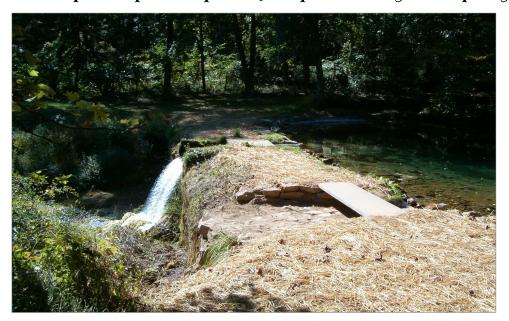


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Township Completes Spillway Repairs at Ingham Spring





SPILLWAY REPAIRS were recently completed at Ingham Spring. Above, holes in the retaining wall were filled to force water flowing from the spring on the right over two spillways, one a little higher than the other, rather than through the wall. The spillways feed Ingham lake by way of a short stream. The large dam at the other end of the 15-acre lake contains the lake, but is in need of extensive repairs that have yet to be funded. Below, a pump was used to divert water from the spring while workers excavated sediment and exposed the retaining wall. They used concrete to fill holes and define the spillways, embedding local rocks in the surface to maintain the natural beauty of the site. The *Solebury Messenger* went to press shortly before the Environmental Advisory Committee and Aquetong Watershed Association were planning to plant native shrubs and trees in the area.

Attention Solebury Residents: Call for Volunteers

The Board of Supervisors is currently accepting applications for appointments to advisory boards and commissions.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, submit your résumé and a brief letter of interest using one of the methods listed below.

In your letter, describe your interest or an area of expertise you would like to share, and note whether you would prefer to serve on a specific committee or to be appointed to a role by the Township.

- Mail: Solebury Township P.O. Box 139 Solebury, PA 18963 Attention: Gretchen Rice
- E-mail: soleburymanager@soleburytwp.org or grice@soleburytwp.org
- Hand delivery: Township Hall, 3092 Sugan Road

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Dear Taxpayer:

Through the Solebury Messenger, the Board of Supervisors gives you, the taxpayer, firsthand information about Township matters. In these pages, you will read about what is being done to preserve and improve the quality of life as you know it, as well as how your hard-earned tax dollars are being spent.

The Solebury Messenger is created by Kay Hayes and Marie Collins, of School Window Publications; the newsletter celebrated its 15-year anniversary with the publication of the Nov. 2010 issue.

This bimonthly periodical is primarily ad-sponsored—a method which allows the Township to provide taxpayers with six professional newsletters each year for a fraction of the actual cost. To place an advertisement supporting this periodical, contact Kay at 609-397-8483.

If you live in the Township, but are not currently receiving a copy of the Solebury Messenger through the mail, please contact Kay so that she can add your name and address to our mailing list.

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.

November

11/5	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
11/8	Board of Supervisors—Budget Session, 7 pm
11/13	Planning Commission, 7 pm
11/13	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
11/15	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm
11/20	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
11/22-23	HOLIDAY—TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

December

Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm

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12/4	Board of Supervisors—Budget Session, 7 pm
12/10	Planning Commission, 7 pm
12/11	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
12/18	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
12/20	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm
12/25-26	HOLIDAY—TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED



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Land Preservation Update: Overpeck Farm to Be Preserved

verpeck Farm, a property located its current condition due to the dedication of landowners Clarence and Joyce Overpeck and action taken by the Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee.

In August, the Board of Supervisors announced that the Township would purchase a conservation easement for the roughly 17acre property at a cost of \$280,000; settlement took place in September.

"We are so pleased that the Overpeck's 17 acres of scenic viewscape and farm fields are now protected in perpetuity," Land Preservation Committee Chair Ralph O'Banion said on behalf of the Township.

The easement will protect the entire property, which is mainly agricultural fields cultivated in soybeans.

The eastern section of the property conon Aquetong Road, will remain in tains wooded forest, with a portion of a tributary to the Paunacussing Creek flowing through it.

> This easement will be held jointly by the Township and Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy, a private land trust dedicated to preserving the agricultural and natural features of the area.

