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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome to the 2024 Skippack Township Fall/Winter Newsletter. This is the time of year to reflect on what we have accomplished together as a community and look forward to the activities that will be taking place. We hope you get to partake in all the awesome activities that occur right here in our own backyard.

When I look back on 2024, I am grateful to our residents, fellow Supervisors, and Township Staff for all the amazing improvements we've made to our community that focused on the unique quality of life we enjoy here in Skippack. We made trail

improvements, launched a new website, added easier access to the Cholet fishing pond, updated the Church Road Park playground equipment and swings (in progress) and greatly enhanced our options for communicating with our residents via social media and our eNewsletter. We also started the process of updating our comprehensive plan and had many community outreaches to obtain your opinions and ideas. If you haven't had a chance to give feedback, you'll find the QR code for our survey later in this newsletter. Paper copies are also available at the Township. Your feedback is important to the future of Skippack!

We also spent time making sure our stellar first responders are properly funded and equipped to ensure they are safe and able to give us the outstanding service we've always received. We are proud to have hosted a meeting for sustaining our emergency services with key players at the county, state, and local level. We continued our dedication to public safety by providing \$200,000 in ARPA funds, which is money provided by the Federal government. We used these funds to purchase much needed equipment for the Skippack Fire Company and Skippack Emergency Medical Services while maintaining fiscal responsibility to our residents. And speaking of our Fire Company, please join me in congratulating them for 125 years of service to Skippack! What an amazing accomplishment for an all-volunteer organization to have operated continuously since 1899.

Before we end the year, be sure to mark your calendars for our annual tree lighting in Skippack Village on November 29th and our weekly Illuminare Nights every Friday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's a good time and place to get into the holiday spirit (and gifts!).

As we move into 2025, there are many exciting projects on the horizon. Our priorities will include continuing to acquire, preserve and maintain our open space and upgrading our existing parks and playgrounds. We will also continue to focus on maintaining transparency and fiscal responsibility to ensure that we use our resources efficiently to meet the needs of all residents.

I encourage you to stay involved in township matters by attending our meetings, sharing your ideas, and volunteering your time. Our community is strongest when we come together to support one another and work toward common goals. Together, we will make 2025 another successful year for our community.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

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Paul Fox

Chairman of the Board Skippack Township

Board of Supervisors - Out and About Town

The Board of Supervisors is a group of elected officials responsible for overseeing Township government. They are tasked with ensuring that public services are provided effectively while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The 2024 Board of Supervisors are Paul Fox, Chairman; Nick Fountain, Vice Chair; Barbara McGinnis, Marian Ellis, and Karen Lynch. Their service and dedication to Skippack Township is appreciated!

The Board of Supervisors also recognizes organizations and people who have shown dedication to our community, keep them safe or provide a valuable service. This year, the Board honored the following residents:

- · David Jones, Outstanding Citizen Award for his display of American flags on Church Road to honor our country
- Skippack Fire Company in honor of their 125th Anniversary and dedication to keeping Skippack safe
- Ryan O'Connor for building an addition to the Little Free Library in Palmer Park as his Eagle Scout project

The Township was awarded a 2023 PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Grant for \$182,190 to make pedestrian safety improvements at Cross Road and Spencer Drive and accepted the check at their April meeting. Other highlights included the Skippack Flag Contest with Skippack Elementary School 5th grade classes, participating in the 4th of July parade, attending the Skippack Fire Company 125th Anniversary celebration, Pages & Parchment Bookstore Ribbon Cutting and much more. The Board of Supervisors is looking forward to a great year for the Township in 2025!





















SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP NEWS



New Website Launch

In June, we launched our brand-new website design. The website makes it easier to view, find information, share the latest news about the Township and submit questions or feedback. Our permit forms and applications are also all fillable now, making them more convenient to complete! We are looking forward to making more additions and continuing to update the site with pavilion rentals and parks in the year ahead!

Perkiomen Creek Road Bridge Safety Improvements

We are working with Traffic Planning Design to upgrade the Perkiomen Creek Road bridge to make it more safe for all motorists. Please be aware that jersey barriers have been installed and it is temporarily reduced to one lane only. These are temporary safety measures until the bridge is fully replaced in the future. We are hoping to receive grant funding to help offset some of the project expenses that will be matched by the Township.



Cholet Pond Upgrades

Improvements were made to make it easier to access Cholet Pond and our Skippack Trail, including a stone parking area off Creamery Road. We also added a fountain to the pond to assist with the aeration of the water for the environment.



