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Solebury Wins \$165,000 Traffic Safety Grant

olebury is one of only 24 Pennsylvania communities that won a chunk of the state's \$8.8 million Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) fund in 2014. The fund provides grants to municipal applicants seeking to improve traffic safety.

PennDOT considered more than 130 applications for the money available this year. Projects that improve safety and mobility while also reducing congestion were favored for funding.

The \$165,000 grant awarded to Solebury will permit the Township to improve traffic signal communication at three intersections with state highways, and thus enhance the flow of traffic. The intersections are (1) Kitchen's Lane and Route 179; (2) Rt. 202 where it meets Logan Square's Shire Drive; and (3) Sugan Road at Rt. 202.

"Most of the time, we don't have a problem on Rt. 202," Roadmaster and Township Manager Dennis Carney said, "but traffic can get backed up at these intersections at peak times, such as rush hour and when events draw large crowds."

The goal of the Township's ARLE- inception in 2010, the program has awarded supported project is to install an adaptive \$33.3 million in grants to 234 projects around the computer-driven system in all three signals that state.

olebury is one of only 24 Pennsylvania lets the lights communicate with one another communities that won a chunk of the about traffic patterns and coordinate their state's \$8.8 million Automated Red Light responses.

Enforcement (ARLE) fund in 2014. The fund provides grants to municipal applicants seeking to improve traffic safety. "The advanced system and sensors will allow each individual signal to know what the other is doing so they can act as one," Dennis said.

For example, if the signal at Logan Square detects a backup on Rt. 202 of 15 cars, that information will be sent to the other two signals, which will stay green longer to let traffic flow through. However, they won't stay green so long that cars will have to wait an inordinately long time to *cross* the highway, because the signals will detect the presence of those vehicles as well and coordinate their response to accommodate them.

Engineering on the project is expected to begin this spring and be completed by this time next year.

Funding for the ARLE program comes from fines collected in Philadelphia for red-light violations captured on camera. The money is then distributed throughout the state by way of these municipal traffic safety initiatives. Since its inception in 2010, the program has awarded \$33.3 million in grants to 234 projects around the state.

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

- Parks and Recreation Board: Greg Cathcart
- Planning Commission: Kevin Morrissey
- Zoning Hearing Board: John Fuhrmeister (alternate)

Township Launches Septic Tank Pump-Out Ordinance

Attention Property Owners With Septic Tanks

Watch for an important letter from the Township by regular mail later this month regarding Solebury's new septic tank pump-out program.

The letter explains the Township's new septic tank pump-out ordinance and the requirement to have your tank pumped once every three years.

Don't worry if you have recently had your tank pumped: You may submit the pump-out receipt to the Township and won't have to have your tank pumped again for another three years from the date of the last pump out.

To learn more about this important program, visit the Township website (www.Soleburytwp.org), rest your cursor on the Sustainable Solebury tab, and select Wastewater Management.

The Wastewater Management page provides information about the Township's Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. A subpage provides FAQs related to septic system maintenance and the pump-out ordinance, plus links to additional resources.

Register Now! SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP 2014

June 30 - August 8
NH-S Upper Elementary School
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Dear Taxpayer:

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 15-year anniversary with the publication of the Nov. 2010 issue.

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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.

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5/5	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm			
5/6	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm			
5/12	Planning Commission, 7 pm			
5/13	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm			
5/15	5/15 Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm			
5/22	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm			
5/22	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm			
5/26	HOLIDAY—TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED			
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June				
6/9	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm			
6/9	Planning Commission, 7 pm			
6/10	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm			
6/17	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm			
6/19	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm			



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Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm

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Police Dept. Now Offers On-Site Drug Collection

esidents can now safely surrender expired, unwanted, or unused prescription medicines, including controlled substances and over-the-counter drugs, for destruction by law enforcement by depositing them year-round in a new drug collection box that has been installed at Township Hall.

According to Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie, local resident Barbara Gross, acting as Project Director for NHS Cares, secured matching funds for the roughly \$700 collection unit from the Bucks County District Attorney's office and arranged the purchase for police.

The safe disposal of prescription drugs means fewer medications remain in home medicine chests, where they



may fall into the wrong hands and potentially be abused. The collection effort also prevents environmental contamination and the dangerous consequences of accidental ingestion by children and pets.

The new MedReturn box, shown at left, is accessible Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM in the Police Department lobby at Township Hall.

Instructions imprinted on the box say what can be deposited and what cannot.

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 \$35 each.

The Township's special-edition, multi-color front license plate features the historic Columbus Oak, with Bowman's Tower in the background; they are priced at \$25.00 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.



