillside Ln., Fallsington.

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 Supervisors are continuing with the 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.

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

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To nominate a business to be featured as part of our Live Here, Spend Here effort, email admin@fallstwp.com.

Falls Township 2023 Street Sweeping Schedule

Listed below is the Spring 2023 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 20-24
Willowwood	March 27
Makefield Road Village.....	March 28
Old Fallsington areas/Fallsington Woods	March 29
Lakeside.....	March 30
Rue Court/Amelia Drive & Amelia Turn/ Orchard Drive and Mill Creek Estate.....	March 31
Birch Valley.....	April 3-4
Penns Place & Decou Village.....	April 5-6
Fairless Hills-South of Trenton Road, including Fairbridge and Drexelwood	April 10-11
Elderberry.....	April 12-13
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 14
Nottingham, Taylor Tract, Penn Village.....	April 17-18
Penns Grant.....	April 19-20
Pennsbury Heights.....	April 21
Thornridge.....	April 24-25
Pinewood	April 26-27
Yardley Farms	April 28
North Park – including Nasturtium Lane and New Pond Lane	May 2-3
Hedgerow Woods.....	May 4-5
Fairless Hills-North of Trenton Road, including Oak Lane, Pennsylvania Avenue, Arleans Avenue and Lebbie May.....	May 9-10
Vermillion Hills.....	May 11-12
Township Parks/Industrial Parks	May 15-26
Maintenance Day.....	May 1 or May 8

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 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.



...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.

Get involved: Become a Volunteer

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.com.





Food Collections Continue in 2023

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 Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito's mind when he proposed to the Falls Board of 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's 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're able. Donations benefit a different Falls-area food pantry each month.

During 2022, the Falls Township Fire Marshal's office collected and distributed 25 individual collections of food and personal care items to five different food banks in/around Falls Township, totaling approximately 7,000 pounds of food.

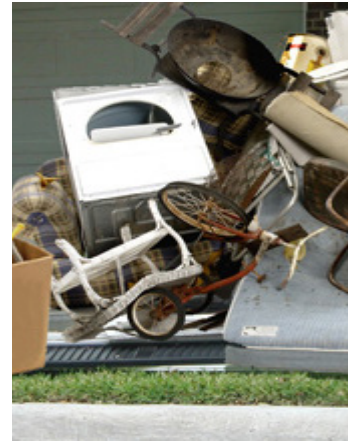
There is always in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal as well as various household and personal care items including toothpaste, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels. Food pantries collect other non-perishable food items, including canned fruits and vegetables, as well as soup, canned pastas, crackers, cookies, bagged pasta, spaghetti sauce and more that's DISTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE IN NEED.

Donations can be dropped off at the Township building, or pickup can be arranged.

To get involved
To arrange a food pickup, email Rich Dippolito at r.dippolito@fallstwp.com, or call (215) 949-9000, ext. 250. Food should be left in bags at the curb for pickup. Items can also be dropped off at the Falls Township municipal building, 188 Lincoln Highway, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you know a local food pantry that would benefit from food donations, please share with Rich.

Bulk Disposal Day April 22

Mark your calendars for the next FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY, which will be held on Saturday, April 22 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.

Yard Waste Cleanup is set for April 29

The 2023 yard waste cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 29. 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

Updates from Fairless Hills Fire Dept.

Last year was another busy year for the Fairless Hills Fire Department. Our emergency personnel responded to more than 600 calls and spent more than 4,000 hours assisting with emergency incidents, training, community events and activities and educating approximately 2,000 students, teachers and community members on fire safety.

Our volunteers provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We strive to provide our highest level

of service to you, our ever-growing and evolving community. These are services we would be unable to provide without your help.

Want to join our family?

The Fairless Hills Fire Department is seeking those interested in serving as volunteer firefighters. We also offer a Junior Firefighting program for ages 16-17.

Member benefits include, free training, pay per call incentive program, life insurance and bunk in opportunities. If

interested, please stop by the fire station any Tuesday night at 7 p.m. to speak with one of our firefighters.

We hope to see you at our upcoming Easter flower sale on April 6-9.

For Westaby Hall rentals, call (215) 943-0194 or at www.Westabyhall.com.

There is a lot of time, effort and energy that goes into keeping you, our community members, safe. As such, the members of the Fairless Hills Volunteer Fire Department want thank you for your continued support.

