

# Solebury Messenger

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## Local Heroes: Supervisors and Police Chief Commend Officers & Residents

In June, the Board of Supervisors and Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie recognized three Township officers for police work and lifesaving actions taken while on duty.

Three residents were also commended for first aid they administered in two separate emergencies.

As Chief Bellizzie noted on the certificates he presented, each of the individuals he commended is a credit to the police department and Solebury Township.

**Detective Corporal Jonathan M. Koretzky** was officially commended for his diligent investigative efforts while working as part of a two-county team of detectives in April. The team was investigating a series of burglaries in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, and Corporal Koretzky's work was instrumental in identifying and locating the suspect and stolen property. The offender was charged with multiple counts of burglary and related offenses.

**Sergeant Kevin Edwards and Officer Gary Forrester** were officially commended for administering first aid that helped

save a man's life. In May, they were dispatched to Rice's Market, where they took over lifesaving duties from two civilians, who had been administering CPR to an unresponsive man in cardiac arrest.

After analyzing the situation, the officers aided the victim with an automated external defibrillator, which brought back his pulse.

**Residents Kathy Glenn and Melanie Bliss** were recognized as the private citizens administering CPR to the man at the market when police arrived.

The victim was transported to Doylestown Hospital, where doctors informed all involved that their quick actions saved the man's life.

Finally, **resident Armando Jose Martinez** was honored for a separate emergency that took place at the New Hope Lodge in the Woods in the predawn hours of December 10. While Bucks County Radio Room staff coached him on speaker phone, he administered CPR to a man in cardiac arrest until police and emergency personnel arrived. Thanks to his actions, the man had a full recovery.



## Polling Places Election Day: Nov. 8, 2016



All polling locations in Solebury Township open during primaries and general elections from 7 AM to 8 PM.

### Lower District #1\*

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church  
1680 Aquetong Road

### Lower District #2

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church  
1680 Aquetong Road

### Middle District

Solebury Township Hall  
3092 Sugan Road

### Upper District

Carversville Christian Church  
3736 Aquetong Road

\*The Bucks County Board of Elections changed the Lower District #1 polling location from Solebury United Methodist Church to Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church in 2013.

Questions concerning voter registration should be directed to the Board of Elections at 215-348-6154.

## 2nd Annual Solebury Day

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

Rain date: Sept. 18

Come celebrate all that is Solebury!



pet parade • dunk tank • face-painting  
balloon animals • children's crafts  
dinosaur moon-bounce  
cake-and-pie baking competition  
music • sports • fire trucks  
community organizations  
local farmers & vendors  
snack stand • food trucks

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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 20-year anniversary with the publication of the Nov. 2015 issue.

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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

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All meetings are held at Solebury Township Hall.*

## September

- 9/5 HOLIDAY—TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
- 9/6 Board of Supervisors, BUDGET SESSION, 7pm
- 9/12 Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
- 9/12 Planning Commission, 7 pm
- 9/13 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 9/15 Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
- 9/20 Board of Supervisors, 7pm
- 9/22 Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm

## October

- 10/3 Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
- 10/4 Board of Supervisors, BUDGET SESSION, 7pm
- 10/10 Planning Commission, 7 pm
- 10/11 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 10/18 Board of Supervisors, 7pm
- 10/20 Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
- 10/27 Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm



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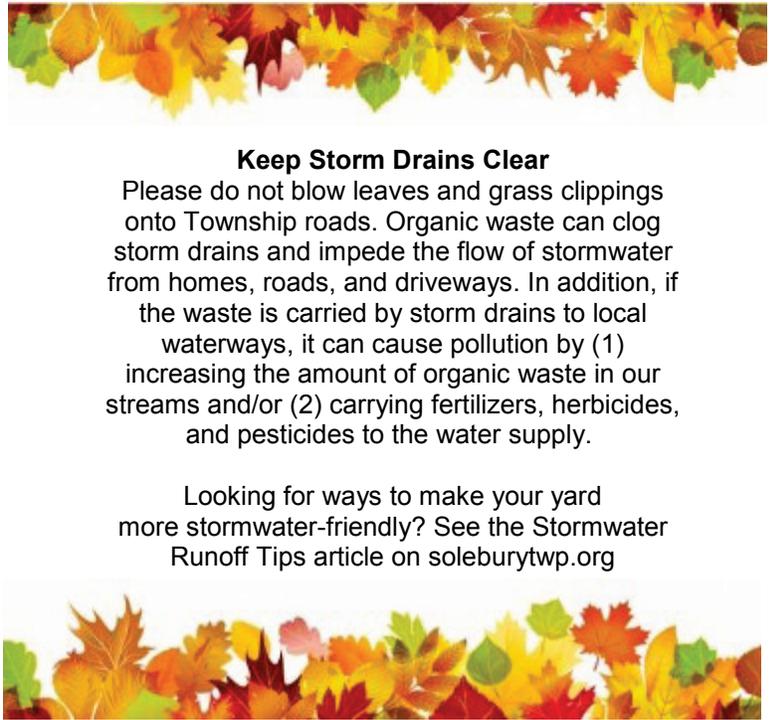
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## Hurricane Season Tips: Storing Water for Emergencies

