

# DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP

"Preserving the past, embracing the future"

A PUBLICATION OF THE DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES!

### Special Events Planned to Celebrate 2018 Bicentennial

#### BE REMEMBERED

Design a New Flag for the Flag Contest and you could win \$1,000

Sponsor one of 200 Oak Trees to be planted throughout our parks

#### EVENTS TO ATTEND

MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> Dr. William Edgar Geil History Evening at Delaware Valley University

MAY 6<sup>th</sup> Dedication of Native Plant Demonstration Garden Party

MAY 28<sup>th</sup> Bicentennial Float in Doylestown Memorial Day Parade

JULY 14<sup>th</sup> Highland Farms History & Music Event (Home of Oscar Hammerstein)

JULY 15<sup>th</sup> Concert & Fireworks Extravaganza in Doylestown's Central Park

NOV. 10<sup>th</sup> Veterans Appreciation Event at Central Bucks Senior Center

DEC. Dedication of the Bicentennial Time Capsule at the New  
Doylestown Township Building

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Thank you to all of  
our Bicentennial  
Sponsors!

- ❖Doylestown Health
- ❖Pine Run Community
- ❖Covenant Bank
- ❖Delaware Valley University
- ❖Barbara N. Lyons
- ❖Boucher & James, Inc.
- ❖Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority
- ❖Gilmore & Associates
- ❖Pennoni Associates Inc.
- ❖Pennsylvania Soup & Seafood House
- ❖Pickering, Corts & Summerson
- ❖Senator Chuck T. McIlhinney, Jr.
- ❖Shelly Law Office
- ❖State Representative Marguerite Quinn
- ❖Worth & Company
- ❖Greenstreet Commercial Real Estate
- ❖C.B. Cares Educational Foundation
- ❖Mazaheri Law, LLC.
- ❖Monument Bank
- ❖D.K. Brede Investment Management Co. Inc.
- ❖S.J. Mason

# ENTER THE CONTEST & DESIGN A NEW FLAG

~ YOU COULD WIN \$1,000! ~

## Why a New Flag?

Did you know that Doylestown Township has an official flag? The current Township flag is actually our Township seal on a blue background. A true Township flag should be much more than that. Designing a flag for Doylestown Township is a great opportunity to represent our Township with meaningful imagery that reflects our history and our future.

When designing your submission, keep in mind some of the most iconic and striking flag designs in the world are the simplest, using basic elements to represent and unify large groups of individuals.



A successful flag not only showcases the best of a political entity, but also does so in an aesthetically pleasing way.

The new flag should be the following

- Help better define the Township's image, using powerful symbolism depicting the Township's rich history and promising future
- Encourage increased economic activity by using the new design on promotional materials for businesses (brochures, websites) and tourism (stickers, t-shirts, etc.)
- Encourage community involvement by inviting residents to submit their designs.

- Adhere to the "5 basic rules for good flag design" as put forth by the North American Vexillological Association (NAVA). To learn more visit, [http://nava.org/digital-library/design/GPBF\\_English.pdf](http://nava.org/digital-library/design/GPBF_English.pdf).

- Unify residents under an iconic flag that will be a source of Doylestown Township pride.

## Submit Your Entry!

Drop off or mail your completed entry to Doylestown Township  
425 Wells Road, Doylestown PA 18901  
Administrative Office - or Email your entry to [info@doylestownpa.org](mailto:info@doylestownpa.org)

Design Submissions Due - May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Winner Announced - July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Flag Unfurled - December 2018

## 1818

The court of Quarter Sessions approves the establishment of Doylestown Township.

## 1819

The First election of Township officers is held.

## 1832

The first post office opens in "Bushington" later to become known as Furlong Village.

## 1838

The growing Doylestown Village center detached itself and became Doylestown Borough.

## 1861

The Doylestown Guards is the first company of soldiers to reach Washington, D.C., in response to President Lincoln's call for volunteers to fight the Civil War.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
CELEBRATES

200 Years - 200 Oaks

*Sponsor a tree*



*Be remembered!*

In honor of Doylestown Township's Bicentennial Celebration, the Environmental Advisory Council is selling 200 oak trees!

