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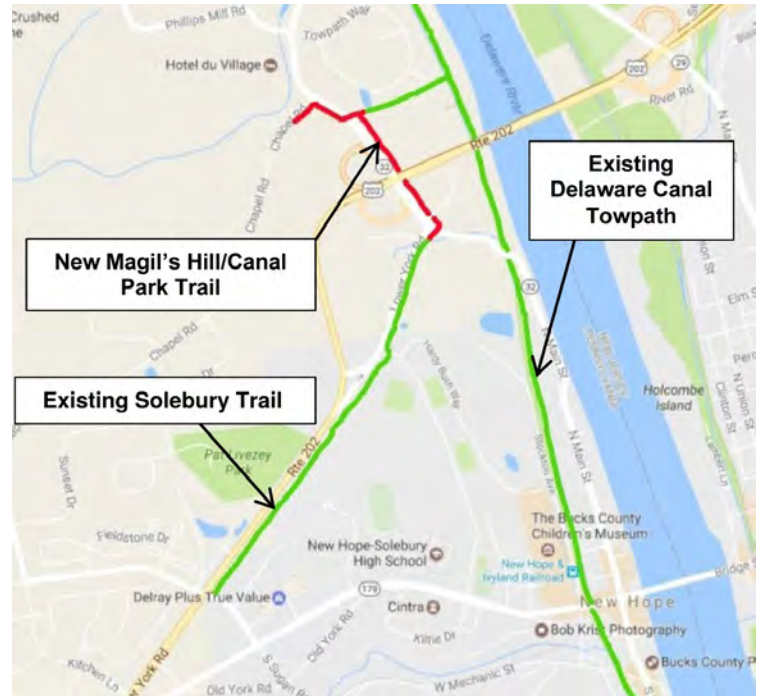
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## Another Piece of the Trail Puzzle *River Road Path to be Completed This Year*

A seamless string of walking trails and bike paths connecting Solebury's parks and open spaces has long been at the top of the Township's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. And one of the most difficult pieces of that puzzle — the connecting trail at Canal Park — is under construction and due to be completed this fall.

Joining the Route 202 Cross Country Trail with the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Trail is no walk in the park. Creating a 10-foot-wide, shared-use trail for pedestrians and bicyclists that safely crosses one of our busiest state roads takes a lot more work than its three-tenths-of-a-mile length suggests.

The project needed to respect our environment and the history of the region. Engineers addressed long-term safety concerns. Planners anticipated the needs of everyone who might enjoy the trail, young and old.



The new Magil's Hill-Canal Park Trail will connect the current Route 202 Cross Country Trail with the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Trail.



An aerial view of the Canal Park area, with the new trail path indicated in red. The completed project will create a new dedicated left-turn lane on River Road, add several curb ramps and crosswalks for safe access, and plant grass buffers between the trail and roadway traffic.

(Photos from Google Earth)

The result is a significant restructuring of the 202/32 intersection, with a dedicated left-turn lane, curb ramps and crosswalks, and extensive signage to protect the grass-buffered trail from traffic.

Work will proceed through the spring and summer, and is expected to be complete by September 2017.

The Township has worked closely with federal, state and county officials to secure permits and funding for the project, including a \$1.7 million grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, federal matching funds and private developer fees.

### Ordinances Now Online

Solebury Township has recently completed a two-and-a-half-year program to codify all Township ordinances and make them available online. Visit the Township website at [SoleburyTwp.org](http://SoleburyTwp.org) and click on the "Code of Ordinances" button to search the database.



# Ready for Winter

It's spring, and road salt is likely far from your thoughts. But at Solebury's just-completed salt barn, winter storm preparedness is a year-round activity.

The new facility replaces the old pole barn located behind the Township Hall, which was damaged by rust, had a leaky roof and was not big enough to hold a sufficient reserve of road salt.

Just as storms are difficult to predict, so is the amount of salt the Township needs for any given season. While this past winter was relatively mild, the 2014-2015 season brought exceptionally cold temperatures, freezing rain and snow that led to a salt shortage throughout the region by mid-March. The new salt barn will allow for more storage in better conditions to meet winter's demands.

