

FALLS TOWNSHIP

Fall / Winter 2024-2025

Bucks County, Pa.

Township Mascot Unifies Community

As the 2024 election season ramps up, political differences are once again causing divisiveness in our community. To decompress from the fighting, nastiness and the feeling of individuals being pitted against one another, many are deactivating or taking a break from social media and choosing their words carefully – or biting their tongue – around family, friends and co-workers who may have differing opinions.

Regardless of the outcome of this or any election, we are still a community.

And nothing screams “community” louder than a 6-foot-tall furry mascot. A fox, to be exact. Similar to the red foxes residents commonly see out and about in yards and wooded areas, our



Falls Township fox too will be out and about meeting families and having a good time at community events, including recent kickoff appearances at our Memorial Day fishing derby, Pinewood Pool's opening weekend and summer camp.

Like the Philly Phanatic or Gritty, our hope is that Archie will bring a sense of community pride to Falls Township as a whole, as well as our residents and anyone who meets him at local gatherings.

The Falls Supervisors chose Archie as his name in recognition of the historic Three Arches property, another Falls Township landmark. While our mascot may not be listed

on the register of historic places, we think his residency in our town is pretty historic.

Have you met Archie yet? Since moving into his new digs, he's found a fine appreciation for all things Falls, including our incredible parks and top-notch recreation programs.

With simple gestures and a wave, he can bring smiles to the faces of all who meet him.

Suddenly we ask, what division? At least for a few minutes we can forget about the ugliness of politics and revel in the silliness of a furry friend having a blast at our Touch a Truck/Family Festival, or anywhere else he may pop up this fall.

-Jeffrey Dence

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Township Information - Press 3

After you press 3 for Township
information, the following numbers
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Receptionist - 1

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Matthew Takita, Zoning Officer

**Director of Emergency Services/
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Richard Dippolito

Public Works Department - 4

Public Works Director

Parks and Recreation - 5

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Finance Department - 6

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Tax Office - 7

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Police Department: (215) 949-9100

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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**.

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Police Department

Three Officers Added to Falls Police Force

The Falls Supervisors recently hired three new police officers. Basilio DeJesus, originally from Trenton, N.J., joins the Police Department following a combined two and a half years police work with Baltimore City, Md., and later Rockville, Md. police departments.



Basilio DeJesus

"We're really excited to have you," Supervisors Vice Chairperson Erin Mullen said.

Police Chief Nelson Whitney said DeJesus "finished very well" in the department's selection process.

Officers Francis Baluyot and Michael Kubek also recently joined the force.

Police Chief Nelson Whitney said the department was "very happy" to have Baluyot and Kubek as police officer candidates in Falls Township.

Baluyot was born in the Philippines after which he emigrated to the U.S. He grew up in Parsippany, N.J. Baluyot has served in the U.S. Army National Guard since 2011 and is currently a Special Forces Medical Sergeant. He is also a student at American Military University, where



Francis Baluyot

he is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Intelligence Studies. He lives in Parsippany with his wife and 2-year-old daughter.

Kubek grew up in Warminster Township. He has been a Bucks County Correctional Officer since 2021, following in his father's footsteps, a veteran of the Bucks County Correctional Center for the past 17 years. Kubek currently lives in Huntington Valley with his family.



Michael Kubek

Find Us On Social Media

Falls Township Police department is now on social media outlets like Facebook and Instagram. 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](https://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.

Youth Police Academy



Two dozen cadets recently graduated from the 2024 Youth Police Academy. As part of the 10-day program, participants heard from various members of the law enforcement community about their roles and day-to-day jobs. Cadets learned how to manage stress, heard from experts on mental health, DUI and concussion awareness and stepped up their physical fitness. Youth also received experiences in CPR and first aid training.

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.

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

Yoga



Indoor Yoga continues at the Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road) in the Annex Building. This program is held on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. Six-week session cost is \$48 for a resident; and \$54 for a non-resident. Drop-in rate is \$10 per class. We need a minimum of eight participants registered to run the class. Participants can register online using their MyRec Account. For further

information or if anyone needs assistance with registration, please contact Barbara Loessy by email at b.loessy@fallstwp.com or by phone at (215) 949-9004.

