



# SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2024

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED**

June 14 - Flag Day  
July 4 - Independence Day  
September 2 - Labor Day  
October 14 - Columbus Day  
November 11 - Veteran's Day  
November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving  
December 24 & 25 - Christmas  
January 1 - New Years Day

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm.*  
Paul Fox - Chairman  
Nick Fountain - Vice Chair  
Marian Ellis  
Karen Lynch  
Barbara McGinnis

**TOWNSHIP STAFF**

Township Manager - Alice Eastmure  
Public Works Road Master - Harold Bonenberger  
Township Secretary/Executive Assistant - Allison Louis  
Finance Director - Tracy Nonamaker  
Human Resources - Diane Hipszer  
Permit/Sewer Admin - Donna Ciliberto  
Special Events Coordinator - Danielle D'Angelo  
Receptionist - Laura Mistysyn  
Building Inspector - Brian Swift  
Tax Collector - Laurie Augustine

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

Solicitor - Joseph C. Kuhls, Esq.  
Engineer - Timothy Woodrow, PE  
Planner - Pennoni, Inc.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**

*Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of every month.*

- Timothy Landmesser - Chairman
- Luke DiElsi - Vice Chair
- Bradley DeForest
- Harry Greco
- Gerald A. Rader

**ZONING HEARING BOARD**

*Meetings are held as needed.*

- Jack White - Chairman
- Fred Chendorain
- Diane Fisher
- Therese Gentile
- Michael Wells
- Gregory Gifford - Zoning Hearing Board
- Solicitor

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

Senator Tracy Pennycuik  
 Pennsylvania's 24th District  
 215-541-2388

Representative Matt Bradford  
 70th Legislative District  
 610-222-3490

**PERKIOMEN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

610-489-8506  
 3 Iron Bridge Dr, Collegeville, PA 19426

**DISTRICT JUSTICE COURT 38-1-24**

610-584-4732  
 Adam Katzman, 840 Harleysville Pike, Suite 2-3,  
 Harleysville, PA 19438

**IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

*In a Police, Fire, or Medical Emergency, call 911*

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE**

610-584-1250  
 2017A Cressman Rd, Schwenksville, PA 19473

**SKIPPACK FIRE COMPANY**

610-584-9995  
 1240 Bridge Rd, P.O. Box 1, Skippack, PA 19474

**SKIPPACK EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

610-454-9665  
 4058 Mensch Rd, Schwenksville, PA 19473

# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

2024

Welcome to the 2024 Skippack Township Summer Newsletter. Inside you will see all the activities that are taking place in our community. Also, be sure to scan the QR code to receive our eNewsletter to stay in touch.

We have been enjoying amazing weather, and I hope you have been able to take advantage of all the outdoor activities Skippack has to offer. Get your steps in or play pickleball at Palmer Park, have a picnic at Hallman Grove, or visit Lenape Park. In our last community survey, Lenape was voted the #1 Park in Skippack! Be sure to bring some discs or frisbees, and test your skills on our new Disc Golf course which is picturesquely nestled among the trees. While there, check out our 'stepping stones' project that allows you to cross the creek and look for water critters. You can also hike from the Perkiomen Creek to the highest point in Skippack, which promises outstanding 360-degree views. Just wear comfortable shoes, it's a steep hike!

We have lots of initiatives to engage with the community and provide greater transparency of what's happening in our backyard. Besides the eNewsletter, we are also launching an upgraded version of our website, working to record and live stream our Supervisor's meetings, and currently knee deep in reviewing and updating the Skippack Comprehensive Plan. This process includes working with community residents and leaders to identify where we want Skippack to go in the future. Part of that includes the listening series 'Pastries with Paul' where I am hosting small, targeted groups to hear what's on your mind and what is most important to you. I have really enjoyed the sessions that we've already held, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

As a Board, we are actively working with State and Local officials to ensure our Volunteer Fire and Ambulance companies remain solvent for years to come, and our roads and bridges are well managed. We've applied for grants for all of these objectives to ensure fiscal responsibilities to our tax payers. We will keep you updated as projects progress.

And finally, mark your calendars. You do not want to miss the Skippack 4th of July festivities! Somehow, the events get bigger and better every year. We are also having Skippack Community Day on Sept 15th at the 4H center. You can throw some balls at famous local residents in the dunk tank, or try your hand at milking a goat.

On behalf of the Township staff and my fellow Supervisors, we wish you all a safe and adventurous summer. Now, as my mother would say, go outside and play!

Sincerely,



Paul Fox, Chairman



# MEET YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2024



**Paul Fox, Chairman**

I have been a member of the Board of Supervisors since 2012, Vice Chair since 2014, and became Chairman in 2024. Prior to my time as a Township Supervisor, I served on the Skippack Township Park Board for five years. My favorite contributions have been in preserving Open Space, developing Parks and Trails, and enabling all the wonderful community events we have had in Skippack.

