



# DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

"PRESERVING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE"

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## Chairman's Letter

By: Barbara N. Lyons

*Chairman Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors*

In late August 2021, a tropical storm developed in the Caribbean and it was noted that the storm had the potential to develop into a tropical cyclone.

It was named 'Ida.' It developed into a Category 4 Atlantic Hurricane making landfall first in Louisiana where it caused devastation second only to Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

As it accelerated up the Atlantic coast, Ida became a post tropical cyclone and it hit our area on September 1 and produced unprecedented rainfall and tropical storm force winds spawning several tornadoes in the Central Bucks region and throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. (Credit: [Wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane\\_Ida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Ida))

On August 31, Doylestown Township declared a state of emergency by executive order, unleashing emergency protocols. The night of September 1, Director of Code Enforcement and Emergency Management, Sinclair Salisbury, Police Chief Dean Logan, Township Manager, Stephanie Mason, Fire

Marshal Rick Schea doubling for public works and myself, as Director of Public Safety, met throughout the night to manage road closures, emergency evacuations, transporting stranded motorists, removing road hazards and anything else Ida threw at us. The morning of September 2, the community woke to the devastation to our homes, vegetation, trees, automobiles, roads and bridges.

A significant element in our emergency plan is to provide shelter. The community meeting room was built to serve this purpose. We opened the large meeting room as a temporary shelter which served two stranded motorists, a young man from Philadelphia on his way home from work and a homeless woman named Kathy who lived out of her car, both shivering from sodden clothes and fear. We provided them with blankets and we found a coat for the young man who was picked up by his family early the next morning.

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All of Kathy's possessions, her car, her clothes, and her home were lost to the flood waters. She had no place to go and no one to call for help.

After several hours we found a hotel with one room available for one night and Kathy was transported there by Police Sergeant, Jessica Whiteside.

The next morning, Doylestown Township administration, staff and family members of administration folk went into high gear finding temporary housing in local hotels, collecting money for grocery gift cards, buying clothes and essentials for Kathy and making sure she was transported to the next hotel that could be found.

Along the way, I contacted numerous service providers to obtain support for Kathy to help her find work, temporary housing, and transportation. Kathy transitioned from the care of Doylestown Township to the care of the Lenape Valley Foundation. Because of confidentiality, we never heard how Kathy made out.

Until May 19, 2022. It was the day I reserved for the dreaded every four - year trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Dublin for my driver's license renewal (with photo).

You know how it goes. You take a number and wait to be called for your photo shoot. When my number was called, I approached the clerk who would take my photo and handed her my license renewal photo card. With that, I heard my name shouted followed by "I thought it was you!"

It was Kathy sitting behind the box camera. Just by happenstance we became reunited. She cried with happiness and gratitude for all the help she received from the Doylestown Township family and then told me it was the first time she smiled in a while because her father had been ill and had just died that day. She told me she is doing well and is looking forward to the opportunity to volunteer at the park in Doylestown

Township, the place that gave her sanctuary during a storm. Kathy gave me permission to tell her story and asked that I thank all those in the Doylestown Township administration and their friends and family for providing safety, comfort and hope in her time of great distress.

Her story is a gift to all of us, especially to me. Every time I look at my driver's license for the next four years, I will think of Kathy who took my photo and told us she was doing okay.

*p.s. We are in hurricane season. Please take a look below to learn how you can best prepare for the next storm which is sure to come and opportunities to sign-up for various alerts including ReadyBucks, Crimewatch, Township E-News, and more for emergency information and updates.*

### Emergency Preparedness Kit- Are you ready?

It is important to be ready for any type of emergency that may arise and have a kit ready to go in case you are in sudden emergency situation like a weather-related disaster.

