

# Doylestown Township Newsletter

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Preserving the Past. Embracing the Future.

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## Chairman's Message

By: Barbara N. Lyons

In the last two issues of this Newsletter, I have introduced you to the people who work for the Township. This is the third and final installment and I think I have now pretty much covered everyone.

You may know that we have our own water company, the Doylestown Township Municipal Water Authority (DTMA). With the retirement of Richard John, we have a new guy at the head of the Authority, Keith Hass.

Keith directs the department with Scott Miele, Water Superintendent, as his first mate. Keith, Scott and their crew work to ensure that residents connected to public water lines have access to clean, safe drinking water. This includes checking on wells, flushing water lines, replacing meters and several other tasks. Later in this edition, on pages 2, 5, 7 and 8, you can read about a few of the projects the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority is currently undertaking.

The Township administration team has worked together this past year to plan for the new Township administration offices. Construction is set to begin this Fall. The new facilities will equip our staff with the necessary tools to serve the residents for many years to come. An update on the new building can be read on page 5. In addition, we are producing a news video that will introduce the project, what went into the decision process and what makes up the final plans. Look for the video on DTV, coming soon on Channels, 31 Verizon, 22 Comcast.

Planning has also begun for the Township Bicentennial in 2018. To celebrate this commemorative occasion, the Township has enlisted the assistance of the newly created Bicentennial



Committee. This group of volunteers is working to fundraise, plan events and spread the word on the 2018 celebration. Check out our website, [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org), for the most up to date details of the happenings. This page includes information on the current events such as the time capsule and Doylestown Township flag competition submissions.

Our Township motto, "Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future", truly says it all. While we have made impressive strides in the almost 200 years we have been incorporated, we recognize the opportunities we face going forward and plan to take advantage of the resources, staff and volunteers we have available. When this entity celebrates three, four and even five hundred year anniversaries, we hope to be remembered and described as the well run, forward thinking team of 2018 that consistently pursued excellence.

Electronic recycling event to be held at the Doylestown Township Administration Building June 3rd from 10am-1pm for RESIDENTS ONLY. Visit [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org) for details!

## On the Road: Public Works Update

A message from our Road Superintendent: Make sure your trash cans and recycling bins have secured lids. If not, an unfortunate scene like the one below can occur. Bottles and other trash washed into a basin is not only unsavory to look at, but an issue of stormwater in general. While our staff cleans out basins and ensures messes like this don't stick around, it would save time, energy and water quality for it not to occur in the first place. Be sure lids are properly secured, especially before storm events and high winds.



Ensuring basins are clean isn't the only job of the Public Works crew. Below they can be seen at one of their many projects performing maintenance on a box culvert on Nicklaus Dr.



## Rain Gardens: A Growing Trend

by Michelle Mockus

As land throughout our area becomes increasingly developed, storm water drainage is ever more crucial. Impervious surfaces do not provide the same essential (and beneficial) ecosystem services that natural areas offer. Sadly, very little compares to open land for water drainage and purification but fortunately, there are a few alternatives. Rain gardens are a particular notable one in our Township.

Rain gardens are depressed areas that are designed to capture rain runoff through appropriate foliage and ponding areas. These spaces are established in such a way as to soak storm water into the soil, which limits storm water runoff and naturally purifies precipitation. The abovementioned benefits supplement an even larger list, including: controlling flooding on properties, filtering polluted runoff, recharging groundwater supplies, increasing beneficial insects (that reduce pest insects), and

adding natural beauty to a yard (that does not require mowing). It's clear that rain gardens can be one of the most effective ways to address storm water and lucky for us in the Township, we have a few examples and hopefully, will soon have many more.

## DTMA Fire Hydrant Flushing and Inspection

Beginning in April and continuing throughout June, the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) will conduct fire hydrant flushing. Flushing helps improve the water quality by scouring the inside of water mains removing sediment, biofilm, and loose deposits. In addition, DTMA inspects our fire hydrants ensuring the local fire departments can properly operate them during emergencies.

