Stay Informed: Register for Notifications

Register for Emergency System Notification

Between the rupturing of a water main on King Street and the explosion of PECO’s underground transformers on High Street, March was a tough month for Pottstown. What was made apparent by these events was that we as a community need to better utilize the reliable methods of notification that are available to us, but that begins with you.

The Borough of Pottstown has a telephone Emergency Notification System. We use this system to notify residents, business owners and utility customers in emergency situations, as deemed necessary. If you receive a call from the Borough of Pottstown, please listen to the message carefully and in its entirety.

Due to FCC regulations, if you wish to receive Reverse-911 messages from the Borough of Pottstown on your cellphone, you must register your cell-phone number(s) with the Borough’s Emergency Notification System, which can be done by calling (610) 970-6540 or by emailing utilities@pottstown.org. No action is required for those with land lines listed in the White Pages as these lines are automatically registered with the Borough’s Reverse-911 notification system. However, we all know that mobile phone numbers have become the standard in communication and without your consent and participation, your Borough cannot provide you the information necessary in the most timely and effective manner. Registering will not compromise your privacy or personal information—it will keep you informed of emergency situations in the fastest possible course.

Register for notifications on Pottstown.org

Outside of emergency situations, the Borough has other excellent tools to keep you informed, but as with Reverse-911, we need your consent and participation to make those tools effective. Visit www.pottstown.org and click the “Notify Me” icon at bottom left to be brought to a page where you can register an email address or cell phone for texts that can keep you informed as to boil water notices, new editions of the newsletter, road closures, employment opportunities and meeting agendas. You can choose which notifications to receive and which ones not to receive and you can opt out at any time. “Notify Me” presents the best option to stay informed about important developments and upcoming events in our Borough of Pottstown.
It is time to get back to some normalcy, socialization, and a lot less screen time! Our Summer Camp is the solution! **Registration is open until spaces are filled beginning May 1!** We are excited to offer another summer of quality youth programming through Parks and Recreation @ Lincoln Elementary (460 York Street) for eight weeks from June 21 – August 13, 2021

With COVID still so relevant, we are offering a smaller camp setting whereby many activities are outside model this year to meet the needs of everyone as well as multiple day registration options to meet the varied schedules of each family. There will not be any field trips to other locations.

We will participate in the summer food program with lunch and snack provided. Our programming this summer consists of various waterplay games and fun, exciting outside programming coming to us onsite such as Mad Science, the Elmwood Zoo, Police and Fire demonstrations, just to name a few! Camp is offered Monday - Friday drop off between 8-8:45am, pick up between 4-4:45 pm. Friday’s are reserved as a rain makeup day if camp is cancelled in that week.

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All COVID best practices will be followed to ensure a safe, but fun environment for your kids this summer!

Registration is available for children ages 5 - 12 (completed Pre K).

Please visit our website, [https://pottstown.recdesk.com/Community/Home](https://pottstown.recdesk.com/Community/Home) space is limited – do not wait!

**Visit us online:** [WWW.POTTSTOWN.ORG](http://WWW.POTTSTOWN.ORG)
The Patriotic 5K is back! Join us the morning of the 4th of July to kick off the celebrations with a run throughout town! We will start and end at the Ricketts Community Center 658 Beech Street

To register, please sign up by clicking the link below!
https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Pottstown/Patriotic5K

**Water play Wednesdays**
They were such a hit last year, we are going to try it again this year!
Join us every week (weather permitting) for pop-up Water Play Wednesdays from 12-2pm in the Borough of Pottstown! We will open a hydrant some where in the Borough to have a little fun in the sun. Like the Borough of Pottstown Parks and recreation Facebook page to find the location each week!