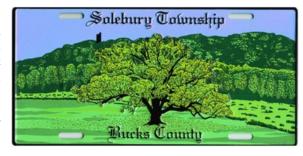


Series 1 & 2: Historic Columbus Oak, Solebury Village Stone School House





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





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2014 Summer Adventure Camp

June 30-August 8
Registration Now Open

Registration is open for Solebury's six-week 2014 Summer Adventure Camp, held at New Hope-Solebury Upper Elementary School in New Hope.

The Parks and Recreation day camp starts at 9 AM June 30 and ends at 3 PM August 8. Spaces are limited and fill quickly.

Parents can register children for any number of weeks; discounts are available to those who sign up before June 1.

Forms and information are available as downloads from SoleburyTwp.org (click the Parks and Recreation tab, then click Documents & Forms).

Camp adventures will include Mad Science workshops and shows, magic shows, karate instruction, arts and crafts, and special events and activities that vary from week to week. Returning is a fitness and obstacle course featuring unique tunnels and crawl-through tubes.

Many fitness and sports activities are held outdoors, while basketball, floor hockey, and quick start tennis programs are held in the school gym.

The Township camp is a Pa. Recreation and Park Society award winner for its excellence in programming and focus on health, fitness, and wellness.

Three Solebury Boys Basketball Teams Rock 2013-14 ICBA Championships

For the first time in the history of the Solebury Parks and Recreation travel basketball league, three teams won championship games in a single season. Congrats, boys!



ICBA NORTHEAST 9B CHAMPS: The Solebury 4th-Grade Boys Travel Basketball team defeated Upper Moreland in a final game that was down to the wire until the bitter end. With a victory score of 36 to 34, they became the 2013-14 league champions. The team, above, includes (*front, l. to r.*) players Jackson Kraemer, Aidan Moses, Kyle Campbell, Matthew Spadavecchia, Christian Deussing, Justin Lehman, Charlie Albano, (*middle, l. to r.*) Dylan Hildebrandt, Ben Garritano, Ben Bogle, and Christian Gormley, plus (*back, l. to r.*) Assistant Coaches Len Lehman and Craig Garritano and Head Coach Keith Deussing.



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CHAMPS: The Solebury 5th-Grade Boys Travel Basketball team defeated Springfield in a nail-biting final game that was up in the air until the last four seconds of play. The final score of 25 to 24 cinched the 2013-14 championship. The team, at left, includes (front, I. to r.) players Bryan Dougherty, Akhil Castelli, Kyle McLaughlin, Drew Zalescik, Dan Flavin, (middle, *l. to r.*) Tanner Richmond, Brian Scotto, Ryan Hinman, Alex Walinski, Will Albano, and Phillip Weinseimer, plus (back, l. to r.) Assistant Coaches Mike Dougherty and Chris Walinski and Head Coach John McLaughlin.



ICBA NORTHEAST 12BD2A

CHAMPS: The Solebury 7th-Grade Boys Travel Basketball team trounced Southampton in their final game. They racked up an upending final score of 50 to 31 to win the 2013-14 championship. The team, at left, includes (front, I. to r.) Head Coach Heath Wallace, players Markus Flathmann, Connor Wallace, Topher Taylor, Hunter Jaronski, Andrew Purdy, John Flavin, Patrick Tangradi, John Ockey, and Logan Waterman, plus (back right) Assistant Coach Dave Waterman. Missing from the photo is team member Beckett Chapin, who was not able to play due to a broken collarbone.

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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 Land Preservation and Note Cards links 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 and 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 and is featured in area galleries and publications.

For more information, visit: markludak.com



2014 Household Hazardous Waste E-Waste Recycling Events

HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY May 10	Lower Makefield Corporate Center 770 Township Line Rd., Lower Makefield
HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY June 21	Upper Bucks County Area Vo-Tech 3115 Ridge Rd., Bedminster
ELECTRONIC WASTE June 28	Palisades Middle School 4710 Durham Rd., Nockamixon
HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY July 19	Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Rd., Warrington
ELECTRONIC WASTE July 26	Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Rd., Warrington
HAZARDOUS & August 16	Quakertown Community High School 600 Park Ave. (Rear Lot), Quakertown
HAZARDOUS & August 23	Bucks County Technical High School 610 Wistar Rd., Bristol
These events are not open to business, industry, or institutions.	Each event is held, rain or shine, from 9AM-3PM.

To learn what you can and cannot bring:

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

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

Unsure where to direct your question? Email: soleburytownship@soleburytwp.org You can direct your query to a specific individual or write a general query. The appropriate individual will respond.





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

Parks and Recreation Dept.

Upcoming Events

Summer Adventure Camp 2014 June 30 - August 8 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)



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:

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