Flushing typically occurs between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm. If you notice discolored water from your tap run the cold water until clear and refrain from washing clothes until the water is clear. In addition, water system pressure can be reduced during flushing. The water pressure will return to normal when flushing is complete.

Please contact us at (215) 348-9915 if you have any questions.

Doylestown Township Police  
CRIMEWATCH



[www.doylestownpolice.org](http://www.doylestownpolice.org)

The Doylestown Township Police Department participates in a county wide initiative which has been endorsed by Bucks County District Attorney Matthew D. Weintraub called "CRIMEWATCH ~ Bucks County". CRIMEWATCH is a resource to build public awareness of crimes and police related news in Bucks County which was developed by CRIMEWATCH Technologies.

Citizens can download the CRIMEWATCH mobile application or sign up for ALERTS and stay up to date with police news in your area.

Visit CRIMEWATCH ~ Bucks County at [www.bucks.crimewatchpa.com/7360](http://www.bucks.crimewatchpa.com/7360) to sign up for ALERTS and/or to download the mobile application.

## A Message from our Traffic Advisory Committee

In 2005, the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors established the Traffic Advisory Committee. Its function is to review potential issues on township roads and when issues exist on state roads to help interface with the state. Many of the roads within the township are state owned and only PennDOT has jurisdiction. There are three volunteer residents of the township that serve as members and meet the 2nd Wednesday of alternate months. The Chief of Police and a representative of the Township's traffic engineering firm are also present for discussions and to outline applicable regulations.

One of the most frequent issues that we are presented with are perceived speeding issues on township roads. There are PennDOT standards that we are obligated to adhere to in regards to setting speed limits. Enforcement is also linked to those standards. Over the last several years, the Police Department has accumulated detailed traffic statistics on most roads in the Township as well as the state roads they are responsible for policing. This is done by using pole mounted sensors that are usually posted for a week, and collect data 24 hours a day. This data is what the Committee uses to guide our review of reported speeding issues. The perception of speeding is altered by being close to the passing cars (at the mailbox, walking a dog, etc.) and this is often how complaints originate.

What the Committee looks at is the average speed and the number of cars traveling above the enforceable speed. Many roads in the township are captive roads and only have traffic related to the homeowners that live in that development. In that situation, it is usually a few neighbors that are speeding. However, many of the township roads are thru-streets and sustain a considerable volume of traffic, especially at rush hour. Local commercial establishments, schools, churches, etc. often contribute to that volume. Temporary detours and construction, such as, the recent Pools Corner reconstruction, also influence the daily volumes on adjacent roads. We try to take all of that into account when reviewing reported issues. The Committee does make every effort to facilitate a resolution that addresses resident concerns.



## A Successful and Busy Year for the Bike and Hike Committee

by Andrew Clark

Perhaps the Committee's proudest achievement is the soon-to-be-constructed Lower State Road Bike and Hike path which will enable area residents to ride, run, or walk safely off-road from the Central Bucks Family YMCA to the Del Val Market and beyond. Viewed broadly, this will provide a direct link from downtown Doylestown Borough to the eight-mile 202 Parkway trail. This long-dreamed of 0.75 mile project will go into construction on or about May 8th. Work will continue through the summer. Funding for this path has come primarily through a grant from the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program, which is administered in Pennsylvania by PennDOT. Doylestown Township was awarded one of these coveted grants following a highly-competitive screening process back in the fall of 2014. The success of this project is due to the public-spirited collaboration of many partners, including PennDOT, SEPTA, Delaware Valley University and of course property owners along the route. The Committee is thrilled to see this project become a reality and is deeply grateful to all who have participated in its development.

Recently completed Committee projects include a new path connecting Iron Hill Road with Covered Bridge Park, which features a new bridge over the Pine Run. Ultimately, this will be a link in a Bike and Hike path extending all the way to Peace Valley Park.

Much work has been done to provide safe off-road connections between Butler Avenue, the New Britain Train Station and points south and east. This on-going project has seen much progress this year. Further work on this section of trail will occur this year and finish up in 2018.

