

SPRING/SUMMER 2017

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Message from the Township Manager ...

Would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Township Manager. My name is Chris Heleniak and I was born and raised in Montgomery County. I started with Skippack on January 4, 2017, and I am very thankful for the warm welcome from the staff and the public.

I am very excited for the opportunity to serve as Township Manager, and look forward to working with the Board of Supervisors and the Township Staff to continue to make Skippack a wonderful place to live and work.

I graduated from Widener University with a degree in Government, and obtained my law degree from the Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware. Prior to coming to Skippack I worked as an attorney for a small law firm in Center City Philadelphia.



Chris Heleniak Township Manager

For the past 15 years I have served as a volunteer firefighter and am currently the Fire Chief of the Spring Mill Fire Company No.1 in Whitemarsh Township. As chief I am responsible for leading an organization of approximately 45 volunteers. In my time as chief I have worked closely with the board of supervisors and township staff to provide the best possible service to the residents of the township.

I currently reside in Conshohocken with my fiancée Tyla. In my free time I enjoy watching Philadelphia sports and refereeing scholastic wrestling.

I look forward to meeting the residents of Skippack, so stop by the Township Building and say hello.

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What's in a name?

meeting.

By 1725, the use of the name Skippack started to appear. There are a couple of theories as to where this name came from and the most plausible seems to be that there were two villages in Bavaria, Germany named "Schippach" or a small stream in Holland named "Schipbeeck." The colonist perhaps brought the name with them. However, the name "Bebbertown" was in use as late as 1759.

Township Administration Building

The Skippack Township Administration Building is located at 4089 Heckler Road between Bridge Road (Rt. 113) and the Skippack Elementary School. The facility is located on the northeast section of Palmer Park and includes paved walking trails into the park complex. The facility is base upon traditional architecture to complement the character of the community. The lower level contains two community meeting rooms, one with kitchen facilities that are available for community groups.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED OFFICIALS	MUNICIPAL TOWNSHIP STAFF

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Franco D'Angelo, *Chairperson* Paul Fox, *Vice Chairperson*

William Parkins, Jr., Jeanene Michener, and Nicholas Fountain Board of Supervisors meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. at the Township Administrative Building. Agenda posted at www.skippacktownship.org – day before Township Manager, Christopher Heleniak Assistant Township Secretary, Peggy White Treasurer, Jerry Kluka Public Works Foreman, William Parkins, Jr. Parks and Recreation, Donna Ciliberto Code Enforcement Officer, Christopher Heleniak Zoning Hearing Officer, Christopher Heleniak

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

President's Day	February 20, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Memorial Day	May 29, 2017
Flag Day Observance	June 14, 2017
Independence Day	July 4, 2017
Labor Day	.September 4, 2017

Columbus Day	October 9, 2017
Veteran's Day	November 10, 2017
Thanksgiving Day & Day after	November 23/24, 2017
Christmas Day	December 25, 2017
New Year's Day	January 1, 2018

PROFESSIONAL STAFF APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Township Solicitor Law Office of Barry Miller, Esq. 54 East Penn Street Norristown, PA 19101 610-279-0955

Township Engineer Woodrow & Associates 1108 N. Bethlehem Pike, Suite 5 Lower Gwynedd, Pa 19002 Timothy P. Woodrow 215-542-5679

Township Planner Joseph A. Zadlo, AIA 604 Bethlehem Pike Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002 215-643-4774 *Tax Collector* Laurie Augustine P.O. Box 617 Skippack, PA 1947 610-287-3124

Constable Richard Thornton

District Justice Albert Augustine 2047 Bridge Road, RT. 113 Schwenksville, PA 19473-2030 610-584-4732

Board of Auditors: Bohdan Marchuk John Black, and Michael Wells

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP continued

OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission

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

> Bradley DeForest Timothy Landmesser Caesar Gorski Michael Rotay Gerald Rader

Zoning Hearing Board

The Zoning Hearing Board meets as needed and is authorized to grant variances and special exceptions to land use regulations when enforcement results in hardship. The members are:

> Jack White Fred Chendorian Therese Gentile Diane Fisher Robin Cushman

Park & Recreation Board

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

> Dale Tyczka Rob Battisto Darren Boorse Ben Webb Alexander Jablokov

Pennsylvania State Police

Skippack Station 2047C Bridge Road Schwenksville, PA 19473 610-584-1250 Skippack Township is patrolled by the Pa State Police.

Fire

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

Medical

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

Perkiomen Valley School District

3 Iron Bridge Drive Collegeville, Pa 19426 610-489-5806

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP

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

Population: The 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 of roads.

