# MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP Community Swide

**Future Recreation & Community Center** 



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## The Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors

2014 was a year of remarkable accomplishments for Montgomery Township as we celebrated milestones of both the past and the future. The year was dedicated to the 300th Anniversary of the Township and included a number of community wide celebratory events marking this milestone including a Historic Home Tour, Special Kick-Off Dinner celebrating the 190th birthday of General Winfield Scott Hancock, native son and celebrated hero of the Battle of Gettysburg, and a Commemoration Day celebration including a 5k race which raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project. The exceptional year ended with a Community Day Celebration which was capped off by a spectacular fireworks display.



Joseph P. Walsh — Robert J. Birch

Efforts of this magnitude would not be possible without the untiring efforts of volunteers and sponsors. We are grateful for the many kind words shared by residents on the quality of the Community Day Celebration.

Also during 2014, the Township marked its future path with the groundbreaking on the new 40,000 square foot Recreation & Community Center which is expected to be completed in mid-2015. This Center, located at the intersection of Stump and Horsham Roads, is expected to become a focal point for Township activity for years to come. Construction has continued through the winter months and we encourage residents to look for announcements regarding the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony this summer.

As we enter 2015, the Board of Supervisors would like to encourage our Township residents to continue to be involved in our community in a commitment to continue to make Montgomery Township the wonderful place it has been to live, work and play.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the businesses featured in our Community Guide and for their support. Their advertisements paid for this guide which allows us to make it available at no cost. We hope that the Community Guide will be a helpful reference and ask that you patronize the businesses which generously supported making it available.

Michael J. Fox Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

## **TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION**



Montgomery Township 1001 Stump Road Montgomeryville, PA 18936

Main Phone Number: 215-393-6900 Main Fax Number: 215-855-6656 Website: www.montgomerytwp.org Cable Channel 22 (Comcast Cable) Cable Channel 34 (Verizon)

Follow us on Twitter: @MontTwp For all emergencies, please call 911!

## FEDERAL, STATE, & COUNTY GOVERNMENT

#### **Federal Government:**

U.S. Senators:

Robert P. Casey, Jr., 215-405-9660 Patrick J. Toomey, 215-241-1090

U.S. Representative: Congressman Brendan Boyle

- 13th District 115 E. Glenside Ave., Ste. 1 Glenside, PA 19038 Phone: 215-517-6572

#### **State Government:**

Governor Tom Wolf 200 South Broad Street, 11th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102 Phone: 215-560-2640

State Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf - 12th District

711 North York Road, Suite 1 Willow Grove, PA 19090-2124 Phone: 215-657-7700

State Representative Todd Stephens - 151st District

515 Stump Road, North Wales PA 19454 Phone: 215-368-5165

#### **County Government:**

Montgomery County Offices One Montgomery Plaza 425 Swede Street Norristown, PA 19401

Commissioner Josh Shapiro, Chair Commissioner Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Vice Chair

Commissioner Bruce L. Castor, Jr.

Aging & Adult Services-610-278-3601

Board of Assessments Appeals-610-278-3761

Commissioners- 610-278-3020

Courthouse- 610-278-3000

Dog Licenses (forms available at the Township Building)- 610-278-3070
Health Department- 610-278-5117
Jury Commissioners- 610-278-3215
Marriage Licenses- 610-278-3414
Recorder of Deeds- 610-278-3289
Veterans Affairs- 610-278-3285
Voter Services- 610-278-3280

## **COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER**



## **COMING SUMMER 2015**

For grand opening and membership information...

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- 40,000 square feet
- Multi-use gymnasium w/ two full size basketball/volleyball courts (subdividable into 4 activity rooms)
- Cardio/weight exercise room
- Outside 1/2 mile walking trail
- Outside Great Lawn area for hosting concerts & gatherings
- Administration Suite
- Catering Kitchen

- Suspended indoor walking/ running track
- Three studios for spinning, Zumba, yoga and other exercise classes
- Child watch room
- Community room
- Senior activities room
- Youth activities room
- Montco Library Bookmobile parking
- Building wide Wi-Fi



### **RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTER SNAPSHOT**



#### SEPTEMBER 2014

- Steel framework began
- Installation of underground electrical conduit and plumbing lines began



#### **NOVEMBER 2014**

- Steel framework completed
- Fit out work inside the building started



#### **DECEMBER 2014**

- Interior wall framing underway
- Elevated track railing completed



#### FEBRUARY 2015

• Almost there!

Visit www.montgomerytwp.org for a full and updated construction timeline.

View the entire construction timeline at www.montgomerytwp.org and on Comcast cable channel 22 and Verizon cable channel 34. Get Recreation & Community Center updates by following us on Twitter @MontTwp.

## **PARK DESCRIPTIONS - A Township Priority.**

**THE MISSION:** to enhance the quality of life and foster a sense of community through:

- Preservation, conservation and acquisition of open space and natural resources
- Maintenance and development of facilities
- Provision of recreational, social, cultural, and educational programs and opportunities for people of all ages.



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Montgomery Township is proud to offer 13 spectacular parks to choose from for you, your friends and family.

#### **Applewood Park**

WHERE: 106 David Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446 (located at David Lane in the Applewood Development)

WHAT: Undeveloped open field surrounded by deciduous woodlands. Acreage: 6

#### **Autumn Woods**

WHERE: 101 Richardson Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

(Located off of Richardson Road)

WHAT: Playground equipment - picnic tables - basketball court (half-court) - walking trail-paved loop starting from Richardson Road: 2,014 feet or slightly over 1/3 mile.

Acreage: 6
Bark Park

WHERE: 1228 Welsh Road, North Wales, PA 19454 (behind

Santander Bank)

WHAT: Fenced-in, off-leash area designed for dogs to run and play.

Acreage: 1+

Fellowship Park

WHERE: 125 Meadowood Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446 (located at the

end of Meadowood Drive)

WHAT: Softball/baseball field and soccer field with bleachers, four tennis courts, picnic area, basketball court, volleyball area, and playground equipment.

