

FrancTalk

Newsletter of Franconia Township • Fall 2011

Open House Planned for Intersection Realignment

On Monday, October 24th, 2011 from 6PM to 8PM at West Broad Elementary School, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot) will host a public open house to discuss the proposed realignment of the intersection located at W. Broad / Cowpath / Godshall roads.

As many may recall planning for this project originally began back in 2002. Since that time PennDot has taken over the full design and construction of the proposed intersection improvements which include the removal of the existing box culvert crossing and the installation of a free-span bridge and signalization of the new alignment.

At their regular meeting held Monday, September 19th, 2011, the Board of Supervisors agreed to the revised intersection design by approving a motion authorizing the Township to formally submit a concurrence letter on their behalf. The new plan addressed the numerous issues raised by the board when they saw the previous plans such as the length of the left turn lanes, cross slopes of the roads and drainage concerns. Additional alignment changes were also made to the design which will impact certain property owners. PennDot tentatively plans to let contracts for the project in the summer of 2012 with construction beginning in the fall of 2012. Funding is in place through 2012-2013 for the project. 🌹

National Night Out a Success

With your help, we've done it again! Thanks to our community, volunteers, and local businesses, we had another fantastic National Night Out Against Crime celebration on Tuesday, August 2. The weather was perfect, the crowds were large, and guests of all ages were entertained and having fun! With over 50 displays and demonstrations, Kids Fun Zone, car show, model airplane show, and helicopter landing, there was plenty for the family to see and do. There are some great photos on our Facebook page taken by professional photographers. Check out all the family-friendly fun we had.

Crowds gathered to cheer on the officers at the Public Safety Bike Race. Chief Koz and Jim "Porky" Gallagher from



District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Chief Joe Kozeniewski

(PHOTO BY RAY MASSER)

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New Finance Officer Appointed

Ami Tarburton joined the township administration staff on June 13, 2011, as the new Finance Officer. She will be responsible for maintaining the township's bank accounts, handling investments, payables, payroll, and financial reporting, along with functioning as the human resource liaison.

Ami grew up in rural, northwestern Pennsylvania. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS in Business Management, and a minor in Accounting. After working as an accountant for the federal government and living in Maryland for 7 years, she and her husband moved to West Rockhill in 1999. She then left the work force for 8 years to raise her three boys, now ages 11, 10, & 8, before returning to the accounting profession in 2007 with a local CPA firm.

Ami looks forward to returning to governmental accounting, as well as learning all the different aspects of human resources, here at Franconia Township. 🌹



Snow and Ice Removal

Winter is coming and with winter comes the chore of snow and ice removal! In spite of the many groans that ensue with the mention of the words snow removal, it is a necessary evil. It is the responsibility of all owners, tenants or occupants of occupied or unoccupied properties to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks surrounding the property within 30 hours after the snow or sleet has ceased to fall. A pathway must be cleared in the sidewalk in the event of snow. The sidewalk must be covered with cinders, sawdust or similar snow and ice control materials in the event of ice and sleet. The pathway should not be less than 30 inches wide and it should be thoroughly cleared of snow or ice. The snow and ice may be piled on the curbside of the sidewalk, but it should not be piled in the gutter or cartway. Do not shovel your snow into the streets because when the plow goes by it will go back into your driveway. The quick removal of snow from the sidewalks will help eliminate the safety hazards ice and snow can create. 🌸

Park and Recreation Summer Wrap-Up

The Franconia Township Park & Recreation Board has wrapped up another summer season. This year the park board partnered with Representative Robert Godshall and held the 20th Annual Fishing Derby, provided 2 youth tennis clinics, sold discount amusement park tickets, and held the 10th Annual Mango Men Concert.

FISHING DERBY

The 20th Annual Youth Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Branchwood Park. The event, which is hosted by Robert W. Godshall and the Franconia Township Parks & Recreation Board, was a complete success. Alexis Cole was the winner of the 8 and under age group, and Nick Augustine was the

winner of the 9 to 12 age group. Congrats to all the winners and everyone who participated in the event. For a complete list of winners please visit our website at www.franconiatownship.org.

10TH ANNUAL MANGO MEN CONCERT IN THE PARK

The 10th Annual Mango Men Concert in the Park was held on Wednesday, July 20th, 2011. The concert was held at the Franconia Community Park before a large crowd of fans. The festive night in the park, as always, was filled with island music, dancing and food for all to enjoy! The Franconia Township Park and Recreation Board would like to thank Univest and Hagey Coach & Tours and JBS Packerland for sponsoring the concert.



Representative Robert W. Godshall poses for a picture with the winners of the 2011 20th Annual Fishing Derby Contest held in May.

They would also like to thank the North Penn Goodwill, Double Dippers Ice Cream, and the Souderton High School Cross Country Team for providing burgers, ice cream, and other treats.

YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC

Franconia Township Park & Recreation Board organized a youth tennis program again this summer. This year the tennis clinic was offered in two sessions during July for children ages 6-12. Monica Bach was the professional instructor recruited to administer the program again this year. Monica provided basic tennis instruction and activities to youngsters. The clinic was very successful and the Board hopes to offer this program again next summer. 🌸



Mango Men perform at the Community Park in July.

