



# DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP

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Welcoming 2020!

Doylestown Township has sworn in two new supervisors, launched a new website and announced upcoming programs, events and community involvement opportunities, all while settling into the new municipal complex.

Volunteer boards and committees have contributed a great deal by getting involved in the public sewer project, recognizing the need for an indoor park and recreation facility, contributing to the Township's environmental stewardship and assisting the Ways & Means Committee to plan for the future.

Turn the page for more information about all the above topics and upcoming events. We've also included "Winter Weather Tips" - that is, if it snows. Be prepared for the weather and get involved with Doylestown Township!

## WINTER WEATHER: BEFORE, DURING & AFTER THE STORM

As we gear up for a season of snow, we want to remind residents of the Township's winter weather tips.

### Before the Storm

- Brush up on our snow removal guidelines by viewing the online code book.
- Make sure you are able to receive emergency updates and storm information. This includes alerts from the Township's Google Group, social media pages and Bucks County's Ready Bucks text message alert system.
- Test all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Create a pre-storm checklist and make sure you have important items like fuel for vehicles, generators and snow blowers.

### During the Storm

- Stay off the road if possible. If you must travel, get traffic information from 511pa.com.
- Check the Township's website and social media pages to learn about closures, snow emergency declarations, meeting cancellations, and more.

- Check Central Bucks School District's website for information about school delays, early dismissal, and closures.
- Do not call 9-1-1 to ask about school closings/early dismissals or to report power outages. If you experience an outage, contact PECO at 1-800-841-4141 or [www.peco.com](http://www.peco.com).
- If you have an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

### After the Storm

- Review the Township's snow removal guidelines. Within 24 hours after each snowfall or sleet it is the duty and obligation of the homeowner to clear and remove ice, snow or sleet from the sidewalk.
- Shovel safely! Take it slow and remember to push snow instead of lifting. If you experience any heart attack symptoms, stop immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Did you capture a nice photo of our township in the snow? Share it with us on social media by tagging @doylestowntpw!

## DTMA CORNER

By Keith Hass, Executive Director of DTMA

The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) is excited to announce the extension of public water to portions of the Pebble Ridge and Woodridge neighborhoods within the Township. The amount of interest shown by the residents in this neighborhood to connect to DTMA public water helped make this project possible. DTMA will be coordinating with Toll Brothers and the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority during their public sewer construction. If interested in connecting to DTMA public water please contact us at (215) 348-9915.

Did you know you can avoid mailing or paying in person your quarterly water bill? Visit DTMA's website for instructions to set up an ACH payment or pay via E-Check or Credit Card on-line. The process is simple and will ensure water bills are always paid on time.

Visit [www.doylestownpa.org/DTMA](http://www.doylestownpa.org/DTMA) for more information.



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# Welcome

to the new Township Supervisors!

In the 2019 general election, two new supervisors were elected. Nancy Santacecilia and Dan Wood won the support and votes from the citizens of Doylestown Township. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 both members were sworn into office with the support of family and friends at the reorganization meeting of the Board of Supervisors.



Pictured left to right:  
Nancy Santacecilia, Ryan Manion, Vice Chairman, Jennifer V. Herring, Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman and Dan Wood.



Nancy Santacecilia was accompanied by her oldest son, Alexander when she was sworn in by District Justice Maggie Snow at the Doylestown Township Reorganization Meeting.



Dan Wood was accompanied by wife Jenna and son Connor when he was sworn in by District Justice Maggie Snow at the Doylestown Township Reorganization Meeting.

# Thank You!

At the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting Supervisors Rick Colello and Ken Snyder were recognized by the Board for their years of service and dedication to the Township.



Pictured left to right:  
Dean Logan, Chief of Police and Ken Snyder.



In 2018, members of the Board attended the 'Topping Out Ceremony' and signed their names on a beam that is now in the new Township building!



## FROM THE PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Colleen Mullin, Pension Advisory Committee



Across the county, the funding status of Public and Private Pension plans are something that likely directly affects many of us, whether as resident taxpayers, retirees, beneficiaries or participants, or as business owners or executives of companies who offer private pensions. Having a well-funded Pension is, in most cases, the #1 goal. However, for a myriad of reasons that can be complicated, it can be almost impossible to achieve 100% or more funding levels at all times. It is always a balancing act, and properly managing a Pension plan requires diligence and prudence.

