

# Horsham Township Report

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## Happy New Year



The members of Council wish you and your family a happy and healthy new year. The members of Council are (L-R) Andy Santacroce, Vice President Bill Whiteside, President Joanna Furia, Mark McCouch and Gregory Nesbitt.

## Council Holds The Line On Taxes-Again

In December, Horsham Township Council adopted the 2007 Budget and Tax Levy. The Real Estate Tax rate will continue at the rate of 1 mill for the 6th consecutive year (See the chart below). The budget provides for several major capital purchases for both the Police and Highway Departments. In order to ensure that our Police Officers have the proper equipment, the Police Department will be replacing four vehicles, the voice recorder for the telephone system and new laptop computers for the patrol cars. With the upgrade of the computers and software in the patrol cars the officers will have access to more information which is especially helpful during car stops. The Highway Department will be replacing a backhoe and two trucks with plows in a continuing effort to ensure that our equipment is ready to maintain and plow our township roads. The Township's repaving program is once again well funded to ensure

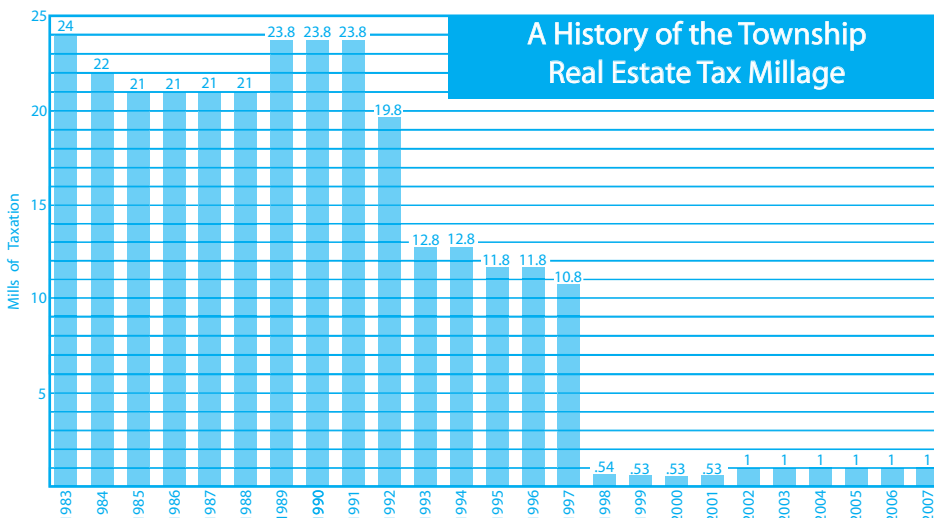


Chart shows the history of the township real estate tax for the past 24 years. There was a major reduction in 1993 with the advent of the earned income tax. The millage was reduced again in 1998 due to the county reassessment. It increased .47 of a mill in 2002 to fund the Library, which was the result of a voter referendum.

## Protecting Water Quality from Urban Runoff

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers, and lakes. These pollutants include: sediment, pesticides, oil, grease and other chemicals from vehicles, viruses, bacteria and nutrients from pet waste, road salts and thermal pollution from dark impervious surfaces such as roofs, parking lots and streets.

What can you do to help? You can pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly, if using pesticides or fertilizers on your lawn follow directions carefully and sweep any particles that land on your driveway or walks back into the grass. When washing your vehicle, park in the grass or on a gravel driveway so that the runoff can filter into the ground. Also, please remember to never dump anything into storm drains. If you see someone dumping into a storm drain please report it to the township. Everyone doing their part to help can greatly reduce the amount of pollutants in our ground water and water runoff.

*(Council holds the line.....continued)*  
that the several miles of roadways are repaved.

One of the many highlights of the Budget is the Township's ability to transfer approximately \$2 million from the 2007 General Fund receipts into the Capital Improvement Fund. This fund has been utilized to fund major projects in the past to include the construction of both fire houses, the conversion of the former highway garage into a community center and the purchase of many of our outstanding parks without incurring debt.

## Library's New Operating Hours

Mondays: 12:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Tuesdays: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Wednesdays: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Thursdays: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Fridays: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Saturdays: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Sundays: closed.

The Library rings in the new year by expanding evening hours and adding staff to keep up with increased borrowing. Effective January 2nd the library will close

at 9 PM Monday through Thursday evenings, a half hour later than before. It will now be open a total of 56½ hours each week. The increased hours are being provided without an increase in taxes.

