

NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2025

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610-222-3490

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610-454-9665

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome to the Skippack Township Spring/Summer 2025 newsletter! Inside you will find some great resources and activities in our community. As always, please scan the QR code at the end of this Newsletter to receive our monthly eNewsletter through email. You can also register from our website.

Good weather is finally here! And your Township has already been in high gear with the 2025 schedule of events. If you've missed our Leprechaun or Easter Egg hunts, read on to see the adorable pictures our staff have collected. We've also had an electronics recycling event that was a tremendous hit. Our website shows our upcoming events, but be sure to mark your calendars for 'AM Radio' playing in Palmer Park on June 5th. And, of course, you will not want to miss our annual 4th of July Skippackpalooza. The parade and fireworks get bigger and better every year, and the Village businesses keep us entertained throughout the day.

Spring is also a time when our crews are around town making improvements. Please use caution when our teams are out there fixing roads, upgrading traffic signs, trimming trees, and cutting grass. Some notable larger projects this year include repaving and adding a crosswalk on Cross Rd, and starting to rebuild the Skippack Creek Bridge on Rt 73 near the Post Office. Both are funded completely by PennDOT and State Grants in order to avoid any impact on our residents' tax dollars. Another State Grant we received was to start evaluating the traffic improvements required on Rt 113 N at the intersection of Rt 73. You may see some Engineering site work starting to occur over the next several months. We will keep the community updated with details and potential traffic impacts through social media, eNewsletter, and our website.

I hope to see everyone around town as we come out of hibernation. Perhaps our paths will cross at a Little League game in Palmer Park, walking on the trail, fishing the Perkiomen Creek, or trying our hand at Disc Golf in Lenape Park. Wherever you go, follow the hikers creed: Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

May your spring and summer be full of happiness, good health, and great memories.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Fox". The ink is dark, and the signature is fluid and legible.

Paul Fox
Chairman of the Board
Skippack Township

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

What They Love About Skippack...



Paul Fox, Chairman

Skippack is special because it's a vibrant mix of history, community, and celebration. Whether it's the charming local shops, the parks and trails, or the events that bring neighbors together. Skippack is a unique oasis that's the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Nick Fountain, Vice Chair

Having been born and raised in Skippack, what I love about my hometown is the community. We are a close-knit family, where neighbors genuinely care for and look out for one another. Our small-town charm, local events, and vibrant businesses create a warm, welcoming atmosphere that makes you feel at home



Marian Ellis

I moved to Skippack in 2018 a few years after my husband John passed. It was the first home I bought without him and it was a big deal for me. I was worried if I would fit in and wondered if, as a single person, I would feel awkward. Luckily I felt welcomed by my Meadow Glen at Skippack community immediately and as I got more comfortable with the community, I also felt welcomed by the businesses and restaurants in the Village. I love the small town feel. I love how you walk the Village and see your neighbors enjoying the shops or having a bite to eat, and I love how our community has embraced me as one of its Township Supervisors. Let's keep the great community spirit that we have in Skippack and shine a light on kindness and positivity. Let's keep this wonderful place we call home a place that everyone loves to visit!



Karen Lynch

What I love is that from where I live, I can easily walk into town to visit our wonderful shops and restaurants!



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.



LOCAL LOVE FOR SKIPPACK

"Awesome stores to
shop at." - Macie W.

"It is just the cutest
town to walk
through." - Chris M.

"PICKLEBALL" -
Debbie D.

"Having beautiful
parks that are
always kept clean!"
- Alicia C

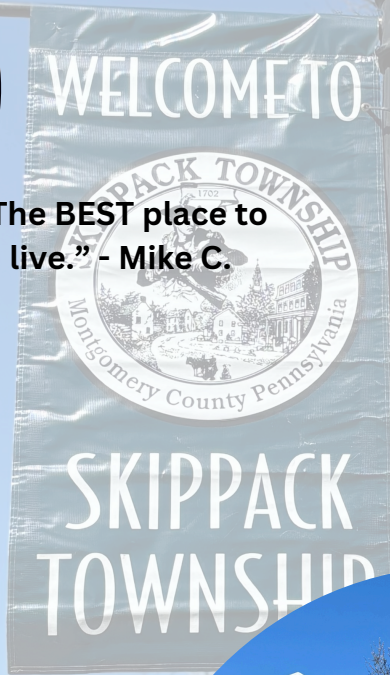
"The BEST place to
live." - Mike C.

"Great neighbors,
Great restaurants,
Great place all
around." - Jay L.

