

Horsham Township Report

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A New Year and Another New Trail



In all of the surveys that the Township has conducted, trails are the most requested recreational amenity. Council is committed to providing one of the region's best municipal trail systems. Pictured on the latest addition to the Township's extensive trail system is L-R: Gregory Nesbitt; Joanna Furia; Vice President Mark McCouch; President W. William Whiteside; Andrew Santacroce. This trail connects the parking lot behind the Horsham Road Municipal Complex to the soccer fields off Limekiln pike, thus enabling overflow parking from the soccer fields to utilize the existing parking lot at the municipal complex. The trail also loops around the soccer fields and joins the existing trail from the Kohler Park pond area.

State Gets Control of the Base

The Navy and the Marines are expected to leave the base in 2011 and the Air Force Reserve is already gone. The military enclave that will remain will be the home to some Army Reserve and National Guard units. No military airplanes are scheduled to be stationed in Horsham after 2011. The enclave is expected to be approximately 105 acres in size and will be located in a portion of the Air Force Reserve Center (in the general location of County Line and Easton Roads). The remaining property (approximately 900 acres to include the runway) will be conveyed with some restrictions to the State as a result of special federal legislation creating the Horsham Joint Interagency Installation (HJII). Council has always supported the announced purpose of the HJII; which is national defense, homeland security, and emergency preparedness. As previously reported, Council continues their efforts to insure that the long term best interests of the region are addressed as the Navy leaves Horsham Township. Proposed legislation was prepared by the Township and forwarded to our federal and state elected officials. The Horsham version of the proposed legislation clarified that all the property and runway designated as

the HJII would be used solely for national defense, homeland security, and emergency preparedness. The most recent federal legislation that was passed in late 2008 is not the Horsham proposal and has the potential to open the door to users not directly performing the mission. While certain restrictions were placed on the use of the runway, nongovernmental tenants of the installation (associated users) are exempt. The associated users are permitted to fly commercial passenger and cargo operations out of the base. Council continues to work with Senator Greenleaf, Representative Taylor, and Representative Murt in an effort to have state legislation passed that would prohibit any non mission use of the base or runway. Since the 1940's and into the future Horsham proudly supports the many military men and woman who provide our national defense but we ask that legislation require nongovernmental users to actually be engaged in the national security missions of the HJII. If the base or any portion of it is "saved," then it should be used for national defense, homeland security or emergency preparedness; not by private companies to conduct their for profit enterprises.

Join the Book Club

Horsham Township Library hosts a book discussion group, facilitated by Reference Librarian Sandra Courtney, the last Wednesday of the month from 6:45 to 8:00 PM. To register, please telephone Sandra Courtney at (215) 443-2609, ext. 202.

Adopt-a-Park News



Prudential employees have adopted Kohler Park and have helped make the park even more beautiful and well-maintained. Pictured L to R are: Kay Jacobs, Sherry McDowell, Kim Moser, Kristen Vingaman, Shannon Rocco. This fall, in addition to helping with the clean up, they planted many beautiful mums around the gazebo.

Horsham's Dog Park Opened Oct. 25

It is with great pleasure and excitement that the Friends of Horsham Dog Park officially opened Horsham's first Dog Park on October 25, 2008, where well-behaved dogs can exercise off-leash in a clean, safe environment. The fenced area has 1 acre for large dogs and 1/2 acre for small dogs and is located in the rear of Kohler Park at 1013 Horsham Road just beyond the pond. The park was made possible by the fundraising events of the Friends. Over the course of several years they raised the funds needed to construct and furnish the park. As long as the dog park is visited regularly, enjoyed, kept attractive, and a pleasant place to visit, the dog park will be considered a success. Thus far, it has been a great success!



Posing for a photo outside of the Dog Park entrance are: Friends of the Dog Park Vice President Monica DeLeone; President Evelyn Walsh; Secretary Chris Gravener; Treasurer Tina Lederer; and Park & Recreation Board Vice President Kay Jacobs.

