

FALLS TOWNSHIP

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Bucks County, Pa.



The Falls Township Board of Supervisors (from left) John Palmer, Vice Chair Erin Mullen, Chairman Jeff Dence, Brian Galloway and Timothy Loteckie pose in the newly renovated Falls Township Municipal Building.

Supervisors Taking Another Look at Zoning

Over the past year, no issue has generated more discussion in Falls Township than the data center, which is under construction at the Keystone Trade Center. Whether residents supported it or opposed it, one thing has been made abundantly clear: Our community cares deeply about the future of this Township.

The Falls Supervisors have heard those concerns. We appreciate the continued feedback our community has provided. While opinions differ on the project itself, I believe everyone agrees that Falls Township deserves the strongest protections possible when it comes to future development projects.

That's why the Board is considering updates to our zoning ordinance. This isn't about revisiting decisions that have already been made. It's about learning from this experience, listening to our residents, and ensuring that any future proposals are held to even higher standards for infrastructure, public safety, environmental stewardship, and quality of life.

Good government means listening. It means being willing to improve our laws when our community asks us to take another look. That's exactly what we're doing.

-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**.

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Four New Officers Joining the Force

Four new police officers will soon begin patrolling Falls Township.



POTTER

The Falls Township Board of Supervisors on Monday approved the hiring of new officers to help fill vacancies in the Falls Township Police Department. Supervisors Chairman Jeff Dence administered the oath of office.

With the hiring of Garret Potter, Bruce Quarles III, Natalie Bonilla-Pena and Philip Smythe, the department is now at 47 total officers, six shy of being fully staffed, according to Operations Lt. Christopher Clark.

Originally from Lafayette Township, N.J., Potter currently lives in Levittown. He is a full-time student at the Temple Police Academy, Ambler, with an anticipated graduation in October. Potter earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Rider University. In 2022 he joined the United States Marine Corps as an active-duty commissioned officer, a role he held until the end of his service obligation in 2025.

Quarles, of Bristol Township, has been employed as a Bucks County Correctional



QUARLES III

Officer since January 2025. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Widener University. In 2017 Quarles joined the United States Army Reserves and currently holds the rank of sergeant with his unit, which is based out of Reading.



BONILLA-PENA

A Puerto Rico native, Bonilla-Pena is a Bensalem Township. She has been employed as a fire service EMT by the City of Philadelphia since September 2023. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Pennsylvania State University.

Smythe, of Bristol Township, has been employed as a Bucks County Correctional Officer since July, 2022.



SMYTHE

All four newly hired officers will be participating in an orientation phase after which they will engage in ride-alongs and training opportunities before beginning the Delaware County Community College Police Academy on July 7.

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 Facebook

Falls Township Police department is now on social media outlets like Facebook. 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**.

Police Department

Police Honor Crime Victim with Memorial

The Falls Township Police Department unveiled a collaborative memorial project with Grand Affair Party Rentals to honor the life of Tina Severns, who was murdered in 1986 at just 13 years old.

This memorial space, located at 651 W. Trenton Ave., in Morrisville, features a bench and signs in Tina's memory.

Tina was a beloved daughter, twin, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend. She dreamed of one day working in healthcare or caring for animals.

One night, Tina made an unexpected choice, deciding to go along with a friend's plan to hang out in the neighborhood for some fun. Unbeknownst to them, there was a man watching them.

He followed them, posing as a police officer in an unmarked car with flashing lights and an official-looking badge. He pulled over their car and dismissed the friends, telling them they were free to go. Then, he took the girls with him, claiming they were violating a new curfew.

Being teenagers and unaware that anyone could impersonate a police officer, they didn't question his authority and went along with him. The man dropped off Tina's friend and said he would take Tina home, but he never did. Tragically, that was the last time anyone saw Tina alive.



Tina's mother, Toni, and other family members unveil the signs and bench at the Memorial on W. Trenton Avenue.

This man kidnapped her, violently assaulted and raped her then left her to die in a ditch on the side of the road in Falls Township.

Tina's death will not be in vain. During the memorial dedication ceremony, her twin sister, Tricia, announced that the family has established a nonprofit organization to help provide resources to youth to guide them in making informed decisions.

