



# 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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William T. Walker

### BOARD MEETINGS

**Township Council**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ 7:00PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 8:00PM

**Planning Commission**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 8:00PM

**Zoning Board**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:30PM

**Park and Recreation**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:30PM

**Water & Sewer Auth.**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ 7:30PM  
(215) 672-8011  
617 Horsham Road  
Horsham, PA 19044

**Environmental Advisory**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7:00PM

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At their January 3, 2012 annual Reorganizational Meeting Mark McCouch was re-elected as President and Gregory Nesbitt, Esquire, was re-elected as Vice President.

Horsham Township Council members, l to r, are: Andrew Santacroce; Gregory Nesbitt, Esq., Vice President; Mark McCouch, President; Deborah Tustin; and W. William Whiteside.



## HORSHAM COUNCIL CONTINUES TO HOLD THE LINE ON TAXES

Horsham Township Council has held the line on taxes once again. The Township real estate tax will remain at one mill for the tenth consecutive year. Horsham has the lowest tax rate in Eastern Montgomery County and has the sixth lowest rate out of the 62 municipalities in Montgomery County.

The one mill real estate tax equals \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed value on a property. The owner of a home assessed at the township average of \$178,128 will pay \$178.13, of that \$83.72 will be for the Library, \$55.22 will be for the Fire Company and \$39.19 will go towards Parks and Recreation. None of the real estate tax revenue will go for the administration of the local government.

The Township's 2012 budget is set at \$13.5 million. It includes road milling and paving projects, the installation of a traffic signal at Cedar Hill Road and Welsh Road, new computer software for the Code Enforcement Department, a new mower, creek bank stabilization project, signage along the Power Line Trail, phase two improvements to Deep Meadow Park restrooms, and replacement of 42 handicap ramps in the Oak Hill development.



## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste is accepted daily at a dumpster behind the Community Center at 1025 Horsham Road. Residents may drop off grass clippings, leaves, shrubs and tree limbs (not to exceed 4 feet long/4 inches thick). We cannot accept business waste, plastic bags, or treated lumber. 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 at 3 bags for \$1.00. Contact your trash hauler for information regarding curbside pick up of leaves, yard waste, trees, appliances and recycling.



## WINTER FIRE SAFETY

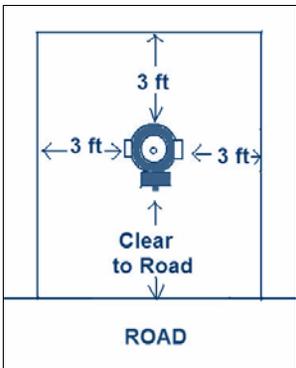
**Candles:** If you use candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

**Smoke Alarms:** As in every season, have working smoke alarms installed in each bedroom and on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help and remember to practice your home escape plan.



**Fireplace/Wood Stove Safety:** Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist. Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire. Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup. Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove. When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate. Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home.

**Fire Hydrants:** For your safety, please help the Horsham Fire Company by clearing snow away from fire hydrants in front of your property. Firefighters need approximately three feet in all directions to be free of ice and snow in order to properly connect hoses to a fire hydrant. The few extra minutes you spend clearing snow from your property and from a hydrant can make a big difference during an emergency.



## 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly



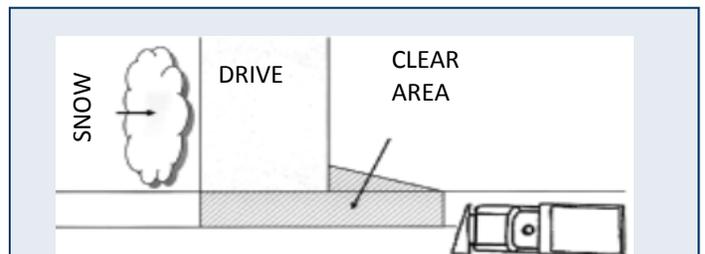
## WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

The following are a few things that you can do to help ensure a safe and happy winter for yourself and Horsham Township:



- Once snow accumulates two (2) inches or more and until the roadway is cleared by the Highway Department, no vehicle, trailer, boat or camper may be parked in the roadway. Violating this regulation could result in a fine.
- Keeping sidewalks safe is an important winter concern. Residents must clear snow, sleet and ice from sidewalks in front of their property no more than 24 hours after a storm. For stubborn icy spots, be sure to use ice control methods such as salt. Sidewalks should be swept free of salt remains after snow melts to prevent deterioration of the concrete.
- Trash cans and recycling containers may not be placed on the street. This inhibits the snow plows from doing their job. Please place your trash cans and recycling containers on the lawn or curb in front of your property.
- Remember that it is illegal to shovel, blow or plow the snow from your driveway and/or sidewalk into the street.
- Be sure that your mail box is properly and securely installed to avoid damage from flying snow from snow plows. It is the Township's policy not to replace mailboxes that are damaged during the normal course of clearing a road. Only mail boxes that are hit directly by the snow plow will be considered for reimbursement. Reimbursement is limited to the cost of a standard mailbox.
- Keep the storm water inlet open near your property. Keeping it open will prevent flooding and icing conditions on the street.

The Highway Department works extremely hard to make traveling on Township roads safe for everyone. In the event of a storm, snow will be plowed first on the main streets, next on secondary streets and finally on cul-de-sac and dead-end streets. Please be patient and allow ample time for them to arrive in your area.



### Shoveling Tip...

While facing your house shovel an opening in the snow to the right of your driveway and toss the snow to the left. Piled snow to the right of your driveway will cause that snow to be plowed back into the driveway area.

# PARKS & RECREATION

Register for recreation programs using any of the methods on page 6.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 7, 2012 for an afternoon of fun with the Easter Bunny at the annual Horsham Township Easter Egg Hunt. This FREE event is open to all children ages 8 and under. No pre-registration is required; simply show up that day with a basket to collect your eggs! One grand prize winner in each age group. The Easter Bunny will also be there to pose for photos and meet with the children. Please dress children appropriately as the fields can be muddy.

**Date:** Saturday: April 7, 2012  
**Time:** 2:00PM  
**Location:** Deep Meadow Park  
 (across from the Township Building)



*In case of rain, we will hold a modified Egg Hunt in the Horsham Township Community Center.*



## New York City Bus Trip

Bring a friend and join our bus trip to NYC on Saturday, May 19! A bus will be leaving from the Horsham Township Community Center at 7:00AM and driving non-stop to NYC where our trip chaperone will lead you to the Broadway half-price ticket line. If you are not interested in a show, use your day to explore, shop or go to the 9th Street International Food Festival. We will return to the bus at 6:00PM for the non-stop ride home. This is a great way to spend time in NYC without the hassles of driving. You must be 18 years of age or older unless with a parent or guardian.

Program ID#: 7002.101  
**Date:** Saturday, May 19, 2012  
**Departure:** Horsham Township Community Center at 7:00AM  
**Fee** \$38.00  
**Return:** Get on Bus in NYC @ 6:00PM

## Washington DC Bus Trip

Have fun in our nation's capital taking in the sights and enjoying the cherry blossom time of year. Price includes transportation only, allowing you to plan your own day. Drop-off points: The Mall area and Holocaust Museum. Timed tickets are required to visit the Holocaust Museum, arrangements must be made on your own. We will have 1 pick-up at the end of the day at the American Indian Museum.

Program ID#: 7003.101  
**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 14, 2012 @ 7:00AM  
**Departure:** Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA, 19422  
**Fee** \$48.00  
**Return:** Get on Bus in Washington @ 5:00PM

## Certified Babysitter Course

Ages: 11-15 yrs  
 Location: Community Center  
 American Red Cross certified teachers will host a babysitting workshop to teach teens how to supervise children, feed babies, prepare simple food, how to diaper and dress infants. Also, we will talk about ways to select safe toys, games, how to stay safe on the job, prevent accidents, how to respond to emergencies and interview tips. Each student should bring a lunch & drink.

