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SPRING ISSUE

Homeowners Respond to Township Survey

dents responded to a survey requesting their input on the update of the Township's Comprehensive Plan, which is currently underway. The results will be examined by the Comprehensive Plan Committee as they review how Township policies and strategies can the survey include retaining the Townbe improved to help achieve a sustainable community.

The survey was mailed to property owners in September and the high response rate exceeds 43 percent. According to the Bucks County Planning Commission, Solecomprehensive plan survey in the county.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee reported being "extremely pleased with the responses received, which show that residents in the Township really care about the community and its future."

Nearly one-half of those who responded to the survey have been residents for hancement was the inclusion of more hikmore than 15 years, the committee said. The top three reasons respondents provided for living in Solebury are the Township's open space/scenic beauty, its rural setting, and the quality of its schools.

ore than 1,700 Solebury resi- on planning and development issues that they believe municipal officials should address over the next 10 years (the role of the Comprehensive Plan is to identify these priorities so it can be used to guide Township decision-making).

The top-ranked priorities identified by ship's rural character and natural features and preserving agricultural land and open space. Nearly three-quarters of respondents felt that municipal officials should continue to preserve open space and farmland.

In addition, nearly three-quarters of bury achieved the highest return rate for a respondents identified the need to protect the quality of the local water supply.

> Other issues residents said need to be addressed as Solebury moves forward include traffic and roadway improvements. wildlife management, and enhancement of park and recreational facilities.

> The top selection for recreational ening trails and bikeways and better access and connections among recreational facilities.

Township officials and the Comprehensive Plan Committee are grateful to The survey asked residents for input residents for participating in the survey.

Solebury Parks & Recreation Wins State Award

he Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) presented Solebury Parks and Recreation with its annual Excellence in Programming Award in March, making it the sixth time in eight years that the department has been singled out for recognition of a program or event.

The award was presented—"in recognition of superior performance and distinguished by excellence"-to Director Dudley Rice by Recognition and Awards Committee Chair Carolyn Hanel at the PRPS's annual conference in Hershey.

The tribute recognized two accomplishments of the public/private partnership between Solebury Township and the Solebury Baseball and Softball League: (1) Successfully raising funds to renovate and improve fields and facilities at Laurel Park, and (2) jointly operating and managing a Township-sponsored baseball and softball program that engages the community and enlists volunteers.

A 10-member committee reviewed the Solebury program and compared it to others throughout the state.

The PRPS is recognized as the Commonwealth's professional organization for the promotion of healthy, high quality recreation and park opportunities and has more than 1,800 members statewide. 🍋

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July 1 - August 9 NH-S Upper Elementary School (See page 5.)

PRPS KEYNOTE SPEAKER Shannon Miller-gymnast and winner of multiple medals in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games, including a gold medal in 1996 for the balance beamchats with Solebury Parks and Recreation Director Dudley Rice at the PRPS awards ceremony in March, where Dudley accepted the organization's Excellence in Programming Award on behalf of Solebury Parks and Recreation.





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.

May

- 5/6 Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm5/7 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 5/13 Planning Commission, 7 pm
- 5/14 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 5/16 Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
- 5/23 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 5/23 Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm
- 5/27 HOLIDAY—TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

June

- 6/3 Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
- 6/10 Planning Commission, 7 pm
- 6/11 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 6/18 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 6/20 Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
- 6/27 Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm



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Solebury Girls Take Basketball Championship

he Solebury Parks and Recreation fifth-grade girls' travel basketball team took the Inter-County Basketball Association Division 2 League Championship in March.

The team executed a stunning win in the title game against Owen J. Roberts, held at the Competitive Edge Sports Complex in King of Prussia, racking up a final score of 27-18.

The Owen J. Roberts team jumped out with a quick 8-0 lead in the first quarter, but Solebury battled back. By halftime, the local girls had a 16-12 lead.

Solebury then proceeded to completely shut down their opponents' strong offense, holding Owen J. Roberts scoreless in the third quarter, which launched the Township team into the fourth quarter with a commanding 20-12 lead.