Donations Make Library Repairs Possible

How you can help

Although Fallsington Library receives generous support from local government funding sources, the library relies on financial donations to maintain all the unique and innovative programs that make the Fallsington Library special. If you wish to donate, please visit the library website at <http://fallsingtonlibrary.org/> or send a check to: Fallsington Library, 139 Yardley Ave., Fallsington PA 19054.

Fallsington Library's recent fund drive yielded ongoing support.

The Bucks County Commissioners donated \$2,500 to assist the library in replacing its outdated gutters. Waste Management contributed \$500 earmarked for the purchase of books.

"We greatly appreciate the ongoing community support," Library Director Charlene Rendeiro said. "Every little bit helps."

The library recently received a \$2,000 matching grant from the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance to support the library's popular Science Meets Art program in 2023.

The library's signature monthly pro-

gram features unique themes that appeal to learners of all ages. The fun and educational programs spur an early love of nature and STEAM principles, while celebrating the everyday wonder of the seasons, as well as the animals and wildlife sharing our world.

About the Library

The Fallsington Library Company was founded in 1800 and incorporated in 1802. In 1879, the organization moved into its current building. The second floor served as a community hall, hosting concerts, plays, dances, meetings, and even gym classes for the Pennsbury School.

Historic Fallsington Announces Events

Open House & Cleaning Sale - May 6

Spring Cleaning Sale from 8 a.m. to Noon. Some neighbors in the village will have items for sale and a few vendors will be set up behind the Tavern, too. Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a tour of historic buildings and grounds and try a few historic trades and crafts for yourself.

Evening Lecture - May 18

Learn more about the lives of everyday people of the past as it relates to the historic village of Fallsington. Program to be held at 7 p.m. in the Social Room of the Fallsington Friends Meeting. Free but donation welcome.

Twilight in Fallsington - May 20

Beginning at 4 p.m., help Historic Fallsington continue to preserve the historic village we all know and love with some delicious food and good company while strolling the idyllic grounds of the historic Tavern. Your ticket to this popular benefit

event includes a behind-the-scenes tour followed by light fare and drinks, including fine wine and premium beers. Buy a chance to win some great items in the raffle too. Tickets cost \$35 per person.

Save the date

Historic Fallsington Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Historic Fallsington's 70th year means this free event will be bigger and better than ever. Please make sure you mark your calendars!



Interpreter Norma awaits visitors to the Burges-Lippincott house during the Open House in 2022.

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Falls Township Polling Places

1-1	Fallsington Elementary School	134 Yardley Ave.	Fallsington
1-2	Pennsbury West High School	608 S. Olds Blvd.....	Fairless Hills
1-3	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School	185 Walton Dr.	Morrisville
1-4	Village Park Elementary School	75 Unity Dr.	Fairless Hills
1-5	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School	185 Walton Dr.	Morrisville
1-6	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School	185 Walton Dr.	Morrisville
1-7	Fallsington Elementary School	134 Yardley Ave.	Fallsington
2-1	Oxford Valley Elementary School	430 Trenton Rd.	Fairless Hills
2-2	Pennsbury West High School	608 S. Olds Blvd.....	Fairless Hills
3-1	Oxford Valley Elementary School	430 Trenton Rd.	Fairless Hills
3-2	Oxford Valley Public Golf Course	141 N. Oxford Valley Rd.	Fairless Hills
4-1	St. Paul's Episcopal Church.....	89 Pinewood Dr.....	Levittown
4-2	Penn Valley Elementary School.....	180 North Turn Ln.	Levittown
4-3	Manor Elementary School	401 Penn Valley Rd.....	Levittown
4-4	Penn Valley Elementary School.....	180 North Turn Ln.	Levittown
4-5	Penn Valley Elementary School.....	180 North Turn Ln.	Levittown
4-6	Manor Elementary School	401 Penn Valley Rd.....	Levittown
4-7	Manor Elementary School	401 Penn Valley Rd.....	Levittown

Input Sought on Communication Survey

In an effort to better understand Falls Township residents' news-sharing preferences, the Township is seeking input in a brief survey.

The 13-question inquiry can be completed in as little as five minutes. The survey polls residents on their communication and social media preferences and is aimed at providing Falls Township news and updates on the platforms that align most closely with community members.

