

WALLACE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

From the Board of Supervisors

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Noon to 4 pm
Tuesday and Thursday
8 am to Noon

SUPERVISORS' MEETINGS

First Thursday @ 7:30 pm
Third Thursday @ 8 am

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Second Tuesday @ 7 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

Second Wednesday @ 7:30 pm
Second Thursday @ 7 pm
(work session)
Fourth Wednesday @ 7:30 pm
(work session)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Fourth Monday @ 7 pm
Third Tuesday @ 1 pm
(work session)

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Third Monday @ 8:15 pm

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Third Tuesday @ 7 pm

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

Second Monday @ 6:30 pm

Mark your calendar for these Community Events

Sat. April 25, 2009

Earth Day, 10:30 am @ Wagenseller Park
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Sat. May 2, 2009

Spring Bulk Trash Day, 9 am-Noon @ Maintenance building
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Sat/Sun. June 20-21, 2009

Butterfly House opens @ Springton Manor Farm
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Sat. June 27, 2009

Annual Community Day @ Wagenseller Park
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Sat. June 27, 2009

Chicken BBQ @ Glen Moore Fire Company
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Thurs. July 23, 2009

Village Walk @ Indiantown Schoolhouse



On the weekend of
**Saturday, June 20 and
Sunday, June 21,**
from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
daily,

Springton Manor Farm
officially welcomes a variety
of eastern butterflies to their
new summer home among

colorful, fragrant native flowers. Walk through the house to learn
about the butterfly's life cycle as they flutter around you. Keep your
eyes open for caterpillars too! Make crafts, play games and get your
face painted.

What's happening at DARC? Visit www.darcinfo.com

How well do you know Wallace Township?

1. Can you name all the Township owned public parks in Wallace Township?
2. What Township did Wallace separate from to be created? What year did it happen?
3. What Manor was most of Wallace Township in?
4. What were the names of the Indian tribes that lived in Wallace?
5. Where was the Township Office Building located before it was moved to its current location?
6. What is the approximate population of Wallace Township?
7. What watershed is Wallace located in?
8. Can you name the three waterways in Wallace with the designation of "high quality"?
9. What County and State parks are within or border Wallace Township?
10. What are the two biggest events put on by the Park and Recreation Committee each year?

The answers to these questions can be found on the Township's website, www.wallacetwp.org. You can also find schedules of upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings, important news information, and information on all the various commissions and committees within Wallace Township. Bookmark the site and visit it often.



Wallace Wants YOU!

Your Municipal Government functions off the dedication of many volunteers from the community. If you want to get involved, please go to the website and submit the volunteer form online, or call the Township office at 610-942-2880 for more information.

****Remember to Vote!****

**Primary Election - May 19, 2009
Springton Manor Elementary School
7 am - 8 pm**

Grant is Approved for Restoration Work on Indiantown Schoolhouse

If you have driven past the intersection of Fairview and Indiantown roads, you surely have noticed the historic Indiantown Schoolhouse. When the Township office moved to its current location on Creek Rd, the Schoolhouse was pretty much abandoned except for a few Historical Commission meetings. Years of neglect began to take their toll on the building, with the roof and many of the windows beginning to leak. Last year, the Board of Supervisors decided this historic structure was simply too important an asset to let deteriorate any further, and formed a plan to begin restoring the building. Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin and township resident John Miller (who is an active member of the Village of Glenmoore Preservation Committee) applied for a grant through PA DCED on behalf of the Township. The result is Wallace will soon be receiving \$35,000 in grant money to begin restoring the Schoolhouse. The roof, rain gutters, downspouts, and trim work have already been advertised and put out to bid, and the Board should be receiving contractor proposals in April. All work will be paid for by the grant, and as more grant money becomes available, the restoration will continue. The Supervisors would like to thank Senator Rafferty, Betty Randzin, and John Miller for their help with acquiring this grant.

