Groundbreaking Ceremony

On March 6, 2018 Doylestown Township celebrated the groundbreaking of its new township building. Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, welcomed guests and township staff. She spoke about the need for a new building. Ken Snyder, Chairman of the Building Committee and a member of the Board of Supervisors, spoke about the future building.

Events to Attend

May 6
Dedication of Native Plant Demonstration Garden Party
At the Native Plant Demonstration Garden in Central Park
from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

May 28
A Bicentennial Float in the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade. Monday, May 28, 2018

July 14
Highland Farms History and Music Event
Held at the historic home of Oscar Hammerstein
11:30 am - 3:00 pm

July 15
Food, Fun & Fireworks in Doylestown’s Central Park
Music at 7:00 pm and fireworks show at 9:15pm

GET INVOLVED!

Enter The Contest
"A New Flag For Doylestown Township"

The winner receives a $1,000 prize!

View the guidelines on the Bicentennial page of our website.
SUMMER HOME CLEANING & MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

✔ Change and clean air filters in central air conditioning system
✔ If applicable, have your septic tank system inspected
✔ Repair and inspect driveways, sidewalks, patios, bricks and other stone surfaces
✔ Inspect and repair decks, steps and wooden structures
✔ Check roofs and chimneys for any damaged areas
✔ Inspect washer hoses and dryer vents
✔ Test carbon monoxide & smoke detectors
✔ Change furnace filters

Thank You Again Jeanne & John Hubbard
Article by Joe Salvati, Chairman Friends of Kids Castle

Jeanne & John Hubbard spread their wonderous joy once more through their new Sponsorship at Kids Castle. The Drop Zone play piece is their fifth Sponsorship at our playground.

Thanks to the ongoing support of caring people like you throughout the years, the magic that is Kids Castle continues forward.

Kids Castle is in its twenty-first anniversary since it was originally constructed in June of 1997.

Despite regular and thorough maintenance over the years, the playground structures were reaching the end of their lifespan and needed to be replaced.

The Castle itself was saved through hard work and donations, but the surrounding play pieces needed to be removed.

As part of the Save Kids Castle Fundraising Campaign, new play pieces replace old ones as funds are raised.

But this can only continue forward through your financial support.

Our Motto “If Everyone Does a Little, We Can Accomplish a Lot” is so very true.

Whether it’s a Dollar or more – Together, we will Build the Kingdom at Kids Castle for Children of All Abilities.

Please consider joining our Circle of Friends and provide a place to play for all children by making a donation in any amount you can afford.

Visit the Donate Your Way section of our website at SaveKidsCastle.org

Thank you all!
Trees increase the value of property, purify the air, improve water quality, prevent erosion, save energy, and add beauty to our surroundings. Spring is here and the trees are awaking from their winter hibernation.

Why not take a little time to ensure the health of the trees on your property?

Here are some things you should know about caring for your trees:

1. Do not over prune or top trees. Never remove the main branches. If a main branch must be removed it should be cut back to where it is attached to another main branch or the trunk. Do not leave a stub. Removing the main branches reduces the amount of food that can be produced and makes the tree more susceptible to disease.

   When pruning keep in mind that most species of trees should have a single trunk with many smaller side branches. Many people top trees because they block sunlight or grow into utility wires. When the top section is chopped off of a tree the small side branches continue to grow. The tree shape is often ruined and makes it look unsightly.

2. Trees thrive with mulch. Mulch insulates the roots, prevents the growth of weeds, reduces lawn mower damage, and retains water. The mulch area can range between 3-10 feet in diameter, depending on the size of the tree. Do not allow the mulch to touch the trunk of the tree. Leave 2-4 inches between the mulch and the tree trunk.

   Spread mulch to a diameter of at least 3 feet. Maximum depth of 3 to 4 inches.

   Keep mulch away from trunk.

3. Ring barking which is also called girdling can damage your tree. Lawn mowers and weed whackers can strip a tree of vital membranes that allow food, water, and minerals to circulate throughout the tree. Mulching is a great way to create a safety zone around the tree.