Glow Zumba

Lace up your sneakers and wear white or light-colored clothing for 90 minutes of glow Zumba on Saturday, Sept. 14 in the parking lot of the Three Arches historic home. Check in begins at 6:30 p.m. Zumba begins at 7 p.m. Don't forget to bring water! Cost is \$10 for residents; and \$12 for non-residents. Registrations will be done online only using a MyRec account. Set up an account and register at FallsTwpRec.com. Any questions can be directed to Erin Long by email e.long@fallstwp.com or (215) 949-9018.

Food Truck Festival

Falls Township will be holding a weekend of family fun this September! Join us on Friday, Sept. 20 from 6-9 p.m. at Falls Township Community Park for our Food Truck Festival, which features several food trucks, live music from House Party, as well as a beer garden benefiting Fairless Hills Fire Department. Children's activities will also be available. The event culminates with our annual fireworks display.

Touch a Truck

On Saturday, Sept. 21, our annual Touch a Truck event returns from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Falls Township Community Park. From 9 a.m.-10 a.m. is designated as a quiet/sensory friendly hour. Come out and explore construction vehicles, fire trucks, police vehicles, and much more. Levittown Fire Company No. 1 and Breakfast, Burgers and More will be selling food and drink. Families can enjoy bounce houses, face painting, balloon artistry, table vendors and much more. Event proceeds benefit The Barkann Family Healing Hearts Foundation and The Goofy Gators.



Youth Kickball

Falls Township Parks and Recreation is holding a youth kickball program (ages 7-11) on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. beginning Sept. 28 and continuing through Nov. 9 (no program on Oct. 26). Kickball will be held at the Mill Creek Road Sports Complex (Levittown Continental Challenger Field). Cost for a resident is



\$10; and \$15 for non-residents. Registrations will be done online only using a MyRec account. Set up an account and register at FallsTwpRec.com. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Brian Andrews at b.andrews@fallstwp.com or (215) 949-9006.

Wild Skills - Intro to Animal Tracks

Learn to identify animal tracks, what movement patterns show and how to follow a trail to see the whole story of creatures around us. This workshop is part of our Wild Skills series. Our goal is reconnecting to the natural world through knowledge, adventure and play. This program will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at Falls Township Community Park. Cost is \$45 for a resident; and \$54 for a non-resident. Registrations will be done online only using a MyRec account. Set up an account and register at FallsTwpRec.com. Any questions can be directed to Erin Long at e.long@fallstwp.com or (215) 949-9018.

Medicare Information Workshop

Getting close to retirement and not quite sure what Medicare will and will not cover? We are offering the opportunity to get answers to these questions! A representative from DelVal Senior Advisers will be on hand to provide a FREE educational seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Annex Building at the Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road). Pre-register using a MyRec account. If you need assistance with registering for this event, contact Brian Andrews at b.andrews@fallstwp.com or (215) 949-9006.



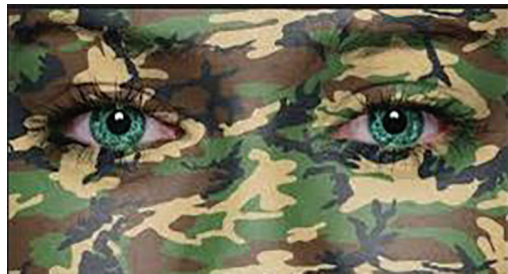
Movie in the Park

Looking for a fun and **FREE** family night out? Come on out to our Movie Night In The Park on Saturday, Oct. 5 for a showing of "Monster House." The movie will begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. on the field adjacent to the pavilion at the Falls Township Community Park (off the Mill Creek Road entrance to the park). Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Parks and Recreation

Wild Skills - The Art of Invisibility

Learn to walk silently, camouflage with your surroundings, and disappear into the landscape as we try new skills and play



your old favorite sneaking and seeking games at a whole new level of skill. This workshop is part of our Wild Skills series, our goal is reconnecting to the natural

world through knowledge, adventure and play. This program will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at Falls Township Community Park. Cost is \$45 for a resident; and \$54 for a non-resident. Registrations will be done online only using a MyRec account. Set up an account and register at FallsTwpRec.com. Any questions can be directed to Erin Long at e.long@fallstwp.com or (215) 949-9018.

Wild About Art Day

The best art is made where the wild things are! Young artists aged 6 to 10 are welcome to grow wild about art with us! This session brings together an exploration of nature with a chance to be a creator. We'll learn about using natural materials to make paintings, sculptures, pressed art and more. This program will be held on Friday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Falls Township Community Park. Cost is \$75 for a resident; and \$90 for a non-resident. Registrations will be done online only using a MyRec account. Set up an account and register at FallsTwpRec.com. Any questions can be directed to Erin Long at e.long@fallstwp.com or (215) 949-9018.