The cost of expanded hours and staff is being funded by the Pennsylvania Public Library State Aid grant for which Horsham Township Library now qualifies. Its first state aid payment of \$96,620.98 is scheduled for January 8, making the new year very happy for the Horsham Township Library!

There are a few changes in the story time schedule. Most notably, the Twilight Tales family story time moves from Monday to Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Children are welcome to come in their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed toy to this all-ages story time program for parents and children. The Pre-school Tales story time also moves from Mondays to Thursdays at 1:30 PM starting the week of January 22. The library will no longer require pre-registration for story time sessions, so parents and children can come any time.

## Safety (CO2) Carbon Monoxide

Known as the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas caused when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Other fuel burning equipment such as vehicles or power generators, running in an attached garage or other enclosed area can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Install CO detectors inside your home and test them monthly. CO detectors are **not** substitutes for smoke detectors. Have fuel-burning equipment and chimneys inspected and serviced by a qualified professional on a regular basis.

**If your CO alarm sounds,** immediately move to the outside for fresh air and call for help. Remain outside until emergency personnel advise you that it is alright to go back in. Replace faulty or malfunctioning CO detectors at once.

## Community Center Now Available

The Horsham Township Community Center is now available for your use. The Community Center is located behind the Horsham Township Building. We have one large room 50' x 50' that can be separated into two rooms each 25' x 50' wide. The room(s) can be set up with round tables, rectangular tables or as an auditorium.

If you would like to hold a birthday party, anniversary, family reunion etc. please contact us. If you are a business and would like to hold a meeting or a lunch we would be pleased

to work with you. We have plenty of parking which allows for easy access to the building. If you are interested please stop in and take a quick tour of this wonderful building. There is a nominal fee to use the center. Our staff will be pleased to provide you all the information that you need. Please call us at 215-643-3131 with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to hearing from you so that we can help make your next event a success.



## New Park Rules Ordinance Passed

Horsham Township Council has recently passed a new park ordinance, Ordinance No. 2006-12. This new ordinance will go into effect in January of 2007 for all parks, open space and trails owned by the township. This ordinance has been passed to allow the public to have a safe and enjoyable visit to Horsham Township's park system. Watch for new rule signs to be posted in the parks during the spring. If you would like to see the complete ordinance please visit the following web site:

<http://www.horsham.org/parks/>

## Lukens Park & Everybody's Playground



As you have probably read in the local newspapers or saw on the TV news, Lukens Park was the target of vandalism in November. Everybody's Playground and the Picnic Pavilion received the bulk of the damage closing these wonderful facilities. Horsham Township has been working very hard to begin fixing the damage. The repairs will cost approximately \$80,000 which will be covered by our insurance company. Several pieces of the Everybody's Playground are going to be replaced along with a portion of the safety surfacing. The rear wall of the picnic pavilion will also be replaced. We are hoping to reopen the pavilion and the playground in late spring. The installation of the safety surfacing requires a constant minimum temperature of 45 degrees before it can be installed. It will be the last item to be installed. We hope to see you at the park this summer.



## BABIES MAKING MUSIC



Age: 5-15 months w/ parent Location: Horsham Library  
An updated and enhanced program for children 5 to 15 months. Babies Making Music is a fun and interactive music program for parent and child.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time         | Dates              | Fee  |
|----------|--------|--------------|--------------------|------|
| 0002.101 | Th     | 11:15am-12pm | Jan. 25 - March 15 | \$84 |
| 0002.102 | Th     | 11:15am-12pm | April 12 - May 31  | \$84 |

## TODDLERS MAKING MUSIC



Age: 16m-3 1/2 yrs w/ parent Location: Horsham Library  
Toddlers Making Music is a fun, interactive music program for parent and child. This program combines songs, rhythm instruments, musical games and activities.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time         | Dates              | Fee  |
|----------|--------|--------------|--------------------|------|
| 0001.101 | W      | 10:15am-11am | Jan. 24 - March 14 | \$84 |
| 0001.102 | W      | 11:15am-12pm | Jan. 24 - March 14 | \$84 |
| 0001.103 | Th     | 10:15am-11am | Jan. 25 - March 15 | \$84 |
| 0001.104 | W      | 10:15am-11am | April 11 - May 30  | \$84 |
| 0001.105 | W      | 11:15am-12pm | April 11 - May 30  | \$84 |
| 0001.106 | Th     | 10:15am-11am | April 12 - May 31  | \$84 |

