



# Solebury Messenger

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## Solebury Police Join Co-Responder Program

The Solebury Township Police Department is launching a new co-responder program in Cooperation with Bucks County Human Services, Buckingham Township Police and New Hope Borough Police Departments.

The purpose of the Co-Responder Program is to reduce repeated calls for service that are not necessarily criminal in nature. The Co-Responder serves as a liaison to help address the social service needs of individuals who come to our attention through 9-1-1 calls.

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## Forum Explores Attainable Housing

*First of Several Community Workshops on Housing Topics*

The Solebury Township Board of Supervisors kicked-off a series of forums and workshops focused on housing in the Township. The first forum, held April 9, explored questions surrounding attainable housing.

The informal gathering drew about 60 Solebury residents. The workshop included a discussion with community members that would be served by attainable housing and

a panel discussion with members of the attainable housing industry.

Residents offered their insights and comments, and a brief discussion of future Hous-

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## Website Redesign Brings New Features, Easier Interface

*“Ask the Township” Widget adds Intelligent Search and Video Responses*

Solebury Township has a new look on the web! The new design is crisper and easier to navigate, and includes some new tools to help residents more easily communicate with the Township.

The updated design incorporates many suggestions we’ve received over the years to make Solebury’s website better. Agendas, minutes, and meeting videos are all in one place. We have a cleaner look with less clutter, that displays well on phones, tablets, and the desktop. The accessibility tools widget is floating in the lower left corner as before.

We’ve consolidated several categories of information that had been scattered across different sections of the old website, so frequent visitors will want to familiarize themselves with the new look and reset any bookmarks they might have saved in the past.

There’s a new way to access sign-up forms for Township emails, Solebury Police notices and ReadyBucks alerts from the County. On the desktop, hover over the last tab on the top menu that says **I Want To +** and click on **Sign Up For Alerts** to reach the sign-up page. On mobile, tap the ‘hamburger’ icon (≡) just below and to the right of the logo banner, and the menu will pop up with the “I Want To +” item at the bottom of the short list.

The new website was built by na studios, an award-winning, Pennsylvania-based web design and digital media company that has extensive expe-

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### What’s in Your Inbox?

Meeting agendas, police alerts, weather bulletins and more are available by email. Visit [SoleburyTwp.org](http://SoleburyTwp.org) and click “Sign Up For Alerts” under the “I Want To +” tab on the top menu.

## Attainable Housing: First of Several Community Workshops

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ing Forum topics closed out the evening.

Panelists asked the community to help the Township envision, analyze and discuss a number of topics, including

- What is Attainable Housing?
- Who would be served by Attainable Housing? (essential workers, starter families, farmer workers, recent college graduates, senior citizens, empty nesters)

- What does Attainable Housing look like?
- What would be a reasonable outcome by 2030 and 2040?
- Where might Attainable Housing be located?

“We seem to be at a point where attainable housing is a question that needs to be addressed,” Supervisor Kevin Morrissey said in opening the forum. “This is a very complex issue that we’re not going to totally address in two hours.”



You can view the video of the first housing forum on the Township website. Visit [SoleburyTwp.org/bos-minutes](https://SoleburyTwp.org/bos-minutes) and click on the video icon next to the listing for Housing Forum #1.

## Website Redesign includes “Ask the Township” Widget

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experience with local governments throughout the region. The last major revision to Solebury’s website took place in 2017.

### Ask the Township Widget

With the new website, we’re trying out a new tool to help residents stay informed about what’s happening in the Township. The tool is called **Ask the Township** and the idea is simple: Ask the Township a question. You’ll receive either an instant AI-generated answer or a short video response from a member of Township staff. Just

