



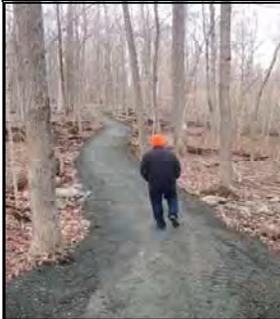
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ALHOUSE ARBORETUM UPDATE: FAMILY PROGRAMS AND MORE!



The Althouse Arboretum* is gearing up for the most active part of our year. If you enjoy nature and being outdoors, this is the place to be. Lots going on for the whole family!

Nature walks, Last Friday celebrations, children's activities, adult education, and gardening programs, are all being offered this spring and summer. See our website where you can check our calendar of events, children's summer

camp program, our new community sponsored trail map, and more. Most programs require registration. Go to our website for a complete catalog of all our organized programs and to register at www.alhousearboretum.org.

Property Updates for Spring/Summer 2015

- Entrance and handicap parking space paving
- Wheelchair accessible gardens
- Native Tree Plantings along the Penn's Woods portion of Sprogel's Run Trail
- New community gardens
- New and improved trails with signs
- New Picnic Area

Forest Easter Egg Hunt

On a cold, but sunny March 29th, the trails of the Althouse Arboretum came alive with children searching for eggs and the elusive "rabbit" during the first-ever Forest Easter Egg Hunt. Over 150 people attended the event that was planned, organized and carried out by the student volunteers from Pottsgrove High School's Spark the Wave Club. Children and their families had fun

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WIND BLOWING TRASH ALL AROUND



March was a month of strong winds. By the time Mascaro makes their rounds within our township, plastic milk containers and trash in general are blown along our roadways and on to neighbors' properties. Suggestion is to bag your recyclables and place that bag into your recyclable container. By doing that, you will be helping keep our township looking good. Thanks to all our residents who are already doing this.

MEETING DATES & TIMES

Board of Commissioners-3rd Mon., 7 PM;

1st Mon. as needed

Planning Commission-2nd Mon., 7 PM

Open Space & Recreation Board-2nd Tues., 7 PM

Sewer & Water Committee-4th Mon., Odd Mos., 5 PM

Fire Committee-2nd Thurs., 7 PM

Zoning & Hearing Board-Meets on Demand

Web Link to Calendar:

<http://upperpottsgrovetownship.org/index.html#>

LIBRARY NEWS ~ WWW.PPL.MCLINC.ORG

Whether looking for fun, a class, a little information, or something juicy to read, the Pottstown Regional Public Library has you covered every day this Spring and Summer. Amidst on-going classes and events including Tai Chi, story time classes, computer classes, Crafters Club, Lego Club, and DART Read to a Dog, there are plenty of new, seasonal events for everyone.

Summer will be full of surprises for kids of all ages. Superhero Summer Reading Club will commence June 15th including Wednesday Morning Performances at 10:30 highlighting science experiments, game shows, animals and more. Other events include Fun Fridays at 10:30 for the whole family, Wednesday Night Teen Programs, lunch, Grow a Super Garden, Science in the Summer, Thunder Thursdays, Storytimes, Brown Bag Book Talks over lunch, giveaways, and many more superhero surprises. Sign-ups will start in the beginning of June.

Your library wants to know what it can do for you. If there is a class or activity you would like to see, please let us know. The library also schedules storytimes and tours for groups. Please contact the library for more information (610-970-6551) or visit 500 E. High St. in Pottstown. <http://ppl.mclinc.org/>; <https://www.facebook.com/prplibrary>

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- Herbert C. Miller, Jr.
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TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

April & May: WED: 3pm — 6pm &
 THURS: 9am — 1pm; Also, June 9th: 9am — 12pm
 Tax collection is at the Township building, 1409
 Farmington Avenue.

OUTDOOR SOLID FUEL BURNING FURNACES

In order to protect the general health, safety and welfare of residents, the Board of Commissioners enacted a new Ordinance regulating the use of outdoor solid fuel burning furnaces. Starting in October of 2014 no person shall operate or use any outdoor solid fuel burning furnace between April 15th and October 15th of each year. Also, any outdoor solid fuel burning furnace shall have a permanent attached stack with a minimum stack height of 10 feet above the ground that also extends at least two feet above the highest peak or highest point of the roof of any occupied building located less than 150 feet from the outdoor solid fuel burning furnace. Please take steps to comply with these new regulations.



