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Tending the forest

Clearing and replanting Aquetong Spring Park's woods

Nearly 900 Ash and Walnut trees in Aquetong Spring Park fell victim to invasive insects over the past year, and work is under way to clear the dead and dying trees and replace them with species that are not susceptible to Spotted Lantern Fly or Emerald Ash Borer.

The tree replacement program is a major step in the effort to preserve and enhance the natural beauty and sustainability of this

forest, which surrounds the historic Aquetong Spring, revitalized stream and riparian land.

Bucks initiative brought 100 Red Maple trees to plant along the stream. Local landscapers set the trees in place where they will help anchor the stream banks and provide a cooling canopy for the local trout.

Recent water temperature and fish population



Above: Cleared and stacked wood, ready for the chipper. Right: A closer look at the limbs reveals some of the damage done by the invasive insects.



M. Dobron and Sons Excavating is cutting down the infested trees, grinding and chipping the remains. The chips are inhospitable to insect pests. When clearing is completed this summer, replacement trees will be planted in-season.

While this work continues, other efforts to restore native trees and plants to the park area are in full swing. Bucks Beautiful and its RePlant

samples show an improving habitat, continuing to take shape since the old dam was breached and the lake drained four years ago. The Aquetong Spring Advisory Council continues to regularly monitor stream conditions, improving its suitability as a natural Brook Trout habitat.



Local landscape companies volunteered to plant 100 native red maple trees in Aquetong Spring Park as part of Bucks Beautiful's RePlant Bucks initiative. The trees will stabilize the land mass, prevent erosion, and shade the stream - which will help animal and fish life to thrive.

The perpetrators: Emerald Ash Borer and Spotted Lantern Fly

We've been on the lookout for the Emerald Ash Borer (lower left) and Spotted Lantern Fly (lower right) for a few years, and have gathered together useful information for Solebury homeowners and businesses to help you take action against these pests.



Visit soleburytwp.org/pests and learn what you can do to fight these bad bugs and help keep all our trees safe.



What's in Your Inbox?

Meeting agendas, police alerts, weather bulletins and more are available by email. Visit SoleburyTwp.org and click "Email Notices."

New officers, improved facilities at STPD

The Solebury Township Police Department welcomed spring with two additional full-time officers, facility improvements to the basement headquarters and an additional patrol bicycle.

Officers Gina Ferzetti and Megan Klosterman, both previously employed as part-time officers with the department, were sworn in as full-time police officers in mid-January. They are the Township's first full-time female officers.

The Board of Supervisors approved the two additional officers in the 2019 budget, who are expected to come on board mid-year, noting that police staffing had been unchanged for many years while demands on the department have increased.

Several recent improvements to the Township's police facilities have focused on upgrading the department's offices to meet the needs of modern policing, including additional workspace for the new officers.

This past winter, the Township installed new windows to bring daylight to the basement headquarters offices. A \$20,000 state grant funded the window project in full and paid for an additional patrol bicycle for the police department.



Officers Ferzetti and Klosterman flank Chief Bellizzie at their swearing-in.

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Township Calendar

*Calendar information is subject to changes.
Confirm all dates and times with the Township office.
All meetings are held at Solebury Township Hall.
Meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*

May

5/6 Historical Architectural Review Board
5/7 6 p.m. Board of Supervisors
5/8 Zoning Hearing Board
5/13 Planning Commission
5/14 Environmental Advisory Council
5/16 Land Preservation Committee
5/20 Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee
5/23 6 p.m. Board of Supervisors ~ 7 p.m. Parks & Recreation Board
5/28 Solebury Farm Committee

June

6/3 Historical Architectural Review Board
6/10 Planning Commission
6/11 Environmental Advisory Council
6/12 Zoning Hearing Board
6/18 6 p.m. Board of Supervisors
6/20 Land Preservation Committee
6/24 Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee
6/27 Parks & Recreation Board

July

7/8 Historical Architectural Review Board ~ Planning Commission
7/9 Environmental Advisory Council
7/10 Zoning Hearing Board
7/16 6 p.m. Board of Supervisors
7/18 Land Preservation Committee
7/29 Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

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Common ground

Township and Borough join forces for road repairs, library funding

The Solebury Township Board of Supervisors joined forces with New Hope Borough Council to tackle two issues of community-wide concern: state roads that are long-overdue for repair, and

officials an impromptu tour of conditions along Carversville Road, where all agreed that repairs were in order and should be prioritized.

