Supervisors and Police Chief Commend Police Officers

In June the Board of Supervisors and Police Chief Dominick Bellizzie recognized eight police officers for the honorable service milestones they achieved and the meritorious conduct they demonstrated in the past year of employment.

The following officers were recognized for service milestones:
- Detective Corporal Roy Ferrari: 30 years (1982 to 2012)
- Officer Gary Forrester: 10 years (2003 to 2013)
- Corporal Daniel Marascio: 10 years (2003 to 2013)

In addition, the officers that follow were honored for actions that, as Chief Bellizzie wrote on their certificates, are a credit to the entire police department.

Officer James Boone and Officer Kevin Pope were officially commended for coordinating a lengthy and intensive search in May for a 16-year-old international student reported missing from the Solebury School, who had indicated he might harm himself and others.

The missing juvenile was found hiding in a wooded area, armed with a knife, and the officers were able to disarm him and take him into custody without further incident.

Corporal Jonathan Koretzky was officially commended for apprehending an individual in the area of Route 202 and Upper Mountain Road last May whom the Warrington Township Police Dept. reported as a potentially dangerous armed fugitive, wanted for offenses involving improvised explosive devices.

The individual was charged with possessing or manufacturing weapons of mass destruction, risking a catastrophe, possession of instruments of crime, and other related offenses.

Sergeant Kevin Edwards was officially commended for his response to an auto accident on Route 32 in June, in which he apprehended a suspect who fled the scene on foot. Sergeant Edwards’s investigation resulted in the suspect being charged for stealing the car, as well as for receiving stolen property and other related offenses.

The investigation further led to the individual being arrested and charged with an additional stolen auto violation in New Jersey and with burglary, stolen auto, and other violations in Philadelphia.

Sergeant Marc Mansour was officially commended for responding to a call to Peddler’s View in March, where a witness reported seeing two males attempt to gain entry into parked vehicles. After a brief search of the area, Sergeant Mansour apprehended two suspects hiding in the rear of a residence on Byerly Drive, who were charged with attempted criminal theft, conspiracy, prowling and loitering at night, and other related offenses.

2013 Polling Places
All polling locations in Solebury Township are open during primaries and general elections from 7 AM to 8 PM.

Lower District #1*
New Location:
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 recently changed the Lower District #1 polling location from Solebury United Methodist Church to Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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

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Dear Taxpayer:

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.

Kay and Marie

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.

September
9/2 HOLIDAY—TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
9/3 Board of Supervisors—Budget Session, 7 pm
9/9 Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
9/9 Planning Commission, 7 pm
9/10 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
9/17 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
9/19 Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
9/26 Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm

October
10/1 Board of Supervisors—Budget Session, 7 pm
10/7 Historical Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
10/8 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 pm
10/14 Planning Commission, 7 pm
10/15 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
10/17 Land Preservation Committee, 7 pm
10/24 Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm

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Solebury 10-Year-Old Boys Take Baseball Championship

Solebury Township’s 10-year-old boys baseball team, the “Spiders,” won the Suburban League championship this season with a dramatic come-from-behind win in the final inning of play, defeating Lower Southampton by a score of 7-6.

The home game was a close contest between the two teams, which battled through six innings that resulted in Lower Southampton taking a 6-4 lead into the final round.

But with its last time at bat, the Spiders mounted a tremendous three-run rally to overtake their opponent and win the championship, completing an undefeated 17-0 season.

Team members include Will Albano, Jack Cane, Michael Janora, Christian Keating, Will Kelley, Jackson Kloss, Ben Koeppen, Jake Massino, Kyle McLaughlin, Tanner Richmond, Brian Scotto, Kyle Sullivan, Alex Walinski, Philip Weinsheimer, Head Coach Chris Walinski, and Assistant Coaches Dave Cane, Scott Janora, and John McLaughlin.

Solebury Under-10 Girls Take Softball Championship

Solebury’s under-10 girls softball team won the Lambertville Interleague tournament championship this season, defeating the toughest team in the league by a score of 15-13 in a tense game that went into extra innings.

Solebury was losing 12-5 in the third inning, but players quickly closed the gap so that by the fourth they were behind just two runs. Neither team scored again until the sixth inning, when Solebury jumped to a 13-12 lead, only to end in a 13-13 tie at the bottom of the inning.

