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'Money Magazine' Ranks Horsham #15 of the Top 100 Places to Live in the USA!

Money Magazine proclaimed Horsham Township to be number 15 in the top 100 communities in the United States. Four of the top 100 communities are in Pennsylvania. This year's survey focused on places with a population between 7,500 and 50,000 that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community. We believe that the Horsham Township park system, Horsham Township Library, the Hatboro Horsham School District, ample employment opportunities and a wide range of housing are some of the factors that led to this fantastic ranking. The most important factor, however, is the people that live and work in Horsham. Without you and your commitment to Horsham it would not have happened. We are blessed with many residents, community groups, youth sports organizations and businesses that work tirelessly to make Horsham a great place to live and work. Thank you and congratulations on this recognition by CNN Money Magazine.

To keep up to date on what's happening in Horsham Township, please tune in to Channel 22 on Comcast Cable and check our website at www.horsham.org daily!

New Basketball Court Opens at Lukens Park on Dresher Road!



Horsham Township Council members (L-R Andrew Santacroce, Mark McCouch, President Joanna Furia, Vice President W. William Whiteside, Gregory Nesbitt) were among the first to test their basketball skills on the newly constructed full size court. The court, which is next to Everybody's Playground and the pavilion, is the latest major improvement to one of our many township parks. In keeping with the theme for Everybody's Playground the basketball backboards can be lowered in height for wheelchair competition.

Horsham Water and Sewer Authority is Asking for Your Help

The Horsham Water and Sewer Authority is asking for your help to keep down the sewage treatment costs. The federal and state governments continue to mandate ever increasingly difficult standards for the treatment of sewage. Of course, the more stringent standards are intended to protect our environment. However, they are not met without (see "**Water**" p. 7)

What is Stormwater Management?

Our Municipal Storm Sewer System is an important infrastructure of our town and one that our residents need to be informed about. The purpose of the storm sewer system is to collect water and keep it moving to our streams or other holding areas, such as drainage basins, so that our houses and streets do not flood. It is important to understand that the water that is collected goes directly into the streams and into our ground water, so we need to protect this water and our sewer system from pollutants. What can you do to help? Please make sure that you do not put anything into the storm sewer, and 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 website: <http://www.horsham.org/information/stormwater.aspx>.

Horsham Email Alerts Direct to You

One of the new features on the Horsham Township website is email alerts. As part of our continuing effort to keep you informed, we have added a feature that enables you to receive an email to inform you on a wide array of important information as soon as it is posted. Please sign up today at: <http://www.horsham.org/news/email.aspx>. This latest effort to keep you informed is in addition to our award winning newsletter, website and Local Government Channel which is currently located on Channel 22 on Comcast Cable. Verizon reports that our Channel will appear on their cable system later this year.

New Surfacing of Trail at Clearbrook Park

The Horsham Township Parks Department is in the process of widening the trail at Clearbrook Park and will be paving the whole path to make a wider, smoother path for residents to utilize in the near future. Stay tuned for more updates on this project.

October is Fire Prevention Month



October is fire prevention Month and the members of Horsham Fire Company remind you that smoke detectors save lives. Remember to test your smoke detector to insure that it is working. Your smoke detector battery should be changed annually. An easy reminder is when you change your clocks you should change your battery. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4th this year.

Fire Prevention week is Sunday, October 7th thru Saturday, October 13th. On Wednesday, October 10th both Battalion 1 on Meetinghouse Road and Battalion 2 on Horsham Road will have an open house from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Also, everyone is invited to attend a fire prevention demonstration and open house from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday October 20th at the new Battalion 2. As always, the men and women of the fire company invite you stop in whenever the members are present to tour the facilities or learn more about how you can help to keep Horsham a safe place to live and work.

Horsham Road Traffic Signals

In the last edition of this newsletter that was distributed in May 2007, we reported that Township Council had commissioned a study to determine if traffic signals were needed on Horsham Road at both Cedar Hill Road and Chestnut Lane. The township cannot install traffic signals at any location without a permit from PennDot. There are a number of criteria that must be met and documented prior to PennDot starting the process of design of the signals. The study has been completed and the traffic signals are warranted. The proposed traffic signals have been designed and submitted to PennDot for their approval. We expect to be in a position to go out to bid for the installation of the signals and award a contract in October. The signals should be installed early in 2008.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Pencil Drawing I Ages: 6-12 yrs Location: CC
Children will learn the basics of pencil drawing in a fun and creative atmosphere. Projects will include shading, perspective and cartoons.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0013.301	T	6pm-7pm	10/16-12/11	\$54

