

FrancTalk

Newsletter of Franconia Township • Fall 2012

National Night Out Against Crime a Big Success

This year's National Night Out Against Crime, held on Tuesday, August 7th, was our biggest and best, by far! It was our department's 50th anniversary, and to help celebrate in conjunction with our annual event, we added fireworks to the agenda. We estimate, by the counting of cars, volunteers, etc, that we had over 3,000 people in attendance during the main event.

Event highlights included our Public safety Bike Race, in which dignitaries faced off on children's bikes, an expanded kid's fun zone featuring the new Tiny Tots Swat Team obstacle course, a record setting custom car show, an expanded display of fire, police, and ambulance apparatus, and much more!



Franconia Township Police Department's 50th Anniversary photo.
(PHOTO BY COURTNEY ELIZABETH)




District Attorney Risa Ferman racing on a children's bike for our Public safety Bike Race. She came in 2nd behind County Commissioner Josh Shapiro.

(PHOTO BY COLLEEN POPINY)


In addition to our main event on Tuesday, during the month of July ten local businesses participated in our NNO Food Drive. Together, they collected over 1000 pounds of food. On Monday, August 6, 2012, thanks to Dan Bedell, a local high school senior, we held our 1st NNO Kick-Off 5K run. We had 90 participants, raised \$960, and collected more food donations. In total, we raised over 1,500 pounds of food, \$1,115 in cash, and \$150 in Landis gift cards. Every penny was distributed among five locally serving food pantries!

Special thanks to Bergey's for sponsoring our fireworks display, Uninvest for sponsoring our kick-off 5K run, and the many other volunteers, organizations, and individuals that donated their time to make this event so successful! Please enjoy the many photos on our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/FranconiaPolice](https://www.facebook.com/FranconiaPolice)), as we had many talented local photographers donate their time and expertise to capture this amazing night on film. 🌻

2nd Annual Souderton 5-Miler Run

The 2nd Annual Souderton 5-Miler Run will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 9:00AM. This is a unique run along the beautiful roads of Franconia Township to raise money for the Tracy Hottenstien Scholarship Fund (which benefits a Souderton High School senior) and the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. A 1-mile walk and a kid's fun run will also be held on the school grounds as well. Register soon to ensure you get a t-shirt! Registration forms are available at the township office or can be found on www.pretzelcitysports.com. 

Leaf Collection Program Changes

There will be a few changes made to the curbside leaf collection program this year. In 2009 the Franconia Township Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance which established a curbside leaf collection program. The Township provided this service to the residents in order to properly organize and implement the program. Now that the program is up and running, the curbside leaf collection will be provided by the individual private municipal waste haulers operating within Franconia Township. As required by Ordinance #359, private municipal waste collectors must conduct the pick-up of leaf waste in accordance with the regulations of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The Township will still continue to provide biodegradable leaf bags to residents within Franconia Township. The bags are available at the administration building located at 671 Allentown Road during normal business hours. For additional information on the leaf collection program please visit our website at www.franconiatownship.org and click on the Township Code Book item. In the search window type in the keywords "leaf collection" and you will find the ordinance pertaining to leaf collection. Please check the website in the future, as the Township is working on securing an additional location where residents can drop-off their leaf waste. 

A General Overview of The Covered Device Recycling (Act 108) of 2010 (CDRA)

from The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Electronic products constitute one of the fastest growing streams of today's consumer and commercial waste. In November 2010, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed the CDRA, which establishes a number of requirements for individuals and entities involved throughout the life cycle of certain "covered" electronic devices. Covered devices include: **desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions.**

Beginning Jan. 1, 2012, most of the CDRA requirements go into effect.

Outlined below, these requirements address the manufacture, sales, and end-of-life collection, management and recycling of covered devices in Pennsylvania.

