



Around the TOWNSHIP

Swatara Township Newsletter • Fall 2023

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FALL LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 16th

Bagged leaves in brown paper yard waste bags or raked leaves placed curbside will be collected according to the following schedule:

Monday: Chambers Hill

Tuesday: Rutherford & President Drive Area

Wednesday: Lawnton and Lenker Manor

Thursday: Oberlin, Oberlin Gardens, and 29th Street Area

Friday: Enhaut and Bressler

Here are a few important reminders that will help make leaf collection go smoothly. Have your leaves ready for pick up the night before your scheduled day. Crews start collecting as early as 7:30AM and leaves raked out once the crew passes will not be collected until the following week.

- Please refrain from raking leaves into the street because they easily clog the storm sewer grates and cause flooding. If you have a storm drain adjacent to your property, please try to keep it cleaned off.
- If crews are unable to complete an area on any given day, they will resume the following week exactly where they left off. Past experience has been that Wednesday's areas are the most difficult to complete in one day.
- If you see the leaf crew in your neighborhood on an unscheduled day, it means that they have completed the scheduled day's area and are either (1) getting a

head start on the next area due to predicted rain or (2) returning to an area they were previously unable to complete.

- The leaf machines are vacuums designed to pick up leaves only. Sticks will clog the machines and cause delays.
- Please park cars, boats, trailers, and portable basketball hoops in your driveway (if you have one) on leaf collection days. Leaves are collected more efficiently if crews do not have to work around these items.
- Keep leaves separate from your garbage. Neither the Township nor the trash hauler will pick up bags containing a mixture of leaves and garbage.
- Leaf collection requires the concentrated efforts of all our Public Works workers, all day, every day, for at least a month. Issues other than leaf collection will be addressed on a priority basis.
- Holidays, equipment malfunctions, and bad weather all try to interfere with our leaf collection efforts. Our goal is to have the majority of the leaves collected by the first snowfall. If snowfall is predicted, the leaf boxes must be removed, and the trucks get tailgates and salt spreaders put on.
- Residents may take their own leaves to the composting facility on Kelker Street, no permit is required if you are only taking leaves to the facility.
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MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Board of Commissioners

meet the first and second
Wednesday
of every month at 7:00 pm.

The Planning Commission

meets the first
Tuesday
of every month at 7:00 p.m.

The Swatara Township Authority

meets the third
Wednesday
of every month at 6:00 p.m.

The Swatara Township Storm Water Authority

meets the second
Wednesday
of every month at 6:30 p.m.

If you need a police officer to be dispatched to your location or to call you on the telephone,
please contact Dauphin County Communications at 717-558-6900.

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911.

The receptionist at the police department does not have the means by which to dispatch police officers.

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President's Corner

Collectively, the Swatara Township Public Works Department is responsible for, but not limited to, roads, park maintenance, stormwater maintenance, as well as municipal facilities.

The Public Works Department is responsible for a variety of infrastructure and yard waste tasks, including road maintenance and repairs, leaf pickup, snow removal and after-hour emergencies including downed trees and flooding issues.

The crew designated primarily for parks is responsible for 183 acres of Township-owned Park land (18 parks), not including the mowing, plowing, and salting at other Township-owned property and facilities.

The Public Works Department also maintains all Township equipment, including fire apparatus and vehicles, police vehicles and staff vehicles.

We also have a crew within Public Works primarily responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Township stormwater system. The stormwater system consists of 350,000 linear feet of underground pipes in Swatara Township, not including the drainage structures, bioswales, and outfalls that discharge to waterways. The staff is also responsible for compliance with National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES), Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) Permit and administering the Townships Stormwater Management Program.

As you can see, Public Works includes a broad range of services that we provide to residents, businesses, and visitors of Swatara Township. Without Public Works, potholes would act as a barrier to passage for vehicles. Without Public Works, our roads might be impassable in the winter when it snows. Our Public Works Department staff is on call and ready to respond to any emergency such as stormwater issues, sinkholes, and snowstorms. The crew works to make sure our residents are provided with the necessities and quality of life that taxpayers expect of the municipality in which they live. The Public Works Budget for 2023 was \$2,524,061 to provide services to the residents. The Public Works Department ranks

second in budgeted expenditures, first is the Police Department.

Over the last 2 years we have worked to reduce our Engineering expenses. Engineering cost in 2020 was \$644,625 and in 2021 the cost was reduced to \$158,871 with a savings of \$485,754. Then in 2022 the cost was reduced to \$154,314. Engineering expenses thus have been reduced since 2020 by \$490,311. The savings provide funds to be used on other projects within the township.

