

Salisbury Connections



Summer Playground Program

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The Salisbury Township Summer Playground Program this year was offered at Lindberg, Green Acres, Devonshire and Laubach parks.

The program involved 17 counselors at the playgrounds, overseen by two head counselors and the Director of Recreation Genny Baillie. Head counselors were Patrick Jacoby and Antonella Dimatteo, both returning from last year.

This was Baillie's 25th year directing the program which was well-established before she took over. Since then, while the program has remained largely the same, elements have been

added over the years such as the partnership with the Allentown Public Library – now in its third year. The partnership allows children to borrow books from the parks and return them either to the playgrounds, the municipal building or the Allentown library.

Jacoby returned for his 6th year working with the program and his 2nd as Head Counselor. While he did not participate in the program as a child, he keeps coming back because he "loves helping the kids have fun," he said, and running around the park is fun for him as well.

The program featured

an arts and craft workshop at each park, hosted by Head Counselors Patrick and Antonella. The workshops were held weekly, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at Green Acres Park, followed by a 10:00 A.M. session at Lindberg Park and an 11:00 A.M. session at Devonshire Park. The counselors visited Laubach Park at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesdays.

The Allentown Public Library book van visits the parks during the summer providing a chance for children to browse and select books. The van stops by the parks in the mornings on scheduled days. Children must have

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Environmental Advisory Council Hosts Earth Day

The Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council hosted its first Earth Day event this year at Lindberg Park.

On May 18th, members of the Council and the community gathered at Lindberg Park to learn about composting, recy-

cling, Bird Town USA, healthy lawn care and other topics.

The day featured presentations from Waste Management representatives Linda Emery and Patty Barthel and their robot assistant Cyler. They provided an interac-

tive program to learn about waste disposal and proper recycling. Included in their activities was an interactive game teaching about decomposition.

Brian Delphus of the Pennsylvania Audubon

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Animal Ordinance Changes

The Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners approved a greatly updated township Animal Law at their regular meeting on June 13th.

“Following an incident earlier in 2013 involving a dangerous dog, it was discovered the Township ordinance did not provide sufficient guidance to the Township Animal Control Officer,” said Township Manager Randy Soriano.

The items unmentioned in the original ordinance fell to the Pennsylvania State Dog Warden to enforce rather than the Township’s animal control officer. In response the Commissioners decided to update the Ordinance to allow greater action by a local animal control officer.

Included in the revision are an expansion of various definitions and outlining the duties and the appointment of an Animal Control Officer. The definitions expand the law to include not only dogs and cats but coyotes and the processes of abandonment and seizure.

The ordinance also goes on to outline the differences in procedures regarding licensed and unlicensed dogs. Licensed or identified dogs, if seized or detained will be kept in a kennel while their owner is notified, for up to 5

days awaiting claim. Unlicensed or unidentified dogs will be kept in a kennel for 48 hours awaiting claim. The ordinance now includes information on keeping dangerous dogs and the killing of dogs, if necessary.

The Pennsylvania Dog Law states that dogs that constitute a threat to public health and welfare may be killed by a police officer or the Animal Control Officer. In addition, “any person may kill any dog which he sees in the act of pursuing or wounding or killing any domestic animal,” or household pets or humans.

The new ordinance will be available for viewing online following final passage.

NOTE: The Salisbury Township Police Department would like to remind residents that there is a strict No Dogs zero-tolerance policy at Township parks.

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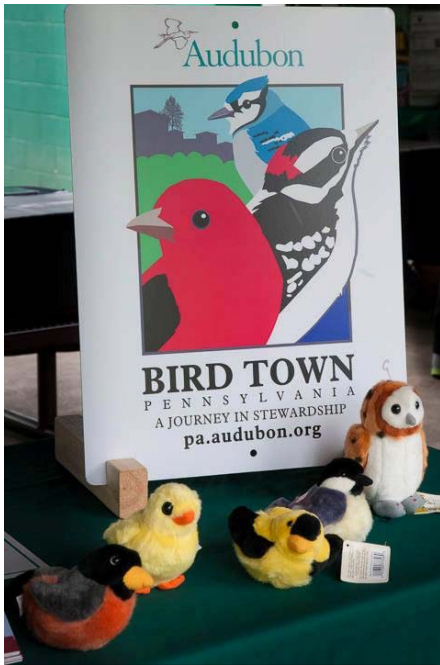
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Society introduced residents to the Bird Town USA program the Township recently joined. Bird Town is an initiative building a partnership between the Society and municipalities to promote ecology-friendly decision making and conservation. Salisbury joined the initiative this year and participates with Allentown, Lower Macungie and Bethlehem in the Lehigh County Area.

Master Gardener Linda Sheftel explained the finer points of composting while Master Gardener Clint Walker presented information on proper lawn maintenance.