Similar to many other local municipalities around the state and the country, Doylestown Township offers a Pension benefit to their retired staff, including police. A Pension is a promise the Township has made to pay its retirees, in order to recognize and reward their hard work during their tenure here. The Pension is a valuable tool the Township has used to recruit loyal administrative staff and quality candidates to our Police force. That promise to pay is a legal obligation for the Township and, therefore, affects budgetary, tax, and long-term capital planning decisions.

The Township continues to rely on actuarial and investment professionals to assist them in prudently managing this obligation. The Township must certify to the Department of the Auditor General each year certain data related to the plans' funding level. Essentially, this is its ability to pay the promised benefits as measured against the assets in the plan which are used to pay what's promised.

The Township also contends with an annual Minimum Municipal Obligation (or, "MMO"), which is the amount that must be contributed to the Pension plans every year.

The Township currently offers two separate Defined Benefit (Pension) plans – one for Uniformed officers, and one for Non-Uniformed staff. It should be noted that the Non-Uniformed (staff) Pension is no longer taking on new participants. Staff members hired after that change do not qualify for a Defined Benefit Pension payout, however, they do become eligible to contribute a portion of their annual salary to a Defined Contribution plan, to which the Township also contributes on their behalf.

The Township Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for attention to be consistently paid to these obligations on behalf of taxpayers. They have approved the formation of the Pension Advisory Committee (or "PAC") to include residents that specialize in certain areas, so that they may make educated contributions to the Board's decision-making over time. Some specialties of members include accounting, financial management, law, and investment management. The PAC also consists of two representatives who are participants in the Pension plan (one staff member, and one Police member) who support the Board of Supervisors in maintaining balanced oversight over the Pension plans.

After being formed, the PAC members have gotten to work to begin learning more about the Pension plans and their benefit provisions, to meet with the professionals who provide services to the plan, to understand the Plans' investment structures and current asset allocations and Investment Policies, and to identify the costs associated with running the plans. Now that most of the data has been digested by members, they are moving ahead in 2020 with setting immediate and long-term goals to help support the Board of Supervisors (and educate their fellow taxpayer citizens) about how we can continue to take care of our retirees and honor our obligations, while still being prudent with taxpayer dollars. They encourage you to join in on public committee meetings or to attend Board of Supervisor meetings when they may have a presence on the agenda. Together, the Board and the PAC are committed to finding a balanced approach to diligently managing our Township's Pension obligations.

The PAC meets monthly on the 2nd Monday at 4:30 PM at the Township Administration Building. Stay updated on meeting minutes and agendas by visiting [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org).



## THE 2020 CENSUS



### What Is the Census?

The purpose of the National Census is simply to count the population of the United States. It sounds simple, but having that information up to date is extremely important. By having an up-to-date and accurate count of the population the Federal Government is able to see how best to allocate resources. The information collected by the Census directly affects how our community receives funding through grants for new roads or updated community services. It also helps with redistricting or redrawing the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts.

**For more information, visit: [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV)**

### A MESSAGE FROM SAM KOLODNEY, TAX COLLECTOR

By Sam Kolodney, Doylestown Township Tax Collector

Everyone's favorite time of year is coming up soon. Yes – Township County Tax Time! Paper copies of your 2020 Township County Municipal Tax Bill will be mailed prior to March 1st. If for some reason you don't get a copy of your bill or misplace it, please email me at [sam@samuelkolodney.com](mailto:sam@samuelkolodney.com) and I will email you a copy.

Payment of your bill can be done online at [www.doylestowntownshiptaxcollector.com](http://www.doylestowntownshiptaxcollector.com). Please be sure to use the payment option labeled "Pay Your County & Municipal Real Estate Tax Bill Online". Please do not use the Central Bucks School District portal option to pay your Township County bill as the money goes directly to the school district and is difficult to retrieve in a timely manner. I have had a few incidents where people who use their banks "online bill pay" to pay their bills have not gotten their bills paid in a timely fashion. Please look at your bank's terms of service and you will notice that tax bills are specifically mentioned as a bill not to pay using online bill pay. This is because if the payment does not get delivered to me for some reason (wrong address or just bad luck), it looks to you like the bill has been paid because the money has been reserved, but in 90 days when the check is voided due to not being cashed, it is too late to make a timely payment and penalties are then due.

