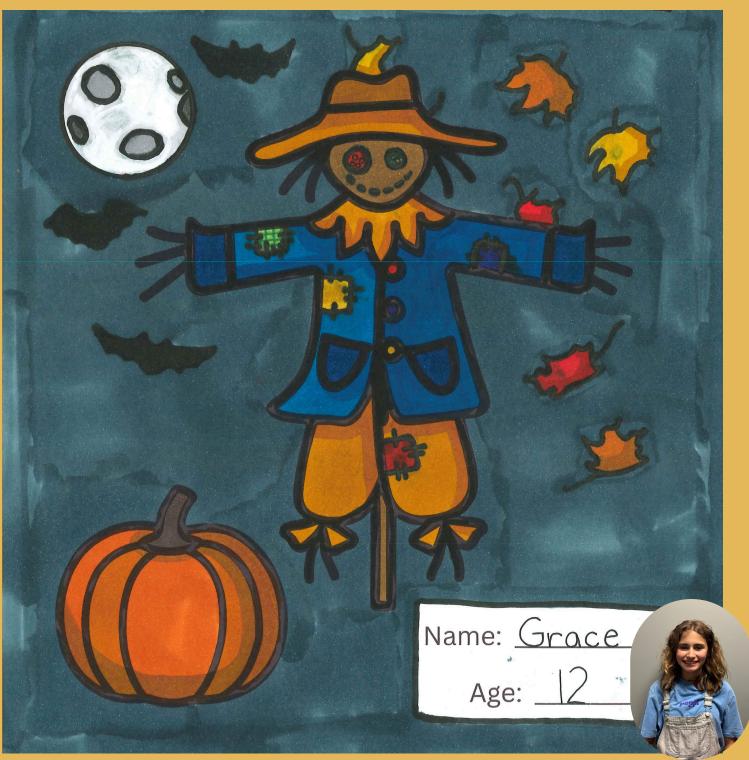
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Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2025

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome to the 2025 Skippack Township Fall/Winter newsletter. Where did the summer go? I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the great weather and activities we hosted. The 4th of July parade and fireworks were amazing as always, and the 2nd annual Skippack Community Day was also a great success. I personally avoided the mechanical surf contest, but the kids seemed to really enjoy it.

Thank you to all those that donated to our food drive. Your contributions were delivered to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry, located on Ridge Pike in Collegeville. Please consider continuing to contribute directly to DBCFP throughout the year to help families overcome food insecurities.

Flash forward to today, it's October and we are preparing for an action packed holiday season. We'll start with Movie Night in Church Road Park on October 17th, where we will show Hocus Pocus. The annual tree lighting will be on Friday, November 28th, which also starts Luminaire Fridays in the Village until December 19th. The Elf Hunt was so popular last year, we are bringing it back again this year! Stay tuned for date and time. And if you want your house to be entered into the Holiday Decoration Contest, submit your address to Danielle (ddangelo@skippacktownship.org) by December 10th. Winners will be announced December 19th. Good luck!

From the entire Board of Supervisors and our Staff, we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy end to 2025!

Sincerely,

Paul Fox

Chairman of the Board

Skippack Township

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS What They Love About Ekippack



Paul Fox, Chairman

Skippack is special because it's a vibrant mix of history, community, and celebration. Whether it's the charming local shops, the parks and trails, or the events that bring neighbors together. Skippack is a unique oasis that's the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Marian Ellis

I moved to Skippack in 2018 a few years after my husband John passed. It was the first home I bought without him and it was a big deal for me. I was worried if I would fit in and wondered if, as a single person, I would feel awkward. Luckily I felt welcomed by my Meadow Glen at Skippack community immediately and as I got more comfortable with the community, I also felt welcomed by the businesses and restaurants in the Village. I love the small town feel. I love how you walk the Village and see your neighbors enjoying the shops or having a bite to eat, and I love how our community has embraced me as one of its Township Supervisors. Let's keep the great community spirit that we have in Skippack and shine a light on kindness and positivity. Let's keep this wonderful place we call home a place that everyone loves to visit!