**Yoga in the park is back!**
Join us at Riverfront Park, 140 College Drive, every Wednesday night at 6:30 through September 4 and every Saturday morning at 8:00 through September 1

Bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle
(bug spray is optional)

$10 drop in fee per class

** In the event of inclement weather, class will be held at Samana Holistic 170 South Street
Parks and Recreation Comedy Series in the Park Fundraiser

Buy tickets for one or two dates, or join us for all four! Each event is 21 and over and BYOB. Come on out and have some laughs! Memorial Park Island entrance located at 251 Manatawny Street. Purchase tickets here:

nightout.com/promoters/sjpcomedy/events/tickets

**SoulJoels Presents**

**POTTSTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMEDY FUNDRAISER**

**TICKETS $20 | BYOB**

**JUN 23 | DOORS 6PM | SHOW 7PM**

SJPcomedy.com for tickets

251 Manatawny Street

Pottstown, PA 19464

**TIM KROMPIER**

**POTTSTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMEDY FUNDRAISER**

**TICKETS $20 | BYOB**

**JUL 28 | DOORS 6PM | SHOW 7PM**

SJPcomedy.com for tickets

251 Manatawny Street

Pottstown, PA 19464

**CHRIS ROACH**

**POTTSTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMEDY FUNDRAISER**

**TICKETS $20 | BYOB**

**AUG 25 | DOORS 6PM | SHOW 7PM**

SJPcomedy.com for tickets

251 Manatawny Street

Pottstown, PA 19464

**MISSY G HALL**

**POTTSTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMEDY FUNDRAISER**

**TICKETS $20 | BYOB**

**SEP 22 | DOORS 6PM | SHOW 7PM**

SJPcomedy.com for tickets

251 Manatawny Street

Pottstown, PA 19464

**CHRIS COCCIA**
Regular Business Hours for Borough Hall (Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM) resume June 1, 2021

Finance and Tax Department

Online payments can be made through Xpress Bill Pay linked from the front page of our website www.Pottstown.org.

The Finance Department is available via email (preferred) at finance@pottstown.org, by telephone at 610-970-6530 and in-person at Borough Hall during regular business hours. Payments may be mailed, paid online, paid by phone or placed in the drop box located on the second floor of Borough Hall during regular business hours. After hours drop box payments are available 24/7 in the Police Department Lobby.

If you would like to make a utility payment by phone, please refer to the following options:

   By Phone 24/7 - 833-743-9222 - Provide account number and zip code to locate bill
   To speak with a live operator, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm MST call 1-800-720-6847

To make a tax payment by phone, call 610-970-6535. Please note there is a 2% convenience fee for credit/debit card transactions.

If you have a question regarding your bill, please call us at 610-970-6530

PA Dept. of Human Services launches Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) was created by the PA Department of Human Services to help renters dealing with financial challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For eligible households, the program offers rental and utility assistance to help Pennsylvanians avoid eviction or loss of utility service. For more information and to apply go to their website at https://www.dhs.pa.gov/coronavirus/Pages/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program.aspx

Listed below are the Montgomery County contacts for the ERAP program:

- Call Your Way Home by dialing 211 or texting your zip code to 898-211
- Contact Manna on Main Street mannaonmain.org/need-help/getting-help or by calling 215-855-5454.
- Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities spottstowncluster.org/COVIDrentutilityassistance or by calling 484-393-5441.
- ACLAMO: aclamo.org or by calling 610-277-2570 (Norristown area) or 610-970-2134 (Pottstown area).
- CADCOM: cadcom.org
- YWCA of Montgomery County: ywcatricountyarea.org/ERUC
- Family Services of Montgomery County: fsmontco.org, emailing ERU@fsmontco.org, or calling 610-630-2111 ext. 235.

Licensing and Inspections

All applications for permits and inspections are available on the website. Applications will be accepted via mail, email (preferred) at LNIadmin@pottstown.org, by mail or in person during regular business hours. Applications may be dropped off 24.7 in the drop box in the Police Department lobby.

Transit

- Per Governor Wolf’s order, all passengers MUST wear a face covering (mask, bandana, scarf) while utilizing PART service.
- Transit is operating on a normal schedule.

Email takepart@pottstown.org with inquiries.

Pottstown Municipal Airport

The Pottstown Municipal Airport is a full-service public airport providing business and recreational opportunities to flight enthusiasts. The Pottstown Municipal Airport is owned by the Borough of Pottstown and managed by a Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Fly Elite, LLC.

For more information, you may contact Fly Elite, LLC at 610-495-6366.

