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Chairman's Message

By: Jennifer Herring, Chairman, Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors

As the weather changes and the leaves turn vibrant colors, we are excited to share some wonderful transformations happening in our township. This summer, Doylestown Township brought our beautiful community together with the Thompson Performing Arts Series at the C&N Amphitheater. This series showcased a fantastic range of music, from the nostalgic sounds of Doo-wop to the energetic vibes of Rock 'n' Roll, creating an atmosphere of joy and connection. The evenings were filled with laughter, dancing, and camaraderie, reminding us of the power of community spirit.

As we transition into the fall, we are excited about the upcoming events planned for the season and winter months. Keep an eye out for seasonal activities, holiday celebrations, and community gatherings that will bring us together once more. Your involvement is what makes Doylestown Township such a vibrant place to live!

In addition to our community events, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge the leadership within our township. We extend our deepest gratitude to Chief Dean Logan for his 37 years of dedicated service to the Doylestown Township Police. His commitment to our safety and well-being has left a lasting impact. As he steps into retirement, we are thrilled to welcome our new Chief, Chief Ziegler. We have full confidence in his ability to uphold our community's safety and foster positive relationships with residents.

Furthermore, our Central Park improvements are progressing with much anticipation and support from the community. Thanks to generous donations from local businesses, contributions made at our concerts, funds raised during our annual golf outing, and the diligent efforts of the township in securing grants, our fundraising for this project has been remarkable. We are truly grateful to everyone who has contributed to the future of Central Park. Your support is vital as we work to create a beautiful space for all to enjoy.

Thank you for being an integral part of Doylestown Township. Your engagement, enthusiasm, and support make our community a wonderful place to live. We look forward to seeing you at our future gatherings and continuing to build a vibrant, connected community together!



Doylestown Township E-News

Stay Informed – Sign-up for E-News!

Are you signed up for E-News? It is a great way to stay on top of any recent news, events, and more! E-News will hit your inbox every Friday at 4PM (please note it may end up in your junk/spam folder so please check there if you do not receive it). Signing up for e-news is easy, just visit our website at doylestownpa.org and click the link at the top menu to sign up for e-news.

Stay connected and be informed!

Summer 2024 Highlights

This summer, our community embraced the outdoors, showing resilience in the face of heat and occasional rain. We want to thank our residents for their patience during the construction of the Community Recreation Center and Park Improvement Projects at Central Park.

We recognize that the construction brought challenges, particularly with limited parking. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we worked to communicate parking options and provide alternative locations. Our dedicated staff was on hand to facilitate ease of access, ensuring everyone could continue to enjoy the park and its activities.

A big thank you to everyone who joined our summer activities—your support made this season special. Here’s to creating more wonderful memories together!

SUMMER CONCERTS

The Park and Recreation Department hosted nine concerts this summer as part of the Thompson Performing Arts Series at the C&N Amphitheater in Central Park. Attendees enjoyed a variety of food trucks, and a beer garden provided by Warwick Farm Brewing.



Throughout the concert series, we organized 50/50 raffles to raise funds and took the opportunity to educate concertgoers about our “Build the Bathroom” campaign. This initiative is a key part of the capital campaign for our park improvement project.

FIDO FLOAT

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Fido Float event at Fanny Chapman! It was a joy to see so many happy pups splashing around and enjoying the pool. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Doylestown Borough, Fanny Chapman Pool, and the Doylestown Animal Medical Clinic (DAMC) for their continued partnership in making this event a success. We look forward to seeing you and your furry friends again next year!



Summer 2024 Highlights cont.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Despite the late September heat, our Food Truck Festival was a fantastic success, featuring 18 food trucks serving a variety of delicious offerings. Attendees found shade and relaxed with family and friends, enjoying the lively atmosphere. The Cherry Lane Band added to the festive spirit with their wonderful music, creating a delightful backdrop for the event.



GOLF OUTING

The Township's Annual Golf Outing at Commonwealth National Golf Club was a wonderful success, drawing an impressive turnout. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated. From the players who enjoyed a day on the course to the sponsors whose generous support made the event possible, this outing was a true community effort.



Doylestown Township Police Department

Scam Alert!



It might start with a phone call, text message, or pop-up message on a computer. The storyline might describe a loved one in distress, a package out for delivery, or hackers attempting to take money from a bank account. The plot might change, but the motive is always the same. Scammers are always trying to find new ways to trick people into giving them money or personal information. The proliferation of scams is a nationwide problem, and the Doylestown Township Police Department has seen the effects in our community. Scams can leave victims in financial ruins, with feelings of embarrassment and betrayal.