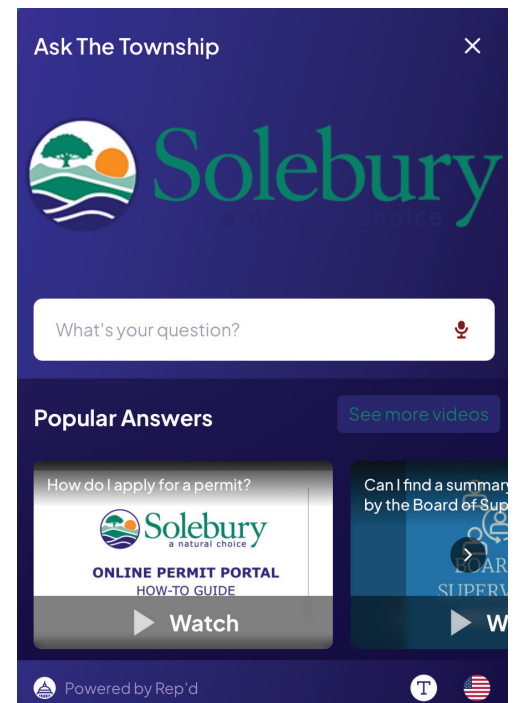
visit the Township website and click the “Ask the Township” widget hovering in the lower-left corner of the home page.



Since we launched the new site, Township staff have been busy crafting video responses to the most frequently-asked questions from residents. Questions like “How do I apply for a permit?” and “How do I reserve a park for my event?” have an in-depth, pre-recorded answer from the Administration member who handles that responsibility. Just click on the widget to expand the “Ask the Township” panel, where you can scroll through available videos or click the “See more videos” button to view the entire archive.

Send us your feedback! Check out the new site, let us know what you like or would like to see changed, and any other thoughts about the updated design. You can leave your

comments through the new “Ask Solebury” widget, or send an old-fashioned email to [SoleburyTownship@SoleburyTwp.org](mailto:SoleburyTownship@SoleburyTwp.org)



## Solebury Police Join Co-Responder Program

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These calls may include, but are not limited to:

- Suicidal thoughts without an attempt
- Strange or bizarre behavior
- Individuals with known mental illness who are disconnected from services
- Family and domestic-related issues
- Child and adolescent issues without criminality
- Questionable need for Adult or Child Protective Services
- Repeat callers seeking assistance unrelated to legal issues
- Families or victims of traumatic events
- Geriatric-related issues with unclear service needs

Bucks County Human Services approached area law enforcement to see if we would be interested in partnering in their co-responder program, similar

to programs already in place with several other Bucks County police departments.

The program will be fully funded by Bucks County for the first two years. At the conclusion of that period, the participating municipalities will review its effectiveness and determine how it should be funded moving forward.

Corrine Beck was selected to serve as our co-responder. She will be based out of Buckingham PD but will travel between all three municipalities during the work week.

Corrine grew up in Jenkintown and attended Saint Basil Academy, and earned her bachelor's degree in psychology at Grand Canyon University. She is currently finishing her master's in social work.

"My professional experience has been shaped by a strong interest in behavioral health and community-based support," Corrine said. She has previous-

ly worked as a drug and alcohol therapist, and also gained valuable experience through the Delaware County District Attorney's ConnectED Program. "During my internship as a co-responder with the Abington Police Department, I discovered my true passion for crisis intervention and working alongside law enforcement to support individuals in need."



## Motorcycle and Motorist Awareness

### *Both Riders and Drivers Need to See and Be Seen*

Motorcyclists continue to be overrepresented in fatal traffic crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 6,228 motorcyclists were killed in 2024—accounting for 15% of all traffic fatalities.



Our beautiful community is a natural draw for motorcyclists from across the region. With this in mind, it's especially important for drivers to recognize the unique safety challenges motorcyclists face, particularly their smaller size and limited visibility.

If you ride a motorcycle, you already know how enjoyable the experience can be. To stay safe, remember to ride defensively, approach intersections with extra caution, and avoid unnecessary risks.

You can enhance your visibility by using reflective materials and always keeping your headlight on. Wearing a DOT-compliant helmet and riding sober are also essential steps in protecting yourself.



By staying alert and looking out for one another, we can all help make our roads safer for drivers, riders, and the entire Solebury Community.

## Adopt a Township Road Program Aims to Help Fight Litter

Solebury's Adopt-A-Township-Road (AATR) program reinforces Solebury Township's beautification efforts by involving citizens across the Township in Pennsylvania's anti-litter campaign.

The program serves as an educational tool to bring awareness to roadside litter with the goal of providing clean, well-cared for roadways for residents, roadway users, and those visiting our community.

