

Doylestown Township Newsletter

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Preserving the Past. Embracing the Future.

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Why Do you like living in Doylestown Township? We want to hear from you. Here's my answer!

By: Barbara N. Lyons

My involvement in Doylestown Township was instigated by my kids and their time spent on soccer fields. I was invited to join the Park and Recreation Board, which I did. I soon began working with the Township staff and other residents on parks projects. The early days of my involvement had me assisting with feeding of the almost three hundred volunteers that built the original Kid's Castle and volunteering alongside the hundreds of volunteers who organized the annual Oktoberfest.

What I find best about living in Doylestown Township is the commitment of the people who live here and work with a willing Township staff to better our community. I have written in the past about how that commitment and volunteerism, while working together with a capable administration, translates into serious contributions to the parks, environment, communication, finance and budgeting.

I knew how great the staff was while working as a volunteer, but as a supervisor, I know first hand, working directly day to day with Township administration, how truly dedicated, efficient and professional each and every member of your local government is.

Stephanie Mason heads the team as Township Manager. In addition to managing the people who are responsible for every facet of Township services, you might find Stephanie making and serving hot dogs and chatting with the residents at park events like the Thompson Performing Arts Series. Once I finish this article, I will send it on to Autumn Canfield, the Special Projects Coordinator, who formats and edits the Township Newsletter, and attends to the website and all social media, in addition to numerous other duties and responsibilities.

As visible as Stephanie Mason is, so is Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and



Recreation. She is the administrative hero of the concert series, the dog park, recreation programs, sports leagues, parks amenities... I could go on. Karen's assistant in recreation programming is Kaitlyn Finley. She is at all the special programs coordinated by the parks department. Chief of the front desk, is Margaret Trageser who answers questions, sells the amusement passes, helps out with special park and recreation programs (like the golf outing) and does so with agreeable professionalism. Margaret is assisted at the front desk by the competent and pleasant Barbara Browne and Joanna Doyle.

While writing this article, I received a call from a resident who had a question for me. I answered his question and he went on to say... "you have a well run machine over there," [Township building]—"they really were wonderful in how they dealt with me, and they didn't know who I was!" He went on to say, "...a few folks working there came over to me to see if they could assist me with my question. I was knocked over by how good they are," he concluded.

That's how good they are. People stop me in the Acme to tell me how great this Township is and thank me and my fellow board members. But I have to be honest, it is the people who work for the Township who deserve the credit. Not us. They make us look good. As residents, we are as Supervisors, as grateful to them as you.

In the next issue of the Township Newsletter I will introduce the other folks we work with in code enforcement, finance, public works and police.

Next year we will begin to plan to celebrate the bicentennial of Doylestown Township, incorporated in 1818. We want to collect your thoughts for our Time Capsule. Send your remarks to: info@doylestownpa.org. Thank you!

On the Road: Public Works Update

The job for our Public Works department is never done! Below are pictures of their recent work stabilizing an outfall pipe and endwall on Pebble Crest Dr. and working on a drainage project at Springs Dr. These are just a couple examples of the various projects in their department.



Endwall and outfall stabilization on Pebble Crest Dr.



Drainage Project on Springs Dr.

Rising Through the Ranks

Doylestown Township is honored and pleased to announce the promotion of Justin Notarfrancesco from Officer to Sergeant. Sergeant Notarfrancesco has been with the Doylestown Township Police force for 10 years and is described by the Chief as worthy of the title of Sergeant, successful and a leader. The swearing in ceremony of Sergeant Notarfrancesco is pictured below. We wish him luck and success in his future endeavours.



In the Parks: Project Updates

Much like our Road department, our Parks department never stops moving. Whether it is routine maintenance keeping our facilities clean and safe or fixes on bridges and equipment, these guys take care of it all. When you see them around the parks be sure to give a smile and wave to show appreciation for all they do!



Looking for a place to hold your next event?

Central Park in Doylestown Township offers a prime location that can be reserved for special events or fundraisers. The park is home to several popular events in Bucks County, including IRun4Life, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk, the 4UDrew Car Show, and many others. The multipurpose fields are also used for soccer and other athletic tournaments.