Acreage: 13

**Friendship Park** - Under Construction WHERE: (located off of Hartman Road)

Acreage: 16

Hourglass Park

WHERE: 501 S. Stone Ridge Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446 (located at center of Stone Ridge development, Upper State and Fairacres Drive)

WHAT: Large open space parcel in center of residential cluster development.

Acreage: 9

#### **Memorial Grove**

WHERE: (located off Kenas Road across from Oxford Lane)

WHAT: Sundial, benches, and trail.

Acreage: 27

#### Municipal Building Park (Gazebo Park)

WHERE: (located behind the Township Building: 1001 Stump Road,

North Wales, PA 19454)

WHAT: Gazebo and walking trails.

Acreage: 24

#### Natural Area

WHERE: 1011 Pecan Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446

WHAT: Walking and hiking paths. (Intentionally left natural to promote sustainability and environmental awareness. This also helps reduce erosion, encourages infiltration, provides a valuable habitat for wildlife, slows floodwaters, filters out chemical pollutants and litter, and improves overall water quality)

Acreage: 36

#### **Spring Valley Park**

WHERE: 200 Claremont Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446 (Accessible from Claremont Drive or Upper State Road)

WHAT: Two playgrounds, three baseball fields, softball field, two soccer fields, picnic pavilion (electricity available), restrooms (near pavilion), paved jogging/biking loop by baseball fields (2,287 feet or slightly less than ½ mile), paved trail from baseball fields to tennis courts (1,604 feet or slightly less than 1/3 mile), four tennis courts with lights, two basketball courts with lights, street hockey court with lights, sand volleyball court, paved parking lots, and two large naturalized basins.

Acreage: 63.7

#### **Whispering Pines Park**

WHERE: 200 Orchard Drive, North Wales, PA 19454

(Located off of Orchard Drive)

WHAT: Playground, basketball court, and street hockey court.

Acreage: 5

#### **Whistlestop Park**

WHERE: 88 County Line Road, Chalfont, PA 18914 (Located off of County Line Road by the railroad tracks)

WHAT: One multi-purpose field, one baseball field, one softball field with lights, four tennis courts with lights, street hockey court with lights, basketball court with lights, playground equipment with lights, gazebo.

Acreage: 13

#### Windlestrae Park

(See all three sections below)

Total Acreage: 172 (total for all 3 sections)

Windlestrae's woodlands represent a large intact forest ecosystem which is home to a wide variety of native trees, wildflower species, birds, animals and aquatic life.

#### • William F. Maule at Windlestrae

WHERE: 1147 Kenas Road, North Wales, PA 19454

WHAT: Three soccer fields (two fields with lights), four baseball fields (field 1 & 2

with lights), playground, walking trail, pavilion with lights, walking path connecting this section to Rose Twig (3,118 feet or slightly over ½ mile) and restrooms.

• Rose Twig at Windlestrae

WHERE: 1151 Kenas Road, North Wales, PA 19454

WHAT: Playground, street hockey court, two soccer fields, three softball fields, two

basketball courts & half-courts, four tennis courts, walking trail (2,158 feet or slightly less than ½ mile), pavilion, and batting cages.

#### • Zehr at Windlestrae

WHERE: 1238 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454

WHAT: Three soccer fields, walking path connecting Zehr Section to Rose Twig Section, and disc golf course.



#### RESERVE A PARK!

If you would like to reserve a park for an event, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 215-393-6940 or visit the Parks & Recreation page on the website at www.montgomerytwp.org for more details.

#### JOIN A PROGRAM!

To view or signup for Township Recreation programs please visit the Parks & Recreation page at www.montgomerytwp.org or call The Parks & Recreation office at (215) 393-6940.

## **MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Keeping In Touch With the Community**

**MISSION:** To achieve and maintain a highly professional organization that affirmatively promotes, preserves and delivers a feeling of security, safety and quality services to members of the residential, commercial, and industrial community.

Between food deliveries, child education programs, and community safety events, the Montgomery Township Police Officers can be found all over living up to this important mission.



### National Night Out - August 5, 2014

Montgomery Township K-9 Police Officer Brian Schreiber and K-9 Bauer participate in the Department's K-9 demonstration at the annual National Night Out event.

National Night Out is an opportunity for communities nationwide to promote safety, police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. The event also includes different vendors and amusements.



## 300th Anniversary Community Day - September 20, 2014

Montgomery Township Police Officer Thomas Ward encourages children to learn about the importance of safety and Police work and ends the lesson with some fun by allowing children to try on police gear.



## Representative Todd Stephens' Kids Fest September 27, 2014

Montgomery Township Police Officer Rob Johnson attends Kids fest held by Representative Todd Stephens at Hatboro Horsham High School to educate children on safe recreation activities with members from the Montgomery County DA's Cadet Explorer Program.

## **Holiday Food Delivery - December 19, 2014**

Officer James Matlack visits Principal Denise Judge, at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer to participate in a food donations collection for local needy families. The Police Department employees donated boxes of food, a \$60 gift card to Giant and a \$130 gift card to Target.



#### REPORTING AN EMERGENCY

 $\mathbf{M}$  ontgomery County provides the immediate response of police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) through a 9-1-1 answering center.

9-1-1 should be used to report emergency situations. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, the Fire Department, or an ambulance. If you are ever in doubt of whether a situation is an emergency you should call 9-1-1. It's better to be safe and let the 9-1-1 call taker determine if you need emergency assistance.

- Never say "nine eleven," since there is no 11 on the telephone keypad. Always say "nine one one".
- Always call 9-1-1 from a safe place. If there is a fire in the house, get out first, then call 9-1-1. If there is an intruder in the house, hide or get out to call 9-1-1 from a safe place.
- Know your address have it posted near the telephone.
- Children should never call 9-1-1 as a prank or joke. You could get into trouble, your parents could get into trouble, and you could keep someone who really needs help from getting it.
- 9-1-1 is for people, not animals. If you have a problem with a pet, you should call your veterinarian.
- If you are not sure if you have an emergency, call 9-1-1 and explain your problem to the 9-1-1 dispatcher.
- If you call 9-1-1 by accident, please don't hang up. When the dispatcher answers, explain that you called 9-1-1 by mistake and that you do not have an emergency.



