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Election Information

The last day to register to vote before the primary is March 29.

The last day to apply for civilian absentee ballots is April 20. Voted ballots are due to the county by April 23.

Primary Election Day is April 27.
Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8 pm.

County Board of Elections: 215-348-6154
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Taking Aim at the Deer Problem

Deer overpopulation is a serious problem in Tinicum. The total number of deer exceeds both the township's biological carrying capacity (the number its ecosystem can support), and its cultural carrying capacity (the number residents will tolerate). Overpopulation is making a grave impact on forest bird, wildflower, and small mammal populations, and limits the plants residents can grow in their gardens and fields.

Responding to citizen concerns, the Board of Supervisors invited Land Management Officer Dave Mitchell of the PA Game Commission to discuss deer management at its December 16 meeting.

Mitchell agreed that the forested areas of Tinicum are becoming severely degraded due to deer predation on young trees (particularly oak seedlings which have high wildlife value), and on the shrub and herbaceous layers. Healthy woods should be so dense with understory vegetation that it is impossible to see more than a few feet into them. Removal of these layers by deer seriously disrupts the nesting and feeding behavior of forest birds. Deer-borne diseases, crop destruction, and automobile collisions are also growing problems. The estimated cost for Pennsylvania's deer-related accidents and removal in 2001 alone was \$210 million! Veterinary and human medical costs add millions to the annual total.

For the present, according to Mitchell, the way to manage the deer herd is by regulated hunting—other methods aren't yet feasible. Trapping and relocation is unworkable: first, there are no receiving areas anywhere in the state; second, the

cost is prohibitive; and third, mortality rates associated with relocation programs are extremely high (up to 85%). Fencing is only partially effective, and merely moves deer to other areas. Repellents work in some cases, depending on the availability of other (unsprayed) food, but are labor intensive and costly. Research is underway on fertility control drugs, but safe delivery is a problem, and the FDA has no approved contraceptive for deer that will be a source of food. Reintroduction of large natural predators is unsafe in populated areas.

At a recent seminar on the deer problem in Pennsylvania, DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardinis assured attendees that the state is committed to solving the problem. Dr. Gary Alt, a senior wildlife biologist and hunter who heads the Game Commission's Deer Management Section, has instituted many programs to reduce deer numbers; recent proposals include expanding DMAP (Deer Management Assistance Program), a program currently available to large landowners who allow public access to hunters.

Alt also wants to remove limits on doe licenses. This season, Tinicum's management area (Upper Bucks, Chester, Upper Montgomery, Southeastern Berks, Lower Lehigh, and Lower Northampton counties) was allotted 66,000 permits, but these were sold out early in the season, and many local hunters were unable to get them. Since the deer population is over twice the carrying capacity of the habitat statewide (and even higher in Tinicum), there is little chance that a year or two of



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Supervisors' Corner

Roads & Bridges

Work on the Dark Hollow Bridge began in the fall. Construction equipment and supplies are still on location and work will continue as weather permits. (The state prohibits work in April, May, and June when Tohickon Creek is stocked with trout.) The PennDOT contract calls for completion by September of this year.

Recent discussions regarding the Geigel Hill Road Bridge have been quite productive. PennDOT has made four proposals and we're awaiting their response to our questions about those proposals. PennDOT shares our goal to get an acceptable timetable in place for this project and by the end of February we hope to announce a solution that satisfies all parties.

The county has informed us that they have postponed construction on the Jugtown Hill Road Bridge until 2005. Please be aware that we provide bridge updates at every supervisors' meeting.

The weather in 2003 really challenged our Road Department. We had more snow and icing conditions in December alone than in many previous winters. Constant heavy rains and flooding eroded and washed out roads. Our four-person department worked hard to meet these challenges and we're grateful for a job well done.

Tohickon Garden Club Perhaps it's surprising that those of us who frequent the municipal building expect to be greeted by ambitious seasonal displays of flowers and foliage. But that's the case. The Tohickon Garden Club, led by Sue Bunkin, sees to it that our office is beautifully decorated throughout the year. We thank the club for its time, talent, and generosity and want all residents to know there's yet another reason to visit the township office or attend a meeting. (The garden club will gladly accept contributions toward this effort. Contact Sue at 215-297-8653, to make a donation or if you're interested in joining the club.)

