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Local Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative a Success

2.5 Tons of Medications Collected in Bucks County

Like many other police forces across the country, Solebury Township Police participated in the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's fourth national drug collection event April 28, collecting several bags of expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications at two local collection sites.

The goal of DEA-orchestrated events like this one is to safely remove unessential medications from consumers' medicine cabinets, and thereby (1) reduce the risk of misuse and (2) prevent the contamination of landfills and water sources as a consequence of improper disposal.

During the event, residents surrender medications to law enforcement at advertised collection sites, and police route the drugs for safe disposal.

According to Chief Dominick Bellizzi, the April "take-back" proved to be the county's most successful collection to date.

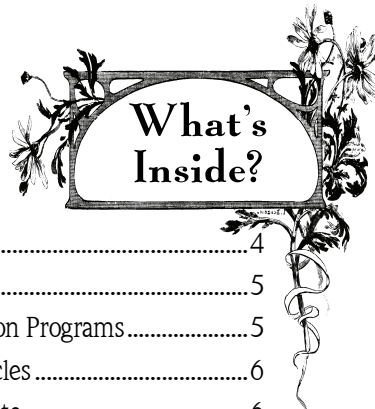
Bucks County police departments together collected nearly 2.5 tons of prescription and over-the-counter medications, including items dropped off at hosted sites and those deposited in drop boxes, he said.

Between collection events, residents can safely deposit unwanted medications at one of 18 permanent collection boxes, which are located at the Bucks County Courthouse and these police departments:

- Bensalem Township
- Doylestown Township
- Hilltown Township
- Langhorne Borough
- Lower Southampton Township
- Middletown Township
- New Britain Township
- Newtown Township
- Northampton Township (24 hours)
- Pennridge Regional
- Plumstead Township
- Quakertown Borough
- Richland Township
- Springfield Township
- Upper Southampton
- Upper Makefield
- Warwick Township

Watch the *Solebury Messenger* for news of the next DEA take-back that will be held in the Township. 🍷

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SOLEBURY POLICE managed two collection sites as part of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's fourth national drug collection event April 28, one at police headquarters and another at Giant Food Store in Logan Square. Above, Officer Sean Murrin hosts a shift at the supermarket site.

Supervisors Urge Residents to Sign Up For Email Alerts

The Supervisors urge residents to sign up for Township emails about emergencies and other important matters.

The email address you provide will not be used for any other purpose; the Township does not share email lists with other individuals and/or entities.

The alerts are created, first and foremost, to inform the community of impending natural disasters (such as hurricanes and floods), snow emergencies, road closures, and warnings issued by the Police Department.

They also alert residents to important topics under consideration by the Township and to upcoming community events.

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Other correspondence should be directed to the appropriate Township official. For more information, see the Township directory on page 7.

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.

July

7/2	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
7/4	HOLIDAY—TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
7/9	Planning Commission, 7 pm
7/10	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
7/17	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
7/26	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm
7/26	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm

August

8/6	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
8/13	Planning Commission, 7 pm
8/14	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
8/21	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
8/23	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm



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Solebury Red Hawks Take Div. 1 Basketball Championship

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In a stunning display of skill and power, the Solebury Red Hawks—the 12-year-old boys basketball travel team sponsored by the Township Parks and Recreation Dept.—defeated Springford Township 44-28 in the Inter-County Basketball Association's Division 1 championship at Upper Moreland Middle School, taking the title and earning a place in local history.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Dudley Rice, the victory marks the first time a Solebury basketball team won a Division 1 Title.

"Division 1 is the highest level, the elite of all divisions," he said. The win was also notable, he said, because Springford was seeded number one, having entered the game with only one loss for the entire season.

"The Red Hawks jumped out to a dominating early lead and never relinquished it," the director recounted. "They shut down Springford's high-octane offense. By the fourth quarter, the Red Hawks had total control of the court, to the cheers of the overflow crowd."

"It was the team's awesome defensive strategy and aggressive shooting style that allowed them to capture the title and championship trophy," he concluded.

The Red Hawks coaches praised the team's hard work and dedication throughout the entire season. 🏀



Do you have an idea you would like to offer to the Township?

Solebury Township welcomes suggestions from residents.

Visit our website and click on the Suggestion Box photo.

Your e-mail address is required.



SOLEBURY RED HAWKS are currently the ICBA Division 1 champs. Team members include (*front, l. to r.*) players Danny Freeman, Connor Larkin, Brendan Shadle, Matt Paulus, and Ryan Miller, (*back, l. to r.*) Assistant Coach Dave Shadle, Assistant Coach Chip Vaughn, players Michael Troup, Sam Christiansen, Rhys Vaughn, Thomas Flavin, and Matt Fest, and Head Coach Rusty Paulus.



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Yvette E. Taylor-Hachoose is the author of *Stop! What Are You Waiting For? Your Step-by-Step Guide to Estate Planning*. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center. She has served as Vice President with Prudential Insurance Company and Assistant General Counsel with both CIGNA Corporation and Prudential.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Plans 13th Annual Discovery Day

Sat., July 14, 10 AM-4 PM

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve invites the community to discover the secrets of nature's garden at its 13th annual Discovery Day—an exciting way to experience the extraordinary beauty, ecological significance, and diverse resources of the preserve.

Explore the preserve on a family treasure hunt. Take a guided wildflower walk through a meadow brimming with colorful native perennials and grasses and beautiful butterflies. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors, and come spend the day!

This free and fun event even features activities especially for kids, such as insect hunts, nature crafts, puppet shows, and much more.