## READY NOTIFY (www.ReadyNotifyPA.org)

When situations arise in Southeastern Pennsylvania that may affect you and your family, ReadyNotifyPA lets local officials notify you quickly. Be among the first to find out and stay informed during an emergency. All subscribers will get emergency alerts. You may also choose to get other alerts, such as severe weather and transportation delays.

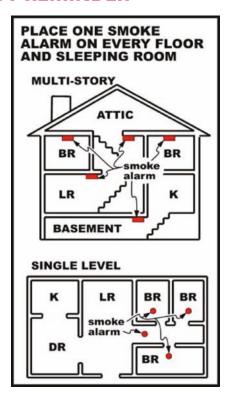
#### FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY REMINDER

The combination Fire Department provides many services to the public. One of the most popular is the residential smoke alarm program, which provides smoke alarms and batteries free of charge to Township residents. To make this happen, the department works with the Channel 6ABC Save-A-Life Program and the Energizer Battery Company.

In addition to this program, the Fire Department attends and hosts many programs throughout the year. Please check the websites at www.montgomerytwp.org and www.fdmt.org for program announcements.

If assistance is needed for installing smoke alarms or changing 9V Batteries please call the Fire Department at 215-393-6936.

**SMOKE ALARMS** - A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke. Ensure a safe home by following the steps to the right.

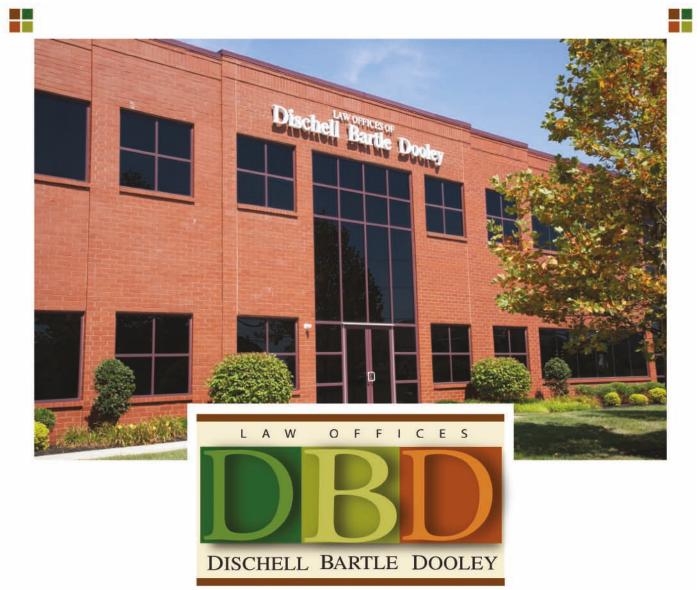


- INSTALL smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need ADDITIONAL smoke alarms to provide enough protection
- INTERCONNECT all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound (for best protection)
- PREVENT false alarms by installing smoke alarms away from the kitchen (at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance)
- REPLACE all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old
- TEST your smoke alarms monthly to make sure they function properly
- CHANGE the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks

**VISIBLE ADDRESSES** - Is your address visible from the street? If you should need assistance from any of the Township's emergency services, having your address posted so it is visible from the street will help them find your house faster.

- Building numbers should be in a conspicuous place so the numbers are visible from the street
- Numbers should be constructed of a durable material and at least
   4 inches high for residential uses and 5 1/2 inches high for nonresidential uses
- Number color should be in contrast to the immediate background and placed in full view from the street





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#### TOWNSHIP OFFICE INFORMATION

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Finance, Business Tax, and Sewer 8AM to 4PM Fire Department 7:30AM - 5:30PM & Volunteer staff overnight & weekends for 24 hour emergency services Police Department 24 hours a day

Public Works
Department
7:30AM - 3:30PM

#### Administration Department: 215-393-6900

(Includes Public Information & Human Resources)

Township Manager: Lawrence J. Gregan

Director of Administration and Human Resources: Ann Shade

Assistant to the Township Manager: Stacy Crandell

The Township Manager is the chief administrative officer of the Township, who is directly responsible to the Board of Supervisors for the administration of all Township affairs. All departments, offices, and agencies of the Township are directed and supervised by the Township Manager. He manages the day-to-day operations, administration, and execution of policies and objectives set by the Board of Supervisors.

The Administration Department focuses on delivering quality, reliable, customer-oriented services to Township residents. This department supports the Board of Supervisors and includes the offices of Public Information and Human Resources.

#### **Human Resources Office**

The Human Resources Office effectively hires and retains a skilled and productive workforce.

#### **Public Information Office**

The Public Information Office increases citizen understanding, awareness, and participation in Township government programs, projects, and services through media, Township publications, meetings, and events.

#### **Department of Fire Services: 215-393-6936 (non-emergency)** Director of Fire Services/ Fire Marshal/ Emergency Management Coordinator: Richard M. Lesniak

The Department of Fire Services provides the Township with emergency services 24 hours a day, responding to all types of emergencies to provide fire suppression, fire prevention and public safety education with a "customer first" philosophy. The Department of Fire Services and the Fire Department of Montgomery Township are a combination fire department which consists of two operational components. A career or paid firefighter segment that is on duty Monday-Friday from 7:30AM to 5:30PM and a volunteer firefighter segment that covers weeknights, weekends, and holidays, combine to provide emergency protection for the Township.

#### Finance Department/Business Tax Office: 215-393-6910 Director of Finance: Shannon Q. Drosnock

The Finance Department is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget, the collection and accurate accounting of all revenues from taxes and other sources, the processing of all payroll and accounts payable obligations of the Township, and the prudent investment of all funds held by the Township. The Township is subject to an audit performed by a certified public accounting firm at the end of every fiscal year. The Audit, Annual Budget, and all financial reports of the Township are available for inspection by any resident of the Township.

#### Parks and Recreation Department: 267-649-7200

Director of Recreation & Community Center: Brian Forman

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for providing a broad range of recreational programs, classes, and fun opportunities to the public through the Township's park system and public facilities. The Department will also be responsible for the daily operations of the upcoming Recreation & Community Center.