*No class 12/4

Pencil Drawing II Ages: 12-16 yrs Location: CC
This class will cover not only the basics of drawing but will also go over techniques to refine your drawings. Cartooning, animation basics, and perspective will be touched upon as well as drawing realistic people and animals.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0013.302	T	7:15pm-8:15pm	10/16-12/11	\$54

*No class 12/4

Watercolor Painting Age:Adults Location: CC
This will be an open forum for watercolor painters, those who want to learn about watercolor painting or those who want to brush up on their painting skills.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0807.103	M	1pm-3pm	10/22 - 12/17 (no class 11/12)	\$40

Ladies Open Craft Time Age:Adults Location: CC
Horsham Township Parks and Recreation will be opening the Community Center for you to work on your craft projects, get help if you are stuck, give help to others, learn new craft ideas and socialize with other crafty ladies.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0809.302	Sun	2pm-4pm	11/4	\$5
0809.302	Sun	2pm-4pm	12/2	\$5

Learn to Knit Age:Adults Location: CC
Pattern books are included. Each participant needs to come with one 6oz. of worsted weight 4 ply yarn and a pair of size 10 knitting needles.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0803.302	Th	7pm-9pm	10/25, 11/1, 8, 15	\$50

Scrapbooking Age:Adults Location: CC
A great class for beginners or advanced scrapbookers. Learn different tips and ideas for scrapbooking and card making, and utilize the same techniques and supplies to create lasting memories!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0805.301	T	7pm-9pm	11/6, 13, 20, 27	\$50

Jewelry Making Age:Adults Location: CC
This jewelry class will begin with basic stringing. You will learn the tools of the trade and what materials to use for different projects which you can make.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0804.301	W/Th	7pm-9pm	11/29, 12/5, 6, 13	\$50

Kids Jewelry Class Ages: 10+ Location: CC
Your child will learn the coolest projects that can be created with string and beads.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0014.301	Th	6pm-7pm	10/25 11/1, 8, 15	\$40

Bubble Painting Ages: 5-15 Location: Mud Shack
Children will decorate a pencil holder through blowing bubbles. This technique is fun and safe, leaving a tie-dye effect on the pottery!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.302	F	6:30pm-7:30pm	10/12	\$20

Children's Glass Class Ages: 5-15 Location: Mud Shack
Children will work safely with pre-cut glass to create a colorful glass 5"x8" pocket vase that comes with a metal hanger. Glass-working is an up-and-coming trend- come check it out!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.303	S	10:30am-12:00pm	11/10	\$37

Adult Glass Class Ages: 16+ Location: Mud Shack
Participants will use shaving cream and their favorite glaze colors to create a marbled look on an 11.25" rimmed plate. This class is fun and messy!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.304	Th	7:00am-8:30pm	10/18	\$28

Adult Plate Class Ages: 16+ Location: Mud Shack
Participants will cut and adhere colored glass of all kinds to a 7.5" clear glass template to create a colorful design. Finished glass will be fused in the kiln and then slumped to create a glass dish.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0004.305	Th	6:30am-8:30pm	11/1	\$50

Messy Playtime Ages: 2-6 yrs & parent Location: CC
Moms and dads- bring your young ones out to make a mess with paints, glue, and several other types of media.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0009.302	S	10:00am-11:00am	10/13, 11/3, 17, 12/8	\$35

DANCE AND MUSIC

Children Making Music Ages: 6mos-4yrs. Location: Library
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(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0001.306	W	10:15am-11:15am	10/17-12/12	\$88
0001.307	W	11:15am-12:15pm	10/17-12/12	\$88

Tiny Toes Dance Ages: 3-5 yrs Location: Community Center
Each class is designed to improve coordination, build confidence & teach basic dance techniques.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0007.301	M	11:30am-12:15pm	Oct. 15 - Dec. 3	\$54

Ballroom, Latin, Swing Ages:Adults Location: CC
With these dances, whether dancing to popular music or oldies, dancing to the big band sound, or ballroom dancing, you will be able to dance the night away.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0801.301	M	7:00pm-9:00pm	10/8-11/19	\$100

*No class 11/12

Learn to Ice Skate Ages: 3yrs - Adult
Location: The Rick at Warwick

Learn to Skate is designed to teach basic skating skills while providing a fun, family oriented atmosphere. Our goal is for skaters to achieve a proficient level of skating either of hockey, figure or recreational skating. We are offering an adult only class this year due to the success of last year. **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