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ALTHOUSE ARBORETUM

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as they spent time wandering the trails and exploring part of the 17 acre Open Space land. A special thanks to Kimberton Whole Foods Douglasville and Giant Food Stores for their help in donating a portion of the prizes. It took a community effort to create this community success for the families of Upper Pottsgrove. The Forest



Easter Egg Hunt is just the first in a series of programs being offered at the Althouse Arboretum.

Any resident can also sign up for our newsletter on our website or join us on Facebook to stay up to date on all our happenings at www.facebook.com/althousearboretum.

*The Althouse Arboretum is a result of a unique partnership between Upper Pottsgrove Township and the 501c3 nonprofit SAVE Alliance Foundation. The 17-acre open space property is open to the public from dawn to dusk. Arboretum programs are funded entirely on donations from community supporters.

CALL THE COPS!!! (610-326-8446)

Once again we are in the season where everyone wants to fix up their homes after a cold and destructive winter. It is also that season where the scammers are sprouting up faster than the daffodils.

Invariably, we receive calls from residents who have become victims of pavers, roofers, chimney sweeps and just about any other persons offering household services which prove to be scams or outright rip-offs. We have some real horror stories from victims.

They offer to re-do your driveway or roof or sweep your chimney cheaply because they are "in the area doing other jobs and have extra material or extra time to do your job at deep discount". Beware of these solicitors! To solicit any type business or service in Upper Pottsgrove, a vendor MUST have a solicitor permit issued by the Township and present it upon request.

No permit, close the door and call the cops! Please!



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YOU CAN HELP UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP DETECT STREAM POLLUTION!



Upper Pottsgrove Township (as well as most other communities in Pennsylvania) is required to obtain a permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for its stormwater drainage system. Along with many other requirements, this permit requires the Township to locate and map stormwater piping and drainage ditch systems within the Township. The permit also requires the Township to inspect these drainage systems periodically to detect any "illicit discharges" from the systems.

What is an illicit discharge? An illicit discharge is something that is leaving a storm drainage pipe or drainage ditch that is not stormwater and potentially could pollute our streams. Examples of illicit discharges that would be typical for a community like ours are chlorinated swimming pool water, paint, antifreeze, oil, pesticides, pet waste, septic system overflows, etc.

While the Township inspects its drainage system thoroughly each year, our inspectors cannot be everywhere all the time. If you happen to see something coming out of a storm pipe or ditch that looks or smells like something other than stormwater, please contact the Township so we can track it to its source and keep our streams as clean and pure as possible. **To report an illicit discharge, call Upper Pottsgrove Township at (610) 323-8675.**

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Programs at the Pottstown Regional Public Library

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March- May 2015

Storytimes

Toddler Tuesdays with Miss Holly
Enjoy a half-hour storytime along with educational learning, music, and crafts @10:30.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; and May 5, 12, 19.

Marvelous Monday Storytime
Stories and fun! Monday mornings @ 10:30.
2, 9, 16, 23; April 6, 13, 20, 27; and May 4, 11, 18.

Monday Night Storytime
All ages welcome. @ 6:30 pm.
March 2, 9, 16, 23; April 6, 13, 20, 27.

Sign & Songs: Coming Soon!
Sign language and storytimes. All ages welcome
Thursdays @ 10:30 Dates: TBA

**COMING SOON!! SUPERHERO SUMMER
JUNE-AUGUST**

**FAMILY READING MONTH
Coming April 2015.**



SIX NIGHTS OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT & EDUCATION



April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14
Sign up today

Children will discover an adventure in acting, music, art and more while parents gather to learn about the Love and Logic Technique of parenting.

Teen Movie Night @6:00 pm

You pick the movie.
1st Tuesday of the Month. 3/3, 4/7, 5/5.

Cave Council @6:30

Hang out & help improve the library!
2nd Tuesday of the Month. 3/10, 4/14, 5/12.