Spy Training Camp

Becoming an expert in the art of disguise, code-breaking, surveillance, stealth and leaving no trace. Together we will solve mysteries, navigate challenging obstacle courses and try to discover the double-agent during our all-new Spy Training Camp.

This program will be held Friday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Falls Township Community Park and is designed for kids ages 7 to 11. Cost is \$75 for



a resident; \$90 for a non-resident. Registrations will be done online only using a MyRec account. Set up an account and register at FallsTwpRec.com. Any questions can be directed to Erin Long at e.long@fallstwp.com or (215) 949-9018.

Holiday Party / Tree Lighting

Falls Township will be holding a Holiday Party and Tree Lighting ceremony at the Falls Township Senior Center on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 5-7 p.m. Pre-registration is required using a MyRec account. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Tree Lighting will take place at 6 p.m. For information, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006.



Park and Recreation Board Meetings

The Park and Recreation Board will meet the first Tuesday of the month at the temporary township offices (450 Lincoln Highway Fairless Hills, PA 19030) at 7 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. Note: For questions or further information, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006.

More to Come?

Additional activities may be offered this fall and winter. Please check FallsTwpRec.com and our Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up-to-date information.

Pavilion and Gazebo Rentals

If you are looking for a place to hold a party, family reunion, nonprofit event or wedding ceremony, or if you are looking for a lovely picnic spot to reserve for a day at the lake, please consider renting one of our pavilions or gazebos. Falls Township Community Park and Quaker Penn Park have pavilions available for gatherings of 80-100 people. Our gazebo at the picturesque Fallsington Commemorative Park is available for weddings. New this year, we are offering the opportunity to reserve the four gazebos at Falls Township Community Park. With the introduction of our new website, FallsTwpRec.com, it has never been easier to reserve one of our facilities. Go to FallsTwpRec.com and log in to your account. If you do not have an account, you can create one by clicking on the "New Account" icon. Once you are logged in, you can click the "Reserve" icon in the middle of the screen, or under the Facilities tab, click "Reservation." Follow the prompts from there. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Barbara Loessy at (215) 949-9004 or email b.loessy@fallstwp.com.



For the latest information, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, or visit FallsTwpRec.com.

Township Supervisors At a Glance

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors is a five-member board elected at-large. Each member is elected to a six-year term. The Board of Supervisors is the township’s legislative body, which means they set policy, enact ordinances and resolutions, adopt budgets, and levy taxes. They also perform other functions, such as enforcing ordinances, approving expenditures, hiring township employees, maintaining township-owned roads, equipment and facilities, and reviewing and approving or denying land development plans.

- The current Falls Township Supervisors are:
- Jeffry Dence**, Chairman (2022-2027)
 - Erin Mullen**, Vice-Chairperson (2024-2029)
 - Brian Galloway**, Secretary (2024-2029)
 - John Palmer** (2022-2027)
 - Jeff Boraski** (2020-2025)

Accomplishments

Some of the board’s collective highlights of the last decade include reviewing and approving dozens of land development plans, including the NorthPoint redevelopment of 1,800 acres at the former U.S. Steel site. This influx of new industry will create 1,000s of new jobs and help to bolster the local and regional economy.

In the last decade, the Supervisors have taken a more active role in the success of the local business community with its Live Here, Spend Here effort, which began in 2015. Since then, more than 80 Falls-based businesses and nonprofit organizations have been profiled in articles and featured on Falls Township’s Website.

The Supervisors have undertaken ongoing improvements



Current Falls Township Supervisors (from left) Jeff Boraski Chairman Jeffry Dence, Vice-Chairperson Erin Mullen, Brian Galloway and John Palmer.

to the township’s abundant parks and recreation facilities and programs. In recent years, the board has added kayak services at Falls Township Community Park, installed new lighting, resurfaced tennis courts and soccer fields, expanded parking at the community park, upgraded parks with new playground equipment, upgraded the hockey rink and, most recently, are moving forward with plans to have pickleball courts installed.

Since contracting with a grant writing firm four years ago, Falls has obtained more than \$1 million in grants to fund various projects, including pedestrian safety upgrades at intersections.