Septic Tanks As spring approaches, we'd like to remind residents that septic tanks should be pumped every three years. You might find it helpful to consult www.septic-info.com to determine how often your particular system ought to be pumped or for more general information.

Open Space Fund Applications

In 2003 we received nearly twenty-five applications from residents interested to sell their development rights to the township by putting conservation easements on their property. We are delighted to see such enthusiasm for the Open Space Plan and very appreciative of our Open Space Commission's fine work applying the rating system objectively and fairly to all.



Applications and guidelines are available at the township office. The next round of applications is due by May 1.

www.tinicumbucks.org Next time you're online be sure to check out the township's website at www.tinicumbucks.org. Tincum resident Mimi Scheckler designed and maintains the site. We want, of course, to keep its content as current and relevant as possible. Please help us by emailing suggestions and comments to: tincum@epix.net.

Subdivisions & Development

Property Owner Charles C. Stone and Applicant Brian Miller Proposed 2 Lot Subdivision 283 Durham Road, Ottsville. Tax Parcel 44-2-10. Revised plans received September 9, 2003. Extension to 2/1/04. Proposal is to subdivide a 5.26 acre tract. Lot 1 with existing house will become 2.1 acre and Lot 2 will be 2.58 acres. Lot 2 is a wooded lot which is proposed for total clearing and replanting with "crop farming of trees." Scheduled for review at the January 20, 2004 supervisors' meeting.

Property Owner Matthew Sigal Proposed 2 Lot Subdivision 81 Tammany Road, Upper Black Eddy. Tax Parcel 44-6-

14. 37.67 acre parcel subdivided to create one residential building lot of 24.94 acres in size. The supervisors approved the subdivision with conditions on December 16, 2003.

The Piper Group Conditional Use Application Gruver Road and Randt's Mill Road Pipersville. 86 lot subdivision and golf course proposed on this 210.471 acre tract on 9/15/03. Plans corrected 9/16/03. Revised Plans were submitted on December 19, 2003 withdrawing the golf course and proposing a 77 lot subdivision with a community sewage system and a community water supply system. Tax

Parcels: 44-11-70, 44-11-70-1, 44-11-70-2, 44-11-70-3, 44-11-70-4, 44-11-70-5, 44-11-70-6, 44-11-70-7, 44-11-70-8, 44-11-70-9, 44-11-70-10, 44-11-70-11, 44-11-70-12, 44-11-70-13, 44-11-70-14, 44-11-70-15, 44-11-72, 44-11-69, 44-11-66, 44-11-66-1, 44-11-66-6, 44-11-66-8, 44-11-66-9, 44-11-66-10, 44-11-35, 44-11-35-4, 44-11-71, 44-11-73, 44-11-35-2, 44-11-35-3, 44-11-35-6, 44-11-36, 44-11-75, 44-11-76, 44-11-82-1. A Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2004 at 7:30 pm.

Memo from the Chief



The Tincum Township Police Department is forever diligent when it comes to the safety and welfare of Tincum residents. But that diligence alone can't entirely ensure your safety—in some ways we rely on your cooperation. To help someone in distress, the police, fire companies, and ambulance squads need to be able to locate them. That may seem fairly obvious, but unmarked houses are common. Property owners are required by ordinance to post a house number so that it's visible to responding emergency personnel. Take proximity to the road and lighting (during the day and night) into consideration when posting house numbers. Homeowners often post numbers directly on the house. These may be perfectly visible during the day, but on a dark, starless Tincum night an emergency response can be severely delayed if we're required to use spotlights

or other means to locate your property. Similarly, make sure addresses are visible regardless of the season. A number posted on a one-foot-high sign at the end of a driveway is a fine marker—that is, until a snow plow deposits two feet of snow on top of it. A general guideline: Post your house number on a reflective sign at least three feet off the ground so that it's visible from all directions.

Another way residents can help us all be safe is by keeping their trees, bushes, and grass along roads or near intersections trimmed. Under Pennsylvania law, it is the owner's responsibility to make sure there are no sight restrictions on or stemming from his or her property. We use something called "corner sight distance" to describe the length of roadway along which a driver stopped at an intersection (or driveway) can continuously see another vehicle approaching. Required corner

sight distances vary depending on grading, speed limits, and other factors. For example, a driver stopped at an intersection of a road with a 40 mph speed limit, must be able to see at least 315 feet in each direction. Anything that would prohibit a driver from seeing 315 feet down the road, must be removed by the property owner.