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1005.301	Th (tots)	10am-11am	11/1-1/10	\$115 no class 11/22
1005.302	T	5:40pm-6:40pm	11/6-1/15	\$115 no class 11/20, 12/25, 1/1
1005.303	S	2:15pm-3:45pm	11/3-1/12	\$115 no class 11/24, 12/22, 29
1005.304	Sun.	2:15pm-3:45pm	11/4-1/13	\$115 no class 11/25, 12/23, 30

Beginning Robotics Ages: 4-6 yrs Location: Library
 Children ages 4-6 will teach "Roamer the Robot" to follow their instructions. Can we make Roamer go 6 steps forward and turn left? Can we make it draw the outline of a house by the movements we program it to make? Can we get Roamer to go from Pennsylvania to Arizona on a map? The children can even teach Roamer to play music.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0015.301	W	3:00pm-4:00pm	10/17-11/14	\$90

Build a Video Game Ages: 8-12 yrs Location: Library
 Children ages 8-12 will creatively design, build, and edit their very own video games from scratch! What action will take place? What are the objectives and outcomes? Design the action and the characters. The children will feel a sense of power as the characters do what they want them to do. Participants will take home a CD with the Video Game Design software program on it.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5862.301	W	4:15pm-5:15pm	10/17-11/21	\$100

Technical Art & Design Ages: 8-11 yrs Location: CC
 You will create your own characters, sculptures, and 3D art. Then you will program them for action! Design jewelry that lights up on command or plays music! Create a birthday cake that plays the "Happy Birthday" song. Make a cat and program it to purr when you pet it. Your Robots will respond to light, touch, sound, etc. Imagination is the main ingredient!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5863.301	Th	5:00pm-6:00pm	10/18-11/29	\$100

*no class 11/22

Dream Vacation Ages: 9-12 yrs Location: CC
 A special 3 day class to keep kids occupied during the holiday break from school! Plan the family vacation of your dreams! You do it all, from researching the Internet, to choosing the destination, to creating a budget, a list of activities to do when you are there, and developing an impressive presentation to convince the rest of your family. You will build computer application skills and decision making skills as you research your Dream Vacation possibilities. A great way to beat winter break boredom and cold!

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
5864.301	W,Th,F	9:30am-11:30am	12/26-12/28	\$90

Science in Action for Brownies Ages: 5+ yrs

Location: Community Center

This workshop provides all the requirements for the Science in Action Badge for Brownies. Activities will include weird glop, chemical balloons, chromatographic butterflies, magnetic attraction boxes, and light and color relationships. You do not need to

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
3013.301	Sat.	10:00am-11:30am	10/27	\$20

*There is an additional \$5 cash fee due at class time for supplies

Jr. Girl Scout Geologist Badge Ages: 5+ yrs

Location: Community Center

This workshop provides all the requirements for the Rocks Rock Geologist Badge. Activities include an indoor rock hunt, classifying rocks, classifying soil types, and making and understanding the

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
3016.301	Sun.	2:00pm-3:30pm	12/9	\$20

*There is an additional \$5 cash fee due at class time for supplies

Science Badge- Cub Scouts Ages: 5+ yrs

Location: Community Center

The scouts will make a simple compass, investigate pulse rates, make an artificial rainbow, show that hot air rises, learn to recognize constellations, and receive instruction and materials for growing crystals. This workshop provides the requirements for

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
3015.301	Sun.	2:00pm-3:30pm	12/2	\$20

*There is an additional \$5 cash fee due at class time for supplies

Science Sleuth Badge

Ages: 5+ yrs

Location: Community Center

Join the fun and don't be late for this newly offered jam-packed workshop! It includes several activities in detective science, genetics, light interaction, sound vibrations, metallurgy, water

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
3014.301	Sun.	2:00pm-3:30pm	11/18	\$20

*There is an additional \$5 cash fee due at class time for supplies

Jr. Girl Scout Discovery Badge

Ages: 5+ yrs

Location: Community Center

This workshop provides all the requirements for the Science Discovery Badge. Junior Girl Scouts will make artistic designs using chemical reactions, make a kaleidoscope, explore optical illusions and water tricks, and demonstrate diffraction, refraction,

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
3017.301	Sat.	1:30pm-3:00pm	10/27	\$20

*There is an additional \$5 cash fee due at class time for supplies

Learn Magic I Ages: 6-8 yrs Location: Horsham Library

Learn how to perform some of the best beginner magic effects while improving your self-confidence, eye-hand coordination, and fine motor skills - while having a great time! Class includes all props and instructions. Please note age recommendation for this class.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0003.301	M	6:30pm-8:30pm	10/8	\$30

Learn Magic II Ages: 9-12 yrs Location: Horsham Library

This class builds on the previous class by teaching more involved magic tricks, including card magic. Students will also learn basic magic principles that turn magic tricks into astounding entertainment. Includes all props, a trick deck of cards, written instructions, and a magic book. Please note age recommendation for this class.