Central Park also offers miles of walking trails, picnic pavilions, and the Covenant Bank Amphitheater, home to our Thompson Performing Arts Series. The amphitheater is located right at the center of Central Park and has already been filled with crowds for numerous performing arts events.

If you are interested in holding a special event in Central Park, please visit www.doylestown-rec.com, and check out our Special Events application listed under Department Info & Forms.

Fees for holding a special event vary depending on the type and size of the event. The 2016 Fee Schedule can be found on our website.

For additional questions please call the Doylestown Township Administration Building at 215-348-9915 or email info@doylestownpa.org.

Liquor Modernization Reforms Put the Consumer First

by Senator Chuck McIlhinney (R-Bucks)

Over the past several years, there has been a lively discussion in the state Capitol regarding potential changes to laws regulating the sale of liquor, wine and beer. As Chairman of the Senate Law and Justice Committee – the body that is responsible for reviewing all potential changes to alcohol sales laws -- my highest priority has been exploring reforms that will ultimately benefit consumers.

This persistent focus on the consumer recently led to a legislative breakthrough with passage of an historic liquor modernization plan that included many of the reforms that Pennsylvanians have been demanding for years. I am extremely pleased that the proposal, which I authored, drew support from both sides of the aisle and was signed into law by the governor.

With passage of the new law, state residents will be able to purchase wine in grocery stores and six-packs of beer in select convenience stores in the coming months. In addition, state liquor stores will feature expanded hours, fewer restrictions in relation to state-mandated holidays and Sunday operation, and new flexible pricing options and discounts. Consumers will also have the option of having wine shipped directly to their homes instead of having to order it through state-owned liquor stores.

Although the bill stopped short of full privatization, the law does require a comprehensive study of the valuation of the state system and various proposals to privatize liquor sales in the future. At the same time, the plan generates up to an additional \$150 million in state revenues, minimizing the need for tax increases or painful cuts to worthwhile state programs.

The law also recognizes the importance of ensuring alcohol service personnel have the training they need to avoid serving individuals who are already intoxicated. Accordingly, responsible alcohol management training requirements will be expanded to include all servers, sellers and distributors of alcohol.

The liquor modernization law provides a much-needed update to the system and brings Pennsylvania's alcohol sales laws closer to what is offered in other states. It was extremely gratifying to play a role in crafting these changes and finally bringing our state's liquor laws into the 21st century.

Leaf and Yard Waste Disposal

We are about to enter the season when we start to realize we have an ever increasing mountain of leaves and yard waste to deal with. There are several ways you can dispose of leaf and yard waste in the Township.

The best for a wooded or natural area of your garden is to let the leaves lay and naturally decompose to enrich the soil and feed the trees and shrubs. Next best is to collect the leaves and, after shredding if possible, compost the leaves which will provide a rich organic mulch for your garden. If you wish the leaves to be removed from your property you have several options: 1. The Twp. Licensed Trash Hauler that you contract with for the collection of your recyclables is required to provide a Spring and Fall leaf collection. If you are uncertain of those collection dates contact your Trash Hauler directly for the dates and any requirements they may have for the collection. 2. You can contract with a landscaper who can dispose of your leaves and yard waste at a commercial recycling center. 3. Residents may use their own vehicles (no landscape or commercial vehicles accepted) to bring leaves and yard waste to the New Britain Road entrance to Central Park. This Drop of Site is open every third Saturday of the month, March to December from 9am to 11am. All yard waste is to be removed from containers when dropped off; no leaf bags, boxes or plastic bags can be accepted.

Please do not dump yard waste at the site on any other days when the drop off area is not manned.

When collecting leaves, please remember to contain them on your own property and not to pile them into the street or drainage swales where they would impede the free flow of Stormwater and lead to localized flooding.

For more information, including the list of licensed trash haulers and their contact information, please look at the Trash and Recycling page on the Township website.

October 1st is Trail Awareness Day. Be sure to take some time to visit the beautiful trails in the area. Check out www.doylestownpa.org/information/biking/ to see the map of walking, running and biking opportunities.

