



HORSHAM TOWNSHIP REPORT

This newsletter is published by the Horsham Township Council to provide residents with important information about their township.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Township Council
1st & 4th Monday @ 7:00PM
2nd Wednesday @ 8:00PM

Planning Commission
1st Tuesday @ 8:00PM

Zoning Board
2nd Tuesday @ 7:30PM

Park and Recreation
3rd Thursday @ 7:30PM

Water & Sewer Auth.
2nd & 4th Mon. @ 7:30PM
(215) 672-8011
617 Horsham Road

Environmental Advisory
3rd Monday @ 7:00PM

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At their Sept. 14, 2011 meeting, Horsham Township Council congratulated and welcomed new police Officer Joseph Rivera after his swearing in ceremony.

Pictured (L to R), are:
Andrew Santacroce;
W. William Whiteside;
Mark McCouch, President;
Officer Joseph Rivera;
Deborah Tustin; Gregory Nesbitt, Esquire, Vice-President



HORSHAM RECOGNIZED AGAIN AS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN AMERICA

Congratulations

Township Manager William Walker is proud to announce that Horsham, PA has been selected as the 31st best place to live in America in 2011 by CNN Money Magazine. Horsham Township is one of only five municipalities in Pennsylvania that was selected and one of only 100 communities nationwide. In 2007 CNN Money Magazine selected Horsham as the 15th overall best place to live in America and in 2009 U.S. News and World Report Magazine selected Horsham as being one of the best places to live in Pennsylvania.

The selection is based on a series of indicators that include population, income, job growth, crime, housing price, school quality, health care and more. Walker states, "Horsham continues to maintain its real sense of community, providing the residents abundant park facilities, excellent schools, economic opportunity and safe neighborhoods while also attracting responsible business growth. The most important factor that makes the community so great is the people that live and work in Horsham."

Mark McCouch, Horsham Council President, states, "We are thrilled to be ranked as one of the best places to live in America. It is an honor for Horsham Township. It is really a community effort in making our Township what it is. We have great residents, an excellent school district and an active business community which amplifies our quality of life. Being ranked No. 31 in the country, and one of only five in the State, helps to validate all the great things we are doing as a community."



HLRA UPDATE

The Horsham Township Authority for NAS-JRB Willow Grove (HLRA) is continuing to work towards creating a redevelopment plan for the former Naval Air Station Willow Grove. During the spring and summer of 2011, the HLRA and its consultant, RKG Associates, held several public meetings designed to acquaint local citizens with the potential reuses for the base property and to accept input from the public.

In August 2011, RKG Associates presented three Base Reuse Alternatives that, in their opinion, best respond to the site's reuse potential. The HLRA Board is currently reviewing the alternatives along with other information relating to traffic volumes, job creation and tax revenues. Visit the HLRA website, www.hlra.org, to view the three alternative plans and to provide your feedback to the HLRA. The three plans are also on display in the Horsham Township Building M-F, 8:30AM-4:30PM.

STREET LIGHT NOT WORKING?

To report a street light that is not working, call the Highway Department at (215) 672-6913 or e-mail us at highway@horsham.org. Please provide us with the closest property address and/or description of the location of the light that needs to be repaired.

FIRE PREVENTION

October is fire prevention month and the members of the Horsham Fire Company offer the tips below. As always, the men and women of the fire company invite you to stop in whenever the members are present to tour the firehouses on Meetinghouse Road and on Horsham Road or learn more about how you can help keep Horsham a safe place to live and work.



SMOKE DETECTORS

- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, in bedrooms and outside of sleeping areas.
- Test every detector at least once a month.
- Keep smoke detectors dust free. Replace batteries with new ones at least once a year, or sooner if the detector makes a chirping sound.
- If you have a smoke detector directly wired into your electrical system, be sure that the little signal light is blinking periodically so you know the alarm is active.
- Smoke detectors are available for the hearing impaired.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage and workshop.
- Purchase an ABC type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires.
- Learn how to use your fire extinguisher before there is an emergency.
- Remember, use an extinguisher on small fires only. If there is a large fire, get out immediately and call 911 from another location.

THINKING AHEAD: Your Exit Plan

- Prepare a floor plan of your home showing at least two ways out of each room.
- Sleep with your bedroom door closed. In the event of fire, it helps to hold back heat and smoke. But if a door feels hot, do not open it; escape through another door or window.
- Agree on a fixed location out-of-doors where family members are to gather for a head count.
- Make certain that no one goes back inside the burning building.

FALL STORMWATER

Every time it rains the stormwater runs off our yards, driveways, homes and streets picking up pollutants as it travels through our storm sewers into local streams.