"Walking into Town
and having a good
drink" - Jenna S.

"Awesome Trails" -
Joyce V.

"4TH of July Parade
and Fireworks!" -
Gemma D.



SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Church Road Park Update

Exciting news! The playground at Church Road park has been replaced with all new equipment. It is now open to the public and complete, as our rock climbing boulder has now been installed! Go check it out and have some fun outdoors!



Reflective Road Signs Update

The public works are out replacing old road signs that have lost reflection ability over time for a fresh new look keeping Skippack safe.



Construction Underway on Skippack Pike over Skippack Creek Bridge



Work has begun on PennDOT's Skippack Pike (S.R. 73) over Skippack Creek Bridge Replacement Project, located east of Evansburg Road and Forty Foot Road. The project will be built in three stages of construction, with one lane of traffic in each direction maintained. We highly advise that you use alternate routes and allow extra time when traveling in that area. For more information on the project, please visit PennDOT's website, www.pa.gov.



2024 Multimodal Grant Awarded for Traffic Improvements

We are excited to announce that Skippack Township has been awarded a \$250,000 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant from the Commonwealth to support improvements at the intersection of Skippack Pike (S.R. 73) and Bridge Road (S.R. 113) for better traffic flow and safety for our constituents. Chairman Paul Fox and the Board of Supervisors thank Representative Bradford and Senator Pennycuik for their support!

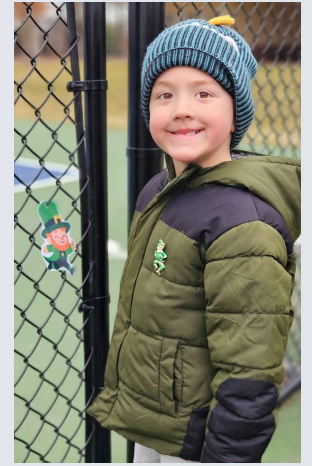


Increased Safety Measures for Pedestrians in Skippack Village

We are working to increase safety measures for pedestrians in Skippack Village along Skippack Pike, especially during busy events with crowded sidewalks. Our new message boards make motorists aware of events ahead so they have time to slow down. Know your speed signs also create awareness for motorists to decrease speed.



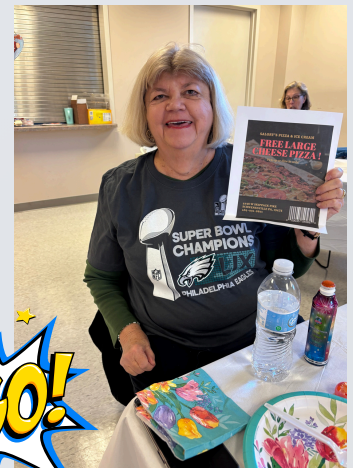
SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP EVENTS



Skippack was “lucky” enough to start the event season off early! We want to thank everyone who participated in our Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt! Congratulations to our photo winner - the Musselman family!

BINGO was a huge success! We appreciate the support of our Event Sponsors:

ANTHONY'S PIZZA OF SKIPPACK
SALORY'S PIZZA AND ICE CREAM
PIZZA VILLA



EASTER EGG HUNT

Another great year at our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to *The Farm, Home, and Youth Complex* for allowing us to use their awesome facilities, and to *DCO*, one of our Township Sponsors, *Action Karate Skippack* for donating some extra goodies for all our hunters, and *Sweet Rora's*, for donating our candy prize baskets! Smiling kids and great weather made for the perfect morning!



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

We want to thank Responsible Recycling Services and all the Skippack residents for disposing of all your unwanted electronics and metal properly! We were so happy to have a great turnout and are proud of our environmentally friendly township!



Skippack Township's 4th of July Celebration

Join us Friday, July 4th @ Palmer Park
Celebration begins at 6pm.



Music Food Trucks

Family Fun Fireworks

Thursday, June 5th 6~8 pm

Skippack Township Summer Concert Series

*Food Truck
*Event is near the Creamery Rd. entrance
*FREE for all residents and guests



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Bring your blankets and chairs out to Palmer Park and enjoy
a variety of live music from our Summer Concert Series!