Parks and Recreation

Youth Kickball

Parks and Recreation is holding a youth kickball program for ages 7-11 on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. at the Mill Creek Road Sports Complex (Levittown Continental Challenger Field). The program will run from Sept. 26 through Oct. 31. Cost for a resident is \$15; and \$20 for a non-resident. Registrations must be completed online only using an existing **MyRec** account. Create an account at **FallsTwpRec.com**. If you need any assistance with registration, please contact Brian Andrews by email at **b.andrews@fallstwp.com** or by phone at **(215) 949-9006**.

Yoga

Indoor Yoga at The Falls Township Senior Center (282 Trenton Road) in the Annex Building continues Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. The six-week session cost is \$48 for a resident; and \$54 for non-residents Drop-in rate is \$10 per class. We need a minimum of eight participants registered in order to run the class. Interested participants can register online using their existing **MyRec** account. For further information or assistance with registration, please contact Barbara Loessy by email at **b.loessy@fallstwp.com** or by phone at **(215) 949-9004**.

Medicare Information Workshop

Getting close to retirement and not quite sure what Medicare will and will not cover? We are offering an opportunity to get answers to all of your burning questions. A representative from DelVal Senior Advisers will provide a **FREE** educational seminar on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at the Falls Township Municipal Complex (188 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills). To pre-register, please use an existing **MyRec** account. If you need assistance with registering, contact Brian Andrews at **(215) 949-9006** or by email at **b.andrews@fallstwp.com**.

Fall Movie Night in the Park

Looking for a fun, family-friendly event? Come on out to our Movie Night In The Park on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Falls Township Community Park. Take in a screening of "The Goonies." The movie will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite chair and blanket. A snack and drink will be provided while supplies last. For further information, contact Erin Long at **(215) 949-9018** or by email at **e.long@fallstwp.com**.

**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.*

Parks and Recreation

Holiday Party/Tree Lighting



We will be holding our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Township Municipal Complex (188 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills) on Saturday Dec. 5 from 5-7 p.m. We will have a photo booth, a performance by Eileen's Dance Academy, light refreshments, a special visit from Santa and more! Tree Lighting will take place at 6 p.m. For information, please contact Erin Long at (215) 949-9018 or by email at e.long@fallstwp.com.

Park and Recreation Board Meetings

The Park and Recreation Board will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 1 and Tuesday, Dec. 1 in the second floor community meeting room at the Falls Township Municipal Complex (188 Lincoln Highway Fairless Hills) at 7 p.m. For questions or further information, please contact Brian Andrews at (215) 949-9006 or by email at b.andrews@fallstwp.com.

Touch a Truck/Family Festival



We will hold our annual two-day Food Truck Festival/Touch a Truck event on Friday-Saturday Sept. 18-19. Both events will be held at Falls Township Community Park. The Food Truck Festival will be held Friday, Sept. 18 6-9

p.m. The event features several food trucks, live music from Fish Out of Water, beer for sale from Fairless Hills Fire Department, children's activities and fireworks at dusk. On Saturday, Sept. 19 our annual Touch a Truck Event returns from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our quiet/sensory-friendly hour will be from 9-10 a.m. Come out and explore construction vehicles, fire engines, police vehicles, and much more. In addition to trucks of all sizes, the event features bounce houses, photo booth, balloon artistry, and much more. Proceeds will benefit the various Pennsbury Elementary School PTO's.

Data Center Focus of Controversy

Hundreds of community members turned out to a town hall meeting to hear how their electricity rates, water consumption and air quality could be impacted by the Amazon data center under construction at the Keystone Trade Center.

The meeting continued for nearly four hours as residents repeatedly shouted out from the audience and numerous commenters asked multiple-part questions of the panelists, which included Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, PECO, Amazon and NorthPoint Development, the owner and developer of the former U.S. Steel site where the data center is being built, as well as representatives from Falls Township.

Representatives from Morrisville Municipal Authority answered questions related to Amazon's anticipated water consumption. The Authority has planned for several years to build a new wastewater treatment facility on 54 acres at the KTC. MMA's plans to replace its 50-year-old treatment plant with a new state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility began more than a decade ago, well in advance of the data center.

DEP arranged the meeting in advance

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of a 30-day comment period which ended on Aug. 16 related to Amazon's plan to install 280 natural gas-fired emergency generator engines and three diesel-fired emergency generator engines.