Game Night @6:30 pm

Videogames and Board games
3rd Tuesday of the Month. 3/17, 4/21, 5/19

TEEN NIGHT

First Saturday: Lego Club - An open play, build, and share time for all ages! Parents are encouraged to stay & play. 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 @ 2:00

Second Saturday: Kids Crafting Club - Bring your own projects to work on. Open to all ages & experience. 3/14, 4/11, 5/9 @ 2:00

Third Saturday: DART (Dogs are readers too). Join us and read to our furry friends. 3/21, 4/18, 5/16 @ 10:00

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HILLSIDE AQUATIC CLUB

Come check out Hillside Aquatic Club. It's one of Pottsgrove's best kept secrets!

Hillside Aquatic Club is a private swim club located on 134 West Moyer Rd. The club has many great features. There's a large main 25 meter, 5 lane pool with a shallow end with plenty of room for kids to splash around, as well as a wide deep end with a curly slide and a diving board. Hillside also has a great seating area where parents can relax in the shade under the umbrellas, with easy view of the entire pool. There is a large baby pool that sits next to the swing set. There's a basketball court, and horse shoe pits to play at as well. We also have a pavilion, snack bar, and locker rooms.

Hillside is home to the Tri-county Hillside Piranhas Swim Team. The team practices before pool hours starting after Memorial Day. We also run a swim lesson program before hours for children. Lessons are available for pool members and non-members at a very competitive price. If you are interested in lessons email hillsideswimlessons@gmail.com.

We are currently running a new-member special. We are offering half off the new member joiner fee if you join before April 30th.

For questions email at hillsideaquatics@gmail.com
Visit us on the web: hillsideaquaticswimclub.com
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**COMMUNITY DAYS PLANNED FOR
POTTSTOWN'S BICENTENNIAL**

Area residents are invited to attend a series of free events celebrating Pottstown's Bicentennial. A series of outdoor gatherings will commence in the parks on June 13, July 18 and August 15 from 12:00pm to 8:00pm each day with live music, food, beverages, crafts, and family fun. This event is open to residents outside Pottstown Borough and there is no fee to attend. Come out to enjoy the parks and celebrate 200 years of Pottstown with your fellow citizens. Each event will feature headline music performers, wandering performers for children, locally-sponsored family-friendly activities, local food vendors, a Sly Fox Biergarten benefitting the Pottstown Carousel and much more! Don't

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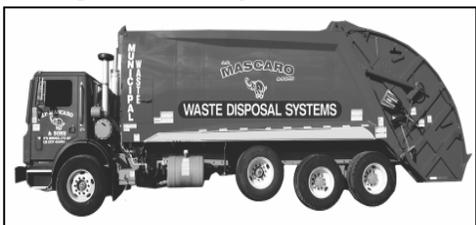
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Trash pick-up is every Wednesday. If you see litter in the vicinity of your property, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. April 1 through December 15, Township Trash Hauler, J. P. MASCARO, will include weekly curbside collection of yard waste, grass and leaves in an unlimited amount. Yard waste may be placed in compostable bags, open containers or bundled, but in no event larger than 3 feet by 3 feet.



POTTSTOWN'S BICENTENNIAL (Cont'd from Page 5)

miss this opportunity to celebrate Pottstown's 200th Birthday. Please visit Pottstown Parks and Recreation website for more detailed event information at <http://www.pottstown.org/index.aspx?nid=357>. The Borough is also soliciting requests for local food and drink vendors and community groups to host family-friendly crafts, games and performances. Donations to support specific services or performances are also welcomed. Any group donating goods or services at a level of \$250 or greater by May 1, will have their company logo included on banners displayed at these events. For more information or questions regarding the event, contact Parks and Recreation at 610-970-6619 or pottsparks@pottstown.org

Community Day ~ Save the Date

Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 11am to 4pm
at Heather Place Park, 1420 Heather Place, 19464.
(The rain date is October 10, 2014.)

This is a wonderful opportunity to have your business get exposure in our Upper Pottsgrove Community!

Are you a local artisan, crafter, tradesman, professional service, retail business?

Do you have a local club such as volleyball, table tennis, soccer, baseball, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts?

Are you a food vendor and wish to set up your "stand" at this event?

Call the Township office at: 610.323.8675 or email our Community Day Chair, Chuck Note: xmasnote@gmail.com to reserve your space at our next Community Day.