As Doylestown Hospital embarks upon an expansion plan, the Committee will be working with the Hospital to improve safety conditions on the Bike and Hike trail that runs along Hospital Road to the intersection of Limekiln and Shady Retreat Roads.

EAC car magnets are in! Show your pride in the Township and support for environmental projects in the Township. 100% of the profits on the magnets go to fund environmental projects and education in the Township. Hurry while supplies last, all the cool kids (of all ages) have them! They are available for \$5 at the Township Administration Building and at EAC events.

## **Pennsylvania Offers Tax Amnesty to Eligible Taxpayers**

*by Representative Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks)*

The overwhelming majority of individuals and businesses pay state taxes on time. For those with past-due taxes, Pennsylvania will offer a limited opportunity to reconcile past due taxes with the Department of Revenue. All penalties and half of the interest accrued will be waived through a tax amnesty period from April 21 to June 19, 2017. After the amnesty period, an additional 5 percent penalty will be added to eligible taxpayers who do not participate and interest will continue to accumulate.

Tax amnesty is open to businesses and individuals with past-due taxes as of the end of 2015. A list of all eligible state taxes can be found at [revenue.pa.gov](http://revenue.pa.gov). Local, federal and property taxes are ineligible. Individuals and businesses can check if back taxes are owed and take advantage of other resources at [www.doreservices.state.pa.us](http://www.doreservices.state.pa.us).

To participate, taxpayers must file an online amnesty return, file all delinquent tax returns and make the required payment within the amnesty period. They must also ensure any unpaid taxes or unfiled returns not eligible for the program (after Dec. 31, 2015) are submitted.

Tax amnesty is not a forgiveness of debt but a reduction of penalties. I introduced this current program last year, which was included in the final budget package. It is estimated this program will garner \$150 million in revenue for the Commonwealth that would otherwise remain uncollected. This money is important for the Commonwealth to provide for public education, environmental programs, state parks and other initiatives important to our community.

**If you received a letter designating your property as being part of the cone of influence affected by the PFOA/PFOS in the Cross Keys area, we encourage you to contact DEP for well testing if you have not. Follow the instructions on the letter you received. For further information about the affected area visit [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org).**

## **If a Tree Falls in the Woods, Does the Township Hear it?**

*by Sean Sablosky, EAC Chairman*

Maybe not, but if you take a chain saw to more than 70 and become the subject of local reporters, bloggers and armchair arborists, the Township will hear about it. The Township Code does contain some restrictions on what you can do with trees on your property. They are nuanced and dependent on mitigating factors but, if you plan on removing 10 or more healthy trees, you need a Zoning Permit as indicated by Twp. Code Sec.175-126B. Make sure what you're doing doesn't run afoul of ordinance.

Township Code section 153-34 contains a list of native plants and trees that would be a reference for either new planting or to replace any diseased or dead plants and trees that you need to remove. To access this code section go to the Township website, [Doylestownpa.org](http://Doylestownpa.org), under Online Services select the Township Code where you will be able to view our ordinances.

Jeannine Mitchell and Ann Woodbury of our Committee did a wonderful job of putting together a letter and informative brochure about the riparian corridors in our Township, please watch for it. The Township website site has a very nice map located on the website under Information/Maps/Riparian Corridor Conservation District and Parcel Map, showing all these very important and environmentally sensitive areas that require just a little more care to be properly maintained. If you're lucky enough that your property is contiguous to one of these beautiful areas but you did not receive a letter and brochure, please reach out to the Township, we'll get one right out to you.

Taxes & Spring planting go great together! Really, they do; Okay this is an issue with a lot of moving parts, stick with me on this. Tax season at my house and company always brings up the issue of shredding and document security. Shredding is the accepted method to dispose of confidential documents, as a CEO, I love this option. A downfall, however, is that shredding kills the value of the paper for recyclers. As someone who must dispose of shredded paper in an environmentally considerate manner, I hate that option. In fact, most recyclers won't take shredded paper. The ones that do often require it be segregated in a clear bag. The value of paper to a recycler is in its fiber, specifically the length of the fiber.