Fly Elite, LLC
Services include:
- Aerial Photography
- Aerial Tours / Aerial Sightseeing
- Aircraft Parking (Ramp or Tie Down)
- Aircraft Rental
- Airport Management
- Aviation Fuel
- Flight Training
- Gift Packages
- Passenger Terminal and Lounge
Pottstown Borough 2021 Municipal Meeting Schedules

The 2021 regular monthly meetings of the Pottstown Borough Council will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Pottstown Borough Hall, 100 East High Street, 3rd floor, Council Meeting Room, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. These meetings will be held in a hybrid format allowing the public to attend in person or remotely via computer, tablet, smartphone or phone. Instructions for viewing, participating and providing comment remotely will be posted with the agenda at https://www.pottstown.org/AgendaCenter prior to the meeting.

The monthly schedule for regular Council Meetings is as follows:
January 11, 2021; February 8, 2021; March 8, 2021; April 12, 2021; May 10, 2021; June 14, 2021; July 12, 2021; August 9, 2021; September 13, 2021; October 12, 2021 (Tuesday); November 8, 2021; and December 13, 2021

The monthly schedule for the Committee of the Whole meetings are as follows:
January 6, 2021; February 3, 2021; March 3, 2021; April 7, 2021; May 5, 2021; June 9, 2021; July 7, 2021; August 4, 2021; September 8, 2021; October 6, 2021; November 3, 2021; December 8, 2021

In addition, the following Borough Boards and Commissions will also meet on the dates listed below. Please visit the Borough of Pottstown agenda Center https://www.pottstown.org/AgendaCenter prior to the meeting to confirm the meeting format and location.

PLANNING COMMISSION:
The Pottstown Planning Commission meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 20, 2021; February 17, 2021; March 17, 2021; April 21, 2021, May 19, 2021; June 16, 2021; July 21, 2021; August 18, 2021; September 15, 2021; October 20, 2021; November 17, 2021; December 15, 2021.

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:
HARB meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 20, 2021; February 17, 2021; March 17, 2021; April 21, 2021; May 19, 2021; June 16, 2021; July 21, 2021; August 18, 2021; September 15, 2021; October 20, 2021; November 17, 2021; December 15, 2021.

BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE:
Blighted Property Review Committee meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 20, 2021; February 17, 2021; March 17, 2021; April 21, 2021; May 19, 2021; June 16, 2021; July 21, 2021; August 18, 2021; September 15, 2021; October 20, 2021; November 17, 2021; December 15, 2021.

LAND BANK BOARD:
Land Bank Board meetings will be held at 11:00 a.m. on the following dates: January 25, 2021, February 22, 2021; March 22, 2021; April 26, 2021; May 24, 2021; June 28, 2021; July 26, 2021; August 23, 2021; September 27, 2021; October 25, 2021; November 22, 2021.—PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATED MEETING TIMES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:
HRC meetings will be held 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 21, 2021; February 18, 2021; March 18, 2021; April 15, 2021; May 20, 2021; June 17, 2021; July 15, 2021; August 19, 2021; September 16, 2021; October 21, 2021; November 18, 2021; December 16, 2021.

POTTSTOWN AREA REGIONAL RECREATION COMMITTEE (PARRC) location / format posted on WWW.PARRC.NET
PARRC Meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 27, 2021; February 24, 2021; March 24, 2021; April 28, 2021; May 26, 2021; June 23, 2021; July 28, 2021; August 25, 2021; September 22, 2021; October 27, 2021; December 1, 2021
The Pottstown Fire Department is Looking for Volunteers!

The Pottstown Fire Department consists of four volunteer fire companies, The Goodwill Steam Fire Engine Company, The Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine Company, The Empire Hook & Ladder Company and The North End Fire Company. The fire department was founded in 1871 and is celebrating 150 years of service to the Borough and surrounding area in 2021 which makes us one of the oldest in Pennsylvania. The companies are mainly volunteer, and each company employs career Firefighter/Drivers to supplement and guarantee a quick response. Today the fire department has approximately 140 members that make up firefighters, fire police and auxiliary that respond or provide fund raising services. These men and women range from ages 15—75 and are the backbone of our department. The fire department responded to 1108 fire responses in 2020 and the fire police responded to over 100 calls for service. The auxiliary was limited this past year on fund raising due to the pandemic.

