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Have You Visited Solebury Twp.org Lately? The Township Redesigned Its Website With You in Mind

The Township recently redesigned other things from every page, like search the SoleburyTwp.org to make it more user-friendly and easier to navigate. The same useful information is still on the site-it's just easier to find-and some new content has been added. What's new?

Links to two "high demand" featuresinformation about Parks and Recreation programs and the construction permit processnow feature prominently on the home page.

Most of the menu tabs that span the top of

the home page were available on the previous site, but the Stormwater Management and Sew-Management age

at the bottom of the home page.

What's more, these menu tabs and hotlinks now travel with you as you move from page to page (which means you can get to anywhere from anywhere).

This last improvement allowed the Township to eliminate redundant menus: If you click the overarching category in a given tabsay, Government-you will no longer find its submenu repeated in the margin of that page. To access a submenu option, you would now simply reuse the Government tab.

The new design also allows you to do

site, call or email the Township, access "Right to Know" information, return to the home page, view an interactive Township map, see upcoming events, and connect with the Police Dept.'s Twitter and Facebook pages. The interactive map allows you to choose

"layers" that add detail to the map, like the locations of parks and polling places-to name just two of several options. Once selected, a corresponding "legend" provides more information about some layers.

> Finally, the current issue of the Solebury Messenger is now posted on the site when it mails to residents, and a mul-

tabs are new, as are the more detailed hotlinks ti-year archive of back issues is also available. What will look familiar?

The new home page retains a news-feed structure, organized from most to least recent, which allows you to quickly see stories that were added after your last visit to the site.

If you were a frequent user of the previous site, you'll likely recognize most of the options in the main menu tabs, as much of the content was available under the previous design.

However, some content was moved to more intuitive locations, such as the two new menus. 🍋

Rest your cursor on the Government tab

and select Township Administration:

Locate "Burning Guidelines, Approved

2012-01" and click the green arrow.

Read the file on screen, print it, or

Click the download button to open the

download it. To download, move your

to reveal the PDF toolbar and click the

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Safety First: Guidelines for Burning Yard Waste

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efore burning yard waste on your Directions: **D** property, please review the Township guidelines for open burning to minimize fire hazards and limit air pollution.

The two-page document is available on the redesigned website (SoleburyTwp.org). Find it using the steps at right (or, if you are viewing the newsletter on the

website, just click here).



Attention Solebury Residents: Call for Volunteers

The Board of Supervisors is currently accepting applications for appointments to advisory boards and commissions for the new year. 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 an interest or an area of expertise vou 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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Through the Solebury Messenger, the Township 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 (609-397-8483 or ads.schoolwindow@gmail.com).

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.

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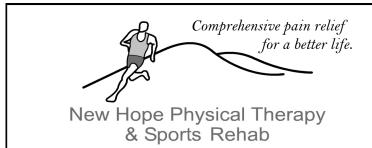


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Township Calendar

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

11/3	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
11/6	Board of Supervisors—Budget Session, 7 pm
11/10	Planning Commission, 7 pm
11/10	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
11/13	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm
11/18	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
11/20	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
11/27-28	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

December

12/1	Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
12/8	Planning Commission, 7 pm
12/9	Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
12/11	Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm
12/16	Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
12/18	Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
12/25-26	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED



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January 17-25

On the Web: http://www.winterfestival.net

inter Festival 2015 returns January 17-25 to provide an exciting mid-winter break for visitors and residents of our twin river communities, complete with fun-filled events and activities for all ages!

In addition to taking an active role in event planning and hosting the popular Children's Activity Center in the New Hope-Solebury High School gym on Sunday morning, January 25, Solebury Parks and Recreation is a partner and sponsor of the annual event.

Now in its 18th successful year, the 2015 Winter Festival has something of interest for everyone, including the popular Chili Cook-Off (always an early "sell out"), a spectacular 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) around mid-November for event schedules, activity updates, concert news, and ticket information so you can plan your visit. All infor-

Festival 2015 returns mation about the festival is posted on the 17-25 to provide an website as soon as it's finalized.

Winter Festival provides a full schedule of both free and ticketed local events, including concerts, theatrical performances, food and wine tasting, a pancake breakfast, family and children's activities, live ice sculpting displays, tours, arts and crafts, and more.