Before I move on to some of our most recent accomplishments, I would like to thank these crucial workers and ask that you take a moment to appreciate those who work to provide us with these services.

Swatara Township has approximately 100 miles of roads. In my first term as Commissioner, in 2018, I came on the Board with one of my priorities being to focus on infrastructure and public safety, which I think goes hand in hand. It came as a shock when I learned that our Township had not done a paving project in double-digit years and as Chair of the Highway Department (name changed in 2020 to Public Works), I was determined to reinvigorate our paving program. It was one of my most proud accomplishments when we began our first Township projects on East Park Drive and Garden Drive. Now, as President of the Board of Commissioners, and Chair of Public Works, along with my colleagues, we reupped on the commitment to show residents that their tax dollars are hard at work.

We have paved, contracted, or partnered to rehabilitate approximately 4 miles of roadway, not including all the stormwater projects we have undertaken. As you may know, it is very expensive and time consuming to rehabilitate a neglected road; and depending on the project, you can figure it might be at least \$1 million a mile. Most recent projects include:

- Derry Street which was a complete rehabilitation of underground facilities and road surface from 63rd Street to Nyes Road.
- Numerous roads in Rutherford were milled and overlayed as part of waterline replacement projects with Suez Water, now Veolia.

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- Old Nyes Road was milled, overlaid and stormwater was replaced to avoid flooding.
- Roads in Lenker Manor were milled and overlaid this summer by Township staff.
- Removal of Norfolk Southern rail crossing on Grayson Road. The Rail was removed and paved on May 9, 2022. Rupp Hill Road/Grayson Road reconstruction is being finalized and the work will be completed soon.

We also have many stormwater projects which either coincide with the road projects or are stand-alone. One of our major projects in 2023 is the Spring Creek stream restoration project in cooperation with PennDOT to rehabilitate and reroute Spring Creek from Living Waters Church downstream to the Bonnymeade Bridge. The Spring Creek project will be completed this month and will aid in reducing flooding in the Lenker Manor neighborhood as well as improve the stream quality of Spring Creek.

The Stormwater crew has repaired or replaced 78 inlets and 480 linear feet of pipe over the last few years to mitigate the potential of residential flooding as well as upgrades to infrastructure. We also had over 300 linear feet of stormwater pipe that was failing.

Stormwater staff are also in the design phase to realign and replace stormwater pipes on Highland Street at the rear entrance of Swatara Middle School. This area is the 2nd largest road in the Township and experiences frequent flooding. This project will alleviate flooding and improve failing infrastructure.

The Compost Facility now has 7 municipalities bringing brush and leaves to our facility to be processed. These municipalities pay a fee to Swatara Township to utilize our facility. The Swatara Township compost facility is the largest such facility in the area and has become a regional facility with Swatara Township and PA Department of Environmental Protection is proud of helping other municipalities. These Intermunicipal Agreements aid Swatara Township in achieving grant funds from DEP to maintain and operate the Compost Facility.

Upcoming Projects include, but are not limited to:

Rupp Hill Road

Francis Cadden Parkway Phase 2

Dewey Street Guiderail Replacement

Highland Street Connectivity and Sidewalk

If you would like any information on the upcoming projects, please feel free to contact Township staff.

Finally, one of the many concerns I receive from residents is regarding potholes that sometimes go unnoticed. Consequently, I would like to highlight our newest technological endeavor, our Pothole Reporting System. We will be putting out How-To information to help every resident navigate our Pothole Reporting Application (app). We need your help in identifying and reporting potholes to repair our roads. You will be able to fill out our simple form on smartphones, tablets, and desktop/laptop computers. While this is being provided as a convenience, for those who still wish to call or email, we will still welcome your preferred method of contacting us.

Christine Zubeck, President

Swatara Township Board of Commissioners

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat night for Swatara Township will be held on Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., rain or shine.



Grass In The Streets

When mowing grass please take precautions not to discharge cut grass into the roadway. Cut grass in the roadway can cause clogging of stormsewer inlets and pipes. Grass entering the stormwater infrastructure will contribute to sediment in creeks and streams. Equally important, grass discharge into the street is a violation of the Swatara Township Property Maintenance Code. A fine to the property owner can result by not adhering to this Code. You can see from the pictures below that grass discharged into the street ends up into the stormsewer system.