In recent years, the number of applications submitted for volunteer firefighters has dwindled to record lows and although we are recruiting many of our volunteers are shift workers and limits their response. The decision to be a volunteer responder is something that will touch your entire family. In some ways you may expect and in other ways you may not. While any volunteer work is noble, volunteer firefighting goes beyond the average volunteer work. It becomes a lifestyle. The implications of this affect not only the volunteers, but also their families.

*The call to becoming a volunteer firefighter means:*
- Serving at a moment’s notice, not when it is scheduled and convenient
- Spend extra hours training for safety and expertise
- Put himself or herself in dangerous situations to help those in need
- Bond with fellow volunteers, working closely together to keep everyone safe
- Contribute to the community (source NVFC.org)

The Officers and members are asking for you to stop by any one of our fire stations and ask about joining a rewarding career. All training and uniforms are provided.

Volunteer firefighting is not gender or age specific. There are men and women of all ages who volunteer in a variety of fire department of roles – both operational and non-operational. In many communities, volunteers are the only way to provide emergency services, and it takes many types of people performing many different functions to get the job done. There are countless stories wonderful senior citizens who volunteer well into their sixties and seventies, doing what they can to serve their communities. The same is true for our youth. Junior firefighter programs allow youth to experience the responsibility of helping someone in need and in many cases introduces them to career choices and leadership experience they may not see in a classroom.

**Goodwill Fire Company and Empire Hook and Ladder Fire Company**
714 E High Street Pottstown, PA (610) 970-0878

**Phillies Fire Company** 240 Chestnut Street Pottstown, PA (610) 326-3260

**North End Fire Company** 301 Prospect Street Pottstown, PA (610) 323-6565

Visit us online: WWW.POTTSTOWN.ORG
Visit the Pottstown Parks and Recreation Department website for a listing of all current programs. Early registration assures enrollment in limited enrollment courses. All current COVID best practices are in place.

REGISTRATION ONLINE - https://pottstown.recdesk.com/Community/Home

REGISTRATION BY TELEPHONE – Call us Monday thru Friday during regular business hours. Register for the class using your VISA, MASTERCARD, and DISCOVER

DAILY OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Friday
7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

NOTICE: It is preferred that you call for an appointment during office hours if your request cannot be processed via email, internet or phone.

PARKS AND RECREATION EXECUTIVE STAFF
Michael A. Lenhart: Director ~ Andie Graham: Programs Coordinator

PARKS AND RECREATION PARK MAINTENANCE CREW
Michael Yerger ~ Timothy Landis ~ Anthony Rhoads

MISSION STATEMENT
Pottstown Parks and Recreation strives to create and support diverse recreation opportunities in the Borough of Pottstown, enhancing existing park facilities and recreation programs and promoting the growth of regional attractions to improve the residential experience and the growth of local tourism.

DISCLOSURE
Pottstown Parks and Recreation staff take photos and video of participants enrolled in our programs, classes, or special events. Photos and video footage may be used in our brochure, website, or other future publications or video productions. If you do not wish to have your photograph included, please notify the photographer. Parks and Recreation will not disclose names or contact information regarding participants to any person or persons other than those designated through the registration process.

Follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information on community events and recreation programs in the greater Pottstown region. Updated throughout the day and linked to a number of partner organizations, there is currently no place better to keep your finger on the pulse of Pottstown.

Facebook.com/BoroughofPottstownParksandRec
Borough of Pottstown
Parks and Recreation
Facility Rentals

Hold your next family picnic, church function or community gathering at one of Pottstown’s park pavilions.

All rental locations feature porta-potties on site reserved for use during rental periods.