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, clean tap water can be stored for up to six months in sanitized soda bottles or milk jugs with screw-on tops. After six months, use the water for other purposes, sanitize again, and refill.

To sanitize the bottles:

- Wash the bottles with warm (not hot) soapy water.
- Fill with water plus a teaspoon of bleach per quart, let it sit for two minutes, then empty and rinse with potable water.
- Fill the sanitized jugs with tap water, cap tightly, and label with "drinking water" and the date.
- Store in a cool, dark, dry place. 📌



### Keep Storm Drains Clear

Please do not blow leaves and grass clippings onto Township roads. 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 by (1) increasing the amount of organic waste in our streams and/or (2) carrying fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides to the water supply.

Looking for ways to make your yard more stormwater-friendly? See the Stormwater Runoff Tips article on [soleburytpw.org](http://soleburytpw.org)

Solebury Police Dept. presents

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative



Safely surrender expired, unwanted, or unused prescription medicines, including controlled substances and other drugs, for destruction by law enforcement.

The exact date is to be determined, but the take-back will be held in **October** at (1) Solebury Police Dept., Township Hall, and (2) Giant Food Store, Logan Square.

To learn more, follow:

 [SoleburyTwp.org](http://SoleburyTwp.org)

 [www.facebook.com/SoleburyPolice](http://www.facebook.com/SoleburyPolice)

 [@soleburypolice](https://twitter.com/soleburypolice)

## Safety First: Guidelines for Burning Yard Waste

Before burning yard waste on your 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 Township website ([SoleburyTwp.org](http://SoleburyTwp.org)). Find it using the steps below (or, if you are viewing the newsletter online, just [click here](#)).

Directions:

1. Rest your cursor on the Government tab and select Township Administration: Ordinances.
2. Locate "Burning Guidelines, Approved 2012-01" and click the green arrow.
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## New Ordinance Creates “Solebury Township Farm Committee”

Following through on a priority identified in January, in mid-July the Board of Supervisors approved the Township’s new “Farm Ordinance,” which authorizes the creation of an advisory committee, comprised primarily of residents engaged in agriculture, whose role will be to advise Solebury on ways to protect farmland and support and strengthen the economic viability of local farming.

While the Township has worked with landowners to preserve farms for 20 years—and continues to seek more farms for preservation—working farmers face other challenges that make it difficult for them to make a living, said Supervisor Kevin Morrissey, who worked with Supervisors Paul Cosdon and Noel Barrett to develop the ordinance.

“Farming enhances the lifestyle of all who live in Solebury,” he said. “You do not have to live on the farm to benefit from the low taxes and open space environment it creates.”

But the Township’s “current farmers are nearing retirement age,” he noted. “The challenge for Solebury and many other communities is to attract the next generation of farmers.”

To develop the new ordinance, the supervisors sought input from local farmers. Along the way, Kevin said, they learned that in spite of changes in the Township across the last few decades, “the average farmer still enjoys the farm life in Solebury. They seem very motivated to maintain their farms if they can.”

The role of the new ordinance is to help them do that. “Solebury needs to ensure that farming is a viable lifestyle option for future farmers,” he said. And who better to advise the Township on how to do that than the farmers themselves—“who better understand the issues confronting farming.”