- **Water (one gallon per person per day)**
- **Food (supply of non-perishable food)**
- **Battery-powered or hand crank radio**
- **Flashlight**
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Extra Batteries**
- **Prescription Medications for a few days**
- **Cell phone with chargers and backup battery**
- **Blanket**

#### Sign up for the following alerts!

- ReadyBucks- [www.BucksCounty.gov](http://www.BucksCounty.gov)
- Doylestown Township Police -Crimewatch- <https://bucks.crimewatchpa.com/doylestowntwppd>
- Doylestown Township E-News- [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org)
- Follow us on our various social media platforms- Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

#### Important Numbers

- For all emergency calls, please dial 911.
- PECO- Reporting an Power Outage- 1-800-841-4141
- Doylestown Township Police (non-emergency)- 215-348-4200
- Doylestown Township Fire (non-emergency)-215-348-2656

# Doylestown Township recognized as a Tree City USA® for 23rd Straight Year!

The Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes Doylestown Township as a 2021 Tree City USA® to honor our commitment to effective urban forest management. The Township achieved this designation by meeting the program's four requirements:

- Forming a tree board or department;
- Creating a tree-care ordinance;
- Having an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita; and
- Observing Arbor Day with the annual community event and proclamation.

The Tree City USA® program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service

and the National Association of State Foresters. "Tree City USA communities benefit from the positive effects that an urban tree canopy has year after year," said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Doylestown ensure that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additional, participation in this program helps cultivate a sense of stewardship and pride for the trees the community plants and cares for."

There is a myriad of benefits for planting trees in urban trees, these include:

- Urban tree plantings help reduce energy consumption by up to 25%, which will reduce general energy costs

and help with overall cooling of the developed areas as well.

- Members of the community benefit from properly placed trees as they increase property values from 7-20%.
- Trees also positively affect the local ecosystem by helping to clean water and create animal habitats to encourage biodiversity.

Every year, the Environmental Advisory Council celebrate Arbor Day each year with a tree planting event in April.

This year, the EAC members partnered with students from Central Bucks West National Honor Society to plant trees at Pooles Corner.



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# Naturalized Basins Benefits the Community

Doylestown Township is in the process of naturalizing basins, which transforms a conventional basin into a natural ecosystem capable of providing habitat improving the water quality and providing aesthetic value. This transformation is a tool that the Township has chosen to use in order to obtain the goals of our Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). By reducing and controlling the pollutants in stormwater as part of the PRP, we can ensure that the requirements of our Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) program will be met. This program is mandated by the state of Pennsylvania and requires municipalities to implement a series of programs. These programs are intended to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the storm sewer system while protecting water quality.

The Township has identified 26 Township-owned and maintained basins as potential candidates for naturalization. The Township has been evaluating them looking at factors like

functionality, existing vegetation, and maintenance concerns to determine whether or not they will be included in the program. Once the basins are selected for the program, inspection reports will be prepared for recommendations or changes to make moving forward. Basins that are part of the naturalization program will be monitored on an annual or as needed basis. The Township will determine what maintenance changes and modifications need to be made

each year.

Currently, three basins were naturalized in 2021 which included Ridings at Covered Bridge Basin on Ridings Lane, Mystic View Lane, and Longwood Circle. If you have any questions regarding naturalized basins, please contact the Township at 215-348-9915.

## **BENEFITS OF BASIN NATURALIZATION:**

- Reduces pollutants in runoff*
- Improves water quality*
- Reduces air pollution from gas-powered mower use*
- Reduces maintenance costs*
- Reduces PRP costs*
- Improves groundwater recharge*
- Increases infiltration*
- Enhances aesthetics*
- Creates wildlife habitat*
- Removes invasive plants*

## **PLEASE NO DUMPING IN THE BASINS!**

*There should be no dumping of any kind in the basins whether they are naturalized or not including yard waste.*

*Naturalized basins are not the same as a compost site. The dumping of yard waste could enable the growth of invasive plants and it will be costly to the Township to remove the invasive plant materials.*

*Signs are in the process of being posted on naturalized basins to educate the public on this program.*



# Pennsylvania in Bloom

By: Lauren Hahn, Summer Intern

Native plants are vital components of Pennsylvania's natural ecosystem. In comparison to introduced species (plants that came to the U.S. after European contact) native plants are better adapted to the local climate and conditions, and therefore, are lower maintenance. Native plants face many challenges, such as development, landscaping, and crowding by exotics. Because native plants serve as sources of food and habitat for

native species, challenges faced by native plants will surely have a ripple effect on Pennsylvania's wildlife.

