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The Planning For The Doylestown Township "Park and Recreation Community Center", Is Finally Underway.

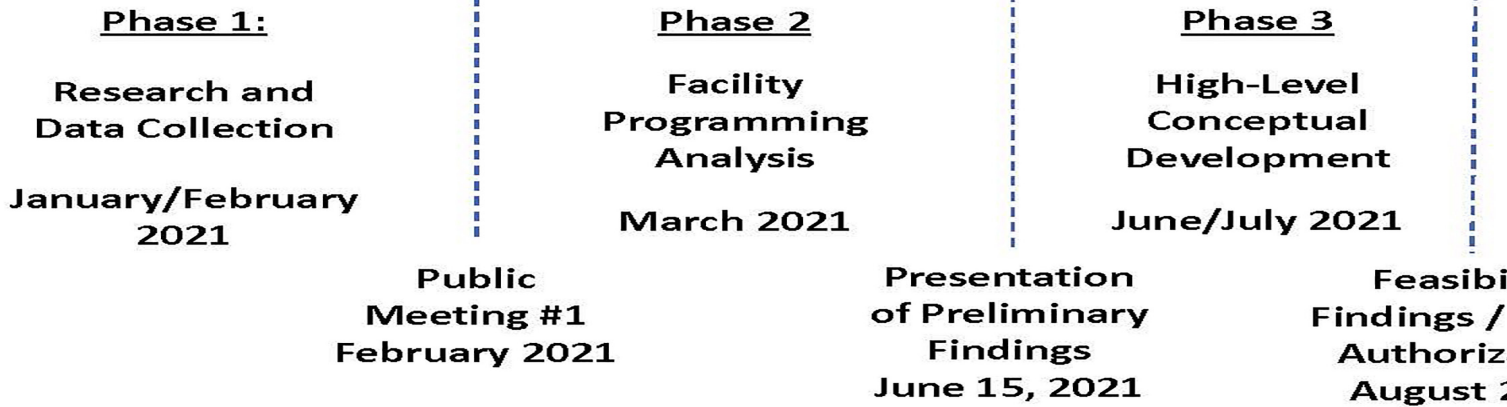
By Barbara Lyon, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors



Interest in a recreation center began in 1992, with the Township's Park Recreation Open Space Plan and when we acquired Central Park. The concept was included in the 1993 Central Park Master Plan. The need for indoor recreation space such as a Park Recreation and Community Center has been part of every Park and Open Space plan since.

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FEASIBILITY STUDY



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In 2014, we undertook the planning and renovation of the Doylestown Township administrative offices. New construction of the Township Police and Administration buildings was completed in 2018, the year of our Township Bicentennial. Park and recreation programs were previously held in the “red building” located at the end of the Township parking lot. With the renovation and construction of the administration offices, the red building was converted into workspace for the Public Works Department. Through the process we never lost site of the plan to include indoor space recreation programs and services for the Doylestown Township Community.

Since then, parks and recreation programs have continued in the temporary construction trailers onsite. The trailer space is understandably limited and inadequate, so a review and evaluation of a new recreation center began in earnest. Preliminary concepts for the building, including site location and cost projections were considered by the Board of Supervisors in late 2019 and public comment was engaged that fall as part of our Park and Recreation Open Space Comprehensive Plan update. In early 2020, Doylestown Township issued requests for proposals for consultants to undertake a feasibility study

and architectural design. We chose MKSD architects (this is no acronym – this is what they are called) as the architects and Ballard * King was selected to undertake the feasibility study. The two entities have been working in tandem and the feasibility study is well underway.

The feasibility study has included market research, data gathering, interviews with stakeholders, focus groups and a public meeting. The conceptual design phase will begin in May. We anticipate that in June 2021, the Board will consider the results of the feasibility study and conceptual designs with a public presentation from our consultants at our regular meeting on June 15th.