State Continues Fight Against Drug Addiction

by Representative Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks)

For many years, it was assumed drug addiction was a problem that happened elsewhere. No more.

Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the Commonwealth, outpacing car accidents for the first time in generations. In 2015, 3,383 Pennsylvanians – or nine people statewide each day – died from drug overdoses, the bulk of which came from heroin or its opioid cousins. Locally, 117 people lost their lives – 73 percent of whom had opioids present in their systems.

The abuse of opioid painkillers, like OxyContin and hydrocodone, is directly linked to the heroin epidemic. Patients who sustain debilitating injuries can become dependent on prescription painkillers as tolerance increases. Once patients reach a point where doctors believe higher doses are unsafe or unwarranted, they often turn to the street, where chemically-related heroin is abundantly available at relatively low prices.

The Legislature is taking action to prevent drug addiction and assist those who need help recovering. We're meeting in special session this month to adopt proposals aimed at reducing the supply of prescription painkillers, largely through physician education and the adoption of evidence-based best practices for pain management.

In August, the four policy committees from the House and Senate caucuses joined forces to hold hearing statewide to hear from experts and members of the public about steps that can be taken. One such hearing took place on Aug. 15, at the Doylestown Health and Wellness Center in Warrington. This joins with other local outreach efforts, including a drug forum I hosted last year at the Bucks County Intermediate Unit.

Methamphetamine, a highly addictive central nervous system stimulant, is also a problem in our area. The drug is produced when pseudoephedrine, an ingredient found in common cold medicines, is mixed with other household chemicals.

A 2013 law I introduced created a computer database to track sales of pseudoephedrine-containing products. When legal purchase limits are exceeded, law enforcement is notified, and retailers "stop sale." A recent report detailed the dramatic results of this new law. In 2015, the new system blocked the sale of 100,800 boxes of such products, preventing 266,346 grams of the drugs from being used to manufacture methamphetamine.

If you know someone with a drug or alcohol problem, the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission can help. Please call (215) 773-9313 to learn about treatment options and local support groups.

Got Milk----weed?

by Anne Woodbury, EAC General Member

We may not be able to identify a single other butterfly but virtually everyone knows the Monarch. The same is true for the Milkweed plant. Anyone who grew up playing with the pods, releasing the little parachutes of seed, knows what Milkweed is. And, it turns out, these two pieces of nature; the Monarch and the Milkweed, fit together like a hand and glove.

To Monarchs, the Milkweed is absolutely essential. They lay their eggs exclusively on a Milkweed plant. Similarly, the caterpillars will feed only on Milkweed. Adult Monarchs nectar at the Milkweed flowers.

Monarchs migrate. They move from winter hibernation in Mexico or California to as far north as Canada. There is a program for school kids called Journey North, which has enlisted schools in Mexico, the United States and Canada to keep track of the first sightings of Monarchs in their area. Many have set up butterfly gardens at their schools so that the Monarchs will be easier to spot. Naturally, the Milkweed plant is essential in such a garden—it forms the "highway" for Monarch migration.

It could not be easier to add this versatile, wildlife-friendly plant to your garden. Here's what I tried. In the fall, find a burst pod of Milkweed with some of the parachutes still in it. Remove them and "dust" them over a sunny area where you'd like Milkweed to grow. Then, cover with the barest amount of soil—just enough to keep the seeds down. No soil amendment is necessary. Keep moist and next spring, you'll be sitting pretty, waiting for butterflies to arrive.

If foraging is not your thing, you can get free—yes, free—seeds from Live Monarch.com. Their website has a lot of information.

It's the greatest magic trick—Milkweed turns into Monarchs!



Meadow at Central Park

A Day in the Life of a Public Water System

Hardly a day goes by in which one does not see an article regarding contamination of a water supply. Is it now a way of life? Consider, with the science to create new compounds, and an improved science of finding constituents of those new compounds in places we rather they not be, we, as a purveyor of public water face a daunting task of providing a safe drinking water in areas of urban sprawl. Whether our supply is sourced from surface water such as lakes, streams and rivers or from ground water found deep within our underlying soils and bed rock, it is challenging for the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) staff of well trained water operators to provide safe drinking water in a constantly changing environment.