Owners are also required to see that their trees, shrubs, and grasses do not obscure traffic signs or pavement markings. Please make sure spring growth doesn't mean your favorite lilac is obscuring a stop sign.

Although much of this may seem like common sense, residents with questions about posting house numbers or laws pertaining to sight restrictions (or any other matters) are encouraged to call the township police. Thank you for helping us help you.

- Chief James J. Sabath

News from The Road Department

Tincum Township welcomes new employee Robert Kallenbach to the Road Department. Rob and his wife, Diane, are lifelong Tincumites. They have a son, Kyle, and a daughter, Elizabeth. Rob also serves as a member of the Delaware Valley Volunteer Fire Company.

Spring road projects include regrading dirt and gravel roads and preparing Beaver Run Road and the balance of Clay Ridge Road for our annual paving project. The department will also prepare the roads in the northeastern section of the township for seal coating this summer. The following roads are scheduled for coating: Boulder Road, Breezy Drive, Everbreeze Drive, Jugtown Hill Road, Perry Auger Road, Lodi Hill Road, Red Cliff Road, Tinby Drive, Valley View Drive, Uhlerstown Hill Road, and Union School Road.

The township recently acquired a roller—a piece of equipment necessary to



PHOTO: PAT WHITACRE

Roadmaster Doug Skelton, left, and Rob Kallenbach show off Tincum's new roller.

spread large applications of blacktop and maintain our dirt and gravel roads. While intermittently renting a roller for the past several years, Roadmaster Doug Skelton has been in search of an affordable one to

purchase. Skelton's bargain hunting paid off when he found the Bowmag model, above, through the state surplus program. The machine is valued at over \$36,000, but Skelton snapped it up for \$13,000.

Tourism Notebook: There's No Place Like Home

Tinicum Township is a very special place to its residents but it also appeals to non-locals as a tourist destination. Tourism is the number two industry in Bucks County and in Pennsylvania (agriculture takes the top spot). More than \$20 billion is spent annually by travelers statewide. More than \$600 million is spent in Bucks County alone. Tinicum's parks, covered bridges, stone houses, and recreational opportunities afforded by the Delaware River and Canal are not the only attractions for visitors.

The township is also home to several lodging choices that have become destinations in their own right. The Golden Pheasant Inn has been a success since it opened in 1857 as a stop for bargemen. The inn's six guestrooms, cottage suite, and restaurant are situated between the river and the canal in Erwinna. The restaurant features French country cuisine served in the inn proper and the newly renovated greenhouse with canal views. Just north along River Road, also between the river

and canal is EverMay-on-the-Delaware; just south in Point Pleasant is the Tattersall Inn. Both were once large estates (owned by the Stover family) which makes them ideal for use today as inns. The EverMay has eighteen rooms in four buildings on twenty-five acres and is open for dinner on weekends. The Tattersall Inn is a 1750 fieldstone mansion which was home to Ralph Stover in the second part of the 19th century. Today, it's a six-room bed-and-breakfast.



PHOTO: PAT WHITACRE

The Victorian Peacock Bed-and-Breakfast opened in Pipersville in 1995. The Peacock has four guestrooms, wrap-around porches overlooking farmland, a heated pool, and is full of period detail.

If you live in a small house that feels stretched to the seams when the family visits, consider indulging yourself or your out-of-town guests with a stay in one of these luxurious establishments. If, on the other hand, your house often feels roomy and you wouldn't mind some guests to entertain, you might consider starting your own bed-and-breakfast. The Tinicum Township Zoning Ordinance permits the establishment of bed-and-breakfasts within single family homes in all residential zoning districts and also in the village center zoning district. Your home may qualify for a township permit for up to six guestrooms depending on the size of your lot and the adequacy of your well and septic. Please contact the township manager or the township zoning office for details.

- Linda Wieand

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unlimited permits will reduce the herd to undesirably low levels.

Additionally, Alt would like to extend the hunting season for antlerless deer, and possibly introduce a late winter/early spring doe season to reduce herbivory at bud break. He has also suggested allowing landowners to buy permits to harvest deer on their properties and, rather than opening up their land to public hunting, choose which hunters would use those permits. He needs public support to convince the Game Commission to institute these measures. Alt and Mitchell suggest letters to the commission supporting such proposals or expressing concerns about deer overabundance would be effective. (Commissioner Gregory Isabella is the member from District 8.)

