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Solebury's Deer Management Program

An Ongoing Need for Landowner Participation

n March, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Advisory Council (EAC) with working on the conducted a deer count in Solebury, esti- issue. mating that 197 deer per square mile currently live in the Township.

2015 count of 126 deer per square mile, and a lustrates how far above ideal the density of nearly 370% increase over the 2008 count of the deer herd is now. 42 deer per square mile, which was taken right after a culling. In fact, the current count article on the Pa. Dept. of Conservation and is the highest since the Township began doc- Natural Resources website states that deer are umenting the deer population in 2006.

will not address itself," Supervisor Chair Helen Tai stated. The board has identified deer management as one of its top priorities for 2016, and has charged the Environmental

While no target has been set for a reduction, the goal of the USDA culling in 2006-This sum is a 56% increase over the 2007 was 63 deer per square mile, which il-

As an interesting point of reference, an estimated to have numbered 8-10 per square "The deer overpopulation is an issue that mile at the time of European colonization, a figure that was held in check by both animal predators and greater human reliance on hunting as a source of food.

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HYDRAULIC LIFTS: Public Works employees will use the new two-post lift in the foreground to maintain Township police cars. In the past, oil changes and minor repairs were done by outside garages, but the new Public Works facility (see p. 4) enables the crew to do the work. The new four-post lift in the rear ground, for larger Township equipment and trucks, will allow employees to maintain and repair these vehicles safely and indoors. Formerly, the crew did this work outside using jacks and other equipment-often in bad weather and the middle of the night—because when the vehicles (especially trucks used for snow removal) break down, they tend to do so when they are in use.

Hurricane Season Arrives

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he Atlantic hurricane season officially runs from June 1 to November 30, but peaks sharply from late August through September, which is usually the time we in the North Atlantic region feel the brunt of storms that travel this far.

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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

7/4 HOLIDAY—TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSE	D
7/11 Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm	
7/11 Planning Commission, 7 pm	
7/12 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm	
7/19 Board of Supervisors, 7pm	
7/21 Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm	
7/28 Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm	

August

ð/ I	Historical Architectural Review Board, / pin
8/8	Planning Commission, 7 pm
8/9	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
8/16	Board of Supervisors, 7pm
8/18	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
8/2.5	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm



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Township Prepares for 2nd Annual "Solebury Day"

Save the Date: Sept. 17, 10 AM-3 PM, Laurel Park

planning the Township's environment. second annual "Solebury Day"moting Township programs,

and encouraging volunteerism.

You don't want to miss it!

Scheduled for Sept. 17 at Laurel Park, with a rain date of Sept. 18, the event is expected to include a parade and dress-up contest for pets, a

high school musicians, an art senger. show, a community-oriented softmined), and plenty of activities send an email to: for children, like face-painting,

he Parks and Recreation balloon animals, and craft pro-Board has been busily jects focused on nature and the

In addition, local restaurants a community wide event designed and farmers will have an opporto celebrate all that is Solebury by tunity to showcase their goods, fostering community pride, pro- and the fire company will bring a truck to promote fire safety

> and give eager children a hands-on look at their equipment.

Township advisory committees and other community groups will also be on hand to information share about their activities.

Additional details and cake-baking competition, a dunk events will be announced in the tank, acoustic performances by next issue of the Solebury Mes-

Volunteers and vendors who ball game (opponents to be deter- would like to participate should

soleburyparks@soleburytwp.org

2016 Household Hazardous Waste **Recycling Events (No E-Waste)**

June 25

Upper Bucks County Area Vo-Tech School 3115 Ridge Road, Bedminster

July 23

Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Road, Warrington

CORRECTION: NO JULY 26 EVENT. The July 26 date included in the May issue was an error.

August 6

Quakertown Community High School 600 Park Avenue (Rear Lot), Quakertown

August 27

Bucks County Technical High School 610 Wistar Road, Bristol



These events are not open to business. industry, or institutions.