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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	Pennsbury West High School	608 S. Olds Blvd.....	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



Municipal Building Nears Completion

In a matter of months, Falls Township’s long-awaited municipal complex construction project will be finished.

Grace Construction Project Manager James Gates said he expects work to conclude early spring with punch list items being completed and furniture being installed thereafter. Once complete, the existing 60,000-square-foot space will be essentially rebuilt from the ground up with several new building additions, according to Gates.

Among the highlights is a community meeting room that residents and local organizations can use. The newly renovated building will offer a welcoming feeling, be open, light and inviting and feature a better layout and use of space. In addition, it will be more easily accessible with proper signage and identification to help guide visitors to their desired location.

The remodeled and expanded space will be something that residents can be proud of with building designs intended to subtly reflect Falls Township’s history.

“It’s a big upgrade from what the building was,” Gates said. “Structurally speaking the building is going to be in a lot better shape.”

The existing building was not intended for municipal use and in fact had been used for a variety of other purposes previously. The building’s elevator, roof and atrium have always been an issue and the building did not have a true front entrance.

Departments, including the police and administration, were short on space. During storms the building was prone to flooding. Ceilings above employees’ desks frequently leaked after heavy rain.

The new and improved municipal building is being reconstructed with brand-new mechanical systems, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing. High-efficiency equipment and LED light fixtures are being installed throughout, which will result in energy savings. EV charging stations are also planned, although Gates said they may not be installed in tandem with the building’s completion this spring.

The municipal project entails a complete updating of the existing building and integrating functions. Upgrades will include improvements to administration, code enforcement and the fire marshal, finance, parks and recreation, police, clerks, tax collector, and public works.





Township Supervisors (from back left) Brian Galloway, Vice Chairperson Erin Mullen, Supervisor John Palmer and Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito (front right), congratulate Township first responders (front, from left) Mike Lowe, Rich Brandau, Tyler Horvath, Zach Lizotte, Jim Bray, Alex Sansone and Dean Steckclair, who helped save the life of Cathy Lizotte (front center).

'Team Effort' Saves a Life

Saving a life was a team effort among Falls Township's first responders recently.

During a recent Supervisors meeting, Fire Marshal and Assistant Township Manager Rich Dippolito presented citations to members of the Township Police Department, Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad, Levittown Fire Co. No. 1 and Morrisville Rescue Squad for the collective effort to save the life of Falls resident Cathy Lizotte.

Lizotte, the mother of Levittown Fire Co. No. 1 member Zach Lizotte, was suffering from cardiac arrest on the evening of June 21 when Zach called 911 and began giving his mother CPR.

Levittown Fire Co. No. 1 Chief James Bray and the rescue squad from Levittown-Fairless Hills arrived with Michael Lowe and Tyler Horvath. They determined Mrs. Lizotte was in ventricular fibrillation and administered two shocks from their defibrillator and continued CPR and respirations. Police officers

Dean Steckclair, Matt Shannon, and Alex Sansone, as well as Morrisville Rescue Squad members Richard Brandau and Andrew Hotzman also arrived to assist.

"The team effort restored her heartbeat and undoubtedly saved her life," Dippolito said as he presented the citations.

Supervisor Jeff Boraski shared information about the lifesaving event with Dippolito, who was happy to acknowledge the township's lifesavers and said he'd like to recognize first responders more often for their selfless acts of heroism.

"I don't think we do that often enough. A lot of it is taken for granted," Dippolito said. "We don't have too many outcomes that we can sit here and say, 'this was due to a team effort.'"

Even though he is an active firefighter, Zach Lizotte received a civilian citation since he helped his mother while not on duty. Bray, Lowe, Horvath, Brandau, Hotzman, Steckclair, Shannon, and Sansone received a unit citation.

Fire Company Seeks Volunteers



The Falls Township Fire Company is continually seeking volunteers for our organization. Volunteers are needed for firefighting and emergency responses. No previous training required. The Falls Township Fire company will provide the formal training needed. A junior firefighter program is also provided for anyone who is at least 16 years of age. Don't want to fight fire but still want to volunteer? We are looking for auxiliary members as well. These

members may help by assisting with community events, fundraising or other functions that the fire company provides. If you are interested in applying, please visit The Falls Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 for an application. We are located at 310 Yardley Avenue, Fallsington PA, 19054. Our phone number is (215) 295-5966. The best time to stop for an application is any Tuesday night around 7 p.m., just ask for any officer.