Many residents' direct experience of the overpopulation problem involves dead deer along roads. Clearing dead deer from interstates and major roads is PennDOT's responsibility; it hires a private contractor for this purpose. The southeastern regional game office fields calls for "non-major" roads. Last year 35,000 deer were removed from Pennsylvania roads. In an effort to

reduce this number, a new alert system is being installed in test areas around the state. The system flashes a warning light to motorists to indicate the presence of a large animal on the road ahead. To urge more rapid and more widely spread installation of the alert, call PennDOT. To request removal of a dead deer, use the numbers in the box below.

Though the idea may be anathema to some, increased hunting is the only answer at present. Property owners who allow hunting are protected from liability by the Recreational Use Act of Pennsylvania. Understandably, they may not wish to open their land to public hunting, but specific

arrangements may be set up. For example, owners can make an agreement with just one or a few local hunters offering references. They may establish additional rules for their own properties, such as, "no hunting on Mondays" or "always call the day before you plan to come," and set boundaries off limits, such as "please don't come beyond the hedgerow." At the December meeting it was suggested that the township help compile and provide a list of willing property owners to local hunters, in hopes of solving, at least in part, the deer problem in Tinicum.

- Martie Kyde

Contact Information

Local Wildlife Conservation Officer
John Papson: 877-877-9470

Commissioner Gregory Isabella
PA Game Commission Main Office
2001 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dr. Gary Alt
130 Academy Street Apt. 312
Moscow, PA 18444

Tinicum Township: 610-294-9154
(to add your property to a list
available to hunters)

Dead Deer Removal

PennDOT (for Rts. 1, 13, 202, 309, 611,
663 & I-95): 215 345-6060

Game Commission, SE Region (for "non-
major" roads): 610 926-3136

Meet the Planning Commission

When a landowner wishes to subdivide or otherwise develop their property in Tincum, sooner or later they will find themselves before the Planning Commission (PC). It is the commission's job to review all subdivision and land development proposals in the municipality.

The PC is charged with the creation and modification of the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). It is also responsible for the municipality's Act 537 Sewage Plan (which ensures that our ground water is protected), the Zoning District Map, and, perhaps most significantly, maintaining the Comprehensive Plan—a narrative which sets forth the guiding principles for planning future growth.

The Municipalities Planning Code Act 247 of 1968 permitted the creation of local planning agencies. Tincum's Board of Supervisors created the township's Planning Commission the following year. By code, planning organizations are advisory, offering recommendations to either a Board of Supervisors or Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) which renders final decisions.

The commission works closely with the township's engineer and its legal, environmental, and planning consultants and coordinates their reviews. The PC also takes the public's comments, reviews from other township advisory committees, including the Environmental Advisory Council, Open Space Commission, Historical Commission, Park and Recreation Board, and public safety reviews from the township's roadmaster and fire companies into consideration. They synthesize the various reviews and comments into one coherent recommendation to the supervisors or ZHB.

Typically, the commission works with an applicant through several meetings, reviewing the plans as they evolve to conform to the township's ordinances. The goal is to help the applicant create a proposal that minimizes the development's impact on the community and its precious natural resources.

The process provides the supervisors or ZHB with a thorough analysis which they can use to determine whether any

conditions ought to be imposed to safeguard the community and make their final decision.

Commission members must be township residents. They must also be willing to put in hundreds of unpaid hours each year—the PC is all-volunteer. Most of those hours are spent reviewing subdivision and land development plans at regular meetings and work sessions, and for quite a bit of additional time at home on their own.

Damon Aherne has been a member of the PC since 1990 and has acted as chairman since 1996. Damon grew up in and around Tincum, and worked

of the PC since 1995. Nick and his wife, Beverly, have lived on Tankhannen Road for over 20 years. He brings expertise in excavation and sewage disposal to the board.

Anne Pratt joined the PC in 1997. As a lifelong Tincum resident, Anne's knowledge of past land uses is extremely valuable to the board.