Compost Facility

The Swatara Township Compost Facility will remain open for the season until Tuesday, October 31st, 2023. The facility is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Street Sweeping

Weather permitting, the Public Works Department will be around your neighborhoods with its two street sweepers to begin cleaning roadways. It will take a few weeks for the street sweepers to make one complete pass curb line to curb line of Township roads. Should you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Director, Todd M. Webb at 717-564-2551 or twebb@swataratwp.com.

MONDAYS – Chambers Hill Area (South of RT. 322 and East of I-283)

TUESDAYS – Rutherford (North of RT 322 from N.61st Street to the Swatara Creek)

WEDNESDAYS – Lenker Manor and Lawnton (From Paxtang Borough to N. 61st Street)

THURSDAYS – Oberlin (north of Highland Street) Oberlin Gardens, 29th Street area

FRIDAYS – Oberlin (south of Highland Street), Enhaut, Bressler

Overhead Wires On Trees

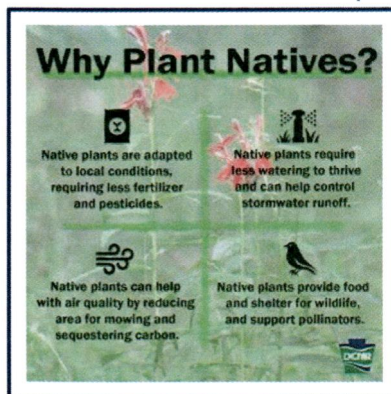
The Township often gets calls from residents regarding overhead wires on tree limbs or being pulled down by tree limbs. The Swatara Township Public Works Department is not permitted to remove limbs from wires. We will contact utilities to let them know there is an issue. We also encourage property owners to call as well.

Swatara Township Stormwater Authority

What is **Stormwater**? *Stormwater* is water that originates from precipitation, including not only rain, but snow and hail as well. This water collects on the grass and pavement and eventually finds its way to a body of water or a drain. During its travel, stormwater will pick up chemicals from fuel and salt on the road, in addition to common yard practices of fertilizer and weed killer use. The federal government has tasked each state, and therefore county and township, to control just how much of these substances enter our environment and lower the levels as much as possible.

Spotlight Topic: Create a Healthy Lawn Without Creating Excess Stormwater Pollution

Compost • Reduce Chemicals • Native Plants



The days are growing shorter as we close out the summer and welcome the fall. Many property owners will be raking leaves and cleaning up yard debris to prepare for the coming winter. We would like to offer a few helpful tips to meet your lawn's

needs while reducing stormwater pollution.

1. Please dispose of your leaves and yard waste appropriately. Leaves should only be placed at your curb during the pickup cycle and kept away from inlets, but never dump them into a stream. You are welcome to bring your waste to our compost facility

located on Kelker Street. Please contact the Township for more information.

2. This is a common time to fertilize your lawn, but we would like to remind you to be mindful. Do not apply chemicals excessively or right before a storm. Always follow the directions on the container and reduce your chemical use as much as possible to help the environment and keep your family safe.
3. **Plant. Native. Plants.** Please consider adding native plants to your property. Most species will fall dormant during the fall and winter and will not need much maintenance until the warmer months of spring and summer. They offer food and habitat for our local wildlife while offering a means of infiltration for stormwater. Please visit the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)'s website for more information and workshops.

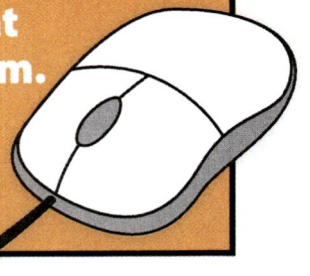
ATTENTION

We are now called the Stormwater Authority and we are **separate** from the Swatara Township Sewer Authority. Please remember this when making bill payments to ensure your payment is applied to the correct account! Thank You

NEW WEBSITE

The Township has launched a new and enhanced website.

**Please visit the site at
www.swataratwp.com.**



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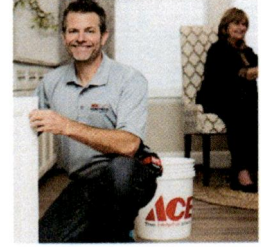
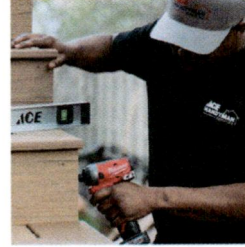
StreetLights

Streetlights within Swatara Township are owned and maintained by PPL. If you notice a streetlight is out or malfunctioning call their customer contact center at 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775). You will need to provide the pole number and location (closest street address). The pole number can be located about 5' high on the pole. It is important to note both sets of numbers and looks similar to this.



