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Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

FALL 2017/WINTER 2018

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Welcome to Skippack Township

Message from the Chairman . . .



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Nicholas Fountain, Jeanene Michener, Paul Fox, Vice-Chairman,
Franco D'Angelo, Chairman, Bill Parkins

As I complete my sixth year as a Skippack Township Supervisor and five as Chairman, I am grateful to the residents of Skippack for entrusting me with such a position. As your Chairman, I have done my best to work with my fellow Supervisors over the years, as well as you, the residents, in continuing to make Skippack a wonderful place to live and work. I hope to continue having your trust and support and look forward to continuing to serve this community. I pride myself with finding solutions to many of our residents' local and governmental issues. Over the years I have had the privilege to meet so many of you and want to remind you that you are always welcome to come in personally or call the Township with any questions or concerns you may have. Together we can continue to make Skippack a safe and wonderful place to live and work!

Franco D'Angelo, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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What's in a name?

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 "Schipbeek." 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 based 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.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Franco D'Angelo, *Chairperson*
Paul Fox, *Vice Chairperson*
William Parkins, Jr.
Jeanene Michener
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.

TOWNSHIP STAFF

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 & Pennoni & Associates
Zoning Officer, Christopher Heleniak

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

President's Day	February 20, 2017	Columbus Day	October 9, 2017
Good Friday.....	April 14, 2017	Veteran's Day	November 10, 2017
Memorial Day	May 29, 2017	Thanksgiving Day & Day after	November 23/24, 2017
Flag Day Observance	June 14, 2017	Christmas Day	December 25, 2017
Independence Day	July 4, 2017	New Year's Day	January 1, 2018
Labor Day	September 4, 2017		

PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND OTHER OFFICIALS

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
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215-643-4774

Tax Collector
Laurie Augustine
P.O. Box 617
Skippack, PA 1947
610-287-3124

Constable
Richard Thornton

District Justice
Albert Augustine
840 Harleysville Pike, Suite 2-3
Harleysville, PA 19438
610-584-4732

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

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 Jablovkov

Pennsylvania State Police

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Schwenksville, PA 19473
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Fire

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610-584-9995

Medical

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610-454-9665

Perkiomen Valley School District

3 Iron Bridge Drive
Collegeville, Pa 19426
610-489-8506

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

Pennsylvania State Senate - 24th District

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

Pennsylvania House of Representative - 6th District

Michael N. Coor
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Collegeville, PA 19426
Phone: 610-409-2615, Fax: 610-409-2619
mcorr@pahousegov.com



Pennsylvania State Senate



Greetings,

As State Senator for the 24th Senatorial District, I want to remind you that my office is available to offer state-related services for you and your family. Below are some services that may be of interest to you. If you have any questions about state matters or issues, please do not hesitate to contact my Red Hill office at 215-541-2388 or my Lansdale office at 215-368-3117.

- 1) **Trouble with a state agency** (PennDOT, Department of Human Services, Department of Labor and Industry/Unemployment, etc.)? – Contact my office and we can make an inquiry on your behalf.
- 2) **Need state tax forms, birth certificate applications, voter registration forms, etc.?** Contact my office and my staff will provide the necessary forms as well as guidance on any state processes.
- 3) **Need brochures or publications for yourself, families, or friends?** Review the various publications available and contact my Red Hill Office at 215-541-2388 to get your free copies. Large orders may require additional time.
- 4) **Share your thoughts/opinions/experiences regarding pending state legislation.** I can best serve you when I know your feelings and have the benefit of your ideas – Send me an email or contact my office.
- 5) **Request a certificate/citation** for acknowledgement of accomplishments and special occasions such as retirement, anniversary, birthday or scout honors? – Fill out certificate/citation request
- 6) **Apply for an internship with my Red Hill office.** – Complete the intern application form.
- 7) **Planning a trip to Harrisburg?** – Sign up for a capitol tour online or call my Harrisburg office at 717-787-3110.
- 8) **Receive periodic updates about my activities in the 24th Senatorial district as well as my actions in Harrisburg** – Sign up for my e-newsletter or call my Red Hill office at 215-541-2388 and ask my staff to add your email to the distribution list.
- 9) **Schedule a meeting with me** – Contact either my Harrisburg office at 717-787-3110 or my Red Hill office at 215-541-2388 for more information. If you would like me to speak at an event, complete the speaking invitation request form.
- 10) **Remain updated on my prime-sponsored legislation.** – Visit my prime-sponsored legislation page.