The 200 oak trees will be added to the parks throughout the township. **Sponsorship is \$200 per tree** and your name will be included on a special honor board in the new township building.

Honor board inscription information will be available to all sponsors well before the dedication ceremony (December, 2018).

Stay tuned to find out more about our dedication ceremony as well as our ribbon cutting event at our new Doylestown Township Building.

Why oak Trees?

The oak is a symbol of longevity and sturdiness. Since we are celebrating 200 years and hope to continue for at least 200 more, we are convinced that the choice of oaks 'speaks' to that commitment.



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](mailto:info@doylestownpa.org)

1868

A monument of the 104th Regiment of the Pennsylvania volunteers is dedicated in the center of Doylestown.

1880

Bridge Point Village changes its name to Edison Village in honor of the great inventor, Thomas Edison.

1881

The First post office opens in Tradesville, only later to be consolidated with the Chalfont post office.

1889

The Bucks County Railway Company begins trolley service between Doylestown and Willow Grove. The cost of the 50-minute ride was 28 cents.

1896

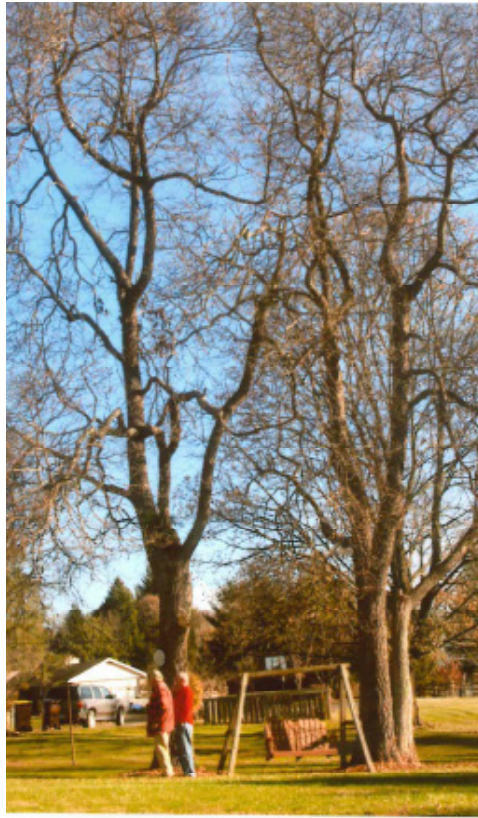
The National Farm School, today's Delaware Valley University, is founded by Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf to teach Philadelphia men the science of agriculture.



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP CERTIFIES HERITAGE TREES



Therese Schumach's 75 year old White Oak. This tree is 125" high with a trunk diameter of 11'4".



Barbara & Russell Schempp's Sassafras Heritage Tree is about 75' tall & 6' by 6" in diameter with trees spread 30' apart.



Norman Schorr's 75 year old White Ash. This tree is 100" high with a trunk diameter of 13'.



**TREE CITY USA®**

❖ *If you have a tree that might qualify for the Heritage Tree Program, call the Township office at 215-348-9915 to schedule a certification visit from Don Richardson & Marty Brooks.* ❖

## SPEAKER SERIES

HELD AT DELAWARE  
VALLEY UNIVERSITY  
LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING

FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> - 6:30 PM  
"ADVOCACY FOR A GREENER EARTH"  
DR. DAN DURAN FROM  
DREXEL UNIVERSITY

MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> - 7:30 PM  
"DR. WILLIAM EDGAR GEIL HISTORY"

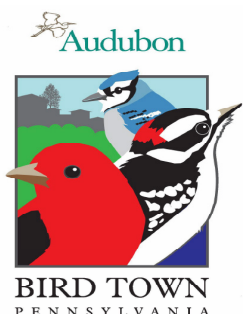
APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> - 6:00 PM  
"DAVID PRIBULKA, FERGUSON  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER"  
FERGUSON TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION - NET ZERO  
GREENHOUSE GAS  
EMISSIONS -

## EVENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL HOSTS A

MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> - 3:00 PM-5:00 PM  
"GARDEN PARTY"  
ENJOY REFRESHMENTS  
& LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
LOCATED AT THE NATIVE  
PLANT GARDEN AT CENTRAL  
PARK.