Here's a couple of tips to avoid being the victim of a scam:

- Be wary of unsolicited phone calls, text messages and emails.
- Verify identity of a caller, text message or email through independent sources.
- Don't respond to pop-up messages on a computer.
- Avoid pressure to act immediately.
- When in doubt, talk to trusted family or friends before taking an action.

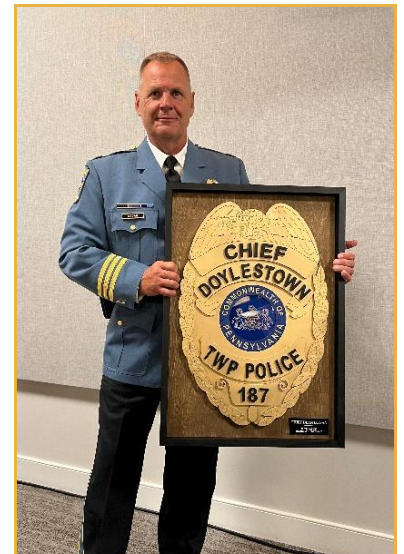
Chief A. Dean Logan Retires After 37 Years of Service

After 37 years of service, we celebrate the retirement of Chief A. Dean Logan from the Doylestown Township Police.

Chief Logan started his career in 1987 as a patrolman and rose through the ranks, becoming a Detective in 1991, Sergeant in 2003, and Lieutenant in 2005. In 2012, he was appointed Chief of Police, where he led the department with dedication and integrity.

A graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy, Chief Logan is also a member of the Bucks County Chief's of Police and the PA Chiefs of Police Association. During his tenure, he guided the department through key advancements, including the adoption of social media, body and car cameras, and the launch of the Motor Patrol Unit in 2017. In 2022, he led the department to achieve accreditation, ensuring it met the highest standards of professionalism and excellence. He also played a crucial role in the construction of the new Township Administration Building and Police Station in 2018.

Throughout his career, Chief Logan encouraged his officers to continually improve their skills, supporting advanced training in traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, and command-level leadership.



We thank Chief Logan for his incredible service and leadership and wish him the best in his retirement!

New Police Chief Charles Zeigler

We are proud to announce the appointment of Charles Zeigler as the new Police Chief. Chief Zeigler was officially sworn in by Honorable Matthew D. Weintraub on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at the Board of Supervisors meeting, marking a new chapter for the township's law enforcement leadership. Surrounded by his family, fellow officers, and friends, Chief Zeigler took the oath of office.

Chief Zeigler brings with him a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to serving the community. Known for his leadership, integrity, and dedication to public safety, he has been a vital part of the police force and is well-respected among his colleagues and the community.

As he steps into his new role, Chief Zeigler will continue advancing the department's mission of ensuring the safety and well-being of all township residents. His vision aligns with the department's long-standing tradition of excellence, and the Board of Supervisors has expressed confidence in his ability to lead with the same values that have made Doylestown Township a safe and welcoming place.

Please join us in congratulating Chief Zeigler as he embarks on this new journey to serve and protect our community!



Current Green Light Go Projects

We are excited to announce that Doylestown Township has been awarded multiple Green Light-Go state grants to enhance our traffic signal and signal systems. This investment is a significant boost for our township, ensuring safer and more efficient travel for our residents and visitors. The Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program, also known as the "Green Light-Go Program", is a competitive state grant program designed to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Current Projects and their Phases

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

- **Swamp Road Traffic Signal System Upgrades:** Seven traffic signals along the Swamp Road corridor, and borders three adjacent municipalities, will be upgraded and connected to PennDOT's fiber optic network for future monitoring. The enhancements include advanced features such as fiber optic compatibility, video detection, uninterruptible power supplies, and optimized signal timing. Additionally, pedestrian improvements will feature LED push buttons and countdown signals for safer crossings. These upgrades aim to improve safety, reduce red light violations, and minimize crashes related to signal changes. Anticipated completion in early 2025.
- **Various Traffic Signal Safety Improvements:** New safety measures will be implemented at various intersections, including the installation of flashing yellow arrows and updated clearance timings. Additional upgrades will feature battery backups, emergency preemption, video detection, and dilemma zone radar detection, along with LED hand/man countdown pedestrian signals. These enhancements aim to provide motorists with more opportunities to make left turns during off-peak hours while improving overall intersection safety. Anticipated completion in early 2025.