#### Planning & Zoning Department: 215-393-6920

Director of Planning & Zoning: Bruce Shoupe

The Planning and Zoning Department continues to actively work to build and maintain effective relationships for a better community. The Department pursues excellence for the Township with dynamic comprehensive planning, promotion of economic development that is desirable and positive, maintenance of historic cultural and natural assets, and the protection of the Township standards to ensure the health, welfare, and safety by fair, equitable, and consistent code enforcement.

#### Police Department: 215-362-2301 (non-emergency)

Chief J. Scott Bendig Lieutenant William Peoples Lieutenant Gerry Dougherty

The Montgomery Township Police Department is committed to providing protection and services within the Township on a 24-hour-a-day basis, with a strong emphasis on community awareness. The Police Department provides several community outreach programs including Citizens Police Academy, Junior Police Academy, DARE, and much more.

#### Public Works Department: 215-855-0510

Director of Public Works: Kevin A. Costello

The Director of Public Works is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of all Township roads, curbs & sidewalks, traffic lights, street lights, basins & drainage, parks, Township facilities, as well as snow removal.

## **Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority: 215-393-6930** Manager: Karyn L. Koerwer, C.P.A.

The Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority operates and maintains the Township's sanitary sewer facilities on behalf of the Township and its residents. The Authority builds or purchases sanitary sewer treatment capacity using tapping fees it has collected. The Authority uses sewer rentals to cover the cost to operate, repair and maintain the Eureka Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility and the sanitary sewer conveyance system.

## Timeline: Our Township's Story...

The size and shape of Montgomery Township was first determined by master lines drawn by William Penn's surveyors.

- 1682- Penn sold 5,000 acres of Montgomery Township land to William Stanley. Though Stanley was the first Township landowner, he unfortunately never had the pleasure of residing in our Township.
- 1684- Stanley had his new land holdings resurveyed, and shortly after he passed away.

A significant majority of the new settlers to the Township were Welsh Quaker Friends who worshiped at the nearby Gwynedd Friends Meeting.

- 1714- The Township government was organized. The name "Montgomery" was derived from Roger de Montgomery, a Norman knight associated with a region in Wales from which many of the Township's early settlers came.
- 1719- Baptist settlers built what would become the Township's only church during the Colonial period.

Montgomery Square, consisting of two taverns, a small school, and several farms, was the Township's first village. It was not until the nineteenth century that the villages of Eureka and Montgomeryville came into existence.

Montgomery Township has had a number of notable residents. The Knapp Family lived in the Township for about 170 years, more than half of the Township's existence. The Knapp Family contributed to the Township in various capacities by serving as local magistrates, educators, early school board directors, and dedicated farmers.



Another resident of the Township was Civil War General Winfield Scott Hancock. Major General Winfield Scott Hancock was one of the most respected officers in the Union Army.

- 1824- February 14th- General Hancock was born in Montgomery Township.
- 1863- July 1st- Major General Winfield Scott Hancock arrived at the Gettysburg battlefield and helped solidify the Federal line stretching from Culp's Hill, over Cemetery Hill, and along Cemetery Ridge. July 3rd- Hancock commanded the Union Center and repulsed the Confederate assault known as Pickett's Charge.
- 1880- After serving his country in the American Civil War, Winfield Scott Hancock continued in the military and eventually ran for President of the United States on the Democratic ticket.

Montgomery Township has and continues to be a major thoroughfare. One major thoroughfare, Bethlehem Pike, linked Philadelphia with Allentown/Bethlehem. In addition, Limekiln Pike was a major link to Bucks County, and DeKalb Pike was a link between Norristown/Valley Forge with Bucks County.