Amazon's proposed generator engines would only provide backup electricity to the data center in the event of a main utility power interruption and for limited testing and maintenance purposes of less than 10 hours per year, according to Amazon.

DEP Air Quality Program Manager Jillian Gallagher said her agency will ensure that Amazon complies with all state and federal laws, adding that her team

“takes this job seriously.” If Amazon does not meet the requirements, DEP will not issue the permit.

Based on projected emissions, Gallagher said the data center would be considered a “minor facility,” in that it would produce less than 25 tons of nitrogen oxygen per year similar to the hospitals and universities in the area.

She described “major facilities” as those that produce more than 25 tons of nitrogen oxygen per year and said Waste Management, Wheelabrator and Fairless Energy are all examples of major facilities.

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Residents Voice Concerns at DEP meeting

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As part of Amazon's permit, the company would be required to "do record keeping daily," according to Gallagher. In addition, DEP staff would "do unannounced routine inspections at Amazon." If violations were found, DEP would follow up and assess penalties.

In addressing an audience member's question, an Amazon representative said the company follows stringent guidelines for its emission calculations. Amazon source tests against "worst-case scenarios."

"Even if the source test comes in cleaner, we will not claim anything lower than our permit states," he said, adding that the company will use different parameters to monitor various factors, including the urea dosing rate, the catalyst bed temperature, "a lot of things that a lot of states don't require."

In addition to questions related to air quality, potentially paying more for – and having adequate – water supplies were among the speakers' concerns.

Morrisville Municipal Authority's engineer, Bob Campbell, of Pennoni Associates, said that during its peak flow – on the hottest days of the year – Amazon is expected to use 4.4 million gallons of water per day, with 40 percent of the water expected to be returned through the industrial wastewater treatment plant. By comparison, Fairless Energy would use 5.5 million gallons of water on a peak day. MMA's customers collectively use 5.5 million gallons per day now. The facility has a capacity for 25 million gallons per day.

The industrial water system used at the data center, as well as other sites at the KTC, is separate from MMA's drinking water system, which supplies drinking water to Morrisville, portions of Lower Makefield and Falls townships.

Amazon intends to rely on outside air cooling for about 94 percent of the year and only use water-based cooling during the hottest periods, approximately 6 percent of yearly operations.

The audience grew louder during PECO representative Glen Murphy's presentation, with many shouting out questions about rate increases as he spoke.

While data centers use between 10 and 50 times more energy than a similarly sized office building, Murphy told the audience that "it's going to bring down rates a bit"



Residents attend a recent meeting to discuss the Amazon Data Center.

since Amazon will be using more energy and "contributing more to the overall cost."

A PECO double contingency peak load study evaluated the electric system on the hottest days of the year when it's most stressed.

"We're able to predict then what will fail on the system," Murphy said, adding that troubleshooting helps PECO "get ahead of it and introduce projects that will address those issues."

An independent study from PJM Interconnection, which operates the 13-state electric grid, supported PECO's findings that there would be "no reliability issues" with powering Amazon's data center.

System improvements were not needed for the first phase. The second phase entails strengthening the infrastructure.

An audience member claimed that electric rates have increased by 50 percent within five years in areas where other data centers are located and asked Murphy how PECO would prevent that from happening.

"It really is the supply and demand," Murphy said. "Locally the rates don't change. For the distribution rates, they stay the same."

However, any "large loads" within the PJM Interconnection 13-state service area "will have an impact on the electric rates here and everywhere within PJM." In addition to Pennsylvania, PJM Interconnection includes New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware,

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia.

Some speakers were concerned that a deluge of electricity to power the data center would result in skyrocketing rates for residential customers.

Amazon representative Becky Ford said that the community is not subsidizing the data center's energy costs.

"We pay full energy costs for support of our site," Ford said. "There is actually a recent study showing that customers are not burdened by the cost of data centers."

Ford shared that to date, Amazon has invested more than \$827 million on the Falls Township site, which will be 3 million square feet once complete. The data center is expected to create thousands of new full-time jobs. The site will be under active construction for the next two to three years.

Several New Jersey residents spoke, including Florence Township Mayor Kristan Marter.

"What rights do we have on the other side of the river and repercussions with regard to sound, light, air quality?" Marter asked. "We didn't have a say."