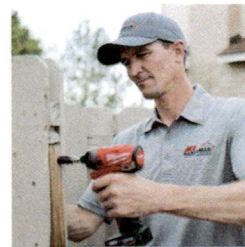
Electronic Recycling

Old or broken electronics do not belong in the refuse. Dauphin County offers FREE recycling of electronics with a few stipulations. The electronics must be intact with wiring and cords attached. The Dauphin County Recycling Center is located at 1625 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104, 717-982-6772 or visit the Dauphin County website www.dauphincounty.org for further information.



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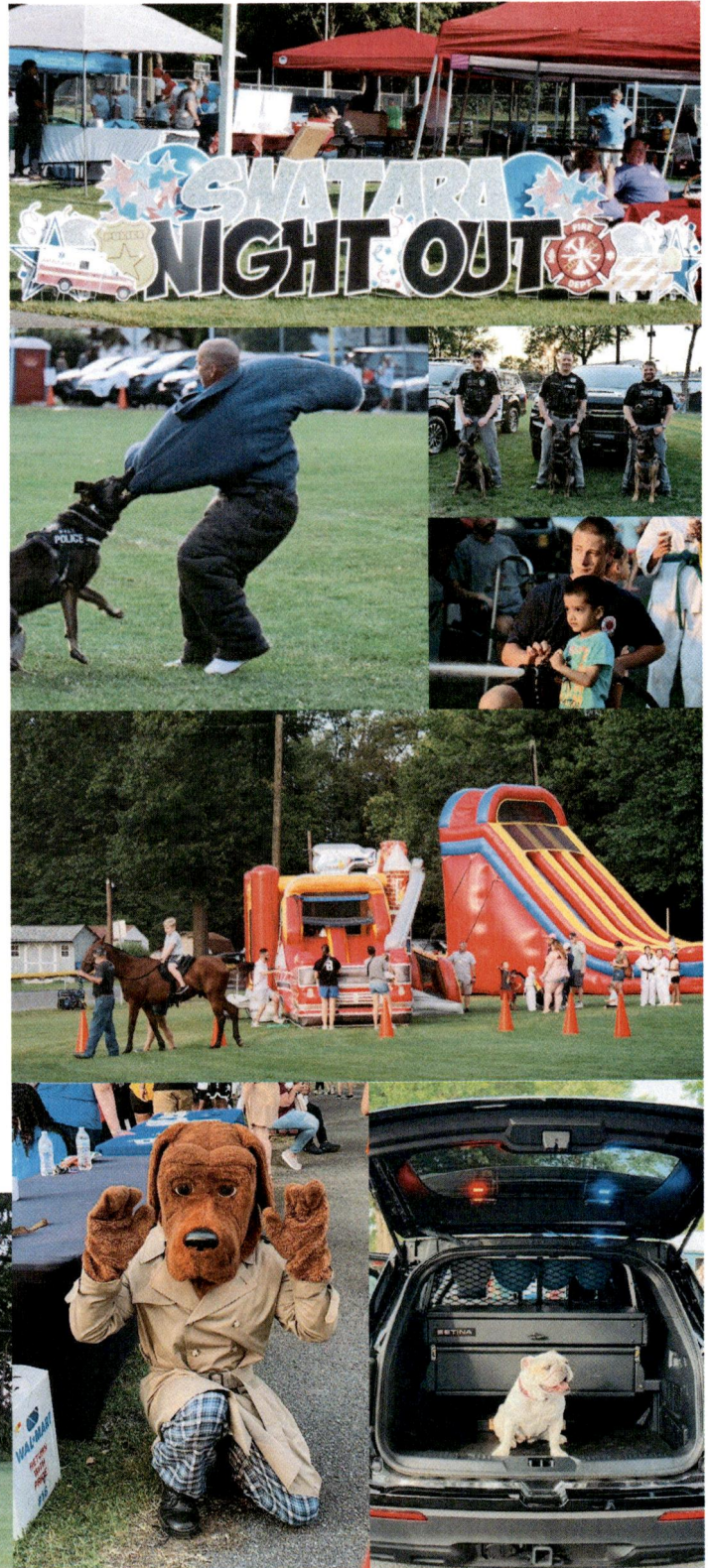
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National Night Out Against Crime

