

# South Coventry News

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## Thank You for Your Participation!

During this summer South Coventry Township partnered with the North Coventry Food Pantry to distribute fresh produce to clients of the Food Pantry. The Township Office was able to distribute fresh produce to an average of 7 families every week which included around 30 people!

Donated produce came from French Creek, East Vincent and West Vincent Elementary Schools, Owen J Roberts Middle School, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Turning Roots CSA, North Star Orchards as well as many residents and neighbors! Thank you to all the students, parents, teachers and volunteers who helped provide fresh garden produce to those in need.

The South Coventry Township Office has also become a drop off location for non-perishable food donations for the Food Pantry. We were able to collect over 70 items in August and 40 items in September. Non-perishable food donations will continue to be accepted at the Township Office during normal business hours.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!



Over 70 non-perishable food items were collected and donated to the North Coventry Food Pantry during the month of August.

## Toys for Tots Toy Collection

The South Coventry Township Office will be a 2012 drop-off location for the Toys for Tots Campaign. Toys for Tots is an organization supported by the U.S. Marine Corps and is dedicated to the collection and distribution of new toys to needy children.

Toy collection for this holiday season has already begun! If you wish to donate a new unwrapped toy to the Toys for Tots campaign, please drop it off at the Township Office during normal business hours. Please be sure to drop off your toys on or before December 12, 2012.

For more information about Toys for Tots or to make a donation, visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

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## Upcoming Events

**Toys for Tots Toy Collection**  
 October 22, 2012 - December 12, 2012  
 Township Office

**Election Day**  
 November 6, 2012  
 Owen J Roberts Middle School

**FAUCSC Meetings**  
 November 8, 2012 at 7:00PM  
 November 10, 2012 at 10:00am  
 Township Office  
 (see below for more information)

## **Important Election Dates**

October 30 Last Day to register for absentee ballots  
November 2 Last Day completed absentee ballots must be received by  
November 6 General Election

For questions regarding voter registration or your voting status, please contact Chester County Voter Services at (610) 344-6410. For absentee ballot forms or registration forms visit [www.chesco.org/election](http://www.chesco.org/election). Forms are also available at the Township Office.

## **Winter Storm Reminder**

As winter approaches the Township would like to remind residents of our Winter Storm Regulations:

1. Vehicles are not permitted to park on roadways, shoulders or culs-de-sac during winter storms. No trash cans or other obstructions may be placed on roadways or shoulders.
2. No snow, ice or slush may be thrown, piled or pushed onto a public roadway, drainage area, stream, culvert or catch basin. No snow, ice or slush may be pushed or deposited at or near any intersection so as to create a traffic hazard by impairing visibility.
3. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that any snow accumulation is removed from sidewalks by the day following a snowstorm.
4. Mailboxes—If a mailbox is accidentally hit by a Township snowplow itself, the Township will repair the mailbox. If damage is caused by snow, ice or slush that is pushed while the roads are being plowed, repair is the owner's responsibility.

## **Learn More About Local History**

The Friends of the African Union Church of South Coventry (FAUCSC) will host two public information meetings at the Township Building on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00PM and Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10:00AM. Members of this local non-profit, formed in 2010, will be discussing their work to preserve an early 19th-century church and cemetery lot located in South Coventry Township.

Residents and anyone interested in local history are invited to attend. For more information, visit [www.faucsc.org](http://www.faucsc.org).

Please note Township roads are plowed in the following order:

- 1st—Main collector roads
- 2nd—Secondary roads
- 3rd—Development roads
- 4th—Culs-de-Sac



## **Volunteers Needed!**

The Township is in need of volunteers to fill vacancies on a few of the Township's Boards and Commissions.