Preservation Update

The preservation of the 17-acre Overpeck property brings the total amount of open space protected through the Township's Land Preservation Program to 3,201.38 acres, and the total area preserved in Soleburyincluding lands owned by the Township or conserved through the Township program, as well as using county and state funds—is 6,001.29 acres.

Attention Property Owners!

An Important Message from the Public Works Dept.

he Public Works Dept. would like to remind residents to maintain pipes and swales at the ends of driveways and ditch lines in order to ensure the smooth flow of storm water from homes, roads, and drive-

These should be monitored regularly and kept free of debris—such as leaves, sticks, grass, trash, and silt.

The Township is not responsible for cleaning driveway swales and pipes.

However, the Township is responsible for the maintenance and repair of inlets, cross pipes, and culverts. The Public Works Dept. strives to keep these clear, but if for some reason you discover one that is excessively clogged, please report it immediately by calling 215-297-5656.

Also, when mowing grass or blowing leaves, please do not blow the waste into streets or ditch lines, where it can clog storm inlets and pipes and where airborne seeds may germinate in cracks or at curb lines.

Curbside pickup of leaves and other natural refuse is not provided by the Town-

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On the Web: www.winterfestival.net

winter break consisting of fun-filled events and activities for all ages!

Solebury Parks and Recreation will again be a partner and sponsor of the upcoming event, in addition to taking an active role support the parks and recreation departments in event planning.

Now in its 16th successful year, the 2013 Winter Festival has something of interest for everyone, including the popular Chili Cook-Off (always an early "sell out"), a festive parade through the streets of New Hope and Lambertville, live entertainment, family activities, and much more.

Please check out the Winter Festival website (www.winterfestival.net) for event schedules, activity updates, concert news, and ticket information so you can plan your visit. All information about the festival gets posted on the website once it's finalized.

Winter Festival provides a full schedule

Tinter Festival 2013 returns January of free and ticketed local events, including 19-27 to provide an exciting mid-concerts, theatrical performances, food and wine tasting, a pancake breakfast, family and children's activities, ice sculpture displays, tours, and arts and crafts, just to name a few.

Proceeds from the Winter Festival event of Solebury, New Hope, and Lambertville, as well as local food banks, school scholarship programs, fire and police services, and other community organizations.

Thanks to the overwhelming community support of this annual event, Winter Festival 2011 raised and distributed more than \$30,000 to these local charities and organizations.

Look for the official Winter Festival brochure by mid-November for a complete listing of events.

Keep in mind that many events require advance tickets; purchase them early through the website (www.winterfestival.net) to avoid being left out in the cold.

Historical Society Holds New Year's Brunch



ome one, come all!

The Solebury Township Historical Society invites you to the 12th annual Solebury New Year's brunch on Tuesday, January 1, from noon to 3 PM.

It will be held at Holly Hedge Estates, located at 6987 Upper York Road in Solebury Township.

Beginning at noon, the event features social time with complimentary cider, a cash bar, and entertainment by Bob Egan.

A complete gourmet brunch follows, including meats, an omelet station, and poached salmon.

Honored Citizens of Solebury awards will be presented.

Join your neighbors and friends as we bring in the New Year together!

Seating is limited and advanced paid reservations of \$50.00 per person are required.

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2012 Summer Adventure Camp Comes to a Close

n August, Solebury Parks and Recreation Summer Adventure Camp wrapped up an exciting and innovative season at New Hope-Solebury Upper Elementary School. This marks the second year that camp activities have been located at the school for the summer.

This year's camp experience included everything from "Mad Science" shows presented by "Dynamite Dave," to hip-hop music and dance by the Dance Junction, to our dinosaur Moon Bounce in the gym.

We partnered again with the school district's Extended School Year Program to provide camp opportunities for students who require special education services in the summer. Students in the program had the option to have lunch and participate in the camp's afternoon schedule of activities and programs, as well as to participate in some of the morning shows and events.

weeks of healthy outdoor activities, challenging games, and arts and crafts projects.