County Line Road Traffic Signals

In another example of inter municipal cooperation, Horsham Township along with Warminster, Upper Moreland and Hatboro financed an engineering study to upgrade all of the traffic signals on County Line Road from Latchstring Lane in Horsham east to Davisville Road in Warminster. The upgrade involves the coordination of the signals and a complete replacement of the signals at some intersections. PennDot recently awarded a contract to move forward with the recommendations. The work is expected to take approximately one year. Everyone should look forward to a safer more efficient journey along this very busy road.

25 Years of Service



Mike McGee recently completed his 25th year as the Township Manager. Appointed in December 1983, Mike oversees the day to day operation of the municipal government. "I am privileged and honored to work for the people of Horsham and the members of Council and with the great township employees and volunteers. Together we will continue to work to insure Horsham Township remains a great place to live and work."

Urge Trash Firms to Aid Recycling

Residents are urged to insist that their waste haulers participate in the state mandated recycling program. Mandatory residential, commercial and industrial recycling has been in effect throughout Pennsylvania since 1989. Its goal is to prolong the life of landfills as well as to preserve natural resources.

Materials that should be recycled by households include clear glass, newspapers, aluminum and yard waste. Materials that should be recycled by commercial, industrial and institutional organizations include cardboard, aluminum and high-grade office paper. Leaves must be collected at least three times per year and can not be combined with other trash.

Please insist that your hauler comply with the law. Working together we can help protect our natural resources for future generations.



HORSHAM TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION 2009 WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

This annual event is fun for children 8 years and younger. There will be a "Golden Egg" prize in each age group. Don't forget your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Location: Deep Meadow Park

Date: 3/28/09 **Raindate:** 3/29/09 **Time:** 2:00 PM



HERSHEY TRACK & FIELD

Ages: 9-14 **Location:** Hatters Stadium

The Hershey Track & Field meet will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 6pm. It is open to Horsham Township residents, and a birth certificate must be presented to prove age eligibility. Registration forms will be available at the Community Center beginning in April. This event is free.

CHILDREN MAKING MUSIC

Ages: 6mos-4yrs. **Location:** Community Center

This program is a fun and interactive program for parents and their children, combining songs, rhythm, instruments, musical games, sign language, and other exploratory activities.

Course #	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0001.112	W	10:00am-10:45am	1/21-3/11	\$88
0001.113	W	11:00am-11:45am	1/21-3/11	\$88
0001.114	W	10:00am-10:45am	3/25-5/20 No class 4/1	\$88
0001.115	W	11:00am-11:45am	3/25-5/20 No class 4/1	\$88

CERTIFIED BABYSITTER COURSE

Age: 11-15 yrs. **Location:** Community Center

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Babysitting Workshop to teach teens how to supervise children, feed babies, prepare simple food, how to diaper and dress infants.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
3002.103	S	9am-4pm	1/31	\$70
3002.106	S	9am-4pm	3/14	\$70
3002.107	S	9am-4pm	5/9	\$70

SENIORS OUT SOCIALIZING

Age: Seniors **Location:** Community Center

All programs will open at 9:30am for breakfast, with our entertainment/speakers beginning at 10am. Please call 215-643-3131 for more information.

Date	Program	Cost
1/15/09	Visiting Angels Home Care	\$2.00
2/19/09	Prostate Cancer Prevention	\$2.00
3/19/09	Women of the White House	\$2.00
4/16/09	Travel Training	\$2.00
5/21/09	Cooking with your Garden	\$2.00
June 2009	Summer Picnic	TBA

SENIORS' OPEN AFTERNOONS

Age: Seniors **Location:** Community Center

Come to the Horsham Township Community Center on the first and third Mondays of the month from 1:00-3:00pm. A room will be set aside for you to enjoy crafts, games, and other fun. Please feel free to bring a snack to enjoy with your friends!