10 Things You Can Do To Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution:

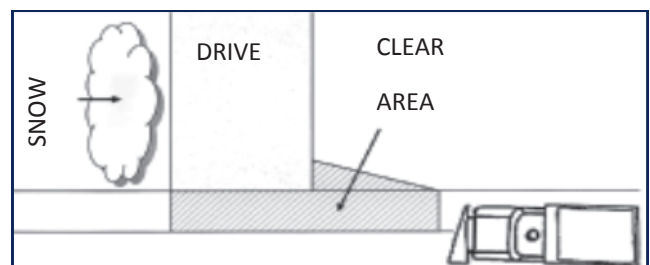
- Conserve Water by stopping faucet drips
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Pick up after your pet
- Sweep up driveways and sidewalks
- Use fertilizers & pesticides sparingly
- Plant gardens in bare spots
- Direct rooftop runoff to grass or gardens
- Check cars for leaks
- Wash cars at the car wash
- Compost your yard and organic wastes

For more information on how you as a homeowner can help minimize stormwater pollution please visit our website: www.horsham.org/information/stormwater



CURB AND SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure 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. Please contact the township prior to any repairs, as a permit is needed.



SNOW REMOVAL TIP

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.

2011 FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Bus Trips



NOVEMBER, 2011

NYC Trip "Free Day"

Let us drive you to NYC so that you can get ready to enjoy your free day in the city. The bus will drop you off near Times Square, from there our trip leader will take anyone who wants to the 1/2 price ticket line for Broadway shows. Not interested in a show? Then the day is yours to sightsee, shop, eat or do whatever.

Date: Saturday, November 5
 Depart Horsham: 7:00am (from Community Center)
 Depart NYC: 6:00pm
 Cost: \$38
 Trip #: 5002.501

DECEMBER, 2011

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

We will travel to NYC to see the world renowned "Rockettes" at the Radio City Music Hall. You will receive lower level orchestra seats for 5:00pm matinee show. This is a wonderful show for the entire family! You will also have some free time to shop and sightsee.

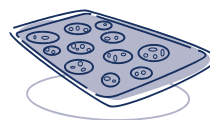
Date: Thursday, December 15
Depart Upper Dublin: 9:00am (Loch Alsh Ave)
 Depart NYC: 6:30pm (immediately following show)
 Cost: \$99
 Trip #: 5003.501



Candy Cane Day

Our annual Horsham Township Candy Cane Day will be held on Friday, Dec. 16th from 2-4pm for ages 3-5. This program is for parents and children and will include: crafts, games and even a cooking project! Please dress children appropriately as they will get messy during this event.

Date: Friday, December 16
 Ages: 3-5
 Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm
 Location: Community Center
 Cost: \$10.00/child (parents stay with child)
 Course #: 7002.501



Children's Cooking With Books



Ages: 3 - 5 yrs Location: Community Center
 This exciting program incorporates the fun of literature with the science of cooking! In each session a book is read and the children share their ideas about what took place in the story. Then, it's time for a hands-on cooking activity that relates to the story. Children will measure, stir and watch the ingredients as they magically transform to produce different foods. They will also enjoy creating a story related craft and of course, eating their snack!

*There will be a \$5 supply fee due at the first class.

Course #:	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
0011.502	Thur.	1:15pm-2:30pm	11/3 to 12/1	\$55
(no class 11/24)				

Horsham Township Powerline Trail

Listed below you will find the distances from road to road for the Horsham Township Powerline Trail:

Blair Mill to Dresher Road	.73 Miles
Dresher Road to Norristown Road	1.39 Miles
Norristown Road to Babylon Road	1.25 Miles
Limekiln Pike to Cedar Hill	.89 Miles
Cedar Hill to Biwood Road	.23 Miles



The trails offer residents countless opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoyment; enhancing our sense of community and well-being.



PARKS & RECREATION

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Horsham Township has a variety of picnic pavilions in numerous parks throughout the community that can be rented for family activities and special events. Dates can be reserved up to 3 months in advance. Park pavilions are located at Deep Meadow Park, Carpenter Park, Kohler Park and Lukens Park "Everybody's Playground".

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

The Horsham Township Community Center is available to rent for birthday parties, bridal and baby showers and other events. Dates can be reserved up to 3 months in advance. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted. The Community Center is located at 1025 Horsham Road behind the Horsham Township Building.

For more information on renting the Community Center or a park/pavilion, please call us at (215) 643-3131 and ask for the Recreation Department. Information is available at our website www.horsham.org under Parks & Recreation.

HORSHAM DAY
Many thanks to the Horsham Day Sponsors who helped make the day spectacular!



