



Township of Franconia

671 Allentown Road
Telford, Pennsylvania 18969-2205
www.franconiatownship.org

Tel. (215) 723-1137

Fax (215) 723-4167

With the owners of the Rising Sun Inn retiring and closing the restaurant, we felt it was necessary for Franconia Township to step in to preserve one of the most historically significant structures in the township. On June 30, 2026, Franconia Township purchased the property. Dating back to 1739, the building predates many of our county's most historic landmarks in Philadelphia, Boston and New York City.

As many know, The Rising Sun Inn was a sight where the Liberty Bell was taken on its trek from Philadelphia to Allentown to elude the British during the Revolutionary War. Further, there are accounts the basement of the Rising Sun Inn was a hiding spot along the Underground Railroad. Had the property been sold on the open market, the buildings could have been demolished, and our history lost and replaced with more housing - or a less than desirable commercial establishment. The township will now control the structures and the approximate 12 acres of creek side property. And while it is sad to say goodbye to the current Rising Sun Inn, the township will now look to find a user for the site that will respect the historical significance of the property for the overall benefit of the community.

Contact: Jon Hammer
Township Manager
Franconia Township
215-723-1137