❖ Look out for the new environmental education sign which will focus on the importance of native plants in our area. ❖





## TOWNSHIP ADOPTS FINAL BUDGET FOR 2018

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Final 2018 Budget at their meeting Tuesday, December 19, 2017 holding the line on taxes at 11.875 mills and still providing the excellent services our Township residents expect.

The Fire Companies serving our community - Doylestown, Warrington and Chalfont will all be receiving additional support that encourages recruitment and retention of volunteers. Being able to support the ongoing efforts of the volunteers in providing fire protection to our residents is important.

\$15.6 million in revenue is expected and this includes \$2 million worth of additional borrowing.

Expenses of \$23 million are expected to take place, and will include \$8.4 million in existing bond funds for the municipal complex. We have also budgeted \$625 thousand in Road Work which will take place in the Estates, and we will be doing \$92 thousand worth of storm water improvement work. In addition, our Police Department will be brought up to full staff by hiring our 21st patrol officer. Finally, a mid-year replacement is expected in our Public Works Department associated with an upcoming retirement at the end of 2018, and replacement staff in administration.

The average homeowner will pay \$478.93 in total Township taxes on an averaged assessed property of \$40,331 for 2018.

The Township Real Estate Tax continues to be the smallest portion of a Township homeowner's Real Estate Tax bill, equating to 7.5% of all taxes paid.

We thank our staff and the volunteers from our Ways and Means Committee for their hard work in preparing the 2018 Budget.

You may view a full copy of the budget on the Township's website at [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org). Go to Departments/Finance/Budget Documents.

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## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP 2017 UNSUNG HERO AWARD

### ❖ *Presented to Joe Salvati* ❖

On September 19<sup>th</sup> 2017, Doylestown Township board of Supervisors recognized Joe Salvati for his service to our community.

Joe Salvati has been a resident of Doylestown Township since 1997 and has served on the Township's Telecommunication Advisory Board from 2010 to 2014.

He regularly attends and supports committees such as the Park and Recreation Board and the Bicentennial Committee. Joe has served as the Chairman of the Friends of Kids Castle Committee for several years where he has worked tirelessly with so many volunteers to see the first phase of Kids Castle renovated.

He has also obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and sponsorships from various agencies to complete renovations to the Kids Castle's next phase of building.

The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors recognizes Joe Salvati for his service and selfless giving to the Doylestown Township Community and hereby names him 2017 Doylestown Township Unsung Hero.



❖ Barbara N. Lyons presents Joe Salvati the Unsung Hero award. ❖

## MEET NEW SUPERVISOR ❖ JENNIFER HERRING ❖

Over fifteen years ago Jennifer Herring and her husband, Karl settled into their first home in Doylestown Township to start a family. Jennifer fell in love with the community, the character of our township and the surrounding natural beauty. Their biggest pride is their young daughter who is fortunate to attend school in our award-winning public school district.

Jennifer graduated from Temple University's Fox School of Business in 1999 with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

She practiced public accounting; performing audits, tax preparation and consulting for over 18 years. In that capacity she audited corporations, non-profits and governmental entities.

With this experience, Jennifer opened her own small practice in Doylestown. In addition to starting her own firm, she used her skills to support local business and agriculture by volunteering and sitting on the board of directors for two Doylestown nonprofits whose focus is to promote local agribusiness and community health.



Our new Supervisor Jennifer Herring accompanied by her husband and daughter is sworn in on 1/2/2018.

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## A MESSAGE FROM SAMUEL KOLODNEY, TAX COLLECTOR

I am honored to be your tax collector! My spouse Kelly and I moved here from New Hope, PA with our family in 2000. Our kids both spent their entire education in the Central Bucks public school system and graduated from CB West High School. As a result of the great education they received here, they were both accepted to their respective first choice college.

I am a Qualified Pennsylvania Tax Collector and passed the qualification exam in April 2017. I am also a graduate of the University of Delaware with a B.A. in Philosophy. And, I also earned a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the Pennsylvania College of Chiropractic.