Expansion is the Name of the Game

Businesses are collectively expanding in Falls Township.

The Falls Supervisors recently reviewed and approved preliminary and final land development plans for several existing businesses.

Cosmos Restaurant and Bar, whose owners also own the Trenton Road shopping center where the longtime eatery is situated, are planning to add 3,000 square feet to accommodate a bigger facility for the existing Action Karate martial arts school. Once the construction is completed, attorney Michael Meginniss said Eileen's Academy of Dance would transition into

the karate school's current space.

As part of the addition, four new trees would be planted, which Meginniss said is in line with requests from neighbors to allow "clear site access into the parking lot."

Sunbelt Forest Products, which is located at 400 Rock Run Road, intends to build a 8,364-square-foot addition, as well as a 300-square-foot tote storage area to the existing 16,817-square-foot building.

Sunbelt representatives said the 500-acre parcel, which is situated in the Penn Warner Industrial Park, has, since the 1980s produced pressure-treated lumber.

The new building addition would be located adjacent to the cylinders to which products are treated, officials said.

A&A Machinery Moving is expanding with an addition by September 2025, Albert Lykon told the Falls Supervisors. Lykon, of Lykon Investment Co., said A&A is his tenant and the company rents space "down the street" at Dean Sievers Place.

"The building will suit the same amount of employees and will actually result in less traffic on the road," Lykon said. "Currently, they're shuttling equipment back and forth each day."

Falls Welcomes New Businesses

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

We welcome the following new business additions:

Sports Clips, 110 Lincoln Highway, Suite 10, Fairless Hills;

Gulbrandsen Compliance Consulting, 307 Chelsea Road, Fairless Hills;

Nnaemeka Transport, 1 Makefield Road, Apt K443, Morrisville;

1501 South PA Ave., LLC, 1501 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

Aurus TC, 1501 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville;

Integrated Industries Corp., 98 E. Cabot Blvd., Building 6, Langhorne;

Pets Furst Urgent Care, 502 N. Olds Blvd., Langhorne;

Chance to Save Bargain Outlet, 8720 New Falls Road, Levittown;

Triple Net Investments XCVI, 9151 Bristol Pike, Morrisville;

Ea&S Truck Repair, Inc., 800 Bristol Pike, Morrisville;

Giant Cleaners, 833 W. Trenton Ave., Suite 8, Morrisville;

Vision Roofing & Exterior Services, Inc.,

171 Fallsington-Tullytown Road, Levittown;

Magic Years Childcare Center, LLC, 9 Old Locust Ave., Ste 100, Fallsington;

Constructural Dynamics Inc./Silvi, 365 Newbold Road, Fairless Hills;

Pulling Threads Therapy, LLC, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 127, Morrisville;

Kasdon's Restaurant and Tavern, 8736 New Falls Road, Levittown;

Valorize Photography, 423 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

Britton Industries, 536 W. Bridge St., Morrisville;

Laundry Zone of Morrisville, 229 Plaza Boulevard, Suite 32, Morrisville;

Fly's Dental, 333 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite 106, Fairless Hills;

BJP Real Estate, LLC, 1024 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills;

Trenton Road Take Out, 1024 Trenton Road, Suite A, Fairless Hills;

Robert Pasquarella, 1024 Trenton Road, Garage 2, Fairless Hills;

Gemco Supplier, Inc., 1024 Trenton Road, Garage 3, Fairless Hills;

Huff Brothers, 1024 Trenton Road, Garage 4, Fairless Hills;

Grosscup Construction, 1024 Trenton Road, Garage 5, Fairless Hills;

Med State USA, 400 N. Buckstown Road, Suite 1C, Langhorne;

Bread and Butter Specialty Sandwiches, LLC,

435-437 Alden Ave., Morrisville;

Monterosso Investments,

333 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite 405, Fairless Hills;



Education Collaboration Network,

333 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite 405, Fairless Hills;

Schneider Resources, Inc., 225 Lincoln Highway, Front Yard, Fairless Hills;

Fairless Hills Smokes and Mini Mart,

636 Lincoln Highway, Suite 14, Fairless Hills;

Va&S Pizzeria, 415 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

Atlas Yoga & Movement, LLC, 429 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