This program allows groups and individuals to "adopt" portions or entire lengths of Town-

ship roads and become their "caretakers".

### Quick Facts

- **Adopting groups must sign an agreement with Solebury Township**, and a Solebury Township Liability Release Form must be on file for each participant.
- **Participants must be at least 12 years old.** Groups with members between the ages of 12 and 17 must be supervised by adults 18 years of age (or older) in the ratio of one (1) adult per four (4) minors. Participants under the age of 18 must have the signature of a parent or guardian.
- **Groups must agree to adopt, at minimum, a one-mile portion of township roadway.** Solebury Township must agree that the road is suitable for adoption. **State Roads do not qualify for this program.**
- **Groups must agree to pick up litter at least two times per calendar year.** The agreement runs for two years. It will renew automatically unless either party chooses to terminate it. **All pick-up events must be scheduled through the Program Administrator.**
- **Safety is a top priority.** Group leaders must use safety materials provided by Solebury Township and must conduct safety meetings with group members before each pick-up event.
- **All participants must wear "hi-vis" safety vests and must post "Lit-**

**ter Crew Ahead" signs during scheduled pick-up periods.** Safety vests, signs, traffic cones, and trash bags are provided by Solebury Township. Provided materials are to be returned to Solebury Township after each event.

- **Solebury Township will post two signs** (one in each direction) naming the adopting group or individual on the adopted portion of the road.

### Registration & Resources

**Interested parties must review the Program Requirements and complete a Program Interest Form.** Registration will not be complete until all required forms are submitted to the Program Administrator AND confirmation of final road-selection is received from the Program Administrator.

**All participants of registered groups must attend a Safety Orientation prior to the group's first clean-up event.** Safety orientation materials, along with the Interest Form and Registration Link, can be found on the Township website. Sessions are to be held over Zoom and scheduled through the Program Administrator.

Materials and forms can be found on the Township website at [SoleburyTwp.org/adopt-a-township-road](http://SoleburyTwp.org/adopt-a-township-road).

### Contacts

Kate Robeson-Grubb, Sustainability Specialist (AATR Program Administrator), 215-297-5656 ex.131

Chris Clewell, Director of Public Works, 215-297-8383

## Know What's Below Call 811 Before You Dig

Contractors and homeowners are reminded to place a PA One Call at least three days before any digging or excavation project. This can be done by dialing 8-1-1, which will connect the caller with the local One-Call center.

By following this important step, individuals can ensure facility owners and operators accurately locate and mark underground lines, reducing the risk of accidental damage.



**SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS.  
EVERY DIG. EVERY TIME.**

## Solar Panels Coming to Public Works Garage

### *Renewable Energy Plays a Big Role in Solebury's 'Ready for 100' Goals*

Solebury's Municipal Building Complex is going solar, a project that is projected to significantly reduce the Township's carbon footprint while ensuring long-term energy cost reductions and stability.

In November 2025, the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of a 270 kilowatt solar system that will offset 99 percent of the electricity used at the municipal complex.

This solar project has been under consideration for the past several years as a part of the Township's efforts to meet its Ready for 100 Goals, which entail achieving 100 percent clean and renewable electricity by 2035, and 100 percent clean and renewable energy for heating and transportation by 2050.

A staff-conducted feasibility study determined that investing in a solar system would ensure long-term savings and guard

against future market volatility.

At the time of proposal-review in November of 2025, the return-on-investment (ROI) period was projected to be 8 years, but current market conditions reflect that the ROI period will likely be shortened as PA electricity rates continue an observed upward trend.

Pairing ongoing savings with the selling of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs), this project will result in a net-positive of at least \$700,000 by the end of the system's 30-year lifespan.

The solar system also includes inverters that will allow battery backup capability in the future when the complex's existing backup generators meet the end of their lifespan, which will ensure continued operations in the event of an outage or hazardous weather conditions.

The majority of the solar system will be installed on the roof

of the Public Works garage, with the remaining panels to be installed on the roof of the salt storage shed.

Construction will begin this spring, and is expected to be completed by early July of this year.