We learned through the feasibility study that providing parks and recreation programs is a paramount need and desire for our residents. It is also what Doylestown Township has done well for decades. We begin with the premise that if we build places for our youth to play, be outdoors and learn healthy habits we will have less of a need for juvenile detention facilities. Over the last several years, we have added programs and places for our seniors and residents with special needs and interests.

DESIGN

BIDDING

CONSTRUCTION

Develop Design and Documents

~4 Months

Bidding 3 Months

Construction of Facility 1 Year

City Board Presentation
2021

Public Presentation

Board Authorization

Board Approval & Award of Contracts

Our Parks and Recreation Department works to maintain a balance of active and passive programs and services that are designed to include everyone. The Park and Recreation Community Center is a necessary piece of our mission to continue the growth of a healthy community.

We intend the Parks Recreation and Community Center to also provide for emergency services, which we hope will never be needed, but we will be prepared, nonetheless. Think umbrella on a sunny day...

So, stay tuned to upcoming meetings, and we will keep you updated on our communication

platforms, DTV, social media outlets and live web streamed board meetings. And by all means don't hesitate to telephone. We are here to answer your questions and we welcome your suggestions.

By the way, you will also find in this issue of the newsletter the list of Township's special events, the schedule for the Summer Concert Series and the annual golf outing. Please join us in what we have planned.

Have a wonderful Spring Doylestown Township and we'll see you in the parks!



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- Jennifer Herring
- Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman
- Dan Wood

Township Manager

Stephanie Mason

Top Five Benefits of a Rain Garden

1

They provide habitat for pollinators and increase plant diversity.

3

Because they help water drain more quickly, rain garden designs reduce mosquito populations.

5

A rain garden is a personal contribution to clean water in your community. Rain gardens are designed to capture rainwater and prevent the rapid release of excess stormwater into municipal water systems. A well-placed rain garden reduces runoff and flooding, and filters pollutants carried in stormwater runoff.

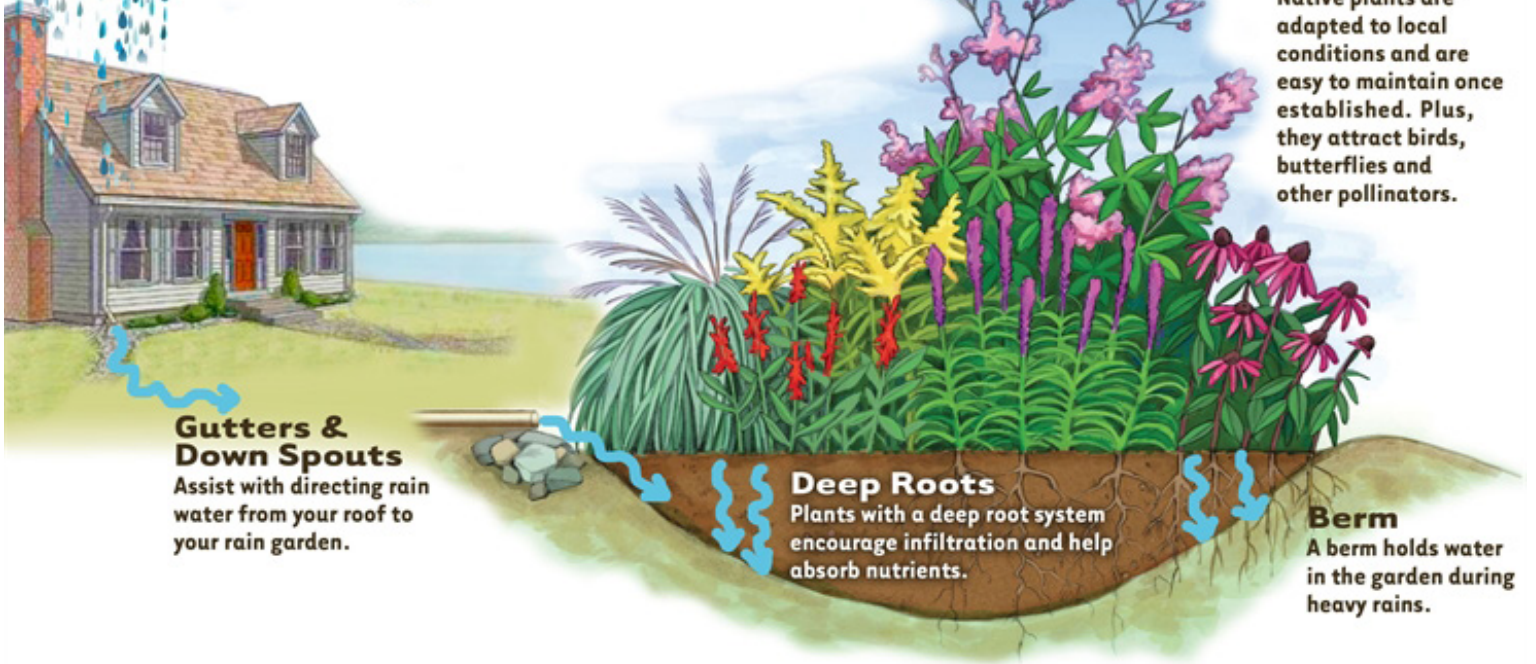
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Attractive and low maintenance to your yard.