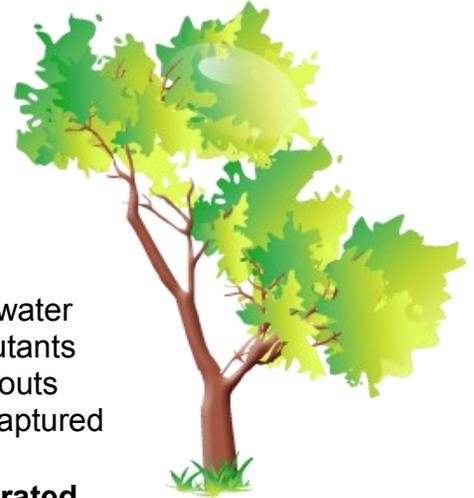
If you are interested in serving our community, please fill out a volunteer application and return it to the Township Office. Applications can be picked up at the Township Office or downloaded from the Township website at [www.southcoventry.org](http://www.southcoventry.org).

**Many thanks to Dariel Velez, Bryan Velez, Quentin Cordaro and Alex Virag who volunteered to re-paint the fire hydrants in the Ridglea Development. Thank you to these Boy Scouts for helping to beautify our community!**

## Stormwater Tips for “Fall”ing Into Winter

Fall is here! As you prepare your property for the winter months ahead, follow these tips to protect our streams and creeks!

- ✓ **Keep your leaves and grass clippings out of the streets and storm drains.** Raking leaves into ditches, drains, gutters or curbing will not only clog drainage areas and cause flooding but they may also get into our waterways and rob aquatic life of oxygen as they decompose.
- ✓ **Direct your down spouts away from hard surfaces.** Stormwater that runs down roofs and over paved surfaces can collect pollutants that will travel directly to our waterways. By directing down spouts onto your lawn or into a rain garden, these pollutants can be captured by your yard.
- ✓ **Remember that Fall is the best time for your lawn to be aerated, seeded and fertilized (be sure to use phosphorous-free fertilizers at the correct rate).** Maintaining a healthy lawn reduces your need to use chemicals that can leave your lawn and enter our streams and creeks.



Since Winter is just around the corner, it's not too early to think about environmentally-friendly ways to control ice.

- ✓ **Some deicers (even some sands) are significant sources of phosphorous pollution.** Excess phosphorous is the nutrient that boosts unwanted plant growth in lakes and ponds. Look for products that no or low phosphorous (50 parts per million or less).
- ✓ **Always apply deicing products according to the manufacturer's instructions.** Deicers are not meant to provide complete evaporation of ice and snow. Different types of deicers also have differing amounts of active ingredients so read instructions before purchasing or applying.
- ✓ **Deicers can become “anti-icers” if applied as soon as snowy or icy conditions appear.** Proper application can help prevent the bond from forming between the pavement and the ice, making it easier to shovel!

## Veterans ID and Discount Program

The Chester County Recorder of Deeds has launched a Veterans ID and Discount Program which provides county veterans with photo identification cards when they record their military discharge papers at the Recorder of Deeds office. Veterans who have already had the DD-214 recorded may go to the Recorder of Deeds office Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM to have their photo taken for their ID card. Veterans can present their ID card at participating businesses to receive a discount.

Local businesses are encouraged to participate in this program by offering discounts to show their appreciation for the service of our veterans and active military personnel.

A list of businesses participating in the Veterans' Discount Program, more information on becoming a participating business and application forms for the Veterans' ID Program can be found on the Recorder of Deeds website by visiting [www.chesco.org/recorder](http://www.chesco.org/recorder) and clicking on the Veterans ID Program link. More information can also be obtained by contacting the Recorder Deeds office at (610) 344-6330.

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## ***South Coventry Township Upcoming Meetings***

### **Board of Supervisors - 7:30 PM**

Monday, November 5, 2012  
Monday, December 3, 2012  
Monday, January 7, 2013  
Monday, February 4, 2013

### **Board of Supervisors - 7:30 AM**

Friday, November 2, 2012  
Friday, November 30, 2012  
Monday, February 1, 2013

### **Historic Commission - 7:00 PM**

Monday, November 12, 2012  
Monday, December 10, 2012  
Monday, January 14, 2013  
Monday, February 11, 2013

### **Planning Commission - 7:30 PM**

Monday, November 19, 2012  
Monday, December 17, 2012  
Monday, January 21, 2013  
Monday, February 18, 2013

### **Open Space, Recreation & Environmental Oversight Board - 7:00 PM**

Monday, November 26, 2012  
Monday, January 28, 2013  
Monday, February 25, 2013