The longer the fiber, the more options there are for the paper to be recycled into and the less new materials that need to be blended in with it. Shredding cuts these fibers and relegates the paper to being used as a component of new paper with virgin (wood) fibers needing to be added to the mix. Last year, due to recycling efforts, over 400lbs of paper per every person in this country was diverted from the landfill and put back into use. One way to use shredded paper, if you have a compost or mulch pile, is to incorporate the shredded paper into the compost. Just mix it in with the yard waste or food scraps and it will break down quicker than most leaves and grass trimmings. Or, as an alternative to the black weed-blocking rolls in gardens, non-shredded confidential paper works great. Just lay several sheets flat, cover it with a little mulch and hose it down. It blocks weeds and retains moisture and after a few weeks is completely illegible but will continue to block weeds for the season.

## Building Update

by Ken Snyder, Building Committee Chairman

We wanted to give you an update on the Township's Municipal complex renovations/build we had highlighted in the Winter/Spring 2017 newsletter and mentioned in the Chairman's article. The project team has conducted numerous meetings over the past months with staff members, architects and engineers to solidify the facilities' specifications. The four major components of facility changes are to renovate two existing Public Works facilities, build a new Parks & Recreation building and tear down and rebuild an Administration/ Police building on the same location.

The three main problems the township needs to address are; lack of security, faulty and out of date infrastructure and lack of space. The team concluded that continuing to address our facilities' needs in a piecemeal fashion would no longer work. We needed to take a broader or more encompassing approach. The plan will resolve the current problems, provide some elbow room for the future and upgrade the facilities to current code and security standards.

So in September the current Administration building will be coming down. Modular units situated on the sports courts will serve as temporary office space. It is our intention that Township business will go on with as little disruption to services as possible. So we will be busy and we will continue to provide updates as the work progresses.

## Motorcycle Unit added to Doylestown Township Police Department

On April 10, 2017, Doylestown Township Police added a 2017 Harley Davidson Motorcycle to the fleet, the first in the Police Department's history. Officer Robert Jones, Officer Timothy Reihl and Officer Jessica Whiteside are assigned to the Motorcycle Unit after they successfully completed 40 hours of Basic Police Motorcycle Operation training. All the officers have years of experience riding motorcycles in their leisure time.

The duties of the Motorcycle Unit are numerous and ever changing. Duties include traffic enforcement, escorts of oversize loads, accident scene traffic control, dignitary motorcades, abandoned vehicles, parades, school zone enforcement, special events, and any vehicle complaints from citizens, speed enforcement and general patrol duties as needed.



## Cross Keys Water Main Extension

This construction season the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) will build the Cross Keys Water Main Extension along Sawmill Road and Swamp Road in Plumstead Township. This project involves the installation of 3,500 feet of new 12" water main. This water main will connect to our existing Cross Keys tank located in the Cross Keys Shopping Center. The main extension is needed due to the closure last year of our Cross Keys Well from PFOS/PFOA contamination. As a result of the well closure, the DTMA began using a temporary, backup source of water. This new main when completed will deliver a reliable supply of water for years to come.

## Children's Health Insurance Program Assists Pennsylvania Families

by Senator Chuck McIlhinney (R-Bucks)

One of the most important steps we can take to maximize the potential of young people is to ensure proper access to health care services. The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) offers insurance coverage for children to make sure they receive doctor's visits, prescriptions, immunizations, emergency care and other vital health care services that help them miss fewer school days and do better in class.

Families earning less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (about \$50,500 for a family of four) can receive coverage at no cost; All doctor visits, emergency room visits, specialist visits and prescription costs are covered by the program. Families earning up to 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (about \$76,300 for a family of four) can get CHIP coverage for a low monthly premium. Monthly premium costs for families earning between 200 percent and 300 percent of the federal poverty level range from \$53 to \$90 per child, depending on the family's ability to pay. Co-pays of \$25 or less may apply for doctor visits, emergency room visits, specialist visits and prescriptions.

Families with incomes greater than 300 percent of the federal poverty level who meet financial and other hardship criteria may also purchase CHIP coverage. The average monthly premium for these families depends on income and the family's ability to pay.

