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Fall 2019

Fall Fest Set For October 12 And October 13

Our First Annual Fall Fest will take place in Franconia Township Park on Allentown Road on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. Be sure to join us for fabulous food, crafts, activities and great entertainment for all ages. Enjoy hay rides, browsing through the pumpkin patch and navigating our country corn maze. Local restaurants, food trucks and vendors will be on site with a wide variety of delicious culinary delights. There will also be plenty of farm fresh goodies and handmade products of all kinds.



Saturday is Emergency Services Day, featuring Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services from all over the region and state. This is a great opportunity to interact with emergency personnel and get an up-close look at tools and equipment as well as experience live demonstrations. AC DJ's, one of the area's premier entertainers will be on hand to announce activities and provide a fun-filled musical backdrop from 3 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Finally, we'll close out Saturday's festivities at dusk with fireworks over the park!

On Sunday from 11 a.m. to Noon, the park will be open for all who like to attend a non-denominational Sunday Service. From Noon until 6 p.m., the Fall Fest excitement continues with more fun, food and activities, including the First Annual Chili Cook-off. Make sure you are there to sample the chili and see the champion crowned! Also, bring a scarecrow to enter our Best Scarecrow Competition. Children and adults are encouraged to display their creativity & mastery of scarecrow building.

Dance the afternoon away with "The Lucky Stiffs", live on stage from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This five-piece band has been entertaining audiences in PA & NJ for over 25 years, covering classics from the likes of Van Morrison, Bruce Springsteen, Motown and the Rolling Stones.

There will be plenty to see and do so come out and join your friends and neighbors at the First Annual Franconia Township Fall Fest. You won't want to miss it!

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Tips For Reducing The Impact Of Stormwater

Our last article in Franc Talk gave an overview of environmental concerns regarding stormwater. In this article, we will be providing residents with some ideas on how they can reduce environmental issues related to stormwater. Remember, there are two general concerns with stormwater: 1) how long it takes to get to a receiving stream, and 2) what pollutants did it pick up on the way to the stream.

First, let's take a look at rain water flow. The more you can slow down the water and keep it on your property, the better for the environment. If given enough time, stormwater will percolate through the soil and become part of the groundwater system. Grassy and vegetative areas are considered to be permeable, meaning water will filter through.

Driveways (asphalt and gravel), shingled roofs, wood, stone, and concrete decks are all impermeable, meaning water flows over them (or percolates very slowly). The more rain that hits these impermeable surfaces, the more run-off and the faster stormwater reaches the stream. This causes sediment problems and flooding. Consider that a half-acre property will receive over 13,500 gallons of water during a one-inch rain event!

The second issue of concern is pollutants. These can take the form of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, as well as hazardous materials like weed killers and pesticides, which can also kill fish and other stream life. Nutrients, if exposed to stormwater, will be carried along as the rain water makes its way to the stream. These nutrients and pollutants can come from lawn fertilizer/pesticide applications, car washing, changing your own oil, or failed on-lot sewage disposal systems, gray-water being discharged to the

ground instead of to wastewater, to name a few. If every property owner in Franconia spilled one gallon of motor oil, that would amount to 45,000 pounds. One failed on-lot system discharges 15 pounds of nitrogen in a year!

So, what can a homeowner do to reduce stormwater impacts on the environment?

- Direct downspouts into your lawn instead of driveways or other impermeable surfaces
- Do not direct downspouts toward your on-lot sewage disposal drain field – or into your neighbor's yard
- Consider capturing rain water in barrels or a cistern for use during dry weather
- Reduce the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and weed killers – only use what you have to
- Make sure that washing machine and other gray water goes to the sewer, not a gutter
- Similarly, make sure that groundwater from sump pumps does not go to the sewer
- Use a commercial car wash and oil change facility
- Make sure your on-lot sewage disposal system is working properly or connect to public sewer
- Clean up animal waste and dispose of in the trash

In the next Franc Talk, we'll look at what the Federal and State governments require the Township to do with stormwater.

Two Summer Concerts Meant Double The Fun

Due to the popularity of our Annual Concert in the Park, the Franconia Township Parks and Recreation Board decided to sponsor two summer concerts this year. The concerts were held at Franconia Community Park, and our first concert was held on Wednesday, June 26 with the popular local band, The Mighty Manatees performing some great reggae, roots and rock music for the audience.

Although the rain caused the event to be canceled the week before, June 26th ended up being a beautiful evening with over 100 in attendance to listen to the band. The attendees enjoyed free Philly Pretzel Factory Soft Pretzels and bottled water as they listened to the concert, while the children (and some adults!) had fun getting some face and arm paintings done by Jennifer Schuster of Sunny Face Painting.



