

Around The Township

Swatara Township Quarterly Newsletter

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PAXTON STREET TWO-WAY PROJECT COMPLETED

Finally, after all the waiting, the Paxton Street two-way project has been completed! Drivers may now turn onto Paxton Street at Eisenhower Boulevard and proceed westbound to TecPort, the Harrisburg Mall or to the City. This route will certainly help during holiday shopping and as an alternate route in the event of an accident on I-83.

Officials from Swatara Township, Dauphin County, PennDOT, and TecPort attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. Senator Jeff Piccola and Representative John Payne were also in attendance.

The next road project to look for is the widening of Derry Street from 50th Street to 61st Street. Utility poles have been moved; however, PennDOT has informed the Township that widening work will not be completed until Spring of next year. Derry Street will also be re-paved from 43rd Street through 61st Street.

Watch for new traffic patterns and new traffic signals on Lindle Road (PA Route 441) between Keckler Road and Eisenhower Boulevard. One signal was installed as part of the Paxton Street two-way project and two signals were installed as part of the High Point Commons Shopping Center. New traffic patterns will affect those who travel Chambers Hill Road from PenHar Road to Eisenhower Boulevard. Two new signals have been installed as part of the High Point Commons Shopping Center.

The Township has started on a number of improvement projects including a small addition to the Municipal Building for the codes office and fire marshal. This addition will include specialized storage for blue prints and plans. An equipment storage building is under construction at the compost facility to house some of the larger pieces of equipment.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT SCHEDULED

Trick or Treat night for ALL Swatara Township
residents is scheduled for
Thursday, October 26
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

publication of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners. It is published quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANNED

McGruff the Crime Dog invites township children of all ages to a Halloween Party in his honor on **Monday, October 23** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There will be a costume contest for children ages 0-12. Age categories are 0-4, 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Movie passes donated by Colonial Commons will be awarded. Other activities include games, arts and crafts, and balloons.

Parents should bring their cameras for pictures with McGruff. Refreshments will be served. The party will be hosted by Patrol Officer Roberta Pisle and the Swatara Township Police Department.

SWATARA TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS COMMISSIONERS

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FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Fall leaf pick up will begin on the first week in November. Bagged or raked leaves placed curbside will be collected according to the following schedule:

Monday: Chambers Hill

Tuesday: Rutherford

Wednesday: Lawnton - Leaker Manor

Thursday: Oberlin, Oberlin Gardens, 29th St. area

Friday: Enhart - Bressler

The following are a few important reminders that will help make leaf collection go smoothly.

Please do not rake 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.

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 and faster if crews do not have to work around parked cars.

Keep leaves separate from your garbage. Neither the Township nor Waste Management will pick up bags containing a mixture of leaves and garbage.

Parking your car on a pile of leaves is not only a fire hazard but it also makes it impossible for the Township to pick them up.

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 off the streets by the first predicted snowfall [whenever that may be] because the leaf boxes on the dump trucks must be removed and swapped for tailgates, salt spreaders, and plows.

The composting facility is open year round, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for residents who want to drop off their own leaves.

FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

TRASH COLLECTION: Residents are reminded that there is a four (4) container/bag limit for trash pick-up. Trash tags are available for \$2.75 each at the municipal building. Individual trash containers/bags cannot weigh more than sixty (60) pounds. Please remember that containers/bags are not to be put out for collection more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled pick-up day. Cardboard boxes should be flattened and tied together for the hauler.

RECYCLING BINS: If your recycling bin is damaged, please bring it into the Township building and it will be replaced at no charge. If you would like an extra recycling bin, the cost is \$6.50. Cardboard and old phone books do not belong in the recycle bin. These items should be disposed of in the regular trash.

QUESTIONS/PROBLEMS REGARDING TRASH COLLECTION AND RECYCLING: If you have any questions regarding items to be placed out for pick-up, including bulk items, you can reach Waste Management at (717) 232-0878 or contact the Township's Health Department. All items containing CFC's must be scheduled for collection directly with Waste Management.