Goodman Properties
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Tonelli's Pizza
Chapman
Heffernan and Partners
The Horsham Clinic
Reed Technology
Allied Waste Services
Aqua

Carroll Engineering Corp.
Gilmore & Associates, Inc.
Grim, Biehn & Thatcher
Horsham Days Inn
TEVA Pharmaceuticals
English Village Apartments



Trick or Treat!

Halloween is Monday, October 31, 2011

Kids should always Trick or Treat with an adult. Be careful when walking the streets. Wear something reflective on your costume so cars can see you. The Horsham Township Police will be giving out candy from their patrol cars.



HORSHAM LIBRARY CLASSES

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Sharpen your creative writing skills with this 2 month workshop. If you think you have the Great American Novel hiding inside, October and November are the months to dig it out! Lots of great tips and ideas will be shared, along with writing exercises. Open to all writers from 7th grade through adults. questions, call the library @ 215-443-2609 x202.

◆ Mondays, 7pm-8:30pm Oct. 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14, 21, 28

SLIPPED STITCHERS

This free knitting club meets Wednesday evenings 7:00pm—8:30pm at the library and is open to all ages, 8 – 80! Enjoy learning the basics or just catching up on a long-lost hobby. It's a great chance for grandmoms, moms and daughters to spend some time together. Initial supplies can be loaned for beginners to get started. No registration required.

HORSHAM LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

This awesome book club is expanding to afternoons beginning October 26th. Each month, the same book will be discussed both in the afternoon and the evening. Afternoon session 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Evening session 6:45pm – 8:00pm. For more information, call Sandra Courtney, 215-443-2609 x211

Discount Tickets

Buy your tickets before you go and save big money! Tickets can be purchased Monday—Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm at the Horsham Township Building.



DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

Horsham Township has discount tickets for Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres and Edwards Theatres! Tickets can be used for any movie at any time. Movie tickets make great gifts for the holidays. **Tickets are \$8.00** *price subject to change.

DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS

Get discount tickets to the following Ski Resorts:

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



Sign up for E-mail Alerts to get up-to-date Parks & Recreation info. at www.horsham.org/news/email

TOWNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



POLICE TO HONOR FALLEN COMRADES



The 13th annual Project Blue Light ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Horsham Firehouse next to the Township Building on Horsham Road. The purpose of the project is to heighten awareness of law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Residents are asked to place a blue light in a window of their home during the holiday season to show your support for your police officers. Public should arrive at 6:00pm for the ceremony. Our guest speaker will be Mike Carroll, Chairman of the Executive Board of the International Chiefs of Police Association. For more information please visit www.horsham.org/departments/police/project-blue-light.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Library patrons who own a Kindle e-book reader can now borrow electronic books in a format compatible with their Amazon device. Details are available on the library's webpage by clicking the "Digital Books to Go" link. Since introducing the down-loadable e-book service fifteen months ago the library district's collection of e-books has grown to over 4,000 titles.



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SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY DATABASES

Horsham Township residents can now access the authoritative World Book Encyclopedia on-line 24/7 from home, school or office using their library card. Visit the library's website at www.Horshamlibrary.org, click on the "On-line Resources" link, and click on the World Book Online icon. World Book Online offers resources especially for young children, students, as well as adults. The World Book Online is continually updated to keep pace with rapid changes in current events, science, and other frequently changing fields.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Township Manager William Walker (right) congratulates Officer Christopher Blum and Sergeant Richard Carey for serving and protecting Horsham Township residents for the past 25 years.

REFINANCING BONDS FOR LIBRARY SAVES TOWNSHIP \$225,000



A decade ago the voters of Horsham Township passed a referendum that enabled the borrowing of money to build a library. In 2002, the amount borrowed was \$6,500,000 at a rate of approximately 5.07%. Three years later, in 2005, Township Council refinanced the remaining debt of \$6,380,000 at a rate of 4.07%. And in August 2011, Township Council again refinanced the remaining debt of \$6,140,000 at a rate of 3.49%. The August refinancing resulted in the Township achieving approximately \$225,000 in savings! The new 2011 bonds have a five year call feature, meaning that five years from now we will have the ability to refinance again and obtain even more interest rate savings. The library bond is Horsham's only major long-term debt.



**BE READY TO CAST
YOUR VOTE IN THIS
YEAR'S GENERAL
ELECTION ON
NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



FALL YARD MAINTENANCE



Special thanks to our residents for doing their part by keeping their lawns clean and mowed. Throughout the year, homeowners inevitably find themselves in a dilemma of how to dispose of excess grass clippings or tree branches from their properties.