- **Manufacturers** of covered devices offered for sale in Pennsylvania:
 - ~ Must annually register their covered device brands with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and affix brand labels to their covered devices.
 - ~ Must establish and conduct ongoing recycling programs that offer covered device collection opportunities at no cost to consumers.¹ The term "no cost" means no fee may be charged unless a financial incentive, such as a coupon or rebate, of equal or greater value is provided to the consumer. The devices collected through these programs must be properly recycled at certified electronics recycling facilities. The initial recycling plan must be approved by DEP by Jan. 1, 2012, and subsequently, Jan. 30 of each year thereafter.
 - ~ Must report annual covered device collection and recycling data to DEP.
- **Retailers** that offer covered devices for sale in Pennsylvania:
 - ~ May only sell covered devices that

are labeled with a brand registered with DEP.

- ~ Must notify customers of how and where they can recycle their covered devices.
- ~ Are not required to offer covered device collection opportunities; but if they do, they must offer them to consumers at no cost. The term "no cost" means no fee may be charged unless a financial incentive, such as a coupon or rebate, of equal or greater value is provided. Any devices collected from consumers must be properly recycled at certified recycling facilities.

• **Electronics Recycling Facilities:**

- ~ Whether located in or outside of Pennsylvania, facilities that process or recycle covered devices that are collected from consumers through any electronics collection program in Pennsylvania, whether municipal, manufacturer, retailer, etc., must have achieved and maintained one of the following certifications:
 - R2 (Responsible Recycling Practice Standard) Certification.
 - e-Stewards Certification.
 - An internationally accredited third-party environmental management standard for the safe and responsible handling of covered devices.
- ~ Currently Pennsylvania's Residual Waste Regulations require electronic processing/recycling facilities located in Pennsylvania to obtain a DEP general permit #WMGR081 (regarding the processing and beneficial use of electronic equipment and components by sorting, disassembling or mechanical processing) prior to processing any electronic devices or electronic waste.

• **The Pennsylvania DEP:**

- ~ Will post and maintain a list of

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¹The CDRA defines a consumer as "An occupant of a single detached dwelling or a single unit of a multiple dwelling unit who has used a covered device primarily for personal or small business use. For purposes of this definition, a small business is an entity that is independently owned and operated, employs 50 or fewer people, has purchased or leased a covered computer device from a computer manufacturer or retailer and, but for the program established under this act, would not otherwise have access to electronic recycling programs."

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 21st Annual Fishing Derby, held its first ever sports camp, provided 4 youth tennis clinics, sold discount amusement park tickets, and held a concert in the park featuring a band named Almost Fab!



A proud fisherman shows off his catch.

FISHING DERBY

The 21st Annual Youth Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Branchwood Park. The event, which is hosted by Robert W. Godshall and the Franconia Township Parks



Supervisor Grey Godshall and his grandson enjoy the summer concert in the park.

& Recreation Board, was a complete success. Elizabeth Hedrick was the overall winner with Nolan Worman finishing in a close second. Calin Nast was the top finisher for the 9 to 12 age group. Congrats to all the winners and everyone who participated in the event.

SPORT CAMP

This summer the Park and Recreation Board organized a sports camp for the first time. They enlisted the expertise of Steve Wherry to administer the camp. The camp featured a number of different activities with a focus on tennis and ultimate Frisbee. The camp was held for four days in June. The board hopes to expand

this camp next summer as it was very successful and enjoyed by many children.

ANNUAL CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Annual Concert in the Park was held on Wednesday, July 25th, 2012 and featured a new band this year, Almost Fab! The Almost Fab Band is a Beatles cover-band. 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 good music, dancing and food for all to enjoy! The Franconia Township Park and Recreation Board would like to thank Univest, Hagey Coach & Tours and JBS Packerland for sponsoring the concert. They would also like to thank the North Penn Goodwill for providing burger and other treats.



Children practice tennis at the sports camp.

YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC

Franconia Township Park & Recreation Board organized a youth tennis program again this summer. This year the tennis clinic was offered in four sessions during the months of June and 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. 🌹



Almost Fab! perform at the annual concert in the park.

registered and non-compliant covered device brands on its website for retailers and consumers to access.