Owen J. Roberts mounted a final surge, but it was no match for the quick-scoring Solebury team. Solebury matched the team basket for basket, ending the game 27-18.

Parents and supporters erupted with cheers at the final whistle and piled onto the court.

Many of Solebury's 10-year old girls played last season on teams that didn't win a single game!

That all changed under the guidance of Head Coach Ed McDonnell and assistant coaches Tony Vlahovic and Jenny Jones, who led the team through a 13-2 season.



THE CHAMPIONS: Solebury's championship-winning fifth-grade girls' travel team consists of (*front, l. to r.*) Maggie Devito, Katie McDonnell, Sabrina Vlahovic, Anna Paz, (*middle, l. to r.*) Danielle Herbert, Caroline Thistlewaite, Maxima Molgat, Katie Costello, Rylee Bordwick, and Logan Amberson, plus (*back, l. to r.*) Assistant Coach Jones, Head Coach McDonnell, Assistant Coach Vlahovic.

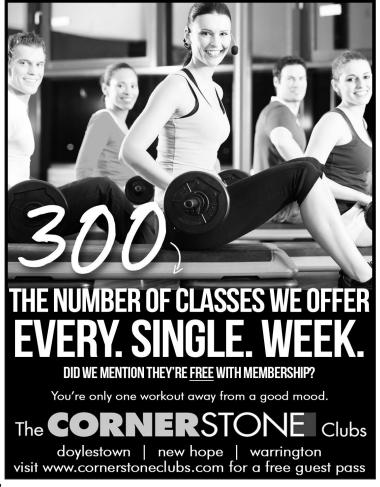


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Sale of Note Cards Supports Land Preservation

Purchasing a box of Solebury's unique note cards—featuring scenes of preserved Solebury properties, as seen by Lambertville photographer Mark Ludak helps raise money for land preservation.

To view a slideshow of the four scenes depicted on the cards, go to SoleburyTwp.org, click the Sustainable Solebury tab, then click the "Note Cards" link in the menu at left.

Each box includes eight cards—two each of four photographs—and costs \$8. Two boxes cost \$15.

All proceeds from the sale of note cards benefit the Land Preservation Fund; they are available at Township Hall during regular business hours. *About the Photographer*

Lambertville photographer Mark Ludak's work is on display in the Township Building, has been exhibited in area galleries, and is featured in area publications.

For more information, visit: www.markludak.com





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The Board of Supervisors made the following appointments to advisory committees in March:

- Environmental Advisory Council: James Bishop and Eric Kaufmann (voting members), Diane Smith (alternate, nonvoting member)
- Historical Architectural Review Board: James Trammell
- Planning Commission: Diane Sarti

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Sale of House Plaques Supports Historical Society

The purchase of commemorative house plaques customized with either a street address or a documentbased year of origin supports the efforts of the Solebury Historical Society.

Not sure when your home was built? The society has date-related information about many of the homes erected in the Township before 1900.

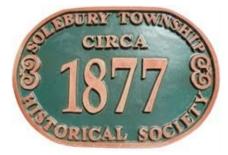
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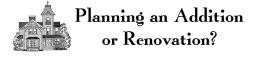
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soleburyhistory@comcast.net Phone: 215-862-2892

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Solebury Parks & Recreation 2013 Summer Adventure Camp

Registration Now Open

Registration is now in progress for Solebury Parks and Recreation's six-week 2013 Summer Adventure Camp, which will be held at New Hope-Solebury Upper Elementary School in New Hope.

The day camp starts at 9 AM on July 1 and ends at 3 PM on August 9. Camp size is limited and spaces fill very quickly.

Parents can register children for any number of weeks, and discounts are available to anyone who signs up before June 1.

Forms and information are now available for downloading from the Township website (go to www.soleburytwp.org, click the Parks and Recreation tab, then click Documents & Forms).