Senator Bob Mensch
24th District

More information as well as additional services can be found on my website at www.senatormensch.com. You can also stay updated on timely information by following me on Facebook and Twitter. It is an honor to represent you in the 24th District and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Bob Mensch
Senator, 24th District, Majority Caucus Chair



SKIPPACK VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

- LIGHTING OF THE VILLAGE TREE** November 24th
Festivities begin at 6pm in the Floral and Hardy Complex.
- ILLUMINAIRE NIGHTS** November 24th-
Participating shops are open until 9pm for evening shopping December 23rd
On Fridays. Village aglow with candlelight.
November 24th, December, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
- STAG AND DOE NIGHT** December 15th
Couples shop night; shops are open until 9pm.
Shop together in a festive environment, enjoy refreshments.



Skippack Fire Company

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

Skippack Fire Company Volunteers Needed

Whether you volunteer to fight fires or help around the station, you will be making a commitment of time to your local Skippack Fire Company and community. In any given week you will spend some time in training, attending meetings, maintaining equipment and a variety of other duties in addition to going out on calls. While there is no limit to the amount of time you can give, an average weekly commitment can be two to eight hours. All training and equipment is paid for by the fire company.

There are plenty of other ways to volunteer as well. Administrative staff help run the corporate side of the Skippack Fire Company, Fire Police help with traffic control and scene safety, and Junior Firefighters (starting at 16 years of age) provide valuable support both in front of and behind the scenes, while learning valuable skills. A typical Fire Company is comprised of volunteers of numerous and varying skills, backgrounds, and interests. There are roles, jobs, and things to do available for almost everyone!

You will have the opportunity to strengthen relationships with local residents and businesses. You will also enjoy developing and building strong bonds with your fellow volunteers.

To learn more about what it means to volunteer at the Skippack Fire Company and within your community, please visit our website and click on the CONTACT US or JOIN SFC button today. www.skippackfire.com.

Santa will visit the Skippack Fire Company on December 8th from 6-8pm and then again on December 9th from 3-5pm. Free digital pictures and refreshments are available. Stop in and see Santa and the firefighters at Skippack Fire Company before Santa returns to the North Pole to finish getting ready for Christmas.

Skippack Fire Company
1230 Bridge Road
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Visit our web-site for more information: www.skippackfire.com



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEERS OF THE SKIPPACK FIRE COMPANY

At their September meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to grant earned income tax credits to the volunteers of the Skippack Fire Company who live in the Township. The credit is for up to 100 percent of a volunteer's earned income tax payable to the Township. Act 172 of 2016 allows Pennsylvania municipalities to grant these credits to the volunteers.

SKIPPACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Skippack Township Board of Supervisors and the Skippack Historical Society have always had a wonderful partnership. That partnership was strengthened when the township purchased over twenty acres of open space on Creamery Road in 2007. Former Skippack Historical Society President and current Skippack Supervisor Nick Fountain worked closely with the township to create a plan mirroring the Norristown Farm Park. Over the last ten years, under the watchful eye of caretaker Ben Webb, the Allebach-Cholet Farmstead has been maintained and restored to its original beauty. This September, the current Board of Supervisors agreed to continue our working relationship with the Skippack Historical Society and extend our lease agreement for another ten years. The Allebach-Cholet Farmstead will be opened up for tours during the annual Skippack Township Fall Fest as well as periodically throughout the year by the historical society.