NOCO Motors Inc., 435 Tyburn Road, Building 2, Fairless Hills;

RPK Construction, LLC,

225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 201A, B & C, Fairless Hills;

J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc., 225 Lincoln Highway South E Yard, Fairless Hills;

OMG Seafood & Chicken, 229 Plaza Boulevard, Suite 30, Morrisville;

Concentra, 360 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite 400, Langhorne;

CYN Beauty, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 102A, Morrisville;

Friendly Mart Store, 1180 Bristol Pike, Morrisville;

A. Duie Pyle, Inc., 1 Geoffrey Road, Suite 100, Fairless Hills;

Traveloexpert, LLC, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 126, Morrisville;

Keystone Bagels, 8008-8010 Mill Creek Road, Levittown;

YC Contracting, 310 Yardley Ave., Rear Yard, Fallsington;

Premium Truck Repair, Inc., 225 Lincoln Highway, Suite 1S, Fairless Hills;

The Free-Range Kitchen, 824 Glenmar Road, Fairless Hills;

Tanners Lawn & Ground Maintenance, 69 Cedar Lane, Morrisville.

Township a 'Bird Town Community'

Healthier environments are for the birds.

Really. And Township officials are working to ensure that.

During a recent meeting, the Falls Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution to adopt initiatives in conjunction with recognition as a Pennsylvania Audubon Council Bird Town community.

Supervisors Vice Chairperson Erin Mullen said the initiative was recommended by the Environmental Advisory Council as a continuation of similar efforts already in place.

"It's our commitment to using native plants and reducing stormwater runoff," Mullen said.

As part of the undertaking, the Pennsylvania Audubon Council works with municipalities to engage and educate residents, schools and businesses about conservation actions that could contribute to a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife and people.

According to the Bird Town Pennsylvania website, Falls Township has a Bronze Certification for completing one task in four of the six strategies.

"We recognize that communities vary by financial and human capital," the Bird Town Pennsylvania website states. "We have developed a tiered structure that allows communities to start small and work their way up to superstar. Bird Towns begin with Green Certification with minimal requirements and follow-up with Bronze, Silver and Gold levels each with increasing expectations. They may do this at their own pace without time



restrictions."

Bird Town Pennsylvania encourages communities to focus on the following initiatives: municipal actions, school district actions, community engagement, habitat enhancement, collaborations and advocacy.

Falls Implements Fee in Lieu of Tree Planting

Not only is Falls Township speaking for the trees, but the township is also taking the work of the Lorax a step further by collecting fees in lieu of tree replanting.

The board recently amended an ordinance related to tree protection standards to add a fee in lieu of tree replacement.

Township attorney Lauren Gallagher said the ordinance is not related to residential removal and planting of shade trees, adding that the ordinance is "pretty standard."

Wherever tree removal has occurred or is planned, related documentation must be forwarded to the township's Shade Tree Commission, as well as the township engineer for review and recommendation.

"The Board of Supervisors, in its sole discretion, may determine that a



fee in lieu of tree replacement of owner removed trees is appropriate," according to the ordinance.

Some of the conditions warranting a fee include situations that make it impractical or not feasible to replace trees, such as topography, hazardous conditions, impacts in environmentally

sensitive areas, as well as a recommendation from the Shade Tree Commission and/or the township engineer that certain trees approved for removal do not need to be replaced.

If it is determined that Falls will accept a fee in lieu of tree replanting, the fee paid should be equal to the costs of tree replacement in the proposed permit, subdivision or land developed as verified by the township engineer.

Fees will only be used in the following manner: "For the preservation, protection and replacement of trees throughout the township," the ordinance reads. "For the maintenance of plantings and existing trees on township property and the care and preservation of heritage trees located on public or private property."

Firehouse Expansion Coming Soon

Falls Township Fire Co. No. 1 is planning to expand its firehouse to make room for new apparatus.

The Falls Supervisors voted unanimously recently to grant preliminary and final land development approval to permit the Fallsington-based fire company, which is located on a 1.54-acre parcel on Yardley Avenue, to construct a 2,700-square-foot addition. The extra space would be used to house additional equipment that the fire company plans to purchase in the next several years, according to Brian Binney of the engineering firm, Pennoni.

The extra space would be comprised of a front-facing bay that would house a full-size fire truck, as well as a bay on the side for a pickup truck, Binney said. Plans also call for a gear room for the storage of equipment and the reconfiguration of bathrooms and sleeping quarters to enable more volunteer firefighters to stay at the firehouse overnight and occupy the station on off hours.