REMINDER TO POOL OWNERS: With the onset of Fall, remember all pools need to be properly treated with chemicals for winterization and covered.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Swatara Township licenses all firms which conduct trade in the Township and assesses a business privilege tax on the gross amounts of business. In this issue we are including businesses which have been added since the last newsletter. The following enterprises have joined us during May, June, July and August, 2006. The business privilege department can be reached by e-mail at swatarabusinessprivilege@yahoo.com.
7125 Grayson Road Investors, LLC, rental
Anthony's, 4200 Derry Street
Capitol Insurance, 4113 Derry Street
Champion Windows, Siding & Patio Rooms, 1351

Eisenhower Boulevard
Dirty Dogs Car & Pet Wash, 489 Eisenhower Boulevard
Dish Network Service, LLC, 330 East Park Drive

Fireworks Galore, Eisenhower Boulevard (temporary)
H.O.T. Chix Salon, 6301 Grayson Road
Ironwood Communications, Inc., 5000 Paxton Street
John's Home Improvements, 8050 Somerset Street, Apt. 5
KSE Designs, 8 Jones Street
La Piazza, 3950 TecPort Drive, Suite 100
Lee Construction Company, 3118 Parkview Lane
Longia & Collotia, 100-102 North 45th Street, rentals
Andrew S. McCreath & Son, Inc., 1649 Bobali Drive
Nationwide Sales, Inc., Selling Cleaning Products Door-to- Door
Parts Central Pennsylvania, LLC., 4335 Lewis Road
Penn Star Service Center, Inc., 8011 Paxton Street
Phantastic Fireworks, Cameron Street (temporary)
Pilates Experience, 7921 Grayson Road
Spirit Master Funding III, LLC, 4401 Derry Street, rentals
Styline Transportation, Inc., 1530-B Bobali Drive
Tusciano Pizza & Grill, 421 Friendship Road
Waffle House, 4701 Lindle Road

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

As this newsletter is mailed in September, the 2006 discount tax seasons are over, but many tax bills remain unpaid. You have until December 31 to pay any and all taxes for the 2006 tax year. You may pay in person at the tax office, or mail your taxes. If mailing your taxes, have them postmarked no later than December 31 to be accepted for payment. If you have not received any real estate taxes this year, but should have, please contact the tax office as soon as possible for a copy to be mailed to you. If you have received a tax bill in error, please call or send the tax bill back to the tax office with a note so that we may remail to the correct property owner.

Our office hours remain Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Evening hours are only during the end of the discount tax periods, and at the end of the year and are noted on your tax bill for your convenience. The tax office is closed when the municipal building is closed, as we follow their holiday schedule. Due to budget restrictions, the office will be closed the weeks of September 24, October 15, and November 19.

SPECIAL NOTE: A drop box is located outside of

the tax office door for your convenience. Drop box payees will receive a receipt when bills are processed. The drop box is available during regular business hours of the township, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP SELECTED FOR FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Swatara Township has been awarded a flood mitigation grant. This grant is the result of major flooding and allows the Township to purchase and demolish homes in the flood zone. A previous grant resulted in the purchase and removal of three homes on Rutherford Street. This round includes six homes on Brisbane Street and one on Bridge Street. This voluntary program is funded by FEMA and PEMA. Once the homes are removed no future development of the property may take place. This is one of many activities the Township has undertaken to reduce the severity and frequency of flooding.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ACTIONS REPORTED**

- Presented plaques to Ptl. (retired) Russell E. Taylor (25 years, 6 months) and Sgt. (retired) Kenneth E. Beard (24 years, 5 months) commemorating their years service as police officers.
- Approved the following bids: construction of a pole building at the compost facility, an addition to the municipal building, various highway materials, microsurfacing, and paving
- Approved the AFSCME agreement with the Highway Department
- Approved a stop sign at the intersection of Jones and Monroe Streets;
- Approved the final preliminary/final land development plan of Casa Bella Marketing, Inc., for the Rutherford Car Wash on Derry Street
- Approved the planning module of William K. Laird for the Storage Depot Car Wash, Milroy and Grayson Roads
- Increased tap fees in the Rutherford and OEB sewer districts to \$1,387.00 (plus 3%)
- Accepted the resignation of Officer James L. Baldwin
- Hired Randy Souders as a Planning and Zoning Coordinator
- Noted with regret the disbanding of SWATOWSA, the Swatara Township Seniors Association
- Accepted the resignation of David Dunn as EMA Director
- Appointed Fire Marshal Darrin Robinson EMA Director
- Appointed Code Enforcement Officer Samantha Evans as alternate sewage enforcement officer
- Promoted Officer Brain Karcesky to the position of Corporal

GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

The Swatara Township Recreation Department co-sponsored the 17th Annual Dave Pollard Golf Classic at Sportsman's Golf Course on Friday, June 9. The tournament was a four man scramble event and was open to the public. There were ninety (90) golfers in attendance. The winners had a score of 15 under par.