Pictured left to right: Board of Supervisors Nick Fountain, Franco D'Angelo, Chairman, Ben Webb (Skippack Historical Society), Paul Fox, Jeanene Michener, Bill Parkins

Perkiomen Valley School District Debt Referendum

The Perkiomen Valley School District will have a referendum question on the ballot on November 7th about incurring debt for the installation of one or more multi-purpose artificial turf fields. For more information visit the School District's website, <http://www.pvsd.org>, or email PVreferendum@pvsd.org.

TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Skippack Township Administration Building will once again serve as a drop off location for Toys for Tots this holiday season. According to their website, the goal of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources- our children.

Help to brighten the holidays for a needy family in our community by donating a new, unwrapped gift between November 1 and December 11. The Township Building is open Monday thru Friday from 8am-4:30pm. (The Township is closed November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday).

Used toys, realistic-looking toy weapons and items containing food cannot be accepted.



For more information visit, toysfortots.org

VOTER ID CONTACT INFORMATION

Montgomery County Voter Services: PO Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404

Voter Registration: 610-278-3275

Website: www.montcopa.org/voterservices





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District	Polling Places	Grid
1	Trinity UCC Church 2009 Church Road	G-2
2	Skippack Elementary School 4081 Heckler Road	G-4
3	Montgomery County 4-H Center.... 1015 Bridge Road	F-4

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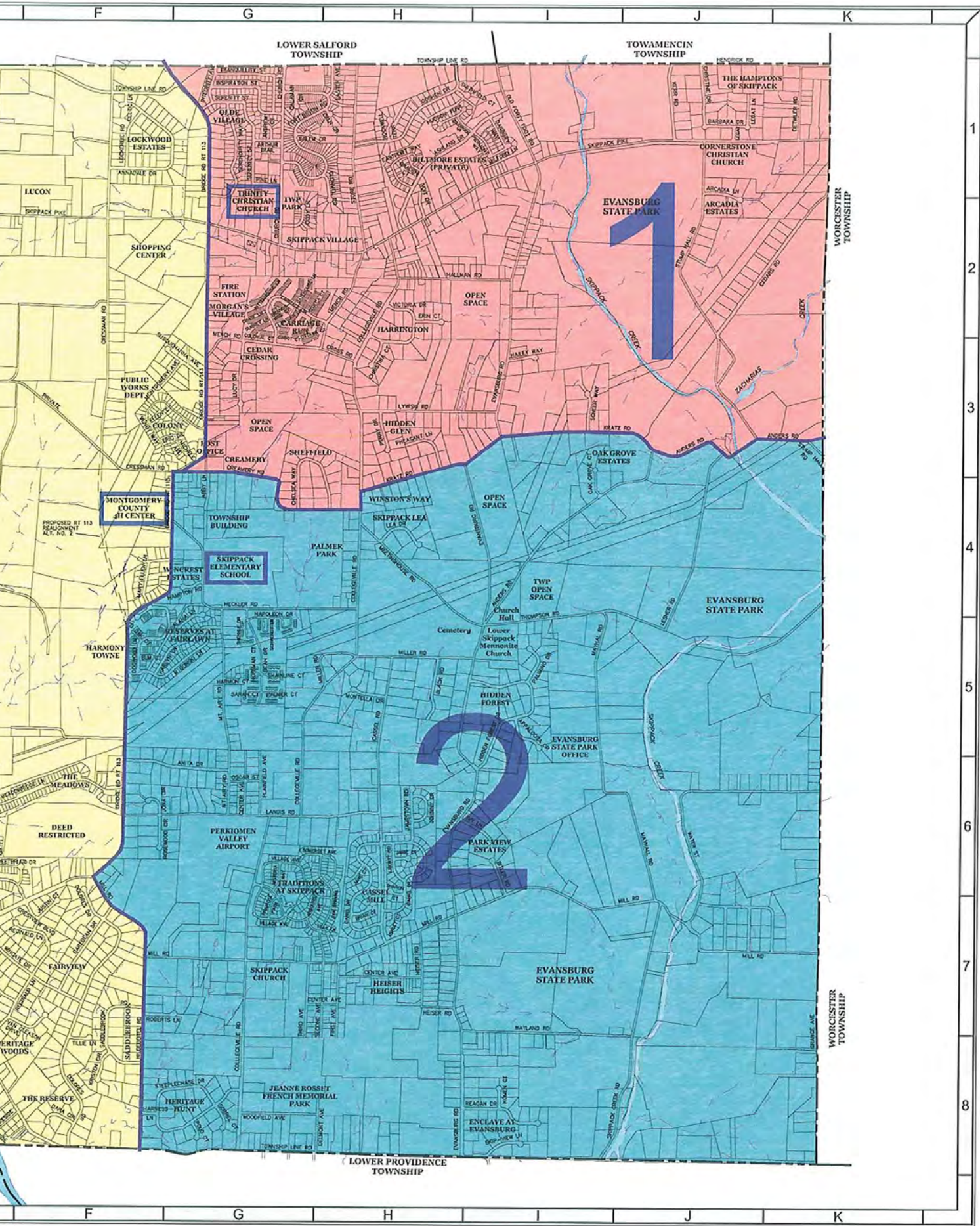