The state roads in Solebury and New Hope are Aquetong

Windy Bush Road. PennDOT encourages residents to report state road maintenance issues by calling 1-800-FIX-ROAD or on its website at www.penndot.gov.

Addressing the library's needs, both the Township and Borough increased their budget contributions significantly this year, with an additional \$20,000 from Solebury and \$10,000 from New Hope.

"Our contribution is a year-to-year decision," said Baum Baicker. "We work closely with the library's trustees to keep them informed of the Township's needs and so that they can keep us apprised of their progress in meeting the goals of their strategic plan. This is an important investment, and we're determined to see a strong return for all of our residents."

Supervisors plan to meet with library leadership later in the year to review the long-term plans to keep the library vibrant and engaged.

funding for the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury.

The Board and Council, with help from state Sen. Steve Santarsiero and state Rep. Wendi Thomas, brought PennDOT officials to Solebury to meet face-to-face and see first-hand the deteriorating conditions on several state roads in the Township and Borough.

"We regularly hear resident complaints about state road conditions, and it was very helpful to relay them directly to PennDOT," said Mark Baum Baicker, chair, Solebury Township Board of Supervisors. "The Department heard our concerns and was forthcoming with their plans going forward."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Baum Baicker gave

Road, Carversville Road, Fleecydale Road, Green Hill Road, Lower York Road, Mechanicsville Road, Phillips Mill Road, River Road, Stoney Hill Road, Sugan Road (from Paxson Road to Upper York Road), Upper York Road and



Front Row: State Representative Wendi Thomas; Robert Kent, Legislative Affairs Assistant; and Scott Bittner, PennDOT Assistant Maintenance Manager. Back Row: Dennis H. Carney, Solebury Township Manager; Daniel P. O'Brien, Director for Local Government Relations; Michael Quali, PennDOT Assistant Highway Maintenance Manager; Kevin Herdin, PE, PTOE, PennDOT Highway Maintenance Manager; Ed Kunkel, PennDOT Assistant Maintenance Manager; Connie Gering, New Hope Borough Council President; Mark Baum Baicker, Solebury Township Board of Supervisors Chair; and Tom Carroll; New Hope Director of Public Works.



Left-to-right: Ron Cronise, president of the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury Board of Trustees; New Hope Borough Manager E.J. Lee, New Hope Borough Council President Connie Gering, Solebury Township Board of Supervisors Chair Mark Baum Baicker, Library Director Connie Hillman and Solebury Township Manager Dennis Carney.

Route 202 planning tops 2019 agenda

In an effort to stay one step ahead of any future development along the Route 202 corridor, the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors wants to hear from residents, businesses and engineers to help create an orderly plan for the stretch of highway between Logan Square and Upper Mountain Road.

“As always, we're seeking to balance the rights of individual property owners with the good of the community as a whole,” said Supervisor Robert McEwan. “Our mission is to manage growth in a way that promotes sustainability of our natural

resources, preserve our land and protect and revere our historic heritage.”

Suggestions and concerns about the 202 corridor can be emailed to Township Manager Dennis Carney or any Supervisor directly, or by using the "Contact Us" link on the Township website. Input is welcome from inside and outside the Township, and from residents of neighboring New Hope and Buckingham.

All community input, traffic studies and other recommendations will be passed along to the Solebury Township Planning Commission for review and recommendations. The Board

listed 202 planning as one of its top agenda items for the year at its late-January work session.

