

South Coventry News

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Final Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

The Comprehensive Plan Task Force has been working for over a year and a half on an update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan provides the Township with valuable data and direction when making decisions regarding community development and land use standards. The current Comprehensive Plan was completed in 1996.

The Task Force is close to finishing the final draft to be considered for adoption. A public meeting has been scheduled for May 16, 2016 at 7:30pm to give residents an opportunity to review and discuss the draft Comprehensive Plan and provide input on this planning document for South Coventry Township.

If you plan to attend the May 16 public meeting, please RSVP to secretary@southcoventry.org or call (610) 469-0444.



Coventryville Historic Walk

South Coventry will be holding a historic walk through the village of Coventryville on June 16, 2016 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering for the walk, please contact the Township Office at (610) 469-0444. See insert for more details.

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Spotted Lanternfly Meeting

The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive insect that was first identified in the United States in Berks County, PA in 2014. The PA Department of Agriculture has enacted a quarantine to limit the spread of this pest. In 2015, the Spotted Lanternfly was identified in South Coventry Township and our Township was added to the quarantine area which currently includes areas in Berks, Bucks and Montgomery counties.

The Spotted Lanternfly is a plant hopper native to China, India and Vietnam, and has been introduced in South Korea and Japan. In Korea, where it was first detected in 2004, the Spotted Lanternfly is known utilize more than 70 plants species, 25 of which also occur in Pennsylvania, including cultivated grapes, fruit trees, and hardwoods. In the U.S., the Spotted Lanternfly has the potential to greatly impact the viticulture (grape), tree fruit, plant nursery and timber industries.



All residents and businesses were mailed information in November. (continued to page 2)



Upcoming Events

Spotted Lanternfly Session

April 16, 2016 at 11:00am
Warwick County Park Office

General Primary

April 26, 2016
Owen J Roberts Middle School

Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

May 16, 2016 at 7:30pm
Township Office

Coventryville Historic Walk

June 16, 2016 — 6:00pm-7:30pm
Parking at Warwick County Park

TS Elliott Trail Public Meeting

Check website for date and time
Township Office

Community Day

September 24, 2016 — 10am-2pm
Warwick County Park

Toys for Tots Toy Collection

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank all South Coventry residents who participated in the 2015 Toys for Tots toy collection.

Over 175 toys were collected for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign! The residents of Bucktown Crossing banded together and donated over 50 of the toys given by South Coventry residents!



Land Conservation in South Coventry

The Board of Supervisors would like to recognize and congratulate South Coventry land owners who took steps in 2015 to conserve and protect open space in our Township including:

- ◆ Andrew, April & Eleanor Gawrys - agricultural easement, Coventryville Road
- ◆ Cory & Megan Mowrer - agricultural easement, Coventryville Road
- ◆ Aaron Cohen & Liana Yoo - conservation easement, Conservation Lane, site of former offices of French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust
- ◆ Stockton & Eleanor Morris Illoway - conservation easement, Ridge Road & Coventryville Road, lands are now part of Lundale Farm

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank these property owners for the steps they have taken to preserve the rural character of our Township!

Spotted Lanternfly Meeting

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If you did not receive information about the Spotted Lanternfly and the State's Quarantine or need additional copies, please contact the Township Office or visit the News & Events page at www.southcoventry.org.

If you have questions, Warwick County Park will be hosting an information session on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 11:00am about the life cycle of the Spotted Lanternfly and quarantine information. The speaker for the session will be Dana Rhodes, State Plant Regulatory Official from the PA Department of Agriculture.

This session is open to the public but will be limited to 45 participants. Please contact the Warwick County Park Office at (610) 469-1916 to register. For more information and directions, please visit the Warwick Park link at www.chesco.org/ccparks.

Burn Responsibly

Spring means sun, warmer temperatures and yard work! South Coventry Township would like to remind residents that, while you are allowed to burn yard waste, you must do so responsibly! Follow the tips below to make sure your fire is done safely:

- ◆ Contact the Township Office at 610-469-0444 to be sure there is not a burning ban in place.
- ◆ Contact the Chester County Fire Board at 610-436-4700 BEFORE you start burning and AFTER you finish burning to help prevent a full fire response to extinguish your controlled fire.
- ◆ Always watch your fire.
- ◆ Keep a rake nearby to push and pull burning material back into the burn pile.
- ◆ Have a charged line ready! Make sure you have a hose ready, the water is on and nozzle working. It's too late to find the hose, connect it, turn it on, and get to the burn pile after the fire has started to spread!
- ◆ Do NOT burn after dark!
- ◆ Do NOT burn rubber, oil, plastic, etc.!
- ◆ Do NOT make a smoky fire that blows into your neighbor's yard! Get the fire burning hot before you add additional brush. If it starts smoking, wait until it gets going again.
- ◆ Do NOT burn on a windy day! It will blow smoke into your neighbor's yards and there is a danger of it spreading.



