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## Message from the Chairman.....

s always I would like to begin by thanking the residents of Skippack Township for supporting me in my role as igstaclowbreak Township Supervisor. We hope everyone is using and enjoying our parks as they begin to come alive with the spring season. We have added exercise equipment stations throughout Palmer Park and have a very successful exercise program which takes place every Tuesday evening called Skippack Striders. This is at no cost to the residents and we hope to see more of you coming out and participating. We are always looking to expand our park system for your enjoyment and hope to have new additions in the near future that are currently being pursued....

As our park system is thriving, our communities continue to grow and improve, as well as the overall quality of life here in Skippack. Myself, along with my fellow Supervisors and staff look forward to continuing these positive practices, all while continuing to maintain low township taxes ,which we are proud to say have not seen an increase in over the past 16 years!

North Penn Water Authority has been the sole supplier of public water in Skippack since 1985. With the recent addition of a 1.5 million gallon water tank on the state correctional facility's property, our supply, cost and fire safety have been enhanced and should continue to allow safe water and affordable rates for years to come.

In conclusion, I would like to say "Thank You!" once again to the residents and my fellow Supervisors while reminding you to visit us at your township building with any suggestions, comments or concerns you would like us to consider in keeping Skippack Township as a remarkable place to live, work, and visit.

Franco D'Angelo **Board Chairman** fdangelo@skippacktownship.org

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## **SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP**

#### **Municipal Township Staff**

Township Manager	Ted Locker, Jr.
Assistant Township Secretary	Peggy White
Treasurer	Jerry Kluka
Parks and Recreation	Donna Ciliberto
Code Enforcement Officer	Ted Locker, Jr.
	Pennoni & Associates

#### Local Government Elected Officials

Franco D'Angelo, .....Chairman Paul Fox .....Vice- Chair Williams Parkins Jeanene Friel Nicholas Fountain The Board of Supervisors meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Township Building.

#### **Professional Staff**

**Township Solicitor** – *Barry M. Miller, Esq.* 54 East Penn Street, Norristown, PA 19401 610-279-0955

Township Engineer – Woodrow & Associates1108 N. Bethlehem Pike, Suite 5, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002215-542-5679

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Tax Collector – *Laurie Augustine* P.O. Box 617, Skippack, Pa 19474

#### **Constable** – Richard Thornton

**District Judge** – *Albert Augustine 38-1-24* 840 Harleysville Pike, Suites 2-3, Harleysville, PA 610-584-4732

**Pennsylvania State Police** – *Skippack Station* 2047C Bridge Road, Schwenksville, Pa 19473 610-584-1250

Skippack Fire Company 1240 Bridge Road, P.O. Box 1, Skippack, PA 19474 610-584-9995

Skippack Emergency Medical Services, Inc. 4058 Mensch Road, PO Box 59, Schwenksville, PA 19473 610-454-9665

#### **Boards and Commissions**

#### **Planning Commission**

Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm. The recommending body is charged with the review of land-use applications including subdivisions, land development and zoning change requests.

Members are: Michael Rotay (Chairman) Caesar Gorski (Vice-Chair) Bradley DeForest Tim Landmesser Gerald Rader

#### **Zoning Hearing Board**

Zoning Hearing board meets as needed and is authorized to grant variances and special exceptions to land use regulations when enforcement results in hardship.

Members are: Jack White -Chairman Fred Chendorian Therese Gentile Diane Fisher Robin Cushman

#### Park Board

Park Board meets as needed at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month and is a recommending body charged with community recreational needs and activities.

Members are: Dale Tyczka -Chairman Rob Battisto Vice-Chair Darrin Boorse Ben Webb Alexander Jablokov

#### **Board of Auditors**

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**Perkiomen Valley School District** 3 Iron Bridge Drive, Collegeville, PA 19426 Phone 610-489-2506 Fax 610-489-2974

www.pvsd.org

Senator-PA General Assembly 24th District – Bob Mensch 56 West Fourth Street, 2nd Flr., Red Hill, Pa 18076 Phone 215-541-2388 Fax 215-541-2387 Representative-PA General Assembly 150th District – Michael Vereb 3950 Germantown Pike, Collegeville, PA 19426 Phone 610-409-2615 Fax 610-409-2619 mvereb@pahousegop.com

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#### **Private Services**

Skippack Township residents have a choice when it comes to a variety of private services in the Township, information, and contact details are provided as a courtesy to our residents.