I currently work as a Director of eCommerce, managing websites selling health products related to diabetes care.

My office is located at 11 Duane Road, Building D Suite 1A (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Back Door).  
Mailing address is  
Samuel Kolodney, Tax Collector  
PO Box 2002  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Regular office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 8am-10am, 12pm-2pm and 4pm-6:30pm.

I will post my extended hours and other useful property tax collection information on [www.doylestowntownshiptaxcollector.com](http://www.doylestowntownshiptaxcollector.com)



Tax Collector, Sam Kolodney is sworn in at the reorganization meeting.



# THE ELECTED OFFICIALS GET SWORN IN AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING




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Board of Supervisors (left to right)  
Ken Synder,  
Ryan Manion,  
Chairman Barbara N. Lyons,  
Jennifer Herring &  
Vice Chairman Rick Colello.

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Supervisor Ryan Manion is the Executive Director of the Travis Manion Foundation. Ryan is sworn in for her second consecutive term and is supported by her husband and children.

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Elected Auditor, Stan Durey takes the oath of office




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Elected Auditor, Robert T. Repko takes the oath of office administered by Judge Douple

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## FROM CONGRESSMAN BRIAN FITZPATRICK

America's men and women in uniform have bravely served our country in times of war and peace, and, once home, continue to serve in supporting our economy – something we see firsthand in Doylestown Township and across our communities.

Our veterans are one of the most highly skilled workforces in America's history – the product of rigorous training, an ironclad commitment to teamwork and the remarkable ability to succeed where others might fail. It's no wonder that veterans are 45-percent more likely to be self-employed than non-veterans. In total, veteran-owned



make up nearly 10-percent of all businesses in the United States and account for more than \$1 trillion in business receipts every year.

It is because of this commitment to country that I was proud to introduce bipartisan legislation this Veterans Day to ensure our veterans play a critical role in rebuilding America's infrastructure.

My Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act [H.R. 4319] levels the playing field in federal contracting for veteran-owned businesses by providing veteran-owned and operated small businesses access to existing preferences authorized for federal projects like rebuilding our roads and bridges.

I'm proud that the American Legion recognizes this legislation as a key measure to increase access to jobs for veterans.

As a member of the Veterans Jobs Caucus and the representative of thousands of veterans and their families throughout Bucks County,

I will work to see our brave veterans lead the fight to rebuild our infrastructure and grow our local economy.

To stay active on this, or any other issue affecting you or your family, please visit my website at <http://fitzpatrick.house.gov>, sign up for my e-newsletter and following me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RepBrianFitzpatrick](http://www.facebook.com/RepBrianFitzpatrick).

Additionally, if you are having any issues with federal programs like Social Security or Medicare, or any federal agencies, please contact our Langhorne District Office at 215-579-8102 for assistance. Our team stands ready to provide information and support.

It is an honor to serve you in Congress.

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## A MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVE MARGUERITE QUINN (R-BUCKS)

REAL ID Standards Being Implemented in Pennsylvania  
By Rep. Marguerite Quinn

As Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) brings its driver-licensing systems in line with the federal "REAL ID" standards, the agency is urging residents to start gathering the required identifying documents now or check with the state in a few months to see if they're already on file.

The state anticipates being able to issue licenses compliant with the 2005 anti-terrorism identification program starting in spring 2019. There is, however, no requirement for Pennsylvanians to get a REAL ID, this program gives them the option.

To get a REAL ID license, most drivers will need to take to PennDOT:

- Either a valid U.S. passport or birth certificate with a raised seal.
- Social Security card.
- Proof of any legal name changes-marriage licenses or court orders.

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- Two proofs of current address, potentially including a current Pennsylvania driver's license, a recent bank statement or a utility bill with matching address.

PennDOT driver's license centers will be able to start processing those documents starting in September, but it can take months to get a duplicate of your birth certificate, for example. If you were born in Pennsylvania, and you don't have a raised seal birth certificate, you can contact my office for assistance. If you were born out of state, you must go through that state for a duplicate.