Each event is held, rain or shine, from 9 AM-3 PM.

To learn what you can and cannot bring:

- Visit: www.buckscounty.org/recycling
- Call the PA DEP Recycling Hotline: 1-800-346-4242
- Call the Bucks County Planning Commission: 215-345-3400

SAVE THE DATE

2nd Annual Solebury Day

Sept. 17, 10 AM-3 PM, Laurel Park

Rain date: Sept. 18

Come celebrate all that is Solebury!

parade • pet dress-up contest • cake-baking competition musical performances • art show community softball game • dunk tank face-painting • balloon animals • crafts

BUILDING

Planning an Addition or Renovation?

Be smart: Talk to the Township first.

We have a wealth of handouts at Township Hall and on soleburytwp.org (Resources > Documents & Forms > Permits) that provide guidance on different kinds of projects. Also our staff can help you navigate the Township's forms, approval process, codes, and regulations. We're here to help!

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Solebury Resident

New Public Works Facility Opens

onstruction of the Township's new the stormwater runoff typically generated by Township Hall, was recently completed on schedule and within the amount budgeted.

When the Solebury Messenger went to press, it was expected to be in use by early curbed to contain and direct runoff to specific June.

As with the municipal building, an architectural goal of the project was to create a facility that exemplifies best environmental practices and can potentially serve as a model for other construction in the Township.

Among the key features of the one-story, 14,000-square-foot structure, designed by efforts to protect local water resources," he said. Phillips & Donovan Architects of Bedminster, is a state-of-the-art stormwater catch- to on p. 5) will reduce wear and tear on ment and management system that serves two Township vehicles, he added, potentially inpurposes, Township Manager and Public Works Director Dennis Carney said.

draining into the water supply, and prevents

Public Works facility, situated next to structures with large roofs and paved surfaces from rushing across the grass, toward local

> To achieve these ends, the site was inlets. Drains in the parking area are equipped with devices that separate water and oil, allowing the latter to be disposed of properly. And a below-ground system contains the stormwater captured by the drains, then directs its slow release into the aquifer.

> "This is all part of Solebury's longstanding

The fact that structure is heated (see phocreasing their life spans; formerly, when these were washed after snow plowing in the The system prevents contaminants from winter, they were stored in the unheated barn and never really dried off, Dennis explained.

The new facility will house all Public Works activities in one space. It includes bays for the Township's many diverse vehicles: a drainage area for washing vehicles: an area equipped with lifts to facilitate vehicle maintenance by employees (see p. 1); plus storage areas, offices, a kitchen, and employee locker rooms.

The Board of Supervisors recently identified the decision of whether and when to move forward with construction of a new salt storage building as a priority for 2016. The adjunct structure would be built with a highpitched roof and front dormer to allow salt delivery trucks to pour an entire season's worth of salt directly into the building.

Currently, trucks dump salt outside when it is delivered. The road crew then pushes it into the pole barn, the capacity of which is limited to the amount of salt needed for two to three storms.







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Attention Residents

Please do not blow leaves and grass clippings onto Township roads. This organic waste can clog storm drains and impede the flow of stormwater from homes, roads, and driveways. In addition, if the waste is carried by storm drains to local waterways. it can cause pollution (1) by increasing the amount of organic waste in our streams and/or (2) by carrying fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides to the water supply.

Deer Management (continued from page 1)

Habitat Destruction

Today there are no animal and fewer human predators to keep the population of the state animal in check, and the deer herd's needs exceed what the local habitat can provide.

woodlands of wildflowers, shrubs, and tree seedlings. In many places, only tree trunks and a few deer-resistant shrubs and plants remain in the forest understory. If left unchecked, this could impact local biodiversity in the long term.

The fact that few young trees can be found in these spaces shows that the de-Route 202.

struction also threatens the longevity of Solebury's forests.