#### **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**

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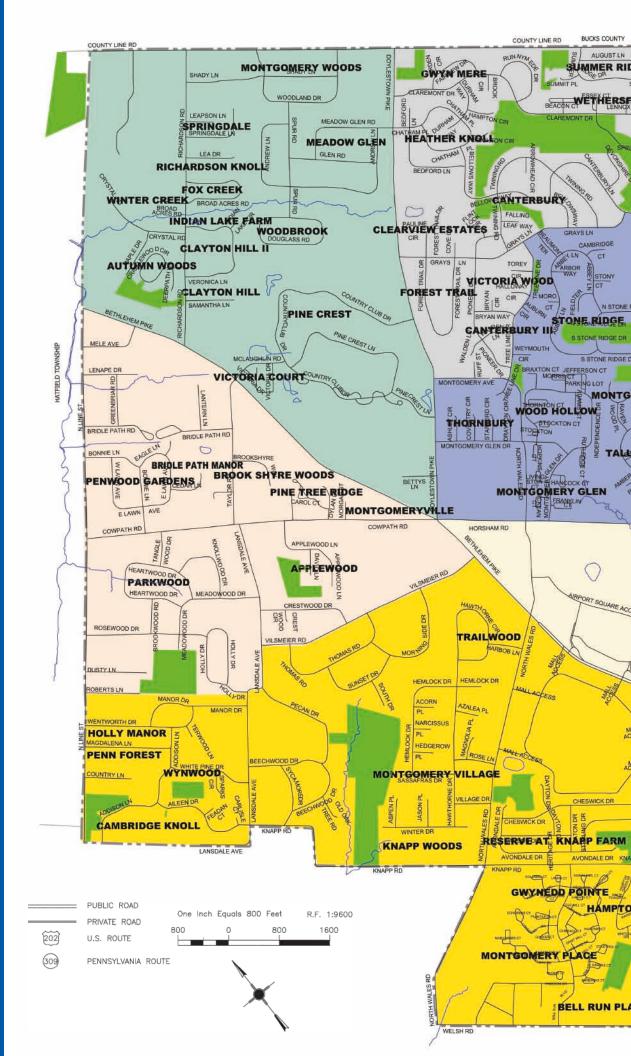
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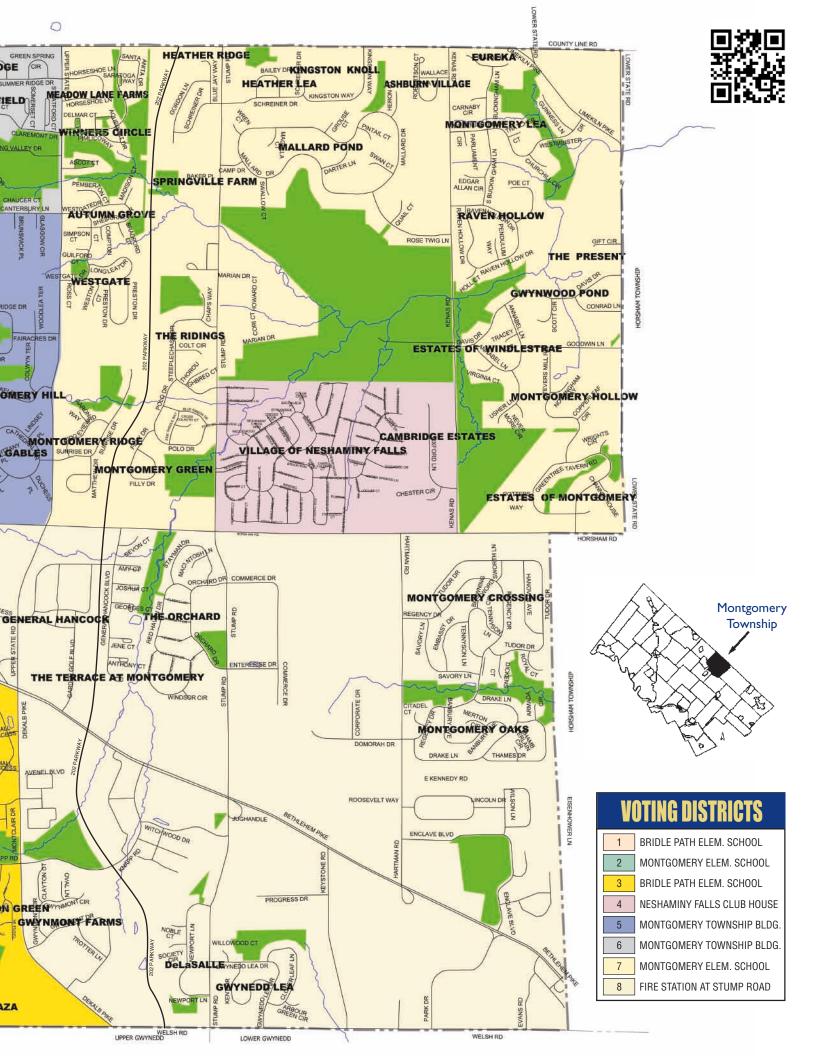
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### **COMMUNITY SERVICES & EVENTS**

#### Arbor Day Tree Give-A-Way

The Shade Tree Committee organizes an annual free tree give-a-way for Township residents in celebration of Arbor Day. Free trees are given out to residents one Saturday morning in April. The trees are purchased with developer fees that were donated to the Township.

#### **Car Seat Inspections**

The Police Department provides free car seat inspections to ensure that your child's safety seat is installed properly. They educate parents on car seat safety and proper installation. For more information or to schedule an appointment to have your car seat inspected, email police@montgomerytwp.org or call 215-362-2301.



#### **Child Fingerprinting**

The Police Department provides free child fingerprinting. Fingerprinting is done for your child's personal safety. If a child is missing, law enforcement agencies can use the ID Kit to assist in locating the child. Fingerprinting can be done on children between the ages of 2-17 years old. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please email police@montgomerytwp.org or call 215-362-2301.

#### **Citizens Police Academy**

Citizens Police Academy provides community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. During the ten-week program, academy students are given an overview of the police department's functional and operational procedures. The curriculum and teaching



methods are similar to the traditional police academy. For more information or to sign-up, please email police@montgomerytwp.org or call 215-362-2301.

#### **Drill in the Hood**

The Fire Department of Montgomery Township (FDMT) holds this annual event in July at Spring Valley Park. The FDMT along with Volunteer Medical Service Corps and the Montgomery Township Police Department display apparatus and provide live demonstrations on the services that

they provide to the community. For additional details, please visit the FDMT website at www.fdmt.org.



#### **Fire Prevention Open House**

The Fire Department of Montgomery Township organizes this event and encourages the whole family to come out to Battalion 2 Fire Station at Doylestown Road and Montgomery Avenue. This event includes hands-on fire prevention activities, live demonstrations, moon bounce, food and refreshments, home escape simulator trailer and much more! This event takes place in October. For additional details, please visit the FDMT website at www.fdmt.org.

#### **Junior Police Academy**

The Junior Police Academy provides children between the ages of 6-12 years old with a basic understanding of police work. During the two-day academy, the children are instructed in basic first aid, self-defense, and basic fire safety. Demonstrations and equipment are provided by



the Montgomery Township Police Canine Unit, Fire Department of Montgomery Township, Volunteer Medical Service Corps., Telford Driving Unit, Montgomery County Bomb Squad, and much more. The academy averages fifty cadets with ten to fifteen instructors and is held at Mary Mother of the Redeemer School (MMR). At the end of the two days, a graduation ceremony takes place at MMR and parents are invited to attend.

#### **Police Week Event**

This event takes place at the Montgomery Mall during the month of May. Activities include K-9 demonstrations, child fingerprinting, car seat information with a technician present, SWAT, bike safety, traffic safety, and general crime prevention.

#### **Summer Event Series**

The Montgomery Township Recreation Office organizes several free concerts during the summer months. These events take place outside the Township Building at Gazebo Park on Thursday evenings.

## **Online Payments Accepted for Recreation Programs & Sewer Bills!**

Montgomery Township is excited to announce a new service to the community that provides registrants for recreation programs the ability to register and pay their registration fees online with a credit card through the Township website. Sewer bills can now be paid online with a credit card as well. Montgomery Township is continuously working to improve their services to the community and is very excited to offer this new option. To register and/or make an online payment please visit www.montgomerytwp.org.