To properly remove grass clippings and tree branches, Horsham Township offers residents a dumpster behind the Community Center to bring yard waste. All yard debris must be in biodegradable paper yard waste recycle bags, which can be purchased at grocery stores or at the Township Municipal Building (tree branches not to exceed 4 feet long/4 inches thick). Horsham Township residents can purchase these bags at the Township Municipal Building at 3 bags for \$1.00.

Contact your trash hauler for more information regarding pick up of leaves, yard waste, trees, and appliances and recycling.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU CLINICS SCHEDULED

The Montgomery County Health Department, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, will be conducting three drive-thru flu clinics for any Montgomery County resident age 6 months and older. No Pneumococcal or Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) vaccine will be given at the following clinics. The shots are free for Montgomery County residents.

The following is a list of the drive-thru and walk-in flu clinic dates where you will be able to receive a flu shot. At the drive-thru sites all residents will be vaccinated in cars only; no walk-up shots given.

10/15/11 Saturday 10 AM – 1 PM
Montgomery Co. Community College
340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell

10/27/11 Thursday 10 AM – 1 PM
Congregation Beth Or
239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen

11/5/11 Saturday 10 AM – 1 PM
Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington



MUNICIPAL WASTE FALL 2011 COLLECTION DATES

TRASH HAULER	SERVICE	DAY	DATE
ALLIED WASTE 215-723-0400	Leaf Collection Leaf Collection Holiday Trees	Saturday Saturday	Nov. 5, 2011 Dec. 10, 2011 No date avail. yet
WASTE MANAGEMENT 215-257-1142	Leaf Collection Leaf Collection Holiday Trees	Saturday Tuesday Saturday	Oct 29, 2011 Nov. 19, 2011 Jan. 21, 2012
ARTHUR MOORE 215-646-6279	Leaf Collection Leaf Collection Holiday Trees	Wednesday Wednesday Saturday	Oct. 5, 2011 Nov. 23, 2011 Jan. 7, 2012
CHEST-MONT 800-710-1333/610-584-5450	Leaf Collection Leaf Collection Holiday Trees	Saturday Tuesday Monday	Nov. 5, 2011 Dec. 3, 2011 Jan. 7, 2012
G & C WASTE 610-313-9710	Leaf Collection Leaf Collection Holiday Trees	Saturday Saturday Saturday	Nov. 12, 2011 Dec. 10, 2011 Feb. 4, 2012
EVERGREEN WASTE SOLUTIONS 610-337-7397	Leaf Collection Leaf Collection Holiday Trees	Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday	Oct. 25, 2011 Nov. 29, 2011 Jan. 3, 2012

Please check with your hauler on bag limits and for any other special instructions and/or regulations.



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NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS WILL CHANGE INSURANCE RATES

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released new maps, also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), to reflect current flood risks, replacing maps that were up to 14 years old. As a result, property owners throughout Montgomery County will have up-to-date, reliable, Internet-accessible information about your flood risk, on a property-by-property basis. This flood map modernization project is a joint effort of Montgomery County, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Temple University.

Copies of the Preliminary Floodplain Maps are available for review at the Township Building located at 1025 Horsham Rd, Horsham, PA 19044. If you are uncertain about the location of your property or whether you are affected by the mapping changes the Township is available to assist you. If your property is found to be in or near the floodplain the Township strongly encourages you to contact your mortgage lender, insurance agent, civil engineer, land surveyor, and/or attorney to accurately assess your situation. For many property owners the mapping changes will have no affect. **However, for residents and owners of property mapped into either a lower or higher risk flood zone; the new designation could affect your requirement to carry flood insurance.**

There will be a Public Comment Period which FEMA has tentatively announced will end in August 2012. This is a time when citizens will have the opportunity to submit technical and/or scientific data to file a protest regarding their individual property, or an appeal regarding the accuracy of the mapping process in general. If you would like to file an appeal based on technical and/or scientific data the Township recommends you consult with a civil engineer or land surveyor to provide you with the necessary technical assistance and that your appeal must be received by FEMA prior to the end of the Public Comment Period.

Once any needed map changes are incorporated, FEMA will issue a Letter of Final Determination. Six months later, an ordinance approving the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map will be adopted by Horsham Township. This is required by law so that the Township maintains their National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) designation. This designation provides certain benefits to the residents of Horsham. The maps will then become effective, as will any new flood insurance requirements. It is expected the Letter of Final Determination will be issued tentatively in November 2012. Adoption of the new FIRMs will then follow tentatively in May 2013.

For additional information visit: FEMA: www.fema.gov and/or National Flood Insurance Program : www.floodsmart.gov