Falls Township Manager John Shepherd responded that complaints related to sound or light would be filed with Falls Township, while DEP would address air quality concerns.

Bridge Name Honors Falls Veteran

A few blocks from Independence Drive, where Nate DeTemple grew up, more than 100 family, friends, military service members, dignitaries and Falls Township community members gathered to honor the young man gone too soon.

Nate, a 2004 Pennsbury High School graduate who died on Aug. 6, 2005, while serving with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in Iraq, will be forever remembered with the renaming of the Alden Avenue bridge to PFC Nathaniel E. DeTemple Memorial Bridge.

Veterans, family and dignitaries alike attended a dedication ceremony to recognize the hometown hero who died at 19 years old. A Boy Scout with troop 46 who rose to the rank of Eagle Scout, Nate wrestled for Pennsbury. During high school he joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and went on to join the ROTC. While studying criminal justice at Shippensburg University, Nate was deployed to Iraq.

His convoy was attacked and Nate, along with five other service members, died that week. Nate was posthumously awarded a purple heart, as well as an infantry badge.

While reflecting on Nate's significance to his Falls Township community, as well as his military service, one of the speakers noted, "this bridge will do more than carry traffic. It will carry a legacy."

Ed Preston, who worked to have the bridge renamed in Nate's honor, urged those in attendance to support Nate's family, as well as the families of other fallen veterans.

"A gold star family lives every day in a club they didn't want to be a member of," he said. "Nate and his brothers and sisters served for us ... We need to repay him in kind to make sure that his sacrifice, their sacrifice, wasn't in vain."



Nate DeTemple's mother, Kim, speaks during the ceremony.

Nate's mother, Kim DeTemple Cunningham, said the bridge is not just for her son, but also for "all who gave the ultimate sacrifice."

"I know, without a doubt, that Nate is smiling down from heaven," she said, adding that the placement on Alden Avenue was fitting.

During the ceremony a representative from Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick's office presented her with a flag that had flown in Washington D.C. A representative from State Sen. Steve Santarsiero's office presented her with a citation recognizing Nate.

The event was capped with Cunningham unveiling one of two green and white bridge signs.

Grant Writing Firm to Aid in Fundraising

In an effort to generate funds for large-scale capital projects, the Falls Township Supervisors recently contracted with a grant and institutional fundraising firm.

The Supervisors unanimously approved hiring The Aubrey Group as a replacement to Millennium Strategies.

"The nice thing about the services of The Aubrey Group is there's no retainer," Township Manager John Shepherd said. "It will financially work out much better for the town."

While the firm is New Jersey-based, Falls resident Connor Schmiegel will serve as the Township's project executive and main point of contact.

"It's my personal goal to grow out our business here," Schmiegel said. "I would love to really branch out even more so. Falls is one of our first opportunities."

Living in the town provides Schmiegel with insight about potential

areas of fundraising and grant writing focus, offering a "helpful kickstart."

Falls is looking to The Aubrey Group to devise formal fundraising strategies, goals and plans that will enable the Township to "move forward in a more concentrated way," Shepherd said.

The focus is park and community related, Shepherd said, adding that Falls will seek grants and other funds for capital projects, as well as sponsorship for recreation facilities.

In addition, Shepherd will be meeting with all of the Township's department heads to formulate potential grant and fundraising opportunities based on staff's areas of concern.

Schmiegel, who serves as The Aubrey Group's partner and vice president, has been with the firm since 2022. Since that time, he has secured more than \$50 million for a variety of clients, including

a \$2 million award in USDA Urban Community Forestry grants for two New Jersey municipalities and more than \$5 million in funding for recreational facility improvements for several New Jersey local governments. Schmiegel has also assisted clients with managing and drawing down on more than \$150 million in grant and HUD entitlement funds.

The sky is the limit in terms of available grant, donor, and fundraising programs, he said, adding that he will help Falls vie for federal, state, corporate and foundation funds, as well as direct donor giving.

Completion of a master plan could provide the framework for additional funding opportunities, according to Schmiegel.

"When that's completed, that could give us a good sky view of the entire town," he said.

Being 'Thrifty' Helps Local Shops

Often when we think of major contributors to climate change, we think of large, dirty industrial operations – not clothing manufacturers.