PennDOT Skippack Pike over Skippack Creek Bridge Replacement

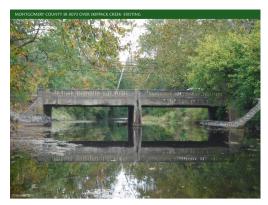


Before



After

A PennDOT project to replace the Skippack Pike (Route 73) bridge over Skippack Creek has been awarded and will be getting underway in 2025. The project will be built under three stages of construction, with one lane of traffic in each direction maintained. The proposed work includes replacement of the existing structure with a singlespan reinforced concrete PA Bulbtee bridge; replacement of the existing sidewalk on the bridge with a barrier-separated, 7.5-foot wide DCNR trail connection along the bridge, and more. For more information, visit penndot.pa.gov.



Refor



After

Palmer Park Improvements

Over the summer, the Palmer Park parking lots, including bocce, pavilion and Heckler Road lots, were resurfaced and repaved and new parking lines were painted, including an ADA parking spot by the pavilion. New address signs for the park, pavilion and playground, and Hallman's Grove were also created, and new signs for the Township Park Rules were also installed at every Township park.







Little Free Library Eagle Scout Project

A huge thank you to Ryan O'Connor, who recently completed an addition to our Little Free Library in Palmer Park as his Eagle Scout project! The addition is easily accessed for children to choose books. We appreciate this great new feature to our library!



Skippack Trails Improvements

Multiple areas within our Skippack Trails system were improved. The pervious surfacing was replaced on the power line trail to the county trail. Improvements were also made to some of the Palmer Park trails, as well as Cholet farm on Creamery Road.

Skippack Township

Comprehensive Plan Update

We want to hear from you!

The Township is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan. This Plan will serve as a guide for how planning and development occurs in Skippack moving forward. An updated plan will account for current demographics and trends as well as reflect the current needs, vision, and goals of the community projected into the future.

Some topics that will be covered in the plan include:

Economic Development

Community Facilities

Natural Resources

Parks and Recreation

Transportation and Mobility

Housing

Your input is essential to this process!

Please scan the QR code provided here to fill out the **Skippack Township Comprehensive Plan Community Survey**.

Paper copies are also available.

Help us spread the word!











If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jamie Magaziner at JMagaziner@pennoni.com

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP EVENTS













4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

4th of July is always a special day in the Skippack community, and we had a blast at our annual Fireworks Celebration at Palmer Park. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the fun, our food trucks - The Fitz food trucks, Hardy's Funnel Cake, Downtown Scoop, Kona Ice King of Prussia, and Anthony's Pizza of Skippack - CTH Enterprises for the trampolines and bounce house, Bentley Designs Face Painting, Your Part Time Princess, DJ Aaron DeAngelo for keeping the tunes rocking for our party, and of course, David Markel with MDI Management, for the amazing fireworks display this year.

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP WITH PERKIOMEN WATERSHED CONSERVANCY



We were thankful to partner with Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy to host a Rain Barrel workshop at the Township Building on July 25. Rain barrels are convenient water collection systems that allow you to save rainwater for a variety of uses: watering plants, cleaning yard equipment, or filling your swimming pool. This sustainable solution helps minimize household water consumption while decreasing stormwater runoff! Thank you to all who attended this fun event!



MOVIE NIGHT AND FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST













Movie Night in Palmer Park was a great way to end the summer! A fun time was had by all at the event on August 23. We enjoyed watching Space Jam: A new Legacy while eating delicious popcorn donated by Kimberton Whole Foods. The foul shooting contest was a "ball". Thanks to all the participants and congratulations to all the winners! A special thank you to Scoop Happy Ice Cream Shop and Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard of Harleysville who donated gift cards as prizes.

HALLOWEEN PET PARADE

We had a a HOWLIN' good time at our first-ever Halloween Pet Costume Parade on Saturday, October 26! Thank you to all of our furry friends who dressed up for the parade and all of the spectators who joined the fun. We greatly appreciate the donations of pet items that we collected for local shelters and the awesome prize baskets and goodies that were donated by Animal Medical Center and All Star Pet Grooming. We can't wait to do it again next year!









SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY



Please join us for our December events and stay tuned for more fun in 2025!







State Representative Matt Bradford's

Mobile Office Hours



New Businesses that joined Skippack in 2024!















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Thank you 2024 Special Event Sponsors



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Skippack Fire Company

Heating season is here! Many household fires occur this time of year, make sure to change the batteries in your detectors and replace smoke detectors every 10 years and CO detectors every 7 years.

Annual Fund Drive-Please consider a donation to our annual fund drive. This year we are celebrating our 125th anniversary and encouraging people to celebrate with us with a \$125 donation. Checks can be mailed, dropped off at the fire house or donations can be made through Venmo (@Skippack-FireCompany).





Santa is coming to our fire station on December 6th from 6-8 pm and December 7th from 3-5 pm. There will be hot cocoa, hot dogs, popcorn and more! So, write your list and come out to get your FREE picture with Santa. There is no charge for this event. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for the Daily Bread/Collegeville Bakery toy drive to help a local family in need.