   Pictures from: http://www.arborday.org/trees/nineThings.html

How to Identify Pest & Disease Problems on your trees and plants

To properly diagnose pest or disease problems contact the Cooperative Extension Service in your county.

Penn State Extension Bucks County

1282 Almshouse Road
Neshaminy Manor Center
Doylestown, PA 18901

Monday-Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
(215) 345-3283
BucksExt@psu.edu
https://extension.psu.edu/bucks-county

Arbor Day Foundation

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**Doylestown Township**

**THEN**

1899
Doylestown Township is classified as a Township of the second class because it has less than 300 people per square mile.

1910
Henry Mercer’s Fonthill mansion is completed.

1927
Aldie mansion, built by Henry Mercer’s brother, William, is finished.

1952
The Township adopts its first zoning ordinance.

1968
The new Township building on Wells Road is completed.

**NOW**

Aldie Mansion 2018
Home for Heritage Conservancy, a nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to preserve and protect our natural and historic heritage. It is also a premier wedding venue.

Proposed new township building 2018
1970
The office of Township manager & Township Police Department are established.

1972
The Township adopts its first Park and Recreation Plan.

1978
Incorporation of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority.

1983
The Board of Supervisors is increased from three to five members.

1988
The Township Adopts its first recycling ordinance.
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water and soil.

Electronics are NOT accepted at these events. This includes TVs, computers, cell phones and other cored devices.

For more information on disposal options contact:

The PADEP Recycling hotline at 1-800-346-4242
Bucks County Planning Commission
Art Feltes, Recycling Coordinator
215-345-3400
www.buckscounty.org/recycling

What can you bring?

Up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Keep in mind hazardous products will have cautionary works on the label, for example, Danger, Warning, or Caution. Other words or phrases that can signal hazardous products include: poisonous, hazardous, combustible, flammable, corrosive, flammable, corrosive, volatile, caustic, irritant explosive, toxic, use with adequate ventilation, or avoid inhaling.

For more information visit our website www.doylestownpa.org---> Information--->Trash and Recycling

2018 Schedule - Hazardous Waste Collection
Events will take place rain or shine from 9 am - 3 pm

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Leaf and Yard Waste for Township Residents

The best thing for the environment is to let your leaves lay, but if you want to clean up your yard and garden in an environmentally friendly way, bring your leaves and yard waste to the Township’s 2018 leaf and yard waste composting site.

Removing yard and leaf waste from the Solid Waste Stream is important!

Location: New Britian Road access to the back part of Central Park.
Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

The Drop Off Site is open every third Saturday of the month, March - December.

Dates in 2018:
5/19/2018
6/16/2018
7/21/2018
8/18/2018
9/15/2018
10/20/2018
11/17/2018
12/15/2018

Leaf Pick Up Dates in 2018:
Republic Services-
5/12/2018
Fall Date- TBA
Advanced Disposal-
11/3/2018
12/1/2018
Waste Management-
11/10/2018
Whitetail Disposal-

Invasive Species- The Spotted Laternfly

Pennsylvania’s natural resources are threatened by non-native invasive species.

They are a threat to our economy and environment as they threaten our native wildlife and plants by competing with them for resources and habitats.

The Spotted Laternfly attacks many hosts including grapes, apples, stone fruits, and tree of heaven and has the potential to greatly impact the grape, fruit tree, and logging industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.

These invaders are introduced through every day, unintentional activity. Once their species arrive and are established they can change Pennsylvania forever.

REPORT SPOTTED LATERNFLY
1-866-253-7189
Badbug@pa.gov

For more information visit..
http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/plants_land_water/plantindustry/entomology/spotted_lanternfly/
Please help prevent the illicit discharge of containments from flowing into storm drains. Illicit discharge is any chemical or item (oil, grey water, used paint) other than water, that is poured into a storm drain.