This program has served as tremendous resource for families throughout the Commonwealth for more than two decades. For more information on the program or to enroll in CHIP, local residents can visit [www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com), call 1-800-986-KIDS or contact my district office

*Senator McIlhinney represents the 10th Senatorial District, which includes parts of Bucks County.*

## Never Leave Dog Poop Behind

It's a nice day, you're walking along and all of a sudden--squish. You don't even have to look because you know you've really stepped in it. There's nothing quite like an encounter with a pile of poop to put the kibosh on a good day.

We love our pets, but did you know that 40% of pet owners do not pick up poop. Being a responsible, eco-friendly pet owner means picking up after your dog every time when they do their business--after all, it helps protect human and animal health as well as the environment.

When left on the ground, your dog's excrement contains a long list of bad bugs, including adenovirus, parvovirus, giardia, coccidian, roundworm and tapeworm which can easily infect and cause illness to animals and people. A heavy rainstorm and spring run-off can easily carry dog waste into streams and any waste that ends up in storm sewers usually flows directly into a body of water.

Children are more susceptible to disease, that's an issue because they spend a lot of time playing close to the ground touching their eyes and mouths without a thought whether their hands are clean.

Aside from the environmental and health reasons, it is the right and considerate thing to do and it's the law. Doylestown Ordinance (Chapter 113-4, paragraph H.) specifically states "No owner, custodian or keeper of any animal shall allow or permit any such animal to deposit excrement (defecate) upon any property not owned or leased by the owner, custodian or keeper of such animal, without immediately picking up such excrement...".

So regardless where you walk: neighborhoods, dog parks, trails or in town, please be considerate of your neighbors and the environment - pick up your dog's poop. Do the right thing!

## Arbor Day in the Township

Doylestown Township has always been a proponent of environmental stewardship. This year for the annual Arbor Day celebration, the Township partnered with a Kutz Elementary School class to teach the children benefits of trees and proper planting techniques. Public Works employee, Chris Mason, taught the children about why trees are important to us and demonstrated proper planting procedures. Two pin oaks and two red maples were planted in the park as part of the observance. The red maples will provide brilliant foliage adding to the beauty of the park in fall when the leaves change and the pin oaks will act as a food source for local wildlife. These are just two of the benefits these trees will provide.



## A Message from the Fire Company

As spring starts, the Fire Company gathers for their Annual Banquet at the Doylestown Country Club to relax, have fun and honor members for their efforts for the past year. At this year's banquet, The Firefighter of the Year Award was given to Will Fluck, as voted by members of the company. Will is an 8 year veteran of the company and served previously at Chalfont Fire Co., where his father, Bill, is Deputy Chief. Will presently serves as Battalion 79 Chief and has also served as Captain, Lieutenant and Engineer.

The President's Award was awarded to Bill Cope for his hard work and mentoring President Jay Fetterolf. The Chief's Award was presented to Nick Tartaglia, who in a very short time has made a huge impact as a go-to member, especially with his important work calibrating meters. Rookie of the Year was awarded to Tommy Kirk, a duty crew regular and hard worker. The Training Award was bestowed upon Justen Hilton, as he attended over 90% of the years 39 trainings.

Service Pins were awarded to Dan Talenti, Karen Truman, Tony Montemurro and Dave Cell for 5 years of service, 20 year pins and life memberships to Dan Hinkle and Ryan Pankoe, 25 year pins to Todd Kulp and James F. Shepard, 30 year pin to Jay Fetterolf, 40 year pin to Jim Hampton, and a 45 year pin to Jay Stough.

Attendance Awards were presented to Top Responders Sam Cesare and Steve Lee, who both responded to 46.5% of calls, trainings and meetings for 2016. There were 607 incidents, 43 trainings, and 83 non-incident activities for a total of 705 and they both were present at almost 50% of them! Second place was Nick Tartaglia, 3rd Tommy Kirk, 4th Dan Kline and 5th Bill Price.