You can help preserve Pennsylvania's biodiversity by minimizing habitat disturbance. This includes removing invasives, erosion control, and native plantings. Do not collect native plants from the wild! Instead, purchase nursery-propagated natives. By making the switch, you're doing your part

to maintain Pennsylvania's natural beauty.

In the upcoming summer months, keep an eye out for these blooming native plants!

**Information collected from USFS, Penn State Extension, and DCNR.**



**Butterfly Weed**  
*(Asclepias tuberosa)*



**Blue Wild Indigo**  
*(Baptisia australis)*



**New York Ironweed**  
*(Vernonia noveboracensis)*



**Green and Gold**  
*(Chrysogonum virginianum)*



**Turtlehead**  
*(Chelone glabra)*



**Virginia Bluebells**  
*(Mertensia virginica)*

## Birds and West Nile Disease

*By: Jane Neal, Doylestown Township Bird Town Committee*

You may have noticed that you are seeing less birds in your gardens and in Doylestown's parks. There are many reasons for this and decreasing habitat, climate change and disease are some of the major culprits. Unfortunately, there are several diseases that affect birds, West Nile Virus (WNV) being one of them. While WNV can infect people, it is rare and can be avoided and treated. Birds are not so fortunate and WNV continues to cause significant bird population decline, and the declines have been particularly noticeable in the southeast of the state. Unfortunately, it is believed that as temperatures warm due to climate change WNV will become more prevalent.

WNV is mostly spread by mosquitoes of the genus *Culex* which prefer to feed on birds. This mosquito is indigenous to Africa but arrived in Pennsylvania in 2000. Mosquitoes become infected with WNV when they bite infected birds. In the past twenty years the virus has been detected in over 250 species of North American birds and we are seeing population declines as a

result.

The best way to help birds is by eliminating mosquito breeding grounds. This can be done by removing standing water where mosquitoes lay eggs. Once a week check all possible items that might hold water, for example, planters, toys, bird baths, garden furniture and even holes in trees and cover all water containers (cisterns, rain barrels, buckets etc.). Safe larvicides have shown success in treating larger bodies of water that won't be used for drinking. To help control the virus, the Pennsylvania departments of Health, Environmental Protection and Agriculture developed a surveillance program using Integrated Pest Management techniques that focus on education, mosquito habitat reduction, surveillance, and control.

Here is a helpful check list to help identify all the places where mosquitos breed around home environments: <https://www.visitmonmouth.com/Documents/61/Home%20Mosquito%20Habitat%20Checklist-2021.pdf>

If a dead bird is found, use gloves or an inverted bag plastic bag to pick up the bird and dispose of it in the trash. Note, the local Health Department does not need to be contacted.

For more information, please visit the following websites from Audubon Mid-Atlantic, Penn State Extension and the Department of Environmental Protection:

- <https://gis.dep.pa.gov/WNV/index.html>
- <https://pa.audubon.org/news/disease-impacting-local-bird-populations>
- <https://extension.psu.edu/west-nile-virus-brochure>

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PENNSYLVANIA



### Septic Management Program, Ordinance #299:

**If you received a reminder card in the mail, its time to have your well tested and your system pumped. This is done every 3 years. Please make sure you are up to date!**

**More information can be found at: [www.DoylestownPA.org](http://www.DoylestownPA.org) under Information.**



# Welcome to Doylestown!

Doylestown Township has welcomed some new employees this summer. Please join us in welcoming the new faces to the Township!

## Stacy E. Crandell

### Assistant Township Manager

I have over 15 years of local government experience, previously working as Assistant Township Manager at Worcester Township and

spending almost 14 years at Montgomery Township in Montgomery County in various roles including public information. I love working in the local government field- this is the best career that gives you a chance to help move a community forward.



## Ginny Solis

### Office Manager

I spent the last 7 years in Montgomery Township working in the building department, which gave me a great deal of knowledge on the workings of local government. I have been a Bucks County resident for the past 36 years.