4

By positioning a rain garden, at least, 10 feet from your home or other structures and directing rainwater runoff into the rain garden, it is possible to reduce the amount of rain that flows into your basement and toward the sewer. By holding this relatively clean water and allowing it to soak into the ground a rain garden can reduce localized flooding, replenish the local groundwater and improve water quality.

How does a rain garden work?



There are many resources for rain garden design and plant selection. Below are a few websites that can help.

- Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/an-introduction-to-rain-gardens>
- PA Environmental Council: <https://pecpa.org/wp-content/uploads/Water-Resources-Create-Your-Rain-Garden.pdf>
- Stormwater PA: <http://www.stormwaterpa.org/raingarden.html>

For any questions regarding stormwater or to report any pollutants entering the storm sewer system or a stream, please call the Township at 215-348-9915.

Upgrades for All Abilities at Kids Castle

by Joe Salvati, Friends of Kids Castle Chairman

Fun-filled memories are created at Kids Castle every day and they are cherished for lifetimes. Kids who have enriched their childhood at Kids Castle are now grown and bringing their little ones back to play.

The Kids Castle playground has been serving the community for over 23-years now. Despite regular and thorough maintenance throughout the years, ongoing improvements are needed.

Only through your support, will these upgrades continue at Kids Castle for children of all abilities including those with sensory processing disorders, autism, and people of all ages using wheelchairs and other mobility devices.



What better way to give back to the community – than to help keep Kids Castle going strong now and for generations to come.

For a limited time only, we have a wonderful opportunity to double your donation. Yes, that's right, for Every Dollar You Donate, it will be Matched – Dollar for Dollar up to \$5,000!

All you need do is go to our website at SaveKidsCastle.org and make a donation in any amount you can afford. No amount is too small. For example, when you make a \$50 donation on our website, The Hubbard Family Charitable Trust will match your \$50 and Kids Castle will receive \$100... and so on – up to \$5,000 Dollars!

You will double your impact and double your help just by making a donation right now!

Isn't that wonderful!

We are overjoyed and extremely thankful that Jeanne & John Hubbard are generously providing this Matching Grant.

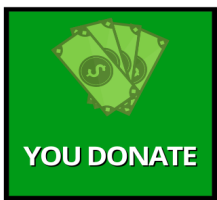
The money raised through your teamwork with the Hubbards will go directly toward increasing the Inclusive play opportunities at Kids Castle for children of all abilities.

Every kid deserves a place to play and because of you, we will make it happen.

Thank you for Doubling your Donation right now and your ongoing support!