The new ordinance states that the new three-to-seven-member Farm Committee will:

- Provide information to local farmers, residents, and Township committees about the benefits of balancing agriculture with other land uses.
- Educate Township officials about agricultural laws, safety issues, and zoning issues.
- Recommend ways to create a climate that more fully supports the economic viability and sustainability of farming in the Township.
- Develop and maintain an inventory of area farms and farm markets that includes location and size, and highlights significant agricultural lands.
- Carry out agricultural support tasks as requested by the supervisors.
- Coordinate activities with the Township’s new, state-mandated Agricultural Security Committee, when appropriate.

If you are a resident and are interested in being appointed to the Farm Committee, reach out to Kevin ([kevinm4solebury@gmail.com](mailto:kevinm4solebury@gmail.com) or 215-862-5256) and briefly note any agriculture-related work you do and why you’d like to serve on the committee. 🌱

## 2nd Annual “Solebury Day”

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

In a few weeks, the Township will hold its second annual “Solebury Day”—a community wide event designed to celebrate all that is Solebury by fostering community pride, promoting Township programs, and encouraging volunteerism.

You don’t want to miss it!

The event is scheduled for Sept. 17 at Laurel Park, with a rain date of Sept. 18.

A dunk tank will give participants an opportunity to test their baseball pitching skills and sink some local folks in the water! And the Township’s giant dinosaur moon-bounce will be on hand for children.

Also on the schedule are a pet parade, a cake-and-pie baking competition, music, sports, and more activities for children, like face-painting, balloon art, and craft projects focused on nature and the environment.

Eagle Fire Company trucks and personnel will be on hand to promote fire safety and give children a look at their equipment, and the Police, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation Depts., NH-S Free Library, Cub Scouts, Manoff Market Gardens, NH-S Community School, NH-S Cares, Trinity Day School, Solebury Township Historical Society, and others will offer information and demonstrations related to their activities.

Township advisory committees, community groups, and several local vendors will also be present.

Local restaurants and farms will attend, and the snack stand will be open, along with Bitter Bob’s authentic barbeque food and Nina’s Waffles and Ice Cream truck. 🌱

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The Township is reaching out to residents for information about individuals who may need assistance from rescue personnel during an emergency evacuation or other crisis.

The elderly and individuals with physical or cognitive limitations, language barriers, lack of transportation, or other impediments to acting independently are some examples of people who may need this kind of assistance.

Of particular concern are individuals who may have difficulty communicating with others during an emergency, as they may become lost or disoriented, but be unable to tell emergency personnel where they live and what they need.

Having this information on file ahead of time can help rescue workers identify the individual when an incident arises and expedite his or her return to safety.

Caregivers should provide any information about the individual they believe would help emergency personnel assist the person with special needs in a

time of crisis.

This should include the individual's name and address, medical needs, and any information that might help workers forge a personal connection with the individual (e.g., a nickname, a favorite hobby, or the name of a beloved pet), as well as a photo, the type of support the individual is likely to need, and caregivers' contact information.

Send the information to the attention of Assistant Township Manager Gretchen Rice by email ([soleburytownship@soleburytpw.org](mailto:soleburytownship@soleburytpw.org)), by phone (215-297-5656), by post (Solebury Township, P.O. Box 139, Solebury, PA 18963), or in person.

The information you provide will be maintained in a confidential file, to be shared only with the Police Department, the Emergency Management Coordinator, and rescue workers, as needed.

If you previously provided this information, you do not have to do so again unless any of the information you provided has changed. 🐾



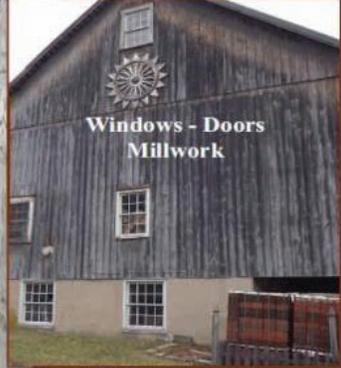
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## Hurricane Season Tips: Is Your Go-Bag Ready?

