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Pa. Police Chiefs Accredit Solebury Force

he Solebury Police Department lice Association, a distinction earned by room procedures. For this standard, the only 102 of the state's 1,117 law en- department reorganized how items are forcement agencies to date.

department through the rigorous, 18- signing in and out of the area. "Procemonth Law Enforcement Accreditation dures like these are important," he said. Program because he knew it would engage the force in examining professional one-day mock-assessment of the departstandards that high-functioning police ment-an abbreviated dry run of the departments strive to meet, he said.

to high standards, and he thought "it come possible. would be a feather in the Township's embodies this kind professionalism."

association's standards and related ob- specting the premises, and more. jectives as policy, self-evaluate the degree to which it met each one, make any accreditation near the end of the year. needed changes to enhance that alignment, then compile evidence that it ments must repeat the process to mainmeets each standard.

As an example of how local law is now officially accredited by enforcement practices improved as a the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Po- result, the chief pointed to evidencestored, further restricted key access, and Chief Dominick Bellizzie led the instituted a more stringent process for

In June, the association conducted a actual assessment-to help Solebury His officers already hold themselves police achieve the most successful out-

For the formal evaluation in the fall, cap" to be recognized for it. "Our resi- a team of police chiefs from outside dents deserve a police department that Bucks and adjacent counties spent several days riding with officers, interviewing The department had to adopt the personnel, reviewing documents, in-

The chief learned of the successful

After three years, accredited departtain their status. 🐌



THE BLIZZARD **OF 2016** put a chill on the first days of the annual Winter Festival, but Parks and Recreation director Dudley Rice was thrilled to see events take off as planned only a few days after snow stopped falling. "Fear No Ice," of Philadelphia, sculpted this ice creature he's posing with in front of Giuseppe's Restaurant in Solebury.

Celebrating Solebury's Volunteers

by Supervisor Chair Helen Tai

ne of the reasons Solebury is such a great place to live is because of our citizen volunteers. We are very fortunate to have more than 40 volunteers who serve the Township on five advisory boards as well as the Zoning Hearing Board.

Among other things, these volunteers generously give their valuable time and expertise to:

- Protect, conserve, manage, and promote our natural resources (Environmental Advisory Council).
- Foster the aesthetic values of the community and enhance the overall ambiance of the two historic districts (HARB).
- Promote land preservation (Land Preservation Committee).
- Plan, improve, and maintain Township parks (Parks & Recreation Board).
- Make recommendations on land development issues (Planning Commission).
- Render decisions on specific types of land use appeals and applications (Zoning Hearing Board). Hundreds of others work in both official and

unofficial capacities on the school board, ad hoc Township committees, watershed associations, historical societies, and to preserve and promote other valuable assets of Solebury.

Without exception, when I ask people why they give so much of their time to these efforts, they tell me that they want to serve the community. This level of civic engagement makes me proud to live in our community and gives me such hope for our future. When we work together, everyone benefits.

> See page 6 to learn which of your neighbors are serving on this year's advisory bodies.



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Through the Solebury Messenger, the Township 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 20-year anniversary with the publication of the Nov. 2015 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 (609-397-8483 or ads.schoolwindow@gmail.com).

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

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March

- 3/1Board of Supervisors, 7pm 3/7Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm 3/8Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm 3/14Planning Commission, 7 pm 3/15 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm 3/17Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm 3/24Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm
 - HOLIDAY-TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED 3/25

April

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



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Planning a Winter Getaway?

Police Dept. Warns of Vacation Safety Issues

W hile many of us see spring break as a chance for a winter getaway, criminals see lengthy vacations like these as opportunities for burglaries.

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

Before you leave:

- Let friends, neighbors, and police know when you will be away, but don't discuss going away on social networking websites.
- Leave emergency contact numbers with police and a trusted neighbor.
- Put a hold on mail and newspaper deliveries, and have someone check your house periodically for packages and flyers left by the front door.
- If you are leaving a car at home, ask someone to move it each day.
- Lock all doors and windows, 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.
- Set timers to turn lights, radios, and TVs on and off intermittently. (Don't leave the porch light—or other outside light—on all day and night.)
- If you use a service, continue to have your landscaping maintained while you are away.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight.

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



Solebury Police present

National Prescription Drug Take-Back

Safely surrender expired, unwanted, or unused prescription medicines, including controlled substances and other drugs, for destruction by law enforcement.

For more information, visit: SoleburyTwp.org

Saturday, April date TBD 10 AM - 2 PM

Two locations:

Police Dept., Township Hall
Giant Food Store, Logan Square

Once determined, the date will be posted on: SoleburyTwp.org facebook.com/SoleburyPolice



REVOLUTIONARY PUB CRAWL: Local reenacters entertained ticketholders with embellished tales of local history as they sampled Colonial-era fare at five popular pubs during this brand new Winter Festival 2016 event. After crawling to Inn of the Hawke, Mitchell's Tavern, Lambertville Station, and Nektar, guests were treated to an after-party at Havana featuring music by Ten Foot Tall.