This year's camp adventures will include science workshops and shows by Mad Science, magic shows, karate instruction, arts and crafts, and special events and activities that vary from week to week.

Returning for the second year is a fitness and obstacle course featuring unique tunnels and crawl-through tubes.

In addition, many outdoor fitness and sports activities are held each week.

Indoor basketball, floor hockey, and quick start tennis programs are held in the school gymnasium.

Our camp is a Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society award winner for excellence in programming, as well as for its focus on health, fitness, and wellness.

Sale of Tiles and License Plates Supports Parks & Recreation Programs

onsider supporting Solebury Parks and Recreation programs by purchasing commemorative, limited-edition, red clay tiles or a Township license plate for yourself or as gifts.

Designed by local artist Erika Bonner, four different tiles featuring Solebury landmarks celebrate the Township's 300th anniversary; they are priced at \$25 each.

The Township's special edition, multicolor front license plate features the historic Columbus Oak, with Bowman's Tower in the background; they are priced at \$20.00 each.

All proceeds from the sale of tiles and license plates benefit Parks and Recreation programs; they are available at Township Hall during regular business hours.

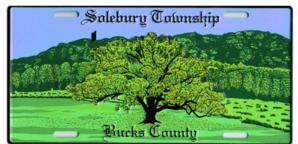




Series 1 & 2: The historic Columbus Oak, Solebury Village Stone School House



Series 3 & 4: Van Sant Covered Bridge, scenic Delaware Canal Bridge









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A. 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. Specify only the contact information by which you want to be notified. On the next page, check only the Weather Warnings option. Record your username and password. You can change your options anytime by logging in.

Q. Are there other regional issues you would like to be notified about?

A. ReadyNotifyPA.org presents a range of other regional notification options you can explore (e.g., crime alerts, road closings, school emergencies, Amber Alerts, and more). You will only be notified about the options you select via the means you specify, and you can change your options at any time.

Q. Would you also like to be notified about Township-specific matters?

A. Solebury Email Alerts may be for you. The Township uses email alerts to announce changes in meeting times and locations, new articles posted on the Township website, Police Dept. warnings, and more. To sign up, visit www.soleburytwp.org, click the News tab, then click the words "Email Alerts." Enter your email address to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time.

County Household Hazardous Waste & Computer/Electronics Collection Programs

All-in-One Events: Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Computer/Electronics Recycling

- **June 1:** Upper Bucks County Area Vo-Tech School 3115 Ridge Road Bedminster Township
- **July 27:** Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Road Warrington Township
- August 24: Bucks County Technical High School 610 Wistar Road Bristol Township

September 14: Quakertown Community High School 600 Park Avenue Quakertown Borough

eWaste-Only Events: Computer/Electronics Recycling

September 28: Lower Makefield Corporate Center 770 Township Line Road Lower Makefield Township

These collection/recycling events are not open to business, industry, or institutions.

Each event is held, rain or shine, from 9 AM-3 PM.

Learn what you can and cannot bring:

- www.buckscounty.org/recycling
- PA DEP Recycling Hotline: 1-800-346-4242
- Bucks Co. Planning Commission: 1-215-345-3400



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Parks and Recreation Dept.

Upcoming Events



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)

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Learn more about the Township's Parks & Recreation programs, visit: soleburytwp.org. Then click Parks & Recreation.

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

www.soleburytwp.org (Parks & Recreation tab) www.soleburybaseball.org (baseball) www.soleburybasketball.org (basketball) www.tcteams.com/nhspopwarner (football) www.tcteams.com/solebury (soccer) www.soleburywrestling.com (wrestling)

2013 Pidcock Creek Watershed Association Events

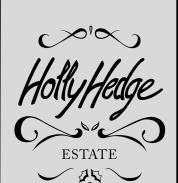
- 5/14 PCWA Board Meeting
- 7/9 PCWA Board Meeting
- 9/10 PCWA Board Meeting
- 10/10 Fall Community Potluck Gathering
- 11/12 PCWA Board Meeting

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