Karen Lynch

What I love most about living in Skippack is the small-town charm and the close-knit community. There is a real sense of belonging here. I enjoy the fact that I can walk into our village for many unique shopping and dining experiences. Our events, traditions and rich history are special too—parades, festivals, and seasonal celebrations that bring everyone together and make the town feel alive. I also love how close we are to nature, with parks, trails, and open spaces right at our fingertips.

Barbara McGinnis

I have been blessed to call Skippack my home for the last 38 years. Through those years I have established and built my business at Three Diamonds Stable and saw changes to areas of our community. This was one of the reasons I ran for Supervisor, to continue to keep the charm and history of Skippack balanced with new ideas. I'm proud that my colleagues and I have accomplished that and will continue to do so for the community.



Skippack Township Proclaims October 3rd as: Sharon Oullen May

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SHARON L. CULLEN

At the meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, the Skippack Township Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a proclamation declaring October 3rd to be Sharon Cullen Day.

WHEREAS, Sharon Cullen, a beloved resident of Skippack Township, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2025;

WHEREAS, Sharon dedicated her professional career to public service, contributing greatly through her work in the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, the County Commissioners' Office, and most recently as Director of Parking Facilities and Fleet Management;

WHEREAS, Sharon was known not only for her leadership and commitment, but also for her specific compassion and steadfast support of first responders;

WHEREAS, together with her husband Sean, she co-founded the Montgomery County Hero Fund Charity, thereby creating a legacy of critical support for first responders and their families in times of tragedy;

WHEREAS, Sharon's life of service, kindness, and generosity has left a lasting and indelible mark on Montgomery County, Skippack Township, and all those with whom she came in contact;

WHEREAS, Sharon's love of family and community was the prominent and driving force throughout her life with her husband Sean, her family, co-workers, friends, and cherished pets;

WHEREAS, she will be deeply missed by those whose lives she touched; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Skippack now desires to and does hereby recognize and honor the life of Sharon Cullen, express its deepest condolences to her family and loved ones, and acknowledge with gratitude her extraordinary contributions to public service and community support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Sharon Cullen's birthday of October 3 shall be forever hereafter recognized and honored as "Sharon Cullen Day" by the residents of Skippack and all those who hold dear the high level of commitment, support, and compassion which so defined the extraordinary life of Sharon Cullen.



SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE UPDATES



E-Bikes, Motorbikes, and All-Terrain-Vehicles on Township Owned Property No. 364

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Skippack, Chapter 187, Vehicles and Traffic is hereby amended to add the following Article IX, E-Bikes, Motorbikes, and All-Terrain Vehicles reading in its entirety as follows: §187-66 Vehicle prohibition No person may operate any E-Bike, Motorbike, or All-Terrain-Vehicle on any Townshipowned property, including (without limitation) any trail, park, street, road, and/or alley;

with the exception that properly registered E-Bikes Motorbikes, and All-Terrian Vehicles may be operated by licensed drivers upon public streets within the Township consistent with local and state regulations including (without limitation) the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75).

§187-67 Definition For purposes of this Article, an "E-Bike" is defined as any bicycle equipped with an integrated electric motor providing propulsion, and without any pedal-assist. §187-68 Exemption The prohibitions and regulations of this Article IX shall not apply to the use and operation of E-Bikes, Motorbikes, and All-Terrain Vehicles by those properly authorized for such use and operation by the Township of Skippack, the Skippack Fire Company, Skippack EMS, or any other official emergency service provider. §187-69 Enforcement and penalties The enforcement of this Article shall be by action brought before the District Justice in the same manner provided for the enforcement of Summary Offences under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof by summary proceedings, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500 per violation plus costs and, in default of said fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of Summary Offences. After notice of a violation, each day that the violation is found to exist shall be considered a separate violation. Each violation under any section of this Article shall constitute a separate offense. §187-70 Non-exclusive authority Nothing in this Article shall inhibit or restrict the authority and ability of any private property owners association to regulate the subject matter of this Article upon the property, trails and open space areas owned, operated, and maintained by such association.