Course #:	Day	Time	Date	Fee
3002.101	Sat.	9am - 3pm	3/3	\$70

## Discount Movie Tickets

Horsham Township has discount tickets for Regal Cinemas! Tickets can be used for any movie at any time. **Tickets are \$8.00 \*price subject to change.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SHOW

Attention Bargain Hunters and Treasure Seekers: Horsham Township will be hosting their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Flea Market and Craft Show on Saturday, April 28 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Outside spaces (10'x12' parking space) are \$15.00 or \$25.00/2 spaces and you will need to bring your own tables/tents. We will also have 10 x10 spaces inside where we will provide you with a 6' table for \$20.00. A limited number of 10 x 10 tents are available for rent from the township: \$25.00 for the day.

**Date:** Saturday, April 28, 2012  
**Time:** 9am-2pm (set-up begins at 7:30am)  
**Location:** Community Center  
**ID#:** 6500.101 (outside)  
**ID#:** 6500.102 (inside)



## HORSHAM DAY 2012

Saturday, June 2nd

SAVE THE DATE

We are in need of volunteers, new ideas and donations to help continue to make Horsham Day such a successful event year after year. If you are interested in helping to organize Horsham Day, please call Mark Hudson, Director of Parks and Recreation at 215-643-3131.

## Children Making Music

Ages: 6mos to 4yrs

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. Through participation, language development and motor skills will be enhanced. Children Making Music incorporates the latest in music research for young children. **Music and children—an awesome combination!**



Location: Community Center

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0001.101	Wed.	10am - 10:45am	1/25 to 3/14	\$90.00
0001.102	Wed.	11am - 11:45am	1/25 to 3/14	\$90.00
0001.103	Wed.	10am - 10:45am	3/28 to 5/16	\$90.00
0001.104	Wed.	11am - 11:45am	3/28 to 5/16	\$90.00

## Kids Making Music

Ages: 4yrs to 5yrs

Kid's Making Music, a music class for 4 and 5 year olds without parent. Children will interact musically through musical stories, playing all types of rhythm and melodic instruments, dancing / moving to music and be introduced to the orchestra and instrument families...parents will join in the last 10 minutes.



Location: Community Center

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0002.101	Wed.	12pm - 12:45pm	1/25 to 3/14	\$90.00
0002.102	Wed.	12pm - 12:45pm	3/28 to 5/16	\$90.00

## Discount Ski Tickets

Before heading to the slopes this year, stop by the Township Building to buy discounted lift tickets for many of the area ski slopes. These are actually vouchers which can be turned in for a lift ticket at the slopes. Ski areas participating include The Big Two, (Jack Frost and Big Boulder) Blue Mountain, Elk, Bear Creek, Sno Mountain and Greek Peak. We also have discount coupons for Camelback and Shawnee Mountain.



## UK Elite Soccer Petite



Ages: 3 - 5yrs Location: Carpenter Park  
A fun introduction for 3, 4 and 5 year olds to the world of soccer! This is an activity-based program, with an emphasis on the "Game Based" approach to coaching soccer within a fun learning environment. Each child receives instruction in a small group setting from one of the professional U.K. Elite coaches. Parent are welcome to stay and join in the fun.

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0022.101	Thurs.	1pm - 2pm	4/19 to 5/24	\$88
0022.102	Thurs.	2pm - 3pm	4/19 to 5/24	\$88

## Kidnetics "Mommy n Me Sports Program"

Ages: 3 - 5yrs Location: Community Center  
Mommy n' Me is a program that helps young children develop and refine a variety of manipulative and social skills, with the help of their parent. The program focuses on throwing, catching, kicking and bouncing.

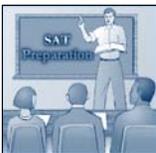
Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0020.101	Tues.	9:30am - 10:15am	2/14 to 3/20	\$75



## Sporty Squiggles (Multi-Sport Program)

Ages: 3 - 5yrs Location: Carpenter Park  
This program provides a great opportunity for children to develop skills and knowledge in a wide variety of sports. Kids will learn about soccer, basketball, track & field, rugby and mini tennis.

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0021.101	Mon.	4:00pm - 5:00pm	4/16 to 5/21	\$75



## 2-Day S.A.T. Mini Course

Ages: 12+ Location: Horsham Library  
Give your child an edge to SAT success. Learn the strategies to score higher on the SAT's. The students will be taught the most effective strategies. You will receive the test results, diagnostic analysis, and recommendations after you take a practice test. The tuition also includes an appointment with a college preparation counselor to discuss the test results. Must bring to class the following: Pencils, Highlighter, calculator, 3 ring binder, and Lunch, Snack and Drink.