FOR INSTANCE - As most now know, the DTMA recently found one of its fourteen groundwater wells to be contaminated by unregulated perfluorinated compounds (PFC's). DTMA, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), immediately shut down the contaminated well which is located in the Cross Keys area. No other public wells in the DTMA system are impacted by the substance. DTMA has maintained an alternate source of supply, for the Cross Keys system, via an inter-connection with its neighbor Doylestown Boro. Because of this redundancy, the transition of moving from one source of supply to another was seamless for users of the Cross Keys water supply when the well was shut down. But this isn't an easy end to the story. The DTMA has no other back up source for the Cross Keys area.

WHAT WE ARE DOING - A one mile cone of influence around the Cross Keys well was established and is now identified by DEP as an area in which it is sampling adjacent private wells in order to see if the contaminant is wide spread within the Cross Keys area.

The one mile cone of influence includes portions of Buckingham, Doylestown and Plumstead Townships as well as Doylestown Borough. Sampling for approximately 400 private wells was started in late July, 2016 and results are pending at time of writing this article. In the interim, DEP has suggested property owners find a safe source of supply, such as bottled water, that can be used for consumption and cooking until results of their testing program are known. Should the contaminant be found in those private wells at levels in excess of the health advisory limit of 70 parts per

trillion (ppt), DEP has stated that bottled water would be delivered to affected residences whose water is deemed unsafe until such time as the contamination could be mitigated.

ASSURANCES FOR RESIDENTS – DTMA assures customers that its water supply has remained in compliance and it is continuing sampling for constituents of the PFC's by requiring quarterly sampling of its wells located within the one mile cone of influence and all other public wells outside the cone, on a semi-annual basis. DTMA also intends to mitigate the loss of the Cross Keys well by interconnecting its northern ground water supply with that of the Cross Keys system. Once this project is completed, this source would be the primary source for the Cross Keys system and the interconnection with the Boro would revert back to a backup supply. (Check out www.dep.pa.gov>Regional Resources>Southeast Region>Community Information>Easton Road PFC HSCA Site.)

**WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN
THE DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER YOU'RE
NOT JUST WASHING YOUR CAR
IN THE DRIVEWAY.**



All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb. Then into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. And that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact your municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Office. For general questions, you may also contact DEP's Bureau of Water Management at (717) 773-1562 or visit www.dep.state.pa.us. Thanks to the Washington State Water Quality Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster.

Inaugural Season in the Books

by Jan Suessenguth, Vice Chairman, Park and Recreation Board

As the sponsor of the performing arts series, The Thompson Organization has provided the funds to enrich the township through a wide variety of concerts and events throughout the summer and beyond. This summer, such performers as the River of Dreams Band, British Invasion Tribute, Real Diamond, the Quakertown Band, and the Boy Band Project, lit up Central Park and provided first class entertainment for crowds of all ages. Two movie nights were also part of the series and gave families the unique opportunity to enjoy a flick under the stars.

On May 30, 2016, the Thompson Performing Arts Series kicked off at the newly named Covenant Bank Amphitheater. In addition to purchasing the naming rights for the structure, Covenant Bank also sponsored the first ever Covenant Bank Jazz Festival in Central Park. Featuring Cherry Lane, Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble and the Eric Mintel Quartet, it would be the first event of the inaugural season for the amphitheater.

Since the construction of the Covenant Bank Amphitheater, it has been noted that more people are attending the events. In fact, this year, the annual concert and fireworks event held on July 10th, drew the largest crowd Central Park has seen at any event to date! The Philly Party Band entertained an energetic crowd who danced and sang along throughout the evening. The night then finished with a spectacular fireworks show visible over the stage and throughout Central Park.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of the sponsors who made the series possible. To the Thompson Organization, Covenant Bank, Wegmans, PECO, Penn Color, TD Bank, Doylestown Animal Medical Clinic, and all of our contributors, we appreciate your tremendous support!