Walt Schneiderwind joined the PC in 2000. He and his wife, Jane Mayers, operate Schneiderwind Farm on River Road in Uhlerstown. Walt not only brings to the board the unique perspective of Tincum's farming community, he also possesses invaluable knowledge of



The PC at work: from left, Nick Tscheschlog, Damon Aherne, Curt Cox, Trevor McNeill, Anne Pratt, Township Engineer Tom Fountain, and Walt Schneiderwind.

in land development in southeastern Pennsylvania and central New Jersey. His knowledge in that field has been particularly helpful to the PC in understanding the methods employed by developers.

Trevor McNeill grew up in Plumstead Township and moved to Tincum in 1993. He has been the PC's vice chairman since 1996. His background is in architectural and environmental design; his work in wireless consulting puts him on the applicant's side of the table in municipalities throughout the Delaware Valley. Trevor brings expertise in design review standards and environmental impact to the commission.

Nick Tscheschlog was born and raised in Tincum and has been a member

of the complexities and regulations relating to development in a floodplain.

Hal Lauble has served on the PC since 1991. As the former Chief of the Erwinna Ambulance Squad and a board member of the Upper Bucks Regional EMS, Hal provides the important perspective of the emergency response community.

Curt Cox has dedicated time to the PC since 1996. Curt, his wife, Laure Duval, and their two Jack Russells live at their farm on Tory Road. Curt's background in publishing, editing, writing, and research brings a balanced perspective and a level of clarity to land use reviews.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Daily – Tennis & basketball at Tincum Township's Four Brooks Park, Cafferty & Smithtown Rds. Open dawn to dusk, to township residents only, all ages. Parking Provided.

Pipersville Free Library: Hours 3-5 pm M-F, 7-8:30 pm T, W, Th, 10 am – noon, Th. 215-766-7880.

Mondays – Bingo Ottsville Volunteer Fire Co., 249 Durham Rd, Ottsville. New Games! Doors open at 6:00 pm, games begin promptly at 7 pm. \$5.

No smoking.

Mons, Weds & Thurs 10 am – 2 pm Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center, 8040 Easton Rd, Ottsville. Line dancing 10:30-11:30 am, Mons. Tai-Chi 1-2 pm, Weds. Free help with income tax preparation available for all seniors 9:30 am – 1 pm, Thursdays Feb 2 – April 8, 610-847-8178.

Tincum & Tohickon Valley County Parks information, including rentals and special events 215-489-5132.

FEBRUARY

4 & 11 Story Hour for 3-year olds Pipersville Library, 10 – 11 am.

5 & 12 Story Hour for 4 & 5-year olds Pipersville Library, 10 – 11 am.

8 Breakfast All-you-can-eat at the Upper Black Eddy Vol. Fire Co., Firehouse Lane off River Rd, UBE. 7:30 am – noon. Eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, potatoes, toast, juice, coffee & tea. Adults \$6, Children 6-12 \$3, under 6 free.

8 Tincum Arts Festival Kick Off Meeting All are welcome. Call 610-847-8304 for details.

9 Palisades HS Parents Network 7 pm, Palisades HS library. For information contact Kim Hinrichs 610-294-9005 or Karen Carozza 215-766-0245.

13 Spaghetti Dinner All-you-can-eat at the Del Val Fire Co., 75 Headquarters Rd, Erwinna. 5:30 – 8 pm. Adults \$6.50, Seniors \$6, Children 6-12 \$4.50, under 6 free.

19 Tincum Conservancy Board of Trustees meeting. 7:30 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Dark Hollow & Smithtown Rds. Members & Tincum

residents welcome. 610-294-9069.

26 Tincum Civic Association Meeting 8 pm, Del Val Fire House, Erwinna. 610-294-9420.

29 Sunday Seminar sponsored by the Tincum Conservancy. Kathryn Auerbach on “Divining Old Houses” how to date an old home or building using many local examples. 3 pm, Tincum Elementary School, Dark Hollow Rd, free & open to the public. 610-847-8650.

26-28 Palisades HS Musical “Damn Yankees” 7:30 pm at Palisades Middle School. Tickets at the door.

MARCH

5 Lenape Chamber Ensemble Works by Brahms, Dvorak, and Nielsen. 8:15 pm, Upper Tincum Lutheran Church, Upper Tincum Church Rd near Jugtown Hill Rd. Adults \$15, Seniors & Students \$12, Children under 12 \$5. 610-294-9361.