Raffle tickets for an authentic Jalen Hurts signed helmet are now for sale (1 for \$10 or 6 for \$50), the drawing for the helmet is on December 7th with Santa, just in time for the gift of a lifetime for your favorite Eagles fan. Proceeds will be used to purchase rescue equipment. Stop by the station any Thursday night or come to the Santa events to purchase tickets, 125th anniversary T-shirts and challenge coins. Come out and celebrate our 125th anniversary!





Volunteers are always needed. If you have thought about joining us for fire & rescue, fire police or administrative help, there is no better time to join us and become part of a group always willing to help our community. Check out the Join SFC part of our website or contact chief@skippackfire.com for more information.

Skippackfire.com Skippack Fire Company, PO Box 1, Skippack, PA 19474

Skippack Emergency Medical Services

We have had a busy 2024. The volunteers have provided support crews for various community events, including numerous 5k races, a bull riding competition, high school football games, parades, fireworks, training for local fire departments and touch a truck events. Our career staff has also been busy providing the high level of prehospital care our communities have come to expect from us. Last year, we were dispatched for over 2700 calls to service and we expect that number to be higher this year.

If you have a community event planned, give us a call or check out our website. We'd love to be a part of it! Our website is skippackems.org. The website has many ways in which you can contact us. Under the Resources tab, you will find a way to request a crew for a standby. You will also find tabs to make a donation or become a subscriber, pay your bill, become a volunteer or ask to do a ride along. You can also find us on Facebook.

We recently purchased a used ambulance to use as a back up and for standby events. We currently have three ambulances (soon to be four, once the new-to-us ambulance is ready), a Command vehicle for the Chief to use to respond to assist the crews and a UTV (an all-terrain vehicle to use in the parks or on trails).

With the assistance of Skippack Township, we recently purchased 3 new LUCAS devices (mechanical CPR devices) for our ambulances and new AED devices for our officers.



We are a volunteer 501(3)(c) non-profit organization consisting of volunteers and paid staff, available 24/7, answering 911 emergency calls for assistance. We also assist our local firefighters at incidents like motor vehicle accidents and house fires and provide mutual aid to the surrounding squads as necessary.



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We are always looking for people to be involved volunteering to run calls or help with management. Right now, we are especially looking for someone to help with Treasurer and Financial duties and hope that there is someone in the community with experience that would be willing to join our team.

As always, we are extremely grateful for the continued support from all of the residents in our area. We couldn't do what we do without you and your support! Thank you!

PennDOT Safety Tips KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE



Allow enough space between yourself and the vehicle in front of you. Don't tailgate!



Increase your following distance when warranted by certain conditions, such as wet roads or driving behind a motorcyclist.



Double your following distance in work zones. The most common crash type in work zones is a rear-end collision.



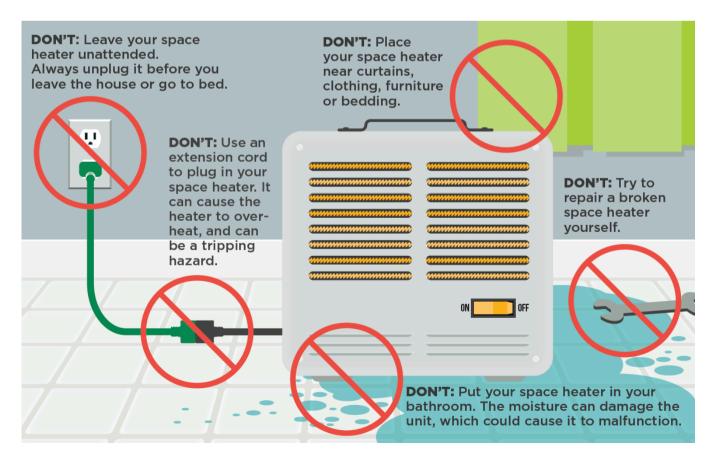
When passing a bicyclist, allow at least a **4-foot distance** between your vehicle and the cyclist.



Stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.



Stay at least 6 car lengths behind an operating plow truck, and avoid riding in their blind spots!





MANAGING STORMWATER ON YOUR PROPERTY THIS FALL

Fall is here! And with this change in season comes cooler temperatures, shorter days, and lots of yard work to tackle. When crossing off your to-do-list this fall, it's important to remember that yard debris is a significant source of stormwater pollution.

Organic plant material like grass clippings, leaves, and shrubbery trimmings can carry pesticides and fertilizers from your yard and deposit them in local waterways. Piles of leaves and grass clippings will overload a stream's ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion. Yard debris can also clog culverts, storm drains and pipes causing flooding.