Other priorities for the year include seeking state grant money to extend the hiking trail along Lower York Road, urging PennDOT to attend to long-overdue repairs on state roads in the Township, hosting single-issue forums on areas of concern to residents, realizing the vision for Aquetong Spring Park and its attendant projects, meeting with the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury to assess long-term plans, and continued vigilance over the quarry reclamation process.

Household Waste Recycling Bucks County Spring/Summer Schedule

Bucks County is hosting five household hazardous waste recycling events this spring and summer, in Bedminster, Bristol, Newtown, Richland and Quakertown 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 11, 2019

Lower Bucks

Bucks County Community College
275 Swamp Road, Newtown
Newtown Township

June 1, 2019

Upper Bucks

Upper Bucks Area Vocational Technical School
3115 Ridge Road
Bedminster Township

June 29, 2019

Central Bucks

Central Bucks South High School
1100 Folly Road
Warrington Township

August 24, 2019

Lower Bucks

Bucks County Technical High School
610 Wistar Road
Bristol Township

September 21, 2019

Upper Bucks

Strayer Middle School
1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown
Richland 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.

2019: A spectacular year for Winter Festival

The 22nd year of the Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival raised a record \$45,738 for community non-profit organizations bringing the event's grand total to \$511,569 raised.

Proceeds directly benefited Fisherman's Mark Food Pantry, Solebury Township Parks and Recreation, Lambertville Recreation Commission, New Hope Park and Recreation, Bucks County Audubon

Society, Central Bucks EMS, New Hope Eagle Fire Company, Friends of the Delaware Canal, Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce, Lambertville Historical Society, Lambertville Fire Department, Lambertville Police Department, Lambertville-New Hope Ambulance & Rescue Squad, Music Mountain Theatre, 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, Solebury Police Department, Sister Cities Tours, South Hunterdon School District Scholarship Fund, and The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury.

More photos and information, along with plans for next year, can be found on the web at www.winterfestival.net.

Festival Scenes. Clockwise from top right: The Landing Restaurant, Chili Cook-Off first place winner, Judge's Choice; headliners Peter Asher and Jeremy Clyde in concert; Magical Musical Pub Crawl participants; Revolutionary Pub Crawl revelers, Soup-A-Thon winners.



2019 Solebury Township Parks & Recreation Summer Camp

Registration is now open for the Solebury Township Parks & Recreation six-week 2019 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 1 and runs through Aug. 9. There is no camp on the Fourth of July. Daily hours are Monday through 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 1.

Forms and information are available as downloads from the Township website, www.soleburytp.org (under the Residents tab, click on Parks & Recreation), as well as at the 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.

Many fitness and sports activities are held outdoors, while basketball, dodge ball, and karate are held in the school gym. Weekly themed adventure days, prizes, awards, and Game Day Fridays are all part of the fun.

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*



Solebury Township is hosting an **E-Waste Recycling Event** for Solebury Township residents.



**Rain
-or-
Shine**



**Saturday, June 22, 2019
9 a.m.–Noon**

**Solebury Township Parking Lot
3092 Sungan Road
Solebury, Pennsylvania**



*For more information on what you can bring
Visit the Township website, soleburytp.org*



WHAT'S THE BUZZ? SAVE THE DATE.

Worker bees are buzzing around preparing for the 2019 Community Spelling Bee, a fundraiser for the Free Library of New Hope & Solebury.

Mark your calendars for the Bee, which is set for Friday, October 4th at 7 p.m. at the New Hope-Solebury High School Auditorium, 182 W. Bridge Street, New Hope.

How can you bee involved with the event? Comb your friends, family, or workplace to form a team of three spellers. Bee a honey and support the Bee through sponsorship, by placing an ad in the Bee program, or by donating a raffle prize.

To form a team or to support this bee-dazzling community event, go to www.nhslibrary.org/events/spelling-bee. Questions? E-mail fnhsbee@gmail.com.

A Fundraiser for
The Free Library of New Hope & Solebury