However, if a resident first got a Pennsylvania license after September 2003, the state should have all those documents scanned and electronically filed, so it can start "verifying" those customers without having them go to a driver's license center in person to file the documents or request the new ID.

Customers will pay a one-time fee of \$30, plus a renewal fee, for a REAL ID. The expiration date of their initial REAL ID product will include any time remaining on their existing ID, plus an additional four years, unless the customer is over 65 and has a two-year license.

The state has an extension until Oct. 10, 2018, to bring its drivers licenses and processes for issuing them into line with the REAL ID requirements, though the state will continue to apply for extensions until becoming fully compliant.

Without compliant cards, Pennsylvanians and residents of 24 other states will need a passport or other federally approved ID to enter military bases, federal facilities or take commercial flights starting on Oct. 1, 2020.

Bottom line is, please start to plan for this change by seeing that you have the proper paperwork. For more information, visit my website at [www.repquinn.net](http://www.repquinn.net) or the Department of Motor Vehicles at [www.dmv.gov](http://www.dmv.gov).

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### District Office

1032 N. Easton Road  
Doylestown, PA 18902-1055  
Plumstead Township  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday  
Phone: (215) 489-2126  
Fax: (215) 489-2129

\*District office is handicapped accessible.

### Capitol Office

Hon. Marguerite Quinn  
141 East Wing  
PO Box 202143  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2143  
Phone: (717) 772-1413  
Fax: (717) 783-3793

Government Access Channel  
Comcast Channel 22 / Verizon Channel 31

### Social Media

Stay informed of important Township news, Parks and Recreation events, road closures, winter weather and police emergencies.

To join our Google Group: Go to [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org) and left click [Click Here] to Subscribe to Doylestown News" at the bottom of the page

Follow us on Twitter @DoylestownTWP: Go to <https://twitter.com/doylestowntp> and click "[Follow]" in the top right corner

Like us on Facebook: Go to [www.facebook.com/doylestowntp](http://www.facebook.com/doylestowntp) and then click [Like] in the left sidebar

Check out our newly created Youtube channel. This can be accessed via the "videos" button on the homepage of our website, [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org).

### - Preparing for Emergencies - Be Alerted

Sign up for the Ready Bucks Alert System, powered by Everbridge. Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Ready Bucks.

visit [www.buckscounty.org/ReadyBucks/](http://www.buckscounty.org/ReadyBucks/)

# WINTER OPERATIONS & SAFETY TIPS

## Board of Supervisors

Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman  
Richard F. Colello, Vice Chairman  
Ryan Manion  
Ken Synder  
Jennifer Herring



## Township Staff

Township Manager  
Stephanie J. Mason

Chief of Police  
Dean Logan

Director of Operations  
Dave Tomko

Director of Parks & Recreation  
Karen A. Sweeney

Finance Director  
Ken Wallace

Director of Code Enforcement  
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P&R Program Coordinator  
Kaitlyn Finley