If you see such an incident, please call and report it to the Doylestown Township storm Water Hot-Line or email us at info@doylestownpa.org. If the Township is closed when you call, leave a message with the location and time of the incident (providing your name and number is optional).

The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority’s (DTMA) 2017 Annual Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available for viewing. The CCR is available electronically by the direct URL link: http://www.doylestownpa.org/ccr.pdf or by visiting the Doylestown Township website at www.doylestownpa.org or you may stop by the Doylestown Township Administration building located at 425 Wells Road in Doylestown Township and pick up a hard copy during regular business hours. If you cannot visit us or you do not have access to a computer and would like to receive a hard copy, please call 215-348-9915 and a hard copy will be mailed to you. For Cedar Crest Farms residents, please ask for PWS #1090158.

Boards and Commissions
- Agriculture Security Advisory Council
- Bicentennial Committee
- Bike & Hike Committee
- Board of Auditors
- UCC Board of Appeals
- Central Bucks Senior Task Force
- Dog Park Advisory Board
- Environmental Advisory Council/Shade Tree Commission
- Friends of Kids Castle
- Historical Architectural Review Board
- Doylestown Twp. Municipal Authority
- Park & Recreation Board
- Planning Commission
- Public Water & Sewer Advisory Board
- Telecommunications Advisory Board
- Traffic Advisory Committee
- Ways & Means Committee
- Vacancy Board
- Zoning Hearing Board

Would you like to volunteer? Send your letter of interest to info@doylestownpa.org

Trivia
Who said it?
“When the well is dry, we know the worth of water”.
Flip the page for the answer!
Homeowners Guide To Stormwater Maintenance

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is the water that runs off the land after precipitation, either in the form of rain or snowmelt. This infiltrates the soil and evaporates back into the atmosphere where it is used by plants. Water that runs off the land into streams or lakes is called stormwater runoff.

Why should you care about Stormwater Management?

Stormwater runoff affects the environment as it can cause erosion of streams, sediment build up in lakes, and pollution of streams and lakes.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system enters the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking.

The Effects of Pollution

• Sediment build up can destroy aquatic habitats.

• Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms and fish and other aquatic organisms can’t exist in water with low oxygen levels.

• Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards.

• Debris like plastic bags, six-pack rings, insecticides, pesticides, paint solvents, used motor oil and other fluids can poison aquatic life.

• Polluted stormwater affects drinking water sources. This affects human health and increases drinking water treatment costs.

BMPs: What are they, & what do they do?

BMP stands for Best Management Practice. This includes detention basins and non-engineered approaches like protecting open space to manage stormwater.

Stormwater Control Measures

• minimizing the amount of runoff
• slowing down the runoff
• infiltrating runoff
• evapotranspiring runoff
• filtering runoff

Our community has been designed with stormwater management in mind! Some BMPs are landscaped and others are buried so you might not see anything at the surface.

Pollution Solutions

Lawn Care
• Do not overwater your lawn. Use a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.

• Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly or not at all. Only use when necessary.

• Compost or mulch yard waste. Do not leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains.

• Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

Auto Care
• Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.

Septic System

• Inspect your system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary. (Every 3 years for Doylestown Residents)

• Do not dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

Pet Waste

• Pick up your pets waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks.

Residential landscaping to manage stormwater

Permeable Pavement - Traditional concrete and asphalt do not allow water to soak into the ground. Permeable pavement systems do allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing stormwater runoff.

Rain Barrels - You can collect rainwater from your rooftop. The water can then be used later on in the garden or lawn.

Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales - Designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground.

For more information visit www.dep.pa.gov/business/water/cleanwater/stormwatermgmt/pages/be-stormwater-smart-.aspx
Standing Up for the Families of Our Fallen Heroes
Article by Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick

As a member of the law enforcement community for nearly a decade and a half, I know firsthand the service and sacrifice of our nation's first responders.