The Swatara Township Police Department hosted their 17th annual National Night Out against crime event on Tuesday August 1st at Vanatta Park. This is the Department's largest community service event of the year! National Night Out is a community event that features games, FREE food and drinks as well as several law enforcement related demonstrations and vendors. We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported this event. Our officers really enjoyed getting to see everyone and getting to know our community members on a more personal level. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of the businesses who donated to this event. Those businesses include: Feesers Foods, Hershey Creamery, Hornung's True Value, your Harrisburg Wal-Mart, Dairy Queen on Cameron Street, Brothers Pizza, Gennaro's Pizza, Airgas of Harrisburg, Stroehmann Thrift Store, 7-11 convenience store on Derry Street and John Cassatt. We would also like to thank all of our volunteers and our vendors for coming and supporting this event. This includes all the assistance we received from Swatara Township's Highway and Parks and Recreation Departments, Swatara Township Fire Police as well as the Swatara Township Fire Department. We simply could not have had this event without everyone's involvement. We encourage everyone to stay engaged in their community and remember, if you SEE SOMETHING..... SAY SOMETHING. Law Enforcement depends on community help in order to keep our neighborhoods safe.





The 10th and Final Swatara Township Police 5K Hero Run

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! SPONSORS WANTED!

The Swatara Township Police Department is gearing up for the 10th and final 5K Hero Run on Sunday November 5, 2023 at the Harrisburg Mall. Race registration is NOW open, and you can register from now until October 31st for just \$30. This price includes your race t-shirt (if registered by October 6th). After October the registration goes up to \$35. We are also still looking for Race Sponsors! This is a great opportunity to get your business' name out there and help the community at the same time! If you own or work for a business and are interested in being a sponsor please review our sponsorship form, which is contained in this edition of the township's newsletter. A copy of the sponsorship form can also be picked up at the Swatara Township Police Department or it can be found on our web portal by visiting www.swatarapolice.org (under the Community Service tab). Sponsorship forms/checks should be returned to the Swatara Township Police Department no later than September 30th, 2023. This race helps to benefit the Keystone Wounded Warriors who aid veterans who reside or have ties to Pennsylvania, Cops for K.O.P.S which aids children of fallen police officers in Pennsylvania, The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation which aids families of fallen firefighters and the Swatara Township Police K-9 Unit. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals given out for men and women in each respective age group as well as cash prizes for fastest times overall for men and women. This is a great social event for a great cause, which allows you to get outside and exercise! Our unique course takes runners through the Harrisburg Mall! Running clubs or groups are welcome as well! You can register as a walker or a runner online by visiting Swatarapolice.org and clicking on the registration link under the Community Services tab OR by scanning the available QR code in this newsletter. Help us make this last race the BEST 5K Hero Run of them all!

Scan QR Code to Register for 5K Hero Run



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The Swatara Township Police Department is preparing for our 10th and final 5K Hero Run/Walk. We are seeking sponsors for the event and are reaching out to your business and asking for your support. The Final 5K Hero Run will be held Sunday, November 5, 2023 at the Harrisburg Mall, (3501 Paxton Street Harrisburg, PA 17111) from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Proceeds from this 5K event go towards the Keystone Warriors, which aids veterans living in or with ties to Pennsylvania, Cops for K.O.P.S, which aids children left behind by fallen police officers within the state of Pennsylvania, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation which aids families of firefighters killed in the line of duty, as well as the Swatara Township Police Department's K-9 Fund, which supports the department's K-9 program.

Participants are encouraged to support their hero by coming dressed in their favorite hero's outfit whether it is a member of the Armed Services, Police, Fire, EMS, Superhero or whomever their hero is. This 5K Race is a great way to get some exercise and meet others who are out supporting their heroes, while at the same time supporting our community. Although we are sad that this will be our final event, our hope is to make this the best year yet with your help!

Levels of sponsorships your business can consider:

Event Sponsor (1 Available): \$5,000	Platinum: \$2,500	Gold: \$1,000
Silver: \$500	Bronze: \$250	

A more detailed description of sponsorship levels and benefits are located on the reverse side of this letter on the Sponsorship Form. Please complete the reverse side of this form and return your check made payable to the Swatara Township Police Department no later than October 1st, 2023.

Unable to be a corporate sponsor but still wish to give? Simply check off the 5K Donation Box and your donation will be put towards the event. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Corporal Brandon Pokrop
Swatara Township Police Department



Scan the QR code to watch our
5K Hero Run highlight video from 2021!

Sponsorship Form

Swatara Township Police Department's 5K Hero Run

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at the Harrisburg Mall (3501 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111)

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM www.SwataraPolice.org

☐ \$5,000 Event Sponsor *(Limited to 1)*

- Business Name in Race Title "Presented By" Event Sponsor
- Primary Business logo on All Event Shirts
- Company/Organization Table at Event
- Business name/logo in front of ceremonial stage in Center Court of Harrisburg Mall

- Business logo on sponsor board at event
- Logo and Business Link on Race Web Page
- Event Sponsorship Plaque
- Logo and Hyperlink on all event-related electronic communication
- 10 Free Registration Packages for Runner/Walker *(due by October 1st)*
- Business Provided Flyer in Race Packet
- Media recognition to include: Swatara Township Newsletter, Township & Police Department Web Page, Facebook Page and recognition at the start of the race.