Yet, a 2020 study in the Journal of Cleaner Production found that the fashion industry produces approximately 3.3 billion tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year – roughly 4 to 10 percent of total worldwide greenhouse gas emissions.

Some estimates show the industry's carbon dioxide emissions increasing by approximately 60 percent by 2030 as compared to 2015 levels.

Using synthetic fabrics such as polyester worsens the problem. These materials are derived from fossil fuel sources instead of natural fibers like cotton and linen. A synthetic-based t-shirt, for instance, contributes to more than twice the CO₂-equivalent emissions as a cotton shirt. Manufacturing synthetic fibers for fashion uses at least 70 million barrels of oil annually, experts say.

Significant contributors to increasing greenhouse gas emissions, higher water consumption levels and waste are so-called "fast fashion" brands. Like its name implies, fast fashion materials are produced fast, cheaply and, in many cases, in less eco-friendly manners compared to clothing that takes longer to make.

How to spot 'fast fashion'

- Beware of too-good-to-be-true prices. Everybody loves a bargain, but consistently shockingly low prices are an indicator of fast fashion.
- Fast fashion brands create a false sense of urgency to push new trends, often incorporating a "must-have" sentiment.
- Many fast fashion brands release new styles daily. Quickly pivoting to new trends or viral items is a major red flag.
- Cheaply made clothing that lacks linings, fastenings, pockets or special details often indicates fast fashion. Materials often are shoddy and, in some cases, look as cheap as it is.



What you can do

- Rent (or borrow) instead of buy, especially for one-time-only occasions

- Research sustainable fashion brands

- Buy secondhand first

Locally, the community can save money and adopt an eco-friendly approach to fashion by purchasing gently used items from thrift stores and consignment shops. Some options include:

- 2nd Ave Thrift Superstore, 330 Commerce Blvd, Fairless Hills

- Salvation Army Family Store & Donation Center, 191 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills,

- Good Stuff Thrift, 543 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills

- Lilac Consignment Boutique, 429 Alden Ave., Morrisville

Shade Tree Panel Merges With EAC



Finding enough volunteers to serve on advisory committees has been challenging for Falls Township.

In response to dwindling members for the Shade Tree Commission, the Falls Supervisors unanimously adopted an ordinance amendment that revamps the commission, allowing some of the members of the Environmental Advisory Council to serve on both bodies.

"The easiest thing to do is make it part of the EAC," Falls Supervisors Chairman Jeff Dence said. "Certain members of the Environmental Advisory Council will serve on the Shade Tree Commission."

Vice Chairperson Erin Mullen said the EAC is "eager to take this on and are pretty

excited about it."

According to the amended ordinance, five of the seven EAC members will serve on the Shade Tree Commission, with the remaining two EAC members serving as alternates on the commission.

The Shade Tree Commission is authorized to plant, remove, maintain and protect shade trees on the public streets and highways in the township subject to approval of the Falls Supervisors. The advisory committee also has the opportunity to review and comment on land development plans submitted to the township for approval. The commission may also assist with the identification of trees afflicted with the Dutch elm or other disease which threatens to harm shade trees in Falls.

Falls Welcomes New Businesses

Falls Township has had the pleasure of welcoming more than three 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:

The Sound Professionals, Inc., 225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 18C, Fairless Hills;

WN Home Design Studio, LLC, 914 Trenton Road, Suite 3, Fairless Hills;

Travelin' Tom's Coffee of Yardley,

225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 18D, Fairless Hills;

Serenity House Recovery Residences, 11 Little Lane, Levittown;

Serenity House Recovery Residences, 36 Peartree Lane, Levittown;

Zimmerman Line Striping & Seal Coating, LLC,

670 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills;

CF Compounds Matter, LLC, 200 Dean Sievers Place, Morrisville;

Swen Warehouse, Inc., 225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 44C, Fairless Hills;

Zero Waste USA, LLC, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 44C, Fairless Hills;

Brian's House – Woods Community Services, 33 Birch Dr., Levittown;

Heisenbooks, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 5E, Fairless Hills;

Kar Auto, 900 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 100, Morrisville;

New Look Painting, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 150 & 14L, Fairless Hills;

Sunrise Lab PA, LLC, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 202, Fairless Hills;