SPRING FLEA MARKET

We will be hosting our third annual flea market and craft show on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Outside spaces (10'x12' parking space) will be available for \$15.00 or \$25.00 / 2 spaces, and you will need to bring your own tables. We will also have 10' x10' spaces inside where we will provide you with a 6' table for \$20.00.

Date: Saturday, April 25 **Rain Date:** Sunday, April 26

Time: 9am-2pm (7:30am Set-up Participants)

Location: Horsham Twp. Community Center

ID#: 3840.005 (outside)

ID#: 3840.006 (inside)

Call Cindy Berkes
to reserve your spot.
215-643-3131



COMPUTER CLASSES

Ages: Adults **Location:** Horsham Library

Reference Librarian Sandra Courtney will be hosting computer courses at the Library. All of the classes will be introductory.

Pre-registration is necessary for each class. **Cost:** FREE

Class #:	Course Name:	Date:	Time:
3801.101	General Skills	3/18	1:00-2:30pm
3808.101	MS Word I	3/25	1:00-2:30pm
3806.101	MS Word II	4/1	1:00-2:30pm
3803.101	Intro. To PowerPoint	4/8	1:00-2:30pm
3804.101	PowerPoint II	4/15	1:00-2:30pm
3802.101	Intro. To Excel	4/22	1:00-2:30pm
3810.101	Excel II	4/29	1:00-2:30pm

NYC BUS TRIP

Horsham Township will drop you off in New York City. The chaperone will lead you to the special ticket line where you can purchase Broadway Show tickets for up to 1/2 off the regular price. You will have your whole day free to explore, shop or see a show. The 9th Street Food Festival will also be going on that day! We will return to the bus at 6:00pm for the ride home (non-stop).

Course #: 7002.101

Date: Saturday, May 16

Fee: \$35.00

Departure Location: Rear of Community Center

Depart Horsham: 7:00am

Arrive in NYC: 9:30am

Depart NYC: 6:00pm



SIGNING WITH CHILDREN

Time to Sign has been teaching parents and teachers of children who have hearing impairments, as well as parents who simply want to join the ever-growing trend of using sign language to communicate with their young ones, for years. On March 21, they will come to Horsham Community Center for a 1.5 hour workshop to teach basic American Sign Language words and techniques tailored to children birth-3 years. Please note we must reach a minimum enrollment of 25 people by Feb. 3, 2009.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0022.101	Sat	11am-12:30pm	3/21	\$35



SPORTS AND EXERCISE



PILATES

Ages: 16&up Location: Community Center
Pilates improves mental & physical well being as well as creates strength, & flexibility in the muscles.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1815.106	Th	7pm-8pm	1/22-2/26	\$50
1815.108	Th	7pm-8pm	3/5-4/9	\$50
1815.109	Th	7pm-8pm	4/16-5/21	\$50

SWING DANCE CLASS NEW

Ages: 16&up Location: Community Center
Come see what the excitement of swing dancing is all about!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0803.101	M	7:30pm-8:25pm	3/2 - 3/23	\$60

SALSA DANCING LESSONS NEW

Ages: 16 yrs. + Location: Community Center
Come learn the fundamentals of this exciting and fluid dance style that is sweeping the nation!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0802.101	M	8:30pm-9:30pm	3/2 - 3/23	\$80

SOCCER PETITE CLINIC

Age: 3-5 yrs Location: Carpenter Park
A fun introduction to the world of soccer for 3, 4, and 5 years old.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1002.303	Th	1:00pm-2:00pm	4/16 - 5/21	\$83
1003.301	Th	2:00pm-3:00pm	4/16 - 5/21	\$83

GOLF LESSONS

Ages: 6-15 years Location: Horsham Valley Golf Club
The short game, irons, woods and on-course play will all be covered. You will also work on putting, chipping, pitching and driving.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1006.103	W	4pm-5pm	4/8-5/6	\$85

ADULT GOLF CLASS

Ages: Adults Location: Horsham Valley Golf Club
Open to everyone, this class will cover the short game, irons, woods and on-course play. You will also practice chipping, putting, pitching, and driving. This is a good refresher course.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1801.301	W	5:15pm-6:15pm	4/8-5/6	\$85

COED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

We will begin play in mid-May. Teams will have to field 3 women at all times during the game. Any teams that are interested please call 215-643-3131 for more details.