Parents and children alike were excited and enthusiastic about our health-conscious approach to camp, which emphasizes play

PET AND ANIMAL WEEK. To the delight of summer campers, AARK brought some of the wild animals in their care for a visit during "pet and animal week." AARK's goal is to nurture animals—like this great horned owl-back to health and return them to their natural habitats. Above, an AARK Instructor introduces the owl to campers.

More than 160 campers enjoyed six and exercise, with many programs taking place outdoors or in the school gymnasium.

> A highlight of the season was the Kyle and Kelly Peron Magic Show. Also popular were visits from the AARK Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, Jarret Ad-

> > ams and the Karate School, and the Solebury Police Departwhich ment, weekly programs on community safety and awareness.

> > Camp staff took great pride in making this an exciting experience for everyone.

Join Us Next Year!

Camp registrations typically begin in April each year and continue on a first-come, firstserved basis. Camp size is limited to ensure close supervision by the counselors, and spaces usually fill very quickly.

Camp typically runs for six weeks, beginning with the first week of July; daily hours are 9 AM to 3 PM. 🏖





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Getting Ready for Snow

ecause the Township recog-facilitate snow removal opera-**D**nizes that Solebury residents depend on their automobiles, the Public Works Dept. spends the fall getting everything ready for the prompt and orderly removal of snow from Township roads.

Winter weather conditions are expected to slow, but not inhibit, the ability of residents to attend work and school, stressed Township Manager and Pub-

lic Works Director Dennis Carney.

Township vehicles—one loader, a road grader, and five trucks that each hold nearly 10 tons of salt—are lined up now to be winterized, conditioned, and repaired, as needed.

Plows and spreaders are also scheduled to be checked and readied.

In addition to relying on its own vehicles and employees, the Township also uses various subcontractors (as well as their trucks and equipment) to better

By late November, ample supplies of salt and a melting compound (sodium chloride) will be in the ready, and Public Works Dept. employees will be reviewing plans and procedures with subcontractors to ensure that everyone understands what to do when snow falls and the

removal process begins.

In the event of snow or freezing rain, the department will immediately dispatch its five largest vehicles, outfitted with spread-

ers, to lay salt on 60 miles of Township roadway.

When snow accumulates to a depth of two inches, plowing will begin. Trucks are assigned the priority role of first clearing arterial roadways and the byways that feed into them.

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No parking is permitted on any road in the Township from the onset of a winter storm until 24 hours after the last snowflake falls and all roadways have been plowed from road bank to road bank.

Residents are required to have their sidewalks cleared of all snow within 24 hours after a storm has stopped.

Property owners and private plow operators who clean driveways must remove any snow they deposit on roadways. If snow is left in the road, homeowners may be liable in the event of an acci-

Disregard for the snow ordinance can result in fines, towed vehicles, or both.

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Asst. Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer/Zoning Officer Gretchen Rice: grice@soleburytwp.org

HARB Administrator, Environmental Advisory Council Secretary Christine Terranova: cterranova@soleburytwp.org

Admin. Asst., LPC Administrator, Planning Commission Administrator Jean Weiss: jweiss@soleburytwp.org

> Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice: soleburyparks@soleburytwp.org

Right-To-Know Officer, Administrative Records Asst. Twp. Manager Gretchen K. Rice soleburymanager@soleburytwp.org

Right-To-Know Officer, Police Records Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie police@soleburypd.org

Unsure where to direct your question? Email: soleburytownship@soleburytwp.org You can direct your query to a specific individual or write a general query. The appropriate individual will respond.





Parks and Recreation Dept.

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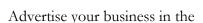
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To learn more about the Township's parks and recreation programs, visit the Solebury website (soleburytwp.org) and click on the Parks and Recreation link.

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

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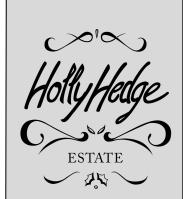
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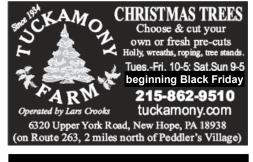
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