Proceeds from Winter Festival help support the parks and recreation departments of Solebury, New Hope, and Lambertville, as well as local food banks, school scholarship programs, fire and police services, the Free Library of New Hope & Solebury, and other community organizations.

Thanks to overwhelming community support of the event, Winter Festival 2014 raised and distributed \$45,772 to these local charities and organizations.

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 Annual New Year's Brunch

ome one, come all!

The Solebury Township Historical Society invites you to the 14th annual Solebury New Year's brunch on Thursday, January 1, from noon to 3 PM.

Join your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled afternoon as we begin the New Year together!

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

Social time begins at noon, featuring complimentary cider, a cash bar, and enter-tainment by Bob Egan.

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

Honored Citizens of Solebury awards will be presented.

Seating is limited and advance paid reservations are required. Tickets are \$55 per person.

For more details or to make a reservation, visit the society's website (soleburyhistory.org), or send a check to STHS, Drawer 525, Solebury, PA 18963.



Clean Streets = Clean Streams

You Can Help Reduce Stormwater Pollution

t is easier and less expensive to stop pollutants from being washed off the land and carried into storm drains or directly into local waterways than it is to clean up polluted water. How many of these methods could you adopt in your household?

Use dry cleanup methods whenever possible to help reduce stormwater pollution:

- Sweep or vacuum dirt, sand, and grit from sidewalks and place it in a trash can, rather than hosing down paved areas, which carries pollutants into storm drains.
- Use absorbent products to clean up chemical or oil spills, and follow proper regulations to dispose of them.
- When water must be used for cleaning, dispose of wastewater properly in a drain connected to an on-lot sewage system or other wastewater treatment facility – never in a storm drain.
- Clean up after pets to prevent bacteria from contaminating waterways.

Place lids on trash cans and other containers to keep rainwater out and the contents in and to keep the contents from contaminating runoff:

- Cover all outdoor storage containers with leak-proof lids especially those used to store chemicals and toxic materials—to stop water from flowing through the contents.
- Make sure that all storage containers are leak-proof, and replace corroded or broken containers.
- Elevate materials on platforms or pallets to prevent then from contaminating rain or snow-melt runoff.
- Use heavy-duty, well-anchored plastic tarps to cover materials for which permanent solutions are unavailable.
- Use back-up protection to catch leaks from storage containers (i.e. drip pans, catch basins, or curbing).

Keep activities that generate pollutants out of drainage areas, and limit the use of toxic products, to help prevent stormwater pollution:

- Complete engine maintenance and similar activities away from rainwater or snow-melt flow paths. Do these things on hard surfaces to prevent spills from soaking into the ground.
- Store waste, grease, and cleaning/gardening chemicals where they cannot be washed away by rainwater.
- Complete outdoor projects—such as painting, fertilizing, and chemical mixing—in dry weather only.
 - Take vehicles to a commercial car wash that recycles water instead of washing them onsite and allowing dirt and detergents to enter storm drains.
- Seek non-toxic, eco-friendly alternatives to toxic chemicals for cleaning, pest control, and degreasing.
- Purchase necessary chemicals in limited quantities so that storage for long periods is not needed.
- Recycle products whenever possible, and always dispose of toxic materials in a safe and approved way.

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- **Bacteria** Just as people get sick from exposure to certain bacteria, fish and wildlife can also be harmed when bacteria are present in waterways. Water treatment is effective for drinking water supplies, but costs are lower when the source of our drinking water is clean.
- Heavy metals When ingested through water, air, or food, heavy metals can cause cancer and brain damage and impair growth and development in children. Heavy metals persist in the environment and can accumulate in humans and animals (especially fish) over time.
- Excess nutrients Decaying plants, manure, natural and chemical fertilizers, and some cleaning products cause an overabundance of nitrogen and/or phosphorous in local waterways. This excess-nutrient pollution feeds bacteria growth, decreases oxygen levels, causes algal blooms, and causes massive fish kills in waterways.
- Oil and grease Often seen as a rainbowcolored sheen floating on top of polluted water, oil and grease act like a lid that traps heat in water and makes it difficult for fish and insects to breathe. Petroleum-based oils are toxic to humans and animals alike.
- Erosion and debris Murky water is caused by eroded dirt, sand, and clay. These sediments trap heat and block light, making the polluted water too warm and cloudy for fish to feed, breathe, and survive. Storm-drain systems clogged with dirt and debris increase the cost of stormwater management and drinking water treatment.
- **Toxic chemicals** Exposure to toxic substances can cause brain damage, disease, birth defects, and death. Toxins can persist in the environment for years and accumulate in both animals and humans over time.