Course #:	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
1822.101	Mon.	6:00pm to 8:30pm	2/13	\$150
	Sat.	10:00am to 2:00pm	2/18	
1822.102	Tues.	6:00pm to 8:30pm	4/10	\$150
	Sat.	10:00am to 2:00pm	4/14	



## Kitchen Wizards "Cupcake Decorating & Cookies"



Ages: 10 - 15yrs Location: Community Center  
In this 5-week series, children will learn from a Kitchen Wizards instructor how to decorate cupcakes. Each week will also feature a different cookie. Lots of practice time for perfecting their techniques! Recipes provided, so children can reproduce these goodies at home. Materials Fee per person, payable to instructor first night of class \$35

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0051.101	Mon.	4:30pm to 5:45pm	2/6 to 3/12	\$100

No class 2/20

## 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!  
\*Their will be a \$5 supply fee due at the first class.

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0011.101	Thur.	1:15pm-2:30pm	2/23 to 3/15	\$55
0011.102	Thur.	1:15pm-2:30pm	4/5 to 4/26	\$55

### Special One Day Class—SNOWFLAKES IN THE KITCHEN (no supply fee)

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0011.103	Thur.	1:15pm-2:30pm	2/16	\$14

## Messy Messy Play Time



Ages: 3 - 6 yrs Location: Community Center  
Moms and Dads - bring your young ones out to make a mess with paints, glue and several other types of media. This class is for the child and caregiver together. Dress to get Messy!!!

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0015.101	Mon.	10am - 11am	4/23 to 5/14	\$50

## Group Ice Skating Lessons @ Wintersport

Ages: 3 - Adult Location: Wintersport Ice Arena  
Lessons include a 30 minute group lesson and 30 minutes to practice. Please bring warm clothes, mittens or gloves, and a helmet (bike, ski or hockey) for children ages 8 and under. Skate rental is also included. Please arrive at the ice rink 30 minutes early the first week to find out the class schedule and teacher and to put skates on.



Wintersport Ice: 551 North York Road, Willow Grove, PA, 19090

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0025.101	Sat.	11:25am to 12:25pm	2/25 to 4/14	\$90
0025.102	Sat.	11:25am to 12:25pm	4/21 to 6/9	\$90

## Kitchen Wizards "Kids Candy Making"



Ages: 7 - 11yrs Location: Community Center  
In this 5-week series, children will learn from a Kitchen Wizards instructor how to make a variety of candies to please any sweet tooth. Recipes provided, so children can reproduce these goodies at home. Materials Fee per person, payable to instructor first night of class \$40

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0050.101	Mon.	4:30pm to 5:30pm	4/2 to 4/30	\$100

## Kitchen Wizards "Fabulously Easy Desserts"



Ages: 18+ Location: Community Center  
In this three-week series, a Kitchen Wizards instructor will help you make mouthwatering, eye-pleasing desserts, sure to impress your dinner party guests. They'll think you took hours to make these delicious desserts - but, you'll find out that they're easy to make. Materials Fee per person, payable to instructor at the first class \$25.

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
0053.101	Thur.	7:00pm to 9:00pm	3/15 to 3/29	\$75

## Adult Coed Slow Pitch Softball League

Horsham Township will once again be offering a Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball League for the 2012 season. Games will begin in May, and continue until August. Teams will have to field 3 women at all times during the game. The league is made up of a maximum of 10 teams. Registration will open to teams who played in 2011 beginning in January, and any remaining spots will be made available for new teams beginning in March. Any new teams that are interested in obtaining spots should call us in March at 215-643-3131. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lukens Park on Dresher Rd and on Wednesdays at Carpenter Park. All games are at 6:30pm. Players must be 18 years of age or older as of May 1, 2012. Team Cost \$550.00



## Adult Watercolor Class

Ages: Adults Location: Community Center  
This is an open forum for watercolor painters, those who want to learn about watercolor painting and those who just want to brush up on their painting skills. At the first class, the class will decide as a group how the class is going to flow and what subjects will be studied. Mrs. Surick, an accomplished local watercolor painter, will lead the class through this 6 & 8 week adventure.



Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
2001.101	Mon.	1pm - 3pm	2/6 to 4/2 No class 2/20	\$40
2001.102	Mon.	1pm - 3pm	4/23 to 5/21	\$30

## Intro to the Pottery Wheel

Ages: 16 - up Location: Mud Shack (Upper State Rd. Montgomeryville)  
All skill levels welcome. Learn the basics of wheel throwing in a small class setting. In your first class you will learn to make cups and bowls, and then you'll refine your talent to make vases, pitchers and sets. One 25 lb. bag of clay included in class fee and studio time (outside of scheduled class) is available to practice, trim and glaze your pottery.

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
2002.101	Thur.	6:30pm-8:30pm	3/1 to 3/22	\$120

## Wearable Art: Fused Glass Jewelry

Ages: 16 - up Location: Mud Shack (Upper State Rd. Montgomeryville)  
In this one-time workshop, we'll show you how to make a one-of-a-kind fused glass jewelry set – a pendant, pair of earrings, and a ring. Your instructor will explain how to cut glass and lay out your design working with stringers, noodles and specialty glass. Projects will be fired in the kilns at The Mud Shack and available within two weeks. \$30 supply fee payable to instructor at the class. Specialty glass available at an extra charge. Visit [www.MudShack.com](http://www.MudShack.com) for project photos.

Course #:	Day	Time	Date	Fee
2003.101	Wed.	7:30pm to 9:00pm	2/22/12	\$20

## Smart Fitness By Lisa



Ages: 16 - up  
Get results you want-FAST! Led by a Certified Personal Trainer, this total body workout helps you achieve your fitness goals and quickly. The 45 minute class combines high intensity aerobics with functional strength training that improves strength, energy, bone density, increased metabolism and cardiovascular endurance. This class utilizes weight training by using dumbbells and body weight resistance alternating with cardio movements for a fat burning and muscle toning fun fitness program. All fitness levels are welcome. A great class to join after dropping off the kids at preschool! Participants will need to bring dumbbells (Lisa suggests 8lb for beginners).

Course #:	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Fee
2020.101	Wed.	9:15am-10:00am	3/7 to 4/25	\$90.00
2020.101	Class location: Community Center			
2020.102	Wed/Fri	9:15am-10:00am	5/2 to 5/25	\$90.00
2020.102	Class Location: Deep Meadow Park Pavilion			

## Mat Pilates: The Ultimate Body Toner!



Ages: 16 - up Location: Community Center  
Strengthening and stretching exercises that turn flab into muscle, sculpts your whole body, reduces back and neck pain, flattens your stomach and energizes your life. Perfect for males and females, ages 12 and up, all fitness levels and no prior training needed. Wear comfortable exercise attire. Bring an exercise mat, large towel and medium or regular strength Pilates band (Go to [www.vivapilates.net](http://www.vivapilates.net) for information on purchasing bands). For more information call 856-751-0095 or go to our website.

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
2055.101	Mon.	6:00pm to 7:00pm	2/6 to 4/2 No class 2/20	\$100.00
2055.102	Mon.	6:00pm to 7:00pm	4/30 to 5/21	\$50.00

## ZUMBA® Ditch the Workout - Join the Party

Ages: 16 - up Location: Community Center  
Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program that will blow you away. Fast and slow rhythms, plus resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat! Zumba students achieve long term health benefits while experiencing an absolute blast in one exhilarating hour of caloric-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life! For all fitness levels, wear sneakers and comfortable exercise attire. For more information call 856-751-0095 or go to [www.vivapilates.net](http://www.vivapilates.net).

Course #:	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
2050.101	Thurs.	7:00pm to 8:00pm	2/9 to 3/29	\$95.00
2050.102	Thurs.	7:00pm to 8:00pm	5/3 to 5/24	\$47.50

## Kitchen Wizards "Supper Club Series"

Each Supper Club is one night

Ages: 18+ Location: Community Center  
**Mangia Madness:** Create an Italian meal, homemade pasta, meatballs, sauce and a dessert. \$15.00 material fee payable at the start of class  
**Romantic Dinner for two:** Make shrimp scampi, angel hair pasta with herb butter and a dessert. \$25.00 material fee payable at the start of class  
**Fine Dining @ Home:** Make chicken fraicaise, roasted asparagus, lemon risotto and a dessert. \$15.00 material fee payable to instructor at first class

Course #:	Day	Time	Date	Fee
Mangia Madness 0054.101	Thur.	6:30pm to 8:30pm	2/9	\$25
Romantic Dinner 0055.101	Thur.	6:30pm to 8:30pm	3/8	\$25
Fine Dining 0056.101	Thur.	6:30pm to 8:30pm	4/12	\$25

Sign up for one class or all three. You will eat what you prepare each night.