Bioswale Installed at Connie Batdorf Park



On September 23, 2015, twenty four students from the Owen J Roberts Horticulture Department assisted in planting a vegetated bioswale at Connie Batdorf Park. Almost 3,000 plants were installed that day to create the bioswale

which will help address stormwater concerns and reduce the amount of sediment and possible pollutants that reach our creeks and streams.

The project was funded by a grant won last summer by South Coventry Township as part of Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation's "On Your Park, Get Set, Go" Park Contest. Thank you to the Owen J Roberts Horticulture Department for their help in making this project a reality!

Thank You!

Many thanks to Nestlé Waters North America for providing many truckloads of water to the Ridgela Community Water System during recent maintenance of the wells. The trucks, water and drivers were all donated by Nestle to assist due to an unforeseen delay during well maintenance. Their generosity and willingness to work with Township staff prevented an emergency situation. We appreciate Nestlé Waters for being such a good neighbor!

COMING SOON

There will be a public meeting this summer to discuss the Stewardship Plan for the TS Elliot Trail Site, located at the corner of Route 23 and Stauffer Road.

Please check the New & Events page at www.southcoventry.org for the date and time!

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South Coventry Township Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors - 7:30 PM

Monday, April 4, 2016
Monday, May 2, 2016
Monday, June 6, 2016
Monday, July 11, 2016

Board of Supervisors - 7:30 AM

Friday, April 29, 2016
Friday, June 3, 2016
Friday, July 1, 2016

Historic Review Board/Commission - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
Wednesday, June 8, 2015
Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Planning Commission - 7:30 PM

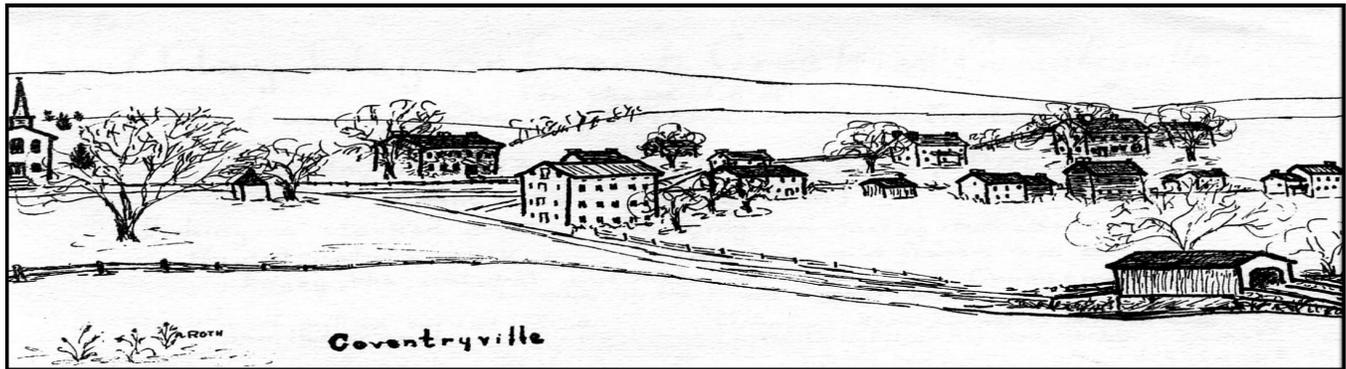
Monday, April 18, 2016
Monday, May 16, 2016
Monday, June 20, 2016
Monday, July 18, 2016

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

Monday, April 25, 2016
Monday, May 23, 2016
Monday, June 27, 2016
Monday, July 25, 2016

Coventryville Historic Walk

Thursday, June 16, 2016 ~ 6:00pm-7:30pm



Join us for a stroll through Coventryville, a quiet village of 18th and 19th century homes. Coventryville was a hub of the iron industry built around the Coventry Forge, the second forge in Pennsylvania. The approximately 50-minute guided ½ mile walk will provide a glimpse into the village's history and the people who called it home.

Parking: Warwick County Park, 382 County Park Road, Pottstown.
Bus shuttles will take visitors to the beginning of the walking tour.

The Coventryville Historic Walk is part of the Chester County Town Tours and Village Walks, a series of free summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. This year's tours will celebrate 300 years of our iron and steel heritage. The walks are held on Thursday evening from June 9 through August 25. For this year's tour schedule please visit, www.landscapes2.org/psd/historic/TownTours.cfm.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Coventryville Historic Walk! If you are willing to help, please contact the Township office at (610) 469-0444 or secretary@southcoventry.org.

Positions include:

- Tour guides - who lead small groups from home to home
- Historians - read a prepared script about one of the homes
- Registration - register individuals for the tour