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Solebury Subscribes to ReadyNotifyPA.org

Residents Must Register to Benefit



Solebury Township has signed onto ReadyNotifyPA as a means of getting residents emergency information in times of need.

"With Hurricane Sandy, we realized we needed a more effective means of communicating with our residents during emergencies than the email-alert service we had set up inhouse," explained Township Manager Dennis Carney. "Not everyone had internet service during the storm."

ReadyNotifyPA is a reverse-911 service that allows government agencies to send alerts to subscribers by email, phone, or text.

What's unique about the system is the degree to which subscribers can customize the kinds of messages they receive as well as how they receive them.

ReadyNotifyPA allows users to choose from a range of information types (weather emergencies, municipal notices, security

has threats, road closings, school emergencies, yPA Amber Alerts, and more). They can select the devices on which, and the forms in which, for-they receive the notices. And they can pick the locales they wish to receive information we about

Since making the decision to use Ready-NotifyPA, several Township employees—including Dennis, Assistant Township Manager Gretchen Rice, Administrative Assistant Jean Weiss, Police Chief Dominic Bellizzie, and Police Dept. Administrative Assistants Mary Grady and Bob Wolman—have been formally trained to use it. A second training session is planned for Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Kuhn and additional emergency service providers.

"We are *not* going to overuse this system," Dennis stressed, "because that invalidates the service—people will turn a blind eye to it—and we don't want that."

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THE FIFES & DRUMS of the Old Barracks—a corp of middle and high school musicians from Mercer and Bucks Counties—lent a historical tone to the 2013 Winter Festival parade. Under the direction of Stephen Hudak of Newtown (a high school music teacher and timpanist for the Trenton Symphony Orchestra), the musicians are authentically outfitted in reproduction uniforms and perform an 18th-century repertoire. For more information, visit: http://www.barracks.org/

Solebury Police Dept. presents

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative

10 AM—2 PM **Saturday, April 27**

Two locations:

(1) Solebury Police Dept., Township Hall(2) Giant Food Store, Logan Square

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For more information, visit: SoleburyTwp.org

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Dear Taxpayer:

Through the **Solebury Messenger**, the Board of Supervisors gives you, the taxpayer, firsthand information about Township matters. In these pages, you will read about what is being done to preserve and improve the quality of life as you know it, as well as how your hard-earned tax dollars are being spent.

The Solebury Messenger is created by Kay Hayes and Marie Collins, of School Window Publications; the newsletter celebrated its 15-year anniversary with the publication of the Nov. 2010 issue.

This bimonthly periodical is primarily ad-sponsored—a method which allows the Township to provide taxpayers with six professional newsletters each year for a fraction of the actual cost. To place an advertisement supporting this periodical, contact Kay at 609-397-8483.

If you live in the Township, but are not currently receiving a copy of the **Solebury Messenger** through the mail, please contact Kay so that she can add your name and address to our mailing list.

Other correspondence should be directed to the appropriate Township official. For more information, see the Township directory on page 7.

Kay and Marie



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Township Calendar

Calendar information is subject to last-minute changes. Confirm all dates and times with the Township office. All meetings are held at Solebury Township Hall.

March

3/4	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
3/5	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
3/11	Planning Commission, 7 pm
3/12	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
3/19	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
3/21	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
3/28	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm

April

4/1	Historical Architectural Review Board, / pm
4/2	Board of Supervisors—Budget Session, 7 pm
4/8	Planning Commission, 7 pm
4/9	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
4/16	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
4/18	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
4/25	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm



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Two-Day "Backyard Stewardship" Workshop Planned to Celebrate "Bird Town"

Audubon

BIRD TOWN

he Environmental Adannounced that, as part of Solebury's ongoing celebration of its new "Bird Town" status, the Bucks County Audubon Society Bucks County Audubon Society will offer a two-class workshop in "Backyard Stewardship" in the spring.

at 2877 Creamery Road-will focus on restoring backyard ecology. Attendees will learn how to assess a landscape, how to use native plants to create curb appeal, and how to create sustainable landscaping that benefits the environment and saves

mined—will include one or two backyard site visits that demontices. (The date, time, and location of the second class will be of the first class.)

homeowners time and money.

\$55, which includes a companion textbook and notebook, as well as a light morning snack pa.audubon.org/bird-town &

and lunch during the first class.