## PRESCHOOLERS/K MAKING MUSIC



Age: 3 1/2-5 yrs Location: Horsham Library  
Preschoolers Making Music is a fun and interactive music program for the child. Parents will join for the last 10min of class.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time        | Dates              | Fee  |
|----------|--------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| 0003.101 | W      | 12:15pm-1pm | Jan. 24 - March 14 | \$84 |
| 0003.102 | W      | 12:15pm-1pm | April 11 - May 30  | \$84 |

## TINY TOES DANCE



Ages: 3-5 yrs Location: Community Center  
This program focuses on fun and creative ways to introduce young children to the world of dance.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time            | Dates              | Fee                  |
|----------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 0007.101 | M      | 11:30am-12:15pm | Jan. 22 - March 12 | \$63 (no class 2/19) |
| 0007.102 | M      | 11:30am-12:15pm | April 2 - May 23   | \$63 (no class 4/9)  |

## LEARN MAGIC I



Ages: 6-8 yrs Location: Community Center  
Learn to be a Magician - Class include all props and instructions.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------|------|
| 0030.101 | Th     | 6:00pm-8:00pm | 4/19  | \$30 |

## LEARN MAGIC II



Ages: 9-12 yrs Location: Community Center  
Learn to be a Magician II - This class is for the older magician who would like to learn new magic tricks.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------|------|
| 0012.101 | Th     | 6:00pm-8:00pm | 4/26  | \$30 |

## 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.

| Course #  | Day(s)    | Time            | Dates       | Fee                   |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1005.101  | T (tots)  | 1:40pm-2:40pm   | 1/23 - 3/13 | \$115                 |
| 1005.102  | T         | 5:40pm-6:40pm   | 1/23 - 3/13 | \$115                 |
| 1005.103  | Th (tots) | 10:00am-11:00am | 1/25 - 3/15 | \$115                 |
| 1005.104  | S         | 1:50pm-3:20pm   | 1/20 - 3/10 | \$115                 |
| 1005.105  | Sun.      | 1:50pm-3:20pm   | 1/21 - 3/11 | \$115                 |
| 1005.106  | T (tots)  | 1:40pm-2:40pm   | 3/20 - 5/15 | \$115 (no class 4/10) |
| 1005.107  | T         | 5:40pm-6:40pm   | 3/20 - 5/15 | \$115 (no class 4/10) |
| 1005.108  | Th (tots) | 10:00am-11:00am | 3/22 - 5/17 | \$115 (no class 4/12) |
| 1005.109  | S         | 1:50pm-3:20pm   | 3/17 - 5-12 | \$115 (no class 4/14) |
| 1005.1010 | Sun.      | 1:50pm-3:20pm   | 3/18 - 5/16 | \$115 (no class 4/8)  |

## SOCCER PETITE CLINIC



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

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates      | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|------------|------|
| 1002.101 | Th     | 4:00pm-5:00pm | 4/5 - 5/10 | \$72 |

## SOCCER STEPS CLINIC

Age: 6-8 yrs Location: Lukens Park  
Class is designed with the age, experience and ability of the player in mind.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates      | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|------------|------|
| 1003.101 | Th     | 5:00pm-6:00pm | 4/5 - 5/10 | \$72 |

## CHESS INSTRUCTION

Ages: 5-14 yrs Location: Horsham Library  
Learn to play chess from a National Master!

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates       | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------------|------|
| 3012.101 | M      | 5:15pm-6:15pm | 1/22 - 3/12 | \$70 |
| 3012.102 | M      | 5:15pm-6:15pm | 4/2 - 5/21  | \$70 |

## GOLF LESSONS

Ages: 6-15 years Location: Horsham Valley Golf Club  
The short game, irons, woods & on-course play will be covered.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates                | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------|----------------------|------|
| 1006.101 | W      | 4pm-5pm | 4/11, 18, 25, 5/2, 9 | \$65 |

## GLASS FUSING FOR KIDS

Age: 5-14 yrs Location: Mud Shack (Stump Rd.)  
Class includes instruction, tools, glass and 2 firings. Children will be given a clear glass template in the shape of a hand.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time         | Dates | Fee  |
|----------|--------|--------------|-------|------|
| 0018.101 | S      | 10am-11:30am | 4/14  | \$30 |

## SPANISH FOR CHILDREN

Ages: 7-12 yrs Location: Community Center  
Students learn Spanish through conversation, games & activities.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates       | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------------|------|
| 0016.101 | T      | 5:30pm-6:15pm | 1/23 - 3/13 | \$40 |
| 0016.102 | T      | 5:30pm-6:15pm | 4/3 - 5/22  | \$40 |

