

# Solebury Messenger

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## Township's First "Solebury Day" Deemed a Huge Success

September 19 for the Township's 1st annual Solebury Day, Parks and Recreation Director Dudley Rice reported.

The event was a tremendous success. Thanks to both good planning and spectacular weather, it lived up to its mission to celebrate "all that is Solebury" by fostering community pride, promoting local programs, and encouraging volunteerism, he said.

The day kicked off with a pet parade and dress-up contest sponsored by New Hope Pet

To the delight of all attending, Supervisors Helen Tai and Bob Heath, Jr., took turns in a dunk tank to raise funds for the Travis Manion Foundation of Doylestown.

named the Savitsky family's Dark Chocolate Layer Cake With Whipped Cream Frosting and Rachel Miller's Classic Apple Pie as win-

dults and children packed Laurel Park ners, while "people's choice" honors went to Beth Houlton for Leila's Southern Cream Cheese Pound Cake and to Bob Heath, Jr., for Mom-Mom's Apple Pie With a Twist.

> Children lined up for the Dinosaur Moon Bounce, sat for Caricatures by Courtney, had their faces painted, and completed arts-andcrafts activities as well as projects focused on nature and the environment.

> "Dave, the Balloon Guy" crafted animals, swords, and elaborate hats for young attendees, and high school musicians entertained everyone with acoustic performances.

> Soccer games, other sporting events, and an old-fashioned egg toss with raw eggs drew players of all ages.

And hungry diners kept the park snack Judges of a cake and pie baking contest stand, Bitter Bob's mobile barbecue tent, and Sweet Pea's eco-friendly homemade icecream truck busy dishing up tasty treats throughout the day.

Covino Orthodontics of Solebury donated water to help keep eventgoers hydrated, and Manoff Market's fruit and garden stand raised funds for Solebury Parks & Recreation. (See page 3 for additional community participants.) "We've

ready started planning for Solebury Day 2016," Dudley said. "See you next vear!"

In the meantime, get photos, videos, and news by following Solebury Day on Facebook.

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SOLEBURY DAY TRENDSETTERS. Friends don't let friends wear balloon hats alone! These four girls set the fashion for the wellattended premier of Solebury Day in their unique hats made by David Pollock of "The Balloon Guys" (theballoonguyspa.com).

## Call for Volunteers

#### **Attention Solebury Residents:**

The Board of Supervisors is currently accepting applications for appointments to advisory boards and commissions for the new year. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, submit your résumé and a brief letter of interest using one of the methods listed below. In your letter, describe an interest or an area of expertise you would like to share, and note whether you would prefer to serve on a specific committee or to be appointed to a role by the Township.

Solebury Township, P.O. Box 139, Solebury, PA 18963 Attention: Gretchen Rice

#### E-mail:

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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 will celebrate 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.

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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.

#### November

11/2	Historical Architectural Review Board, / pm
11/5	Board of Supervisors, Budget Session, 7pm
11/10	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
11/16	Planning Commission, 7 pm
11/17	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
11/19	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
11/19	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm

#### December

12/7	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
12/8	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
12/14	Planning Commission, 7 pm
12/15	Board of Supervisors, Budget Session, 7pm
12/17	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
12/17	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm



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To ensure the smooth flow of stormwater from homes, roads, and driveways, residents must monitor these regularly and keep them free of debris, such as leaves,

Also, when mowing grass or blowing streets or ditch lines, where it can clog storm inlets and pipes and where airborne seeds may germinate in cracks or at curb lines.

Curbside pickup of leaves and other natural refuse is not provided by the Town-

The Township does maintain and repair inlets, cross pipes, and culverts. Public Works strives to keep these clear, but if you discover one that is excessively clogged, please report it by calling 215-297-5656.

By working together, we can help prevent future maintenance problems.



**PET PARADE:** These girls were two of many locals to participate the Solebury Day pet parade. Participating rescue organizations reported that three dogs were adopted during the daylong community event.