YOUR DONATION MATCHED for Kids Castle



Please go to SaveKidsCastle.org



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With Your Help, Upgrades for All Abilities Will Continue at Kids Castle - Thank You!



Thompson Performances C&N Amp

May 26- C.B. West Jazz Ensembles, (Jazz)

June 16 - Midnight Rock Show, (70's Rock)

June 23 - Laurel Canyon,
(Crosby Still Nash & Young
Tribute)

July 30 - Big Chill, (Classic
Rock)

July 07 - Where's Pete Band,
(Dance Band)

July 14 - Lights Out, (Jersey
Beach Boys Show)

July 21 - Class Act, (Top 40 and more)



Barbra Lyon's Family



ing Arts Series at the Whittheater

July 28 - Cherry Lane Band, (Covers and Dance)

Aug 04 - Jesse Garron & Band, (Elvis Tribute)



Aug 11 - Sensational Soul Cruisers, (Motown)

Aug 18 - Little Red Rooster, (Blues)

Aug 25 - Flying Ivories, (High-energy Dueling Pianos)

Sept 01 – B.C Choral Society, (Sondheim & Hammerstein)

Movies:

-Sept 24 -“Playing with Fire”

-Oct 8 - “Onward”

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What Might Be In The Well Water We Drink?

We all love how a cold and fresh glass of our well water is to drink but do we really know what else might be in there. The Township's Septic Management Ordinance requires all residents with on-lot septic systems and private wells to have their well water tested for E. coli and fecal coliform bacteria every three years. Currently, there is no requirement to have your well water tested for any other potential containment. If you have a private well and are currently connected to public sewer there are no requirements at all for you to have your well water tested. Did you know there are numerous other harmful contaminants that could be in well water? Some of the more common items are nitrates, lead, iron, manganese, detergents, arsenic and possibly PFOA/PFAS.

To determine if your well might have some of these, or other contaminants, we recommend testing your well water. A list of local testing companies and laboratories can be found on

the Doylestown Township website 2021-list-of-PHID.pdf (doylestownpa.org).

Unfortunately, the Bucks County Health Department is currently not conducting water testing for E. coli and fecal coliform due to COVID19 restrictions.

The Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board is developing a page for the Doylestown Township Website that will provide additional information on the subject plus links to additional resources from places like Penn State Extension and the US EPA. This page will be updated from time to time as more information becomes available.

We sincerely hope that this information is useful in addressing the safety of your onsite well.



Get Involved with Bird Town

Did you know that our township is a Bird Town? The Bird Town Program was started in 2010 to build a working partnership between Audubon and municipalities in Pennsylvania to promote conservation and community-based actions to create healthier and more sustainable habitats for birds and people. Our Township joined the program in 2012 as a joint venture with Doylestown Borough. The Bird Town Program has grown to include 34 different Bird Towns state-wide in over eight counties. Each year, the coordinators meet for an Annual Summit, where they share and report their events and actions taken to educate and raise awareness about the importance of bird-friendly practices, including:

- installing public rain and butterfly gardens,
- renovating park and public spaces by removing invasive plants and planting native plants and trees,
- working with their municipal leaders to create native plant ordinances,
- educating about birdwindow collisions and the reduction of night-time lighting during bird migration.



Our Bird Town has been working hard with our Township's Environmental Advisory Council to improve our local habitats for birds

and people by:

- working with our township's leaders to establish landscaping and native plant ordinances, offering bird walks,
- working with local high school students and residents to learn about and remove invasive plants and trees,
- establishing a native plant garden,
- holding a native plant sale,
- monitoring nearly 40 nesting boxes for Blue Birds,
- providing educational materials at table events, where we encourage residents to sign up for the Bird-Friendly Habitat Recognition Program and much more.

