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Subj: Parks & Recreation Monthly Activity Report for August 2026

FACILITIES

The Laurel Park bathrooms are open during operational hours and automatically lock each evening at 9:30 p.m. The bathrooms at Pat Livezey Park are opened by staff for events, rentals, and soccer practices / games. Mowing at all park locations is in progress for the season.

FACILITY RENTALS:

One at Pat Livezey Park.

CANAL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Various contractors viewed the condition of the fence along the Canal Walk adjacent properties in order to determine an estimated cost for replacement this year of a portion of the fence as appropriated in the capital budget.

Mowing continues to be reduced on the south side of the internal drive along the DRJTBC property to allow for the continued growth of environmentally friendly longer field grasses.

MAGILL'S HILL:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Mowing remains adjusted to allow for more growth at the bottom of the hillside to assist with water runoff. DRJTBC began clearing along the south side of the park.

PAT LIVEZEY PARK:

Fields (Upper & Lower)

Routine maintenance and inspection.

Preparations are in progress for native plantings at the hillside along the lower athletic field next to the parking lot. Solebury Township has been successful with both the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve plant grant program (awarded 55 native plants) and the Bucks Beautiful beautification grant (awarded \$1,917). Both grant awards will be used for the native replanting of the hillside at Lower Pat Livezey Park!

Maintenance / Buildings / Security

Routine maintenance and inspection.

LAUREL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

Replacement yellow fence topping was installed at the Intermediate baseball field next to the snack stand and at the adjacent Softball field.

TRAILS

Routine maintenance and inspection.

NORTH POINTE PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

AQUETONG SPRING PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Multiple Eagle Scout projects were completed or in progress and at Aquetong Spring Park.

- 1) Eagle Scout Charlie Babboni – Bluebird and Owl Houses (In Progress)
- 2) Eagle Scout Parker Taylor – Bats and Bee Houses (Completed)
- 3) Mason Botts – Bird Blind Project (Completed)

SOLEBURY PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

SOLEBURY GREEN:

Routine maintenance and inspection, including mowing of the grass trail areas for both pedestrian access and for vehicle access by the Township Public Works Department..

Design Consultant Kimmel-Bogrette is proceeding with the draft plan. Solebury Township was awarded \$1.497 million in grant funding through PennDOT's Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program! The funds will enable the construction of 1.320 feet of shared use path and 280 feet of boardwalk on the south side of Lower York Road between Reeder Road and Shire Drive. This is a great first phase of construction of Solebury Green.

COMPREHENSIVE PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, GREENWAY & TRAIL PLAN:

All revised chapter comments have been received from the Study Committee members and sent to the Township consultant, Gilmore & Associates, Inc. The project timeline anticipates completion of a Draft Plan by November 2026. The next Study Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14.

PROGRAMS

SOLEBURY BASEBALL / SOFTBALL LEAGUE:

Fall Baseball and Softball are in progress.

Website: www.soleburybaseball.org

Email: soleburytwpbbaseballsoftball@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/soleburybaseballandsoftball>

SOLEBURY SOCCER:

Soccer practices and games are in progress for the fall program at Laurel Park and Pat Livezey Park.

Website: www.soleburysoccer.com

SOLEBURY BASKETBALL:

Gym facility planning was submitted to NHSD Operations and they are in the process of approving all requested dates and times. The annual Travel Coaches meeting was held on August 17 and tryout dates and practice times were selected for all teams for the upcoming ICBA 2026-27 season. An information flyer is being prepared which will be distributed through the school. Adult Basketball registration is in progress online and information is posted on the Township website and social media.

Basketball website: www.soleburytwp.org/parks-recreation/pages/sports-programs

ICBA website: www.icbabasketball.com

SOLEBURY LIONS YOUTH WRESTLING:

The 2025 winter season has ended and planning is in progress for 2026.

Website: www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com

Facebook: Solebury Lions Youth Wrestling at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/132869324008298>

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY LACROSSE:

The Lacrosse Spring season has ended.

Website: <http://www.nhslacrosseclub.com/organizations/19205>

LAMBERTVILLE-NEW HOPE RAMBLERS

The Lambertville-New Hope Ramblers Football and Cheerleading program provides opportunities for children ages 5-14 in Lambertville, New Hope, Solebury Township. The season has concluded.

Contact information for next season is available on the Ramblers website at <https://lnh-ramblers.com>

SUMMER CAMP:

Planning for the 2027 Summer Camp will begin in January as preparations are underway to move back to its pre-COVID location at the NHSD Upper Elementary School, by agreement with the school district's Operations Department. Program information and announcements will be posted on the Township website and via social media.

Website: <https://www.soleburytpw.org/summer-camp>

PICKLEBALL:

Current pickleball program is in progress.

BACKGROUND SCREENING and CLEARANCES:

The current Clearance List is updated throughout the year for those who are required to obtain volunteer clearances. Individual sports organizations are required to provide certification to Solebury Township as appropriate. The PA State Law on Clearances is in effect for all volunteers and employees.

FIRST AID / CPR / AED TRAINING:

CPR / AED / First Aid training courses are available online at various websites. Township personnel completed the training on October 20, 2025 and are certified for 2 years. Sports organizations conduct training for coaches and other designated personnel.

CONCUSSION TRAINING

Coaches and sports groups using Township facilities are asked to complete the CDC Concussion Training and produce a certificate of completion or League certification.

Concussion Training Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>

LICENSE PLATES and TILE PROMOTION:

Sales continue each month. Since this program was started, it has raised \$74,955 to date for Parks and Recreation programs and events. Receipts are documented in the monthly budget report.

CELEBRATION TREE PROGRAM:

Forms and information are posted on the Township website at the link below.

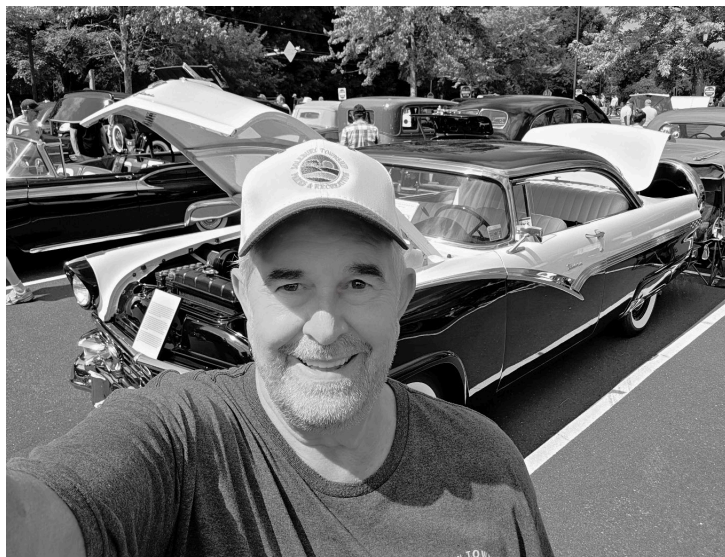
https://www.soleburytpw.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif1221/f/uploads/solebury_township_tree_program_form_0.pdf

AUGUST EVENTS

Various events take place each month that are run or sponsored by the P&R Department.

Details are posted on the Township website, Facebook, advertisements, posters and online.

8/8-9 Annual New Hope Auto Show.....NHSD High School Campus



TRAINING

Dudley and Annelise completed the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) re-certification course on August 19.

MEETINGS / ADMIN / SUBDIVISIONS

No Parks & Recreation meeting was held in August.

The annual Basketball Coaches meeting for the 2026-27 ICBA season was held at the Township on August 17.

Respectfully submitted,

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