Global Growth Solutions Corp, 225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 13L, Fairless Hills;

V&R Construction, Inc., 423 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills;

Corco Chemical Corp, 299 Cedar Lane, Fairless Hills;

Lamah Motors, Inc., 212 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 100, Fairless Hills;

Loveyums by Khals, LLC, 1965 Bristol Pike, Morrisville;

PW Fuel Station, 7 E. Cabot Blvd. B, Langhorne;

IL Pro, LLC, 55 Tall Pine Lane, Levittown;

New Premier Waterproofing, LLC,

300 W. Trenton Ave., Suite 205, Morrisville;



Garden Vintage LLC/FRU Wear, LLC,

225 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 178, Fairless Hills;

Same Day CPR, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 128, Morrisville;

Property Handy Pro, LLC, 300 W. Trenton Ave., Suite 210, Morrisville;

US Elogistics Service Corp, 500 Ben Fairless Dr., 100, Fairless Hills;

Muse Makeup by Alize, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 102C, Morrisville;

Medspike Infusion, 333 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite 404, Fairless Hills;

Friendly Nails & Spa, 8726 New Falls Road, Levittown;

Almo Corporation, 16 E. Cabot Blvd., Langhorne;

Central Jersey Orthopedic & Neurodiagnostic Group, 201 Woolston Dr., Morrisville;

All State Auto Sales, LLC, 981 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 102, Morrisville;

Manna Services Group, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 126, Morrisville;

Crimson Dawn, LLC, 81 Big Oak Road, Suite 102B, Morrisville;

Levittown Family Dental Associates, LLC,

333 N. Oxford Valley Road, Suite 102-104 104A, Fairless Hills;

Seven Eleven 3, 300 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills;

Penn Valley Laundromat, 8620 New Falls Road, Levittown.

Traffic Calming Planned For Local Roadways

After several recent crashes and a few near misses, Falls officials are stepping up traffic calming on Thornridge Drive to put the brakes on speeding and unsafe driving throughout the community.

The Supervisors recently approved a series of traffic calming measures recommended by traffic engineer Derrick Kennedy of Remington & Vernick Engineers following a study, traffic count and speed analysis that Kennedy conducted recently.

The Township plans to add a multi-way stop sign at the intersection of Thornridge Drive and Teaberry Lane. In addition, curb extensions/bump-outs would be added at Thornridge Drive and Tanglewood Avenue and Thornridge Drive and Twin Leaf Lane along with reflectorized tubular/ raised delineators. The speed feedback sign on Thornridge Drive would continue to be used to encourage drivers to slow down and officials said another speed sign would be added heading southbound.

"They should be effective to help lower speeds," Kennedy said of the traffic calming measures.

Kennedy collected more than 7,000 data readings. Of the data collected, he said one motorist was traveling at 55 miles per hour, while the second highest was driving 35 miles per hour on the 25 mile-per-hour roadway.

"The large majority of the speed is compliant," Kennedy said.

Supervisor Vice Chair Erin Mullen said the Township is "open"



Example of curb extension with tubular delineation.

to making traffic calming permanent and said additional measures could be put in place at a later date, following periodic review. Even though Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito said fire departments do not like speed humps because they slow down emergency services personnel, Mullen said "nothing is off the table."

"It's a lot of exploration," Mullen said. "This is what it takes to figure out what we can do."



Dates Set for Leaf Collection and Christmas Tree Pickups

Waste Management has scheduled leaf collection for October 24, November 7 and November 21.

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

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 9 and January 16, 2027. Trees will **NOT** be picked up with the regular trash.

Bulk Disposal Day Oct. 17

Mark your calendars for the next **FREE BULK DISPOSAL DAY**, which will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. This bulk disposal program is for resident homeowners of Falls Township and Tullytown Borough. Proof of residency is required. It is not intended for commercial customers or contractors.

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

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

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



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Fallsington Library Lists Fall/Winter Events

Fallsington Library has a wide variety of events coming up this fall and winter, including the library's popular annual Fall Concert Gala. All events are held at Fallsington Library, 139 Yardley Ave., Fallsington.

Fall Concert Gala, Saturday, Oct. 24, 6-9 p.m., Featuring the Fiddlehead String Quartet, this annual fundraiser costs \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door. Enjoy an evening of great music, refreshments, games, and an online auction.