Course #	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0003.302	M	6:30pm-8:30pm	10/22	\$30

Seniors Open Afternoons

Location: Community Center

Come to the Horsham Township Community Center on the first and third Mondays of the month from 1:00-3:00pm starting in October. A room at the Community Center will be open for you and your friends to play games, bring your crafts and work on them, or just socialize with others. Coffee, tea and a snack will be provided each day. Cost is \$1.00 per day, please call us to let us know that you are coming by the Friday before so we can try to have enough snacks on hand. 215-643-3131

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 we receive at least 48 hours notice prior to the starting date of the program, or unless you provide us with a medical note stating why you cannot participate in 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. Bus trips excluded.
- » 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 based on their financial need. Applications are available from the Recreation Dept. at the Community Center. This program is for children only and is open for all programs offered, except for bus trips.

DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS/AMUSEMENTS

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

We also have tickets to Adventure Aq., Baltimore Aq., Philly Zoo, Busch Gardens Tampa, Sea World, and Adventure Island Tampa.

DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

Horsham Township is selling discount movie tickets. Tickets can be used at any U.S. Regal Theatre and for any movie. Stop by the Community Center to purchase your tickets for \$7.50 each. They are great gift ideas because they have no expiration date on them. (price subject to change)

DISCOUNT WACHOVIA CENTER TICKETS

Horsham township will have discounted tickets to many different family shows that come to the Wachovia Center this season. Please visit the following web site to see what tickets we have available: <http://www.horsham.org/parks/wachovia.aspx>

S.O.S.- SENIORS OUT SOCIALIZING

Age: 50+ Location: Community Center
The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30am in the Community Center to enjoy breakfast and special entertainment. We also enjoy a summer picnic every June and a holiday luncheon every December. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and discover new interests! Our 2007/2008 meeting dates are:

- October 18th
- November 15th
- December luncheon (date TBA)
- January 17th
- February 21st
- March 20th
- April 17th
- May 15th
- June 19th (picnic)

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

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.

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

One Registration Sheet Per Participant
Please make copies if needed

Horsham Township Parks and Recreation Registration Form

Parent/guardian: _____ Parent Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
 Address: _____ H Phone #: _____
 City: _____ C Phone #: _____
 Participants Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
 E-mail Address: _____ Child 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.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

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 increasing the cost to the consumer. Wastewater costs are based on the volume of wastewater entering the treatment plant. So whenever fresh water that does not need to be treated enters the system the cost and thus the rate you pay increases. It is estimated that approximately 30 percent of the water that enters the sanitary sewer system and ultimately goes to the treatment plant, is fresh water that entered the system on private property. A significant source of the fresh water that infiltrates the system is the connection of sump pumps and downspouts to the sanitary sewer system. Studies have indicated that at least 15% of all sump pump installations are illegally connected to the sanitary sewer system, in many cases, without the homeowner even realizing it! Do not allow your contractor to connect your sump pump to the system in any fashion. Doing so is a violation of Horsham Township Ordinance.

Sump pumps should discharge to lawns far enough away from the building foundation to prevent groundwater from recycling back into the basement. This can be achieved by attaching extensions to discharge lines so water is delivered at least 10’ from the foundation. This will also allow the water to infiltrate and absorb into the ground before it reaches a neighbor’s property. Since almost all of the public water in Horsham comes from the wells in the township, this will have an added benefit of recharging the aquifer and providing more water for our use.

Sump pump discharges can also be directed to various types of storage devices such as rain barrels. The collected water can then be used for lawn or garden watering which will conserve the public water and lower your water bills.

So, please make sure your sump pump and downspouts are discharged to the ground and not the sanitary sewer system. Thanks for your help in protecting the environment and conserve our most valuable resource, water.

Two Employees Complete 25 Years of Service



Township Manager Mike McGee presented Sue Zepp and Scott McKee with plaques commemorating their 25 years of service to the Township. Sue is the Finance Department bookkeeper and Scott is the group leader in the Parks Department.