Falls currently shares news on its website, as well

as its Facebook page and this bi-annual newsletter. The Township also sends out news alerts via email to those who have subscribed to receive them.

Accessing the survey

All Falls Township residents are encouraged to complete the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NKFBCCK> or feel free to scan the QR code on the right on your mobile device to open and access the survey.





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Spring & Summer Fire Safety Tips

In the Home

- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, change batteries immediately if needed.
- Check your fire extinguishers. Make sure they are easily retrieved and the needle on the gauge is in the green area.
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords, replace where needed.
- Ensure you have an emergency preparedness kit in case of incidents such as power outages and flooding.
- Practice your family's fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit.
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents.
- Recycle: Get rid of old newspapers, magazines, and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
- Check and clean filters above stove.
- Pull refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.
- Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in the event of an emergency.

Around the home

- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street. They should be a minimum of 4" high and reflective.
- 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.
- Remove leaves and trash from carports and garages. Combustible materials are dangerous when exposed to heated automobile components, especially under the vehicle.
- Clean up and properly store paints, pool, and yard chemicals.
- Check fuels containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.

BBQ Tips

- All barbecue grills must only be used outdoors. Using grills indoors or in enclosed spaces is a fire hazard and exposes occupants to toxic gasses and potential asphyxiation.
- Always position the grill well away from combustible objects. Buildings, fences, deck railings and landscaping can easily and quickly ignite.
- Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.
- Never leave a lit grill unattended.
- Always use long-handled grilling utensils and heat-resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure burns from heat and flames.
- Periodically remove grease build-up in catch trays to prevent it from igniting.
- Keep a garden hose nearby, connected, and ready for use in case of fire.
- Do not allow children to get near fireworks, stoves, or grills. Ensure



that all flammable and combustible materials are out of their reach. Never allow them to play with matches, candles, or lighters.

- Bring a fire extinguisher or fire blanket to your outdoor trip to easily extinguish fire before it gets out of hand.
- Check the connection between the propane tank and fuel line to see if this is not blocked before using a grill. Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Douse hot coals with plenty of water before disposal. Never put them inside plastic, paper or wooden trash bins or containers.
- Avoid building campfires during picnics or when camping. If you do build one, make sure you keep it small and that you douse it with water to put it out completely. Never leave the camping area without putting out the fire. Check with your local fire department or municipality to ensure there is not a fire ban in effect.
- Inspect fire equipment at home. Ensure your fire extinguisher is in top condition. If you see anything suspicious like a leak in the nozzle, have it repaired or checked by a professional immediately.
- Before going on a trip, be sure everything is unplugged and turned off.
- Practice fire drills at least twice a year. Leave emergency numbers near the telephone.
- Use barbecue grills away from the house, tent, or from anything that can easily catch fire.
- When checking in at a hotel, B&B, motel or seasonal property, examine if there are fire exits, firefighting equipment, working smoke detectors and clear signage of the escape route.
- When using a lawnmower, never fuel it while still hot.
- If outside and your clothes catch fire, use the STOP, DROP and ROLL method. Use a fire extinguisher to put out a small fire that is not yet spreading. Call the fire department immediately.

Smoke detectors are provided and installed free of charge to residents of Falls Township. If you need smoke detectors, please call **(215) 949-9000 ext. 250** to schedule an appointment to have them installed. **SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!**

Keep Your Seasonal Property Fire Proof

- Test smoke alarms at least monthly or each time you return to your seasonal home. Pack a new smoke alarm and extra smoke alarm batteries in case they need replacement.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in your seasonal home if it has a fuel-burning appliance.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Know the telephone number for the local fire department and your seasonal home's emergency sign number, in case of emergency.
- Clean grills before using them. Keep an eye on lit barbecues and ensure all combustibles, as well as children and pets are kept well away from them.
- Keep lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children.
- Bring a flashlight with extra batteries.