Other potential ripple effects include erosion, due to the lack of roots to channel stormwater sorption and recharge the water supply, and the loss of vital habitats for birds and other animals.

Depletion of their own habitat

is what causes deer to forage more bra- legal deer hunting on their properties. zenly in homeowners' gardens and landand this in turn is associated with increased incidence of tick-borne diseases. including ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, and Lyme disease. According to the state Dept of Health, Pennsylvania leads the nation in confirmed cases of Lyme disease and has done so for three years in a

Lastly, State Farm Insurance reports that, in 2015, Pennsylvania ranked fourth

in the nation for automobile collisions with deer, elk, and moose, noting that the state accounts for 10% of all deer-car collisions nationwide.

Landowners Needed

One way to achieve a reduction in Deer browsing has depleted local the deer population is to allow hunters to disproportionately target does, but at an April meeting Supervisor Jim Searing noted that the Pennsylvania Game Commission has severely reduced the number of available doe permits available in Wildlife Management Unit 5C (WMU 5C), which includes Solebury north of

> In 2013, the commission sued 103,000 doe permits in WMU 5C, but it cut the number to 95,000 in 2014, then to 70,000 in 2015.

The EAC is researching strateto bring gies about the needed reduction, but key to all of them is landowners granting the Township permission allow safe and

Solebury has developed a database scaping, and in the crops of local farmers, of hunters who have been screened to ensure they are experienced, licensed, and committed to the legal and humane harvesting of adequate numbers of deer.

> An added benefit of this cooperation is that the meat can be donated to food pantries and distributed to people in need.

> The greater the involvement of Solebury landowners, the more effective the reduction will be. 🏖



Safe Deer Management **Practiced Here**

Solebury needs landowners who are willing to allow safe, legal hunting on their land as part of the Deer Management Program. Contact Jean Weiss to learn more: 215-297-5656





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Summertime Child Safety Tips

The Solebury Police Dept. urges parents to stay extra aware of the following child safety concerns:

- Be sure your children know how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- Make sure children know and can spell their surnames, know their parents' names, and know how to contact their parents in an emergency.
- Secure children in approved child safety seats (to age 4), booster seats (to age 8), or seatbelts (8 and older) when riding in vehicles. The back seat is safest.
- Remind children never to talk to, take candy from, or take rides from a stranger; never to help a stranger find a lost pet; and never to open a vehicle door for a stranger. Reinforce that anyone they don't know is a stranger.
- Insist that children wear proper safety gear, including a helmet, when biking, skateboarding, or inline skating, and that they abide by the rules of the road.
- Never allow children to swim alone; always make sure an adult is nearby and watching.
- Keep children in eyesight at parks, shopping malls, and public events, and stay aware of the surroundings. Be alert to strangers watching children and report suspicious persons or activities to police immediately.
- Keep a current schedule of children's activities, including times, who they will be with, and how to contact them in an emergency.



SOLEBURY POLICE collected medications for safe disposal at the Giant Food Store April 30 as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's national Take-Back campaign. NHS Cares Project Director Barbara Gross (center) and Solebury Police secretary Nicole Beauregard helped Detective Jonathan Koretzky during the semiannual event. Solebury collected 136 pounds of drugs during the 6-month cycle, Chief Dominick Bellizzie reported. More than half of that was deposited in the Township's permanent collection box. Collections by all Bucks County departments rose from roughly 3.5 to more than 5 tons in the cycle, he said, with a similar ratio of medications surrendered at live events and drop hoxes.

Police Urge Caution Around Motorcycles

The return of warm weather also brings the usual increase in the number of motorcycles on Township roads.

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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Parks and Recreation Dept.

Upcoming Events



There is still room! July 5 - Aug. 12 **Summer Adventure Camp 2016**

NH-S Upper Elementary School 180 West Bridge St., New Hope

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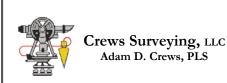


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