Discovery Day will be held, rain or shine, from 10 AM-4 PM Saturday, July 14, at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, located at 1635 River Road, about 2.5 miles south of New Hope.

Beverages and snacks will be available; visitors are also encouraged to bring picnics.

Native plants will be offered for sale, as will books on gardening with native plants, field guides, t-shirts, and hats.

For more information, visit bhwp.org (click the Special Events tab and select Discovery Day), call (215) 862-2924, or email bhwp@bhwp.org.



DISCOVERY DAY comes to life with children safely interacting with their favorite crickets, beetles, and butterflies during the Discovery Day insect hunt (above). During this activity, youngsters learn about the big contributions tiny creatures make to the web of life. In addition, animal puppets (left) tell children stories about the creatures who live at the preserve and the roles they play in the local ecosystem. This year's shows will include "Pollinator Pals" and "Soil Adventure."

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Solebury Resident

EAC Offers Well and Septic Tips

While parts of Solebury are serviced by public water and sewer services, a large portion of the Township uses on-lot well-water and septic systems.

In effect, most residents operate their own personal utilities and need to perform regular maintenance to protect the water supply and preserve their septic systems.

Replacing a failed system can cost more than \$30,000 and can be very disruptive to a household.

According to the Solebury Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), owner maintenance is the most important factor in keeping septic systems operating properly.

The EAC offers the following top-10 actions to help residents safeguard the integrity of their septic systems and protect the Township's water quality:

1. Have your septic tank pumped every 2-3 years, regardless of whether your on-lot sewage system has problems.
2. Use less water—less water causes less stress on the system and prevents overload.
3. Have the tank regularly inspected by a professional, and keep records of all inspections, pumping, and other maintenance.
4. Do not flush coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers, kitty litter, cigarette butts, bandages, or other materials that can damage your system.
5. Never pour harsh chemicals into your septic system (e.g., bleach, latex paint, drain cleaners, cooking oil).
6. If you have a garbage disposal, severely restrict its use.
7. Do not use chemical or biological enzyme additives.
8. Whenever possible give your septic system a break—for example, spread laundry machine use over a period of days instead of doing 5-6 loads in one day.
9. Know where your septic system is located and keep that area free of deep rooted plants and trees.
10. Never allow heavy construction equipment to be operated on the drainfield. ♻️

Sale of Tiles and License Plates Supports Parks & Recreation Programs

Consider supporting Solebury Parks and Recreation programs by purchasing commemorative, limited-edition, red clay tiles or a Township license plate for yourself and as gifts.

Designed by local artist Erika Bonner, four colored tiles featuring Solebury landmarks celebrate the Township's 300th anniversary; they are priced at \$35 each.

The Township's special edition, multi-color front license plate features the historic Columbus Oak, with Bowman's Tower in the background; they are priced at \$25 each.

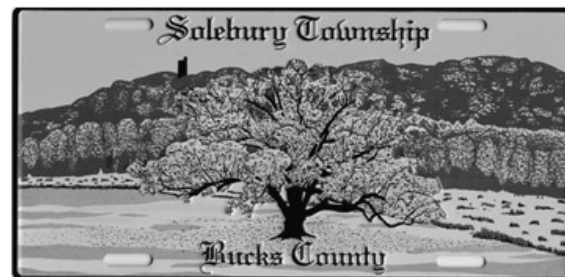
All proceeds from the sale of tiles and license plates benefit Parks and Recreation programs; they are available at Township Hall during regular business hours. ♻️



Series 1 & 2: The historic Columbus Oak,
Solebury Village Stone School House



Series 3 & 4: Van Sant Covered Bridge,
scenic Delaware Canal Bridge

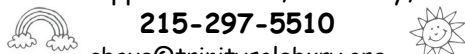


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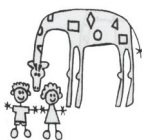
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To help avoid accidents and injuries, the Solebury Police Dept. urges residents to be cautious when sharing the road with motorcycles—particularly when turning onto Township roads from blind driveways and intersections.

“Motorcycles are sometimes difficult to see and extra caution must be taken,” noted Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie.

“Noise is another problem related to motorcycles at this time of year,” he said. “The police department will be vigilant and will do everything legally possible to ensure that all motorcycles operated in the Township have proper muffler systems.”

Residents who have particular concerns or questions about motorcycles may contact the Solebury Township Police Department at 215-297-8201. 📞



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Upper Bucks Area	Aug. 18	<i>Quakertown Community High School 600 Park Avenue, Quakertown Borough</i>
Lower Bucks Area	Aug. 25	<i>Bucks County Technical High School, 610 Wistar Road, Bristol Twp.</i>

2012 Schedule

Upper Bucks Area	June 30	<i>Pennridge High School Parking Lot 1228 N. Fifth Street, Perkasie</i>
Middle Bucks Area	July 14	<i>Bucks County Planning Commission Almshouse Rd. & Rt. 611, Doylestown</i>
Upper Bucks Area	Aug. 11	<i>Upper Bucks Government Service Center 261 California Road, Quakertown</i>
Lower Bucks Area	Sept. 1	<i>Lower Bucks Government Service Center Enter near 4270 Woodbourne Road, Levittown</i>
Middle Bucks Area	Sept. 29	<i>Bucks County Planning Commission Almshouse Rd. & Rt. 611, Doylestown</i>

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July 2 - August 10

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To keep abreast of local sports news, visit these websites:

www.soleburytwp.org (Parks & Recreation tab)

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