Science Meets Art, Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20, Topic: Darkness; Nov. 17, Topic: Tree of Life.

Elf Workshop, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Make things to give to others, make a card for a veteran, decorate an ornament for a Falls Township police officer, or donate socks for the library's sock drive benefiting local veterans and nursing facility residents.

Train Club, Held monthly on Tuesdays: Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22, 6-8 p.m.

Train Club Holiday Open House, Saturday, Dec. 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 28, 2-5 p.m.

Jewelry Sale, Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The



The Fall Concert Gala is a highlight at the library each year.

fundraiser will feature a wide selection of jewelry, including handmade items, vintage, and costume, as well as accessories.

Burrow & Book Sale, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Tips for Safe Snow Removal This Winter

Please heed these tips to help Falls crews clear snowy roads more quickly and efficiently.

- Install mailboxes in accordance with U.S. Postal Service standards. Incorrectly installed mailboxes that are struck by a plow during snow removal operations will be the responsibility of the property owner.

- Move vehicles out of the street and into private a driveway.

- During snow emergencies 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.

- Shovel to the right-hand side of your driveway to reduce the amount of snow that plows push back onto your driveway.

- 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 trash and recycling bins on the sidewalk.

- 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 melts.

Please be patient during the snow removal process. We are here to get the roads open as quickly as possible. We try to plow roads from curb to curb to open the roadway as wide as possible.



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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?

Each resident should use their 96-gallon waste and 96-gallon recycling cart supplied by Waste Management. Those with mobility issues can request a 64-gallon cart by calling (800) 869-5566.

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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News 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 on:

- Emergency incidents
 - Training
 - Community events and activities
 - 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 continue to 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 individuals interested in serving as volunteer firefighters. We also offer a Junior Firefighting program for individuals 16-17 years old.

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.



How you can support us

Our 23rd annual Fairless Hills Volunteer Fire Department Golf Outing will be held on Friday, Sept. 11. We are seeking sponsors to help support the event.

Westaby Hall is available for special event rentals. For more information, or to reserve the space, please call (215) 943-0194 or visit www.Westabyhall.com.

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

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.

Falls Township 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.

Our Primary Responsibilities

Annual Fire Inspections

We conduct annual inspections at more than 1,200 commercial properties to ensure compliance with fire and safety codes. Inspection activity has increased significantly due to continued commercial and industrial development throughout the Township. Since 2023, the department's workload has increased by 34% to total nearly 27 million square feet of building space inspected each year.

Emergency Response

The team of certified firefighters respond to all emergency incidents, staffing fire apparatus alongside volunteer fire companies to enhance emergency response and improve daytime staffing.

Fire Investigations

The team of nationally Certified Fire & Explosion Investigators (CFEI) investigate the origin and cause of each fire that occurs in Falls Township. When needed, the team coordinates with the American Red Cross to assist displaced residents.

Fire Company Incident Follow-Ups

Conduct post-incident inspections to verify fire protection systems have been restored to service and work with property owners to reduce repeated false alarms.

Fire Protection Systems

Inspect and witness testing of newly installed or modified fire protection systems to verify proper installation, functionality and code compliance.

Plan Reviews

Review construction and fire protection system plans to ensure compliance with applicable fire codes, life safety requirements, occupant loads and fire protection system design.

Emergency Management

Support emergency preparedness throughout incident planning, emergency operations, coordination during major incidents and special events, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation and pre-incident planning for high-hazard facilities.

Fire Prevention and Public Education

Provide fire safety education in schools and daycares, observe evacuation drills, conduct community outreach and install smoke alarms for Falls Township residents at no cost.



Tips to Stay Warm & Safe 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.



Learn Your Alarm Sounds

Is there a beep or a chirp coming from your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds by checking the user guide or searching the brand and model online.

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 911 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.



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1-3	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School	185 Walton Dr.	Morrisville
1-4	Village Park Elementary School	75 Unity Dr.	Fairless Hills
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1-7	Fallsington Elementary School	134 Yardley Ave.	Fallsington
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4-2	Penn Valley Elementary School.....	180 North Turn Ln.	Levittown
4-3	Manor Elementary School	401 Penn Valley Rd.....	Levittown
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