TAEKWONDO CLASSES

Location: Competitive Edge Training Center
Each program is tailored to meet the needs and abilities of the participants. Competitive Edge Training Center is located in Fort Washington, PA. Please see below for your age group.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Ages	Fee
0012.302	M&W	5:45pm-6:45pm	1/19-2/25	3-5	\$65
0016.302	M&W	5:00pm-5:45pm	1/19-2/25	6-11	\$65
0017.301	M&W	6:20pm-7:05pm	1/19-2/25	12&up	\$65

LEARN TO ICE SKATE

Ages: 3yrs - Adult Location: The Rink at Warwick
Learn to Skate is designed to teach basic skating skills while providing a fun, family-oriented atmosphere. We offer: **Tots (3-5 years)**, Beginners (over 5) and Adults (16 & older). All tots and beginners under 16 years of age must wear a bike helmet or hockey helmet.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1005.111	Th (tots)	10:00am-11:00am	1/22 - 3/12	\$115
1005.112	T	5:30pm-6:30pm	1/27 - 3/17	\$115
1005.113	S	2:15pm-3:45pm	1/24 - 3/21	\$115 (no class 2/14)
1005.114	Sun.	2:15pm-3:45pm	1/25 - 3/22	\$115 (no class 2/15)
1005.115	Th (tots)	10:00am-11:00am	3/19 - 5/14	\$115 (no class 4/9)
1005.116	T	5:30pm-6:30pm	3/24 - 5/19	\$115
1005.118	Sun.	2:15pm-3:45pm	3/29 - 5/31	\$115 (no class 4/12 & 5/24)

YOGA

Ages: Adults Location: Competitive Edge Training Center
Yoga can relieve stress and tone your body!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0018.101	M&W	9:00am-10:15am	2/2-3/11	\$65

BALLROOM DANCING

Ages: Adults Location: Community Center
A great introduction to Ballroom Dancing!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0801.301	T	1:00pm-2:00pm	2/3 - 2/24	\$50

PARENT & CHILD CLASSES

COOKING WITH BOOKS NEW

Ages: 3-5 yrs. & parent Location: Community Center
This program incorporates children's literature with the science of cooking. We will read a children's book and then discuss the story. From there, a cooking activity related to the story is done.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0011.101	W	1:30pm-2:45pm	2/4 - 3/11	\$82

KIDZART: SQUIGGLES TO GRINS NEW

Ages: 2-4 yrs. & parent Location: Community Center
Creative activities encourage the development of motor skills, as well as works of art. There is also storytelling and singing involved in this interactive class for parent and child.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5047.101	M	11:00am-12:00pm	2/2-3/16	\$60 (no class 2/16)

MESSY-PLAY-TIME

Ages: 2-6 yrs. & parent Location: Community Center
Moms and dads: bring your young ones out to make a mess with paints, glue and several other types of media. The class is for the child and caregiver. All you need to bring is a smock; everything else is provided.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0009.102	T	9:30am-10:30am	3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24	\$35

MOMMY, ME, AND CLAY

Ages: 6 yrs. & under and parent Location: Mud Shack
Come bring your little one for a story and then create one of the characters out of clay! You'll be amazed at what you both can do!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0020.102	T	9:30am-11:00am	2/3	\$22



ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES

PENCIL DRAWING

Ages: 6-16 years

Location: Community Center

Children will learn the basics of pencil drawing.