Thanks to all who donated prizes and money. The American Red Cross benefitted from the golf tournament with a generous check for over \$3,000.

**OBERLIN'S WORLD WAR II
MEMORIAL AND NATIONAL
SERVICE MONUMENT REACH
DECADE MILESTONES**

The Oberlin Triangle's World War II Memorial was dedicated September 2, 1946, and the National Service Monument was dedicated June 15, 2006. The year 2006 marks the 60th Anniversary for the WWII Memorial, and the 10th Anniversary for the National Service Monument.

The WWII Memorial lists the names of 217 men and women who served during WWII including 6 who gave their lives while serving. The National Service Monument is unique in that it recognizes and honors "service," both military and non-military.

The next time you are at or near the Oberlin Triangle, take a few moments to go up to and read the plaque. Read the names on the Memorial and the inscriptions on both the Memorial and the Monument. It will be time well spent. You will probably recognize some names on the WWII memorial.

The following organizations sponsor the WWII Memorial and the National Service Monument: Salem Lutheran Church, Neidig United Methodist Church, Oberlin Lions Club, Citizens Fire Company No. 1 of Oberlin, Steelton-Swatara Lodge No. 775 F&AM, and the support of the citizens of Oberlin and vicinity. If you would like to contribute to the maintenance of this Oberlin landmark, please do so by check to: Salem Lutheran Church, 1152 Main Street, Oberlin, PA 17113. Mark the check TMTF (triangle maintenance trust fund).

POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTES

FROM THE DESK OF THE POLICE CHIEF

There are a number of parking regulations that residents should be aware of. Some residents may not be familiar with the laws respective to parking or may have been parking in violation for many years.

- Vehicles standing or parked on a two way street shall be positioned parallel along with the right hand wheels within 12 inches of the right hand curb or, the absence of a curb, as practicable to the right edge of the right hand shoulder. (Cannot park against traffic)
- Angle or head in parking is not permitted on streets except where the Township has determined after a traffic study that the street is of sufficient width allowing free movement of traffic.
- Some other notable NO PARKING regulations are:
 - Within an intersection
 - On a sidewalk
 - On a crosswalk
 - Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection
 - In front of a public or private driveway
 - Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
 - Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal located at the side of the highway
 - At any place where official signs prohibit parking or standing

HANDICAPPED PARKING

Only individuals that have been assigned registrations or placards identifying them as a person with a disability or severely disabled veteran may park in designated spaces that have been reserved for those individuals. Registration and placards are to be visible.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

Schools have opened and motorists should be aware of children walking to and from school. Children may not always exercise safety, so drivers **BEWARE!**

Flashing amber lights designate SCHOOL ZONES and the legal speed limit is only **15 MPH**.

Drivers also need to be cognizant of **SCHOOL BUSES** and the flashing **RED** warning lights indicating loading and unloading of school students and the driver's obligation in relation to traffic law.

Any resident that has any questions concerning parking and traffic law may contact the Swatara Township Police Department for clarification.

HOW TO REACH YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

If you have an emergency call:

EMERGENCY 911

If you need to see an officer to make a non-emergency report call:

NON-EMERGENCY 558-6900

If you have already made a report and need to speak to someone about the status of a case or to leave a message for an officer call:

OFFICE 564-2550

You can find out more about our services by visiting our web site at

www.swatarapolice.org.

STREET NUMBERS ARE LIFE SAVERS

The Swatara Township Police Department, Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services depend on you to guide them to

your home when you need us. Personnel from all of the services are advising us that they are losing valuable time looking for addresses that are poorly marked or not marked at all. We urge you to drive down your street during the day and at night and look at how your house numbers are posted. When you are checking those numbers, look at them from both directions. We recommend that your house numbers be at least four inches high. The numbers show up best if they are reflective and are black on a white background or white on a black background.