To learn more about this project, please contact Solebury Township's Sustainability Specialist, Kate Robeson-Grubb, via email ([krobeson-grubb@soleburytwp.org](mailto:krobeson-grubb@soleburytwp.org)) or by phone (215-297-5656).

### **It's Pothole Season: Know Who to Call**

Spring has sprung, and that means potholes are bound to pop up along with the daffodils. To help our road crew fix these potholes quickly, we need your help in reporting them as soon as they appear.

PennDOT is responsible for the state roads in the Township. Call 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623) or file an electronic report on the web at [PennDOT's Customer Care Center](#).

To report a pothole on any other road in Solebury, call 215-297-5656 or use the "Contact" link on the Township website.

#### **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  
 Sугan Road (Paxson to Upper York)  
 Upper York Road  
 Windy Bush Road



## Learn More About the Solebury Township Human Relations Commission

The Solebury Human Relations Commission (HRC) was established by Township ordinance in 2023 as part of the Township's ongoing commitment to ensure that all Township residents, visitors and workers are treated with the respect, dignity and opportunities that they deserve. The HRC provides a vehicle and a process by which individuals who believe that they have been discriminated against as a result of their inclusion in a protected category can lodge their complaint with the Township. Once received, The HRC will initiate the necessary follow-up and investigation of the complaint. They will also advise on whatever other avenues the complainant may pursue in their efforts to resolve their complaint. The Mission Statement of The HRC is very inclusive and straightforward. It states:

*The Human Relations Commission will work to ensure all persons, regardless of actual or perceived race, color, age, religious creed, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap, use of guide or support animals, because of blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user, or sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression enjoy the benefits of citizenship and are afforded equal opportunities for employment, housing and public accommodation.*

The full information concerning the makeup and procedures of The HRC can be found on the Township's website under the tab of **Boards and Committees**. The HRC meets monthly on an as-needed basis and have been doing so since 2023. We would encourage Township residents as well as visitors and workers to take a few moments to review the information on the website as it is a good indicator of the commitment that the Township has to protecting the rights and expectations of residents. In addition to the ongoing meetings of the HRC, the Commission also strives to stay in touch with similar organizations throughout the State and County. The goal is to ensure that the Township's practices and procedures are in keeping with current legislation and the experiences of those organizations striving toward the same opportunity goals. These contacts are made in-person, by phone calls and participation in Zoom meetings with larger groups.

The good news to report is that since its inception in 2023, no complaints have been lodged with the HRC. This is perhaps a testament to the positive environment and inclusivity of our community. The HRC is ready to assist, all township residents, visitors and workers, as and when any events may be reported.

## Land Preservation Committee Offering Limited-Edition Note Cards

Solebury Township is one of the most breathtakingly beautiful corners of Bucks County — rolling meadows, wooded hill-sides, and quiet streams that have defined this landscape for generations. The Land Preservation Committee works tirelessly to ensure these treasured places remain open, preserved, and protected for all the generations who will call Solebury home.

To support our ongoing conservation mission, we are selling our limited-edition notecard collection — a celebration of Solebury's preserved lands through stunning photography captured right here in our township.

Our notecards feature original photographs by Mark Ludak, from morning mist over rolling hills to winter woods captured

in ice and snow. Each image reflects the quiet majesty that makes this community so special.

Notecards may be purchased at the Solebury Township Building at 3092 Sugan Road, or call 215-297-5656 for more information. Each box contains eight cards (two prints of each photograph) and costs \$15. Net proceeds benefit the Solebury Township Land Preservation Fund.

Solebury Township has preserved approximately 40 percent of its farmland, forests, stream corridors, and meadows that define the character of our community. Every acre protected is a promise kept: that the views, the wildlife habitat, and the clean wa-

ter will endure. Your notecard purchase is a direct investment in that promise.

THESE FOUR BEAUTIFUL IMAGES, PHOTOGRAPHED BY MARK LUDAK, ARE SCENES FROM SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP IN BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



"Along Aquetong"



"Delaware River Winter"



"Centre Bridge Canal"



"Misty Hills"

NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THESE CARDS GOES TO THE SOLEBURY LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

# Egg-citement and Eggs-uberance!

## P&R Ushers in Spring with Annual Egg Hunts

Families and furry friends enjoyed two egg-cellent events this April—from a high-energy kids’ egg hunt to a tail-wagging Egg Hunt for Hounds.