#### "Solebury Day"

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The following community organizations and business enterprises set up tents and tables for Solebury Day:

- Artists in Residence
- **Bucks County Audubon Society**
- Bucks County League of Women Voters
- **Bucks County SPCA**
- Central Bucks Ambulance
- Community School of New Hope-Solebury
- Cub Scout Pack 3464 of New Hope-Solebury
- Focus on Homeless Animals
- The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury
- Friends of the Free Library
- Illustrator Pat Achilles (children's book, "Let's Visit New
- Lambertville-New Hope Ambulance & Rescue Squad
- Lucky Cupcake Company
- Manoff Market Gardens
- New Hope Arts
- New Hope Pet Center
- New Hope Eagle Fire Company
- New Hope-Solebury Girl Scouts
- **NHS Cares**
- NHS Republican Club
- Primrose Creek Watershed Association
- Solebury Democrats
- Solebury Township Historical Society
- Solebury Township Parks & Recreation
- Solebury Township Police Department
- Trinity Day School

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#### January 23-31 \* On the Web: http://www.winterfestival.net

inter Festival 2016 returns January 23-31 to provide an exciting mid-winter break for visitors and residents of our twin river communities, complete with fun-filled events and activities for all ages.

This year, Triumph Brewing Company in New Hope will be the new location of the popular Chili Cook-Off (always an early "sell out"). The unique event will feature a live band, beverages, and a wide selection of chili from local restaurants. You won't want to miss this one!

The nine-day event offers something for everyone, including a spectacular parade through the streets of New Hope and Lambertville on January 23 (with a foul-weather date of January 30).

Winter Festival provides a full schedule of both free and ticketed local events, including concerts, theatrical performances, food and wine tasting, a pancake breakfast, family and children's activities, live ice sculpting displays, tours, arts and crafts, and more.

Check out the Winter Festival website (www.winterfestival.net) around mid-November for event schedules, activity updates, concert news, and ticket information so you can plan your visit. All information about the festival is posted on the website as soon as it's finalized.

In addition to taking an active role in event planning and hosting the popular Children's Activity Center in the New Hope-Solebury High School gym on Sunday morning, January 31, Solebury Parks and Recreation is a partner and sponsor of the annual event

Proceeds from Winter Festival help support the parks and recreation departments of Solebury, New Hope, and Lambertville, as well as our local food bank Fisherman's Mark, school scholarship programs, fire and police services, the Free Library of New Hope & Solebury, and other community organizations.

Thanks to overwhelming community support of the event, Winter Festival 2015 raised and distributed \$38,783 to these local charities and organizations.

Keep in mind that many events require advance tickets; purchase them early through the website (www.winterfestival.net) to avoid being left out in the cold.



## Historical Society Holds Annual New Year's Brunch

ome one, come all!

The Solebury Township Historical Society invites you to the 15th annual Solebury New Year's brunch on Friday, January 1, from noon to 3 PM.

Join your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled afternoon as we begin the New Year together!

The celebration will be held at Holly Hedge Estates, 6987 Upper York Road, in Solebury Township.

Social time begins at noon, featuring complimentary cider, a cash bar, and entertainment by Bob Egan.

A complete gourmet brunch follows, including meats, an omelet station, and poached salmon.

Honored Citizens of Solebury awards will be presented.

Seating is limited and advance paid reservations are required. Tickets are \$55 per person.

For more details or to make a reservation, visit the society's website (soleburyhistory.org), or send a check to STHS, Drawer 525, Solebury, PA 18963.

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## Magill's Hill: New Site of Outdoor Sculpture Project

Sculpture Project, Gantry, a sculpture Magill's Hill Park, which is located along River Road in Solebury near the Rt. 202 toll bridge.

located at the Pratt Institute of Art Sculpture Park in Brooklyn. Harry H. Gordon Studios, of Lambertville, disassembled and transported it to Solebury in September, then reconstructed it during a Dennis Carney. four-hour process that involved moving the comthe steel structure securely.

Susan Griswold's work is widely exhibited the side of the proposed Solebury Township

s part of the PNC Arts Alive Outdoor in sculpture parks throughout the United States.

She is currently the founding director of St. by Susan Griswold, is now on display at Johns Sculpture Park in Portland, Oregon.