## ITALIAN FOR CHILDREN

Ages: 7-12 yrs Location: Community Center  
Students learn Italian through conversation, games and activities.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates       | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------------|------|
| 0017.101 | Th     | 5:30pm-6:15pm | 1/25 - 3/15 | \$40 |
| 0017.102 | Th     | 5:30pm-6:15pm | 4/12 - 5/31 | \$40 |

## 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.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time           | Dates                  | Fee  |
|----------|--------|----------------|------------------------|------|
| 0009.101 | W      | 9:30am-10:30am | 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25 | \$35 |

## SCOUTS SCIENCE BADGES

This session we will be offering classes to help scouts receive their science merit badges. We will have the following three classes call for complete information.

- Science in Action Badge for Brownie's
- Scientist Discovery Badge for Jr. Girl Scouts
- Webelo Scientist Badge

We will need atleast 12 participants per class and the cost per class, per participant will be \$20 and a \$5 material fee to be paid to the teacher.

## COED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Horsham Township had a successful 2006 softball season and is looking to hear from any teams who would like to play this year. We will be looking to begin play in May and have our season wrapped up in mid-August. Teams will have to field 3 women at all times during games. Any teams that are interested please call for more details. Games will be played at Lukens Park on Dresher Rd and Carpenter Park. Call 215-643-3131 to get information.

## "FIT FOR ALL" AEROBICS

Ages: Adults Location: Community Center  
Aerobics, Strengthening, Stretching class suited for all abilities. Have fun while you get your heart running and get your muscles pumped! Wear good, supportive athletic Shoes (no running shoes), comfortable clothes & bring a water bottle and a towel.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates     | Fee                  |
|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1814.101 | W      | 7pm-8pm | 1/24-3/21 | \$45 (no class 2/14) |

## PILATES

Ages: Adults Location: Community Center  
Pilates improves mental & physical well being as well as creates length, strength, & flexibility in the muscles. Helps to sculpt the body and strengthen the core.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates     | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------|-----------|------|
| 1815.101 | T      | 7pm-8pm | 1/30-3/20 | \$50 |

## LEARN TO KNIT



Ages: Adults Location: Community Center  
Knitting is fun/relaxing, you will learn the basics stitches in class.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates          | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------|----------------|------|
| 0803.101 | Th     | 7pm-9pm | 2/1, 8, 15, 22 | \$45 |

## CROCHENIT "WHAT IS IT" COME & LEARN

Ages: Adults Location: Community Center  
Crochenit, A combination of knitting and Crocheting.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates           | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------|-----------------|------|
| 0806.101 | Th     | 7pm-9pm | 3/8, 15, 22, 29 | \$50 |

## MAKE YOUR OWN JEWELRY

Ages: Adults Location: Community Center  
Making your own jewelry can be a lot of fun and very rewarding.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates             | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------|-------------------|------|
| 0804.101 | Th     | 7pm-9pm | 4/12, 19, 26, 5/3 | \$50 |

## POTTERY EASTER PLATE (11.75" ROUND)

Ages: Adults Location: Mud Shack (Stump Rd.)  
learn how to band, stencil and sponge a colorful Easter Plate.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| 0810.101 | W      | 7pm-9pm | 3/21  | \$34 |

## SUGAR WORKSHOP

Ages: Adults Location: Community Center  
*Are you addicted to sugar? Add sweetness into your life!*

- Susie Beiler, Board-Certified Holistic Health Counselor, will walk you through this interesting Health Awareness Class.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------|------|
| 3820.101 | W      | 7:00pm-9:00pm | 4/4   | \$20 |

## UNDERSTANDING FOOD LABELING

Ages: Adults Location: Community Center  
Is your food really safe to eat? Susie will go over: 10 Compelling Reasons to Know What is in Your Food!

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------|------|
| 3819.101 | T      | 7:00pm-9:00pm | 3/20  | \$20 |

## SENIORS OPEN AFTERNOONS

Age: 60+ 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 at the Community Center will be open for you and your friends to play games, bring 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 so we can try to have enough snacks on hand. 215-643-3131

## WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS/FORUM

Age: Adults Location: Community Center  
This will be an open forum for watercolor painters.