The next issue of the Solebury Messenger will mail on May 4. Deadline for advertisers is April 15.



Ensuring Good Well Water Quality

Part 2: Treating Your Well Water

f you followed the guidance provided in the January *Solebury Messenger* (see "Part 1: Testing Your Well Water") and determined contaminants exist in your well water, the next step is to correct these problems.

However, treatment can be a complex challenge. For any given problem, a range of potential solutions may be available, and their desirability may vary based on cost or on unique aspects of your situation.

While this article provides some direction and options, it's a good idea to consult a qualified water treatment specialist before you choose a treatment method.

Pathogens

Since pathogens can cause illness, even after ingesting small amounts (e.g., during showering and hose fights), you should disinfect all of your water when you find pathogens in your well.

Pitcher-type filters are not a viable solution to pathogen contamination. While waiting for the problem to be resolved, purchasing bottled water in large dispensers is a better option.

And while pouring bleach into the well may kill the germs for the moment, it rarely solves the problem. New pathogens will be pulled into the well from pumping.

Chlorination is the best disinfectant approach, but it requires frequent maintenance, and the treated water may not



be desirable to drink or for showering.

An alternative is the use of ozone gas or a UV light.

Ideally, any system you choose should have an alarm that signals when it has stopped working. For instance, in the case of a UV light, a glowing bulb does not necessarily mean it is working properly.

You may be able to prevent further pathogen contamination by improving the integrity of the well cap and casing to prevent soil, animals, and surface water from entering. But if the well casing was poorly installed or has rusted through, you may have to drill a new well.

You may also need to move the well to avoid an ongoing pathogen source such as a stream channel or septic system.



Chemicals

Treatment for chemical contaminants can be tricky. For example, a chemical that is *not* of concern may prevent a treatment system from removing the target chemical.

In most situations, you will be able to choose whether to treat all of your water (whole-house treatment) or only your drinking water (point-of-use treatment).

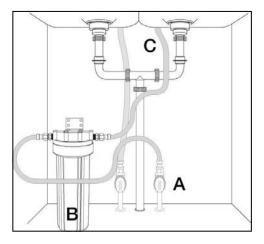
Whole-house systems are usually more expensive than point-of-use options. Some can be installed and maintained by you, but you may want to get a professional involved to ensure your system provides safe water quality. Whole-house filters typically involve a tank situated in a basement. The most common type is the water softener, which usually uses salt to remove calcium from water.

Water softeners and many other filter systems require "backwashing" to refresh them—a process that usually flushes extra water to the septic system. They may work on a timer that backwashes the system even when you are on vacation.

To minimize wasted well water, the overloading of your septic system, and the overuse of your filtration medium (e.g., salt), you may want to get a computerized flush system that backwashes as needed rather than on a schedule.

Pitcher-type filters are not a confident point-of-use method for treating drinking water contaminated with chemicals. The pitcher filter may not be suited to the chemical of concern, and it can be difficult to determine when filters expire.

However, small, combination reverseosmosis/carbon systems can be readily installed in your plumbing. Reverse-osmosis systems remove most inorganic contaminants and wash the waste materials to the sewer; there is no filter to clean. Carbon-filter systems remove most organic pollutants and



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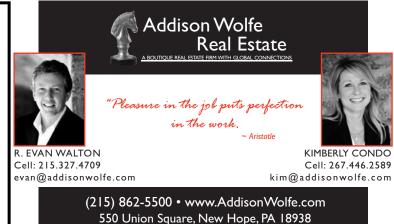
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often snap out for relatively easy replacement. This type of system is often dispensed by way of a small tap on the side of the kitchen sink.

Other Considerations

If your house came with a treatment system already installed, don't presume it was properly designed or needed. even Manv companies try to sell uneducated homeowners unnecessary or incorrect treatment systems.

Water treatment is a serious investment. It's wise to contact reputable water treatment specialists and get a variety of opinions before choosing an approach.

Generally, higher quality equipment may last longer, provide better warning devices, and save money in the long run.

Since the bottom-line consideration is the health of the people in your household, ensure the availability of quality water and protect your peace of mind by regularly monitoring your well water quality.

The Township would like to thank resident and envi-

ronmental hydrogeologist Philip Getty for sharing his expertise with Solebury residents by way of this two-part series.

Download informative pamphlets on water quality —such as A Guide to Private Water Systems in Pennsylvania, A Quick Guide to Groundwater in Pennsylvania, and many more from the Penn State Extension website: http://extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/water/publications

We Need Your Input to Improve Our Permitting Process

Solebury Township would like to improve its permitting process, and we need your help! Your feedback, both positive and negative, will help us learn what we are doing well and what we could do better.

If you have applied for a permit or had interaction with the Solebury Township zoning or permitting officials in the last two years, please contact Helen Tai at htai888@gmail.com or 215-262-3371 to provide your confidential feedback.