Course #	Ages	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0013.105	6-11	T	6:00pm-7:00pm	1/20 - 3/10	\$55
0014.101	12-16	T	7:15pm-8:15pm	1/20 - 3/10	\$55

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS/FORUM

Age: Adults

Location: Community Center

An open forum for watercolor painters.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0807.105	M	1pm-3pm	2/23 - 3/30	\$40
0807.106	M	1pm-3pm	4/13 - 5/18	\$40

PRE-SCHOOL AGE ART CLASS

Ages: 3-5yrs

Location: Community Center

Basic art class for young children.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5046.101	M	10:00am-11:00am	2/4-3/16 (no class 2/16)	\$60

ADULTS' NIGHT OUT NEW

Ages: 16+ yrs.

Location: Mud Shack

Take a night off and get creative with projects at the Mud Shack!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0021.101	W	7:00pm-8:00pm	2/4-3/11	\$70

MOMMY, ME, AND CLAY NEW

Ages: 6 yrs. & under with parent

Location: Mud Shack

Come enjoy a story and a clay craft to accompany!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0020.102	Tu	9:30am-11:00am	2/3	\$22

SAMPLER ART CAMP NEW

Ages: 6+ yrs.

Location: Mud Shack

Join us on days off from school to try different projects!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.304	M	9:00am-4:30pm	1/19	\$95
0004.306	M	9:00am-4:30pm	2/16	\$95

HOT CHOCOLATE MUGS NEW

Ages: 16+ yrs.

Location: Mud Shack

Make hot chocolate mugs for yourself or a friend!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.308	Sat	2:00pm-3:30pm	1/24	\$20

POTTERY WHEEL CLASSES NEW

Ages: All

Location: Mud Shack

Come try out our pottery wheel to make all kinds of projects!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Ages	Fee
0019.301	Tu	4:30pm-6:00pm	2/3-2/24	6-15	\$110
0019.302	Tu	7:00pm-8:30pm	2/3-2/24	16+	\$110

FUSED GLASS CROSS OR STAR NEW

Ages: 16+ yrs.

Location: Mud Shack

Make a cross or star pendant.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.303	W	7:00pm-8:30pm	2/4	\$35

MULTICOLOR MEZZUZAH NEW

Ages: 16+ yrs.

Location: Mud Shack

Can be used as a housewarming gift or family keepsake!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.305	Sun	3:00pm-4:30pm	2/15	\$30

WINTER-THEMED COASTERS NEW

Ages: 16+ yrs.

Location: Mud Shack

Use these coasters all winter long!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.307	Sat	4:00pm-5:30pm	2/21	\$30

SPECIALTY CLASSES

CHESS INSTRUCTION

Ages: 5-14 yrs

Location: Horsham Library

Class is evenly split between a lesson and play time. The lessons range from learning the rules to advanced tournament strategies.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
3012.303	M	5:15pm-6:15pm	1/26 - 3/23 (no class 2/16)	\$115
3012.105	M	5:15pm-6:15pm	4/6 - 6/1 (no class 5/25)	\$115

MOVIEMAKING MONDAYS NEW

Age: 8-14 yrs

Location: Community Center

Run by Madcap Theater, who presents our theater camps.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0020.101	W	5:00pm-6:30pm	1/21 - 3/11	\$80

MOTORIZED MACHINES NEW

Ages: 8-11 yrs

Location: Horsham Library

Learn how machines work, and even make your own!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5868.101	Tue	4:00pm-5:00pm	1/20-2/24	\$95

FORENSICS FOR FUN NEW

Ages: 9-12 yrs

Location: Horsham Library

Conduct experiments to predict trial decisions!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5867.101	W	4:00pm-5:00pm	3/4-4/8	\$95

VIDEO GAME ANIMATION

Ages: 8-12 yrs

Location: Horsham Library

Create interactive stories and characters for your video games!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5866.101	W	4:00pm-5:00pm	1/21-2/25	\$95

SCIENCE EXPLORERS' "EUREKA!"