For all those who came out this summer, thank you for coming! If you especially enjoyed any of the performers or if there is an act you would like to see in Central Park, please let us know! And be sure to watch for new events to be added and our full 2017 summer lineup coming next spring. If you should find yourself in Central Park one evening next summer, stop by the Covenant Bank Amphitheater, and if it's a concert night, please stick around for the show!

Please visit www.doylestownrec.com for the most up to date concert and event information.

Septic Management: Have you Complied?

by Autumn Canfield, Special Projects Coordinator

In 2001, Doylestown Township passed ordinance No. 299. Per this ordinance, any resident with an on lot disposal system (septic system) must have the system inspected and pumped every three years by a township approved pumper/hauler.

These pumper/haulers will then send a report to the township of their inspection. The township keeps records of these documents.

In addition to septic tank pumping, residents are required to have their well water tested every three years. This assures that fecal coliform contamination has not occurred. If there is fecal coliform detected, there may be additional steps required. Unlike the septic companies, water testing labs will not send this information directly to the township. For this reason, it is the resident's responsibility to bring a copy of their water test in for their records at the township.

Throughout the year, current cycle residents will receive an introduction notice to the program, a reminder post card to fulfill the septic management program requirements by the end of the year, a 30 day non-compliance notice and finally, a civil complaint notice if requirements have not been met. Please pay attention to these notices as they inform residents of when pumping, inspecting and water testing is required.

Septic reports occasionally do not make it to the township building. If you receive a letter reminding you of your requirements for this program but you believe they have been completed, do not fret. Please resend your information to the township so they have the most current records. For more information on this program, visit our website at www.doylestownpa.org/information/septic-management. The below information shows the dates each cycle is due to have their septic system pumped and inspected as well as their well water tested.

Cycles:

Cycle 1: 2016, 2019, 2022, 2025... every three years

Cycle 2: 2017, 2020, 2023, 2026... every three years



Cycle 3: 2018, 2021, 2024, 2027... every three years

Tax Reminder

Contact Sarah Tomlinson at 215-489-5416 with any questions.

How Do I Recycle That? Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling in the area.

Reduce, reuse and recycle! The common mantra that has become far more prevalent over the past years; but how do you recycle things like pesticides, flammables and electronics? It is not as simple as putting them out to your curb with the cardboard, glass bottles and plastics. Below is some information regarding electronics recycling (eCycling) and a link for information for Household Hazardous Waste recycling. While the dates are drawing to a close, there are still a few chances left to get those hazardous wastes out of the way. It is important to note that electronics CANNOT be disposed of at Household Hazardous Waste Events. Below is a flyer with information regarding what has changed in eCycling recently and locations to bring electronics for disposal. Contact these locations for more information and associated fees.



Don't Kick that TV to the Curb!

Why? Televisions, along with computers and some other electronics (covered devices), can no longer be disposed of with municipal waste under the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010. Many of these electronics contain mercury, lead, arsenic, chromium and other potentially hazardous substances. In addition to keeping these toxic substances from contaminating groundwater when landfilled, it is less expensive to recycle than to mine rare earth minerals used in the manufacturing.

Listed are several locations to drop off your television, and companies that will come to pick up your television for recycling. Some retailers offer a haul-away service with a purchase of a replacement tv, please confirm the program, fees, and any other conditions that may apply prior to recycling your television.

Bucks County Television Recycling Options

For more information go to www.buckscounty.org/recycling or call the Bucks County Planning Commission at 215-345-3400.

Lower Bucks Area	
E-Waste Experts 416 Green Lane Bristol, PA 19007 877-328-2927 Must call prior to drop-off!	
Central Bucks Area	
611 Metals 6776 Easton Road Pipersville, PA 18947 267-221-6924	
Upper Bucks Area	
Gigabiter 130 Penn Ann Drive Quakertown, PA 18951 267-227-3032	
Nearby Bucks County Locations	
611 Metals 2509 Wyandotte Road Willow Grove, PA 19090 215-659-4200	Advanced Environmental Recycling Corp. 2591 Mitchell Road Allentown, PA 18103 800-554-2372
Call for Pick-up	
E-Waste Experts – 1-800-328-2927 Geek Squad – 1-800-433-5778	1-800-Got Junk – 1-800-468-5865 Junk Luggers – 1-800-584-5864
Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at 800-346-4242 for a list of events not sponsored by Bucks County.	