The upshot is to avoid this rare but extremely inconvenient problem, please pay with a hand written check! You can even drop it off at my office. I would love to see you!

Participation in the Census is required by law and mandated by the US Constitution. The Census will count the population of everyone in all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia and five US territories (including Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

### What Does the Census Ask?

The Census asks simple questions about your household. Such questions include, but are not limited to:

- How many people are living in your home?
- Is your home owned by you/someone in your household? Or rented?
- Age/Sex/Race of the people in your household

### How to Respond

This year there are 3 ways to respond to the Census. By April 1st, 2020, every household will have the option of responding to it either:

- Online
- By phone
- By mail

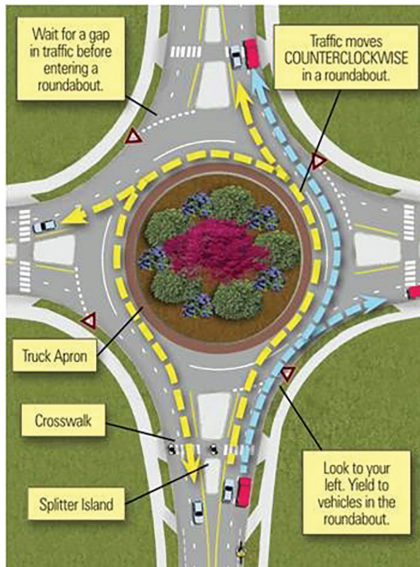
Households will begin receiving the official Census Bureau mail in Mid-March with more detailed information on how to respond.

# ROUNDBABOUTS HELP REDUCE CRASHES AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT INTERSECTIONS

By PENNDOT LTAP

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## Q: PennDOT is placing a roundabout at an intersection of a state road with one of our local roads. Should we be concerned?



**A:** There is no need to worry. Roundabouts are slowly being implemented across Pennsylvania because the state and federal governments have been promoting them as an effective way to reduce crash severity and injuries and improve traffic flow at intersections.

PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have resources to help you better

understand how they work. PennDOT Publication 578 contains safety information and tips to help motorists navigate single-lane roundabouts, while PennDOT Publication 580 focuses on multi-lane roundabouts. PennDOT Publication 579 looks at how pedestrians and bicyclists can safely travel through roundabouts. These publications are available at [penndot.gov](http://penndot.gov).

FHWA resources, including informational brochures, pedestrian and bicycle case studies, and other safety information, are available at [safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/innovative/roundabouts](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/innovative/roundabouts). In addition, PennDOT has released a video to help the public better understand how to navigate roundabouts.

The video can be viewed at [youtu.be/nNXRIWgAVOg](http://youtu.be/nNXRIWgAVOg).

## Q: I find roundabouts to be confusing and dangerous. Are they really safer?

**A:** It is understandable to feel confused about roundabouts because they are relatively new in Pennsylvania. However, roundabouts are a proven safety countermeasure by the FHWA because they significantly reduce head-on, left-turning, and right angle-crashes. When compared to a signalized intersection, single-lane roundabouts reduce fatal crashes by 90%, injury-causing crashes by 75%, pedestrian crashes by 30 to 40%, and bicycle crashes by 10%, according to studies cited by PennDOT. Likewise, multi-lane roundabouts show a 32% reduction in all crashes with 68% fewer injury-causing crashes.

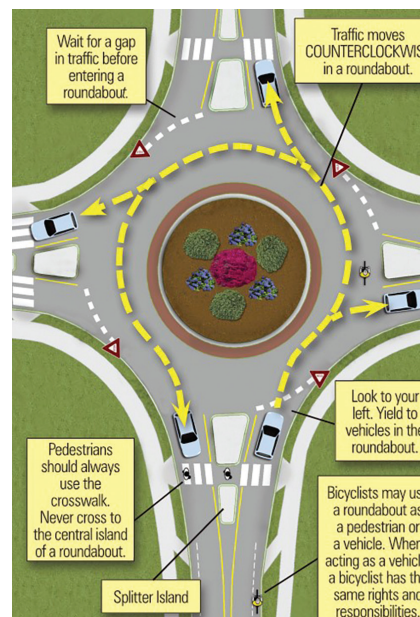
As with any change, it will take time to adjust to roundabouts. Resources from PennDOT and FHWA can help everyone become better acclimated. Email questions or concerns about roundabouts to [RA-Roundabout@pa.gov](mailto:RA-Roundabout@pa.gov). The FHWA also has a detailed video explaining why roundabouts are a safer choice. It can be viewed at [youtu.be/uhHzly\\_6IWM](http://youtu.be/uhHzly_6IWM).