- ~ Will also post on its website and make available via its toll-free recycling hotline (1-800-346-4242) an up-to-date list of all covered device collection opportunities offered to consumers, including those offered by manufacturers and retailers.
- ~ Will review manufacturers' covered device collection and recycling plans, and will oversee the implementation of all approved plans to ensure compliance with the CDRA.
- ~ Will encourage the use of existing covered device collection infrastructure to the extent that it is available to at least 85 percent of the commonwealth's population, is cost effective, and is environmentally sound.
- ~ Will organize and coordinate public education and outreach regarding the recycling of covered devices, including assisting retailers as necessary in the conduct of their public education and outreach efforts.

Beginning Jan. 24, 2013, a disposal ban on covered devices goes into effect in Pennsylvania. From this point forward, no person may dispose of a covered device, or any of its components, with their municipal solid waste. These devices and their components must be properly recycled and may not be taken to, nor accepted by, landfills or other solid waste disposal facilities for disposal. However, non-hazardous residuals of covered devices that are produced during the recycling of those devices are excluded from the disposal ban. The effect of the disposal ban are outlined below.

- **Consumers:** The CDRA defines a consumer as "An occupant of a single detached dwelling or a single unit of a multiple dwelling unit who has used a covered device primarily for personal or small business use. For purposes of this definition, a small business is an entity that is independently owned and operated, employs 50 or fewer people, has purchased or leased a covered computer device from a computer manufacturer or retailer and, but for the program established under this act, would not otherwise have access to electronic recycling programs."
 - ~ May not dispose of their covered devices with municipal waste.
 - ~ Must take their covered devices to an electronics collection location for proper recycling, place their covered devices for curbside collection if specific electronics collection program is offered or utilize an approved mail-back program to recycle their covered devices.
- **Businesses:**
 - ~ May not dispose of their covered devices with municipal waste.
 - ~ Will need to recycle their covered devices. For businesses, the recycling facility that covered devices are transferred to does not need to be certified. If the facility is located in Pennsylvania, it must have a general permit #WMGR081 from DEP.
- **Landfills and Resource Recovery Facilities:**
 - ~ May not accept covered devices or their components for

disposal. However, they may accept non-hazardous residuals produced during the recycling of covered devices.

- ~ Owners and operators of landfills will not be found in violation of the CDRA provided they make a good faith effort to comply with the Act; post, in a conspicuous location at the facility, a sign stating that covered devices and their components will not be accepted; and notify, in writing, all collectors registered to deposit solid waste to the facility that covered devices and their components will not be accepted at the facility.
- **Haulers:**
 - ~ May not intentionally accept covered devices for disposal from any source of waste, and may not knowingly commingle covered devices with waste destined for disposal.
 - ~ Covered devices that are collected from consumers through electronics collection programs in Pennsylvania must continue to be transferred to certified electronics recycling facilities.

For more information on the CDRA, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us (select 'Electronics Recycling' from the 'DEP Programs A - Z' menu), or contact the **Recycling Hotline** at 1-800-346-4242, or contact:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waste Management
Division of Waste Minimization and Planning
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 8472
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8472
Telephone: 717-787-7382

For more information, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us,
keyword: Electronic Recycling.


Calling 9-1-1 From A Cell Phone

The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety asks that anyone who calls 9-1-1 from a cellular phone in communities near the County border immediately state that "I'm calling from Montgomery County" when the call-taker answers the phone.

If the nearest cell tower to where the call is placed is across the border in a neighboring county, the call will be routed to the 9-1-1 centers in Philadelphia, Bucks, Berks, Chester or Delaware counties, depending on where the tower is located.

The neighboring 9-1-1 centers will transfer the call to Montgomery County, but the time it takes to figure the actual location out, transfer the call and then supply the information about the incident again could make a difference in saving someone's life.

Stating "I'm calling from Montgomery County" at the outset will greatly reduce any delay in getting people the help they need.

Using a landline to call 9-1-1 will result in the call automatically being routed to the proper call center. 

