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Spring 2018

Franconia Announces New Chief Of Police

The Franconia Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael L. Martin as their new Chief of Police. The former Upper Merion Police Lieutenant was sworn in by District Judge Albert J. Augustine at a special meeting on May 10, 2018, with District Attorney Kevin R. Steele present.



(left to right) District Attorney Kevin Steele, Township Manager Jon Hammer, Supervisor Curtis Kratz, Supervisor David Fazio, Chief Michael Martin, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Grey Godshall and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso

Police Chief Martin comes to Franconia after serving with the Upper Merion Township Police Department for 31 years. He advanced through the ranks starting as a patrol officer in 1987. His areas of assignment/expertise through the years included:

- Special Response Tactical Team that handled incidents of “high risk,” including such things as hostage situations, dignitary protection and fugitive apprehensions;
- Community Relations Officer/Sergeant establishing the first Community Relations Program with the Upper Merion Township Police Department and responsible for the creation, design, implementation and management of all aspects of Community Policing and associated programs;

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215-723-1153
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- Montgomery County Drug Task Force Supervisor overseeing Upper Merion Township Police Department's 15-officer contingent of plain-clothes narcotics officers;
- Auxiliary Services Division Commander (Lieutenant) supervising the Telecommunications Supervisor and records division personnel, as well as planning, directing and controlling the activities of all employees within the Division;
- Patrol Division Commander (Lieutenant) responsible for ensuring 24-hour patrol coverage of the Township to provide crime suppression, traffic law enforcement, traffic crash investigations and code enforcement;
- Investigation Division Commander (Lieutenant) responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Detectives, Sergeants, the Civilian Evidence Technician and Civilian Criminal Case Administrator assigned to the Investigations Division to ensure the proper handling of criminal investigations.

Chief Michael Martin has a wife and 2 daughters. He is excited to join the Franconia Township Police Department as their new Chief and looks forward to working with their officers in that capacity.

Police Chief Joe Kozeniewski Retires

Police Chief Joe Kozeniewski who faithfully served Franconia Township for the past 37 years has retired. He joined Franconia as a patrol officer on January 5, 1981 and for the past 21 years, he served as the Chief of Police. He was recognized and honored with a plaque for his years of service with the Township by the Board of Supervisors at his last Board meeting on April 16, 2018.

Chief Joe was also celebrated in his "Last Ride In" on his last day with the force on Friday, May 4, 2018. Police from neighboring municipalities, including Telford and Souderton Boroughs, Lower Salford Township and Limerick Township were in attendance saluting and recognizing Chief on this momentous occasion.

Chief Kozeniewski says he will miss the camaraderie of the many people who have served or are currently serving as the Township's Law Enforcement Officers stating that "A finer group of men and women would be difficult to find."



Members of the Board of Supervisors present Chief Kozeniewski with a thank you for his service

New Tax Collector Appointed

As Franconia Township bids farewell to Tax Collector Gerald DeLong, who faithfully served the Township and its residents for 15 years, on January 23, the Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Wm. Keith Freed as his successor. Mr. Freed was appointed after the elected Tax Collector notified the Board that she was unable to fulfill the position.

Mr. Freed is not a new face to Franconia, having served on the Board of Supervisors from 2003 until 2014, as well as previously serving as chairman of the Planning Commission. He looks forward to serving the Township residents as Tax Collector, acknowledging that he has big shoes to fill but that he is ready for the task and prepared to do his utmost to fulfill the capacity competently. Please welcome him as our new Tax Collector!



Wm. Keith Freed

Godshall And Amuso Re-Elected To Board of Supervisors

Grey Godshall and Dr. Charles Amuso were re-elected to six year terms on the Township Board of Supervisors in the November General Election.

Mr. Godshall and Dr. Amuso were sworn in and took their oath of office on January 2 with it being an extra special occasion as each of their grandsons held the Bible while they took their oath.



Dr. Charles Amuso



Grey Godshall

Laurel Lane Park Getting New Playground Equipment

In the Fall of 2017, the Township's insurance carrier, Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT), conducted an annual review and inspection of playground equipment throughout the Township. Based on the inspection, it was determined that the playground equipment at Laurel Lane Park was dangerous and no longer complied with current regulations.

DVIT required the removal of the equipment that was in disrepair. Since the equipment had been in existence for close to 20 years, the Township knew the importance it held to local residents and their children and grandchildren so a search began for an affordable replacement option.

After some research, it was determined that the Township could receive a grant through 2017 GameTime matching funds and a partial grant from DVIT to replace the non-compliant equipment. The new equipment, which will include swings and a slide, will be available this Spring.



Bring On Spring And Summer

After having 3 Nor'easters back-to-back in March, we look forward to saying farewell to Winter and welcoming in Spring and Summer (see Events Calendar page for upcoming events).

We want to thank our Public Works Department for all of their hard work and long hours keeping our roads cleared during our many snowstorms! Here are just a few stats from the 2017-2018 Winter Season:

- 56" recorded snowfall
- 20 salting events
- 10 plowable snowstorms
- 1,380 tons of salt spread
- 420 tons of anti-skid used





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Franconia Township Events Calendar

Youth Tennis Clinic

WHEN: June 18-21, 2018
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: Franconia Community Park Tennis Court

The Franconia Parks & Recreation Board will once again be sponsoring a youth tennis clinic this summer. The clinic will be for children 6-12 years old. Skilled instruction will be provided by Monica Bach. The cost of the clinic is \$90 per person, and all you need to bring along for the clinic is a tennis racket! Prior registration and payment are required and can be done in person at the Township Building between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Concert in the Park

WHEN: Wednesday, July 11, 2018
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

WHERE: Franconia Community Park

The Franconia Parks & Recreation Board is pleased to announce that Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers will be performing at this year's summer concert. They will be performing your favorite Pop, Country and Rock radio hits. Grab your lawn chair and join us on the lawn of Franconia Community Park to enjoy this night of music along with plenty of food and fun!



27th Annual Fishing Derby Fun For All

Franconia Township's Parks and Recreation Committee held its 27th Annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Branchwood Park.

It was a beautiful day with 36 contestants up to age 12 registering. The Branchwood Creek was stocked with 500 trout, and there was a lot of fun had by all watching the kids fishing and enjoying the day. Congratulations to all of the winners and participants in the event.



Fishing Derby winners were (left to right) Gabe Taylor, Aiden Cummings, Olivia Leonard, Makenzie Gotshall, Tyler Kratz and Justice Freed



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2018 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

DATES:

Saturday, June 23
Abington Junior High School
enter at 2056 Susquehanna Rd. • Abington

Saturday, June 30
Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Dr. • Norristown
(enter at Whitehall Rd.)

Saturday, September 22
Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Rd. • Royersford

SUNDAY, October 21
Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Ave. • Penn Valley

Free residential collection events are held outdoors from 9am-3pm. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia Counties.

For additional information and in case of severe weather:

Please visit MontcoPARecycles.org, email recycling@montcopa.org, or call the recycling line at 610.278.3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION INFORMATION

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Drain Openers	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Reactives
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Lead
Shellac	Joint Compound	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Other Solvent-Based Paint Products	Roof Cements	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes, Ballast, and CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks	Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Aerosols
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	Electric Oil-filled Heaters

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives & Ammunition	Electronics	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste	Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs	Radioactive Waste	Freon Appliances
Tires	Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	PCBs
Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Gas Cylinders	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Smoke Detectors

* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY, commercial/industrial generated hazardous waste will not be accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Gas containers returned upon request.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- Maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25- or 50-gallon drums.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.



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