DESIGN PHASE

- **Easton Road & Edison-Furlong Road Traffic Signal Modernization:** Currently in the design phase, this project includes the removal of the mast arm from the concrete island and the installation of ADA-compliant ramps. Upgrades will feature flashing yellow arrows, emergency preemption, video detection, battery backups, pedestrian push buttons, and dedicated hand/man countdown signals with optimized timing. This initiative aims to promote safety and enhance mobility by relocating the frequently struck mast arm. The new flashing yellow operation will replace the existing five-section head, and additional data will be collected to assess conflict factors during peak times. Anticipated completion in early 2026.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- **Pebble Hill Road & Edison Furlong Road and Limekiln Road & Ferry Road Traffic Signal Modernization:** In 2024 Doylestown Township was awarded a Green Light-Go state grant for modernization of signal equipment at these two intersections to improve operation and safety. This project is anticipated to start the design phase in 2026.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Routes to School Trail Completed

Doylestown Township is proud to announce the completion of the Shady Retreat Road Safe Routes to School Trail. This project, spanning approximately one mile, creates a critical connection between local residential communities and nearby schools, including Delaware Valley University, Doyle Elementary, and Lenape Middle School. The new shared-use path runs along Burpee Road, North Shady Retreat Road, and Limekiln Road.

Key improvements include:

- A safer route for pedestrians and cyclists with connections to existing paths leading to Central Park and the Route 202 Trail.
- A 3-way stop at the intersection of North Shady Retreat and Burpee Road to address safety concerns.
- Modifications to the Limekiln Road bridge over PA Route 611, providing a separated walking and biking area.

This project was funded primarily by state grants, and enhances accessibility for all, including individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). With improved connections to schools and major community facilities, the new trail promotes safety, active transportation, and greater mobility for everyone in the township.

Doylestown Township's Capital Campaign Soars in Summer Fundraising Efforts

Our Capital Campaign for the new Community Recreation Center (CRC) and Park Improvement Project experienced a successful summer of fundraising, as the township continues to work toward its goal of creating a space for community connection and growth.

The campaign started in the spring with the "Match Madness" Marv Woodall Challenge, which brought in an impressive \$50,000 for the CRC project. Local philanthropists, Marv and Dee Ann Woodall, pledged to match donations dollar for dollar, and the community responded enthusiastically, contributing to a total of \$25,000 that was doubled thanks to Woodall's generosity.

Following the initial success of the spring fundraising efforts, the summer focus shifted to the bathroom project—an essential part of the overall development of the recreation center. The **"Walk No Further: Build the Bathrooms"** campaign addresses several key challenges for park visitors:

- **Enhanced Accessibility:** The new bathrooms will be fully accessible, ensuring that individuals with disabilities, seniors, and families with young children can use the facilities comfortably and safely.
- **Closer Proximity:** Strategically located between Kids Castle and the Amphitheater, the new bathrooms will reduce the distance visitors need to travel, making the park experience more convenient for everyone.
- **Future-Proof Maintenance:** The bathrooms will be designed with durable materials and features that reduce upkeep, ensuring the facilities remain clean and operational for years to come.

Your donation will directly contribute to creating accessible, conveniently located, and easy-to-maintain bathrooms that will serve the community for many years. By building these facilities, we are investing in the well-being and comfort of every park visitor!

The Community Recreation Center Topping Off Ceremony on August 26th was a crowning event as summer began to wind down. A Topping Off Ceremony is a rite of passage for many building projects. It is traditionally held when the last beam is placed on the structure of a building under construction. The beam may be signed by stakeholders involved in the project and an evergreen branch is placed at the highest point. This event was celebratory as the community was able to witness the project's tangible progress.

As the Capital Campaign continues, Doylestown Township is actively seeking support for the remainder of the project, including contributions from businesses and corporations. The township is extending a "Partner with Us" invitation, offering individuals, businesses and corporations, an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the community.

At time of print, our Capital Campaign has raised \$2,260,134. With a goal of 3 million dollars, we have met 75% of our goal! We are appreciative of everyone who has given. **Please reach out to us if you would like to Play a Part to raise the last 25%.**



**PLAY
A PART**
AT CENTRAL PARK

- Be a Donor
- Be a Sponsor
- Leave Your Legacy
- Help Build the CRC

MAKE AN IMPACT AND GAIN RECOGNITION

The mission of Doylestown Township is to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of its citizens. The CRC and Park Improvement Project embodies this mission by providing a space that fosters community connection, wellness, and growth. It's more than just a building—it's a commitment to advancing the quality of life for everyone in our township.

Are you a business or corporation looking to make a lasting impact? Partner with us and be part of something bigger. By aligning your brand with the CRC, you'll demonstrate your dedication to community well-being while gaining valuable exposure as a leader in positive change.