Volunteers Needed for Solebury Day Subcommittee

Solebury Parks and Recreation is looking for community volunteers to serve on the Solebury Day 2016 subcommittee. If you are interested, please contact: soleburyparks@soleburytwp.org





EIT/LST Filing Reminder

S olebury residents file and pay the 1% Earned Income Tax (EIT) and the \$52 Local Services Tax (LST) through the Bucks County-wide tax collection firm, Keystone Collections Group.

The 1% EIT is assessed by Solebury Township (0.5%) and the New Hope-Solebury School District (0.5%) on the earned income of Solebury residents, as well as on that of individuals who live outside the Township but work in Solebury.

Earned income and net profits from all sources for a specific calendar year that total less than \$5,000 are exempt from the EIT.

E-filing of both taxes is available on the Keystone website.

For more information on all matters related to the EIT or LST, contact Keystone:

www.keystonecollects.com 724-978-0300

2010 Taxes and Earlier

Any returns that remain to be filed or paid for 2010 and earlier are to be submitted to former Township EIT collector H.A. Berkheimer:

www.hab-inc.com

Rep. Scott Petri Opens New Hope Satellite Office

W ith the recent change in district boundaries, the 178th Legislative District now spans a broader area that includes Solebury, Upper Makefield, and Wrightstown Townships, as well Northampton and New Hope Boroughs.

Rep. Scott Petrie has opened a satellite office in at 123 W. Bridge Street in New Hope to better assist local constituents with state-related matters.

Various state forms and applications are available at the office, which is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 AM to 3:00 PM.

Phone: 215-862-1940 Fax: 215-862-1943



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Supervisors Appreciate Volunteers

The 2016 Board of Supervisors is pleased to present the Solebury residents who have volunteered to staff the Township's advisory boards and committees this year.

"Without exception, when I ask people why they give so much of their time to these efforts, they tell me that they want to serve the community," said Supervisor Chair Helen Tai. "This level of civic engagement makes me proud to live in our community and gives me such hope for our future. When we work together, everyone benefits."

Please join the supervisors in thanking your neighbors for volunteering.

2016 Advisory Boards and Committees

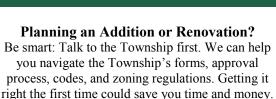
For changes in meeting dates & times, visit soleburytwp.org or sign up for email alerts (see page 2).

Environmental Advisory Committee Supervisor Liaison: Helen Tai Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 7 PM	Deirdre Alderfer Eric Allen David Benner Hope Blaythorne Barry Fetterolf John Francis Ron Moule	Parks & Recreation Board Supervisor Liaison: Kevin Morrissey Meetings: 4th Thursday, 7 PM	Pattie Beans-Clark Kevin Campbell Greg Cathcart Dan DuPont Lori High Andy Kelly James Trammell Jane Wilson Kim Wilson
Historical Architectural Review Board Supervisor Liaison: Noel Barrett Meetings: 1st Monday, 7 PM	Mark Baumbaiker Scott Minnucci Margaret Newman Patrick Pastella Laurence Peseski Nancy Ruddle	Planning Commission Supervisor Liaison: Paul Cosdon Meetings: 2nd Monday, 7 PM	Peter Brussock Christopher Caputo Keith Deussing Jack Durkin Dan Fest Laura Sachs Diane Sarti
Land Preservation Committee Supervisor Liaison: James Searing Meetings: 3rd Thursday, 7 PM	James Coan Malcolm Crooks Christine Hafner Phil Johnson Stanley A. Marcus Ralph O'Banion Karl Pettit Charlotte Zanidakis	Zoning Hearing Board Meetings: When needed	Lisa Lori Daniel E. Moser Joseph Pignitor Arthur Rosenberg Ed Benson, Alternate John Fuhrmeister, Alternate Michael Warden, Alternate

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



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Helen Tai, Chair James Searing, Vice-Chair Noel Barrett Paul Cosdon Kevin Morrissey

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SoleburyTwp.org In an emergency, please dial: 9-1-1.

For other matters, call: 215-297-5656

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Asst. Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer/Asst. Z.O.

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Administrator Jean Weiss: jweiss@soleburytwp.org

Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice:

soleburyparks@soleburytwp.org

Right-To-Know Officer, Administrative Records

Asst. Twp. Manager Gretchen K. Rice soleburymanager@soleburytwp.org

Right-To-Know Officer, Police Records Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie: police@soleburypd.org

Zoning Officer/Building Code Official

Matthew Wojaczyk: mwojaczyk@soleburytwp.org

Unsure where to direct your question?

Email: soleburytownship@soleburytwp.org

The appropriate individual will respond.



Parks and Recreation Dept.

Upcoming Events



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 26, 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 2016

July 5 - Aug. 12, 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: soleburytwp.org (Parks & Recreation tab) www.soleburybaseball.org (baseball) www.soleburybasketball.org (basketball) www.nhsfcc.com (football) www.soleburylacrosse.com (lacrosse) www.soleburysoccer.com (soccer) www.soleburywrestling.com (wrestling)

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