If you do have an emergency and can turn on a porch or other exterior light, that will help us to find the address more quickly and ensure the safety of the personnel coming to your aid.

MEET DEPUTY CHIEF JASON UMBERGER

Deputy Chief of Police, Jason D. Umberger has been employed by the Swatara Township Police Department since May 10, 1993. He is second in command of the Police Department and in charge of operations. Prior to becoming a police officer he was employed by Dauphin County as an Adult Probation and Parole Officer and as a Juvenile Probation Officer. Deputy Chief Umberger is honorably discharged from the United States Army Reserve and the PA Army National Guard.

Deputy Chief Umberger has received numerous awards throughout the course of his career at the Swatara Township Police Department including Officer of the Year (2003), one Award of Merit, eight (8) Unit Platoon citations and two physical fitness awards.

Deputy Chief Umberger holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in Criminal Justice and a Master's of Public Administration from the Pennsylvania State University. He also teaches part time at the Municipal Police Academy and is an adjunct instructor at the Harrisburg Area Community College teaching undergraduate courses in Criminal Justice.

His reason for becoming a police officer was a desire to serve his country and make a difference in people's lives. His best job memory is difficult to identify, stating instead that it has been both a privilege and an honor to serve with each member of the police department.

He is married to his wife Teresa and they have two daughters, Alyssa age 11 and Leah age 9. He is an avid reader of history and leadership books. He is active in his church and enjoys coaching his daughters in softball and is a life-long baseball fan.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 1, 2006

'AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME'

On Tuesday, August 1st, 2006, Swatara Township residents were treated to games, activities, prizes and food. Despite the near record heat, the attendance at this year's National Night Out event was overwhelming.

Those who attended Swatara Township's event this year will agree that it was a huge success. The event, sponsored by the Swatara Township Police Department, was held at the **Vanatta Memorial Park** in the 4800 block of Cedar Alley behind the 7-Eleven in Swatara Township from 6 to 10 p.m.

Food, drink, and activities were provided free of charge to the public. Donated items were raffled off during the event. Activities included: a basketball free throw contest with prizes, a police K-9 demonstration, a bucket ride in a fire truck, child fingerprinting and lots more.

A special thanks goes to our volunteers and corporate sponsors, without whom the event wouldn't have been possible. They include: Living Water Community Church - Pastor Mike Leonzo, Davis Beverage - Doug Verbos, 7-Eleven - Jatin Patel and Bob Schiers, Turkey Hill - Marlene Weaver, Feeser's Foods - Jim States, Stroehman Bakery - Robert Coffee, Frito-Lay, Red Crown Bowling - Patti Pianto, Swatara Township Crime Watch - Phyllis Szabo and Ken Black, Rita's Italian Ice - Nancy Aponick, Harrisburg Elks #12 - Cindy Strachan and Tom Fleischer, State Representative John Payne, 106th District - <http://reppayne.com>, Swatara Area 4H Club - Judy Martin and Rita Fulton, American Trauma Society - Courtney Levensgood, Lawnton Athletic Association - Dennis McLaughlin, Victim/Witness Assistance Program - Patricia Lysic and Brandi Heining, Norfolk Southern Railway Co. Operation Lifesaver - John Casey, Visiting Nurses Association of Central PA - Sandy Leister, Boy Scouts of America Troop 42 - Marlyn Mott Jr, Hemlock Girl Scout Council - Jen Stone, Safe Kids PA - Anne Franchek, South Central PA Highway Safety - Robert Mott, Members of the volunteer fire companies and fire police of Swatara Township, Members of the Swatara Township Highway Department and Recreation Department, Members of the Swatara Township Police Department

If you have suggestions to make next year's event even more successful, please contact Corporal Kevin Gallick at 717-564-2550 or KGallick@SwataraPolice.org for details.

FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 8 - 14

For 2006 the Fire Prevention Week theme is **PREVENT COOKING FIRES: WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT!**

Kitchens are the number one place for home fires to start. Cooking equipment is involved in more than 100,000 reported home fires each year. Most of those fires start because people are not paying attention to their cooking, unattended cooking.

Kitchen Safety Tips:

Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.

If you must leave the room even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

When you are finished cooking, turn off all burners and ovens.