☐ \$2,500 (Platinum)

- Business logo on All Event Shirts
- Logo Printed on Race Brochures
- Company/Organization Table at Event • Business name/logo displayed in Center Court at Harrisburg Mall

- 6 Free Registration Packages for Runner/Walker *(due by October 1st)*
- Business Provided Flyer in Race Packet
- Media recognition to include: Swatara Township Newsletter, Township & Police Department Web Page, Facebook Page and recognition at the start of the race.

☐ \$1,000 (Gold)

- Small Business logo on All Event Shirts
- Business logo on sponsor board at event
- 4 Free Registration Packages for Runner/Walker *(due by October 1st)*

- Business Provided Flyer in Race Packet
- Media recognition to include: Swatara Township Newsletter, Township & Police Department Web Page, Facebook Page and recognition at the start of the race.

☐ \$500 (Silver)

- Business logo on sponsor board at event
- 2 Free Registration Packages for Runner/Walker *(due by October 1st)*

- Media recognition to include: Swatara Township Newsletter, Township & Police Department Web Page, Facebook Page and recognition at the start of the race.

☐ \$250 (Bronze)

- Business logo on sponsor board at event
- 1 Free Registration Package for Runner/Walker *(due by October 1st)*
- Recognition prior to the start of the race

☐ 5K Monetary Donation Amount: \$ _____

Please complete all sections. (NOTE: Company—Official business/organization name to be used for communication and recognition purposes).

Contact Name - contact person who is responsible for contribution or to whom all communication should be directed.

E-mail - address of contact person listed below. All sponsor logos should be submitted in a jpeg format and emailed to

BPokrop@swatarapolice.org no later than October 1st, 2023.

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor Signature

Date

Checks can be made payable to:
Swatara Township Police Department

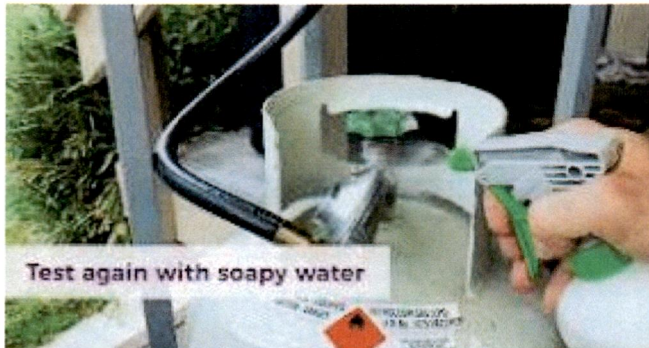
Mail to: Cpl. Brandon Pokrop
Swatara Township Police Department
599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Safety Tips On Using Propane (LPG)

From the Fire & EMS Department and Building & Codes Department

Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) is a common fuel source for heating and cooking. LPG cylinders are safe when used correctly.

What precautions should be taken when using LP gas?



When using LPG cylinders

- always ensure adequate ventilation and never use indoors or in confined spaces.
- always read the manufacturers operating instructions.
- do not connect or disconnect cylinders near a naked flame.
- do not use LPG in windy conditions.
- always keep cylinders cool and away from flames, sparks and heat

Before getting started

- Make sure your gas connections are tight.
- Turn on the cylinder valve and test for leaks. You can do this by using a squirt bottle or brush and coating the gas connections and hose with soapy water. Get into the habit of regularly checking for leaks every time you use your LP Gas appliance.
- If bubbles start forming, there is a gas leak.
- Turn off the gas cylinder valve. Disconnect the left hand thread connection and check that the faces are clean.
- Check the rubber Bull Nosing or O-Ring is not damaged

and is present on the hose that connects the appliances to the LPG cylinder valve. Leaks are caused by damaged or missing O-Rings or rubber Bull Nosing or where connections are not tight.

- Check for cracks or damage on the hose or a damaged gas regulator, which may need replacing. Always take care when reconnecting.
- Turn the gas back on and test everything again with soapy water.
- If bubbles are still forming, turn off the gas supply and do not use the gas appliance. Contact a licensed gasfitter to replace the gas hose and regulator assembly.
- After you have finished using your LP Gas appliance, you should always close the cylinder valve first before turning off the LP Gas appliance.
- Keep your LP Gas appliance clean and in good condition.