Parks Superintendent  
Butch Froehlich

Road Superintendent  
Paul Garr

Fire Marshal  
Rick Schea

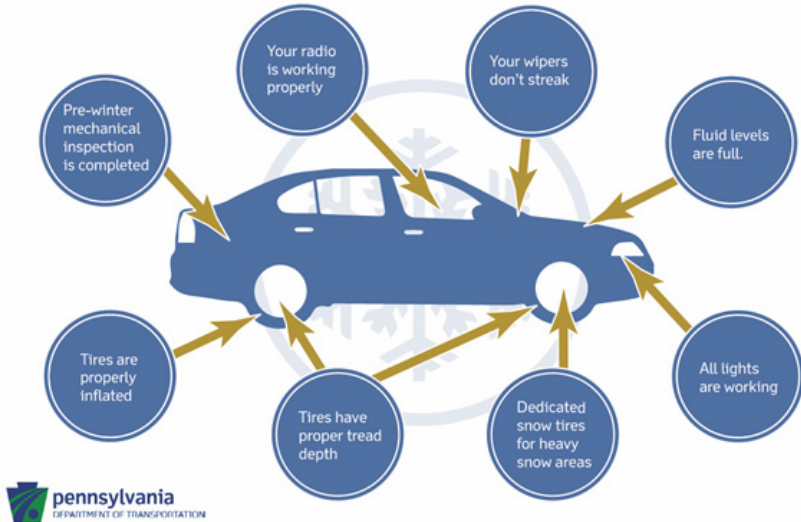
Open Records Officer  
Jackie Rowand

Executive Director of DTMA  
Keith Hass

Water Superintendent  
Scott Miele

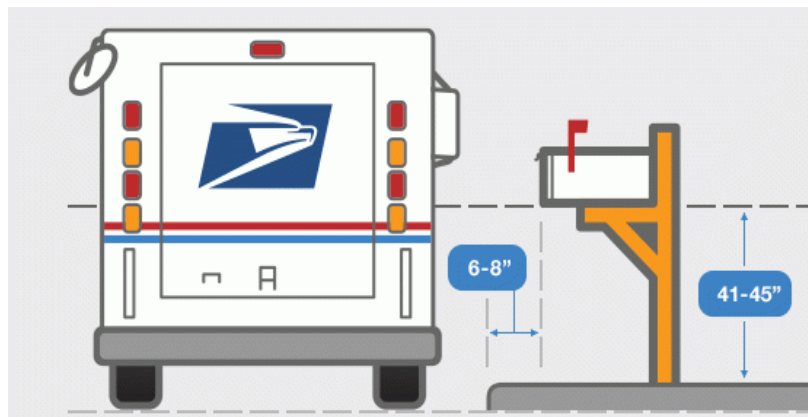
## Get Your Vehicle Ready for Winter

- Preparation is the key to navigating winter roads safely. Make sure your vehicle is ready for ice and snow.



## Get Your Mailbox Ready for Winter

- Be sure your mailbox has a strong support. You may also wish to use reflective tape or other material to make it easier to see during storms or dark hours.
- Prepare for snow plowing! Mailboxes are damaged by the force of the snow thrown from the roadway, not the actual plow. So, make sure your mailbox is sturdy and receives proper routine maintenance.
- According to the United States Postal Service, mailboxes are to be 6 - 8 inches from the curb face.



❖ Please visit [penndot.gov](http://penndot.gov) for more info ❖



## REDUCE WINTER STORMWATER POLLUTION

As the temperature drops and winter approaches snow removal is in full force! Large amounts of deicing chemicals are dumped across our roads, sidewalks and driveways causing salt to wash directly into our waterways. Once the contamination gets there, it is difficult and expensive to remove. Road salt affects water quality and our groundwater supply. Salty groundwater causes salty drinking wells.

Salt can also be harmful to the environment as it erodes the soil, kills plants and causes toxic conditions within stream ecosystems.

Avoid using sodium chloride as a deicer and choose to remove the snow and ice more responsibly by being environmentally conscious by applying deicing chemicals at recommended rates.

• Here are some alternatives or what's being called "Green Deicers".

- Bird Seed
- Safe Paw™
- Calcium Chloride
- Liquid Deicer
- Acetates

❖ For more information visit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) ❖

## DE-ICING AND YOUR DOG ~WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW~



To prevent puppy paw injuries follow these basic tips and use of products that are designed for paw protection.

Salt is the biggest threat to your pet and prolonged contact can cause sore paws. Try and keep your dog off the sidewalk and keep them on the grass or snow.



To prevent this make sure to clean and wipe your boots and dog's paws with warm water when coming back inside.

Products for protecting your puppy's paws include safe deicer for pets. Dog booties, though not be for every dog lover, can protect your dog's paws from salt, ice and sharp items that may be hidden under snow.

### Calling All Instructors!

Do you have a program that you think would be a good fit for Doylestown? We would love to hear from you! Doylestown township Parks and Recreation is currently seeking skilled, enthusiastic instructors to teach community programming. Our goal is always to provide experiential, informative and enjoyable programs to our residents and the surrounding community. If you have a special skill, certification, or just a great program idea and would like to teach in a community setting, please contact us! Programs can appeal to a wide range of interests and abilities and should fall under one of three categories: Arts, Enrichment, or Sports & Wellness.