Kids and their parents kicked-off this annual tradition at Pat Livezey Park, with tons of fun and special prizes.

The puppies got their own special egg hunt two weeks later at Aquetong Spring Park.

Solebury Township Parks & Recreation sponsors these events each year to welcome the spring, show off our beautiful parks, and share in the fun!



## Bucks County Household Waste Recycling Events for 2026

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

**May 30, 2026**

*Upper Bucks*

Upper Bucks County Technical School  
3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie  
Bedminster Township

**July 11, 2026**

*Lower Bucks*

Bucks County Community College  
275 Swamp Road, Newtown  
Newtown Township

**August 8, 2026**

*Lower Bucks*

Bensalem High School  
4319 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem  
Bensalem Township

**Oct. 24, 2026**

*Upper Bucks*

Strayer Middle School  
1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown  
Richland Township

Please note that no electronics, including televisions and computers, can be accepted under state law. This program is available to Bucks County residents only; no material will be accepted from businesses, industry or institutions. Visit [www.buckscounty.gov/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.gov/recycling) for more information.

# Solebury Recycles!

a natural choice

 **KEEP IT OUT OF THE LANDFILL!**

**SAT MAY 9TH 9am - 12pm**

## E-WASTE!

ANYTHING WITH A PLUG!

PRE-REGISTER HERE!



**NEW HOPE - SOLEBURY  
"UPPER ELEMENTARY"  
SCHOOL  
186 W BRIDGE ST,  
NEW HOPE, PA**

### Other Items to Donate!

TOOLS!  
BOOKS!



CLOTHING!



BABY ITEMS!



COMMUNITY  
RUMMAGE  
SALE!



WHAT WE  
ACCEPT

### Township Directory

#### Police:

Emergency? Dial: 9-1-1. Nonemergency? Call: 215-328-8511  
Police Administration: 215-297-8201  
General Inquiries: [police@soleburytpd.org](mailto:police@soleburytpd.org)

#### Administration:

Township Number: 215-297-5656  
General Inquiries: [soleburytownship@soleburytpw.org](mailto:soleburytownship@soleburytpw.org)

#### Township Manager Christopher Garges:

[soleburymanager@soleburytpw.org](mailto:soleburymanager@soleburytpw.org)

#### EAC Administrator Kate Robeson-Grubb:

[krobesson-grubb@soleburytpw.org](mailto:krobesson-grubb@soleburytpw.org)

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#### Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice:

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### Board of Supervisors

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### Township Calendar

*Calendar information is subject to changes.  
Confirm all dates and times with the Township office.*

#### May

- 5/5 Board of Supervisors
- 5/6 Comprehensive Plan Committee
- 5/6 Human Relations Commission (as needed)
- 5/11 Comprehensive Park & Open Space Plan Committee
- 5/12 Environmental Advisory Council
- 5/14 Land Preservation Committee
- 5/18 Sustainability Subcommittee
- 5/21 Board of Supervisors
- 5/26 Solebury Farm Committee
- 5/27 Planning Commission
- 5/28 Parks & Recreation Board

#### June

- 6/1 Historical Architectural Review Board
- 6/4 Human Relations Commission (as needed)
- 6/8 Comprehensive Park & Open Space Plan Committee
- 6/9 Environmental Advisory Council
- 6/10 Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)
- 6/15 Sustainability Subcommittee
- 6/16 Board of Supervisors
- 6/17 Comprehensive Plan Committee
- 6/18 Land Preservation Committee
- 6/22 Planning Commission
- 6/25 Parks & Recreation Board
- 6/30 Solebury Farm Committee

#### July

- 7/2 Human Relations Commission (as needed)
- 7/6 Historical Architectural Review Board
- 7/8 Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)
- 7/13 Comprehensive Park & Open Space Plan Committee
- 7/14 Environmental Advisory Council
- 7/15 Comprehensive Plan Committee
- 7/16 Land Preservation Committee
- 7/20 Sustainability Subcommittee
- 7/21 Board of Supervisors
- 7/27 Planning Commission
- 7/28 Solebury Farm Committee