Autumn Safety Tips

Autumn is here! As we begin this new season, please consider the following safety tips.

- When you change your clocks, also change the battery in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- As the weather gets cooler, space heaters come out of their summer hiding places. Remember to leave at least 3 feet of space around your heater. Unplug when not in use.
- Make sure that your roof is clear of leaves or pine needles and that there is clear space between your house and the nearest tree.
- Give your fireplace a fall cleaning. Call your local chimney sweep and have your chimney inspected for soot build-up.
- For Halloween, use a battery light instead of a jack o’ lantern candle.
- Make sure that children’s costumes are made of flame-retardant materials.
- Make decorations out of flame-retardant materials.
- When trick-or-treating, walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways when crossing the street and only cross at corners.

Horsham Library Offers Programming for All Ages!

The Children’s Department schedules story times for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and families on a seasonal basis. Call the Children’s Department at 215-443-2609, x 202 for scheduling information.

A library sponsored adult book discussion group meets the last Wednesday of each month. Contact the Reference Librarian at 215-443-2609, x202.

The library exhibits art work by local artists in its main hall and exhibit cases. Information about current shows can be found on its website, www.HorshamLibrary.org.

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Horsham's Picnic Pavilions



We have a pavilion at each of the following parks:

- Deep Meadow Park
- Carpenter Park
- Lukens Park
- Kohler Park

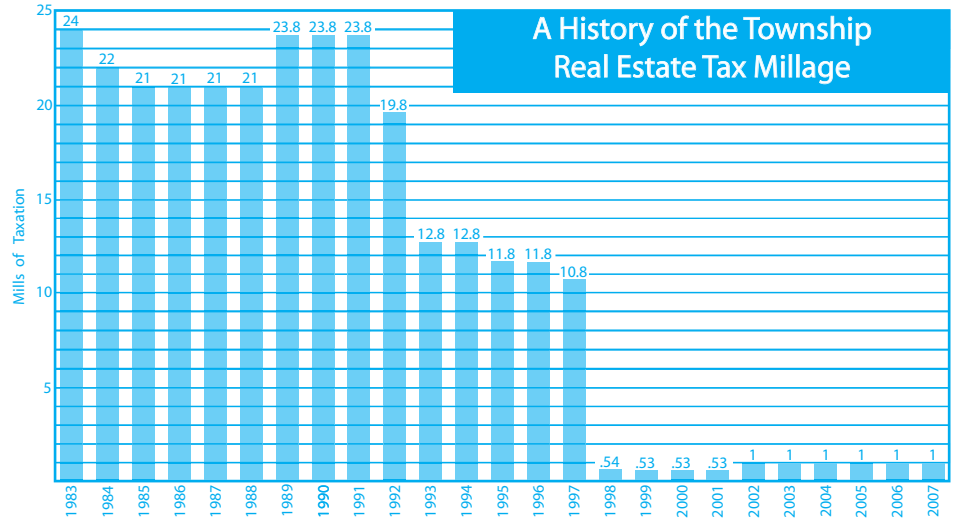
Each of the picnic pavilions has picnic tables and a grill that are yours to use during your reservation. You will have to fill out a permit and pay applicable fees for your reservation. This is a great idea for picnics, birthday parties, team or group gatherings, and many other occasions. If you have any questions call 215-643-3131.

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Council Continues to Hold the Line on Taxes



The Township is already working on the 2008 budget and the tax rate will continue at 1 mill which equates to \$1 of tax for every thousand dollars of assessment. The average home is assessed at approximately \$178,000. Thus the average home owner will pay \$178 to the Township. 1989 was the last year the Township increased the tax rate for the Township's operations. Since that time the rate for the township's operation has either remained the same or been reduced. In 2002 the rate was increased from .53 mill to 1 mill as a result of the Library voter referendum. But the rate for the Township's general fund has continued at .53 since 1999 thru at least 2008. See the chart above. The Township continues to be in sound financial condition. The bond issue for the construction of the Library is our only debt.

Curb and Sidewalk Maintenance

Please be sure to inspect and maintain your curb and sidewalks. It is the property owner's responsibility to insure that curbs and sidewalks are kept in a state of good repair. If there are any cracks greater than a quarter of an inch or elevation changes that could cause someone to trip, you should have them repaired as soon as possible. For more details of the criteria, call the township or visit our website. Please contact the township prior to the repair. A permit is needed and the township will inspect to insure that your contractor complies with the specification. Also, please have snow and ice removed from your sidewalk within twenty four hours of snowfall.