# REGISTRATION HORSHAM SENIORS

## Mission Statement of Horsham Township Department 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 Township Building, 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. 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. If your withdrawal impacts the ability of the class to run, you will not be refunded. No refunds will be given for bus trips. 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.

\*Please note that any programs without the minimum number of required participants will be canceled a week before program is set to start.

Horsham Township Parks and Recreation offers men and woman ages 50 and "better" the opportunity to participate in our Senior's Club and Senior Open Afternoons. For more information contact Parks & Recreation at (215) 643-3131.

## SENIORS OPEN AFTERNOONS

Ages: 50+

Location: Community Center

Come to the Horsham Township Community Center on the first and third Mondays of the month from 12:00-3:00pm starting in October. A room in the Community Center will be open for the Seniors Club friends to play games, bring your crafts to work on them, or just socialize with others. We encourage you to bring a snack and beverage with you so that you can enjoy your open afternoon. No cost for this program.

## SENIOR'S CLUB

Ages: 50+

Location: Community Center

Come join the Seniors Club the third Thursday of the month at 9:30am in the Community Center to enjoy a continental breakfast and the monthly program. This club provides you opportunity to meet new people from your community and the surrounding area. We are always looking for new members to give new ideas and help move the club forward. So attend a meeting, bring a friend or two and get ready to have fun. The \$2.00 monthly program fee is payable the morning of each program.

- 1/19/12 TBA
- 2/16/12 TBA
- 3/15/12 United Health Group
- 4/19/12 Colibraro Landscaping & Nursery
- 5/17/12 Ronald Derr (Wood Turning Demonstration)
- 6/21/12 Horsham Seniors Summer Picnic @ the Community Center

## 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](http://www.horsham.org) under Parks & Recreation.



### Registration Methods

#### By Mail:

Horsham Township  
1025 Horsham Road  
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 form.

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

## Horsham Township Parks & Recreation Registration Form

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ C Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ H Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant date of birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M or F  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# TOWNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

## TAX BILLS

Real estate tax bills for Horsham Township and Montgomery County will be mailed shortly. Please contact the Horsham Township Tax Collector at (215) 643-3131 if you did not receive a bill.

Residents have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to pay their real estate tax bill at a 2% discount, and until June 30<sup>th</sup> to pay at the bill's face amount. Tax payments made after June 30<sup>th</sup> are paid at a 10% penalty. Postmarks within the stated deadlines are accepted; and deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, are due on the next business day. The deadline for the payment of real estate taxes to Horsham Township is by 12:00 noon on December 31st, and failure to pay by that deadline results in a lien being placed on the property and collection through the Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau.

Tax bills are the responsibility of the property owner and will not be mailed to mortgage companies if their taxes are escrowed.

Any request for a change in mailing address must be submitted to Horsham Township in writing. The Township does not change the property owner's name unless directed by the County.

## KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

### Horsham Township Library Board Members

Horsham Township Council appointed five people to the Horsham Township Library Board of Directors on January 23, 2006, for terms that were initially staggered. These trustees establish policies and oversee the library's operation. They ensure that the library is meeting the needs of township residents and exercising prudent fiscal management.



*Pictured left to right: Joanna M. Furia, Michael Colucci (Treasurer), Debra Carr (Secretary), Amy Caples, Milton W. Kunz, II (President).*

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

### Borrow eBooks from the Library!

Library patrons who own eBook readers will have more eBook resources to choose from in January. The library has added a license to download the 1,500 eBooks included in the EBSCOhost eBook collection,. Click the P.O.W.E.R. Library icon on the upper left corner of the library's homepage at [www.HorshamLibrary.org](http://www.HorshamLibrary.org), then log-in using your Horsham Township Library card.