The following are known providers within the Township. A listing here does not imply an endorsement by Skippack Township. If you feel a provider is missing from this list, please contact the Township.

#### **Trash and Yard Waste**

Allied Waste/Republic Services, Inc. 610-256-6337 www.republicservices.com

JP Mascaro & Sons 1-888-MASCARO www.jpmascaro.com

> Waste Management 1-800-869-5566 www.wm.com



## Administrative Offices Closed

New Year's Day	January 1, 2016
President's Day	February 15, 2016
Good Friday	March 25, 2016
Memorial Day	May 30, 2016
Flag Day	June 14, 2016
Independence Day	July 4, 2016

Labor Day	September 5, 2016
Columbus Day	October 10, 2016
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving Day & Day after	November 24 &25, 2016
Christmas Day	December 25, 2015

Advanced Disposal Services 610-440-3700 www.advanceddisposal.com

Whitetail Disposal

610-754-0103 www.whitetaildisposal.com

#### **General Information about Skippack Township**

#### Square Miles

Established in 1886, Skippack Township has an area of 14.03 square miles.

#### Population

2010 Census cites a population at 13,715 (including approximately 3,600 at Graterford Prison)

#### Road System

Skippack Township's road system consists of 39 miles

#### **Public Water**

Public Water is supplied by the North Penn Water Authority

#### **Public Sewer**

Public Sewer is supplied by Skippack Township

#### Post Offices

Several Post Offices service Skippack Township

Cedars (19423)	does not deliver
Collegeville delivers (19426)	Route 73 south and west
Creamery (19430)	does not deliver
Harleysville delivers (19438)	Fort Bevon area
Schwenksville delivers (19473) and North of Route 73	Church Road West
Skippack 19474	does not deliver

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## **Permit Reminders!**

) efore you start your Do-It-Yourself construction projects this spring and Summer- please be reminded that **D**the following home projects require a permit from Skippack Township:

New building and homes • Sheds-Barns-Garages • Patios • Gazebos-Decks Additions or structural alterations • Burning • In-ground and above ground pools • Roofing Download a permit application form and learn more at www.skippacktownship.org.

## Solicitation

C kippack Township requires each transient merchant, peddler or solicitor engaged in the selling, soliciting or canvassing of goods Uto obtain a Solicitation Permit. The permit identifies the person who is authorized to perform door to door soliciting. A solicitation permit also limits the hours of solicitation to between the hours of 9am to dusk Monday thru Saturday (no soliciting on Sunday). A solicitation permit issued by the Township does not represent an endorsement of a product or service being offered.

Individuals or groups going door to door or soliciting for religious purposes are exempt from the requirement to obtain a solicitation permit.

If you choose to speak with a solicitor that has come to your door you may ask to see their solicitation permit. We encourage you to contact the State Police 610-584-1250 if a solicitor does not have a permit or if their conduct is in any way inappropriate.

## Montgomery County 4-H

ove animals? Always wanted to try Archery? Montgomery County 4-H is offering many different fun summer acamps that you won't find just anywhere!

We are excited to offer a variety of Archery camps this summer! We have camps for beginners and for advanced archers! Our week long horse camp is back by popular demand this year! We are also offering a Fabulous Farm Animals and a Pet Pals camp as well – geared for kids 8-13 years old. Chef Camp teaches kids about healthy eating and nutrition! Our Cloverbuds Camp is for youngsters 5-8 years old and will introduce them to different animals and activities geared to their age level!

More information can be found on our website: extension.psu.edu/montco4h or you can call the office at 610-489-4315. Registration is all online!

Save the Date for our

Freestyle is our name for a reason! We focus on being flexible to fit everybody's unique situations. Let me help you move forward in finding your way to a better lifestyle.











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August 11-13th at our 4-H Center!