SECTION 2. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would still have been adopted if such illegal or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.



Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance No.365

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Skippack, Chapter 135, <u>Peddling and Soliciting</u> is hereby amended to replace the word "He" with the words "He/She", every place it appears; and to replace the word "His" with the words "His/Her", every place it appears.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. The Code of the Township of Skippack, Chapter 135, <u>Peddling and Soliciting</u>, §135-4.C is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

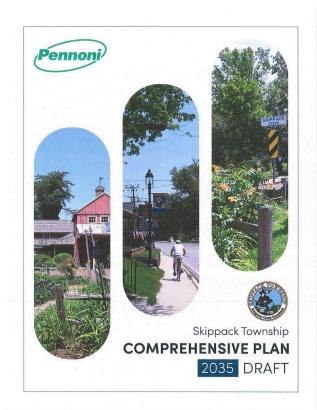
"He/She shall not enter, attempt to enter, approach, or attempt to approach any dwelling or business

- 1. between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.;
- 2. any time on a Sunday;
- 3. without an invitation or permission of the occupant;
- marked with a "No Solicitation" sign; and/or
- 5. included within any property association prohibiting peddling and solicitation,

and shall leave any above-described premises immediately upon request."

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Comprehensive Plan



Skippack Township invites all residents, business owners, and community members to review the **Draft Comprehensive Plan 2035**, which is now available for public comment. This important document outlines Skippack's 10 year vision for the future and provides strategies for responsible community development and preservation. The current draft is under a **45-day public review period**, and this is your final opportunity to provide input before the plan moves forward for adoption. Your input will help shape the future of our community.

Check out the Comprehensive Plan at
www.SkippackTownship.org
and please submit all feedback to
bmazza@skippacktownship.org or in person at our
Skippack Township Administration Builing, 4089
Heckler Rd. In Skippack by Friday, October 31, 2025.

Speed Limit Change and Added Crosswalks in Skippack Village

Together PennDOT and Skippack Township have implemented these changes to enhance the safety of both residents and visitors in the Skippack Village area.

The speed limit on Route 73(Skippack Pike) hs been reduced from 35 mph between Old Forty Foot Road and 113 (Bridge Road)

The Speed Limit o Route 113 (Bridge Road) has been reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph between Route 73 (Skippack Pike) and Route 29 (Gravel Pike)





Additionally, The Township has increased the visibility of pedestrain crosswalks by marking the cross walk areas with white lines and flshing crosswalk signs. Please drive through Skippack Village with caution and enjoy the events are beautiful village hosts!

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP EVENTS























COMMUNITY DAY

Community Day was a great success and we thank the Farm, Home, and Youth Complex for the use of their facility to make it such an easy day for our community to gather! A special thanks to our event sponsors: Univest, H&K, R.L. Williams Funneral Home Inc, The Dance Centre, DeMedios Building Maintance, Don's Prepared Foods, Deep Roots Arboriculture, DCO Orthodontist, Star Painting, and McCaffrey's! Also to those who donated to our raffle baskets: Parc Bistro, The Dutch, Well Fed, The Grand Formage, WaWa, Skippack Beverage, Barry Davis Produce, Pizza Villa, Scoop Happy, Hotel Fiesole, Anthony's Pizza of Skippack, and Sweet Rora's! Chairman Paul Fox and our Board of Supervisors extend their gratitude to all those who came our to celebrate our community!





















"Oh What a Night" we had with AM RADIO in Palmer Park. Great music along with great weather made for the most perfect night to dance the night away!









Daily Bread Community Food Pantry



Thank you to everyone who helped support our local food pantry. We were able to bring over 200 items for local families in need!







UPCOMING EVENTS







Skippack Historical Society

The Skippack Historical Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1967 for the purpose of researching and documenting the many historical sites and rich history of the Skippack Valley, the site of the second inland settlement of the Pennsylvania German people.