In addition, the Friends of the Horsham Library have funded the library's purchase of an eBook collection called "Axis360". Visit the library's website and click the "Digital Books to Go" link for details of how to search for and download eBooks to your eReader.

### New Book Alerts

If you like to know what's brand new at the library, sign up for news alerts at [www.Wowbrary.org](http://www.Wowbrary.org). Each week you'll receive an email listing the new books, music and DVD's added to the collection.

### Spotlight on Library Databases

Two new on-line databases offer practical information for small businesses, job hunters and students accessible by logging in with your library card via the "On-line Resources" page of the library's website at [www.HorshamLibrary.org](http://www.HorshamLibrary.org).

The Testing & Education Reference Center includes over 300 practice tests and courses, dozens of ebooks, information about more than 4,000 accredited schools, a scholarship search feature, a resume builder, and career modules covering subjects from career change to salary negotiations. High school students can practice for the SAT test while college students can prep for graduate school entrance exams.

Legal Forms is a database of Pennsylvania legal forms organized by subject area in fill-in PDF form that can be customized. The database covers family law topics such as estate planning, wills, name changes, and divorces as well as small business topics such as incorporation, landlord/tenant matters and personnel.

## TAX HELP AT THE LIBRARY

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program returns again this spring, offering free assistance filling out Federal and State income tax returns.

Volunteers coordinated by Tom Gallagher will be on hand every Thursday from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM from February 9 through April 12. Call the library at 215-443-2609 to set up an appointment. Taxpayers who fill out their own returns will find forms and information at the library and on the library's website. Look for "Quick Tax Season Links" on our homepage which opens a webpage listing links to the Internet sites for the Internal Revenue Service, PA Dept. of Revenue, and local tax collection bureaus.





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**1025 Horsham Road**  
**Horsham, PA 19044**

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Township Building at: (215) 643-3131  
 Mon.-Fri. from 8:30AM to 4:30PM

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E-mail us your questions, comments and concerns at [horsham@horsham.org](mailto:horsham@horsham.org)

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Don't forget to turn your  
 clocks ahead  
 one hour on Sunday,  
 March 11, 2012  
 at 2:00AM

**HLRA UPDATE**

In the Fall 2011, the HLRA Board and its subcommittees, Horsham Township Council and Horsham Planning Commission provided direction to RKG Associates in refining the best aspects of the three Base Reuse Alternatives into a single Preferred Reuse Alternative. RKG's revised plan (Option D) is a mixed use plan configured to integrate the site with the Horsham community. After additional review, the HLRA Board provided feedback to RKG Associates at the November 2011 and December 2011 meetings on changes needed to insure the plan meets the needs of the Township.



At the January 18, 2012 HLRA meeting, RKG Associates is expected to present the final Preferred Reuse Alternative map as well as the draft of the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Redevelopment Plan and Homeless Assistance Submission for the purpose of soliciting and receiving public comments. After receiving comments on the draft plan from the HLRA Board, other stakeholders and the public, RKG will make necessary edits and prepare the final Redevelopment Plan document for adoption by the HLRA Board. Final action by the HLRA Board is expected to take place at the February 15, 2012 meeting.

We welcome your opinion and comments at [mail@hlra.org](mailto:mail@hlra.org) or by mail at HLRA, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA 19044. Sign up for email news alerts to stay informed on the progress of the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Plan at [www.hlra.org](http://www.hlra.org).

**TOWNSHIP AWARDED \$144,500  
 GRANT FOR KOHLER PARK**

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources awarded the township a grant to begin the rehabilitation of Kohler Park. The Horsham Rotary Club is also contributing \$75,000 to the project. A Master Site Plan for the park was completed in 2010. Kohler Park is approximately 71.4 acres and is the oldest Township park. It was originally developed in 1958. In 2012, this rehabilitation project will provide a new playground and picnic pavilion. In 2013, new restrooms, installation of public water and sewer lines and a drinking fountain at the dog park will be completed. Township Manager Bill Walker stated, "This grant will allow us to begin much needed renovations to one of our Township's wonderful assets that makes our park system vibrant and attractive."