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SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP HOMETOWN HEROES BANNERS

The Skippack Township Hometown Heroes Banner Program is a living tribute created for the community to recognize and honor our Veterans who are serving or are veterans who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces.

To qualify, a Veteran, living or deceased, must have had a connection to Skippack Township (attended local schools, relative, friend, etc ...) at some point in his or her life, also those honored on War Memorials and Veterans recommended by the local VFW and American Legion Posts.

The Banner will be 24" x 36" heavy vinyl, printed the same on both sides, and will display the service person's photograph, include their full name, branch of the Military and the era of service (WWI, WWII, Vietnam, etc.). Banners will be displayed seasonally, for up to three years.

Each Banner requires the Hometown Hero Form to be filled out, a photograph of the Hero in uniform and a payment of \$130.00 for each banner, payable to: Hometown Heroes

For further information please contact Anne Henning Scheuring, 225 South Line Street, Lansdale, PA. 19446 or at E-Mail address: heroes@verizon.net or call: (215) 855-1743

You can find the *Hometown Heroes Banner Program Form* on our website at www.skippacktownship.org.



SKIPPACK BOCCE - 10 years!!

The Skippack Bocce League was started in the Spring of 2007 in partnership with Skippack Township. In the beginning, it was only a couple teams one night a week. It has now grown into a popular community event with enough teams for four nights a week. Bocce in Skippack has become so popular that the Skippack Township Board of Supervisors approved a fence to surround the courts in order to maintain the quality of play. The township has also installed a sprinkling system to keep the courts in good condition as well as security cameras. On Saturday mornings, Skippack Bocce hosts the Montgomery County Special Olympics.



Pictured (Left to Right): Nicholas Fountain, Peg Eitl, Craig Eitl, and Laurie Augustine



At the end of the season there are playoffs and a party with food and drinks. It takes an army to keep everything running smoothly. With Craig and Peg Eitl, Christian Carpico, Vince Chairlone and a host of volunteers, Skippack Bocce continues to run smoothly year after year.

Our partnership with Skippack Township and friendship with the Board of Supervisors has ensured our community bocce league is here to stay. If you are interested in playing feel free to stop one night and check out the exciting play and camaraderie.

(at left) Members of the Montgomery County Special Olympics with Laurie Augustine and Nicholas Fountain

WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or Broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

FACTS

- ! **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

Before Heading Out or to Bed
Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.



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At the core of the program is the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. Not only do our volunteers pack and deliver meals, but they also greet each client with a smiling face and kind word. In fact, for many of our clients, this program is often their only contact with the outside world and acts as a watchful eye to one of our most vulnerable populations.

As the senior population in the western portion of Montgomery County continues to grow, Family Services' Meals on Wheels program strives to support the goal of the Meals on Wheels America — that no senior goes to bed hungry.

Meals on Wheels volunteers are always needed.

For more information on Meals on Wheels, please contact Ruth Hood, program director, at 610-326-1610 ext. 336 or rhoad@fsmontco.org.





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