Members made a surprise visit to Wesley Enhanced Living in April to help resident Bill Grun, an amazingly spry nonagenarian, as one of his lifetime wishes was to be a firefighter. Bill got to ride in Ladder 79 and, as a result of coverage by local television stations, is now a worldwide phenomenon. We will be seeing Bill again!

Members of the Fire Company and Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came out for the annual Pancake Day Breakfast on March 18th. We loved having everyone over to our house and hope to see everyone next year!

We're always looking for new members, both for firefighting and non-firefighting roles. Go to [doylestownfireco.org](http://doylestownfireco.org) or stop by on a Wednesday night at 7 PM to either station for more information. And don't forget our Annual Fire Prevention Open House on October 6!



## In the Parks: Public Works Update

The Parks Department is getting ready for the dog days of summer! Staff is out and about working at the Dog Park, fencing trees, repairing fences, adding a shade structure and much more. Other projects the department is working on include, restraining pavillions, prepping Kids Castle for future amenities and supporting the concert series.



## DTMA PFOA and PFOS Update

As you may know, the contamination of public and private drinking water wells with PFOA/PFOS chemicals has become a daily topic in the local news. Approximately, 15 contaminated public wells were shut down in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) Cross Keys Well tested positive for elevated levels of PFOA/PFOS and was shut down in 2016.

But what about individual homeowner wells? The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) began testing homeowner wells within a one mile radius of our closed Cross Keys Well in 2016. The testing is currently ongoing. Most homeowners are testing below the Health Advisory Limit (HAL) set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). However, a few individual wells tested above the HAL. These homeowners have been contacted by the DEP and further investigations are planned.

The DTMA ensures safe water for our customers by testing for the PFOA/PFOS contaminants in all our public wells. If interested in connecting to DTMA public water please call the DTMA at (215) 348-9915.

## Thank You to our Sponsor, the Relles Family

by Joe Salvati, Chairman, Friends of Kids Castle



We are overwhelmed by the generous sponsorship from the Relles Family for the new 3 Bay Swing Set which is now installed at Kids Castle for all to enjoy. Their gift and kindness greatly helps us continue our move forward with the necessary improvements needed at Kids Castle for children of all abilities.

The goal achieved through ongoing donations and sponsorships like this, is a new play environment at Kids Castle that welcomes everyone including children with sensory processing disorders, autism and people of all ages using wheelchairs and other mobility devices.

Their generous sponsorship goes directly to help make inclusive play and physical accessibility on our playground possible. This 3 Bay Swing Set also includes a Special Needs Swing Seat with full body support for children in need of this feature so they can enjoy this simple pleasure along with the other children beside them.

Through these improvements at the Kids Castle, children with diverse abilities will grow in the self-confidence that comes along with that sense of belonging created on our playground as they interact with each other and play together as one.

While play is an important part of children's developmental needs, it has to be fun enough for them to want to be part of the experience... and the improvements at Kids Castle will provide that opportunity for all children.

## 2017 Water Meter Replacement Program

The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) owns and maintains the water meters located inside customers' homes. In the Spring of 2017, the DTMA contracted with Lenegan Plumbing and Heating, LLC to replace the remaining, older water meters in our system. The existing meters have reached the end of their useful life. The newer meters enable more efficient meter reading capability and continue to provide accurate meter readings.

At the time of the printing of this newsletter, over 500 meters have been replaced. DTMA thanks all the customers for their cooperation. DTMA anticipates another 500 meters to be replaced by the end of June. Most meter installations take 15 minutes or less. If you received letters from DTMA informing of the mandatory requirement to replace meters, but have yet to schedule an appointment with Lenegan Plumbing and Heating, LLC please contact them at (855) 892-3830.