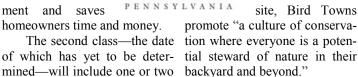
For more information or to visory Council (EAC) register, contact Diane Smith (215-297-5880 dianesmith@bcas.org) or visit the website (www.bcas.org).

What's a "Bird Town"?

The National Audubon Society's "Bird Town" program The first class—to be held encourages municipalities to April 28 from 10 AM to 3 PM partner with state and local at the Bucks County Audubon Audubon offices to promote Society Visitor Center, located awareness of the benefits of

birds and to encourage local action to protect birds and bird habitats

Behind the campaign is the philosophy that what's good for birds also benefits people. As explained on the Bird Town website, Bird Towns



Solebury became Audubon strate the success of these prac- Pennsylvania's 16th Bird Town on Jan. 1. The program is coordinated by the EAC, which determined by the participants plans to work with Audubon to highlight and protect the Town-The cost of the workshop is ship's many ecological resources.

To learn more, visit: http://



SNOW FOLK ART, created by area residents from blank four-foot snowman cutouts, were displayed in New Hope and Lambertville storefronts in the weeks leading up to Winter Festival, and then were exhibited at the January 27 Winter Festival Pancake Breakfast. Ribbons were awarded in four age categories from age 3 to adult. The snow folk shown above were displayed at First National Bank and Trust of Newtown. Bank Manager Karen Rice and Assistant Manager Jean Heath co-chaired the Snow Folk Art event.

ReadyNotifyPA

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Instead, the Township plans to limit its use of ReadyNotifyPA to serious emergencies.

ReadyNotifyPA serves residents of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties and was developed by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force.

For more information or to sign up, visit ReadyNotifyPA.org and click Bucks County. Choose an option in the left-hand menu, or use the "Click Here to Register" button to sign up.

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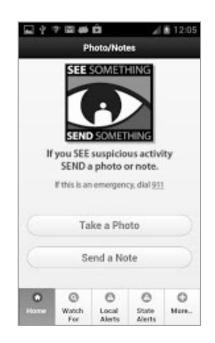
to capture suspicious activity as a photo or written note and send it to the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC).

The app is available at no cost for iPhone and Android users and includes information on what to look for and when to report suspicious activity, along with how to receive important alerts.

In a press release about the app, the PaCIC stresses that "Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin, or religious affiliation alone are not suspicious activity. For that reason, the public should report only suspicious behavior and situations (e.g., an unattended backpack or briefcase in a public place) rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas, expressions, associations, or speech unrelated to terrorism or other criminal activity. Only reports that document behavior reasonably indicative of criminal activity related to terrorism will be shared with local, state and federal partners."

Before Using the App

encourages residents who are participating in the smartphones and who wish to use this app to you to use the technology to your adlaunch of a new smartphone practice using the technical features involved vantage." camera app called "See before using the app to report a tip.



cation first, you can avoid fumbling around https://play.google.com/store/apps/details? Solebury Detective-Corporal Roy Ferra- with it when it comes time to take this im- id=com.mymobilewitness.seesend

have portant picture," he explained. "It will allow

He advises residents to practice taking pictures with their phone's camera and to practice executing related functions like deleting and saving photos as well.

Users should not put themselves at risk to take a photograph as part of a tip, he added: "Remember, there's nothing to prevent people from calling the police and reporting an activity the old fashioned way-by telephone."

More About the App

Developed by My Mobile Witness, the "See Something, Send Something" app uses the sender's location to route tips to the geographically appropriate state police branch.

In addition, the app uses privacy protection software to safeguard the integrity of tips and of the sender's personal information. Submitted tips are removed from the mobile device and purged from the My Mobile Witness system as soon as they are delivered to PaCIC for analysis.

"See Something, Send Something" can be downloaded using the QR code at left or "If you become familiar with the appliby following this link from your smartphone:

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Planning a Winter Getaway? Police Dept. Warns of Vacation Safety Issues

hile you may think of the summer as vacation prime time, criminals also see winter getaways—especially those that take place on lengthy school breaks as opportunities for burglaries.

Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie urges residents to "make your home look lived-in when you go away."

In particular:

- Let friends and neighbors know when you will be away for vacation.
- Before you leave, let police know exactly when you will be away and how you can be reached.
- If you are leaving a car home, ask a neighbor to move it each day.
- Set any alarms and be sure

the alarm company knows how to reach you.