Ages: 6-12 yrs

Location: Community Center

Become an inventor! Taught by Science Explorers.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5868.101	M	5:30pm-6:30pm	1/26-3/2 (no class 2/16)	\$75

REDESIGNING LIFE AFTER RETIRING

Ages: 50+

Location: Community Center

You're retired. Now what? Join Life Coach Gayle Crist to learn to assess your priorities and determine what to do next and how to get started!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1816.201	Th	9:00am-11:00am	2/26	\$25

DOWNSIZING TO A SMALLER HOME

Ages: 50+

Location: Community Center

Whether moving to a smaller physical space, or looking to simplify the space you are in now, Life Coach Gayle Crist can help with tips from professional organizers and interior designers.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1816.101	Th	9:00am-11:00am	3/26	\$25

STARTING A BUSINESS IN MIDLIFE

Ages: 50+

Location: Community Center

Life Coach Gayle Crist will teach you how to turn a talent or passion into a 'cottage industry', and will guide you to local resources that help small businesspeople create a business plan and a marketing strategy for success.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1816.102	Th	9:00am-11:00am	4/30	\$25

Mission Statement of Horsham Township Department of Parks and Recreation

The Horsham Township Department of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to serving as a partner in providing essential open space and parks and recreation services that enhance the quality of life and deliver individual, community, environmental, and economic benefits to its customers.

Registration Information

Pre-Registration is required for all Programs

You can register for any of the programs described in this newsletter at the Horsham Community Center, 1025 Horsham Rd., Horsham, PA 19044 between 8:30am and 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday, except for holidays, or mail your payment with a registration form and a check made payable to Horsham Township. For in-person registration we accept cash, check or credit cards.

For information please call 215-643-3131.

- » All Parks and Recreation programs are open to residents and non-residents.
- » All programs will require the completion of a medical release and liability waiver.
- » Unless otherwise stated, all programs are held in the Township Community Center.
- » All programs have a minimum and maximum participation requirement, so please register early.
- » Programs are subject to cancellation due to insufficient registrations, inclement weather or any other reasonable cause.
- » NO REFUNDS will be given unless you provide us with a medical note stating why you cannot participate in the program or if we receive at least 48 hours notice prior to the starting date of the program, as long as your cancellation does not reduce the participation level below the required minimum. There will be a \$10 fee charged for any withdrawal. To withdraw from a bus trip you must give Horsham Township 30 days prior notice, no refunds within 30 days of the trip.
- » If a class is canceled or closed, you will receive a full refund in the form of a check.
- » There is a \$25 charge for any check returned by the bank.
- » Photo release: By registering for any Horsham Township Parks and Recreation Department program, you agree to allow publication of any photos taken at any program or event.

Horsham Recreation Scholarship Program

Horsham Township will be offering scholarships to children who would like to participate in our programs. They will be based on financial need. Applications are available from the Recreation Dept. at the Community Center. This program is for children only and applies to all programs offered, except for bus trips.

DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS/AMUSEMENTS

Camelback Bear Creek Blue Mountain
 Big Boulder Jack Frost Seven Spring
 Blue Knob Elk Mountain Shawnee Mountain
 Roundtop/Liberty/Whitetail Sno Mountain

DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS



Horsham Township sells discount movie tickets at the Community Center. Tickets are \$7.50 each and can be used for any movie playing at a U.S. Regal Theatre. They have no expiration date and make a great gift idea. (Price subject to change)

DISCOUNT PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW TKTS: "BELLA ITALIA"



Horsham Township will be selling discount tickets to this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, "Bella Italia". We will have a limited number of tickets for sale at \$22.00 adults & \$13.00 children (2-12yrs). The show will run from March 1-8.

SAVE THE DATE!

Horsham Day 2009 will be held on *Saturday, June 6, 2009!* To get information on the day's events, or to learn how to volunteer or become a sponsor, call us at 215-643-3131 or visit: <http://www.horsham.org/departments/parks/horsham-day.aspx>

HORSHAM TWP. COMMUNITY CENTER

The Horsham Township Community Center is located at 1025 Horsham Road behind the Horsham Township Police Station/Township Building. We are approximately 3.25 miles from Route 611 and we are approximately 5 miles from Route 309, we are directly across the street from Deep Meadow Park.