Our program proposal form can be found on our website at [www.doylestownrec.com](http://www.doylestownrec.com). Go to the General Info tab and click Department Info & Forms. Scroll down to find the Program Proposal Form.

## A 'SILENT KILLER' COULD BE LURKING IN YOUR HOME

Pennsylvania leads the country in the number of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning, which is the result in an estimated 450 deaths and more the 20,000 emergency room visits each year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports.

Here is some useful information to help you protect yourself and your loved ones against this silent AND deadly gas, which could be lurking in your home.

### Where does carbon monoxide come from?

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas often undetected, striking victims who least expect it, sometimes in their sleep.

This "silent killer" is produced by burning fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills; fireplaces gas ranges, portable generators, and furnaces. When the gas builds up in enclosed space, people or animals who breathe it can be poisoned, and ventilation does

The Consumer Products Safety Commission says about 170 people in the United States die every year from carbon monoxide produced by nonautomotive consumer products, such as room heaters, so as the weather turns colder, it's important to take extra precautions.



Carbon monoxide, often called a "silent killer", is produced by burning fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, portable generators, and furnaces. A tasteless, odorless gas, it lurks in homes, threatening the people and animals who breathe it.

"Carbon monoxide is created when combustible materials burn incompletely," Pa. State Fire Commissioner Time Solobay says. "Carbon monoxide detectors should be tested and batteries changed, particularly as the weather turns colder and people start using things like wood stoves and gas furnaces to heat their homes."

### Who is at risk?

Exposure to carbon monoxide can result in permanent neurological damage or death, and anyone can be at risk.

The CDC says infants, the elderly, and people with chronic heart disease, anemia, or breathing problems are more prone to illness or death. However, carbon monoxide doesn't discriminate, especially if certain conditions are present.

In July 2015, for example, four young people and a dog were found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning inside a cabin in Maine. Authorities believe they went to bed without shutting off a gas-powered generator in the basement.

### How can I prevent carbon monoxide poisoning in my home?

Winter can be a prime time for carbon monoxide poisoning as people turn on their heating systems and mistakenly warm their cars in garages.

The National Safety Council recommends that you install a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector in your home near the bedroom.

Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. The CDC offers their additional tips.

- Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas-or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year
- Do not use portable, flameless, chemical heaters indoors.
- Never use a generator inside your home, basement or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent. Fatal levels of carbon monoxide can be produced in just minutes. your home.
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned every year and make sure your fireplace damper is open before lighting a fire and well after it is extinguished.

- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly.
- Never use a gas oven to heat your home.
- Never let a car sit idle in the garage.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Immediately move outside in the fresh air;
- Call emergency services, the fire department, or 911;
- Do a head count to make sure that everyone in the home is accounted for; and
- Do not re-enter the premises until emergency responders have given you permission to do so.

Article provided by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors.

**The Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning**

The U.S Fire Administration has put together materials on the dangers of carbon monoxide, including a list of poisoning symptoms.

*Low to moderate carbon monoxide poisoning is characterized by:*

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breathe
- Nausea
- Dizziness


*High-level carbon monoxide poisoning is characterized by:*

- Mental confusion
- Vomiting
- Loss of muscular coordination and consciousness
- Death

**Steps to take when carbon monoxide alarm sounds**

The Consumer Product Safety Commission says never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm and don't try to find the course of the gas. Instead, follow these steps:

**Carbon monoxide detectors are designed to measure the accumulation of the gas over time and sound the alarm when levels markedly increase.**



**Did you know?**

Similar to a smoke detector, a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector can save lives.

These detectors are designed to measure the accumulation of carbon monoxide over time and sound the alarm when levels markedly increase, allowing those in the building time to safely ventilate the area with fresh air or evacuate.

**Doylestown Township**  
**Police Department**

425 Wells Road  
 Doylestown, PA 18901

Emergency: 911

Business Hours:  
 (215) 348-4201

Fax:  
 (215) 230-0104



# OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Doylestown Township is building a new Township building!  
This new building will provide safety, space and a sustainable future!

Doylestown Township is your local government. Chartered in 1818 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this year, 2018, we will celebrate our 200th year anniversary!