## Q: Because of yielding and slower speeds through the intersection, don't roundabouts actually take longer to navigate and thus slow down traffic?

**A:** It's true that motorists must navigate a roundabout at a slower speed but think of it this way: At a roundabout, you're only required to yield to circulating or oncoming vehicles. In comparison, drivers are required to stop at a traffic signal or stop sign even if there are no oncoming vehicles.

According to PennDOT, roundabouts typically carry about 30% more vehicles than similarly sized signalized intersections during peak flow conditions. During off-peak hours, roundabouts cause almost no delay, whereas traffic signals can delay traffic coming from a side street or turning left off the main street. Roundabouts accommodate increased vehicular capacity because continuously flowing traffic only has to yield until a gap is available instead of having to wait at a red signal.

Roundabouts also treat all roads equally, whether state or local. Adaptive traffic signals, on the other hand, prioritize major streets, causing more delay for motorists on side roads and pedestrians looking to cross the major street.



If that's not enough to make you a roundabout convert, maybe the guys from the Discovery television show "Mythbusters" will change your mind. Their data showed that a roundabout allowed nearly 20% more cars to pass through than a four-way stop did. You can view their experiment at [wimp.com/mythbusters-four-way-stop-vs-roundabout](http://wimp.com/mythbusters-four-way-stop-vs-roundabout).



# CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

By Sahara Mtairi, Doylestown Township Intern



As winter slowly settles in and more people turn on their heating systems to combat the cold, it is vital to keep an eye out for carbon monoxide buildup.

## What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide, or 'CO', is often referred to as the "Invisible Killer" because it is a poisonous, clear, colorless and odorless gas that is produced any time a fossil fuel is burned. If left to build up in your homes or vehicles, Carbon Monoxide can lead to serious illness-and possibly death-to any person or animal who breathes it in.

## Where Is It Found?

Carbon Monoxide is found in the fumes from anything you use to burn fuel. It can most commonly be found in the fumes from:

Cars	Trucks
Small Engines	Grills
Stoves	Fireplaces
Furnaces	Gas Ranges

## Symptoms

According to the CDC, symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning appear to be "flu-like" and include the following:

Headache	Weakness
Dizziness	Upset Stomach
Vomiting	Chest Pain
Confusion	Blurred Vision

## Who's at risk?

Everyone is at a potential risk of Carbon Monoxide poisoning. However, those most likely to be affected by CO poisoning are infants and the elderly. Those with chronic health problems such as heart disease, anemia, or breathing problems-like asthma or COPD-also run a higher risk of being affected.

## Prevention

The CDC, (Centers for Disease Control) recommends that the best way to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning from happening to you is to install a Carbon Monoxide detector in your homes. Make sure to check/replace the batteries twice a year (it is recommended that the best time to do this is in the spring and fall when you change the time on your clocks), as well as replacing the detector itself every five years or so.

***In order to prevent Carbon Monoxide buildup, the CDC also recommends doing the following:***

- Have your water heater, heating system, or any other fuel (gas, oil, or coal) burning appliances serviced every year by a qualified technician.
- Have chimneys checked/cleaned every year. Your chimney could be blocked by debris, which can cause a CO buildup in your living space.
- DO NOT use a gas range or oven to heat your living space.
- DO NOT burn charcoal indoors. CO can be found in any type of burning charcoal.
- Check to make sure your gas appliances are being properly ventilated.
- It is also recommended that, in order to prevent Carbon Monoxide poisoning from your car/truck, you should:
  - Have a qualified mechanic check your car/trucks exhaust system every year.
  - Never run your car/truck inside a garage that is attached to your home, even if the garage door is open.
  - If you have a detached garage, make sure to open the garage door when you run your car/truck to let in fresh air.