PAAudubon, which is merging with Maryland and DC Audubon to become Mid-Atlantic Audubon, has recently updated the Bird-Friendly Habitat Recognition Program, to continue to grow a community that will improve and restore habitat to support our local birds, wildlife and make for a healthier environment for us all. Please consider joining now: <https://pa.audubon.org>

If you would like to get more involved with our township's Bird Town, please contact Heidi Shiver through the township office at 215.348.9915

Goodbye and Thank You to Scott Miele



Scott Miele doing work on his last day

After seven years as the Water Superintendent and 16 years total of exemplary service to the Township, Doylestown's Scott Miele retired on March 31, 2021.

Scott began his water utility career in Moreno Valley, CA. Upon moving to Pennsylvania, he landed a position with a neighboring water utility here in Bucks County, and then joined the Township and DTMA in 2005 as a water operator. Scott worked

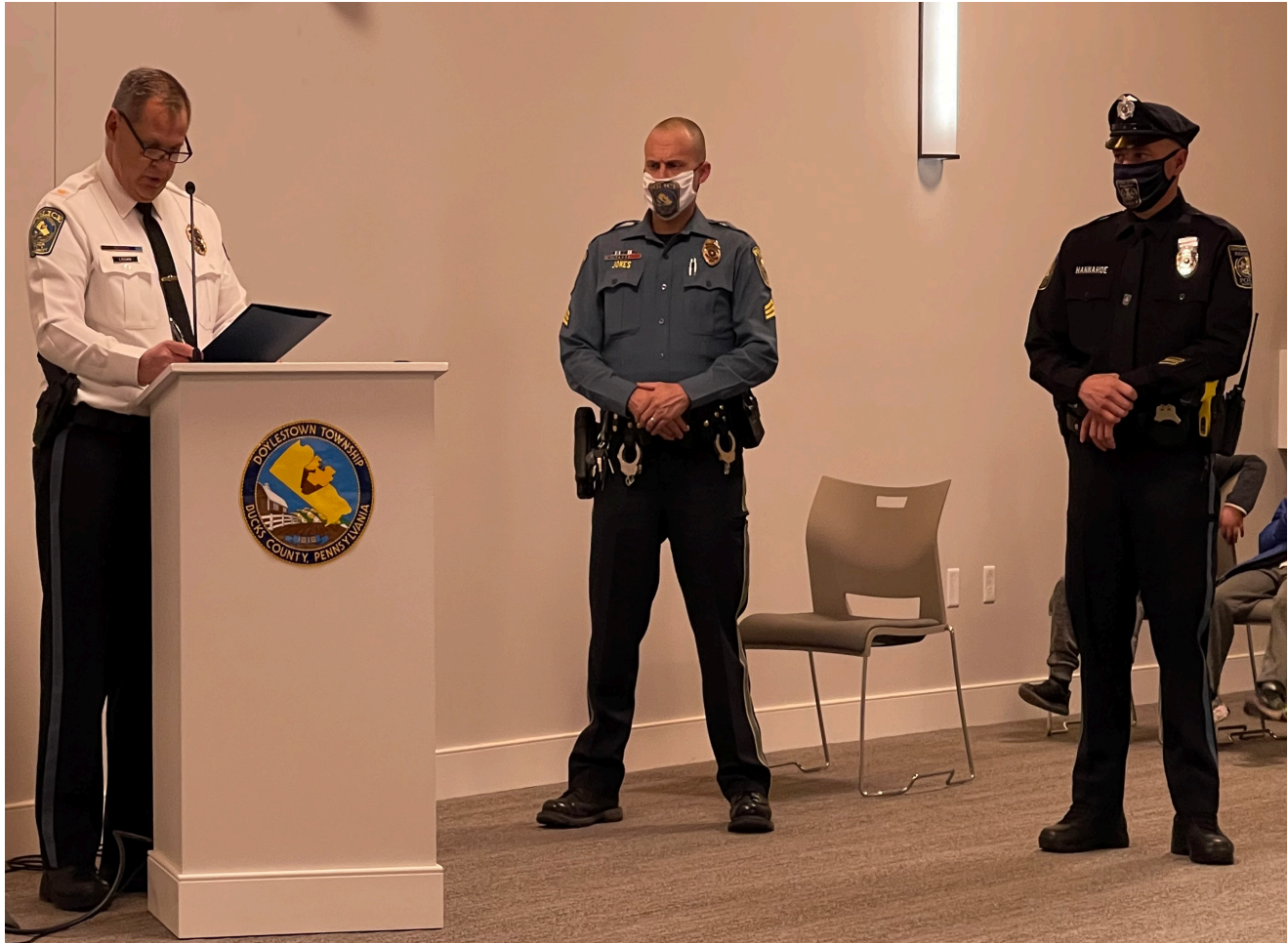
weekends and overnights as necessary learning to operate and maintain our water system. His leadership skills were noticed, and Scott quickly was promoted to the position of Chief Water Operator. In 2010, the position of Water Superintendent became available, and Scott was once again promoted, a testament to his work ethic, knowledge, and management skills.