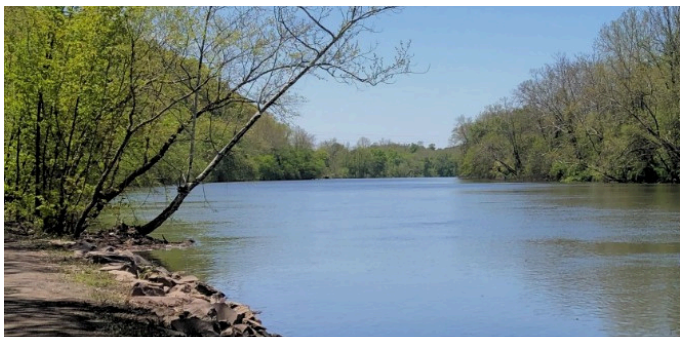
2025 Skippack Village Events

February Girls Night Out: Galentine's Day 2/13 - 5-9PM. Fire and Ice Fest 2/21 & 2/22 - 4-8PM.	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.	October Skippack Days 10/4 & 10/5 - 10-6PM GNO: Paint the Town Pink 10/16 - 5-9PM. Car Show 10/19 - 10-4PM
March Shamrock Shenanigans 3/14-3/16	August Summer Saturdays in Skippack 8/9 - 10-5PM. India Day 8/17 - 10-4PM. Boutique Bargains 8/16 & 8/17 - 10-5PM. Dogs Days of Summer 8/23 - 10-3PM.	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.
April Girls Night Out: Shop Hop 4/10 - 5-9PM. French Market 4/26 - 10-6PM	May Spring Fest 5/10 & 5/11 - 10-5PM Skippack En Plein Air 5/17 - 10-5PM.	December Starry Shopping Nights 12/4, 12/5 & 12/6 - 5-9PM. Illuminaire Nights 12/5, 12/12 & 12/19 - 5-9PM.
June Lavender Day 6/1 - 10-3PM. Food Truck Festival 6/7 - 12-5PM Summer Saturdays in Skippack 6/14 - 10-5PM.	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.	

Skippack Trail Improvement Project Underway



We are excited for continued improvements to be made on the Skippack Trail. Sections of the trail around Palmer Park are being reconstructed and repaved to provide a smoother surface.



Montco Trail Challenge

Get Started Today!

1. Register at montgomerycountypa.gov/trailchallenge
2. Print or pick-up a Montco Trail Challenge card.
3. Get out and go! Visit as many participating trails as you can.
4. Record your trail symbols and submit your results.



2025 Challenge
April 26 - December 1



New in 2025!
Twining Valley Park



Funding for the Community Traffic Safety Program is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Community Traffic Safety Project Grant.



BICYCLE HAND AND ARM SIGNALS

- To signal a left turn, extend the left hand and arm horizontally.
- To signal a right turn, extend the right hand and arm horizontally, or extend your left hand and arm upward.
- To signal a stop or decrease in speed, extend the left hand and arm downward.



LEFT TURN



STOPPING



RIGHT TURN



ALTERNATE
RIGHT TURN

Learn more at www.Penndot.gov/TravelInPA/RideaBike



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Skippack Emergency Medical Services

Hi there! We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce or reintroduce ourselves. We have been in Skippack since 1986, but not everyone has had an opportunity to meet us (honestly, that may not be such a bad thing). We are your friendly neighborhood EMS providers. Our main station is located on Mensch Road. We are a volunteer 501(3)(c) non-profit organization with 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.

We offer other services to our community such as having an ambulance crew standing by at events like the fireworks, 5k races, motorcycle races, community fairs, equestrian events and helping Scout troops get their first aid badges. If you are planning an event, give us a call! We'd love to be involved.

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 Duties, Finances and building maintenance, and would hope that there is someone in the community with past or present experience that would be willing to join our team.

Our annual subscription drive begins early August. This subscription drive is a big source of income each year. We rely on the generosity of our community to help us provide the best pre-hospital care. That generosity has benefits for those who contribute. In the unfortunate event that you do need to call us, we will waive whatever fees your insurance does not cover, after your deductible has been met. We also provide a discount for those who do not have insurance. We have multiple coverage tiers to fit any household situation.

We are not associated with any local fire departments. We responded to over 2800 calls for service last year. Please consider subscribing and help us continue our mission to provide the best pre-hospital emergency care to our neighbors, YOU.

We can be reached at 4058 Mensch Rd, PO Box 59, Skippack, PA 19474 610-454-9665. Our website is www.skippackems.org. We are also on Facebook. We greatly appreciate the support from all of the residents in our area. We couldn't do what we do without you and your support!

Thank you!