Campfire Safety Tips

A carelessly abandoned campfire or a campfire built without safe clearance can turn a small fire into a dangerous and fast-moving blaze. Build your campfire in a way that does not endanger anyone or the surrounding forest. Enjoy a safe campfire with these tips:

- Check with local authorities on open-air burning restrictions and follow local regulations. Keep up to date on area fire bans.
- Never build a campfire on a windy day. Sparks or embers could travel quite a distance, setting an unintentional fire.
- Watch the wind direction to ensure sparks aren't getting on flammable materials. Put the fire out if wind changes cause concern.
- Build campfires where they will not spread; well away from tents, trailers, dry grass, leaves and overhanging tree branches.
- Build campfires in fire pits provided or on bare rock or sand if no fire pit is provided.
- Maintain a six to 10-foot clearance around your campfire.
- Build a campfire surrounded with rocks to contain your campfire. Rocks from the river may explode due to moisture in the rock becoming superheated.
- Use crumpled paper and/or kindling to start a fire rather than flammable liquids.
- Never use gasoline to start a campfire. If a fire starter is required, use only proper lighting fluid, and use sparingly. **NEVER PUT IT ON AN OPEN FLAME** since fire can ignite the stream of lighting fluid and the flame will travel up the stream igniting the container in your hand and causing serious injury. Once lighting fluid has been applied, allow a few minutes for explosive vapors to disperse before lighting. Remove the lighting fluid container a safe distance away before lighting the campfire.
- Secure lighters and matches and keep out of children's reach.
- Keep campfires to a small, manageable size no more than three feet high by three feet in diameter.
- Don't burn garbage in your campfire. It smells and may attract

- Check heating appliances and chimneys before using them.
- Check with your local fire department or municipality to determine whether open air burning is permitted before having a campfire. Fires should be built on bare soil or on exposed rock. Remove leaves and twigs from around the fire to keep it from spreading. Always keep a bucket of water, sand, or even a shovel close by. Supervise the fire at all times.
- If you must smoke, do so outside. Keep a large can with water nearby so cigarette butts can be safely discarded. Drink responsibly. Tobacco use and excessive alcohol consumption are contributing factors in many fires and can lead to serious injuries.
- Burn candles in sturdy candleholders that will not tip and are covered with a glass shade. When you go out, blow out!



animals to your campsite.

- Keep all combustible materials, including flammable liquids, propane cylinders, lighting fluid, etc. away from the campfire.
- Stack extra wood upwind and away from campfire so sparks cannot ignite your woodpile. Have sufficient wood on hand to eliminate the need to leave your campsite to restock.
- Ensure that a responsible adult is monitoring the campfire at all times. Supervise children and never allow horseplay near or involving the campfire, such as jumping over flames.
- Closely supervise children while roasting treats over a campfire. A flaming marshmallow can easily ignite clothing. A heated metal skewer can be a burn hazard, as well as a puncture hazard.
- Loose clothing can easily catch fire. Never reach into a campfire to rearrange pieces of wood.
- Teach children how to **STOP, DROP and ROLL** should their clothing catch on fire. Teach children to cool a burn with cool running water for three to five minutes.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse fire when finished. Use caution when applying water to campfire. Once the water has been applied, stir the dampened coals and douse it again with water. As an added precaution, shovel sand or dirt to cover the dampened coals to smother any remaining embers.

Fire Safety Tips for Your RV/Motorhome

Whether camping or just relaxing in your RV, fire safety is essential. Everyone should know what to do in an emergency or fire. Ensure your family's safety with these tips:

- Know your location so first responders can find you.
- Confirm emergency numbers for police, fire and ambulance.
- Get yourself and family to safety before extinguishing the fire. Only if you can do so without endangering yourself or others should you use firefighting aids. Never re-enter a burning RV.

• Install and maintain at least one smoke alarm in your RV near the sleeping area. Special 12v smoke alarms, designed specifically for RVs, are available. Depending on the size of your RV and placement of sleeping areas, more than one smoke alarm may be required.

• Install and maintain at least one carbon monoxide alarm in your RV near the sleeping area. Special 12v carbon monoxide alarms, designed for RVs, are available.

• Install a propane leak alarm at floor level, no more than six inches above the floor or lowest level to alert you in case of a propane leak. Propane gas, like gasoline fumes, tends to pool in low-lying spots and even a small spark can ignite it. If you have a leak, immediately evacuate and shut off propane at the tank, if it is safe to do so.

• Ensure that all travelers in the RV know what the sound of each type of alarm indicates and what to do when they hear it.

• Test all smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and propane leak alarms weekly when the RV is in use.

• Install a fully charged multi-purpose or ABC fire extinguisher in an easily accessible location near an exit where escape is also an option. Make sure everyone knows where it is and how to use it. Check the pressure gauge to ensure it's fully charged, indicated by the needle in the green area. Have partially discharged fire extinguisher refilled or replaced immediately. Once a month check the gauge or pin for pressure, turn it upside down and hit the bottom sharply with your hand, then shake it well to dislodge any compacted dry chemicals.