See the safety video at:

<https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/health-and-safety-portal/safety-topics/dangerous-goods-and-hazardous-substances/liquid-petroleum-gas-lpg-safety>

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**HOMELAND
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From Swatara Township to El Salvador with Love

By Mary Klaus

Bertie Boudier was known for her generosity. Married to Swatara Township Commissioner Richard Boudier for 64 years, this mother and grandmother liked few things more than doing good for others.

Four months after her death, she continues to do good deeds. After she died, Commissioner Boudier gave me three pairs of her glasses to take on a medical mission to a Third World country so that Bertie could give the gift of better sight to someone. (I am a medical missionary nurse. I usually run glasses clinics on the missions, using prescription glasses, regular sunglasses and safety glasses which township residents leave for me in a marked box in the township building lobby. This El Salvador trip was my 57th international medical mission.)

Many people in my El Salvador clinics tried on Bertie's glasses but couldn't see with them. Then, an 80-year-old lady named Berta came to me and said she needed help. I used my eye charts to test her vision then tried to find the right glasses for her. She couldn't see out of any of the other glasses I brought. Then, I handed her a pair of Bertie's glasses.

Berta's eyes lit up with joy when Bertie helped restore clearer sight to her. Berta could see and I high-fived and whooped with delight! I hugged this lady and told her that the Boudier family and I love her. I also gave her Bertie's other pairs of glasses. Berta left the clinic a happy woman.

If you ever think one person can't make a difference, remember Bertie's gift. If you ever think it's too late to help someone, remember Bertie's gift.

I thank Commissioner Boudier and his family for thinking of others despite their grief. Thanks, too, to our township residents who so generously donate glasses to help our sisters and brothers in the Third World. What a

wonderful difference you are making to people you will never meet but who will thank you forever for your glasses.



NEW Blue Neighbors Program for Seniors Coming to Swatara Township

Swatara Township is teaming up with Highmark to bring residents the Blue Neighbors program for seniors. This initiative will be hosted by Swatara Township and presented by Highmark. The Blue Neighbors initiative provides seniors with programs that focus on fun, conversations, and friendships. Multiple topics will be covered during these sessions, which will be held every other month starting in October. The first Blue Neighbor meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m. at the Swatara Township Municipal building, located at 599 Eisenhower Boulevard Harrisburg, PA. The topic for October's meeting is Nutrition Trivia with a Snack! The second meeting will be held on Thursday December 21 at 11:00am at the township building as well. Residents and non-residents of Swatara Township are welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend the Blue Neighbors program. Each session will last for about 1 hour. This is a great opportunity to get out and meet new people and build friendships. It is sure to be a lot of fun and we hope to see you there!

Halloween Walk Through Event at Vanatta Park

Swatara Township will host its 2nd Annual Halloween Walk Through event at Vanatta Park this year on October 26th. Guests can come to Vanatta Park anytime between 6:00pm and 7:30pm on October 26th to participate in a Halloween walk through the park. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costume. There will be several vendor stations set up throughout the walking path of Vanatta Park where children can stop for a treat! Public Safety personnel will also be on site, participating in the fun! Halloween bags will be provided while supplies last. This event is open to all township/borough residents AND non-residents. We hope you can join us for a spooky good time!



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Labor Day Fireworks Events



Thank you to everyone who came out for Swatara Township's Public Safety Labor Day Celebration Fireworks event on September 2. A SPECIAL thank you goes out to Lawnton Legion Post 998 for being the event sponsor. Thank you to Giant Foods of Grayson Road for also being a sponsor. This event could not have been possible without the assistance we received from the Swatara Township Parks and Rec Department, Swatara Township Highway Department, Swatara Township Fire Department, Life Team EMS, Swatara Township Fire Police and Swatara Township Administration. Lastly, we would like to thank our friends at Derry Township PD and the Hershey Entertainment Company for allowing us to utilize their portable lighting units to ensure a safe evening for everyone. What a great way to close out the summer! Stay tuned to the police department's website, Facebook page and Swatara Township's website for future events.

Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those that are less fortunate than ourselves, especially children. For over 60 years, the U.S. Marine Corps reserves is the unchallenged leader in providing hope to needy children at Christmas time. For more information, visit the Foundation's website at www.toysfortots.org. This year the Swatara Township Municipal Building will once again serve as a donation site for the Marine Toys for Tots Program. New, unwrapped toys will be accepted in the foyer of the municipal building until December 1.