We wanted to reach out to our community and ask for support towards Skippack Historical Society. Barbara McGinnis, Township Supervisor, would like the community to understand that a small donation or membership goes towards the existing historical properties and upkeep and allows the ability for this organization to continue to save other properties that have the charm and rich history that each of us love about Skippack. Please take a moment and consider being a part of this valuable organization.

Single membership is \$20.00 per year Family membership is \$30.00 per year

Please visit www.skippack.org to become and member or make a donation.





Eagle Scout Project at Church Road Park



My name is Tyler Gordon, and I'm a 16-year-old working toward earning the rank of Eagle Scout. For my Eagle Scout project, I am planning and leading a team of volunteers through every phase from securing materials to the final construction and installation—of two Little Free Libraries and a children's bench. These will be installed at Church Road Park in Skippack Township. This experience has taught me invaluable lessons in

leadership, perseverance, and the importance of giving back to my community.





Sebastian Riding Associates, Inc.

We are excited to shine a spotlight on one of Skippack Township's remarkable non-profit organizations: Sebastian Riding Associates. Located in beautiful Evansburg Park, Sebastian is proudly celebrating 50 years of service this year! Founded in 1975, Sebastian has remained true to its mission of "improving the quality of life of those living with disabilities through equine-assisted service programs." Today, the organization provides therapeutic riding for children and adults with a wide range of physical, cognitive, and mental health challenges. Thanks to the dedication of its staff and volunteers, Sebastian offers a compassionate, inclusive, and safe environment where students thrive. From humble beginnings to now serving over 300 students each year, Sebastian Riding Associates has made an immeasurable impact on so many lives.

We thank Sebastian Riding Associates for their extraordinary work and congratulate them on this incredible 50-year milestone!



Check out their website for events and volunteer opportunities

https://www.sebastianriding.org/news/50thanniversary-video

The Farm, Home & Youth Complex, located at 1015 Bridge Road in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, serves as a hub for community events and youth development programs.

Managed by the Farm, Home & Youth Foundation of Montgomery County, the complex hosts the Montgomery County 4-H Center, which offers a variety of clubs and activities for children aged 5-18, covering interests such as nature, animals, art, music, food, and health. The venue also hosts annual events like the Farm, Home & Youth Fair, featuring 4-H animal projects, outdoor vendors, and indoor exhibits. Additionally, the complex is known for hosting events like the Extreme Bulls & Barrels rodeo, featuring bull riding and barrel racing.





Skippack Fire Company

610-584-9995

91230 Bridge Road, Skippack PA 19474

SkippackFire.com

WIN AN AUTHENTICALLY AUTOGRAPHED

EAGLES HELMET!

Buy your raffle tickets:

•Any Thursday evening at the Fire House

● Santa's visits, Dec. 5 & 6



Your participation helps Skippack Fire Company purchase fire and rescue equipment. Thank you!

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At the Fire Station

Friday, December 5, 6-8 PM Saturday, December 6,3-5 PM

Give to the toy drive!

We will be collecting toys for local residents through The Collegeville Bakery.

Eagles helmet raffle pull!

Your last chance to win! The winner will be pulled during Santa's visit on Saturday!











So Many Thanks!

We are excited to announce that in June, we took delivery of a new ambulance, 336-4, and we recently were able to put it into service. We have to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication in getting this truck ready for licensure. There are a lot of supplies and equipment that is required by the State to be on an ambulance and it is a daunting task to make sure everything is in its place.

And speaking of equipment, we are also excited to have purchased 3 new LUCAS devices for our ambulances. Our old ones had reached the end of their service life and needed to be replaced. A LUCAS device provides consistent mechanical compressions during a cardiac arrest. It reduces the physical strain on our first responders and allows us to concentrate on other lifesaving procedures.

But in all of this excitement, we would be remiss if we did not recognize Skippack Township's significant contributions that allowed these purchases to be made. These purchases allow us to continue to provide our community with high-quality pre-hospital care. We greatly appreciate their support.