Bucks County Planning Commission
1260 Almshouse Road—Doylestown, PA 18901
Phone: 215-345-3400 Fax: 215-345-3886
Email: bpc@buckscounty.org

Information on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events as well as other information about recycling can be found on our website at the following link: <http://www.doylestownpa.org/information/trash-and-recycling/>.

Play For All Abilities at Kids Castle

by Joe Salvati, Chairman, Friends of Kids Castle



Imagine if you can, a moment in time when the innocence of play brought you joy...

When the simplicity of sitting on a swing helped you explore new heights as the wind rushed by your face...

Or that first time when you heard the fun-filled laughter of children at the playground and you knew that fun would soon be yours too.

Now imagine that wonderful place available to All children including those with special needs...

A place where children of All Abilities can play together instead of some sitting alone on the sidelines watching others enjoy that fun without you.

That place for children of All Abilities is the Kingdom we are building at Kids Castle.

This Kingdom is a place that freely invites engagement between children of diverse abilities so all children can interact and play together with acceptance.

In this environment, children are encouraged and empowered to reach individual goals on the playground and in life.

To achieve these important goals, we need your financial support to help ensure that all children who come to Kids Castle can find the joy and happiness that comes through the wonders of play - no matter what their ability.

Progress is being made but funds are still needed to complete this plan.

What remains to be installed are 11 new play pieces, the Poured-in-Place safety surfacing which will replace the engineered wood fiber and the installation of a new Pathway which will provide travel routes through the playground that will be wide enough for people and wheelchairs to pass, transfer onto and off of equipment, and get close to activities.

There are a number of ways you can help which includes giving a general donation in any amount, purchasing a commemorative brick engraved with your loved one's name or sponsoring a new play piece for our Kingdom.

You can find a donation option that matches your ability to give through the Donate Your Way section of our website at SaveKidsCastle.org.

Kids Castle has always provided a wonderful opportunity for children to Learn through Play and now with your help we will extend that opportunity to include children of All Abilities.

On behalf of all those children who are waiting for their chance to play, we thank you for your support.

Congressional Update

by Representative Michael Fitzpatrick

The work of the Congress continues through all seasons with scores of issues on the table: Domestic, international, security, economic, social and health. I am sure you have read about the devastating increase in heroin and prescription opioid abuse in communities across the country. Tragically, drug overdoses surpass auto accidents as the leading cause of injury-related deaths for Americans ages 25 to 64. It is a tragedy that deserves everyone's attention.

The House passed, and the President signed, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, or CARA, as one major step in addressing this growing challenge. Notably, the bipartisan legislation was developed over the last two-and-a-half years, ultimately providing the necessary tools to our law enforcement officials, caregivers and others.

While this law is a comprehensive approach to combating America's opioid epidemic, it's one piece of the puzzle. There is no substitute for the role of the family in preventing prescription and illicit drug use. For more information, please visit my website: www.fitzpatrick.house.gov/epidemic

I recently co-sponsored two pieces of legislation regarding man's best friend. One extends their potential to assist our veterans, while the other ensures the safety of the dog, along with the safety of their owners.

H.R. 4764, Puppies Assisting Wounded Service Members (PAWS) Act of 2016. This bill would allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs for veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Service dogs may offer multiple solutions to medical and psychological problems, according to the Dept. of Defense.

The safety of those most vulnerable to violence and without adequate protection also is a priority. H.R. 1258 Pet and Women Safety Act of 2015 to protect the pets of victims of domestic and dating violence. The aim of H.R.1258 is to further codify the law to protect pets and their owners from forms of assault and violence.