After extra innings, Solebury erupted into a 15-13 lead, thanks to an RBI (“run batted in”) double by Lillie Corino, and Emily Primavera’s remarkable pitching, which held the opposition scoreless to secure the victory.

Each girl received an individual trophy and the team took home a big first-place trophy. In addition to Corino and Primavera, the team includes: Natasha Bodine, Alina Childers, Maria D’Agostino, Natasha Kiel, Jessica Kinker, Sammi Kuhl, Grace Lovrinic, Alexy Murray, Caroline Russo, Nicole “Chicky” Wilson, Gabi Vitelli, Head Coach Carl Corino and Assistant Coaches Craig Bodine and Todd Kuhl.
Environmental Risks of Residential Heating Oil Tanks

Residential heating oil tanks are used to store fuel oil to heat homes. To be considered “residential,” and thus free from EPA regulation, they must supply fuel to premises located on the same property on which they sit.

Some heating oil tanks are situated underground (such as outdoors on a slab or inside on a basement floor), while others are buried underground.

Both tank types carry some risk of spills and leaks, which are a threat to public safety and the environment. For example, leaking tanks can contaminate public and private drinking water supplies, pollute soils, create the potential for fires and explosions, and subject tank owners to very expensive cleanup costs.

With proper management of your tank, you may be able to prevent these hazards.

**Which Kind Should I Buy?**

While “out of sight, out of mind” might at first appear to be an advantage of underground heating oil tanks, and homeowners may be able to situate a larger tank on the property if they bury it, when it comes to detecting leaks, aboveground tanks—by virtue of their visibility—are easier to monitor.

By the time a leak is detected in an underground heating oil tank, it may already have contaminated the groundwater supply on which many homeowners depend, necessitating specialized cleanup measures as well as potential penalties and fines.

**Leak Indicators**

Potential indicators of heating oil tank leaks and spills include:

- Soil saturated with heating oil
- Stained soil or stained surface material around the fill pipe
- Product vapors in the soil or basement area
- Fuel seeping into a basement, stream, underground utility, or other structure near the tank
- Change in the health of vegetation near the tank or where it’s buried
- Contaminated drinking water
- Sudden increase in fuel consumption
- Erratically operating furnace
- Neighbors complaining of fuel oil odors

**Preventing Leaks and Spills**

*Stay Alert.* A key to preventing and minimizing the environmental damage associated with leaks and spills from heating oil tanks is “homeowner vigilance.” Stay aware of changes in surroundings, particularly around delivery day, and add regular, methodical monitoring to your home maintenance regime.

*Know Your Tank.* Familiarize yourself with your tank’s specifications, age, expected life span, and any installed devices that can help you monitor and detect overfills and spills. For instance, some tanks include catchment devices around the fill valve; others have overfill detection alarms or shutoff mechanisms; and still others may be lined with materials that offer different levels of corrosion protection. If your tank does not have these aids, learn which ones are available from the manufacturer.

*Keep Records.* Keep detailed notes of your observations during monitoring. Note any repairs, tests, servicing, and minor cleanups you undertake, and keep these with other information about your tank. Timestamped photographs may help you document that a leak came on suddenly, and may prevent an allegation of negligence on top of the cost of cleanup. Also, note the tank’s increasing age as a predictor of its condition.

*Be Prepared for Cleanup.* Learn effective methods for cleaning up minor oil spills, and have the materials on hand in case you have to do so. For example, kitty litter and newspaper can be used to absorb a small spill. The contaminated material can then be collected in a secure trash liner and disposed of through a household hazardous waste program. Keep contact information handy in case you need the help of a professional. The faster you act, the less pervasive the environmental harm should be.

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**Solebury Residents: Call for Volunteers**

The Board of Supervisors is currently accepting applications for an opening on the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB)

Submit your résumé and a brief letter describing your interest in or experience related to this board.