Our second summer concert was held on Wednesday, July 17 with a repeat performance by Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers. The band performed at our 2018 summer concert and since we received such good feedback on the band, we brought them back again this year. The North Penn Goodwill truck was there for the evening staffed by some gracious volunteers who offered hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages for purchase by attendees during the concert. Unfortunately, some of this year's rainy weather arrived and cut the evening short, but those who came seemed to really enjoy the time they had at the concert while enjoying some free water ice that was provided.

Our 2019 summer concerts were a great success due to the generous contributions of local area businesses including Univest, Richard Kapusta and Company Architects and Planners, Hagey's Coach & Tours, Moyer Indoor I Outdoor, IT Landes, R.L. Daschbach Associates, Leidy's, Judge Electrical, Inc., Amplifier Research, Party Bounce Rentals, MOPAC, The Paragon Alliance Group LLC, The Weimer Group, Wawa, Philly Pretzel Factory and Sunny Face Painting.

Rain, Rain and More Rain

The 2019 Spring and Summer weather was soggy to say the least. Weather patterns were unpredictable and often changed dramatically in a short amount of time. This presented its fair share of challenges for the Township, including causing us to use rain dates for both our Pickleball Clinic in May and our June Concert in the Park. It also created various problems for our Public Works Department, including keeping up with their mowing throughout the Township.

The largest storm to wreak havoc in the area took place on May 29 causing flooding, power outages and taking down many trees, limbs and branches throughout the Township. Our Public Works Department worked hard at restoring things back to normal and also offered some clean up services for two weeks following the storm to help residents clean up specific storm debris from their properties. We would like to extend our thanks to the Department for a job well done under some difficult circumstances!

Morwood Area Sewer Construction Begins



Installation of the new sewer main in the Morwood area began July 22, 2019 near the intersection of Morwood and Fell Roads. Most of the installation will be done using directional drilling to install the pipe. With this process, the actual main is installed first then a crew will come back and cut the service laterals into the main.

The new sewer main will be constructed in the following order: Morwood Road between Fell and Hunsicker; Hunsicker between Morwood and Creamery; Creamery to Allentown Road; Keller Creamery between Morwood and Hunsicker; Ridgeview; Hunsicker between Morwood and Crestwood; then Landis Road. Then work will move to Allentown Road and then Rittenhouse Place. It is estimated that construction will take nine months to complete.

Pickleball Clinic A Success

On May 18 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Franconia Township Parks & Recreation Board sponsored a free Pickleball Clinic for residents that was conducted by Barb Matase, the USA Pickleball Association Ambassador for Souderton-Quakertown. It was a beautiful day, and the clinic was attended by 13 residents who all seemed to enjoy their time on the court, which included details and instruction on the basics of the sport, some simple exercises to learn ball control, a relay and then practice on the courts playing the game in foursomes.



You can try your hand at pickleball at the tennis/pickleball courts located at Franconia Community Park. These courts were dually lined last Fall for both sports (white lines for tennis and red lines for pickleball). If you would like to learn more about the sport, please go to USAPA.org for information.



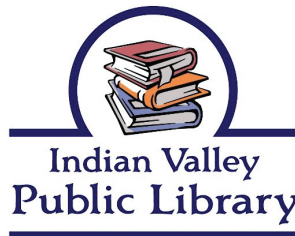
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Visit The Indian Valley Public Library

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WERE AT THE LIBRARY? IF YOU HAVEN'T VISITED US IN A WHILE, WE RECOMMEND YOU STOP BY SOON BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD SOME BIG THINGS HAPPENING THIS AND LAST YEAR.

We offer many different unique services here at the library that cater to many different interests. One of our more unknown programs is the museum pass program, in which a patron can check out a day pass, free of charge, to one of the 20 different museum or educational institutions in our area. These passes are a great way to do something new as the hot weather begins to die down, whether it be with friends or your family for an unbeatable price. If you are looking for a different niche please feel free to visit our website, at ivpl.org.



Additionally, we create weekly and monthly newsletters for those who would like to stay up-to-date with what we have to offer here at the library. Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletters, simply by emailing Jocelyn, our Development Officer at jrose@ivpl.org.