## **Montgomery Township E-News**

Become an E-News member to enjoy the most up-to-date information happening in the Township including:

- Township services and information
- Local news
- Community events

Transportation

· Meeting notices

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- 1. Click on the "I Get it, Do You?" button at the bottom of the homepage, and then click the "Register" link.
- 2. Fill in all requested information.
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Please note: You must click the link provided in the e-mail in order to receive E-news publications. Please contact Kelsey McMeans, Public Information Coordinator, for assistance at kmcmeans@montgomerytwp.org.



### Who Do I Call If...

- Q. There are small animals in my home or in my yard? A. The Township does not capture small animals or remove animals from homes or private yards. Residents should call a local pest control company for assistance.
- Q. There is a dead deer on the street? A. If the deer is on a state road (Upper State, County Line, Route 202, Kenas Road, Route 463, Hartman Road, Taylor Road, Route 309, Lansdale Avenue and Route 63), please contact PennDOT at 610-275-2368. If the deer is on a township road, please contact the PA Game Commission at 610-926-3136.
- Q. I need the water authority who serves Montgomery Township? A. North Wales Water Authority (NWWA) serves the majority of the Township. For any questions about water services, please call NWWA at 215-699-4836. A small portion of the Township is serviced by North Penn Water Authority (NPWA). The number for NPWA is 215-855-3617.
- Q. I need to get rid of household hazardous waste? A. Montgomery County organizes a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program at various locations throughout the year. For more information about this program, please call 610-278-3618 or visit www.montgomerycountyrecycles.org.
- Q. I need the District Judge and court location? A. The District Judge for Montgomery Township is Judge Andrea Duffy. The district court is located at 601 Bethlehem Pike Building "D" Suite 100, Montgomeryville, PA 18936. The court is located in an office complex on Bethlehem Pike at Richardson Road. The phone number for district court is 215-855-3946.
- Q. I need the ambulance company who serves Montgomery Township? A. The Volunteer Medical Service Corps (VMSC) serves Montgomery Township as its primary ambulance service provider. The VMSC has three different sub-stations including one located next to the Township Building. For more information about the VMSC, please call their non-emergency number 215-855-3779.
- Q. I need trash collection in Montgomery Township? A. As a resident of Montgomery Township, you are responsible to contract with your own trash hauler. For more information, please visit the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission online at www.northmontcorecycle.com.
- Q. I need the real estate tax collector? A. The Montgomery Township Real Estate Tax Collector is Patricia A. Gallagher. She is an elected official who works in a separate office outside of the Montgomery Township Building. She can be reached by phone: (215) 996-9999, fax: (215) 996-9999, or email: tgallagher@montgomerytwp.org

## LOCAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

#### BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/T-BALL

Montgomery Township Baseball Softball Association P.O. Box 732, Montgomeryville, PA 18936 President: Brian Ferko Telephone: 215-412-3980 Website: http://www.mtbsa.org



#### **BASKETBALL**

Montgomery Basketball Association President: Joe Senour Telephone: 215-393-3132



Website: http://www.montgomerybasketball.net

#### CHEERLEADING/FOOTBALL

Lansdale Cannoneers P.O. Box 185, Lansdale, PA 19446 Telephone: 215-368-1345 Website: http://www.cannoneers.com

#### CHEERLEADING/FOOTBALL

North Penn Athletic Association North Penn Squires P.O. Box 1213, North Wales, PA 19454 Telephone: 215-362-5970



#### Website: http://www.northpennsquires.com **LACROSSE**

North Penn Dragons Lacrosse Club 86 Forest Trail Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446 President: John Kuhn • Treasurer: Janice Flynn Website: www.NPLax.org Email: northpennlacrosse@gmail.com



Montgomery United Soccer Club 650 North Cannon Avenue, Lansdale, PA 19446 Executive Director: David Jones Telephone: 215-855-9002

Website: http://www.monusoccer.org



Want to know where to recycle? The iRecycle app will tell you. This app works for Android, iOS for your iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch, and in your computer browser.

This application presents a simple-to-use interface that shows 12 categories of recycling categories: Automotive, Batteries, Construction, Electronics, Garden, Glass, Hazardous, Household, Metal, Paint, Paper, and Plastic. This app is easy to use and very helpful for finding recycling centers.



## YOUR HOME IN MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & PERMITS

## **Common Projects That Need Permits:**

Montgomery Township requires building permits for any addition, alteration, demolition, or new construction prior to the start of any work. Examples: remodeling jobs (kitchens, bathrooms, finished basements); the adding or replacement of heating/air conditioning (HVAC), hot water heaters, electric, chimneys, roofs, decks, fences, fireplaces or decorative heating, or wood stoves; installation/replacement of porches, patios, walkways, sheds, swimming pools, whole house generators, and driveway expansions. Building permit applications are available online and from the Planning and Zoning Office. If you have a question about what requires a permit and the permit process, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at 215-393-6920.

**Sheds** – There are setback requirements for sheds dependent upon the zoning district. Applications are available online or from the Township's Planning & Zoning Officer and require a plot plan with measurements showing where the shed will be placed on the property. In addition to the plot plan, two copies of design specifications or brochures are required.

**Fences -** Fences require a permit and cannot be placed directly on a property line. The good side of the fence must face outward towards the neighboring property. There are specifications on height and types of fences permitted.

**Property Maintenance** - Trees and shrubs shall not have overhanging limbs onto the sidewalk area. A minimum clearance of 8 feet above the walking surface and a minimum 18 feet clearance above the street is required.

**Sidewalks** - All sidewalks must be cleared 24 hours following a snow storm.

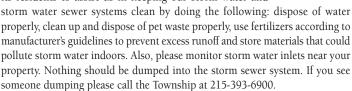
**House Numbers** - Must be a minimum of 4 inches high and visible from the street.

**Drainage** - It is illegal for downspouts, floor drains and sump pumps to drain into the sanitary sewer system.

**Smoke Detectors** - All homes should have smoke detectors inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

## Montgomery Township Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) and Stormwater Management

The goals of all MS4s programs and Montgomery Township are to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the Township, to protect water quality, and to satisfy requirements of the Clean Water Act. Montgomery Township would like you to remember that the water and any items that go into a storm sewer go directly into streams. This water is not cleaned in any way and does not go to the waste water treatment plant. Montgomery Township needs all of its residents to assist us in keeping our storm water and



#### Don't let spring and summer bring toxicity into your home.

Precipitation from rain or melting snow that flows over the ground creates stormwater runoff. Surfaces like streets, driveways, and sidewalks prevent runoff from being absorbed into the ground. Stormwater runoff flows into storm drains or directly into bodies of water.