All rental periods are from 10 AM to 7:30 PM

For reservations and full pricing, contact visit the new online portal:
https://pottstown.recdesk.com/Community/Home

Questions: 610-970-6618 or pottsparks@pottstown.org

Memorial Park Pavilion
- Picnic seating for 100
- Electricity available
- Adjacent to Fountain of Youth Spray Park (operating seasonally Memorial Day to Labor Day)
- Charcoal grill
- Weekend rates starting at $175 per day
251 Manatawny Street

Terrace Lane Pavilion
- Picnic seating for 20-30
- Electricity available
- Playground & Swings on site
- Charcoal grill
- Weekend rates starting at $100 per day
981 Terrace Lane

Riverfront Park: PECO Schuylkill River Trail Pavilion
- Picnic seating for 75
- Electricity available
- Riverfront setting
- Direct access to Schuylkill River Trail
- Charcoal grill
- Weekend dates starting at $165
140 College Drive

Chestnut Street Park
- Picnic seating for 30-40
- Electricity available
- Charcoal grill
- Playground on site
- Rentals starting at $55 per day
114 North Washington Street

Riverfront Park Rotary Pavilion
- Direct access to Schuylkill River Trail
- Electricity available
- Great location for 5K events
- 5K rental packages starting at $140
- Picnic rentals starting at $75*
140 College Drive

*Please note that pavilion is not equipped with picnic tables. Tables and seating may be rented from Parks & Rec. or third party as desired.

Visit us online: WWW.POTTSTOWN.ORG
GoFourth!

STREET FEST 2021
IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN POTTSTOWN
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

ROTARY PARADE
11 AM - ADAMS TO YORK STREETS

GOFOURTH! STREET FEST: 1 PM - 5 PM
HIGH STREET BETWEEN CHARLOTTE & YORK STREETS

LIVE MUSIC ★ KID’S ZONE FUN ★ RAINGUTTER RAGATTA
KID’S ZONE SPONSORED BY: ROG ORTHODONTICS

VENDORS & ARTISIANS ★ ROTARY DUCK RACE - 3PM

9PM FIREWORKS SHOW
MEMORIAL PARK ★ 75 W KING STREET
2021 FIREWORKS SPONSORED BY: PPP

WWW.POTTSTOWNGOFOURTH.COM
FACEBOOK: POTTSTOWNGOFOURTH ★ TWITTER: @GOFOURTHFEST
EMAIL: POTTSTOWNGOFOURTH@GMAIL.COM

SCAN TO MAKE YOUR 2021 DONATION
Current Programming

As we enter into the summer months, the Ricketts Center is working to provide safe and effective recreational activities for youth in the area. With this in mind, summer activities will look different than they have in previous years.

Here are some of the current and upcoming programs and services:

Soccer For Success

We currently have a few slots open for Soccer for Success at the Ricketts Center. Brought to us by the JT Dorsey foundation, Soccer for Success is not your typical soccer team but is instead an instructional program that covers the basics of learning soccer.

**Open to ages 7 to 13 years of age

Location: 658 Beech St, Ricketts Center
When: Monday - Thursday
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Registration forms can be found on our website listed below.

Karate

Led by instructor William Smith, the whole family is welcomed to join the Philadelphia School of Korean Karate and learn Korean martial arts. This program is FREE to anyone who wishes to participate and is held twice a week. This program is currently running and runs year-round.

Location: 658 Beech St, Ricketts Center
When: Monday and Wednesday Nights
Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

**Center membership required.**

Summer Programming

 Summers at the Ricketts Center may look different from years pasts. Our goal is to afford those of all ages in the community a chance to utilize the offered facilities during the summer months. With that in mind, summer programming this year will consist of planned activities only in the morning for a select number of students, with the building then opening to all for open gym and rec activities in the afternoon. Summer programming will have NO COST associated with it. We strive to offer low cost or free programming to the community. More and complete details will be available on our Ricketts Center Facebook page.

Tentative Summer Building Hours:
Monday thru Friday - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Fitness Center
Sunday to Saturday - 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

https://www.boyertownareamulti-service.org
Pottstown Area Rapid Transit (PART): Free Transit Program for Senior Citizens

If you are age 65 or over, you may ride free on any participating local public transportation system. Free rides are available whenever Pottstown Area Rapid Transit (PART) is operating. Senior citizens must register with PART staff to obtain a Commonwealth of PA ID Card by bringing approved proof of age to PART’s office, located on the 3rd Floor of Borough Hall, 100 E. High Street. For more information, please call 610-970-6512.

Pottstown Area Rapid Transit Fares

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Two Children under fare box height can ride free with one full-fare paying adult.