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY - NAME AN AREA!



Gerhard's Kitchen



John & Molly Gribb Lobby



Thompson Family Relaxation Patio



Castle Comfort Cottage
\$300,000



Multi-Purpose Hall
\$400,000



Gymnasium
\$400,000



Outdoor Court Complex
\$600,000



Penn Community Bank & Special Olympics of Bucks County



Bocce Court
(1 available)
\$25,000



Pickleball Court
(6 available)
\$25,000 each



James Plummer



Basketball Court
(1 available)
\$25,000



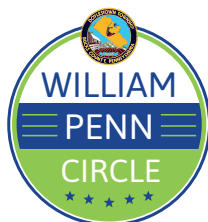
Tennis Court (4 available)
\$25,000 each

GIVING WALL

Your generosity will be recognized on our Giving Wall reflecting your support.



1818 Ambassador
\$5,000 - \$10,000



William Penn Circle
\$2,500 - \$4,999



Bucks Society
\$1,000 - \$2499



Cross Keys Partner
\$500 - \$999

Ready to Join Us? Help Build the CRC!

For more information on how to contribute or to become a partner in the Capital Campaign, visit the Doylestown Township website at www.doylestownpa.org.

Every donation helps build a better, stronger community!



Scan here to make your donation!

Charitable contributions to government units are tax-deductible under 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please consult your tax advisor for complete information on how donations to a political subdivision maybe tax deductible. Doylestown Township's Federal Tax ID number is 23-6000296.

2024 Road Program Complete

The Board of Supervisors adopted the 2024 Road Program on July 16th, 2024, and we are pleased to announce that all scheduled work has been successfully completed. This year's program, totaling \$847,000, focused on improving roadway conditions to enhance safety and accessibility throughout the township.

The following roads were included in this year's paving projects:

- Rickert Road
- Pine Run Road
- Short Road
- Windover Lane (Woodbury Path)
- Coles Circle
- Brook Drive
- Sand Sam Circle
- Kuhn Drive
- Old Nursery Road
- Valley Drive
- Farmhouse Lane
- Turkey Lane



Thanks to the dedication of our Public Works Department, the 2024 Road Program was completed efficiently and on schedule. We appreciate the community's patience and cooperation during the construction period.

Investing in infrastructure is a top priority for Doylestown Township, and these upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining safe and well-maintained roadways for all residents and visitors.

Stay tuned for updates on future road programs and other public works projects that continue to enhance the quality of life in our township.

PET WASTE & STORMWATER

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and parasites such as E. coli, Giardia, and Salmonella. When left on the ground, rain can wash it into storm drains, which often flow directly into local streams, rivers, and lakes.

Pet waste is high in nitrogen and phosphorus. When it enters water bodies through stormwater runoff, it contributes to nutrient pollution, which can lead to harmful algal blooms. These blooms deplete oxygen in the water, harming aquatic ecosystems and reducing water quality.

Pet waste can contain pathogens that pose risks to both humans and animals. These pathogens can spread diseases when they reach water bodies, parks, or other public areas, creating unsafe environments for recreation and daily activities.

When pet waste is washed into storm drains, it can clog systems and increase the need for maintenance. This adds to the cost of stormwater management and reduces the effectiveness of infrastructure designed to prevent flooding and keep water clean.

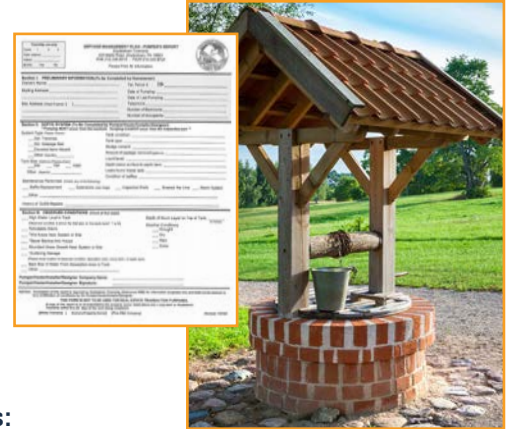


Septic Management Reminder

Septic Systems and Well Testing is required every three years! Are you up to date?

Attention Doylestown Township Residents who have septic systems and well water—you need to pump your septic systems and test your well water every three years, which is required by Township Ordinance.