10 American Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00-7:00 PM, Tincum Elementary School, Dark Hollow Rd. Reserved times will be honored. For a time, call 610-847-0194.

12 Spaghetti Dinner All-you-can-eat at the Del Val Fire Co., see Feb 13.

20-21 Dam Release on Tohickon Creek Class III & IV white water from Ralph Stover Park to Pt Pleasant. Call 610-982-5560 to confirm dates.

14 Breakfast UBE Vol. Fire Co. See Feb 8.

18 Tincum Conservancy Board of Trustees meeting. 7:30 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Dark Hollow & Smithtown Rds. Members & Tincum residents welcome. 610-294-9069.

20 Walk and Lunch sponsored by the Friends of the Delaware Canal - Meet at Tincum Park at 10:30 am for a walk to Frenchtown and back with lunch at a Frenchtown restaurant. For more info and reservations, call 215-862-2021 or e-mail fodc@erols.com.

24 Tohickon Garden Club Meeting Workshop on living wreaths or topiary at Meadowbrook Farms. New members welcome. 610-847-3303 or 610-847-8304.

25 Tincum Civic Association Meeting 8 pm, call for location. 610-294-9420

APRIL

Weekends – Stover Mill Gallery Art Show 852 River Rd, Erwinna, 1-5 pm. Oil paintings by Kay King. 610-294-9420.

Wednesdays – Story Hour for 3-year olds Pipersville Library, 10 – 11 am. Thursdays (starting April 8) – Story Hour for 4 & 5-year olds Pipersville Library, 10 – 11 am.

Two Fund-raisers for the UBE Fire Co. Pennsylvania Dutch dinner and Beef & Beer Night. Watch for signs.

2 Lenape Chamber Ensemble Works by Mozart, Shostakovich and Brahms. 8:15 pm, See March 5 for details. 610-294-9361.

3 Canal Clean-Up Day sponsored by Friends of the Delaware Canal, 9 am. Community coordinators & workers needed for the annual spring clean up. Call 215-862-2021 to volunteer.

4 Sunday Seminar sponsored by the Tincum Conservancy. Karen Budd on “Native Alternatives to Invasives” the importance of native plants in the landscape. 3 pm, Tincum Elementary School, Dark Hollow Rd, free & open to the public. 610-847-8650.

4 Roast Beef Supper All-you-can-eat at the Ottsville Fire House, 249 Durham Rd. Noon to 6 pm. Adults \$9, Children 6-12 \$5.50, under 6 free. Real mashed potatoes, homemade desserts, no smoking. Take out available.

9 Spaghetti Dinner All-you-can-eat at the Del Val Fire Co., see Feb 13.

11 Easter Sunrise Service at Rock Ridge Chapel on Geigel Hill Rd 7 am. All denominations are welcome. 610-847-2906.

11 Breakfast UBE Vol. Fire Co. See Feb 8.

15 Tincum Conservancy Board of Trustees meeting. 7:30 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Dark Hollow & Smithtown Rds. Members & Tincum residents welcome. 610-294-9069.