Registration Methods



By Mail:

Horsham Township
 1025 Horsham Rd.
 Horsham, PA 19044

If you mail in your registration, you must send a check with the registration form.

Payable to: Horsham Township

***If you would like a receipt sent to you please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your registration.

Walk In:

At above address

Walk-in registration can pay with cash, check, Visa, Master Card or Discover. All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 fee.

Horsham Township Parks and Recreation Registration Form

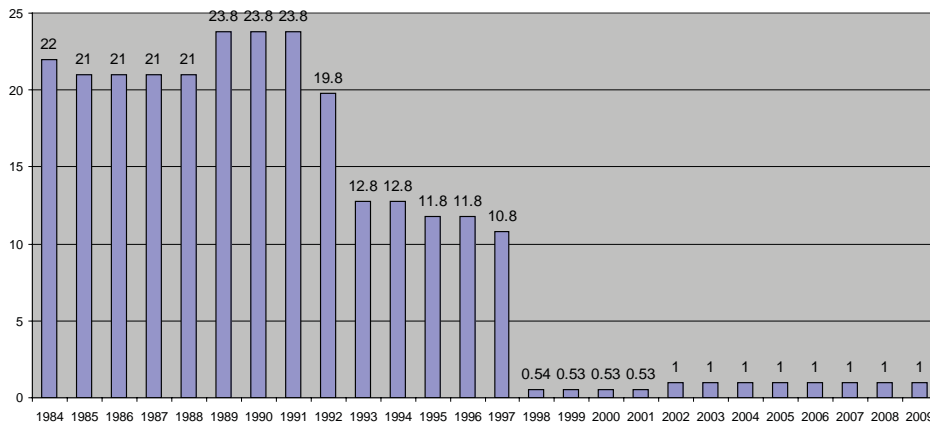
Parent/guardian: _____
 Address: _____ H Phone #: _____
 City: _____ C Phone #: _____
 Participant's Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
 E-mail Address: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Class #	Course Name	Fee

WAIVER AND RELEASE: If one of the above programs is a sports program, I certify that I, the undersigned, or the parent or legal guardian of the participant, do certify that the participant is in good health and is able to participate in such a program. I understand that no health, and/or accident insurance is provided for participants and I accept full responsibility for obtaining the same or for payment of all expenses in the absence of such insurance. Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, and in consideration of the mutual relationship of others participating in said program, and of my participation therein, I do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, forever remise, release and discharge Horsham Township, their successors and assigns, directors, officers, members agents, and other representatives, and their heirs executors, administrators and assigns, from any and all manner of action, cause of action, suits, debts, accounts, controversies, damages, claims and demands whatsoever, which I or my legal representative may have or acquire against Horsham Township or their directors, officers, members, agents and other representatives, by reason of any loss resulting from personal injury or damage to baggage or any other personal property belonging to me which may occur during or by reason of my participation in said program. I hereby grant Horsham Township and any of their directors, officers, members, agents, and other representatives full authority to take whatever action they consider to be warranted regarding my health and safety, and I fully release Horsham Township and any of their directors from any liability for such actions taken on my behalf.

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Township Tax Remains the Same in 2009



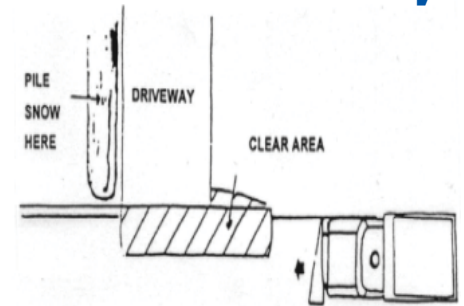
Horsham Council adopted the 2009 Budget in December keeping the real estate tax rate at 1-mill which equates to \$1 of tax for every thousand dollars of assessment. The average home in Horsham is assessed at approximately \$178,000. Thus the average homeowner will pay \$178 to the Township. The last year Horsham Township increased the tax rate was 1989. Since that time the rate for the township's operation has either remained the same or been reduced, except when in 2002 the rate was increased from .53-mill to 1-mill as a result of the library voter referendum. The rate for the Township's general fund has continued at .53 since 1999 thru at least 2009, see the chart above. The bond issue for the construction of the Library is our only debt. Notwithstanding the low tax rate the Township continues to invest heavily in road improvements, park development, and major infrastructures such as the new Police Building.