- Don't leave trash or recycling cans at the roadside for pickup—ask a neighbor to move the cans for you at the appropriate times.
 - Cancel newspapers (or have someone pick them up) and have the post office hold your mail.
 - Set timers to turn lights on and off intermittently (don't leave the porch light—or other outside light—on all day and night).
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight.

For help with any nonemergency home safety concerns, contact Township Police at 215-297-8201 during business hours.

Township Targets Roads for Repairs

orking in his role as Roadmaster, Township Manager Dennis Carney recently inspected all Township roads to determine which will require repaying in 2013.

The Public Works Dept. uses a five-year projected plan to estimate which roads are likely to make this annual list, but reviews it each year to push back those that fared better than expected and move up any that deteriorated faster than expected.

This year's list includes roads that will be repaved using a typical asphalt overlay as well as roads that will be repaved using a tar-and-chip treatment.

Asphalt overlay, which is required for roads that experience a high volume of traffic, will be used on:

- Street Road (from Stoneyhill Road to Rt. 202)
- Great Oaks Road

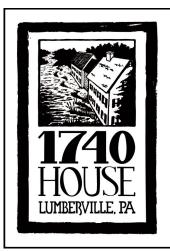
Tar-and-chip treatment, which can only be used on lightly travelled roads, involves laying a coating of tar, embedding the tar with stone chips, then using a driveway-type sealer to create a smooth surface. The method is more aesthetically suited to rural roads and will be used on:

- Yorkshire Meadows
- Ingham Mews
- Cornwell Drive
- Circle View Drive
- Corrigan Road
- Dewees Road
- Arboresque Drive
- Comfort Road (from Paxson Road to Rt. 263)

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"Professionals help us in many important ways, but our local government succeeds because Solebury residents always volunteer to staff our advisory boards and committees," explained Supervisor Chair Robert Heath, Jr.

"Many communities struggle to find volunteers," he noted, "but not here. We take pride in our long tradition of participatory democracy."

Please join the supervisors in thanking your neighbors for their service.

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To learn more about Township advisory bodies, visit: SoleburyTwp.org

2013 Advisory Boards and Committees

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Supervisor Liaison: Dominic Marano Kevin Campbell
Dan DuPont
Matt Hayden
Andy Kelly
Martin Leyland
Chris Walinski
Kim Wilson

Historical Architectural Review Board:

Supervisor Liaison: James Searing

Planning Commission

Supervisor Liaison: Paul Cosdon Christopher Caputo Keith Deussing Jack Durkin Dan Fest Laura Sachs Jane Wilson

Land Preservation Committee

Supervisor Liaison: Robert Heath, Jr.

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Christine Hafner
Phil Johnson
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Ralph O'Banion
Karl Pettit
Jan Ubel

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HARB Administrator, Environmental Advisory Council Secretary Christine Terranova: cterranova@soleburytwp.org

Admin. Asst., LPC Administrator, Planning Commission Administrator Jean Weiss: jweiss@soleburytwp.org

Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice: soleburyparks@soleburytwp.org

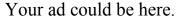
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Parks and Recreation Dept.

Upcoming Events



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 30, 10 AM, rain or shine, Pat Livezey Park *Children 8 and under*. Arrive early to make sure your children do not miss the start of the hunt. Parking is available at the upper entrance of the park at the corner of Hagan and Parkside Drives. In the event of rain, prizes will be distributed at the snack stand until supplies are exhausted.



Summer Adventure Camp 2013
July 1 - August 9, NH-S Upper Elementary School,
180 West Bridge St., New Hope

For more information and registration form, visit: http://www.soleburytwp.org (Parks & Recreation tab)

To keep abreast of local sports news, visit these websites:

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www.soleburybasketball.org (basketball)
www.tcteams.com/nhspopwarner (football)
www.tcteams.com/solebury (soccer)
www.soleburywrestling.com (wrestling)

2013 Pidcock Creek Watershed Association Events

3/12 PCWA Board Meeting

4/11 Spring Community Potluck Gathering

4/21 Annual Earth Day Road Cleanup

5/14 PCWA Board Meeting

7/9 PCWA Board Meeting

9/10 PCWA Board Meeting

10/10 Fall Community Potluck Gathering

11/12 PCWA Board Meeting

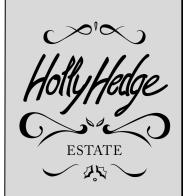
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