During the past two years, I was privileged to chair the House Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing. After a series of hearings from expert witnesses, the House passed bipartisan legislation to strengthen our national strategy to combat terrorism financing. It cannot be emphasized too often:

Combating terrorism financing is an overlooked component of our national security strategy. The bipartisan bills crafted by the House committee ensure that the Treasury Department and Congress evaluates and improves the nation's capability to deprive terrorists of the financial resources they absolutely need to execute their operations. For more information, please visit my website: www.fitzpatrick.house.gov

Did you know: Many federal services are available to residents in the district office in Middletown Township, including Social Security, Veterans Affairs, Medicare, Passports and more. While I only can make inquiries to federal agencies on behalf of any resident of the 8th congressional district, I will support your inquiry to the fullest extent possible to ensure a fair and thorough review of our cases.

You can receive help with various federal issues in the Washington office, where Capitol tours also are arranged. 2400 Rayburn Bldg., Washington, DC 20515. Phone: 202.225.4276

Again, I'm interested in your thoughts/opinions on federal, domestic and international affairs. Please do not hesitate to call, write or stop at the district office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit: www.fitzpatrick.house.gov. Our office is located at 1717 Langhorne-Newtown Road, Suite 400, Langhorne, PA 19047 (across from the George School). Phone: 215.579.8102. Thank you for being good citizens.

The Path Less Traveled: Trail System Update

In 2017, the Doylestown Community Bike & Hike Committee celebrates 25 years of trail-building! What began as a small group of community volunteers hoping to connect Del Val College now University with the Borough has gone on to create a system of over 30 miles of local trails. Representatives from the Townships of Doylestown, Buckingham, Plumstead, and New Britain and the Boroughs of Doylestown, Chalfont, and New Britain, along with the Bucks County Planning Commission, Heritage Conservancy, East Coast Greenway, The Circuit, Doylestown Health, and Delaware Valley University meet monthly to plan and improve our network of trails.

Some recent developments include:

- \$1.2 million grant to connect the trail from the YMCA to the 202 Parkway on Lower State road; construction is expected to begin in 2017
- Neshaminy Greenway connecting 202 Parkway to Upper State Rd; soon will connect Upper State Rd to the New Britain train station. This trail is partially funded by a PA DCNR grant for \$326,000

•Heritage Trail barrier providing safe crossing over the Route 611 South bridge near Kutz Elementary was completed this year. Plans to finish the trail and connect to the existing trail on Turk Road are in progress

•\$1 million grant for New Britain Township to connect Bristol Rd. to Upper State Rd was received and planning for the trail is underway.

•\$1.8 million grant was recently received by the Bucks County Planning Commission as part of a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program via the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The proposed trail will connect from trails in Doylestown Township Central Park to existing trail on the County's property along Rt. 611.

•Neamand Park trail along the Neshaminy Creek is a scenic connection between Wells Rd to the 202 Parkway trail

•A trail segment on Keeley Ave. from Lamp Post to Covered Bridge Park.

If you're interested in learning more about what the Committee is working on please feel free to attend our meetings the third Tuesday of every month at 8:00am.

Doylestown Township Municipal Authority Did You Know?

That public water is available? The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) may have a water main right outside your door! If you have considered tapping in to DTMA's public water system but not sure if public water was available in the area, one phone call to 215-348-9915 can answer this question and much more. Did you know...?

- Gallons pumped from 11 ground wells for 2014-354,000,000MG
- Nearly 1,000,000 million gallons per day.
- To 8,800 customers.
- 24 hours a day/365 days a year. Rain or shine. Regardless of power disruptions.
- Over 50 miles of pipe.
- Over 350 fire hydrants installed throughout the Township.
- Yearly Water monitoring at 11 ground wells and throughout the distribution system for over 80 contaminants.
- Well trained and State of PA licensed Water Operators with over 70 years of experience.
- All of this and more at the fractional cost of .00523 cents per gallon!

If you would like to take advantage of tapping into DTMA's public water system and all it has to offer, please call 215-348-9915 to get more information.

Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors

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Volunteer Boards and Commissions

Agricultural Security Advisory Council
Bike & Hike Committee
Board of Auditors
UCC Board of Appeals
Central Bucks Senior Task Force
Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Committee
Environmental Advisory Council/Shade Tree Commission
Friends of Kids Castle
Historical Architectural Review Board
Doylestown Township Municipal Authority
Park & Recreation Board
Planning Commission
Public Water & Sewer Advisory Board
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Social Media

Stay informed of Parks and Recreation events, summer concerts, road closures, winter weather and police emergencies:

By joining our Google Group: Go to www.doylestownpa.org and left click "Click Here to Subscribe to Doylestown News" at the bottom of the page

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Septic Management Reminder

Cycle One Residents must have their septic systems pumped and inspected and have their well water tested for Coliform bacteria by December 31, 2016. Please remember that although your pumper hauler will send us a copy of your pumper's report, it is the homeowner's responsibility to send a copy of your water test results to the Township. We are located at 425 Wells Rd., next to Central Park. If you have your water test done at the Bucks County Health Department, it is located on Almshouse Road. They do not forward us a copy of your water test.

Remember to maintain a healthy septic system because water conservation is key!
Check out our Stormwater Survey and Hotline at Doylestownpa.org under information!

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Social Media

www.doylestownpa.org
www.doylestownrec.com
www.facebook.com/doylestowntwp
<https://twitter.com/doylestowntwp>

Helpful Phone Numbers

Bucks County Conference & Visitor's Bureau: 215-639-0300	Doylestown Hospital: 215-345-2200
Bucks County Court House: 215-348-6000	Doylestown Post Office: 267-880-3918
Bucks County Free Library: 215-348-9082	Emergency: 911
Bucks County Health Department: 215-345-3318	Keystone Collections Group: 888-539-1100
Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority: 215-343-2538	PA Hotline (for State Roads): 800-349-7623
Central Bucks School District: 267-893-2000	PennDOT: 215-345-6060
Doylestown Borough: 215-345-4140	Police Non-Emergency: 215-348-4201
Doylestown Fire Company #1: (Non-emergency) 215-348-2656	Tax Collector: 215-489-5416

Township Closures

Columbus Day, October 10th
General Election Day, November 8th
Veterans Day, November 11th
Thanksgiving, November 24th and 25th
Christmas, December 26th
New Years, January 2nd (2017)

Drug Awareness, Prevention and Education:

Doylestown Township has created a new webpage that lists resources to assist those afflicted by drug abuse. It includes community groups, Township resources and educational materials.

For more information, please visit doylestownpa.org/ information or call 215-348-9915.

Doylestown Township Upcoming Events

Community Yard Sale, October 1st (rain date Oct. 2nd)
8:00am-1:00pm
Howl-O-Ween, October 22nd
10:00am-1:00pm
Radio City Christmas Spectacular, November 21st
Visit www.doylestownrec.com for details and to register!

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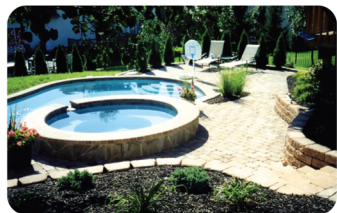
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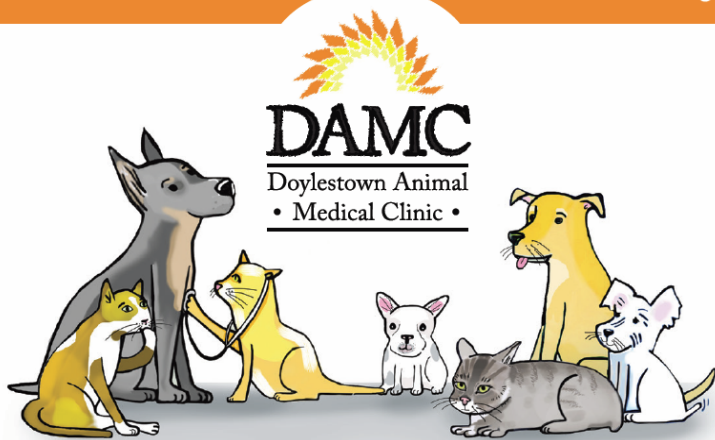
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