For a complete list of ways to prevent Carbon Monoxide poisoning or buildup from occurring in your home, please check out the CDC Website, linked below!

<https://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm>

**WE'RE HAVING A CELEBRATION OF TREES AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

# 10 DAYS FOR TREES

Your Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) has organized a series of events called 10 Days for Trees!

Events will run from Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The celebration includes guided walks, talks, tree memories, a poetry share, a pop-up forest, book club discussion, movie night and, of course, tree planting.

The community has come together to partner and offer their venues. Venues will range from the Doylestown Township Administration Building, Delaware Valley University, the Doylestown Bookshop, the County Theater, the Doylestown Cemetery and the Mercer Museum. Tree planting will happen in both Doylestown Township's Central Park and at the Poole's Corner Park and Ride located at the old Route 202 and the Parkway intersection.

We are issuing a "passport" which will be stamped at each event! Most of the events are free and all are open to the public.

Please come join us!

## EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>APRIL</b> 16	<b>KICK OFF EVENT</b> Thursday, April 16 @ 7pm Doylestown Township Administration Bldg.	<b>APRIL</b> 21	<b>SPEAKER SERIES with JULIANNE SCHIEFFER</b> Tuesday, April 21 @ 7pm Delaware Valley University, Life Sciences Bldg.
<b>APRIL</b> 17	<b>POETRY SHARE</b> Friday, April 17 @ 7pm Doylestown Township Administration Bldg.	<b>APRIL</b> 22	<b>RIPARIAN PLANTING</b> Wednesday, April 22 @ 8:30am Central Park, Doylestown Township
<b>APRIL</b> 18	<b>DOYLESTOWN FARMERS MARKET</b> Saturday, April 18 @ 8am S. Hamilton St., Doylestown, PA 18901	<b>APRIL</b> 22	<b>SPEAKER SERIES with MAY ANNE BORGE, BHWP Naturalist and Photographer</b> Wednesday, April 22 @ 7:00pm Doylestown Township Administration Bldg.
<b>APRIL</b> 19	<b>WALK &amp; TALK with JOAN MALOOF FOUNDER OF OLD-GROWTH FOREST NETWORK</b> Sunday, April 19 @ 8:30am Doylestown Township Administration Bldg.	<b>APRIL</b> 23	<b>BOOK DISCUSSION : THE SONGS OF TREES</b> Thursday, April 23 @ 6:15pm Doylestown Bookshop
<b>APRIL</b> 20	<b>MOVIE DAY - "Mysteries of the Rainforest"</b> Monday, April 20 @ 10am & 2pm Mercer Museum	<b>APRIL</b> 24	<b>DOYLESTOWN CEMETERY TREE TOUR with CHRISTOPHER MAY</b> Friday, April 24 @ 2pm Doylestown Cemetery
<b>APRIL</b> 20	<b>MOVIE NIGHT - "Call of the Forest"</b> Monday, April 20 @ 7pm ** \$5.00 ticket fee County Theater	<b>APRIL</b> 24	<b>SPEAKER SERIES with STEVE SAFFIER about FOREST BIRDS</b> Friday, April 24 @ 7:00pm Doylestown Township Administration Bldg.
<b>APRIL</b> 21	<b>FOREST BATHING : MEDITATIVE FOREST WALK</b> Tuesday, April 21 @ 9am ** \$25.00 ticket fee Hart's Woods, Central Park, Doylestown	<b>APRIL</b> 25	<b>ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING EVENT</b> Saturday, April 25 @ 8:30am Poole's Corner

**\*\*EVENT TIMES AND LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY.\*\***

For updates and more detailed information visit [www.doylestownpa.org](http://www.doylestownpa.org).



## KIDS CASTLE FOR ALL ABILITIES

By Joe Salvati, Friend of Kids Castle, Chairman



Kids Castle for all abilities is open for play from dawn to dusk, 7-days a week!

Recently, the volunteers of Friends of Kids Castle, in partnership with the Township and the community, finished a massive improvement project that upgraded the playground for children of all abilities including kids with special needs.