Some brief highlights of Scott's tenure included the management of the expansion of DTMA's Cross Keys Water service area, implementing a system wide automated meter replacement program, and most recently helping

establish DTMA's cross connection and backflow program.

Keith Hass (Municipal Authority Executive Director) stated Doylestown Township would like to thank Scott for his commendable dedication to our clean drinking water and ultimately our wellbeing. We hope that he'll be spending not so much time on water, But well-deserved time on the water. Good luck Scott!

Sgt Jones and Ofc. Hannahoe's Quick Thinking Saves a Life



Chief Logan Reads the Life Saving Award Citation to Sgt. Jones and Ofc. Hannahoe

On March 16, 2021 at a Board of Supervisor meeting, Sgt. Robert Jones of the Doylestown Township Police Department and Ofc. Jonathan Hannahoe of the Central Bucks Regional Police Department were awarded the Department Life Saving Award by the Township's Chief of Police Dean Logan.

On February 18, the two officers were on duty when they responded quickly to medical emergency within the Township. On arrival, the resident was unconscious and unresponsive. They immediately initiated life saving measures with use of an Automated External Defibrillator and CPR. Thanks to the two officers' quick and professional actions, the resident came too before the arrival of EMTs and was then safely transported to the hospital for continued care.

Township Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Barbara N. Lyons thanked the officers on the behalf of the board and township. Saying, "You make us proud and we're very grateful for your service and your skills."

Chief of Police Dean Logan then closed the presentation by commemorating the assistance of the Central Bucks Regional Police Department and their teamwork with the township on the day in question.

The Township would like to thank and congratulate Sgt. Jones and Ofc. Hannahoe and the rest of Central Bucks Regional Police Department for their admirable service to our communities and wish good health and recovery to the resident and family.



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- Friends of Kids' Castle
- Historical Architectural Review Board
- Doylestown Municipal Authority
- Local Traffic Advisory Committee
- Park & Recreation Board
- Planning Commission
- Public Water & Sewer Advisory Board
- Telecommunications Advisory Board
- UCC Board of Appeals
- Vacancy Board
- Ways & Means Committee
- Zoning Hearing Board

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Bucks County Courthouse : 215-348-6000
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 Bucks County Health Department : 215-345-3318
 Bucks County Office of Consumer Protection : 215-348-6060
 Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority : 215 343-2538