This project is part of a comprehensive, long-term review of the Township's facilities begun



several years ago. After many public hearings and discussions, the Board of Supervisors developed a multi-phased timetable for improvements to the Police Department and the Public Works Department. The staggered timetable allows the Township to take advantage of low interest rates and finance construction without raising taxes.

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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.*

### April

4/20 Land Preservation Committee

4/24 Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

4/25 Solebury Farm Committee

4/27 Parks and Recreation Board

### May

5/1 Historic Architectural Review Board

5/2 Board of Supervisors

5/8 Township Planning Commission

5/9 Environmental Advisory Commission

5/18 Board of Supervisors (Thursday due to Election)

5/18 Land Preservation Committee

5/22 Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

5/25 Parks and Recreation Board

### June

6/5 Historic Architectural Review Board

6/12 Township Planning Commission

6/13 Environmental Advisory Committee

6/14 Land Preservation Committee

6/20 Board of Supervisors

6/22 Parks and Recreation Board

6/26 Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

*Stay on top of meeting times with email alerts!*

Visit: [SoleburyTwp.org](http://SoleburyTwp.org)

Click "Solebury Email Alerts"  
and enter your email address.



# 2017 ICBA League Champions Solebury P&R 8th Grade Boys Travel Team

Coach John McLaughlin and his 8th grade team pulled off a stunning 37-24 upset victory over previously unbeaten Hatboro-Horsham on March 10 to capture the title. With two of Solebury's starting players on the bench, one with a broken leg and one with a fracture in his right shoulder, the team took an aggressive start and never looked back - pulling to a 10-point lead in the first quarter.

"This was a thrilling game for us to watch," said Parks and Recreation Director Dudley Rice. "These determined players, under some great coaching from John McLaughlin and Chris Walinski, kept the pressure on



the Hatboro-Horsham team both offensively and defensively. Solebury never gave up the lead and completely dominated and shut down Hatboro-Horsham's usual high powered offense."

This is the second

Championship for many of these same players, who were on this team in March 2014, coached also by McLaughlin and Walinski, when they won their first ICBA League Championship by defeating Springfield 25-24.

## Earth Day 2017 is Saturday, April 22

There are many events scheduled in and around Solebury to observe Earth Day. Here are two that are focused on education and community:

The Aquetong Watershed Association is organizing a spring roadside clean-up starting at 9 a.m. Contact Brian Keyes to volunteer at [brian@briankeyes.com](mailto:brian@briankeyes.com) or (215) 518-5004. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow is hosting an all-day Earth Day Festival starting at 11 a.m. You can learn more at their website, [www.bcas.org/event/earth-day-festival/](http://www.bcas.org/event/earth-day-festival/).

## Recycling in the Parks

You may have noticed these blue recycling containers in Solebury Township parks. Please take the time to use them and contribute to being a good environmental steward for our parks and our planet.

### DOs and DON'Ts of Recycling

DO recycle CLEAN items, including:

- Recyclable plastic containers
- Steel, tin or aluminum items
- Newspapers with no plastic wrap
- Junk mail
- Catalogs
- Phone books
- Magazines without wrappers
- Flattened cereal or snack boxes and cardboard

DO NOT Include:

- Loose plastic bags or package wrap
- Broken/sharp glass
- Ceramic materials
- Cloth/clothing
- Food/yard waste
- Hazardous items
- Shredded paper
- Scrap metal
- Non-recyclable plastics
- Liquids
- Frozen food containers



Participation by everyone is the key. With the help of all communities, our trash hauler, Waste Management, recycled enough material last year to fill 168,819 Boeing 737s. Please do your part to help!



# Protecting Our Water Resources With a Little Roadside Assistance

Solebury homeowners give a lot of thought to protecting the groundwater that feeds drinking wells and sustains the local ecology. Careful consideration of lawn treatments, native plants and stormwater runoff are all important parts of our efforts to protect our water resources.

If your property is along a state road, there's one more element to consider in responsible environmental management — roadside maintenance.