1723 Swamp Pike • Gilbertsville, Pa 19525

## **Local Libraries**



Perkiomen Valley Library A branch of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library 209 2nd Street, Schwenksville, Pa 19473 Phone 610-287-8360 www.pvlibrary.net

Lower Providence Community Library 50 Parkland Drive, Eagleville, PA 19403 Phone 610-666-6640 Fax 610-666-5109



Perkiomen Valley Library at Schwenksville, Skippack's local library, will be having a variety of activities throughout the summer featuring summer reading theme "On Your Mark." The library's summer reading club is for all ages! Children and teens will earn tickets good for raffle prizes, library movie rentals, or books. Adults will be entered into weekly prize drawings with a grand prize provided by the Perkiomen Valley Library, Inc. board. This summer's special performers are Magician Eddy Ray, the Sciencetellers, Miss Maggie and Puppets Pizzazz. This summer check free movies, crafts, picnic stories and more! Year-round library activities, which will also run through the summer, include Community Yoga, Writer Assemble, Knitters, Book Discussions for adults and young adults, Tail Waggin' Tales. Visit the library to get your free library card and enjoy access to materials and the library plus great E-resources like downloadable eBooks, audio books and magazines. Perkiomen Valley Library is located at 290 2nd St., Schwenkville, PA. For more information call 610-287-8360 or visit our webpage at www.pvlibrary.net.

## **ON YOUR MARK \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ →**



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# Revolutionary Encampment in Skippack Village

During the weekend of September 24 & 25, take a step back in time and Visit the Skippack Historical Society at the 2016 Revolutionary Encampment at the historic IndenHofen Farmstead (Rt. 73 & Evansburg Road). This is the eleventh year that the society is holding this living history event to commemorate the stay of Washington and the Continental Army when it camped here during 1777, before the battle at Germantown. Revolutionary soldiers will set up camp, drill and fire their muskets to give a glimpse of army life. Spectators will be encouraged to enlist and become part of the Continental Troops. Some re-enactors will be joined by their families who help with and explain the chore of colonial cooking. Other tradespeople will also be there in the form of cooper, butter make, basket



weaver, rug braider and quilters. Both the house (circa 1712) and the barn will be open for touring.

There wil be a speaker each day at noon presenting events of the Revolutionary War and local history of Skippackville. We encourage you to participate in the "one-room schoolhouse" presentation by Karen Stocking. She portrays the school marm, Miss Hawkesworth, in a setting recalling the innovative effort of Christopher Dock, a School master in the mid-1700s at our local Skippack Meeting-House School. Watch and learn about the process of making apple butter, listen to a concert by the Dulcimer Music Group, talk with Betsy Ross about her unique flag making skills and ask George Washington questions about the Revolutionary War.

This year in the 239th anniversary of General George Wahingtion's Encampment in Skippack Township before and after the Battle of Germantown. The time for the event on Saturday, September 24th, is 10am – 5pm and on Sunday, September 25th, is 11am – 4pm.

(Skippack Historical Society local history information at www.skippack.org)

## Skippack Fire Company

1240 Bridge Road • P.O. Box 1 • Skippack, PA 19474 Non-Emergency: 610-584-9995 • EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

The Skippack Fire Company is a 100% all volunteer organization, responding to 338 calls for service in 2014. The Skippack Fire Company operates out of one firehouse which provides primary fire protection to the residents and businesses of Skippack Township.









## SKIPPACK STRIDERS EXERCISE GROUP

Skippack Township would like to invite everyone to join us.

# PALMER PARK TUESDAYS 6:30pm

Palmer Park, Heckler Road entrance, Skippack Township

Skippack Striders meet weekly on Tuesday evenings. If inclement weather; we will host the class at Skippack Township Building on Heckler Road. Look for us on Facebook for any weather announcements.

## No matter how fast or slow, what matters is that you're on the move!

Trainer, Wendy McLaughlin leads us in stretching followed by 30 minutes of walking or jogging and 25 minutes of beginner/intermediate level of Strength, Cardio and Flexibility training for a total of 1 hour outdoor class. There is no fee for participants, class is sponsored by Skippack Township. Outdoor series of Skippack Striders exercise class From from April thru October.



Contact Laurie @ 610-287-3124 for more information ~ Visit us on facebook!





# Skippack Township's July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration!

# Fireworks, Food, and Family Fun

July 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 Show begins at 6:00PM Palmer Park Skippack, PA Rain or Shine Event!