19 Palisades HS Parents Network 7 pm, Palisades HS library. See Feb 9 for details.

22 Tincum Civic Association Meeting 8 pm, Stover Mill, 852 River Rd, Erwinna. 610-294-9420.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 24 Township Clean Up Day.** Pick up roadside litter. Call Twp Bldg to confirm date and details. 610-294-9154. Disposal of appliances and other large items is now year round. Call Twp Bldg for details. Hazardous waste will be collected at the Vo-Tech in the summer. Watch for details in next newsletter.
- 27 Primary Election Day VOTE!** Polls are open 7:00 am - 8 pm.
- 28 Tohickon Garden Club Meeting** talk by Kent Russell "Hot Plants in Cool Containers." 9 am, Stover Mill, 852 River Rd, Erwinna. New members welcome. 610-847-3303.
- 30 Rummage Sale** benefiting the Del Val Fire Co. 75 Headquarters Rd, Erwinna. Friday 9-5, Sat 9-3 with "bag time" starting at 1 pm. Watch for signs to confirm the date.
- MAY**
- Saturdays – Polo in Tincum Park** 2 pm starting mid-May, weather permitting. \$5 per carload, bring tailgate picnic. Call 908-996-3321 for weather update.
- Weekends – Stover Mill Gallery Art Show,** 1-5 pm. Photography and Watercolors by Jim Sim. 610-294-9420.
- Tohickon Valley County Park Pool** – for information on summer memberships and swim lessons call 215-489-5132.
- 1 All Breeds Dog Show** 63rd annual Bucks County Kennel Club show. Tincum Park, River Rd, Erwinna. 7 am – 7 pm. Free parking & admission. Over 3000 dogs of all breeds; no outside dogs, please!
- 1 Rummage Sale** See April 30.
- 5 Story Hour** for 3-year olds Pipersville Library, 10 – 11 am.
- 6 Story Hour** for 4 & 5-year olds Pipersville Library, 10 –11 am.
- 9 Breakfast UBE** Vol. Fire Co. See Feb 8.
- 14 Spaghetti Dinner** All-you-can-eat at the Del Val Fire Co., see Feb 13.
- 16 Palisades Community Chorus** Spring Concert, 3 pm, Palisades Middle School Auditorium. Donation. 610-294-9039.
- 16 Sharing the Towpath** Trail Day sponsored by Friends of the Delaware Canal. Maps & information about trail resources and etiquette. Tincum Park, River Rd, Erwinna in the far back parking lot adjacent to the canal. Noon–4 pm.
- 16 Sunday Seminar** sponsored by the Tincum Conservancy. Marlin Corn "Pennsylvania Herps – The Wet and the Slithery" a slide presentation on local reptiles and amphibians. 3 pm, Tincum Elementary School, Dark Hollow Rd, free & open to the public. 610-847-8650.
- 20 Tincum Conservancy** Board of Trustees meeting. 7:30 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Dark Hollow & Smithtown Rds. Members & Tincum residents welcome. 610-294-9069.
- 26 Tohickon Garden Club** Meeting talk by Elizabeth Bowman, who writes "The Compleat Gardener" for the Bucks County Herald. 9 am, Stover Mill, 852 River Rd, Erwinna. New members welcome. 610-847-3303.
- 27 Tincum Civic Association Meeting** 8 pm, Stover Mill, 852 River Rd, Erwinna. 610-294-9420.
- 29 PA "Fish 4 Free Day"** All can fish PA waters without a license. Delaware Canal St Park lends equipment to kids under 16 at Theodore Roosevelt Recreation Area, Raubsville and Virginia Forest Recreation Area, Centre Bridge, 10 am-2 pm. 610-982-0166.
- 29-31 Tohickon Valley Pool** Opens weekends for the season. 12:30 – 6:30 pm. 215-297-0754.
- JUNE**
- Saturdays – Polo in Tincum Park** 2 pm, weather permitting. \$5 per carload, bring tailgate picnic. Call 908-996-3321 for weather update.
- Weekends – Stover Mill Gallery Art Show,** 1-5 pm. Inks (Pointillism) by John Mishler. 610-294-9420.
- Weekends – Tohickon Valley Pool** open 12:30 –6:30 pm. 215-297-0754. Open daily starting mid June.
- Early June** - Register for children's art programs sponsored by Bucks County Parks and the Michener Art Museum. "Art of Nature" 2-week visual arts and environmental science program for ages 7-12. Tincum Park Barn, River Rd, Erwinna. "Artsplash" 1-week intergen-
- eration art program for ages 3-6 and a favorite adult, Tohickon Valley Park, Cafferty Rd, Pt Pleasant. For details 215-340-9800 ext 126.
- 5 Street Fair** sponsored by the Pipersville Free Library. 10 am – 5 pm, 7114 Old Easton Rd. Crafts, games, books, bake sale, Lion's Club BBQ chicken, and more.
- 5 PA "Fish 4 Free Day"** All can fish PA waters without a license. Delaware Canal St Park lends equipment to kids under 16 at Theodore Roosevelt Recreation Area, Raubsville and Virginia Forest Recreation Area, Center Bridge, 10 am-2 pm. 610-982-0166.
- 6 Tincum Outdoor Antique Show** sponsored by the Tincum Civic Association. Tincum Park, River Rd, Erwinna, 10 am – 4 pm. \$6. No pets. 610-847-8304.
- 11 Spaghetti Dinner** All-you-can-eat at the Del Val Fire Co., see Feb 13.
- 17 Weed Warriors** Remove Japanese knotweed from Tincum Creek and the Delaware Canal, sponsored by the Tincum Conservancy. Call 610-294-9069 to participate.
- 17 Tincum Conservancy** Board of Trustees meeting. 7:30 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Dark Hollow & Smithtown Rds. Members & Tincum residents welcome. 610-294-9069.
- 19 Fireman's Annual Summer Fest Picnic** 2-8 pm at the Bridgeton Athletic Association. Benefits the UBE Fire Co. Hickory smoked pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, beer, clam chowder, fire truck rides, live band, magic show & more. \$15 adult, \$7.50 ages 5-12, under 5 free, includes a raffle ticket for cash prizes.
- 24 Tincum Civic Association Meeting** 8 pm, Stover Mill, 852 River Rd, Erwinna. 610-294-9420.