Stormwater & You Too!

Residents who have been diligently following Franc-Talk over the last several years will recall our reporting on anticipated increased Stormwater Regulation mandated by Federal Programs under the Clean Water Act. This regulation of our runoff, overseen locally by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, seeks to enhance Municipal oversight of land development and proper out-of-doors 'housekeeping' practices, including residential property usage, to better manage the flow of pollutants into our watercourses from storm sewer and roadway collected water runoff. After many stops and starts the two regulating agencies, EPA on behalf of the Federal Government, and DEP for the Commonwealth, have agreed to a new form of Pennsylvania's implementation of the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) program for Stormwater Discharge permitting.

Most local municipalities are required to have coverage under this Federal Permit for discharging their concentrated stormwater runoff since its inception in 2003. Intended to be a five year cycle, our 'General Permit' has been administratively extended several times by DEP, and will now expire on March 9, 2013. A 180 day advance filing requirement means your Township Board will have made application for this new form of permit by the time you read this issue of Franc-Talk. Training in the new program jointly by both agencies was conducted last spring, and attended by Township Staff and Consultants, which coupled with diligent study at supplemental seminars, has resulted in a thorough preparation and submission of appropriate forms and supporting documentation. The filing includes a 'Notice of Intent', in which the Township agrees to the terms of the permit, mapping of the areas of Township Stormwater sewers and roadside ditches, collectively defined

as the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System). Area of coverage is to distinguish those 'point source' discharges, that are regulated under the Clean Water Act, from non-point storm water runoff that goes directly to the streams from private property and is not directly regulated.

The NOI includes a 'strategy' outline for our Stormwater Management Plan which commits the Township to defined endeavors reducing current pollutants in runoff and preventing increases from construction sources in new land development as well as enforcement against illegal discharges, entering the 'Waters of the Commonwealth'. The Board of Supervisors, following presentation by the Townships MS4 Committee on various available control options, has broadly accepted a strategy that will emphasize select area reforestation, the creation or

enhancement of riparian buffers (those naturally vegetated strips along creeks and drainage channels that filter pollutants out of runoff), and to stabilize stream channels and adjacent bank areas to decrease the amount of sediment entering our watercourses. The strategy requires multi-permit cycles to accomplish very aggressive goals outlined by the regulating agencies, with 'milestones' in annual reports of progress required and a reasonable time frame for full compliance. For this first 5-year cycle the Township will focus on municipal owned land. Future permit cycles may require acquisition of conservation easements for similar improvements, structural changes to the storm sewer system itself, rain gardens and other on-lot measures, all not yet defined but necessary to reach our designated goals. 🌱

Land Development/Subdivisions

The following land developments/subdivisions have received final approval:

- **Shaughnessy Lot Line Adjustment:** *Brian & Kimberly Shaughnessy-226 Harleysville Pike*
- **Alderfer Poultry Company Minor Subdivision:** *John & Janet Alderfer, 1-lot minor residential subdivision- 724 Harleysville Pike*

The following land developments have received preliminary approval:

- **Leidy's Church Land Development:** *Leidy's Church, new church and recreational areas- Leidy Road and W. Cherry Lane*

The Following land developments/subdivisions are currently under review by the Planning Commission:

- **The Vistas at Highland Ridge:** *W.B. Homes Inc.; 23-lot residential subdivision/land development- Crestwood Drive & Hunsicker Road* 🌱



North Penn Tactical Response Team's new Tiny Tots obstacle course.
(PHOTO BY KEN CHANEY)

Franc Talk Notes

REMEMBER TO VOTE – Election Day is just around the corner! The Township reminds all eligible residents to vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. 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 at 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 8AM-4:30PM). Tickets must be purchased with cash or money order,

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www.franconiatownship.org

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Administration (215) 723-6777
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(215) 723-1137
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/Code Enforcement Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(215) 723-1153
Paul R. Nice, *Public Works Director*

no checks please! There are a few discount amusement park tickets still available as well.

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. 🌿

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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