*Come to this class to learn, share and enjoy the art of painting.*

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates       | Fee                  |
|----------|--------|---------|-------------|----------------------|
| 0807.101 | M      | 1pm-3pm | 2/12 - 3/26 | \$30 (no class 2/19) |
| 0807.102 | M      | 1pm-3pm | 4/16 - 5/21 | \$30                 |

## ADULT GOLF CLASS



Ages: Adults Location: HVGC  
Open to everyone, this is a good refresher course.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates                | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------|----------------------|------|
| 1801.101 | T      | 5pm-6pm | 4/11, 18, 25, 5/2, 9 | \$70 |

## GLASS FUSING 3 X 5 PICTURE FRAME

Age: Adults Location: Mud Shack (Stump Rd.)  
Class includes instruction, tools, glass and backing for frame

| Course # | Day(s) | Time          | Dates | Fee  |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------|------|
| 0811.101 | Th     | 6:30pm-8:00pm | 2/22  | \$30 |

## CLEARING YOUR CLUTTER w/ FENG SHUI

Age: Adults Location: Community Center  
Clutter is stagnant energy that has far-reaching effects on many areas of our lives. Learn how to clear that clutter with Feng Shui.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Dates | Fee     |
|----------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| 3813.101 | Th     | 7pm-9pm | 3/22  | \$15.00 |

## FENG SHUI IN THE BEDROOM

Age: Adults Location: Community Center  
We spend one-third of our lives sleeping, so that makes the bedroom the most important room in the house.

| Course # | Day(s) | Time    | Date | Fee     |
|----------|--------|---------|------|---------|
| 3821.101 | Th     | 7pm-9pm | 4/12 | \$15.00 |

## NYC BUS TRIP



Horsham Township will drop you off in NYC. The chaperone will lead you to the half-price ticket line where you can purchase Broadway Show tickets for up to ½ off the regular price. The 9th Street International Food Festival will also be open. You will have your whole day free to explore, shop or see a show. We will return to the bus at 6:00pm for the ride home (non-stop).

Course #: 7002.101 Depart from: Rear of Community Center  
Date: Saturday, May 19 Fee: \$32.00  
Depart Horsham: 7:00am Arrive Horsham: 8:30pm

## MARCH ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

Join Horsham Township as we take a bus trip to Atlantic City. We will depart from Horsham Township Community Center and travel to Atlantic City. Casino and \$ package information will be finalized in early February. Please watch the following web-page: <http://www.horsham.org/parks/bustrips.aspx>, or 215-643-3131.

Course #: 7003.102 Depart from: Rear of Community Center  
Date: Monday, March 12 Fee: \$22.50  
Depart Horsham: 8:30 am Depart A.C.: 4:30pm

Their will be no refunds given for a bus trip with in 30 days of the date of the bus trip. Refunds before that 30 day period are subject to the \$10 admin. fee.

## 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.
- » These 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

We also have tickets to Busch Gardens Tampa, Sea World, and Adventure Island Tampa.

## 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 WACHOVIA CENTER TKTS

Horsham township will have discounted tickets to many different family shows at the Wachovia Center this season.

Please visit the following web site for ticket availability: Shows we expect to have tickets for include: The Harlem Globe Trotters, Sesame Street Live, & Ringling Brothers Circus.

<http://www.horsham.org/parks/wachovia.aspx>

## DISCOUNT PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW TKTS "LEGENDS OF IRELAND"



Horsham Township will be selling discounted tickets to this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, "Legends of Ireland," for sale beginning in late January. We will have a limited number of tickets for sale at \$21.50 adults & \$12.00 children (2-12yrs).

## 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.

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 |
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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Willow Grove Land Reuse Authority Update

The declaration of surplus property that was to have been made in May 2006 is now expected in February 2007. The Department of the Navy continues to assert that approximately 700 acres are expected to be surplus to the federal government and those acres which include the runway will be the subject of a reuse plan. The reuse plan will be developed by the Horsham Township Authority for NAS JRB. The Authority has been recognized by the Department of Defense as the single point of contact to develop plans for the future use of the property. The Governor's attempts to have the federal government maintain ownership of the property have been unsuccessful. The delay in declaring surplus centers around the location of the various military units that will remain at the site in an area that is being called a military enclave. The enclave is expected to be approximately 260 acres and will house the Air Force and Air National Guard units that will remain and the Army Reserve Units that are going to relocate to the enclave. Both the Navy and the Air National Guard are expected to continue flying missions until 2010, after which all military air planes will be moved to other bases.