While Solebury Township has long committed to environmentally-responsible roadside management for the roads it controls, state roads are a different story. PennDOT maintains state roads following the guidelines approved for all 67 counties in Pennsylvania, and those guidelines allow for the use of chemical herbicides to manage roadside growth. These chemicals can have harmful effects on people, fish, songbirds and the insects they

Keeping the roadside clear means no obstructed sightlines along the roadway, no falling or hanging branches that end up in the street, and clearing bamboo thickets or other obstructions.

The form — a "Vegetation Management Permit" — is an agreement between the homeowner and the Commonwealth to allow you to maintain the roadside on the state's behalf. This is an easement agreement, and easement

issues are never easy. You'll want to talk with PennDOT or work with a landscaping contractor to understand all the ins-and-outs of maintaining your stretch of the roadside.

But if you're willing to work with the state to mitigate the chemicals that are introduced into our ecosystem, you will be helping to protect our environment.

The application form is available on the Township website (Resources ⇒ Documents & Forms ⇒ State Forms). Completed forms should be returned to Sharon Goldberg, District Highway Maintenance Manager PennDOT District 6-0, 7000 Geerdes Blvd., King of

Prussia, PA 19406. Any questions about the form or the application process should be directed to PennDOT at (610) 205-6566.

Solebury is unique among townships in the region: The springs, watersheds and aquifers that contain our



water ecology lie inside the township's boundaries. Most of the steps that we can take to protect our resources — like the way we care for Township roadsides — are within our control.

Solebury's Environmental Advisory Committee has long-held concerns about PennDOT's use of chemicals and Township administrators have requested the state to switch to non-toxic methods for weed removal. So far, the only alternative that PennDOT is willing to provide is the Vegetation Management Permit program.

If you live along a state road, your agreement with PennDOT can help us all take charge of one of the few environmental issues that is outside of local management.

## **State Roads in Solebury:**

*Aquetong Road ~ Carversville Road*

*Fleecydale Road ~ Green Hill Road*

*Lower York Road ~ Mechanicsville Road*

*Phillips Mill Road ~ River Road ~ Stoney Hill Road*

*Sugan Road (Paxson Road to Upper York Road)*

*Upper York Road ~ Windy Bush Road*

forage when the spray leaches into our underground water supply.

But here's the good news: If you keep the roadside clear and fill out a form with the state, they promise not to spray along your property.





## Winter Festival 2017

### ***A Spectacular 20th Anniversary Year!***

*Winter Festival raised \$41,528 thanks to your generous support!*

On behalf of everyone on our Winter Festival Team, we want to thank the entire community for its tremendous support of the 2017 Winter Festival – our 20th Anniversary Year!

Our many great events, like our spectacular Concert, our fabulous Chili Cook-Off, Karaoke Night, Hawaiian Luau, Winter Fest Blues & BBQ, Taste of Winter Fest, and the Revolutionary Pub Crawls enabled us to raise a record \$41,528 for our community organizations.

As a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation, our proceeds from Winter Festival 2017 will directly benefit the following community organizations:

Solebury Township Parks and Recreation, Lambertville Recreation Commission, New Hope Park and Recreation, New Hope Eagle Fire Company, Fisherman's Mark Food Pantry, Friends of the Delaware Canal, Lambertville Chamber of Commerce, Lambertville Historical Society, Lambertville Fire Department, Lambertville Police Department, Lambertville-New Hope Ambulance & Rescue Squad, New Hope Celebrates, New Hope Historical Society, New Hope Chamber of Commerce, New Hope Police Department, Lambertville-New Hope Rotary, New Hope-Solebury School District Scholarship Fund, New Hope-Solebury Mask & Zany Theater Club, South Hunterdon School District Scholarship Fund, St. John's Church, and The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury.

We wish to thank all of our wonderful sponsors and volunteers who came together to make this event possible and such a huge success. Your generosity and donation of time, goods and services is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Our towns were filled with people and the excitement was electric. Be sure to check our website throughout the year for updated information and photos of this year's events. Have a great year and we will see you next January at Winter Festival 2018!