In 2016, 229 Public Safety Officers were killed in the line of duty, including law enforcement, firefighters, EMS workers and fire police. While we can never repay those who laid down their lives in the line of duty, we can make it our priority to support their families and their children by increasing federal student aid opportunities for those children who pursue a college education.

That's why I introduced the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act – bipartisan legislation signed into law by the President earlier this year.

My new law increases the amount of Pell Grant money available to students who are the children of fallen first responders.

My bill was supported by the Fraternal Order of Police, International Association of Firefighters and Pennsylvania Fire Police Association, and I am proud to finally see it become law.

To stay active on this, or any other issue affecting you or your family, please visit my website at http://fitzpatrick.house.gov or contact our Langhorne District Office at 215-579-8102 for assistance.

It is an honor to serve you in Congress.

A Message from Samuel Kolodney, Tax Collector
Article by Samuel Kolodney

It is such an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility to collect Township, County and School taxes for you! The first set of bills under my administration for the 2018 Township and County property taxes were mailed on February 28th. There were 6133 bills mailed and 132 were returned to me as undeliverable as determined by the post office. If you were one of the “lucky” few who have not yet received their bill, please contact me with your correct mailing address at sam@samuelkolodney.com

Here are a few things to help make the tax collection process more efficient:

- Return the “Tax Collector Copy” portion of the bill. (Don't send just the very top of the bill)
- Make the check out with the current date and for the correct amount both in the number field and the written line. (Don't post date checks)
- If you would like to affix your payment, please use a paper clip. (Don't staple it.)

I know everyone makes honest mistakes occasionally so please include your contact information on the back of the bill so I can easily reach you to correct them.

Thanks!
Samuel Kolodney

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Trivia Answer - Benjamin Franklin

Helpful Phone Numbers

Bucks County Conference & Visitor’s Bureau: 215-639-0300
Bucks County Court House 215-348-6000
Bucks County Free Library 215-348-9081
Bucks County Health Department 215-345-3318
Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority 215-343-2538
Central Bucks School District 267-893-2000
Doylestown Borough 215-345-4140
Doylestown Fire Company #1 (Non-emergency) 215-348-2656
Doylestown Hospital 215-345-2200
Doylestown Post Office 267-880-3918
Emergency: 911
Keystone Collections Group 888-539-1100
PA Hotline (for State Roads) 800-349-7623
PennDOT 215-345-6060
Police Non-Emergency 215-348-4201
215-348-4200

Look for a survey to complete in the fall newsletter!
Reducing Hurdles to Health Care
Article by Rep. Marguerite Quinn

Waiting. It's an undeniable frustration, especially in health care. We're waiting in our homes, in our doctors' offices and in our pharmacies for procedures or medications to be approved by insurance companies. Many patients are familiar with the pre-authorization process, which occurs when medical practitioners must contact the patient's health insurance company to determine if the cost of a test, procedure or medication will be covered.

This waiting for a pre-authorization causes added stress for the patient, administrative time on the part of the physician's office, and most importantly, the potential of delay of diagnosis or care. One Pennsylvania physician brought to my attention that he indicated on a person's death certificate that the cause of death was waiting for a pre-authorization approval from an insurance company.

I understand that among the cost drivers in the health care system are unnecessary tests and medications. As vice chair of the House Insurance Committee, I am committed to addressing cost-drivers in the system.

There is a place and a need for prior authorizations, but the process needs to be standardized to keep the focus on appropriate, timely medical care.

That's why I sponsored House Bill 1293, which would standardize and streamline the pre-authorization process for medical services.

In doing so, my legislation would develop a standard prior authorization form that can be electronically submitted by all health care providers and accepted by all health insurers. This bill would also improve transparency and consistent application of prior authorization criteria.

To demonstrate the need for this bill, I'm asking anyone who has had their health care compromised by a preauthorization requirement to share their story with me. You can reach out to me at mquinn@pahousegop.com or call my office at (215) 489-2126.

Our goal is helping to reduce hurdles to health care.
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