**Mail:** Solebury Township, P.O. Box 139, Solebury, PA 18963, Attn: Gretchen Rice

**E-mail:** soleburymanager@soleburytwp.org or grice@soleburytwp.org

**Hand delivery:** Township Hall, 3092 Sugan Road

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**Correction:**

Historical House Plaques

A previous issue of the Solebury Messenger provided outdated contact information for purchasing historical house plaques from the Solebury Historical Society. The correct contact information is:

**Phone:** 1-215-297-5091

**Email:** soleburyhistory@verizon.net

**Website:** soleburyhistory.org

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Solebury Resident
Environmental Risks of Residential Heating Oil Tanks

Suggestions for Aboveground Tanks
1. Place the tank on secure foundation (e.g., a concrete pad or floor flanges with concrete anchors), in a secure area, away from vehicular traffic and objects that can damage the tank.
2. Routinely inspect the exterior for leaks, corrosion, holes, loose joints, and other signs of structural unsoundness.
3. Avoid a tank collapse by ensuring the integrity of the tank legs, particularly if the tank sits in soil (remember, a 275-gallon tank full of fuel oil weighs over one ton).

A Self-Inspection Checklist
Call your oil burner technician for a more detailed inspection and corrective measures if you answer “YES” to any of the following questions:
- Are the tank legs unstable or on a precarious foundation?
- Is the tank vent clogged or restricted because of ice, snow, or insect nests? (Screened vents can be used to prevent insect nest problems.)
- Are there any signs of rust, weeps, wet spots, or excessive dents on the tank’s surface?
- Is the overfill whistle or other overfill mechanism working properly when the tank is being filled? (Ask your delivery person.)
- Are there any drips or signs of leakage around the filter or valves?
- Are there signs of spills around the fill pipe or the vent pipe?
- Do the oil lines between the tank and the furnace run either under concrete or aboveground without being encased in protective tubing?
- Is the fuel-level gauge cracked, stuck, or frozen, or are there signs of oil around it?
- Is there danger of snow or ice falling on the tank?
- Are you using more oil than normal?

Suggestions for Underground Tanks
1. Mark where the tank is buried on the property and know the tank boundaries.
2. Routinely inspect the health of the vegetation growing in this location.
3. Ask your fuel oil supplier to monitor how much fuel oil you use month to month, and to make you aware of any increase that may suggest a leak in your underground storage tank.
4. Manually check the amount of fuel in the tank. If you have access to the fill pipe, you can stick a yardstick in your tank and measure how much fuel you are using on a weekly or monthly basis.

A Self-Inspection Checklist
Call your oil burner technician for a more detailed inspection and corrective measures if you answer “YES” to any of the following questions:
- Are you using more oil than normal?
- Is the tank vent clogged or restricted because of ice, snow, or insect nests? (Screened vents can be used to prevent insect nest problems.)
- Is your tank taking on water — a rise in water level greater than 1/2” for an 8- to 12-hour period? (Your oil-burner technician can check for water or provide you with water-finding paste so you can check yourself.)
- Is the overfill whistle or other overfill mechanism working properly when the tank is being filled? (Ask your delivery person.)
- Are there any drips or signs of leakage around the filter or valves?
- Are there signs of spills around the fill pipe or the vent pipe?
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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.
Township Directory
P.O. Box 139, Solebury, PA 18963
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In an emergency, please dial: 9-1-1.
For other matters, call: 215-297-5656

The following individuals can be reached by email:
Township Manager Dennis H. Carney:
soleburymanager@soleburytwp.org

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

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

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Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice:
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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.

Attention Trick-or-Treaters!

When: Thursday, October 31, 6-8 PM
Where: Corner of Clydesdale Drive and Tarpan Circle, Peddler’s View

Solebury Parks and Recreation will be giving away all kinds of
Halloween items from their post at the corner of Clydesdale Drive and
Tarpan Circle in Peddler’s View from 6-8 PM 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:

www.soleburytwp.org (Parks & Recreation tab)
www.soleburybaseball.org (baseball)
www.soleburybasketball.org (basketball)
www.tcteams.com/hspopwarner (football)
www.tcteams.com/solebury (soccer)
www.soleburywrestling.com (wrestling)

The next Solebury Messenger will mail on October 30.
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Parks and Recreation Board Members will distribute Halloween prizes
Thursday, October 31, 6-8 pm
At the corner of Clydesdale Drive and Tarpan Circle in Peddler’s View.
For more information, see page 7.

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