Be Prepared - *Tips from our Emergency Management Coordinator*

In times of crisis, being prepared can make all the difference. Whether it's a natural disaster, severe weather event, or other unexpected emergency, having a solid emergency plan is essential for protecting yourself, your family and your community. With its close knit community and beautiful surroundings, Skippack Township is not immune to potential disasters, so it's vital residents take steps to prepare. Every household should have an emergency plan along with an emergency kit.

Skippack Township is also proactive in its emergency planning efforts. We are continually updating our Township Emergency Operations Plan and work with Montgomery County Emergency Management to ensure coordinated efforts during a disasters and emergencies.

While we hope that disasters never happen, it's always best to be prepared. In Skippack, our community's resilience depends on individual readiness and community action.

Let's work together to make Skippack a safer place for all.

Skippack Township utilizes the Ready Montco Emergency Alert System. Signup today at <https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3311/ReadyMontco> to receive official time-sensitive notifications about emergencies, severe weather, crime alerts and disasters in your Township and surrounding areas.

You can also view more resources at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/ready.html>.



Safety Reminders

from Skippack Fire Company

PROTECT YOUR HOME AND YOUR FAMILY

In 2024, over 25% of Skippack Fire Company's dispatches were due to failing batteries or expired smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Be sure to review the important information below, implement your fire plan, and make it a habit to check your home monthly to make sure alarms are functioning and fire extinguishers are full!

**TEST YOUR
ALARMS
MONTHLY!**

SMOKE DETECTORS

- Install one on every level and one in each bedroom.
- Replace every 10 years or when yellowed (see below).



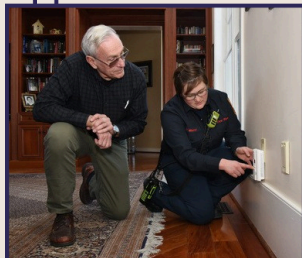
Old, yellowed smoke detector that needs replacing



New smoke detector

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- Install one on every level of your home.
- Replace every 7 years
- Don't store any flammable materials near a dryer, furnace, stove, or fireplace.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Be sure to keep in an easily accessible area
- In an incident call 911 first!
- Use PASS:
Pull the pin
Aim at the base of the fire
Squeeze the handle
Sweep side to side



RESIDENTIAL KNOX BOXES

- KnoxBoxes are discreet, high-security key safes for emergency responders to access your home when you are unable to open the door or are not present.
- Contact us or check our website for more information.



HOME ESCAPE PLANS

- Draw a map of your home, including all doors and windows.
- Find 2 ways out of every room, and choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
- Have the whole family regularly practice exiting the home via various routes and assembling at the meeting point.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED!



VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

We welcome members from all backgrounds and no experience is needed; basic and advanced training is provided at the station and at the Montgomery County Fire Academy. If you are interested in joining, our contacts are below, or stop by the station on a Thursday evening!

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Stormwater News

Summer Edition: Protecting Water Resources this Summer



Protecting our Streams and Creeks

Summer has arrived, ushering in longer days and warmer temperatures! Many of us prefer to beat the heat by engaging in activities in and around the water. Whether you enjoy swimming, kayaking, fishing, or simply appreciating the beauty of nature, clean water is essential for recreation and enjoyment. Here are some ways you can help maintain the cleanliness of our waterways this summer:



- **Minimize or eliminate the use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides.** These lawn chemicals are significant contributors to nitrogen and phosphorus pollution, leading to toxic runoff.
- **Opt for native plants in your landscaping.** Using native vegetation helps reduce stormwater runoff and requires less watering and fertilization compared to non-native species.
- **Install a rain barrel.** Positioned at the base of a downspout, a standard rain barrel can capture 55-75 gallons of stormwater runoff from your rooftop, helping to mitigate flooding and erosion.



Supporting Wildlife this Summer

Summer offers a wonderful opportunity to engage with nature and appreciate the beauty of local wildlife. However, as caretakers of our environment, it's important to take measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the wildlife who call our area home.

- **Dispose of trash responsibly.** Outdoor activities and picnics tend to produce litter, which can pose risks to wildlife if not handled appropriately. Always take your trash with you or utilize designated trash bins.
- **Look before you mow.** Rabbits often create nests in shallow areas of yards, so inspecting for nests prior to mowing can prevent accidental harm to baby rabbits. Turtles are also frequently run over by mowers. Taking a brief stroll around your yard before mowing can help avoid any mishaps.
- **Be aware of water sources.** Water is vital for wildlife, particularly during the hot summer months. Ensure bird baths and other water sources are clean and accessible, and refrain from using chemicals or pesticides nearby.



Skippack Reopening

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