If you have suggestions for the Community Calendar, contact Pat Lesko at 610-847-8304 or email plesko1@fast.net.

Township Boards and Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors

Generally 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:45 pm with only one meeting a month in June, July, Aug., Sept. & Nov.

Meeting dates: Feb. 3, 17; Mar. 2, 16; Apr. 6, 20; May 4, 18; June 15, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 5, 19; Nov. 16, and Dec. 7, 21.

Planning Commission

Damon Aherne 1/7/02-12/31/05

Curt Cox 1/1/00-12/31/05

Hal Lauble 1/7/02-12/31/05

Trevor McNeill 1/6/03-12/31/06

Anne Pratt 1/5/04-12/31/07

Nicholas Tscheschlog 1/6/03-12/31/06

Generally 4th Tuesday at 7:45 pm.

Meeting Dates: Feb. 24, Mar. 23, Wed., Apr. 28 (due to the Primary Election), May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, and Dec. 14.

Work Sessions: Feb. 10, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9.

Joint Tinicum, Nockamixon, and Bridgeton Ground Water Management Committee

Robert Stanfield, Tinicum member

Generally the 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Nockamixon Township Building.

Meeting dates: Feb. 18, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15.

Environmental Advisory Council

Derek Fell 1/07/02-12/31/04

Martie Kyde 1/07/02-12/31/04

Steve Malarsky 8/19/03-12/31/05

Robert Stanfield 1/06/03-12/31/05

Greg VanHook 1/05/04-12/31/06

Michael Zavoda 1/07/02-12/31-04

Generally the 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm.

Meeting dates: Feb. 16, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20.

Park and Recreation Board

Vicki Dexheimer 1/06/03-12/31/05

William Getchell 5/16/02-12/31/06

Louis Giliberti 1/5/04-12/31/07

R. Douglas Hahn 1/1/02 - 12/31/06

Glen Hale 6/20/00-12/31/04

David Sears 1/1/00-12/31/04

Generally the 2nd Wednesday at 8 pm.

Meeting dates: Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8.

Historical Commission

Charles Bello 1/1/02-12/31/04

Jay Folkes 1/06/03-12/31/05

Jack Halstead 1/06/03-12/31/05

Brian Murphy 1/05/04-12/31/06

Pat Whitacre 1/05/04-12/31/06

Generally the 2nd Monday at 7:30 pm.

Meeting dates: Feb. 9, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

Zoning Hearing Board

Bill Altier 1/01/02-12/31/04

Eric Hinrichs 1/01/02-12/31/05

Terry Pratt 10/6/03 - 12/31/06

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 pm as hearings are required.

One meeting in Nov. and Dec., hearing notices will be published.

Meeting dates: Feb. 12, 26; Mar. 11, 25; Apr. 8, 22; May 13, 27; June 10, 24; July 8, 22; Aug. 12, 16; Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 14, 28; Nov. 11, and Dec. 9.

Open Space Commission

Karen Budd 1/07/02-12/31/04

John Cole 1/05/04-12/31/06

Dave Emerson 1/07/02-12/31/04

Ed Henry 3/04/03-12/31/04

Martie Kyde 1/06/03-12/31/05

Norman MacArthur 1/06/03-12/31/05

Kim Rosamilia 01/05/04-12/31/06

Pat Whitacre 1/05/04-12/31/06

Generally the 4th Monday at 7:30 pm.

Meeting dates: Feb. 23, Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, and Dec. 27.

Residents are welcome at
all meetings.

Vacancies

Tinicum has vacancies on several boards. If a particular group interests you, please check with Township Manager Linda Wieand.

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