Grease Fires: Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames carefully sliding the lid over the pan [make sure you are wearing the oven mitt]. Turn off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, do not remove the lid until it is completely cool. **Never pour water on a grease fire.** If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call 911 for the fire department to respond.

Oven Fires: Turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call 911 for the fire department to respond.

Heat and Clean: Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, curtains and anything else that can burn away from your stovetop. Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Smoke alarms are inexpensive and they save lives. Install one on every floor of your home, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area inside as well if you sleep with the doors closed.

Know the sound of your smoke alarm: newer smoke alarms sound a distinct alarm pattern group of three beeps separated by a pause. Older alarms sound a continuous tone. Be sure everyone in your home recognizes the sound of your alarms, and awakens to the sound of them when sleeping. **TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARMS ONCE A MONTH. REPLACE BATTERIES AT LEAST ONCE YEAR.**

SWATARA TOWNSHIP OFFERS FREE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Swatara Township has become the first municipality in Dauphin County to offer its residents free ambulance membership. The membership in

Never borrow alarm batteries for a toy or the TV remote! Replace any smoke alarm that is more than ten (10) years old.

For more information about safety tips or escape plans, please call the Fire Marshals office or your local fire department.

BE SAFE

SWATARA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 1

After several years of hard work by Fire Company members from Enhaut and Oberlin the Swatara Township Fire Company Station 1 project is coming to reality. The \$2.4 million project that was approved by the Board of Commissioners at its August meeting will take place at 1201 Ober Street, currently Citizens Fire Company of Oberlin. The renovations and additions to the current firehouse will accommodate Enhaut and Oberlin Fire Company to form one fire department. The facility will have six drive through apparatus bays, 50 lockers, a day room, bunk room, kitchen, offices, fitness room, meeting room, decontamination room, self-contained breathing apparatus maintenance room and a 40 foot hose tower that can be utilized for ladder training and high rise firefighter training. Completion of the project will be in the Spring of 2007.

CHAMBERS HILL FIRE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY

Basket Bingo: October 1, doors open at 11:00 a.m. Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be food for sale. For tickets, please contact Tina at 566-4787 or Marge at 566-3108.

Election Day: November 7, food for sale. Pigs in the blanket, soup, pretzel bun with ham and cheese or turkey and cheese, dessert.
Graft Show: November 11, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. One table is \$25.00, or two tables for \$40.00. Food will also be for sale. For hall rental, please call 558-4350.

Chambers Hill Fire Company / Swatara EMS includes both Advanced Life Support Services by paramedics for life-threatening emergencies such as cardiac problems, trouble breathing or severe

trauma and Basic Life Support by Emergency Medical Technicians for non-life threatening illnesses and injuries.

The Free resident membership [which formerly cost \$35 for senior citizens, \$40 for younger adults and \$45 for Families], went into effect in July. The membership permits the EMS service to bill residents insurance carriers for ambulance services but the members will not be responsible for any balance of the bill the insurance company doesn't pay.

Swatara Township Commissioner Robert Spandler, who chairs the Township Emergency Services Committee, credited Commissioner Gregory Ricci with the idea. Spandler said the Swatara Township Board gave the Association, the only emergency medical services organization in the Township \$100,000.00.

This Board always looks out for the best interests of our residents, Spandler said. We wanted to give something back to them. We consider EMS service critical for our residents and we wanted to support it during a time when so many ambulance services around us have closed their doors.

LENKER MANOR-PAXTANG WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lenker Manor-Paxtang Women's Club invites area women to join them during their 2006-2007 program year at Paxton Presbyterian Church [downstairs], Progress/Paxtang Avenue and Sharon Street. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, September through May beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Guests are always welcome, please call 540-9276 for details. Meetings begin with a breakfast buffet, followed by a business meeting and each month there is a different program of general interest. Babysitting is free, but by reservation.

Mark your calendar now for the December meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 9:15 a.m., followed by the annual Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. to noon. Admission is free and a dozen vendors will be present.

The January 10, 2007 meeting will feature Food of Chef Charlie Gipe, Jr., Executive Chef for HERCO. LMPWC is dedicated to service in the community. You need not be a resident of Paxtang or Lenker Manor to join.

NEW SANDBOX PLACED AT EMERIC GIBORT MEMORIAL PARK

Special thanks to Greg, Tony and Mark of the Swatara Township Highway Department for putting together this creative sandbox. The pieces were bought from Federal Surplus and was placed at Emeric Gibort Memorial Park.