The fire company received several variances in April from the zoning hearing board to permit construction of the addition as planned.



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Your Local Government

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By switching to LED street lights, the township has saved more than \$91,000 on average in its annual electric bills. The savings allowed the township to contribute an additional \$45,000 per year to support Fallsington Library's programs.

Each year, the Supervisors undertake full-depth reconstruction and milling and paving of at least one township-owned roadway. Falls Supervisors have collaborated with PennDOT and other agencies to receive grant funding to undertake major improvements on roadways, including traffic signal improvements on the westbound lanes of the Mill Creek Parkway, from the intersection with Falls-Tullytown Road to the intersection with Levittown Parkway; and, upgrading traffic lights with adaptive signalization at 23 intersections.

Would you like to get involved?

After 12 years serving Falls Township as a Supervisor, Jeff Boraski is not seeking re-election following his current term, which ends next year. Falls residents interested in serving their community may wish to run for a seat on the Falls Township Board of Supervisors. To learn more about the local election process and how to get started, please visit:

<https://www.buckscounty.gov/1221/Running-For-Office>

"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 give back to our community by:
- Creating local jobs for our neighbors
- Buying supplies & services from other local businesses
- Investing in our community
- Strengthening our local economy
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Dates Set for Leaf Collection and Christmas Tree Pickup

Waste Management has scheduled leaf collection for October 26, November 9 and November 23.

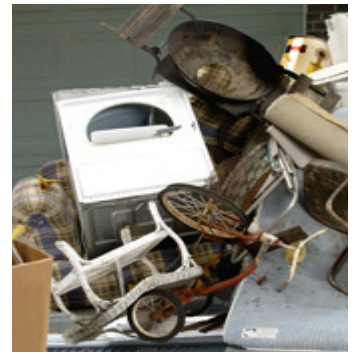
If you experience any issues with your leaf collection, please contact Waste Management at **(800) 869-5566** and reference account number 45014766.

Leaves **MUST** be bagged in 30-gallon biodegradable **PAPER BAGS** or placed in 30-gallon trash containers **WITHOUT LIDS**. They are to be placed curbside by 6 a.m. on collection day in the same location as your regular trash pick-up. **LEAVES IN ANY OTHER CONTAINER WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

Christmas tree pickup dates are January 11 and January 25, 2025. Trees will **NOT** be picked up with the regular trash.

Bulk Disposal Day Oct. 19

Mark your calendars for the next **FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY**, which will be held on Saturday, October 19 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**.

Need for Food Drive Continues to Grow

About a month prior to the March 2020 pandemic, Fire Marshal and Assistant Township Manager Rich Dippolito put his idea of feeding the hungry into action.

Dippolito kicked off the township's year-round food drive and has since collected thousands of pounds of food from generous residents. Non-perishable food and toiletry donations have been delivered to Martha's Cupboard at St. Francis Cabrini Church and Mary's Cupboard at St. Michael's Church.

Despite the ongoing drive, the need among the hungry continues to grow. In 2023, Mary's Cupboard served 1,565 households, which amounts to 3,268 adults, 2,036 children, and 563 senior citizens, according to Ann Hyjurick, one of the food pantry's organizers.

"We also help the homeless and we help the disabled vets," Hyjurick said. "We're very well-rounded."

Mary's Cupboard permits clients to pick up food and toiletries such as shampoo,



toothpaste, and toilet paper six times per year, with the exception of Thanksgiving, which is open to all.

Items in highest demand are canned

vegetables, beef stew, chili and non-food essentials like toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and toilet paper.

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Fallsington Library to Hold Fall Concert Fundraiser

The Oct. 26 event features a performance from the Fiddlehead String Quartet

Locals know the Fallsington Library is the place to be for book-borrowing, craft-making and fun, educational STEM projects, but did you also know the library is the place to be for concerts and silent auction items, including Philadelphia-area attraction tickets, musical instruments, restaurant gift cards and more?

On the evening of Oct. 26, the library is opening its doors for its Fall Concert Fundraiser, which features a live performance on the second-floor stage from the Fiddlehead String Quartet. The fundraiser will also include light fare, more than a dozen silent auction items, games, and a chance to meet and mingle with fellow Fallsington Library supporters.