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Maintaining Driveway Pipes & Swales

The Public Works Dept. reminds residents that the Township is not responsible for cleaning pipes and swales at the ends of driveways and ditch lines. Residents must monitor these regularly and keep them free of debris—such as leaves, sticks, grass, trash, and silt—to ensure the smooth flow of stormwater from homes, roads, and driveways.

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 Township.

The Township does maintain and repair inlets, cross pipes, and culverts. Public Works strives to keep these clear, but if you discover one that is excessively clogged, please report it by calling 215-297-5656.

By working together, we can help prevent future maintenance problems.





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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 Public 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

tions.

By late November, ample supplies of salt and sodium chloride (a melting compound) 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 spreaders, 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.

All trucks remain in use until the entire Township has been cleared. 🍋

Snow Ordinance in Effect

The Solebury Township Police Department urges residents to be mindful of the Township's snow ordinance.

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.

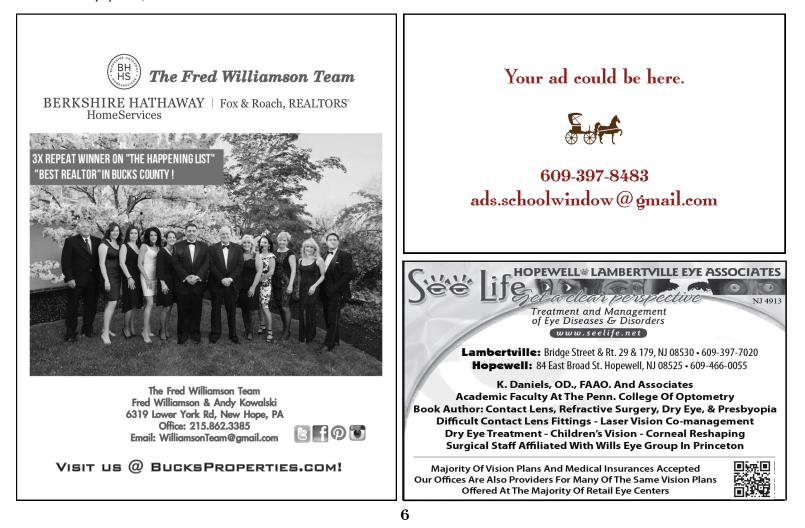
Property owners and private plow operators who clean driveways must remove any snow they deposit on roadways. If snow is left in the road, homeowners may be liable in the event of an accident.

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

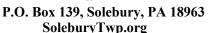
The Township is not responsible for damage caused by snow moving equipment before, during, or after snowstormsincluding damage to mailboxes.



An electronic version of the Solebury Messenger is now available on the Township website: SoleburyTwp.org Select "Newsletters" from the News menu to view or download the current issue and explore multiple years of back issues.



Township Directory



In an emergency, please dial: **9-1-1.** For other matters, call: 215-297-5656

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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

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Parks and Recreation Dept.

Upcoming Events



January 17-25

On the Web: http://www.winterfestival.net

Solebury Parks and Recreation

To learn more about the Township's Parks and Recreation programs, visit the Solebury website (SoleburyTwp.org) and click the Parks and Recreation link in the middle of the home page. From other pages, choose Parks and Recreation from the Residents menu or click the Parks and Recreation hotlink in the footer.

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

SoleburyTwp.org (Parks & Recreation tab) www.soleburybaseball.org (baseball) www.soleburybasketball.org (basketball) www.nhsfcc.com (football) www.soleburysoccer.com (soccer) www.soleburywrestling.com (wrestling)

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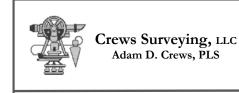
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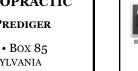
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