Our Administrative building sits next to Central Park on Wells Road and was built in 1968 when the population was just over 6,500 people. At that time, we employed 7 individuals with no parkland, no trails and no open space. Today, the township population approaches 18,000 and provides parks, trails and recreation programs, a 22 person police department, a zoning and code department and much more. All these services took place in the administrative building which served us well over the years, but has many current building problems causing great concerns.

Our current building was built on a piecemeal basis, remolded, expanded and renovated about 5 times since 1968. This put the staff in spaces not meant for work but where employees could be productive and efficient, and most importantly, where they could fit. Safety, both for the staff and the residents became a concern because the employees were forced to work in crowded attics leaving marginal exits in the event of an emergency. Both space and safety were main reasons why a new building is necessary.

Simply put, the building is no longer capable of providing for the current or future needs of your municipal government, and is simply not up to modern safety standards.

## -Breakdown of the New Building-

The most cost effective means to upgrade the Township facilities to modern standards are to redo two of our existing Public Works facilities, build a new administrative building on the current site and construct a new parks and recreation center.

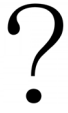
The new building will be built on the same location but on a larger footprint. The current auto shop will be relocated to an existing but repurposed building on the site and other Public Works staff will be located in another existing public works building on site.

Residents and visitors will access administrative, public, and police functions through a common entrance. The police portion will be self-contained and secure. The floor plan for the administrative area will give easy ground-floor access to all the staff functions, while improving security and providing for growth.

The Parks and Recreation board is currently developing plans to address our recreation needs going forward.

In conclusion, the Board of Supervisors was faced with a building that no longer suited our needs. The infrastructure as aging, we had no space and it was lacking security. We concluded after investigation and evaluation we need to start over and rebuild!





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### WHERE DO I TAKE MY WATERTEST?

You take your water test and receive your water testing results from the Bucks County Health Department located on Almshouse Road. They do not forward the Township a copy of those results. You have to send us, via fax, mail, email or in person a copy of your testing results.

### DO I HAVE TO COME IN TO PAY MY WATER BILL?

Pay your water bill online at [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org). Under the township services, 'I want to', click 'pay'. You can also pay your water bill by mail by sending it to 425 Wells Road Doylestown, PA 18901.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM USING THE CORRECT PUMPER/Hauler FOR SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT.

Check out our list of the approved pumper/haulers on our website, which can be found under information, septic management, list of approved pumper/hauler/installer/designers.

### I NEED PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND GUIDELINES.

Go to departments and services, code and zoning. There is a section named permit applications and guidelines. Click the link, forms for download.

### HOW DO I REGISTER FOR DOG PARK ORIENTATION?

Registration for the dog park can be found on the Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation site. [www.doylestownrec.com](http://www.doylestownrec.com)

### HOW DO I VIEW THE TOWNSHIP CODE?

Visit our website and go to department and services, code and zoning, on-line access to the code of the Township of Doylestown. Here you will find an updated list of our code.

### HOW DO I VIEW MEETINGS AND MINUTES FROM DIFFERENT BOARD AND COMMISSIONS?

Visit our website and see our calendar. Use the drop down arrow to choose the group and view the agenda and minutes from various dates.

### HOW TO DO I FIND OUT WHAT ELECTION DISTRICT I AM IN FOR VOTING?

Visit our website and under the Government tab click voting. There you will find information on Doylestown Township Election Districts, registration information and legislative directory.

### WHAT KIND OF DISCOUNTED TICKETS CAN I PURCHASE AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING?

Doylestown Township offers discount ski lift tickets in the winter. Ski areas include: Bear Creek, Big Boulder/Jack Frost, Blue Mountain, Elk Mountain and Shawnee Mountain.

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In the summer months we offer discounted tickets to various amusement parks.

Visit [www.doylestownrec.com](http://www.doylestownrec.com) for an updated list of the tickets we have to offer.



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Election Day, May 15, 2018  
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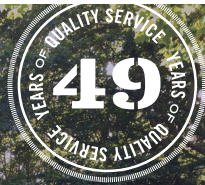
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