**EXACT FARE POLICY:** Drivers can no longer make change for passengers. Have your exact fare ready and deposit exact change in the fare box when boarding the bus.

Please contact Kourtney High with questions: 610-970-6512.

WWW.PottstownRapidTransit.com

Visit us online: WWW.POTTSTOWN.ORG
NOTICE RE: BULK ITEM GARBAGE PICK-UP: Contracted Borough trash haulers JP Mascaro will pick-up 1 bulk item per unit per week in Pottstown at no additional charge. Eligible items include household furniture, sofas, chairs, box springs, mattresses, carpet (cut in 3-4 ft widths and tied) and home appliances that do not contain Freon.

Additional bulk items can be added to weekly pick-up with purchase of sticker in advance from Borough Hall.

Mattresses and box springs must be sealed in a plastic mattress bag or item will not be picked up. Plastic mattress bags are available for purchase from area retailers.

See website for more detailed list of accepted bulk items: WWW.POTTSTOWN.ORG/154/TRASH-RECYCLING

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING MADE SUPER EASY

We Are Now Adding to What Can Be Recycled

— Flexible Plastic Packaging!

Pottstown residents served by J.P. Mascaro & Sons can now recycle more types of plastics.

YES! Flexible Packaging Now Can Be Recycled

These items can now be recycled. Please make sure they are empty, clean, and dry before placing in the curbside cart.

- Grocery Bags
- Retail Bags
- Pet Treat Pouches
- Detergent Pouches
- Case Wrap
- Shrink Film
- Food Storage Bags
- Snack Food Pouches
- Salad Bags
- Wipes Pouches
- Candy Pouches
- Baby Food Pouches
- Bread Bags
- Diaper Wrap Packaging (No Diapers New or Used)
- Air Pillows
- Bubble Wrap
- Pet Food Bags
- Canoe Bags
- Paper Towel Overwrap
- Chip Bags
- Meat Bags
- Cheese Bags
- Drink Pouches

Do You Have Questions Concerning What Can Be Recycled? Call Us!

484-250-4686

J. P. Mascaro & Sons
If it’s service, it’s us!

Visit us online: WWW.POTTSTOWN.ORG

Brush & Yard Waste

Yard material does not go in the gray trash tote. It must be put in brown leaf bags, a separate can with the lid off, or bundled with twine or rope (no metal) approximately 3 - 4 feet in length. Tree limbs must be no bigger the 5 inches in diameter. Yard material put out in plastic bags will not be taken. No grass clippings will be picked up.

Yard material will be collected on Wednesdays from April 1, 2021 to December 23, 2021.

*Please note* If a holiday falls on a yard material pick up day, or the Monday or Tuesday before a scheduled yard material pick up day, the day is skipped. It is not pushed back one day.
POTTSTOWN MS4

WHAT IS MS4?

MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Permits are issued to municipalities every 5 years by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that set forth requirements that must be followed with the goal of helping our waterways become a cleaner and safer environment.

Impervious areas like roads, driveways, parking lots, and rooftops are the main contributors to stormwater runoff that enters the storm system and can cause impaired water, as well as flooding issues and erosion of stream banks.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

While the guidelines are set for actions the Borough can take to meet these requirements, there are several ways that you, as a resident, can assist in making a difference! One way to help reduce the amount of rain water entering the storm system, and ultimately the streams, is to collect the water from your rooftop with rain barrels. Roof drains can be directed into the barrels and store rain water that can be used to irrigate your lawn during dry periods of weather, water your garden, or even wash your car on your lawn.

Another way to reduce runoff from your property is to plant a rain garden to encourage infiltration and recharge the water table. A rain garden can not only help mitigate water runoff, but can aesthetically compliment your yard. Create your garden by finding the low spot in your yard and direct water to it by disconnecting your downspouts and building swales to channel the runoff from the gutters, if needed. Choosing a mixture of native plants will result in the best results. You can find a list of recommended plants at [https://extension.psu.edu/rain-gardens-the-plants](https://extension.psu.edu/rain-gardens-the-plants).