• Most residential fire extinguishers discharge in eight to 10 seconds with a range of six to 10 feet. They should only be used to put out small, contained fires or to allow escape.

• DON'T FIGHT A FIRE unless you call the fire department first!

• Have your fuel-burning appliances checked at the beginning of each camping season to ensure they are properly vented, free of any obstructions and working well.



• Gas cylinders, pipes, fittings, and connections should be checked regularly, particularly after driving on bumpy roads.

• Maintain the RV's mechanical systems to eliminate the risk of leaks or malfunctions.

• Ensure that the extension cord for connecting your RV to a campground's 110v electricity supply is in good condition and of suitable gauge wire to handle the electrical load placed upon it.

• Check all electrical appliances for frayed cords and any other visible damage.

• Ensure that exhaust pipes extend sufficiently past the side walls or rear of the RV so prevailing air currents can disperse this lethal gas away from the vehicle.

• Allow the generator to cool down before refueling. Always shut off the generator and any other fuel-burning appliances.

• Shut off the propane at the tank and turn off all propane-powered appliances while driving.

• Operate your refrigerator on 12v battery power or turn it off.

• When refueling propane tanks or the RV's fuel tank shut off all interior burners, pilot lights, appliances, automatic ignition switches and the RV's motor and have all passengers exit the RV.

• Propane cylinders, relief valves and regulating equipment must be located either outside the vehicle, or in a compartment gas-tight to the interior to allow any possible leaks to flow to the outside air.

How to Prepare a Home Fire Escape Plan

• Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.

• Visit each room. Find two ways out.

• All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.

• Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.

• Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home.

• Make sure your house or building

number can be seen from the street.

• Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.

• Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.

• Practice your home fire drill!

Storm/Natural Disaster Safety Tips

Natural disasters can have a devastating effect on you and your home. Use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during or after a summer storm.

During/after storm

- The power of lightning's electrical charge and intense heat can electrocute on contact, splitting trees and causing fires.
- Pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.
- Appliances that have been exposed to water can short and become a fire hazard.

Chemical safety

- Look for combustible liquids like gasoline, lighter fluid, and paint thinner that may have spilled. Thoroughly clean the spill and place containers in a well-ventilated area.
- Keep combustible liquids away from heat sources.

Electrical safety

- If your home has sustained flood or water damage, and you can safely get to the main breaker or fuse box, turn off the power.
- Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged.
- Be aware of and avoid downed utility lines. Report downed or damaged power lines to the utility company or emergency services.
- Remove standing water, wet carpets, and furnishings. Air dry your home with good ventilation before restoring power.
- Have a licensed electrician check your home for damage.

Gas safety

- Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. In case of a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open.
- Never strike a match. Any size flame can spark an explosion.
- Before turning the gas back on, have the gas system checked by a professional.

Generator safety

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines.
- Use a generator or other fuel-powered machines outside the home. CO fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you indoors.
- Use the appropriately sized and type power cords to carry the electric load. Overloaded cords can overheat and cause fires.
- Never run cords under rugs or carpets where heat might build up or damage to a cord may go unnoticed.
- Never connect generators to another power source such as power lines. The reverse flow of electricity can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.

Heating safety

- Kerosene heaters may not be legal in your area and should only be used where approved by authorities.
- Do not use the kitchen oven range to heat your home.
- Alternative heaters need space. Keep anything combustible at



least three feet away.

- Make sure alternative heaters have tip switches, which are designed to automatically turn off the heater in the event they tip over.
- Only use the type of fuel recommended by the manufacturer and follow suggested guidelines.
- Never refill a space heater while it is operating or still hot.
- Refuel heaters only outdoors.
- Make sure wood stoves are properly installed, and at least three feet away from combustible materials.
- Use a glass or metal screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks from igniting nearby carpets, furniture, or other combustible items.

and Remember ...

- Always use a flashlight - not a candle - for emergency lighting.
- Some smoke alarms may be dependent on your home's electrical service and could be inoperative during a power outage. See if your smoke alarm uses a back-up battery and install a new battery at least once a year.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly. All batteries should be replaced with new ones at least once a year.
- Keep fire hydrants clear of debris for easy access by the fire department

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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