## Thompson Performing Arts Series

Concerts:

June 16th- Family DJ Dance Party at 6:30pm

June 21st- Large Flowerheads

June 28th- The British Invasion Years

July 12th- Quakertown Band

July 16th- Bigg Romeo at 7:00pm, Fireworks at 9:30pm

\*\*\*Parking: \$5.00 per car\*\*\*

July 19th- Lights Out

July 26th- Big Chill

August 2nd- Jimmy and the Parrots

August 9th- Little Red Rooster Band

August 16th- Sensational Soul Cruisers

August 23rd- Eric Mintel

All Concerts will take place at the Covenant Bank Amphitheater in Central Park, Doylestown, at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

Movies:

June 2nd- Secret Life of Pets

July 7th- Sing

September 15th- Pete's Dragon

October 20th- Beauty and the Beast

All movies will be shown at the Covenant Bank Amphitheater in Central Park, Doylestown, at sunset.

Visit [www.doylestownrec.com](http://www.doylestownrec.com) for more information about the series and potential rain locations.



## Students Working to Conserve Water in Our Area

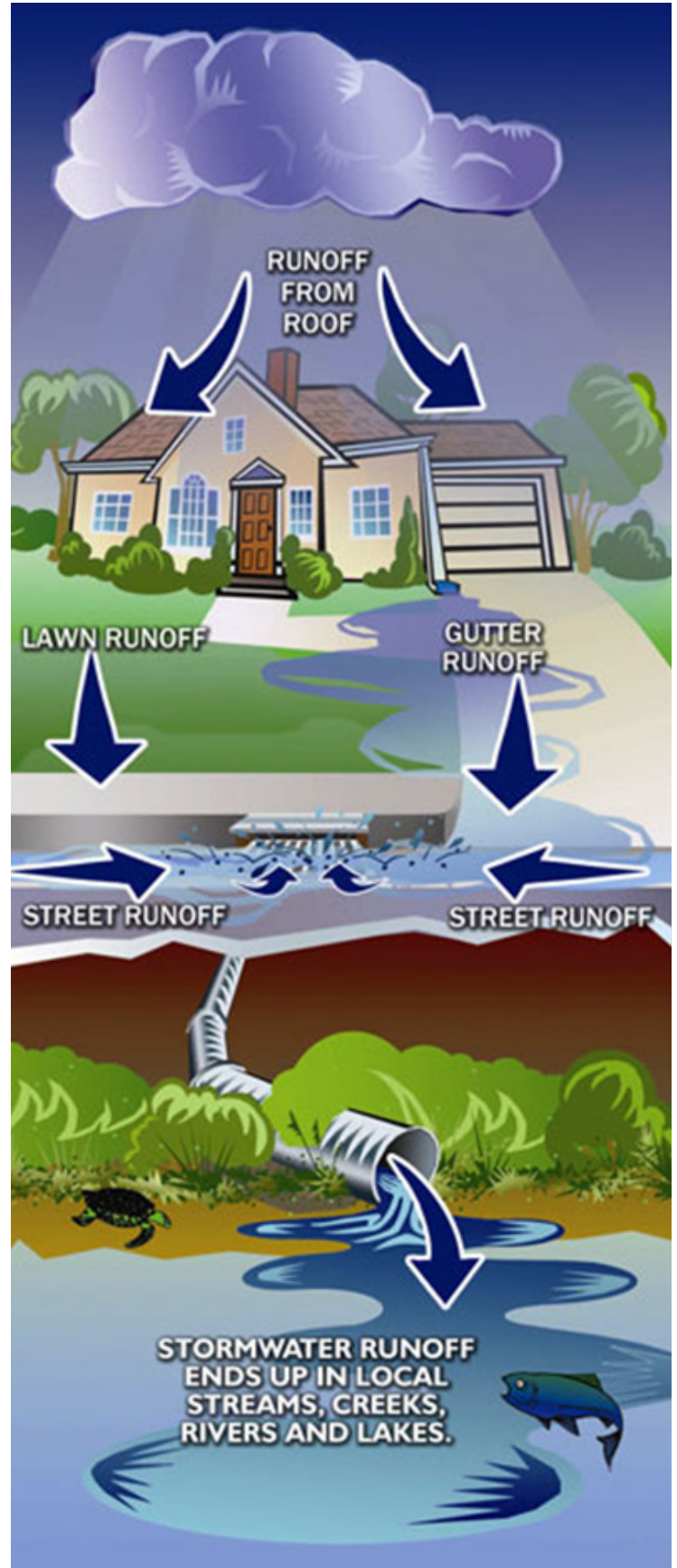
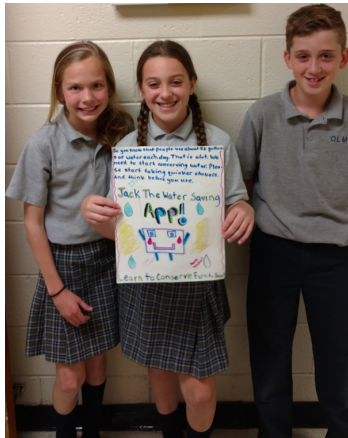
For the students, article submitted by S. Downs, OLMC School, Doylestown