WANTED: AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR

The Township runs a five week program of middle paced aerobics for women at the municipal building. The class runs each Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. A new session would begin in

October. If you are interested in teaching, please call the recreation department. You will need to have your own music.

HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS COURSE

A hunter education class will be held on September 25, 26, and 28. Classes are conducted by certified instructors approved by the PA Game Commission. The State Game Law requires that hunters under 16 years of age show proof that they have previously held a hunting license or have a hunter education card before they can obtain a license. Training includes instruction on safe handling of firearms and archery equipment in the field, basic game laws pertaining to safety and conduct, courtesy and sportsmanship, game and target identification, safe clothing, self-control and other subjects to enable the hunter to become safety conscious. Advanced registration is required. Class times are 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. There is no fee for this activity.

AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

An AARP Defensive Driving Class will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The class is open to everyone age 50 and over. The class is designed to make you a safer driver in today's society. There is a fee of \$10 per person.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Registration for all programs may be made by calling the Recreation Department at 564-2551, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All classes are held at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, unless otherwise noted. Payment can be made by cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Swatara Township.

LEARN TO PAINT CLASS

A learn to paint class for adults and young people, ages 12 and up, will begin Wednesday, September 20 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Nick Feher is the instructor for the class which will cover basic techniques of water color, oil and pastel. The fee is \$30 per person. Students supply paint and paper or canvas. Students will complete three or four paintings.

ADULT WATER COLOR, AND OIL PAINTING

An adult beginners water color and oil painting class will begin on Wednesday, September 20 and run for eight weeks. Students will learn the basic strokes. Professional painters will benefit from the course also. Classes will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. each Wednesday. Fee is \$30 per person. Nick Feher is the instructor. Students should bring their choice of paint, water color, oil or acrylic and paper or canvas.

BEGINNING TODDLER TUMBLING

A six week program of beginning toddler tumbling will begin on Wednesday, September 27. The class will consist of basic coordination skills, interaction with parents and other children. The class will be held for 2 and 3-year olds on Wednesday's from 9:30 - 10:10 a.m. with a snack to follow. There is a fee of \$20 per child. Instructor is Tracy (Coates) Sload.

TUMBLING PROGRAM OFFERED

A class of tumbling for 3-5 year olds is offered. Each class lasts forty-five minutes. The class is designed to help children learn basic tumbling, balance and coordination skills. The first class begins on Thursday, September 28 from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 participants, and an insurance waiver must be signed prior to the child's participation. Insurance forms are available at the first class. There is a fee of \$20 per child. Instructor is Tracy (Coates) Sload.

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS

A six week program of low impact aerobics will begin on Monday, September 18 at the Chambers Hill Elementary School. The class is designed for women just getting back into exercise and aerobics. Class is held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please bring a mat with you to class. The fee is \$20 per person. Instructor is Jeanette Verones.

AEROBIC-KICKBOXING CLASS

Aerobic kick-boxing will be held at the Rutherford Elementary School, 65th Street beginning Thursday, September 21. This six week class is a combination of exercising, stretching, aerobics, strength, and some kick-boxing techniques. Classes are open to men and women. Please bring along two (1-5 lb.) weights and a mat. Classes are held from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person. Instructor is Ms. Ang Sanders.

YOGA CLASS

A six week program of yoga will begin on Thursday, September 14. This class is a combination of exercising, stretching, and relaxation techniques. Yoga will be held Thursday's from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. The class is open to men and women. There is a fee of \$10 per person. Instructor is Susanne Donmoyer.

TAP DANCE CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS

Three levels of tap dance classes and one social dance class is being offered. Intermediate Tap Class begins on Tuesday, September 12 and will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Beginner Tap class begins Tuesday September 12 from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.; Advanced Tap Class begins Wednesday, September 13 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Social dances (jitter bug/cha cha/line dances) begins on Wednesday, October 25 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. All sessions run for 6 weeks and are held at the Lawnton Elementary School, 44th and Franklin Streets in Lawnton. Class fee is \$55 per person for each program. Vicki Riordan is the instructor.