The improvement area encompassed over half of the entire playground. It was a total reconstruction starting from below the subgrade surface all the way up and required heavy equipment work and intense labor.

So much more was accomplished in addition to installing all new play structures. Improvements included a newly designed drainage system to adequately remit water offsite. The actual square footage of the play area was also increased to allow for more play opportunities. New fencing was installed in the project area to replace the old which was reaching the end of its lifespan. A concrete perimeter was set in place forming an area to receive the new safety surfacing and to help increase its longevity.

A new seating area was also created and will soon provide shading. Additionally, over 7,000 square-feet of new Poured-in-Place (PIP) safety surfacing was installed to replace the existing wood fiber in the project area. PIP will help provide equal access to the playground for all and ease of maneuverability for children and adults using wheelchairs and other mobility devices. All of this and more are included in the improvements to our playground.

The new play structures installed meet the needs of children with a variety of abilities at all ends of the spectrum to encourage and enable them to play with one another. Kids are now participating equally and independently at their own skill level along with family and friends. Play features are also included for children with visual impairment, hearing impairment, autism/SPD, mobility impairment, and cognitive disabilities.

It was a long journey from the beginning to completion and well worth the wait. The proof is easy to see each day on all the little smiling faces. The children are filled with joy and laughter as they navigate through the playground on all the new play pieces.

Thank you to everyone who helped make these amazing upgrades a reality. To continue your support of Kids Castle and the ongoing improvements to our playground, please visit [www.SaveKidsCastle.org](http://www.SaveKidsCastle.org). We can't do it without your help.

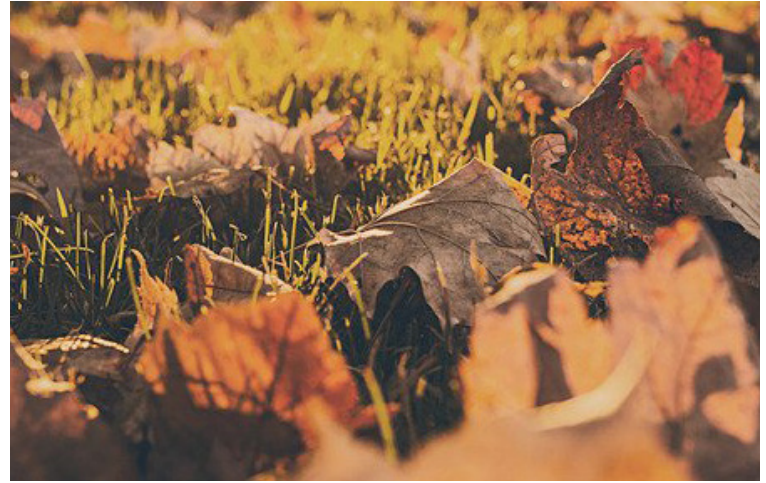




## LEAF & YARD WASTE

## RECYCLING INFORMATION

There are several ways you can dispose of leaf and yard waste in Doylestown 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. The Township licensed trash hauler that you contract with for the collection of your recyclables is required to provide both a Spring and Fall leaf collection. See the dates below! Please contact your trash hauler directly for any requirements they may have for the collection. You can contract with a landscaper who can dispose of your leaves and yard waste at a commercial recycling center.



Residents may use their own vehicles (no landscape or commercial vehicles accepted) to bring leaves and yard waste to the drop off site at 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.

### TRASH HAULER PICK UP DATES

<u>Republic Services</u>	<u>Waste Management</u>	<u>Whitetail Disposal, Inc.</u>
May 9, 2020	April 11, 2020	April 14, 2020
October 17, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 14, 2020
November 21, 2020		

Advanced Disposal Services, Inc.  
TBD

DelGuerico's Wrecking & Salvage, Inc.  
TBD

### 2020 TOWNSHIP DROP OFF DATES

- March 21, 2020
- April 18, 2020
- May 16, 2020
- June 20, 2020
- July 18, 2020
- August 15, 2020
- September 19, 2020
- October 17, 2020
- November 21, 2020
- December 19, 2020



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Electronics can no longer be disposed of with municipal waste under the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010. Many electronics contain mercury, lead, arsenic, chromium and other potential hazardous substances which is why it's important to recycle them properly in order to keep the toxic substances from contaminating groundwater when landfilled.