Lastly, practicing good housekeeping skills around your home can greatly reduce runoff pollution. Be sure to use fertilizers sparingly and according to the recommendations. Fertilizers in the stream system can cause spikes in algal blooms, depleting oxygen levels. Another good housekeeping practice is to pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly to help reduce fecal counts in the waterways.

Every effort to mitigate stormwater runoff and prevent pollution can make a huge difference. If you would like to know more about the MS4 program and see how you can help, please visit our website at [https://www.pottstown.org/326/Stormwater](https://www.pottstown.org/326/Stormwater).

GRASSCYCLING

IT’S OK TO “LET IT LAY”

Did you know that a 1/2-acre lawn in Pennsylvania produces more than three tons—a nearly 260 bags—of grass clippings each year? Think of all the time, money and effort it takes to bag all those clippings. Why go through all that hassle when it’s not necessary?

YOU CAN HAVE A HEALTHY LAWN BY LEAVING GRASS CLIPPINGS WHERE THEY FALL.

It’s simple. Grass clippings left on the lawn decompose and act as a natural organic fertilizer. This lets you reduce the amount of commercial fertilizer you need to apply. Your lawn will remain healthy and green because each time you mow, you will be returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

MOVING TECHNIQUES & TIPS

Any mower can recycle grass clippings. Just remove the grass catcher. Ask your lawn mower dealer if you need a special safety plug or adapter kit to convert your mower into a “recycling” mower. Installing a mulching blade also is helpful.

- Never cut off more than 1/3 of the grass blade in one mowing. Keep grass mowed to 2” in early spring, gradually raise the height to 3-4” by summer, then gradually reduce to 2” by late fall.
- Mow when the grass is dry.
- Keep your mower blade sharp. Dull mowers tear the grass blade, injure the plant and cause a brownish cast to the turf.
- If the grass gets too high, mow over the clippings a second time to further shred and scatter them.
- To prevent excess growth between mowings, raise the mower height, mow, then gradually lower it over a span of several mowings. This will help prevent shock to the plants.
- When it’s time to replace your mower, consider a mulching, recycling or nonpolluting reel mower. All of them do a good job of shredding and scattering grass clippings.

WHAT ABOUT THATCH?

Thatch, a matted layer of dead roots and stems, usually is caused by too much water and fertilizer. Clippings don’t produce thatch because they are 60 percent water and decompose quickly. A thatch layer of more than 1/2” should be removed.

USES FOR CLIPPINGS

- COMPOST. Fresh clippings should compose no more than 1/3 of the compost pile. They are an excellent source of nitrogen. Mix thoroughly with “brown” materials such as leaves or straw and turn the pile regularly to aerate it and prevent odors.
- MULCH. Pile about 1” of dried clippings on the soil to reduce weeds and moderate soil temperature. Mulching also controls erosion, run-off and evaporation. If using herbicides, wait at least two mowings after treating the lawn to use the clippings.
- SOIL ADDITIVE. Mixing fresh grass clippings into the garden improves soil texture, promotes moisture retention and adds nutrients and organic matter. About once a month, turn a 2” layer of grass into the soil to a depth of 6”.

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Tri County Active Adult Center

While the TriCounty Active Adult Center hopes to be open for limited programming, we will continue to offer Zoom programs at the times listed below. Check our website at [www.TriCountyAAC.org](http://www.TriCountyAAC.org) for updates and schedule changes. Email Jolene at jolene@tricountyaac.org for Zoom links for programs.

You can also view recorded programs on PCTV channels 22 and 28. Thanks to PCTV for helping us to reach people in their homes!

**Zoom Program Schedule**

**Monday**
- 8:00-9:00    Early Bird 50+Fit w/ Jolene
- 9:30-10:30   50+Fit w/ Jolene
- 9:15-10:15   Yoga w/ Charee
- 10:45-11:30  Chair Yoga w/ Charee

**Tuesday**
- 7:15-7:45    Core and More w/ Jolene
- 10:00-11:00  Sit and Get fit w/ Jolene
- 11:05-11:35  Chair Dancing w/ Jolene
- 1:00-1:40    Tai Chi w/ Darrel

**Wednesday**
- 8:00-9:00    Early Bird 50+Fit w/ Jolene
- 9:30-10:30   50+Fit w/ Jolene
- 2:00-2:30    Mindful Meditation w/ Charee

**Thursday**
- 7:45-8:30    PiYo w/ Jolene
- 10:00-11:00  Sit and Get Fit w/ Jolene

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**STEELriver PLAYHOUSE**

**We are so excited to offer four camp programs this summer!**

**Summer Camp 2021**

In June we are offering two, half day camps (take both for a full day of camp!)