## Real Estate Tax Bill

Horsham Township Council passed the 2007 budget with no increase to your township taxes. Please remember that your bill also includes your county tax and the waste generation fee. Your real estate tax bill will be mailed to you in mid to late February. There is a 2% discount period until April 30th, please take advantage of this by promptly paying your bill when you receive it. The face value payment period for the bill will conclude on June 30th. Bills paid after June 30th and before December 31 have a penalty of 10%.



The pedestrian crossing for the Township's 2.5 mile Powerline trail at Dresher Road was recently completed. Liberty Property Trust funded the cost of this much needed improvement. Pictured at the trail are (L-R) Mark Hudson, Recreation Coordinator; Bill Walker, Assistant Township Manager; Bill Pietzsch, Highway Superintendent; Mike McGee, Township Manager; and Mark Goldstein, Vice President of Liberty Property Trust.

## Dresher Road Pedestrian Crossing

Horsham Township, with the help of the Liberty Property Trust, has extended the Powerline Trail from Dresher Road to Blair Mill Road. Liberty Property Trust has installed a lighted pedestrian crossing at Dresher Road. The lights at this road crossing are activated when a walker or runner presses a button when they approach the road. As a trail user we urge you to still be very careful while crossing the road, make sure all traffic is stopped before you enter the road way. If you are driving on Dresher Road and see the lights activated please do your part and stop so that the trail user can safely cross the road.

The Powerline Trail was extended at both ends during the fall, now stretching from Kohler Park on Limekiln Pike to Blair Mill Rd. With the Horsham Road construction completed, and the addition of sidewalks to Horsham Road, you can now safely navigate from Kohler Park to the Trail at Babylon Rd.

## Maintenance of Curbs & Sidewalks

Property owners are reminded that it is your responsibility to maintain your curbs and sidewalks. Please inspect your sidewalks and curbs to check for trip hazards and or deterioration. Your sidewalks should be level and have no elevation changes greater than 3/8 of an inch. If you decide that you need to replace or repair your sidewalks or curbs please come in to the Horsham Township building and speak with the Code Enforcement Department. They will give you a spec sheet that explains the requirements that your new curb or sidewalk will must meet and issue a permit to do the work. This process will ensure that your contractor provides the Township approved materials and follows the appropriate construction guidelines to make your project a success.

## ChATs (Chief's Advisory Teams)

ChATs will be starting its 6th year of service in 2007. The objective of the ChATs program is to increase awareness within our community for suspicious activity, and unite behind a common goal of helping one another in time of need. ChATs members have given over 3,000 hours of service to their community during the past year, assisted with the Blue Light Ceremony and have developed a successful outreach program with local business. At this time they are working on organizing the National Nite Out: Saturday, August 4, 2007. Anyone interested in learning more visit their web site at: [www.horshamchats.com](http://www.horshamchats.com)

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## Horsham's Picnic Pavilions



In our park system we have four parks with picnic pavilions, that are available for you to reserve and use. 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. Each park and pavilion has its own personality so come into the Community Center and we can direct you to the pavilion that will best suit your needs. You will have to fill out a permit for your reservation. If you have any questions call 215-643-3131.

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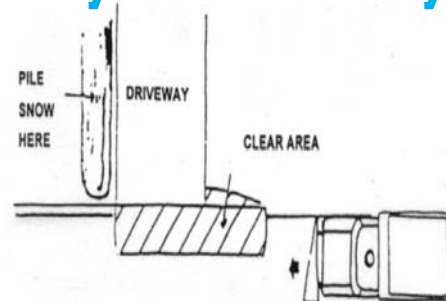


Dave Fulton, Highway Team Leader, is presented with a plaque by Michael McGee, Township Manager, and Bill Pietzsch, Highway Superintendent, to recognize Mr. Fulton's 25 years of service to Horsham Township.

## Winterizing your mailbox

Where is your mailbox located? Horsham Township would like you to make sure that your mailbox is in a location so that the mail carrier can easily access it, but that it is not too close to the road. If your mailbox is located along a road side please make sure that it is secured in cement so that it is stable. Another good idea is for you to put reflective tape on the side of the box or pole, this makes the mailbox visible to the snow plows during the evenings. Your mail carrier will do their best to deliver your mail but it is your responsibility to make sure that snow is removed from in front of your mailbox. If your mail carrier is not able to deliver you may have to pick up your mail at the post office.

## 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.

### No Parking on Roads During Snow

Residents are reminded they cannot park their vehicles on the street once a snow storm begins. If cars are parked on the roads, then plows can not get through to clear the streets.