Franc Talk Notes

SEWER CUSTOMERS – The Franconia Sewer Authority notified customers of our address change in 2010. Payments are no longer being forwarded by the postal service. Please be sure to make the change with any vendors/banks that you use for automatic bill payment to ensure your payment is received and applied to your account!

REMEMBER TO VOTE – Election Day is just around the corner! The Township reminds all eligible residents to vote on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Voter registration forms are available at the township building as are absentee ballots. Listed below are the polling places within Franconia Township. If you are unsure at which polling location you should be voting or you would like additional information pertaining to the election please contact Voter's Registration at 610-278-3280.

POLLING PLACES

Precinct 1

Franconia Township Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia

Precinct 2

Christ Reformed Church, Church & Cowpath Roads, Telford

Precinct 3

Christ Reformed Church, Church & Cowpath Roads, Telford

Precinct 4

Franconia Township Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia

Precinct 5

Immanuel Leidy's Church, 276 W. Cherry Lane, Souderton

Precinct 6

Peter Becker Community, 800 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

Precinct 7


Peter Becker Community, 800 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

Precinct 8

Immanuel Leidy's Church, 276 W. Cherry Lane, Souderton

CLEAN-UP AFTER YOUR PETS – Please remember to clean up after your pets. Whether you're walking your dog down your street or in the community park, you are responsible to clean up after your pet. The leash law is in effect within our parks and clean-up bags are available for your use in various locations.

DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS – The Park & Recreation Board will be selling discount ski tickets again this winter. Please check our website at www.franconiatownship.org to find out what tickets are offered and when they are available. Once the tickets arrive they can be purchased at the Township office located on Allentown Road during normal business hours (M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM). Tickets must be purchased with cash or money order, no checks please!

NOTICE – Any illicit discharge as defined in the Franconia Township Stormwater Ordinance is a violation of the code, and those who dump will be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine. 

Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission News

Municipal Commission Members:
Ambler Borough, Franconia Township,
Hatfield Borough, Hatfield Township,
Lower Gwynedd Township, Lower Salford
Township, Montgomery Township,
North Wales Borough, Souderton Borough,
Telford Borough and Towamencin Township.

The Northern Montgomery County
Recycling Commission website is
www.northmontcorecycle.com. The website
also has a link to your municipality
and information on recycling
in Montgomery County.

WHERE CAN I RECYCLE?

Find the answer at Earth911.com
Just select what you want to recycle and
type in your zip code and the location for
recycling whatever is available. Also avail-
able at 1800Recycling.com. Find a Recycling
Center location by entering your zip code.

Mark Your Calendar

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY 11/15/11

Plan a special recycling activity
with your organization.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING

Check with your municipality to see if they
offer recycling of live holiday trees.

Shop on line for the holidays at:
www.americansworking.com this website
offers green and recycled products made
in the USA. www.greentoys.com
has a great website for toys and other items
made from recycled plastic bottles.
www.seafevergear.com a unique website
that sells products made from used sails.
Interesting just to visit.

Rann Pharmacy of Harleysville offers the
community Drug Disposal. Take unused,
expired or no longer needed prescriptions
to the drug disposal kiosk located
in Rann Pharmacy. More info at
www.rannpharmacy.com or 215 -256-4146.

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NNO Food Drive 1st place winners - Peter Becker Community @ Maplewood Estates (PHOTO BY PETER BECKER STAFF)



MedEvac helicopter landing (PHOTO BY KEVIN HIGH OF KEVIN HIGH PHOTOGRAPHY, SOUDERTON)



Officers Al Gesullo and Dave Klepfer helping to distribute the 750+ pounds of food (PHOTO BY JANICE FROSHOUR)

National Night Out *(cont. from p. 1)*

Souderton Fire Company went back to using 18" children's bikes this year. After clarifying that there were no "rules" and giving them the "go," Porky picked up his bike and ran for his life towards the finish line, while the Chief grabbed a bike officer's custom patrol bike and attempted to take the lead. Porky won by a landslide and will be keeping his title for another year.

Thanks to your support, we gave back to our community beyond the hours of the event itself. We doubled last year's food drive donations, and were able to split 750+ pounds of food and \$90 cash donations between Manna on Main and the Sheppard's Shelf. Thank you for all of your donations. It was so successful, that we plan to incorporate the food drive into our future NNO events! 🌹



Montgomery Co. Sheriff Eileen Whalon Behr congratulating Chief Koz for being a good sport in the bike race (PHOTO BY KEVIN HIGH OF KEVIN HIGH PHOTOGRAPHY, SOUDERTON)



Chief Joe and Jim "Porky" Gallagher in the Public Safety Bike Race (PHOTO BY CHRISTINE RECKNER)



Jenn Ruggiero from Indian Valley Business Networking Group and Mary Kay handing out NNO balloons (PHOTO BY CHRISTINE RECKNER)

Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission News

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

9:00AM to 3:00PM

Info 1-610-278-3618 or www.montgomerycountyrecycles.org

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Lower Merion Township Public Works Bldg.
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley, PA

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Paint Products:

Oil-based paint, paint thinner, turpentine, shellac, stains and varnish, furniture stripper and finisher and wallpaper cement.