**Nick Fountain, Vice Chair**

Being a lifelong resident of Skippack Township and now raising my three children here, it is the honor of a lifetime to serve as Supervisor. Our township is strong, vibrant, and resilient; and my hope is to ensure Skippack remains the greatest small town in America for all future generations!



**Marian Ellis**

I had a 43-year career with Merck & Co, Inc., primarily focusing on Compliance. Throughout my career, I've been recognized as a responsible and ethical leader. Living in Skippack for six years, I've actively engaged with the community, currently serving on the Advisory Board of a local charity, Caring Hearts Close to Home. I'm thrilled to contribute to the Board of Supervisors. Listening attentively and problem-solving effectively are among my strengths, and I'm eager to leverage all my professional experiences to address the community's needs.

**Karen Lynch**

A resident of Skippack for over 25 years, I am thrilled to bring my business acumen and enthusiasm to the position of Township Supervisor. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors and our residents to address concerns and thoughtfully plan for our future. Skippack has a unique history, beautiful parks and natural lands that make it such a great place to call home.



**Barbara McGinnis**

I have been blessed to call Skippack my home for the last 36 years. Through those years I have established and built my business at Three Diamonds Stable and saw changes to areas of our community. This was one of the reasons I ran for Supervisor, to continue to keep the charm and history of Skippack balanced with new ideas. I'm proud that my colleagues and I have accomplished that and will continue to do so for the community.

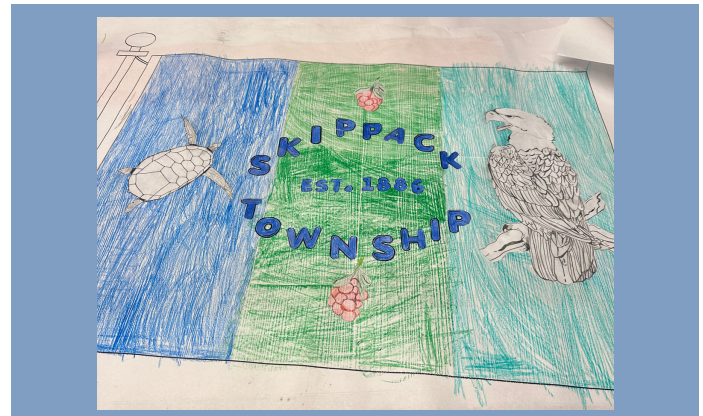
# WHAT'S NEW IN SKIPPACK?



## SKIPPACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FLAG CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of the first-ever Skippack Elementary School fifth-grade flag contest, Mr. Mungin's class! After their flag design received the most votes on our Facebook page, the Township brought the design to life as a fabric flag. Mr. Mungin's class was honored and presented with their flag at the April 10 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Chairman Paul Fox and Vice Chair Nick Fountain proudly carried the new "official" flag of Skippack Township in the 'Parade of Flags' during the Opening Ceremony of the Annual PSATS (Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors) Conference held in Hershey on April 15, 2024. These flags will also fly alongside the American Flag at the Township building, Township parks, and at Skippack Elementary School.





## PENNDOT 2023 MULTI-MODAL GRANT FUNDING AWARDED

Skippack Township was awarded a 2023 PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Grant for \$182,190 to make pedestrian safety improvements at Cross Road and Spencer Drive. This will help increase walkability in our community and is just another way our Supervisors continue to keep our residents safe. Skippack Township thanks Senator Tracy Pennycuik and Representative Matt Bradford for their support in this endeavor and for attending our April Board of Supervisors meeting to present the grant award.



## SKIPPACK EMERGENCY SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING

On January 23, 2024, the Skippack Township Board of Supervisors held a public meeting to discuss financial support and the coverage areas of Skippack EMS and Skippack Fire Company. Representatives from both SEMS and Skippack Fire Co. presented on these topics and responded to questions. The meeting was attended by Senator Pennycuik and Representative Bradford, as well as Montgomery County Commissioner Tom DiBello, representatives from the PA Department of Corrections, Montgomery County Department of Health, and many delegates from neighboring municipalities. The meeting was a productive starting point for discussions involving changes to emergency services in our area and incentives for volunteer participation, such as the Volunteer Earned Income Tax Relief Credit that was announced shortly thereafter.

## STEPPINGSTONES AT LENAPE PARK

Our steppingstone project at Lenape Park was completed earlier this year! We partnered with Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy to receive a Montco 2040 grant for this project, which uses poured-in-place concrete "stones" to create a footpath across the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek. This crossing creates a vital link between the 170 acres of the county-owned Pennypacker Mills and the 34 acres of Lenape Park. Further, it provides a trail connection linking hundreds of residents to the Montgomery County trail system. Come visit Lenape Park this summer and check them out!