Stormwater runoff can pick up chemicals, debris, dirt and other pollutants that will contaminate our water. It is a common misconception that stormwater is treated before it reaches the waterways. This assumption is false, and



everything picked up by the runoff empties into our natural waterways. You can help reduce pollutants carried in stormwater runoff this spring/summer by paying special attention to lawn and garden care.

- Use fertilizers sparingly. Lawns and many plants do not need as much fertilizer or need it as often as you might think. Test your soil to be sure!
- Consider using organic fertilizers; they release nutrients more slowly.
- Never fertilize before a rain storm (the pollutants are picked up by stormwater during rain events).
- Keep fertilizer off of sidewalks, driveways, and any paved surface. If granular fertilizer gets onto paved surfaces, collect it for later use or sweep it onto the lawn
- Use commercially available compost or make your own using garden waste.
   Mixing compost with your soil means your plants will need less chemical
   fertilizer and puts your waste to good use. Another alternative is to use
   commercial compost, called Earthmate, which is available for free through
   Philadelphia Water Department. Call 215-685-6300 or visit the website to
   learn more about Earthmate: www.phila.gov.
- Let your grass clippings lay! Don't bag the grass. Use a mulching lawn mower
  to cut one-third of the blade length each week and naturally fertilize your
  lawn in the process.

## REPORT TOWNSHIP ROAD REPAIRS & STREET LIGHT ISSUES RIGHT ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE!

Reporting road repairs, street light issues, etc., is simple using www.montgomerytwp.org

- 1. Click the tab on the homepage titled "Online Services."
- 2. In the dropdown click "Action Center."
- 3. Choose a link that best describes the situation you'd like to report.
- 4. Fill and

4. Fill in the requested information and hit "Submit.

5. All Finished!

A Public Works Administrator will review the report and send a Public Works employee to the address, as long as the reported incident is on a township road and not on a state road. If the issue is on a state road, the reporter must call PennDOT at (610) 205-6700.

#### STATE ROAD REPAIRS CALL PENNDOT - (610) 205-6700

- Upper State Road
- County Line Road
- Route 202 Parkway
- Kenas Road

- Route 463 (Horsham Road)
- Doylestown Road
- · Hartman Road
- Taylor Road

- Route 309 (Bethlehem Pike)
- Lansdale Avenue
- Route 63 (Welsh Road)
- DeKalb Pike

## **LOCAL LIBRARY INFORMATION & BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE**

 ${\bf Montgomery\ Township\ has\ the\ following\ local\ libraries\ near\ to\ the\ Township:}$ 

• Horsham Library-215-443-2509

435 Babylon Road, Horsham, PA 19044

• Indian Valley Public Library-215-723-9109

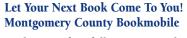
100 East Church Avenue, Telford, PA 18969

• Lansdale Public Library-215-855-3228 301 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

 Montgomery County Norristown Public Library-610-278-5100
 Norristown Public Library-

1001 Powell Street, Norristown, PA 19401

 North Wales Library-215-699-5410
 233 S. Swartley Street, North Wales, PA 19454



This is a free full service traveling library for Montgomery County residents. Available materials for all age groups include books (regular read and adult large print), audio books, magazines, music CDs and DVDs. Requests for other resources and materials are welcome.

The Bookmobile comes to the following location on alternate Thursdays and Fridays:

Water Tower Square (Horsham & North Wales Roads)

- Thursdays: 12:00PM-4:00PM; 5:00PM-7:00PM.
- Fridays: 10:30AM-12:30PM.

There are also many services and activities to enjoy at the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library. Please visit their website at http://mnl.mclinc.org/

### **LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Montgomery Township has both a monthly waste drop-off collection and two curbside pick-up collections annually for Township Residents.

Leaf waste is defined as leaves, garden residues, shrubbery, tree trimmings, and similar materials but does not include grass clippings.

Yard waste is defined as twigs, shrub trimmings, small branches, and like vegetative matter.

All materials for both the drop-off and the curbside pick-up- must be placed in brown paper biodegradable leaf bags. No exceptions!

**Leaf & Yard Waste Monthly Drop-Off Collection: Third Saturday of each month.** The collection takes place at the William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae located off of Kenas Road from 8 a.m.-Noon. Drop-offs are prohibited outside of these collection dates.

#### Here are the Spring/Summer 2015 Leaf & Yard Waste Monthly Drop-Off Collection Dates:

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Saturday, April 18, 2015Saturday, May 16, 2015

Saturday, June 20, 2015

- Saturday, July 18, 2015
- \*Spring Curbside Pick-up Date -Saturday, April 18, 2015 -

7AM-5PM



If you have any questions about leaf & yard waste collections, please contact the Township at 215-393-6900.

### **KNOW YOUR VOTING DISTRICT!**

Montgomery Township has eight voting districts and five different polling locations that are listed below.

Districts 1 & 3: Bridle Path Elementary School- 200 Bridle Path Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Districts 2 & 7: Montgomery Elementary School- 1221 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454

District 4: Neshaminy Falls Club House- 195 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454

Districts 5 & 6: Montgomery Township Building- 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936

District 8: Battalion One Fire Station- 325 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936

your voting district.

2015 Municipal Election Information

Election Day: November 3, 2015 Voter Registration Deadline: October 5, 2015 Absentee Ballot Application Deadline: October 27, 2015

Please visit page 11-12 to locate your street and find your voting district.

2015 Municipal Primary Information

Primary Day: May 19, 2015 Voter Registration Deadline: April 20, 2015 Absentee Ballot Application Deadline: May 12, 2015

## TAX COLLECTOR/EARNED INCOME TAX/LST

Phone: 215-996-9999 • Fax: 215-996-9951 • Address: PO Box 690, Montgomeryville, PA 18936 • Email Address: tgallagher@montgomerytwp.org

The Real Estate Tax Collector is independently elected and is responsible for collecting the Township's real estate tax and street light assessment (where applicable). The Real Estate Tax Collector also collects real estate taxes for Montgomery County and the school taxes for North Penn School District. Tax bills for the Township and County are combined and issued March 1 of every year. School district bills are issued July 1 of every year.