EAC Members: Seated L to R: MarryAnne Stinner –Vice Chair, Glenn Miller—Chair, Kreg Ulery, Jane Benning



Audubon Society Bird Town Pennsylvania



Master Gardener Linda Sheftel tells residents, "What is composting?"



Cycler the Robot helps Waste Management teach about recycling



Residents listen to a presentation



Residents play an interactive game to learn about decomposition

Note:
All Earth Day photos credited to
Kreg and Martha Ulrey

Playground program cont.

an Allentown Public Library Card to borrow books.

Samantha Foulke provided a tennis clinic at Lindberg and Laubach Parks July 15th - 18th.

Two movie nights — always a big hit with participants — were held this year, one at Green Acres Park and the other at Laubach Park. This year’s movie is “Escape from Planet Earth”.

Each year, the program runs from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Monday through Friday with additional hours from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesdays. The program is open to students who have completed kindergarten and are not over 12 years old. A few weeks

before the program begins, registration forms can be found on the Salisbury Township website or picked up at the parks.



Halloween Day at Green Acres Park
(Photo Credit: Patrick Jacoby)



More fun on Halloween Day at Green Acres Park
(Photo Credit: Patrick Jacoby)

Township Honors Volunteers

Once again, the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners took time this year to honor the dedicated residents who contribute their time and energy to organizations and causes throughout the area.

Nine township residents, nominated by their friends, family or peers, received honors at a Commissioners' meeting on April 18th. Nominees were guests at a dinner event in their honor and received a copy of the resolution recognizing their work.

Residents dedicated their time to organizations ranging from the Salisbury Youth Association to Meals on Wheels.

This year's honorees include:

Ralph Uff—recognized for his 29 years of service to the Western Salisbury Fire Department,



Dallas and Nancy Heckman with Commissioner Brinton

Dallas and Nancy Heckman—recognized for their services as coaches, directors, and organizers with the Salisbury Youth Association,

Margaret Kernan—recognized for her volunteer work with Meals on Wheels and her continuing willingness to help out her neighbors after 45 years in the township,

Clint Ballek, Jr.—recognized for his 20 years of service with the Eastern Salisbury Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Company and the leadership he currently provides as Chief,

Roy "Flip" Williams—recognized for his 20 years as a volunteer coach with the Salisbury Youth Association,

Rebecca Glenister—recognized for 8 years of service to the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education including 5 as president, and her membership on the school superintendent's parent committee,

John Blackledge, Jr.—recognized for his work with the Hamilton Park Athletic Association,

Daniel Rothrock—recognized for her work with the Harry S Truman PTO, a Salisbury Township Girl Scout troop, and her 6 years as SYA Concession Stand Director for spring and fall sports.



Clint Ballek Jr. with Commissioner Seagraves



Rebecca Glenister with Commissioner Martucci

Swimming Pool Filling Rules

Just in time for everyone to begin enjoying their swimming pools, the Township prepared new regulations to make fillings go faster and minimize the environmental impact.

Beginning this year neither the Township Public Works department nor the volunteer fire companies will fill private swimming pools. Residents are responsible for filling their own swimming pools. Residents may fill their pool from either a household water source or contracting with a private water hauler.

When emptying their pools residents must be careful not to drain in a manner that would flood or overload an on-lot septic system or well. After deactivat-

ing the chlorination system, or from the last addition of chlorine, the pool or hot tub must sit for two weeks to allow the chlorine to dissipate. If there are detectable levels of chlorine after two weeks, the water must sit longer.

Be sure to drain your pool into a household drain or sanitary sewer, rather than a storm drain where it risks damaging area water supplies and habitats. Residents should drain at times of low-level sewer use such as late afternoon or at night.

The complete policy and instructions may be found on the Township website or through contacting the Township building.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

- **Township Manager: Randy Soriano**
- **Director of Finance/Assistant Manager: Cathy Bonaskiewich**
- **Director of Planning and Zoning: Cynthia Sopka**
- **Director of Public Works: John Andreas**
- **Tax Collector/Treasurer Linda Minger**
- **Chief of Police: Allen Stiles**

Eastern Salisbury Fire Company Welcomes New Pumper Truck

Eastern Salisbury Fire Ambulance and Rescue Company welcomes a replacement pumper truck this summer.

The Department awaits delivery of a newly built 2013 Spartan Legend series pumper to replace its current 1989 Pierce Lance Dash pumper.

The new pumper represents a 24-year improvement in technology and features a larger, 1000 gallon tank and a pumping speed of 1500 gallons per minute.

The old truck will be sold to a fire company in Saskatchewan, Canada following receipt of the replacement.

The new truck is due to arrive July 1st. Assistant Chief Dave Tomcics provided, "Eastern Salisbury Fire Department would like to thank the Board of Commissioners and the staff of Salisbury Township for their assistance purchasing this apparatus."