Over the winter, as all of us were shivering through the cold, dark season, thirty-eight fifth grade students at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School were undertaking research to find ways the community can reduce its residential water usage and with it, save residents money and better preserve this essential resource in our area.

In this authentic, action research project, students first measured water use in their homes based on time and flow rates for activities including showering, faucet use in baths and kitchens and laundry and dishwasher use. At the same time, students were developing educational messages and materials to share with family members. Students next gave families a tutorial on water use and where savings could be realized. Starting an action phase of the study with placement of reminders around homes, water use was monitored and recorded. Overall, weekly savings, on the order of 300-500 gallons per household were experienced. The students quickly concluded that, projecting these results across the community, tremendous savings could be realized in energy use related to heating water and the water resource itself.

In an effort to get the word out across the community, two students, Maggie Borek and Brian Gallagher, presented examples of the findings of all phases of the study to the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors. The supervisors invited the students of OLMC to develop a flyer and description of their work. The Information to Action: Learn to Save, Save to Earn flyer will describe the steps residents can take to reduce water use comfortably and provide flow rates for typical appliances and activities.

Using this tool, everyone can measure their success in reducing water needs and energy requirements. Copies of this informational guide will be available at the Township office beginning the end of April.



## Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors

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## Government Access Channel

Comcast Channel 22  
Verizon Channel 31

## Volunteer Boards and Commissions

Agricultural Security Advisory Council  
Bicentennial Committee  
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  
Telecommunications Advisory Board  
Traffic Advisory Committee  
Ways & Means Committee  
Vacancy Board  
Zoning Hearing Board

## Township Staff

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Dave Tomko  
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Parks Superintendent  
Butch Froehlich  
Road Superintendent  
Paul Garr  
Water Superintendent  
Scott Miele  
Finance Director  
Ken Wallace  
Director of Parks & Recreation  
Karen A. Sweeney  
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## Social Media

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## 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

### 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](http://www.doylestownpa.org) and left click "Click Here to Subscribe to Doylestown News" at the bottom of the page

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

Like us on Facebook: Go to [www.facebook.com/doylestowntwp](http://www.facebook.com/doylestowntwp) 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.doylestown-pa.org](http://www.doylestown-pa.org).

### Township Closures

Memorial Day May 29, 2017  
 Independence Day July 4, 2017  
 Labor Day September 4, 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. The Police Building also features a drug drop off location.

For more information, please visit [doylestownpa.org/information](http://doylestownpa.org/information) or call 215-348-9915.

### Septic Management Reminder

Cycle Two Residents must have their septic systems pumped and inspected and have their well water tested for Coliform bacteria by December 31, 2017. 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](http://Doylestownpa.org) under information!

### Lower State Road Trail to Get Underway

Doylestown Township is the recipient of a \$1.4 million Transportation Alternative Program Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a trail to be installed along Lower State Road from Memorial Drive to the 202 Parkway Trail. Work will begin later this spring and will be completed within the next year and a half. The Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee is excited for this project to get underway as it identified this segment of trail early on in its tenure of constructing trails in our community. Today, we have 27 miles throughout our community. The Lower State Road Trail will add another mile to our trail network.

### Don't forget!

**Ready Bucks Emergency Notifications are available to residents. Its recommended that every resident sign up for this emergency alert system! Visit [www.readynotifypa.org](http://www.readynotifypa.org) for details.**

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