The tax collector does not have an office in the Township Building. Tax payments may be made via cash or check, made payable to Patricia A. Gallagher, Tax Collector. Check payments, as well as requests for tax certifications may be placed in a sealed envelope and dropped in a locked box inside Santander Bank (1224 Welsh Road - Assi Plaza), Susquehanna Bank (521 Stump Road) or the Montgomery Township Administration Building (1001 Stump Road) at any time during normal business hours for each location. In order to receive a receipt for payment, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and a receipt will be mailed to you.

Cash payments are not accepted in the locked boxes and must be made in person. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call the tax collector's office at 215-996-9999 or email her at tgallagher@montgomerytwp.org.

**Montgomery Township Real Estate Tax Rate** 

General Purpose .89 mills Debt Service .24 mills Park and Recreation .19 mills
Fire Tax Protection .17 mills

Total: 1.49 mills -Total Township 2014 Real Estate Tax Rates

**Local Service Tax –** Berkheimer Tax Administrator – Phone: 866-701-7206

The Local Services Tax is imposed upon each individual engaged in any occupation in the Township. It is the responsibility of the employer to deduct, from their employees, the tax of \$52 per year at a rate \$1 per week employed. An exemption is available for:

- Any person who earns less than \$12,000 in the calendar year and completes a low income exemption certificate,
- Any person on active military duty during the taxing year, and
- Any current or former member of the military declared by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 100% disabled.

  Any questions about the LST Tax, please contact the Montgomery Township Business Tax Office at 215-393-6910.

#### Earned Income Tax

Montgomery County Earned Income Tax Collector Berkheimer Tax Administrator – Phone: 866-701-7206

The earned income/net profits tax requires that all persons living and working in the Township pay 1% on all individual gross earnings and net profits from businesses. This tax has been effective since January 1, 2003.

### **COMMITTEES & PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Autumn Festival Committee 2nd Wednesday at 6:45PM The Montgomery Township Autumn Festival Committee is responsible for planning Autumn Festival, which is held on a Saturday in the fall every year. This event offers fun for the entire family, and all residents and friends are welcome to attend.
- **Board of Auditors (Elected) Annually in January -** The Board of Auditors is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors on internal control issues and establishing the compensation rate of the Board of Supervisors for annual road inspections. They meet once a year in January.
- **Building Code of Appeals** Meets on an as needed basis. The Building Code of Appeals is a four member board who hears cases from individuals who dispute the Building Code.
- Board of Supervisors Action Meeting 2nd & 4th Monday at 8PM\* The Board of Supervisors is the governing body of the Township elected at large by the voters for six-year terms. They are responsible for both the legislative and executive functions of the Township. (\*With some exceptions due to holidays).
- Business Development Partnership (BDP) 3rd Tuesday at 12:30PM The Business Development Partnership (BDP) is a committee comprised of Montgomery Township business managers and owners. Each month the members of the BDP meet to discuss and analyze important matters that may affect the business community. This advisory committee makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and Township staff regarding community business activity and economic development.
- Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) 4th Tuesday at 7PM
  The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was formed to advise
  and educate the Board of Supervisors along with the
  community on matters that can affect the environment.

community on matters that can affect the environment. The appointed members meet monthly to discuss issues that have environmental implications. The EAC has successfully worked with other agencies on projects and programs that have dealt with storm water, recycling, are iven plants and other environmental tonics.

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• Finance Committee- 3rd Monday at 7:30PM – The Finance Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of the Supervisors on matters regarding financial issues within the Township. The Committee meets to discuss financial planning and analyzes issues that may affect the financial status of the Township.



• Open Space Committee- Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:30PM – The Open Space Committee is a combination of Township staff, elected officials, County representatives, and community volunteers. The Committee is responsible for implementing the 2006 Open Space Plan along with continuing to explore future uses for existing preserved open space land.

- Park and Recreation Board- 2nd Wednesday at 7:30PM The Park and Recreation Board is an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors on matters pertaining to the Township owned parklands and recreation programs. The Park and Recreation Board is responsible for recommending recreation facilities and programs for Township residents.
- Pension Fund Advisory Committee- 3rd Thursday (after each quarter ends) at 7PM The Pension Fund Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors on matters regarding uniformed and non-uniformed pension plan issues. This committee is comprised of Township residents and staff. The Committee meets quarterly to review performance and administration of the plans.
- Planning Commission- 3rd Thursday at 7:30PM The Planning

Commission is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors in matters of planning, zoning, and subdivision control. All applications for subdivisions and major land development in Montgomery Township must be reviewed by the Planning Commission. All ordinances or ordinance amendments affecting zoning or



subdivisions must be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

• Public Safety Committee- 3rd Wednesday at 7:30PM – The Public



Safety Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors on all matters generally pertaining to public safety. Topics of discussion and review include emergency management (civil defense), speed limits, traffic signals, and reduction of traffic accidents.

- Senior Committee- Quarterly, 2nd Wednesday at 7PM The Senior Volunteer Committee works with Township staff and the Board of Supervisors to help give a voice to the growing senior community in the Township.
- Sewer Authority Board- 3rd Wednesday at 6PM The MTMSA operates Eureka Wastewater Treatment Plant, 7 pump stations, 6 metre pits, and maintain the entire sewer system in the Township. Meetings are held at the Eureka Plant.
- Shade Tree Commission- 3rd Wednesday at 7:30PM The Shade Tree Commission provides guidance to the Board of Supervisors for the planting, maintenance, and protection of shade trees along public streets and on the public lands of the Township.
- Zoning Hearing Board- 1st Tuesday at 7:30PM The Zoning Hearing Board is a three person judicial body appointed by the Board of Supervisors to assure fair and equitable application and administration of the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Hearing Board can hear various appeals and can grant relief from the literal enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance by the following procedures as prescribed by the Zoning Ordinance and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.





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