## Kim Puleo

### Receptionist

I have been with the Township for a short time but it has been especially rewarding to be serving our great residents. I recently moved to Doylestown from Willow Grove with my husband, 2 kids and our 2 puppies. I am proud to be apart of this great community.



## Welcome Summer Interns!

### Lauren Hahn

Hi! I'm Lauren, and I'm super excited to be working for Doylestown Township this summer. I'm a senior at Juniata College studying biology and wildlife conservation. I enjoy being in nature, and I'm looking forward to working in the field and integrating the results of my fieldwork into GIS, a mapping software. I am excited to gain new experiences by working in many different projects this summer. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve my community!



## Ryan Kelly

I am a current master's Candidate at the Villanova University Department of Public Administration and will begin the second year of the two-year program this coming fall. Before starting at Villanova, I was a Political Science and French Co-Major at Albright College in Reading, PA. My interests in the structure and function of governmental institutions, recreational activities, and data and financial analysis.



## Michael Plawecki

I am a Finance student at Susquehanna University. I am an upcoming senior, graduating in May '23. I play Ultimate Frisbee and am a part of my fraternity, Phi Mu Delta. I was a finance intern at a charity in England called The Leprosy Mission International. I am excited to work at the Township because I want to give back to the community that I was a part of when I was younger.



## Parks and Recreation Director receives Statewide Honor

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society awards are presented annually to those individuals who have demonstrated professional leadership, contributions having a lasting value to the parks and recreation profession, and a commitment to the advancement of the Society. The recipient of the 2022 PRPS Distinguished Member Award, Karen Sweeney, CPRP, CPSI. The Distinguished Member Award is named in

honor of Robert D. Griffith, the longtime Executive Director of PRPS, and seeks to recognize those professionals who have consistently contributed to the advancement of the Society, affiliated organizations and the parks and recreation profession.

Karen began her tenure as Doylestown Township Director of Park and Recreation in 1995. She has been instrumental in building the parks and

recreation department that provides our community with amazing programs and events that continue to grow.

Congratulations Karen!



# DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP'S TOUCH-A- TRUCK EVENT- MAY 14, 2022

In honor of National Public Works Week as well as National Police Week, the Township hosted the popular Touch-A-Truck event!

The weather held out – it was great to see everyone who came out to our event! Thanks for making this event the best one yet!





**Special Thank You to the following:**

**Doylestown Township Municipal Authority  
Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation Department  
Doylestown Township Police Department  
Doylestown Township Public Works Department**

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**We would like to thank our dedicated staff in Public Works Department, Municipal Authority and Police Department for everything they do for our community everyday!**

**Can't wait to see everyone next year!**

# SPECIAL EVENTS- SAVE THE DATE!!



## Golf Outing

**Aug 22**

Held at the beautiful Doylestown Country Club. All proceeds benefit the Doylestown Township park system. Shotgun start at 9:00 am. Includes continental breakfast, golf, on course refreshments and post golf reception. Sponsorship opportunities are available and appreciated! Call 215-348-9915 or visit [www.doylestownrec.com](http://www.doylestownrec.com) for information and to register.

Location: Doylestown Country Club

Time: 8 am check-in • 9am shotgun start

Ages: 18 & up

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARKS AND PROGRAMS!**



## Fido Float at Fanny

**Sept 10**

Fanny Chapman Pool is going to the "dogs"! Bring your canine friend for a dip in the pool! All dogs must have current vaccinations including Rabies and DHPP (proof must be provided at event at check-in). Doylestown Dog Park member records are already on file.

Doylestown Animal Medical Clinic will be onsite for K-9 first aid needs.

*Pre-registration is required! No walk-ins. One dog per person.*

Location: Fanny Chapman Pool

Ages: 18 and up

Fee: \$15 per dog (general public)  
\$10 per dog (Dtown Dog Park members)



## Fall Food Truck Fest

**Sept 24**

Save the date for the return of our Annual Fall Food Truck Fest! Food trucks will be announced as they are confirmed via social media and on the Township website. Follow us for more details regarding this awesome event! Music, yard games, demos from our program providers, local crafters and more! Come for lunch, stay for dinner! Check in for updates at [doylestownrec.org](http://doylestownrec.org).