Collaboration on the placement of the Gantry included Parks and Recreation Director Dud-For many years, this spectacular piece was ley Rice, New Hope Arts Director Carol Cruickshanks, publicist Marilyn Bullock, sculpture experts Harry and Wendy Gordon, the Solebury Board of Supervisors, and Township Manager

Because Solebury Township has always ponents by crane, leveling the base, and welding viewed outdoor sculpture and art as an integral part of park development, Gantry was placed by

> Trail, where it can be enjoyed and appreciated by most people.

The PNC Arts Alive Outdoor Sculpture Project is a free, accessible, and ongoing artistic outdoor exhibition. The new sculpture placed in Solebury expands the reach of the celebrated outdoor exhibition administered by New Hope Arts, a recipient of a sponsorship grant provided by the PNC Foundation and its Arts Alive Program.

The mission of the PNC Arts Alive Outdoor Sculpture Project is to collaborate and revitalize the arts in the community. 🏖

#### Safe Deer Management Practiced Here



Solebury needs landowners who are willing to allow safe, legal hunting on their land as part of the Deer Management Program. Contact Jean Weiss to learn more: 215-297-5656

#### Aquetong Spring Park Master Plan Gets Underway

he Board of Supervisors wishes to thank the following residents for volunteering their time to serve on the Aquetong Spring Park Advisory Committee for the purpose of developing a master plan for Aquetong Spring Park.

- Barry Fetterolf (Environmental Advisory Committee)
- Frank Nassetta (Trout Unlimited)
- Michael Richardson
- Jim Trammell (Parks and Recreation Board)
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### Getting Ready for Snow

ecause the Township recog- facilitate snow removal opera-Unizes that Solebury residents depend on their automobiles, the Public Works Dept. spends the fall getting everything ready for the prompt and orderly removal of snow from Township roads.

Winter weather conditions are expected to slow, but not inhibit, the ability of residents to attend work and school, stressed Township Manager and Public Works Director Dennis Carney.

Township vehicles—one loader, a road grader, and five trucks that each hold nearly 10 tons of salt-are lined up now to be winterized, conditioned, and repaired, as needed.

Plows and spreaders are also scheduled to be checked and readied

In addition to relying on its own vehicles and employees, the Township also uses various subcontractors (as well as their trucks and equipment) to better

By late November, ample supplies of salt and sodium chloride (a melting compound) will be in the ready, and Public Works Dept. employees will be reviewing plans and procedures with subcontractors to ensure that everyone understands what to do when snow falls and the removal process begins.

In the event of snow or freezing rain, the department will immediately dispatch its five largest vehicles, outfitted with spreaders, to lay salt on 60 miles of Township roadway.

When snow accumulates to a depth of two inches, plowing will begin. Trucks are assigned the priority role of first clearing arterial roadways and the byways that feed into them.

All trucks remain in use until the entire Township has been cleared.

## Snow Ordinance in Effect

The Solebury Township Police Department urges residents to be mindful of the Township's snow ordinance.

No parking is permitted on any road in the Township from the onset of a winter storm until 24 hours after the last snowflake falls and all roadways have been plowed from road bank to road

Residents are required to have their sidewalks cleared of all snow within 24 hours after a storm has stopped.

Property owners and private plow operators who clean driveways must remove any snow they deposit on roadways. If snow is left in the road, homeowners may be liable in the event of an acci-

Disregard for the snow ordinance can result in fines, towed vehicles, or both.

The Township is not responsible for damage caused by snow moving equipment before, during, or after snowstormsincluding damage to mailboxes.



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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

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

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.

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Parks & Recreation Dept.

**Upcoming Events** 

#### **Solebury Parks and Recreation**

To learn more about the Township's parks and recreation programs, visit the Solebury website (soleburytwp.org) and click on the Parks and Recreation link.

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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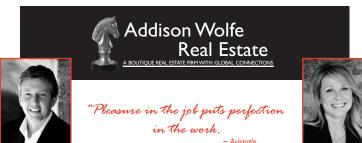
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