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## **PLAYGROUND SAFETY...** A quick checklist for parents

Place this list in a prominent area of your home for quick reference. Then, before your children head out the door for the playground, check that:

#### □ Supervision is present, but strings and ropes aren't.

Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, intercede and facilitate play when necessary. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.

#### □ All children play on Age-appropriate equipment.

Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5 -1 2, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.

#### □ Falls to surface are cushioned.

Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats or tiles. Playgrounds surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks.

#### **Equipment** is safe.

Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, there are no exposed footings, etc.



Checklist is from the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) at www.uni.edu/playground/



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## **USE YOUR HEAD... WEAR A HELMET**

Now that the warmer weather is here, there's a good chance that your child wants to take his or her new bicycle, skateboard, or scooter for a spin. Please take the following points into consideration before you allow your child to head out on their new wheels.

- Each year, approximately 135 children die from bicycle-related injuries and more that 267,000 nonfatal bicycle injuries occur. Helmets can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by 88 percent; however, only 15 to 25 percent of children 14 and under usually wear a bicycle helmet.
- A bike helmet is essential safety gear. Helmets could prevent an estimated 75 percent of fatal head injuries and up to 45,000 head injuries to children who ride bikes each year.
- Section 3510(a) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires riders under age 12 to wear a helmet when operating or riding as a passenger on a bicycle. This law also includes passengers in a restraining seat attached to or trailer towed by a bicycle. Violators may be subject to fines and costs.
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- The cost of a helmet is minimal when weighing their benefit. While bike shops may carry more expensive models, discount retailers carry less expensive helmets that are equally protective.





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## 2016 Summer Ticket program

You may pick up tickets at the Township building or call us at 610-454-0909 to confirm availability and quantities. Tickest may be paid by credit card (MasterCard, Visa and Discover) or cash. NO REFUNDS!

LOCATION	TICKET TYPE	GATE COST	YOUR COST
Adventure Aquarium	Child (ages 2-12) Adult (ages 13+)	\$21.35 \$28.84	\$16.00 \$20.00
Baltimore Aquarium	Child (ages 3-11) Adult (ages 12+)	\$24.95 \$39.95	\$21.00 \$33.00
Dorney Park	Junior (3+, under 48") Adult (48" or taller) *Seniors Tix's at park only*	\$35.70 \$57.75 \$35.70	\$33.00 \$45.00 \$33.00
Dutch Wonderland	Regular (ages 3-69) *Seniors Tix's at park only*	\$42.56	\$34.00
Elmwood Park Zoo	General (age 3 & over)	\$14.95	\$10.00
Hershey Park	Adult (9-54) Child (3-8) / Senior (55-69) Early Adult (4/29-6/30 Sun-Fri) Early Child (4/29-6/30 Sun-Fri)	\$63.80 \$40.00 \$63.80 \$40.80	\$49.00 \$38.00 \$39.00 \$32.00
Knoebels	Weekday under 48" Weekday over 48"	\$25.00 \$39.00	\$20.00 \$34.00
PA Renaissance Faire	Child (ages 5-11) Adult (ages 12+)	\$11.95 \$31.95	\$9.00 \$24.00
Philadelphia Zoo	General Admission (ages 2+)	\$23.00	\$18.00
Sesame Place	Summer Single Day (6/20-9/10) Spring/Fall Single Day (4/30-6/19 or 9/10-10/30)	\$69.55 \$69.55	\$53.20 \$43.89
Six Flags Great Adventure	Regular (ages 3+) Theme Park Regular (ages 3+) Hurricane Harbor Water	\$77.03 \$44.99	\$40.00 \$31.00
Splash Zone Wildwood, NJ	All Day Tickets (all ages)	\$38.99	\$23.00



## Discover Skippack Village 2016 Skippack Village Happenings

call for more info: 610-584-6004

Summertime FestivalJune 11
Cars & CigarsJune 12
Trash to Treasure SaleJune 18
Skippack Continental Car Show & Motorcycle CompetitionJune 19
July 4th & ParadeJuly 4
Trash to Treasure SaleJuly 9
Cars & CigarsJuly 17
Trash to Treasure SaleAugust 6
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