Before we say adieu, we would like to thank two other groups. First, the residents of Meadow Glen for hosting a breakfast for first responders on 9/11. Second, an anonymous donor provided lunch for our first responders at our station the following week. We are so appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

We would like remind everyone that our fall subscription drive is in full swing. Please consider subscribing. We have many tiers that will fit any family situation.

Be safe and thank you for your support! We couldn't do what we do without you!



Perkiomen Valley Library

Heraclitus said, "There is nothing permanent except change."

Skippack Township's library is the Perkiomen Valley Library located at 290 Second Street in Schwenksville. The library has been award a LSA Grant that will be used towards many physical changes to the building. It will be exciting to see the upcoming changes which will make the building more welcoming and accessible. Other changes include a new webpage. The webpage, https://pvlibrary.net/ includes a calendar that has the activities and events available at the main library, Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library and its branches including Perkiomen Valley Library. Check it out at

https://pvlibrary.net/calendar/.

PVL's new Youth Services Coordinator has created many new fun programs for children and families. Include special events for days that PVSD is closed, storytimes, after school programs and more. There many activities just for adults, too. Genre of the Month, crafting and informational programs and more. See the online calendar to explore your options. Have you explored the library's online resources? You can access the electronic resources for free with your library card.

- Download Free Ebooks, Audiobooks and Magazines (ask how you can expand your access to a statewide digital collection in the Libby app)
- Learn a new language
- Search for ancestors
- Write a resume
- Take a variety of practice tests
- Read newspapers from around the country
- Search for business information and more!

PVL is part of MCLINC, which allows easy access to most of the collections of the libraries in the Montgomery County. You can even request items from outside the county, also free. Come visit your local library to discover the wealth of materials and information that are waiting for you. See PVL's Facebook page and webpage, www.pvlibrary.net and join in the fun.



FALL STORWATER SOLUTIONS

FALL 2026

Stormwater doesn'tsoakintohardsurfaceslike pavement or rooftops. Instead, it flowsintostormdrains and streams, picking upleaves, fertilizers, trashand other pollutants along the way. Youcanhelptoreduce stormwater pollution this fall by followingthetipsbelow!

FALL STORWMATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- Manage Fall Leaves Naturally: Mulch leaves into your lawn to return vital nutrients to the soil, rake them into garden beds or compost them for spring gardening.
- Add a Rain Garden or Buffer: Plant native species along low spots in your yard. These plants help to slow down rainwater, reduce flooding and trap pollutants before they reach waterways. Keep Storm Drains Clear: Check
- storm drains
 near your home and remove any leaves, litter
 or debris. Clogged drains cause localized
 flooding, which carries more pollutants
 downstream. Pick Up After Pets: Always
 collect and
- properly dispose of pet waste, even in the backyard. Pet waste contains bacteria and nutrients that can contribute to unsafe water conditions.

SIMPLESTEPSYOUCAN TAKE ATHOMETOPROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!







Learn more at: www.perkiomenwatershed.org

WINTER STORMATER SOLUTIONS WINTER 2026

As snow and ice accumulate, winter maintenance can have a big impact on our streams, rivers and drinking water. When snow melts, it carries everything in its path - road salt, pet waste, automotive fluids and litter-directly into storm drains and waterways. See the tips below for howyou can help keep our community's water clean this winter!

WINTER STORWMATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- Shovel First, Salt Last: Clean snow early and
 often to reduce the need for salt. If you must use
 salt do so sparingly and sweep up left over salt
 after ice melts.
- Choose Eco-Friendly Deicers: Avoid products
 containing sodium chloride (rock salt) which harms
 plants, pets and aquatic life. Use sand or nonclumping kitty litter for traction instead of
 chemical deicers.
- Manage Snow Piles Wisely: Pile snow on grassy areas where it can slowly melt and soak into the ground. Avoid stacking snow on top of storm drains or near waterways.
- Store Chemicals Safely: Keep deicing products, fertilizers and antifreeze in sealed containers.
 Store them off the ground and away from drains.
 Check your garage for leaks and clean spills immediately with absorbent material.

SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!







Learn more at: www.perkiomenwatershed.org

Thank You 2025 GOLD Sponsors





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