Brownie Troop Visits the Police Station!



Brownie Troop 7117 recently visited Horsham Township's Police Station, and were given a tour and a look inside a police car by Officer Mike Peter. Above, the members of the Troop pose with Officer Peter next to his police car.

Keep Plowed Snow Off Your Driveway



While facing your house shovel an opening in the snow to the right of your driveway and toss the snow to the left. This way when a plow comes, the snow on its blade will go into the opening and not into your driveway.

Flood Plan Insurance Reminder

The Township continues to encourage that every property owner strongly consider the purchase of flood insurance. Most property owner's insurance policies do not cover losses incurred due to flooding.

Winter 2009 Stormwater Management

Our Municipal Stormwater System is an important infrastructure of our town and one that you should know about. The purpose of the stormwater system is to collect rain water and move it to our streams or other holding areas, so that our houses and streets do not flood. It is important to know that the water collected eventually goes directly into the streams and into our ground water; it does not get treated or cleaned. We need to protect this water and our storm sewer system from pollutants. What can you do to help? Please make sure that you do not put anything into the storm sewer, if you see someone dumping into a storm sewer please call the police. For more information on Horsham Township Storm Water Management please visit the following webpage: <http://www.horsham.org/information/stormwater.aspx>.

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Be a Horsham Library Volunteer

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks and activities, such as:

- Shelving returned materials
- Leading book discussion groups
- Providing "hospitality" in the Café
- Putting book jackets, pockets and labels on new books and mending torn pages, twisted cassette tapes, and other minor damage
- Helping the children's librarian during story hours and after-school programs
- Being a leader/mentor for after school programs (such as chess club) or presenting a program on a topic you know well (such as a travelogue, a workshop on investing, a gardening program, you name it).
- Putting up exhibits and displays; recruiting exhibits from individuals and organizations in the community

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Circulation Supervisor Mrs. Bobbie Sers by email at bsers@mclinc.org or by calling the library at 215-443-2609.

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New Police Building Gets Underway



The members of Council broke ground for the new police building on December 6th. Pictured with shovel in hand are L-R: Mark McCouch; Gregory Nesbitt; Council President Joanna Furia; Council Vice President W. William Whiteside; and Andrew Santacroce. Despite the cold weather the ground breaking was very well attended. In addition to most of the police officers and their families, there were many graduates of the Citizens Police Academy and the general public. The new building is expected to be fully operational at the end of 2009.

Horsham and Hatboro Police Departments Looking Ahead to 2009 Citizens' Police Academy

The Horsham Police Department and the Hatboro Police Department are considering conducting the 13th Citizen's Police Academy in the spring of 2009. The classes will be held on Wednesday evening and start at 7pm and run until 9:30pm. The Academy is open to citizens of Horsham Township, the Borough of Hatboro and surrounding communities.

During the 10 week academy the participants will become familiar with the way the police perform their duties. Topics will include accident investigations, the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and Vehicle Code, Police K-9, Firearms, Use of Force, Drug Awareness, Crime Scene Processing and other interesting and timely topics. Police Officers from Horsham and Hatboro will instruct the classes.

Anyone wishing to participate must complete an application available at either the Horsham Police Station located at 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, Pa 19044 or the Hatboro Police Station located at 120 E. Montgomery Ave., Hatboro, Pa 19040. Applications are also available at www.horsham.org (under police department). Any questions can be directed to Horsham Police Lieutenant Jon Clark at 215-643-3600.