If interested in sponsoring the event, please email Fallsington Library Executive Director Charlene Rendeiro at rendeiroc@buckslib.org.

If you go

Fallsington Library's Fall Concert Fundraiser will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 in advance (available to buy at the library, 139 Yardley Ave., Fallsington) or \$30 at the door. The fundraiser features refreshments, live music, games and an online auction.



Fundraising events

Fallsington Library will participate in Fallsington Day on Saturday, Oct. 12 with a rummage and book sale, as well as a bake sale fundraiser. Stop by between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The library will also be hosting a holiday jewelry sale on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stay tuned to the library's Facebook page and website for more information.

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Tips For Safe Snow Removal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Levittown Fire Company Looking for Help



There's more than one way to volunteer. In addition to needing firefighters, the Levittown Fire Company is looking for volunteers to help with fundraising, events, maintenance on equipment and facilities and other administrative tasks. We offer several incentives as a "thank you" for your service.

If you would like more information, stop by any Wednesday evening after 7 p.m. during our Drill or Duty Crew Night. Our address is 701 Falls Tullytown Road, Levittown. You can also email us at station32@levittownfire.com or you can complete an application online at www.levittownfire.com.

News From Fairless Hills Fire Department



We strive to provide our highest level of service to you and we would be unable to provide these services without your help. The Fairless Hills Fire Department is seeking 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.

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Fast Facts From Waste Management...

...on Waste Removal

When should trash be placed at the curb?

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

What size containers should I use?

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

How do I dispose of leftover paint?

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

Which wastes are not acceptable?

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

...on Bulk Items

When are bulk items collected?

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

What type of bulk items are collected?

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

How much can I discard at once?

The limit is one bulk item per week.

What about refrigerators?

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

...on Holiday Pickups

What if my pickup day falls on a holiday?

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

For more information, call (800) 869-5566.

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What is your alarm telling you?

Smoke Alarms

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 911, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life. All alarms must be replaced after 10 years.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1 and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Some tips include installing a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss. In addition, individuals could sleep with their mobility device, glasses, and phone close to the bed. It’s also a good idea to keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

Sign up for Text Alerts

Falls Township, in coordination with Bucks County, is upgrading its emergency and community notification system known as Ready Bucks/Everbridge. If you would like to receive emergency notifications, such as severe weather, missing children, road closures or sheltering in place, please sign up using this QR code. You can receive community notifications, such as upcoming community events, Pinewood Pool openings and closings, concert information, and Touch a Truck/Family Festival information. You can select the type of notifications you receive, either emergency, community, or both, as well as how to receive them, i.e. text, email, etc.



Use Lithium-Ion Batteries Correctly

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

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

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not charge the device after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Stop using the battery if you notice odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 911.

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

Stay Warm Safely This Winter

Did you know heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.

- Never use your oven as a heater.

- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

- Use the right kind of fuel, specified



by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.

- Ensure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

Portable Space Heaters

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.

- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.

- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.

- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.

- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.

- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.

Need for Food Drive Continues to Grow

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Volunteer Kathy Madelay said she and other organizers worked to make Martha’s Cupboard bigger. Now open Saturdays and Mondays, the food pantry serves on average 30 families each day. The food pantry is open to residents who live within a five-mile radius.

With the expansion came times when the cupboard’s shelves were becoming bare, Madelay said, noting that breakfast items, as well as canned chicken and tuna are among the first to become depleted. Other essentials like dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent are hard to keep stocked, she said.

Amid the panic came an 800-pound donation from Dippolito and the generous residents who contributed food donations as part of the food drive.

To get involved

If interested in contributing non-perishable food items, toiletries or a gift card that could be used to purchase items, email Rich Dippolito at r.dippolito@fallstwp.com to arrange a pickup.

“It filled our shelves so we could provide for the weekly people,” Madelay said, noting that the influx of food kept them stocked for a full month. “I called them angels because I didn’t know what we were going to do. I really do appreciate everything they keep doing for us.”

Waste Management has also partnered with Dippolito and his team on collection drives, picking up approximately 1,300 pounds of food from local Waste Management sites during two drives in 2023, according to Tracy McCann,

Waste Management senior manager, community relations.

Waste Management is planning another food collection drive in the fall. The company’s employees also remain active with Martha’s Cupboard, helping on weekdays, donating additional pantry shelves, and hanging bulletin boards onsite.

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