Chambers Hill Fire Company Offers Good Food to Residents

Chambers Hill Fire Company will hold its last "Kickin' Chicken" drive-through barbecue of 2023 on October 7. The dinners – a half chicken, baked potato and corn – are available at the firehouse, 6400 Chambers Hill Road. The meals are available by 10:30 a.m., depending on when the chickens are done.

Fire company members make their own barbecue rub from secret spices, apply it to the chickens, marinate them for 36 hours in the refrigerator and then grill them to perfection. Dinners are \$10 each with proceeds benefitting this all-volunteer fire company.

The fire company also will sell soups, pigs in the blanket, macaroni and cheese, baked goods and more starting at 7 a.m. on election day, November 7, at the firehouse.

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Report A Pothole Program

The Swatara Township Public Works Department now has an online program to Report A Pothole. This program is available through our ESRI MS-4 mapping software. Use the link or QR Code to Report a Pothole. Our Help Guide is included as a link at the top of the form.



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Park Receives New Play Piece

Earl R. Long Memorial Park, located on 65th Street received a new play piece in June.



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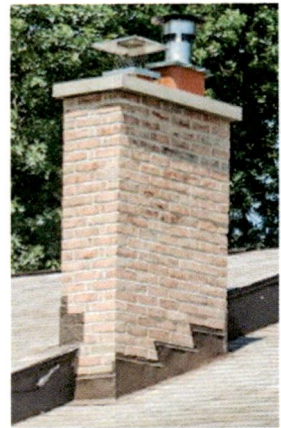
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Officer and Citizen Awards

On June 14, 2023, Director Reider issued the following Awards to Officers and Citizens at the Board of Commissioners meeting. Life Saving Award: Sgt Neal, Cpl E. Moyer, Officers Jones, Hulstine, Margeson, Neve and Porter. On March 09, 2023, Officers received a report from the family of an individual who departed their home with the plan of harming themselves. Officers immediately responded to the area and through exhaustive efforts were able to locate the individual in a wooded area and kept them from harming themselves.

Award of Merit: Det Sgt Baluh, Ofc Glass, on November 20, 2022, Officer Glass responded to an area hotel for a report of possible human trafficking. Glass made contact with the involved individuals. During his on-scene investigation, he determined that human trafficking was not involved, however he did find indicators of other criminal activity which led to obtaining a search warrant and the seizing of evidence. Detective Sergeant Baluh was assigned as lead investigator in this case. Her further investigation led to the uncovering of numerous fraudulent unemployment compensation claims. Detective Sergeant Baluh concluded the case with filing over 18 felony charges.

Civilian Support Award: Bryce Krahling, over the course of the last several years Bryce Krahling has assisted the Swatara Township Police Department at numerous Community Service events. Bryce has worn the McGruff the Crime Dog costume at several events. Bryce has also attended numerous Township clean ups and assists regularly with our Officers at the Midland Cemetery. Bryce, we thank you for your service to our department and your assistance with making our Community Service events a success.

Civilian Support Award: Barbara Barksdale has made it her life's work to seek, restore and preserve the local rich history of our ancestors who lived in our Township and Steelton area. Barbara's restoration and preservation efforts at the historic Midland Cemetery began over 20

years ago. What Barbara started as a personal and family effort has expanded to a community, Township and now a national effort to restore and preserve this cemetery. Barbara included our Police Department as a partner in this effort and has assisted our Officers with making strong relationships with our community members. Ms. Barbara, we thank you for including our department as part of your team and your assistance in our Community Outreach programs.





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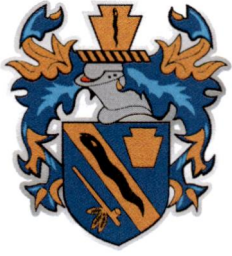
The Senior Workshop



The Senior Workshop is held every 2nd Thursday of each month at 10am at the Swatara Township Municipal building located at 599 Eisenhower Blvd. Harrisburg, PA

- ◇ **Aug. 10th** - Highmark: Medicare 101-The basics of Medicare
- ◇ **Sept. 14th** - Country Meadows: Navigating the senior placement maze
- ◇ **Oct. 12th** - Penn State Health: Home Safety
- ◇ **Nov. 9th** - Butler St. Senior Living: Panel discussion (individual living, personal care, nursing)
- ◇ **Dec. 14th** - PA Banking and Securities: Scam Jam - Fraud awareness, detection and prevention

Questions about the senior workshop can be forwarded to Cpl. Brandon Pokrop via email at bpokrop@swatarapolice.org or by calling 717-564-2550.



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