# TOWNSHIP EVENTS

Our Special Events have gotten off to a great start in 2024, with the return of favorites, like our annual Easter Egg Hunt to some new additions like Senior Bingo and Popsicles in the Park. Thank you to everyone who has come out to join the fun! We hope to see you at these upcoming events. Stay tuned and be sure to 'like' our Facebook page for more updates!

## Skippack Township's HALF-DAY KID'S CAMP

Friday, July 19  
9am-12pm

### FEATURING:

- 90 minutes of Robotics
- Slime-Making
- Outdoor Fun

Pizza lunch will be provided

Ages 7-12

\$50 per child

Email Danielle to register at  
ddangelo@skippacktownship.org

Register by July 1st



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## SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP'S

4th of July

# FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

\$10  
PARKING

STARTS AT 6PM  
PALMER PARK



FIREWORKS - MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS  
RIDES - FACE PAINTING

# SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP'S COMMUNITY DAY



SUNDAY  
SEPT. 15  
12-4PM

- Family Fun
- Food
- Music
- Vendors



### WHAT IS A RAIN BARREL?

A convenient water collection system that allows you to save rainwater from your downspout for a variety of uses: watering plants, cleaning yard equipment, or filling up your swimming pool.

This sustainable solution helps minimize household water consumption while decreasing stormwater runoff!

### ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

- All of the necessary tools to build a rain barrel will be provided.
- You will be guided through the step-by-step process to build your rain barrel.
- You will leave with a completed rain barrel that is ready to be installed on your property!
- The provided barrel is a 55 gal. plastic drum, so make sure it will fit into your vehicle after the workshop!



## Skippack Township RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

### DATE AND TIME

Thursday, July 25th, 2024  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### LOCATION

Skippack Township Building  
4089 Heckler Rd, Skippack, PA

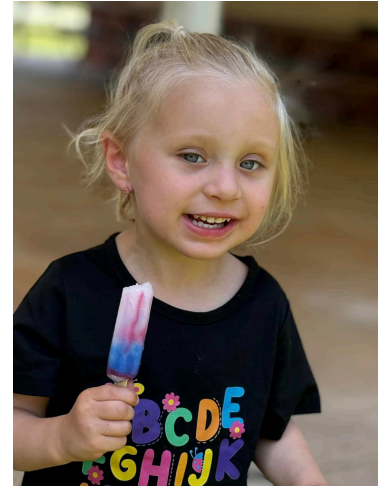
### COST

\$60.00 per Rain Barrel

### REGISTER HERE!







# PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

## 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The following roads are approved for repairs this year. If you are a resident of these roads, you will be notified in advance of the work starting by mail and with a door tag:

- Serenity Street
- Pine Lane
- Hudnut Road (at Township Line Road)
- Abby Lane
- Dogwood Lane
- Store Road at Township Line Road intersection
- Pheasant Lane
- Hidden Forest Drive
- Appaloosa Drive
- Palomino Drive
- Township Line Road (at Old Forty Foot Road)

## ‘KNOW YOUR SPEED’ SIGNS



We have started putting up electronic ‘Know your Speed’ signs to help slow down drivers on Township-owned roads. These will be moved around to different locations in which speed issues are a concern. Keep an eye out and help us keep our community safe!

# Henning's

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Thank you to our 2024 Special Event Sponsors! We greatly appreciate your support in providing free, family entertainment for our community!



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  - Anthony's Pizza of Skippack
  - Asher's Chocolate
  - Austin's Beverage
  - Camp Magnolia
  - Fit Results Skippack
  - Heart & Soul
  - Nothing Bundt Cakes
  - Representative Matt Bradford
  - Summer Quest Kids Camp
  - Wegman's



# STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

Summer 2024

## SUMMER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Summer is here, a time to for relaxing vacations, cookouts with family and friends, and lounging at the beach or by the pool! While the summer months provide us with opportunity recharge our batteries, it's important to remember that even though we go on vacation, stormwater pollution does not!

Heavy rains brought on by summer thunderstorms causes runoff to rush into local waterways, picking up litter, chemicals and other pollutants along the way. Additionally, hot pavement leads to an increase in the temperature of stormwater entering creeks and streams which can be detrimental for aquatic life.

Luckily there are some easy steps that you can take to reduce stormwater pollution on your property this summer!



**Water your lawn and garden slowly.** Only water your grass and plants when necessary. When watering, do so slowly to reduce runoff. Consider investing in irrigation hoses or gator bags!



**Wash your car at a car wash.** When you wash your car on your driveway or the street, grease, soap and oil can wash into streams and creeks.



**Never dump anything down storm drains.** Remember that storm drains empty directly into local waterways without being treated. This means that whatever enters a storm drain will flow into streams and creeks.



**Direct downspouts over porous, not paved surfaces.** Where possible, direct downspouts into garden beds, your lawn or consider installing a rain barrel.



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