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) Rote 73 south and west
- Creamery (19430) does not deliver
- Harleysville delivers Fort Bevon Area (19438)
- Schwenksville delivers (19473) Church Road West and North of Route 73
- Skippack (19474) does not deliver

24th District State Senator Bob Mensch 645 West 9th Street Lansdale, PA 19446 215-368-3117 Bmensch@pasen.gov

Pennsylvania House of Representative 150th Legislative District

Michael N. Coor 3950 Germantown Pike, Ste. 101 Collegeville, PA 19426 Phone: 610-409-2615, Fax: 610-409-2619 mcorr@pahousegop.com



PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL N. CORR 150th Legislative District

ABOUT: Michael, a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, was elected to serve the people of the 150th Legislative District in November 2016. Michael brings 30 years of private-sector experience as a certified public accountant and lawyer to his job as a state legislator.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Children and Youth
- Commerce
- Finance
- Urban Affairs

DISTRICT OFFICE:

3950 Germantown Pike, Suite 101 Collegeville PA 19426 Phone: (610) 409-2615, FAX: (610) 409-2619 Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm



Representative Michael N. Corr



The Skippack Historical Society is celebrating its 50th year of existence, originating from a group of local citizens who opposed the original design and extent of the Evansburg Dam Project. The volunteer group continues to research and preserve the rich history of the Skippack Valley.



The society is again planning for **"Washington's Encampment in Skippack"** to be held on Saturday, September 30 - Sunday October 1, 2017. This living history event commemorates when George Washington and 10,000 Continental Army Troops were camped at Skippack in 1777, before and after the Battle of Germantown. Re-enacters from the 1st New Jersey Regiment of the Continental Army will set up camp on Friday evening and will be marching, drilling and firing muskets during the weekend. On Sunday the P.A. Rifle Regiment will join them with George Washington and additional generals and soldiers, representing what camp life was like.

There will be colonial crafters, a cooper, basket weaving, butter making, colonial cooking, tin punch activity, quilting, a dulcimer concert, Betsy Ross, a one-room colonial schoolhouse presentation, tours of the historic farmstead and much more. There will be a food wagon for your convenience. Our location is on Skippack Pike opposite the post office.

Consider joining the Skippack Historical Society and help us to preserve our community's past. Call to schedule a tour of our IndenHofen Farmstead (circa 1713) and learn more about Skippackville and our local history.

Check us out on Facebook: "Skippack Historical Society" or our website: "skippack.org"



IndenHofen Farmstead

Recycling Day Anything with a PlugTM

May 13, 2017

Skippack, Perkiomen and Lower Frederick Townships Collegeville, Trappe and Schwenskville Boroughs

Palmer Park (Creamery Road) 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Six Local Communities are proud to offer local residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on <day>, Saturday, May 13, 2017.

This service is available to all residents and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler.

We will accept all electronic devices with a plug, NO SMOKE DETECTORS or LARGE APPLIANCES will be accepted.

Coupon of equal of greater value provided for all TVS or monitors charged.

ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

Laptops Peripherals Typewriters Telephones Microwaves Cameras Cell Phones Calculators Dehumidifiers Computers Mice Small Appliances Fax Machines Keyboards Printers Air Conditioners

\$30 fee per TV or computer monitor \$100 per wooden console or projection TV \$10 per microwave, dehumidifier, air conditioner



All Data Media Will Be Destroyed or Wiped!



WHO ARE THE SKIPPACK LIONS CLUB?

Every community has various charitable organizations and Skippack Township is no different. One organization has been supporting the community since 1953 and that is the Skippack Lions Club. The Lions support many local and regional organizations such as the 4H, Skippack Historical Society, Skippack Fire Company, Delaware Valley Eye Bank and many more. The Lions also provide local college scholarships, Christmas food baskets for the needy and hold an Annual Halloween Community Party. The Lions national mission is to assist the visually impaired which includes supporting residents with their eye care needs as well as bringing awareness to diabetes. You can learn more about all the great things the Lions do at www.SkippackLions.org.



SKIPPACK LIONS 18TH ANNUAL DIABETES AWARENESS



5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN Saturday June 24th at 8:00am

http://www.SkippackLions.org/funrun.htm

It is that time of year again and the running season is rolling. We wanted to make sure that you mark your calendars for this year's Skippack Lions Fun Run and 5k event. We have an even better event planned for this year with not only great running events but lots of awards, prizes, music, food and raffles and great fun for your whole family to enjoy.

Platinum Sponsor - Henning's Market

SKIPPACK VILLAGE HAPPENINGS:

Skippack Spring Fest	May 13-14
Cars & Cigars	May 21
Trash to Treasure Sale	
Skippack Village Carnival	•
Summertime Festival	•
Skippack Continental Car Show & Motorcycle Competition	June 18
Trash to Treasure Sale	
Cars & Cigars	
July 4th Parade- 11am	
Trash to Treasure Sale	
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For more information on these events please call 610-584-6004.





SAFEGUARD YOUR HOUSE BEFORE YOU GO ON VACATION

Vacation Checklist

Vacations provide burglars with plenty of time to enter an unoccupied home and remove large items or search leisurely for hidden valuables. If you are planning a vacation, please take precautions to protect your home while you are away. It is important to create an illusion of everyday activity.

Following this checklist will make it appear that someone is home, which is your first defense against burglary.

- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries or have a trusted neighbor collect them while you are away so that they do not accumulate.
- Secure all doors, windows, pet entrances and garage doors.
- Transfer valuables to a safety deposit box or have a family member store them until you return.

Take Precautions and Enjoy Your Vacation!

A Special Thank You To the Businesses

This publication is made available through the generous advertising sponsorship of the businesses listed throughout our newsletter. We wish to encourage your patronage of these establishments; they play a substantial role in the economic vitality of our community.

From the Tax Collector . . .

As I enter my seventeenth year as Tax Collector for Skippack Township I always like the chance to reach out to residents and say Hello. I have had the chance to meet so many of you through this position and I welcome you to come in personally or call the office with any questions you may have. Although I handle the collection of real estate taxes and delinquent sewer collection; Please feel free to come see me or call me for any governmental issues you may have. I will always direct you to the correct office where you can get results on many issues. Some of the areas I can help assist with are:

- Pennsylvania State rebate for senior citizens,
- Questions and guidance for the assessment appeal process
- · Homestead/farmstead forms and questions
- Duplicate copies of tax bills or tax history report

As a reminder each year the tax bill are mailed as follows:



Laurie Augustine Skippack Township Tax Collector

- Montgomery County/Skippack Township Real Estate Tax Bill on March 1st Due at the 2% discount by April 30th or the face amount due by June 30th.
- The Perkiomen Valley School Real Estate Tax Bill will be mailed July 1st Due at the 2% discount by August 31st or the face amount due by October 31

Skippack Township's July 4th Celebration!

Fireworks, Food, and Family Fun

July 4th 2017 Show begins at 6:00PM Palmer Park Skippack, PA Rain or Shine Event!

Live Music (Where's Pete Band)
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Skippack Township would like to invite everyone to exercise classes emphasizing Stretching, Lengthening & Strengthening

Classes taught by certified trainer, Wendy Mclaughlin TUESDAYS 6:30pm

April thru October class held at PALMER PARK(Heckler Rd, Skippack) 60 minute outdoor class with 30 minutes walking & 30 minutes of mat exercises November thru March class held at TRINITY CHURCH(church Rd, Skippack) 45 minute class emphasizing stretching, lengthening & strengthening

THURSDAYS 8:30am

January thru December class held at TRINITY CHURCH(church Rd, Skippack) 45 minute class emphasizing stretching, lengthening & strengthening

Classes sponsored by Skippack Township and free to participants



Contact Laurie @ 610-287-3124 for more information

Visit Skippack Striders on facebook!

PERKIOMEN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

With summertime right around the corner, the Perkiomen Valley School District Community Education Department wants to remind you that it is offering a variety of camps and activities to keep kids busy during their time away from the school. Here are a few of the options we have available this year:

> SUMMER FUN CAMP CHOIR CAMP BRICKS 4 KIDZ LEGO CAMPS SCRATCH (COMPUTER CODING) CAMP MUSICAL THEATER CAMP MUSIC EXPLORERS CAMP



Young people are not the only ones who will have opportunities for engagement this summer – Community Ed also offers a variety of workshops and classes for adults. Stay in shape with yoga, learn how to speak Chinese, or figure out how to manage your finances better by taking one of our classes.

For more information about our many options, please visit our website at www.pvsd.org. Click on the "Departments" tab and then select "Community Education" to view our brochure and related flyers.



Lightning Safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when storms strike!

Safety Tips

Outdoor Safety

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- >>> Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- **Wait at least 30 minutes** after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- **))) If a person is struck** by lightning, call **9-1-1**. Get medical help right away.



Your Source for SAFETY Information NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Indoor Safety

Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You **can use** a cell or cordless phone.

Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.



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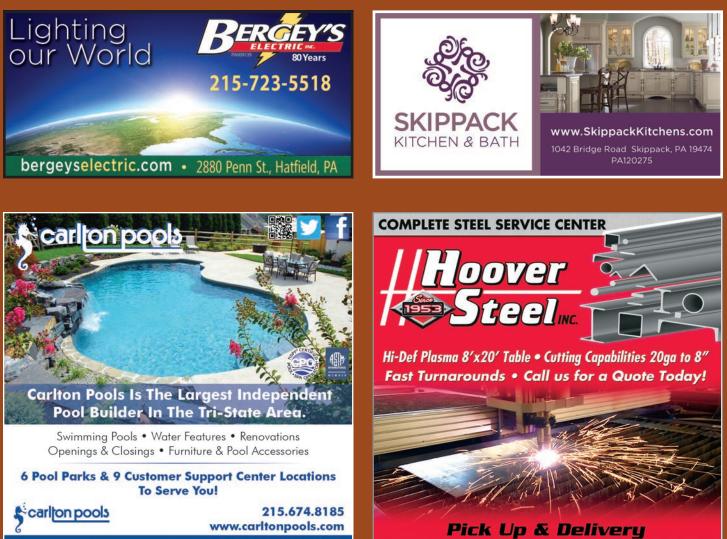
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