*Dudley Rice, Chairman  
Winter Festival 2017*

*Glen Stephan, President  
Twin Rivertown Projects Inc.*

*Winter Festival Photographs  
Laura Pedrick Photography*





20th Anniversary  
2017  
Lambertville • New Hope  
*Winter Festival*

## Single Volunteers Make Winterfest Hum

The Single Volunteers of Bucks played a big supporting role helping the Solebury Township Parks and Recreation Department at several events during the Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival, including the Fire and Ice Ball, the Taste of Winterfest, the concert and the Chili Cook-Off.

The group's members are mostly adults over 30 and senior citizens who volunteer their time and energy to assist local non-profit organizations with a variety of tasks to "get any job done."

From decorating the venue, to bussing tables, helping present foods to judges, resupplying the vendors, blowing up balloons, selling CDs, tee shirts and lanyards, and closing down at the end of the day, SVBUCKS supplied extra hands to do what was asked in order to contribute to the success of each event.

In addition, SVBUCKS took extra food from each of the food events and delivered it to people in need, providing area shelters with many delicious meals.

This year SVBUCKS helped decorate for the Fire and Ice Ball by making giant-sized paper snowflakes that were hung from the ceiling to add to the ambiance. After the last dance at the end of the evening, the snowflakes were stored by SVBUCKS and used two weeks later to decorate for the Winter Wonderland party at the Families of Christ's Home for Children. After that, pink hearts were added to each snowflake and they were used to decorate the dining rooms of two nursing homes, one in Bristol and the other in Doylestown.

Helping others is the main purpose of the Single Volunteers of Bucks County, and in doing so, they have fun and feel a sense of purpose and accomplishment. You can learn more about the Single Volunteers of Bucks County on their website, [www.svbucks.org](http://www.svbucks.org).





# 2017 Solebury Township Parks & Recreation Summer Camp

Registration is now open for the Solebury Township Parks & Recreation six-week 2017 Summer Camp Program, which will be held at the New Hope-Solebury Upper Elementary School, 180 West Bridge Street in New Hope.

The Parks and Recreation day camp starts on July 3rd and runs through August 11th. There is no camp on the Fourth of July. Daily hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Spaces are limited and fill quickly. Parents can register children in grades K-6 for any

number of weeks, and discounts are available to those who sign up before June 3.

Forms and information are available as downloads from the Township website, [www.soleburytwp.org](http://www.soleburytwp.org) (click the photo of the Canal Park footbridge at mid-page, then click Documents and Forms), as well as at Township Municipal building.

This year's camp adventures will include "Mad Science" workshops and shows, demonstrations, 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, games and prizes.

Many fitness and sports activities are held outdoors, while basketball, dodge ball, and karate are held in the school gym.

Solebury's summer camp is a PA Recreation and Park Society award winner for both its excellent programming and its focus on health, fitness, and wellness.

Register now during the discount period

## Household Waste Recycling Bucks County Spring/Summer Schedule

Bucks County is hosting five household hazardous waste recycling events this spring and summer, in Warrington, Bristol, Bedminster and Richland townships.

Pesticides, paints, weed killer—toxic chemicals are found in many household products, and when they are no longer needed they need to be disposed of safely. Every year the county sponsors recycling events for residents to responsibly discard these hazardous materials.

### May 27, 2017

Lower Bucks  
Harry S. Truman High School  
3001 Green Lane, Levittown  
Bristol Township

### June 17, 2017

Upper Bucks  
Upper Bucks Area Vocational Technical School  
3115 Ridge Road  
Bedminster Township

### July 22, 2017

Central Bucks  
Central Bucks South High School  
1100 Folly Road  
Warrington Township

### August 5, 2017

Upper Bucks  
Strayer Middle School  
1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown  
Richland Township

### August 26, 2017

Lower Bucks  
Bucks County Technical High School  
610 Wistar Road  
Bristol Township

Please note that no electronics, including televisions and computers, will be accepted this year due to a change in state law. This program is available to residents only; no material will be accepted from businesses, industry or institutions.