Time: 12pm - 6 pm

Location: Central Park Parking Lot (adjacent to band shell)

Fee: Free

For additional information and to register please visit [www.doylestownrec.org](http://www.doylestownrec.org), email at [info@doylestownpa.org](mailto:info@doylestownpa.org) or call 215-348-9915.

# SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE



# 2022 Schedule

## C&N AMPHITHEATER CENTRAL PARK

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## MUSIC

FREE Summer Concerts  
Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Inclement Weather:

Indoor facilities are not available, visit [www.doylestownrec.com](http://www.doylestownrec.com) for concert status

Every effort will be made to reschedule on an alternate date

Covid Etiquette: Please be respectful to others and adhere to recommended CDC guidelines for social distancing and face coverings as appropriate.

May 25	Eric Mintel Quartet (Jazz)	
June 1	C.B. West Jazz Ensembles (Jazz)	
June 8	Sensational Soul Cruisers (Motown)	
June 15	Jersey Tenors (Rock Opera Crossover)	
June 22	Boat House Row (Yacht Rock)	
June 29	Desert Highway (Eagles)	
July 6	Seamus Kelleher Experience (Irish)	
July 13	Studio Two (Beatles)	
July 20	Real Diamond (Americana)	
July 27	Frontiers (Journey)	
Aug 3	Cherry Lane Band (Covers / Dance)	
Aug 10	Class Act (Top 40 and More)	
Aug 17	Little Red Rooster (Blues)	
Aug 24	High Noon (Lynyrd Skynyrd / Classic Rock)	
Aug 31	Bigg Romeo (Dance Band)	



- OPEN FOR SERVICE AT 6:00 PM
- MUST BE 21 YEARS TO PURCHASE
- MUST REMAIN IN AMPHITHEATER WITH BEVERAGE
- NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED IN PARK
- CENTRAL PARK IS A SMOKE FREE FACILITY



Sept 24 Fall Food Truck Fest

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(Music presented by DJ JC)

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Location: Central Park • 425 Wells Road  
Information: [www.doylestownrec.com](http://www.doylestownrec.com) or 215-348-9915

DART Shuttle transportation available - See icon () above  
Visit [www.doylestownrec.org](http://www.doylestownrec.org) to view the DART pickup schedule & times.

Alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the park • Central Park is a smoke free facility



Barbara N. Lyons



# DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP STAFF & COMMITTEES

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

- Agriculture Security Advisory Council
- Bike & Hike Committee
- Board of Auditors
- Board of Supervisors
- Dog Park Advisory Board
- Environmental Advisory Council/Shade Tree Commission
- Friends of Kids' Castle
- Historical Architectural Review Board
- Doylestown Municipal Authority
- Local Traffic Advisory Committee
- Park & Recreation Board
- Pension Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Public Water & Sewer Advisory Board
- Telecommunications Advisory Board
- UCC Board of Appeals
- Vacancy Board
- Veterans Advisory Committee
- Ways & Means Committee
- Zoning Hearing Board

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## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Bucks County Courthouse: 215-348-6000  
Bucks County Free Library: 215-348-9081  
Bucks County Health Department: 215-345-3318  
Bucks County Consumer Protection: 215-348-6060  
Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority: 215 343-2538  
Central Bucks School District: 267-893-2000  
Doylestown Borough: 215-345-4140

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  
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Police Non-Emergency: 215-348-4200, 215-348-4201

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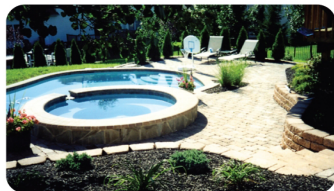
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- Lawn & Driveway Drainage

**Construction**

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- Ponds, Fountains & Waterfalls
- Natural Stone Steps

**Maintenance**

- Lawn Renovation
- Spring & Fall Clean-ups
- Mulching & Weeding
- Lawn Mowing
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