Outdoor Products:

Swimming pool chemicals, weed killers, septic tank degreasers, asphalt sealers, caulking compounds, joint compound, roof cement and rodent poison.

Automotive Products:

Grease and rust solvents, fuel additives, motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, carburetor cleaners, transmission/brake fluid, and lead acid batteries.

Household Products:

Drain/oven cleaners, rug cleaners, kerosene, toilet bowl cleaners, adhesives/solvents, mothballs/flakes, spot removers, dry cleaning fluid and wood and metal cleaners.

Electronic Equipment:

CRT Monitors, CPU's, cameras, cell phones, fax machines, scanners/printers, televisions (30 inches and smaller), and computer peripherals.

Miscellaneous:

Acids, caustics, solvents, flammables, oxidizers, organic peroxide, reactives, lead, pesticides, mercury bearing items, propane cylinders (20lb or less) and rechargeable batteries.

**This program is a community service to the residents of Montgomery County and Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia Counties ONLY and is NOT open to businesses, institutions or industry.*

WHAT AND HOW TO RECYCLE FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Aluminum, Steel & Bimetal Cans: All metal food, beverage and aerosol cans are recyclable. All other metal items such as pots and pans, wire hangers are not recyclable. No lids or covers, just cans. Rinse out and crush aluminum cans if possible.

Glass - Clear, Amber and Green Glass: All glass food, beverage bottles and jars are recyclable. No lids or covers.

Plastics Number 1 & 2 (HDPE & PETE): Look for the number in the triangle on the bottom of plastic items. No lids, rinse out containers.

Newspapers, Magazines & Junk Mail: Tie in a bundle or place in a paper bag. (Not in Plastic Bags).

2011-2012 Leaf Collection

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

671 Allentown Road, Franconia, PA 18969

Thursday, October 27 • Friday, October 28
Thursday, November 17 • Friday, November 18
Thursday, December 15 • Friday, December 16
Thursday, April 12 • Friday, April 13



Biodegradable/Recyclable Leaf Bags are available at the Township Building at no cost to Township residents. 

Stormwater & You Too!

In this issue of FrancTalk we can report that progress appears to be happening in the development of new Stormwater Management Rules that Franconia Township and our neighboring municipalities will be required to abide by in the not too distant future. Previously we spoke of the development of these new rules, how they need to be published in the PA Bulletin to become enforceable and how they may dramatically change the way Franconia, and its resident and business communities, use their properties. The driving force behind the new rules is a Federal Mandate to increase regulation under new interpretations of Stormwater Regulation by the Clean Water Act with the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Presidential Executive Order the initiative to implement more aggressive approaches.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is empowered to issue permits for the Federal Government under the Clean Water Act with the Environmental Protection Agency overseeing and approving the language and administration of the permits. Currently Franconia, as most local governments, is in the 8th year of their original Stormwater Permit issued by DEP as a General Permit, PAG-13. A General Permit is one where the permit holder agrees to follow a 'protocol', that is a formula of enforcement and activities outlined in the

Pennsylvania Bulletin, with the filing of annual reports to demonstrate compliance with the rules. Up to now, the main part of the program has centered on a 'Narrative' basis, which is essentially a series of activities, known as the Six Minimum Measures, which are described in detail on the DEP and EPA Websites.

What we now anticipate is that by the time of you reading this, the 'Final' new Stormwater PAG-13 rules will either have been formally published or will be expected shortly. Following the publication, DEP will begin training programs across the Commonwealth where municipal managers, Stormwater MS4 Administrators and Municipal Engineers will be trained on how to implement the new rules. We expect them to include more controls over the Land Development process, increased oversight of grading permits including building additions and new impervious pavements as well as increased record keeping and reporting.

Of particular concern will be the requirement of the Township, and surrounding MS4 Permit Holders, to develop Stormwater plans to reduce existing sediment and nutrient concentrations in the runoff entering the Township's Indian Creek, Neshaminy and Skippack Creek Watersheds. These plans, required under the updated PAG-13 and other Stormwater Permits for Industries and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, are specific

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Watershed Based Allocations of reductions assigned to the municipalities, industries, CAFO's and sewage treatment plants to meet Federal Clean Water Act Mandated Total Maximum Daily Load criteria (TMDLs) developed for those waterways deemed 'impaired'.

Stay tuned to FrancTalk for our next update. The Township Board of Supervisors is kept informed by the Township staff as developments in this new program become formalized. Significant land use restrictions, budgeting of limited local tax monies and development of monitoring programs on the quality of our Stormwater Runoff are expected to be significant and will affect you. 🌸

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email or view it on the township website rather than receive a paper copy please contact the township office to sign-up and remove your name from the mailing list.

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