Luckily, there are some easy steps that you can take on your property to reduce pollution and improve water quality!



LEARN MORE BY SCANING THIS QR CODE OR VISITING OUR WEBSITE: WWW.PERKIOMENWATERSHED.ORG



Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near streams or drainage areas where they can blow or wash into creeks. Use designated leaf collection bags for curbside leaf recycling.



Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off of your property into streets, streams, ponds or drainage swales.



Recycle grass clippings and their nutrients by mulching them and leaves into your lawn or piling them in your garden beds. They will add nutrients back into your lawn and provide shelter for wildlife during the winter.



Plant a native tree! Trees provide vital habitat for wildlife and absorb more stormwater than your lawn does.



Perkiomen Valley Library

Albert Einstein said, "The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

Skippack Township's library is the Perkiomen Valley Library located at 290 Second Street in Schwenksville.

The library has many activities. New this fall are College Application Help, Upcycle Saturdays and Film Discussion. Details for these and many more activities and events on the library's event calendar, http://www.pvlibrary.net/events/.

Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, PVL's main library, features a calendar with activities and events available at the main library and its branches. Check it out at https://mnl.libcal.com/calendar.

Have you explored the library's online resources? You can access the electronic resources for free with your library card:

- Download Free Ebooks, Audiobooks and Magazines
- Learn a new language
- Search for ancestors
- Write a resume
- Take a variety of practice tests
- Read newspapers from around the country
- · Search for business information
- · and more!

PVL is part of MCLINC, which allows easy access to most of the collections of the libraries in the Montgomery County. You can even request items from outside the county, also free.

Come visit your local library to discover the wealth of materials and information that are waiting for you. See PVL's Facebook page and webpage, <u>www.pvlibrary.net</u> and join in the fun.

Farm, Home & Youth Complex

Home of Montgomery County 4-H



4-H is for youth ages 8-18, teaching them leadership, responsibilities, organization skills, public speaking, and more through various clubs including, livestock, sewing, cooking, rabbit, shooting sports and more.

The FHY Complex holds various events throughout the year to help maintain the facility for the 4-H clubs to use free of charge. We also offer our facility for rent to community groups, private parties, and other events. Check out our website for more details. www.fhycomplex.org.

The Farm, Home and Youth Foundation of Montgomery County, a 501(3)c, owns and operates the FHY Complex.



2025 Calendar of Events

February

Girls Night Out: Galentine's Day 2/13 - 5-9PM. Fire and Ice Fest 2/21 & 2/22 - 4-8PM.

March

Shamrock Shenanigans 3/14-3/16

April

Girls Night Out: Shop Hop 4/10 - 5-9PM. French Market 4/26 - 10-6PM

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Spring Fest 5/10 & 5/11 - 10-5PM Skippack En Plein Air 5/17-10-5PM.

June

Lavender Day 6/1 - 10-3PM. Food Truck Festival 6/7 - 12-5PM Summer Saturdays in Skippack 6/14 - 10-5PM.

July

GNO: Shopping En Blanc 7/1 - 5-9PM. 4th of July Parade & Fireworks 7/4 - 11AM Summer Saturdays in Skippack 7/12 - 10-5PM.

August

Summer Saturdays in Skippack 8/9 - 10-5PM. India Dav 8/17 - 10-4PM. **Boutique Bargains** 8/16 & 8/17 - 10-5PM. Dogs Days of Summer 8/23 - 10-3PM.

September

Youngpreneurs Fair 9/6 - 11-4PM. Food Truck Festival 9/6 - 12-5PM **GNO: Game Night** 9/18 - 5-9PM. Fall Frenzy 9/20 - 10-5PM.

October

Skippack Days 10/4 & 10/5 - 10-6PM GNO: Paint the Town Pink 10/16 - 5-9PM. Car Show 10/19 - 10-4PM

November

GNO: Friendsgiving 11/13 - 5-9PM. **Holiday Open House** 11/15 & 11/16 Reg. Business Hours Pink Friday 11/21 - 10-6PM. Black Friday 11/28 - 10-9PM. Illuminaire Nights 11/28 - 5-9PM. Lighting of the Village Tree 11/28 - 6PM Small Business Saturday 11/29 - 10-6PM.

December

Starry Shopping Nights 12/4, 12/5 & 12/6 - 5-9PM. Illuminaire Nights 12/5, 12/12 & 12/19 - 5-9PM.







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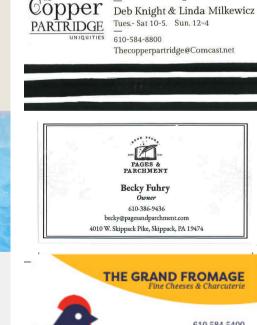
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