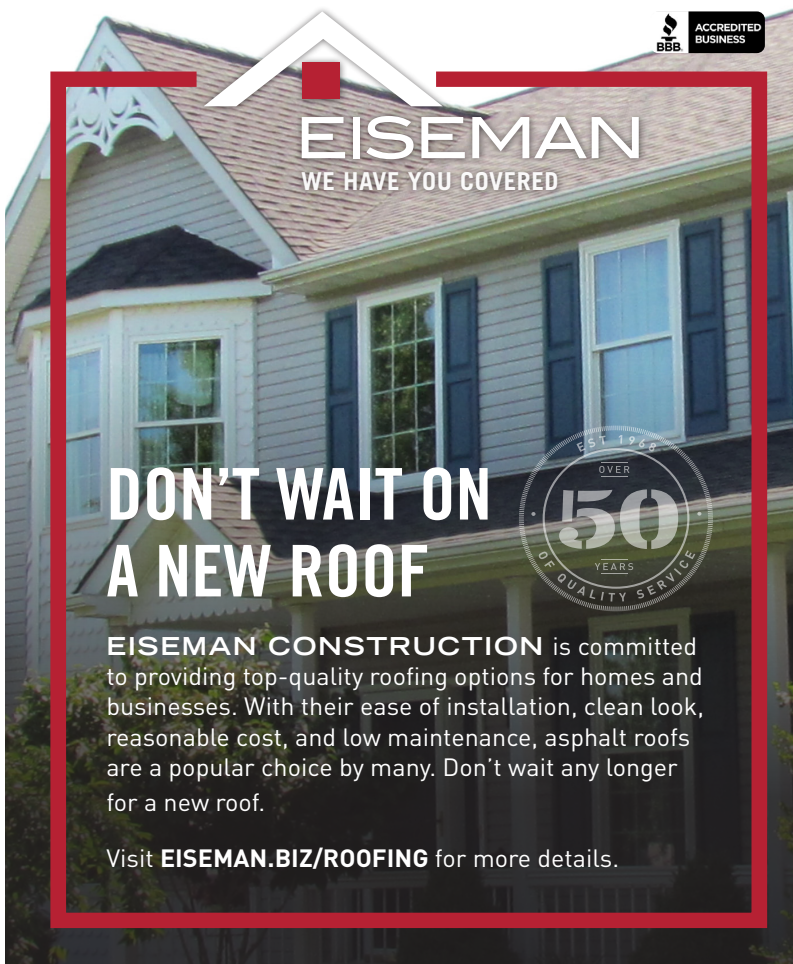
Doylestown Fire Co. #1 - Non-emergency : 215-348-2656
 Doylestown Hospital : 215-345-2200
 Doylestown Post Office : 267-880-3918
 Doylestown Township : 215-348-9915
 PA Recycling Hotline : 800-346-4242
 PennDOT : 215-345-6060 , 1-800-FIX-ROAD (pothole)
 Police Non-Emergency: 215-348-4200 , 215-348-4201

Charging To The Future

Because of settlements in the Volkswagen Emission Scandal, billions of dollars have been made available in emission mitigation efforts. The Township is utilizing a resulting rebate program in efforts to honor our Ready to 100 pledge. With the help of the Bucks County TMA, at least 2 electric vehicle chargers will be installed in the administration building public parking lot. These chargers are designed and managed by ChargePoint, a leading electric vehicle infrastructure company and manager of the largest network of independently owned EV stations.



The Township hopes to install a minimum of two but is aiming for 3 or more as each charger allows two vehicles to be charged at once. The best part is, once installed, these chargers will be completely free to the public. Any resident will be able to park their EV and hook up to the charger at no cost. This was a no-brainer and an exciting step to furthering ours and every townships mission to greener, safer, and renewable energies. While the Township continues to make strides in green and eco-friendly decisions, we are excited to extend these chargers to our community. We hope you enjoy them!



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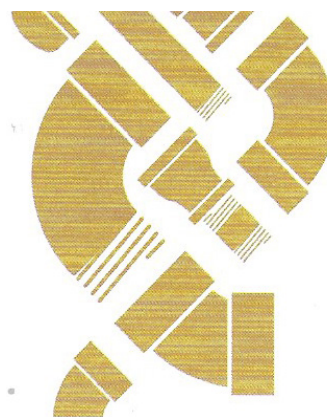
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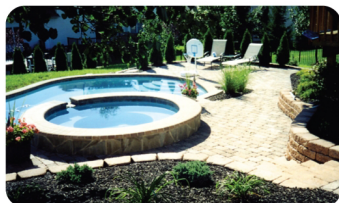
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