Passenger Side View: Engine 20-11 under construction



Windshield Interior View: Engine 20-11 under construction



The completed truck awaits outfitting before delivery (Source: Dave Tomcics)

Municipal Building Security Upgrades

The Salisbury Township Municipal Building will receive an interior redesign this year. Last fall the Board of Commissioners authorized undertaking a project to upgrade the front entryway and other locations throughout the building, increasing ADA accessibility and security throughout.

The project includes a number of elements intended to improve building security and customer experience. The main entryway will be outfitted with an ADA-compatible door switches for entry and egress and the inner lobby will be reconfigured to serve as a foyer and waiting area.

“Currently anyone who comes in can walk through the building,” Code Enforcement Officer Sandy Nicolo said. “The upgrades will require visitors to identify their reason for being there before being let

into the back offices.”

Included in the project are upgrades to the reception office and finance office transaction windows, making them both more secure and more appropriately designed to accommodate transactions, as well as modifications to other exterior doors and windows throughout the building

Construction and design are provided by Weiss Construction and Spillman Farmer Architects for an anticipated price of \$70,000. It is expected that work will commence this summer. The building will remain open and function during the construction phase which is expected to take only a few weeks. Work will primarily take place during the buildings off-hours to minimize impacts to visitors.

Waste and Recycling Information

Drop-Off Center Rules

- Grass is allowed but cannot be commingled with other yard or plant waste. Bags and containers will be checked.
- Visitors must be Township residents to use Drop-Off centers. Valid proof of residence required.
- No commercial grass clippings
- No illegal dumping
- Empty bags are returned to the resident
- Mulch and Compost are available at Drop-Off Centers on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents must supply their own container. Quantities are limited.
- Leaves accepted only at Franko Farm

Recycling & Trash Rules

- No yard waste, tires, hazardous waste, liquid paint, motor oil, or construction/demolition debris
- Milk and juice cartons are recyclable
- No covered electronic devices in trash. Covered devices include: desktop/laptop computers, monitors, computer peripherals, and televisions
- Visit www.thinkgreenfromhome.com for batteries and CFL bulb mail back options.
- No collection Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day
- Bulky Waste: Stoves, refrigerators, water heaters or tanks, washing machines, appliances, furniture, tires, and other waste materials, with weights or volumes greater than those allowed for bins and containers, as the case may be, including any white goods; but excluding construction refuse and hazardous waste. Bulky waste shall be collected on regular collection days, but limited to a maximum of one (1) bulky waste item per residential dwelling per week. Bulky items should be of a size and weight which may be reasonably lifted by two (2) persons. Call 1-800-621-2100 to schedule pickup. *Items containing freon (refrigerators, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers) must have a freon sticker prior to pickup which can be purchased at the Municipal Building for \$20.00.

Salisbury Township Municipal Building

2900 S. Pike Ave

Allentown, PA 18103

Contact: 610-797-4000 (Phone)

610-797-5516 (fax)

info@salisburytownship.org

Salisbury Township Police Department

3000 S. Pike Ave

Allentown, PA 18103

Non-Emergency: 610-797-1447

Emergency: 911

Summer Notices

DROP-OFF CENTER HOURS

March to December

	First & Third Tuesday	Second & Fourth Tuesday	First & Third Saturday	Second & Fourth Saturday
Devonshire Drop-Off	8:00AM-1:00PM	CLOSED	8:00AM-1:00PM	CLOSED
Franco Farm Drop-Off	CLOSED	8:00AM-1:00PM	CLOSED	8:00AM-1:00PM

Evening Hours - MONDAY & THURSDAY, from 3:00PM - 6:00PM, May, June & July. Schedule alternates between sites. Check website to verify schedule and locations.

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Reminder

Cash is not accepted in the Utility Bill Payment Drop-box

WATCH

For bicyclists. State law mandates 4' feet passing distance around bikers

Fall Branch Pick-Up

Sept. 16th—Sept. 20th

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. My neighbor's tree branches overhang my property. What can I do?

A. Trees should be maintained on their owner's property, however overgrowth is not a zoning matter.

Branches and shrubs encroaching onto neighboring properties is a private matter, unless there is a danger to the public.

Q. I am not sure exactly where my property lines are. How can I locate them?

A. If one is on file, the Township can provide a copy of a property plan with lot dimensions and foundation location. However, you may need to contact a Land Surveyor to locate the property lines.

Q. How high am I allowed to keep my grass before it becomes a problem?

A. Grass and weeds must not exceed 12 inches in height. Tall grasses and weeds will result in a citation if the Township has to take measures to address the high weeds by cutting it at the owner's expense.

Q. Am I allowed to host an outside fire?

A. Outdoor burning is permitted for cooking, recreational or ceremonial purposes only as long as it does not become a nuisance to neighboring property owners. Burning to dispose of trash or leaves is not allowed.

Q. I have an ATV, what must I know to ride in the Township?

A. ATV's must remain 50 feet from any property line and 100 feet from a dwelling structure, including right of way lines unless written permission has been obtained from adjoining property owners.

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