We are thankful and beyond grateful for all of our loyal community members that have visited and donated to us this year. The staff here, at Indian Valley Public Library, is proud to serve such a wonderful community and we hope to see you here soon.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9AM - 9PM
Friday 10AM - 9PM
Saturday 10AM - 5PM
Sunday 1PM - 5PM

IN 2018 IVPL HAD
249,745
LIBRARY VISTS

385,030 **7.9%**
ITEMS WERE BORROWED
OF THOSE
33,046
WERE DIGITAL ITEMS, SUCH AS
EBOOKS, EAUDIOS, & EMAGAZINES

ADDITIONALLY
1,189 PROGRAMS BROUGHT IN
19,143
ATTENDEES

OF THOSE PROGRAMS
2,952 CHILDREN & TEENS ATTENDED
SUMMER LEARNING

1,487
PATRONS CHECKED OUT ONE OF
OUR 24 MUSEUM PASSES

7,692
HOURS FROM **166** VOLUNTEERS
HELPED IVPL MAKE
THIS POSSIBLE



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Two Household Hazardous Waste Collections Days Coming This Fall

Montgomery County sponsors a number of household hazardous waste recycling events annually. The last two events for 2019 will be held on Saturday, September 28th at Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 South Lewis Rd. in Royersford and Sunday, October 20th at Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Ave. in Penn Valley from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A list of guidelines for acceptable materials are with this article.

One item that can be handled properly by residents is latex paint. If you have latex paint you wish to dispose of, you can take the lid off and let it dry out in the sun or fill the can with cat litter to dry it out. Once this is done, these paint cans be thrown out in the trash. This is not the case for oil paint. It must be taken to a hazardous waste recycling event.

Due to the difficulty of complying with state regulations, electronic recycling events have not been sponsored for several years. Although state law requires electronics manufacturers to offer recycling opportunities for TVs and computers, those manufacturers are no longer sponsoring county recycling collections in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region. Concern about the lack of disposal options for TVs and computers should be directed to the appropriate State Representative and Senator. If you are uncertain who that is, go to www.legis.state.pa.us and on the left under "Find Your Legislator," enter your address.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION INFORMATION

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Drain Openers	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Reactives
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Lead
Shellac	Joint Compound	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Other Solvent-Based Paint Products	Roof Cements	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes, Ballast, and CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks	Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Aerosols
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	Electric Oil-filled Heaters

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives & Ammunition	Electronics	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste	Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs	Radioactive Waste	Freon Appliances
Tires	Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	PCBs
Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Gas Cylinders	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Smoke Detectors

The Importance of Recycling Properly

In conjunction with local trash haulers that are attempting to keep costs of recycling down, Franconia Township felt it noteworthy to reprint this article on recycling. If we all work together to recycle properly and follow some simple protocols, we will not only be taking steps to preserve our environment but may also save money so the costs of recycling improperly do not have to be passed onto the customer, YOU!

Recycling is Required

Municipal and State regulations require that residents, commercial establishments and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. Commonly recycled materials include:

- Paper – newspaper, office/copy paper, glossy paper, color paper, cardboard, junk mail, phone books, cereal/cracker boxes
- Plastic – bottles and jugs No. 1-7
- Glass – clear, green and brown containers
- Metal – aluminum, steel, tin, and bimetal cans and containers

You should check with your hauler for a complete list of acceptable recyclable materials.

Contaminated Recycle Materials

Contaminated recycling materials cannot be recycled and usually end up going to a landfill. Here is a list of contaminants that make recycle materials non-recyclable:

1. **Plastic Bags:** Do not place your recycle materials in a plastic bag. Plastic bags cannot be recycled. The recycler will either waste time removing the plastic bag or worse, discard the bag and its contents and send it to a landfill.
2. **Food Wastes:** Uncleaned containers with leftover food wastes cannot be recycled. Containers contaminated with food wastes will be sent to a landfill. You need to wash food containers and remove all of the food before placing the containers into a recycle bin.
3. **Bright Colored Paper:** In general, bright colored paper should not be recycled.
4. **Frozen Food Containers:** The coating on frozen food containers make them non-recyclable.
5. **Shredded Paper:** Shredded paper should not be placed into your recycle bin.
6. **Caps and Tops to Bottles, Jars and Containers:** Caps and tops are not recyclable; throw these in the trash, not the recycle bin.

We all want to maximize our recycling efforts, but we need to recycle the correct materials in the correct manner. Otherwise, we upset the recycling facility and much of our “recycled waste” ends up in a landfill. You should check with your hauler if you have any questions about what materials can be recycled.





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Discount Ski Tickets Will Be Coming!

Please watch the Township's website for the arrival of this year's discount ski tickets.

A list of this year's available tickets will be posted when they arrive, sometime after mid-December at www.franconiatownship.org.

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