TWINKLE-TWINKLE PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

A pre-school class for boys and girls ages 3-5 will be held on Thursday mornings beginning September 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon and run for six weeks. The class is designed for children to have fun exploring space, becoming an astronaut and flying the solar system. Your child will stretch their imagination, learn a song, or do a craft. Ms. Suze Moll is the instructor. There is a fee of \$30 per child. The class is limited to 15 children.

GRANDMA'S FARM - CHILDREN'S TODDLER PROGRAM

A toddler class for boys and girls ages 2-3 (with a parent) will be held on Wednesday mornings beginning September 20 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and run for six weeks. The class is designed for children to share a song, listen to a story and make simple crafts each week while learning about a different animal. Ms. Suze Moll is the instructor.

DRIED HERBAL WREATH WORKSHOP

Learn about the various herbs and everlastings used for crafting. The dried herbal wreath will be made on a straw base with herbs and accent flowers and will be approximately 16-18" in diameter. The class will be held on Tuesday November 14 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 and includes all materials and individual instruction through the workshop. The instructor is Susan Eggleston of Sweet Annie Herbals.

RECREATION TRIPS

The Swatara Township Parks and Recreation Department regularly schedules trips for persons of all ages. Trips may be canceled due to insufficient registration, with refunds made to those who have registered. All buses leave from the Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard. Parking is available. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and seats are retained throughout the trip. Registration for all trips may be made by contacting the Recreation Department at 564-2551.

A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN NEW YORK CITY

Swatara Township is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 19, 2007. The bus will depart at 7:00 a.m. and arrive back at approximately 11:00 p.m.

The recreation department is sponsoring a trip on Saturday, November 18, 2006. The trip is filled, but there may be last minute cancellations. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please call the recreation department.

GIRLS SOFTBALL NEWS

Girls interested in signing up for the 2007 Spring and/or Fall softball season and reside in Swatara Township or Paxtang Borough should look for registration information through their school, church or youth club in the Fall of 2006. Registration includes slow and fast-pitch ball for

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girls in Chambers Hill, Lawnton, Rutherford and Wilhelm-Paxtang.

SWATARA TIGERS YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM

Swatara Tigers will hold home football games on September 16, October 1 and October 8. Home field is at Swatara Jr. High School. Kickoff times are between noon and 3:00 p.m. Please visit www.swataratigers.com for more information. The SYFA thank the parents and community at large for all support given with car washes, raffles, sub sales, patrons and ads.

SPECIAL EVENTS END SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM

The summer parks program came to a successful conclusion on August 11. Summer activities included a miniature golf outing at Challenge Sports, bowling at the ABC East Bowling Lanes for more than 50 kids, the Fifteenth Annual Olympic Day at Lawnton Park with all parks participating, and a bicycle rodeo sponsored by the Township's own sports guy, Nick. The kids also enjoyed a day of fun in the sun at Little Buffalo Park in Newport.

About 60 kids took part in the Olympic Day event on July 7. Events included a softball throw, sponge relay, 100 yard dash, long jump, balloon games, and 4 by 100 meter relay. Ribbons were awarded to first and second place finishers in each event. Even park leaders took place in an obstacle course that turned out to be quite a funny show!

The Little Buffalo trip was August 3. About 60 kids and adults went on the trip. A sunny, 95° day was had by all. The water was so warm that it felt like bath water. The price was \$10 per person and included the bus ride, a bar-b-q and pool admission.

During the summer program a theme is given to each week. In conjunction with each theme, activities were planned by the playground leaders. Activities included scavenger hunts, holiday parties,

nature hikes, tie-dying, recycling clean-ups and more.

The Parks and Recreation Program had another successful summer. The 2006 park leaders that made this possible were: Jason Pitt, Lindsey Alleman and Candi Proctor at Chambers Hill, Awaan Sweet, Christine Pastula, and Jessica Spandler at Bressler, Melinda Dennis and Bryan Stovall at Paxtang, Grace Smith, Steph Schott and Sarah Rudolph at Lawnton, Eric Stauffer and Nina Bender at Rutherford I, and Dan Guerrisi and Abbie Morgan at Rutherford II. Nick Straining headed up the sports department, Jess Barber and Allie Barber were the arts and crafts leaders and Heidi Haines was the overall supervisor. Many "Thank You's" go out to the recreation staff and Brent Smith for a great summer!