Before an emergency strikes, pack a go-bag for each member of the family using backpacks or easy-carry totes. Attach I.D. tags to each and include only the essentials for a brief evacuation:

- A few changes of weather-appropriate clothing
- A sweater, jacket, hat, and rain gear
- Socks and sturdy shoes
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, deodorant
- Toilet paper, tissues, soap, shampoo
- Moist wipes and/or hand sanitizer
- A blanket or sleeping bag
- A personal flashlight
- A copy of the family's health insurance cards
- Medications (with instructions), glasses/contacts, hearing aids
- Identifying information and photos
- Emergency contact numbers

For adults and responsible teens, also consider:

- Emergency cash
- Spare house and vehicles keys
- A pocketknife
- First aid supplies
- Copies of important documents
- Cell phone and charger

It's a good idea to pack a bag for pets, too. Pack as you would for a kennel stay in case the animal has to be sheltered alone. Include:

- A 3-5-day supply of food and water, instructions, and bowls
- A manual can opener for wet food
- Copies of health records (e.g., conditions, vaccinations, prescriptions)
- An animal first-aid kit with your pet's medications and an antihistamine for stings/allergic reactions (Consider dosing them with flea and tick ointment beforehand to prevent an infestation in close quarters.)
- Toys and treats
- A collar and leash with license and I.D. tags
- Contact information for you, plus a photo of your pet for I.D.
- Contact information for your veterinarian, plus the emergency animal clinic you use
- Litter, litter box, scoop, and waste bags for cats
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# Police Offer Fall Safety Tips

Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie encourages parents to stress the back-to-school and Halloween safety issues below with their children. “Also, as drivers, we all need to pay attention to the activity of children at school bus stops, to the school buses on our roads, and to parents dropping children off at schools and bus stops,” he said.



## Back-to-School Safety

- Team up with other parents to supervise children at the bus stop.
- Teach your children to:
  - Follow the same safe route to school or the bus stop each day and cross safely at corners.
  - Pay attention to traffic hazards and not to rush.
  - Stay out of the roadway when waiting for buses.
  - Wait for the red stop-arm to fall and the bus door to open, then look both ways, before boarding.
  - Sit quickly, talk quietly, and obey the bus driver.
  - Look both ways when exiting the school bus.
- If you drive your children to school:
  - Decrease traffic by carpooling.
  - Follow the school’s posted traffic flow signs.
  - Observe the 15 mph limit in school zones.
- Adjust commuting times to allow for school traffic.
- Make sure there are no obstacles on your property, like overgrown landscaping, that may make it hard for drivers to see children waiting for the school bus.
- When school traffic causes delays, remember that the road is not the place to make up lost time.
- Always be alert for children darting between cars and crossing streets, especially on Halloween.

## Trick-or-Treat Safety



- Use only fire-retardant materials for costumes.
- Make costumes fit loosely, so kids can wear warm clothes underneath.
- Select costumes that do not cause tripping.
- Attach strips of reflective tape to costumes and treat bags so children are more visible.
- Choose nontoxic make-up over masks, so children can see and breathe better.
- Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Supervise children under 12 while trick-or-treating.
- Direct older children to carry cell phones, travel in groups, and follow a preset route.
- Encourage children to walk, rather than run.
- Tell them not to enter homes without adult supervision.
- Be sure youngsters know to walk on sidewalks, not in the street or through dark yards.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before they are eaten.
- Feed children before trick-or-treating so they are not tempted to snack.
- Wash and slice fruit into small pieces before eating.
- When in doubt, throw it out.



## 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](http://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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**Admin. Asst., LPC Administrator, Planning Commission Administrator Jean Weiss:** jweiss@soleburytpw.org

**Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice:**  
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### Right-To-Know Officers

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Police Records: Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie,  
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# Parks and Recreation Dept.

## Upcoming Events



### Attention Trick-or-Treaters!

**When:** October 31, 6-8 PM

**Where:** Corner of Norwalk Way and Kitchen's Lane,  
North Pointe

Solebury Parks and Recreation will be giving away all kinds of Halloween items from their post at the corner of Norwalk Way and Kitchen's Lane in North Pointe on Halloween night.

It's all free! In the past, the handouts Parks and Recreation Director Dudley Rice has scouted out for local kids have included glow necklaces, beanie babies, fuzzy spiders, and more.

All friendly ghosts and goblins are welcome to stop by.

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

soleburytpw.org (Parks & Recreation tab)

www.soleburybaseball.org (baseball)

www.soleburybasketball.org (basketball)

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