Photo Contest

You don't have to travel far to participate in the EAC photography contest! The theme this year is ***"Backyards and Special Places of Wallace Twp"***.

Our yards are havens for fun, relaxation and natural beauty and we would like to see photos that capture those themes. Photos can include people, animals or anything that makes your backyard special. We prefer 5x7 or 8x10 photos and these can be submitted to the township building.



From the Wallace Environmental Advisory Council

Streamside Forests = Cleaner, Cheaper Water.

For thousands of years, Pennsylvania — or Penn's Woods, as it once was called — was almost completely forested. Today many streams no longer have trees growing along their banks and the absence of these streamside forests, combined with population growth, has resulted in declining stream health.

Streams provide much more than places for recreation, they provide habitat for plants and animals — and the drinking water for many of us. Planting trees next to streams is an effective and cost efficient way to improve and protect the quality of our waterways — and ultimately our drinking water!

Streamside forests prevent sediments and other pollutants from reaching the stream. Because forested streams are healthier, they are more able than deforested streams to process the pollution that does enter them. Healthy, forested streams are full of life, including microscopic organisms that are efficient at breaking down pollutants. Planting trees along streams supports a rich variety of life that can continue to clean our water naturally.

Forests function like sponges. Roots from trees and shrubs break up the soil so that rainwater soaks into the ground, rather than running off the surface. This reduces flooding and replenishes groundwater, another important source of drinking water.

Poor water quality costs taxpayers money. Streamside forests reduce the cost of clean drinking water by reducing the need for chemicals to treat the water. A 10% increase in forest cover in a drinking source area results in a 20% decrease in treatment and chemical costs.

Streamside forests maintain the stream conditions that aquatic animals and plants need to thrive. Shade from streamside forests keeps water temperatures cool — a necessity for brook trout, the state fish of Pennsylvania. Streamside forests are important habitat areas for many native and migrating birds. Tree leaves provide food and habitat for many aquatic animals, such as insects and crustaceans, which in turn provide food for fish. Tree roots stabilize stream banks, reduce erosion and they also create habitat for animals. Planting trees along streams supports a rich variety of life that can continue to clean our water for us, naturally.

Streamside forests provide a setback — or buffer — between the stream and the adjacent land use. A narrow streamside forest can provide some benefits, such as shade, but wider buffers are necessary to keep streams healthy. Research findings support a 100 foot minimum on both sides of the stream. Unhealthy streams mean poor water quality, which increases the amount of money we must spend to treat our water supplies. A simple and cost-effective way to protect and improve the quality of our streams — and our drinking water — is to restore trees along the banks.

The community is invited to the 7 pm, June 16, 2009 EAC meeting to hear Stroud's Kristen Travers talk about the value added benefits of stream side forests. And she should know - the Stroud Water Research Center's scientific staff is internationally acclaimed for its pioneering research on streams and rivers. Meeting will be held at the Township Building

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*Great American CLEAN-UP of Pennsylvania
includes WALLACE TOWNSHIP*

Saturday, April 25, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. Wagenseller Park

Join the members of our Park & Recreation Board, Trail Preservation Association, and the Environmental Advisory Council to CLEAN-UP and beautify the parks and trails in Wallace Township.

For more information contact Betty at 610-942-2880 or email wallace@wallacetwp.org

Spring Bulk Trash Day is Saturday, May 2, 2009

The Bulk Trash Dumpster will be available at the Township Maintenance Building, 2160 Creek Road, on Saturday, May 2nd, from 9 AM—Noon. **Township residents** are permitted to dump three bulk items per household. **Residents must call the Township Office at 610-942-2880 to register to use the dumpster.** Car batteries will be accepted, however, paint cans and other hazardous materials are strictly prohibited. Car, light truck tires and appliances containing Freon will be accepted for a nominal charge, otherwise the dumpster is free.

Fees will be as follows: tires on rim-\$5, tires off rim-\$4, appliances estimated cost of \$20-\$25.

Be sure to register by Thursday, April 29th.