There are many options when it comes to electronics recycling. Bucks County Municipalities have TV and E-waste collections programs. Also, companies that are dedicated to responsible recycling host events and accept a wide range of electronics. Visit [www.buckscounty.org](http://www.buckscounty.org) to view recycling information and see local eCycling events for televisions, computers and other electronics.





## 2020 TOWNSHIP BUDGET



On December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Final 2020 Budget for Doylestown Township. Their approval capped off an eight-month collaborative review process between the Supervisors, the Ways & Means Committee, and the Township Staff. This Budget will address the current needs of the Township, enabling us to provide our Community with efficient and effective services for the coming year.

### Highlights of the 2020 Budget

This Budget includes total revenue of \$13.7m, which is up \$0.4m from 2019. This includes:

- The largest revenue source-Earned Income Tax at \$4.4m, up 1.7% from 2019.
- Real Estate Tax revenue at \$3.6m, including an increase of  $\frac{3}{4}$  mill split between the General Fund and the Parks Fund.
  - o The impact on the average Township household will be \$31 per year.

The \$15 million spending plan will not only provide general police, fire and ambulance, parks & recreation, code enforcement and administration services to the community, but also has a significant capital expenditures plan for our roads, bridges, traffic signals, bike/hike trails, and storm water management.

- The largest portion of operations expense will be salaries at \$5.1m, with non-uniform raises averaging 3.0% / Police: 3.25%
- The second largest portion of the operations expenses are for fringes at \$3.1m, of which \$1.3m is for pensions (including \$125K of extra Township contributions), and \$1.1m for medical insurance premiums.

**In 2020 the Major/Capital Spending Activity, will total \$3.1m, and will include:**

- Roads Maintenance focusing on roads and curbs in the Pebble Ridge/Woodridge area- for \$1.2m, sewers are currently being installed in this area.
- Bridge maintenance work of \$300K is expected to take place on three area bridges.
- Public Works will finish construction of an equipment storage facility as well as upgrade and repair lighting in Central Park.
- Public Works will move ahead on a number of Grant supported traffic improvement and trail projects. While the spending will total \$500K in 2020, the Township's portion of that total will be approximately \$25K.

### Five Year Budget Perspective (2020-2024)

This Budget process also produces a projection of future budgets five years out. With the assistance of the Ways and Means Committee, the Board-together with a dedicated group of residents volunteers-look to future sources of revenue to make sure that long-term projects are sustainable five years into the future. The reason for completing these projections is to provide a longer range context to the financial decisions that need to be made for 2020, and to insure the Township's ability to provide desired resident services.

**Some important achievements of the 2020 Budget Plan over the 2020-2024 period include:**

- Net Operational Income remains positive over 2019-2024, averaging \$630K/yr.
- Providing funding for \$5.6m in Road Restoration over the next 5 years.
- Providing funding for a proposed Park/Recreation Community Center facility by borrowing and spending an estimated \$4m in 2021, with the associated Debt Service repayments starting in 2022.
- Matching the projected rise in Debt Service obligations that are the result of the New Building project, Pebble Ridge-Woodridge curbs project, and the potential Park/Recreation/Community Center project by a modest 2020 Real Estate Tax increase (0.75 mill/\$31 per average household per year) and an anticipated 1.25 mills more, spread over 2022 – 2023.
- Providing healthy 2024 balances in all Funds, including the General Fund, whose 2024 ending balance is projected to reach our target of 10% in the fifth year.

## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP

425 WELLS ROAD DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901

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WWW.DOYLESTOWNPA.ORG

8:30 AM- 4:30 PM (MONDAY-FRIDAY)



### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Friends of Kids' Castle

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Bucks County Health Department : 215-348-3318

Bucks County Office of Consumer Protection : 215-348-6060

Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority : 215 348-2538

Central Bucks School District : 267-893-2000

Doylestown Borough : 215-348-4140

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Doylestown Fire Company #1 - Non-emergency : 215-348-2656

Doylestown Hospital : 215-345-2200

Doylestown Post Office : 267-880-3918

Doylestown Township : 215-348-9915

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**Saturday, August 8 - Lower Bucks**  
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**Saturday, October 17 - Upper Bucks**  
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