- **Anyone who is in non-compliance and past due for this requirement**—Property owners received a final letter (multiple reminders have been sent!) and are required to comply with either pumping their septic system and/or testing their water by **November 30th** or the Code Enforcement Department will act which may include fines and legal action. Please make sure your property is complying with these requirements.
- **Reminders for properties due in 2024**—If you are due in 2024, please make sure you submit your water test result or pumper report to the Township before the end of this year.
- **All water test results, and pumper reports can be submitted several ways:**
 - » E-mail: info@doylestownpa.org
 - » Dropped Off or Mail to: Doylestown Township 425 Wells Road Doylestown, PA 18901
 - » Fax: 215-348-8729



For more information on this program, please visit doylestownpa.org/information/septic-management-program/ or scan QR code.



Doylestown Township Municipal Authority Receives \$4.4 Million Grant for Drinking Water Improvements

The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) on July 17th was awarded a \$4,415,435 grant from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to improve the quality of water delivered to its 3,000 customers. The grant funds a future water treatment project utilizing the latest technology to remove PFAS (forever chemicals) and manganese from two existing public water supply wells. This is significant as only a few projects of this nature in Bucks County have been awarded as a grant (as opposed to a loan) to date. DTMA worked in conjunction with PENNVEST, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Doylestown Township to secure the funding.

A big thank you to PENNVEST, State Senator Steve Santarsiero, State Rep. Tim Brennan, State Rep. Shelby Labs, the DTMA Board of Directors, and the Doylestown Township Supervisors for providing their support of this important community improvement project.

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 Office: 215-348-9915

PA Recycling Hotline: 800-346-4242

PennDOT: 215-345-6060
1-800-FIX-ROAD (pothole)

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

Winter Preparation

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.
- 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.

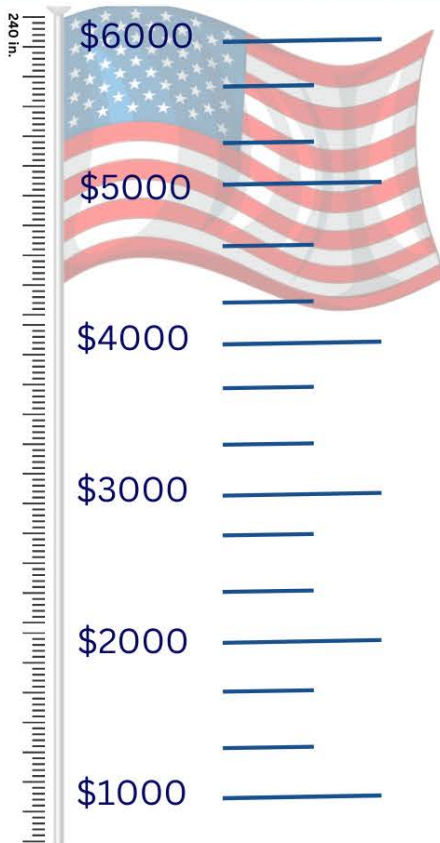
Did you capture a nice photo of our township in the snow? Share it with us on social media by tagging @doylestowntp!



Help Us Raise the Flag in Honor of Our Veterans!

The Veterans Advisory Committee invites you to be a part of a special community project to honor and remember our local veterans while supporting the Community Recreation Center (CRC) and Park Improvement Projects. We are raising funds to install a 20-foot flagpole at the Community Recreation Center in Central Park and we need your help!

You can purchase one inch of 240 in. flagpole for \$25.00



How to Participate

Purchase Your Inch:

- Contribute \$25.00 to purchase one inch.

Honor or Memorialize a Veteran:


- Dedicate your inch to a veteran by name to acknowledge their service and sacrifice.

Support the CRC & Park Improvement Project:

- Your contribution directly supports the Community Recreation Center and Park Improvement Project.

Join Us in Raising the Flag

- Participate in the installation of the new flagpole and the unveiling of a plaque or display will be created to honor the names of the veterans recognized through this initiative.

 Cut here and return with check

Donor Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Donation Amount \$25.00 for one inch of the flagpole
(Please select one)

Other Amount: \$ _____

Dedication:
(Please check one) In Honor Of
 In Memory Of

Donation Details Name of Honored Veteran: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Position Held: _____

Your Relationship to the Veteran: _____

Acknowledgement Please select how you would like to be acknowledged Publicly (e.g., plaque or display)
 Anonymously

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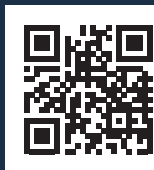
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Bike & Hike Committee
Board of Auditors
Board of Supervisors
Environmental Advisory Council/
Shade Tree Commission
Finance Committee
Friends of Kids' Castle
Historical Architectural Review Board
Doylestown Township Municipal
Authority (DTMA)
Local 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
Zoning Hearing Board

Would you like to volunteer?
Please send us an email at
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Check us out on social media!