- **BOOKWORMS**
  - June 21st-June 25th
  - 9:00am-Noon
  - Grades K-2

- **WIGGLEWORMS**
  - June 21st-June 25th
  - 10am-4pm
  - Grades K-2

In July, we are offering two full day, 2-week camps!

- **GODSPELL**
  - Summer Camp
  - July 5th - July 16th
  - Grades 7-10

- **MARKETPLACE MUSICAL, JR.**
  - July 19th-July 30th
  - Grades 3-7

**For complete details and to register, visit** [https://steelriver.coursesstorm.com/category/camp](https://steelriver.coursesstorm.com/category/camp)

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Grateful to be serving the Pottstown Community!

BECOME A MOSAIC MEMBER

Mosaic uses the Community Land Trust model to facilitate Pottstown’s reinforcing the foundation it’s been built upon. Bringing people together, revealing the interests and strengths they share, connecting them through arts and culture, and providing an opportunity to commit to Pottstown through long-term affordable homeownership strengthens the community as a whole. Mosaic Community Land Trust is powered by the focused involvement of our wonderful members. Become one of us today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Boyetown and Pottstown Grow For It Home Garden Contest
Summer Reading in the Gardens
Summer Solstice Garden Party
Summer Garden Tour
Fall Garden Tour
Haunts on High
…and much more!

For more on membership and events visit:
www.mosaicclt.org and call us at 484-214-504

Pottstown Library Summer 2021

Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program
June 14th through August 14th
Track your reading at PPL.Beanstack.org

Mark your calendars now!

POTTSTOWN VETERANS’ DAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
11AM–1PM  MEMORIAL PARK
35 N. KING STREET, POTTSTOWN

Honor our local heroes!

• MOTORCYCLE RIDE Event Kick-off
• GLASS TEAR Hero Awards
• The Hamilton Celtic Pipe & Drum Band
• Color Guard Presentation
• A Heroes Welcome

Proceeds from the day’s activities to support
VETERANS’ ISLAND PROJECT
A 501c3 ORGANIZATION

For more info: Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date event listings or visit Pottstown.org
Email: cindy@veteransislandproject.org

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Summer Camp 2021

Weekly day camps for kids 7-12.
Explore the world through art!

Scholarships are available.

Please see our website for complete details and to register.

ArtFusion 19464
341 Beech St., Unit 1 * Pottstown, PA
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Get Fresh!
Post this on your fridge, and remember to EAT FRESH ALL SUMMER LONG!

Every other Saturday
MAY 15 THRU OCTOBER 30
9AM-1PM

POTTSTOWN FARM
Farm & Artisan Regional Market
SMITH FAMILY PLAZA, 100 HIGH STREET
DOWNTOWN POTTSTOWN

SPECIAL EVENTS:
★ May 15: 10am & 12pm Teacher Appreciation Week Activities
★ July 10: 10am & 12pm Five Saints Distillery Demonstration
★ August 22: Operation 43 Food Drive
★ September 4: 11am Butterfly Tagging w/Ron Michael
★ October 2: 10am & 12pm Pottstown Hospital-Tower Health, Healthy Living
★ October 30: Halloween Party at the Farm Evening fundraiser, details to come!
★ November 27: Small Business Saturday Event

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WALK OF HONOR  In keeping with our intention to create a respectful, peaceful and inspiring place to publicly honor those who have served our country, the Veterans’ Island Project will create a Walk of Honor to the WWII Memorial. The walkway will start with a connection from the WWII Memorial to the cannon and eventually continue around the cannon.

You do not have to be a WWII veteran to have a brick. Any and all veterans are welcome.

Cost of each 4 x 6" brick is $100.

Please complete this form and mail, along with your check payable to Veterans’ Island Project.

Please engrave my brick(s) as follows: *Any symbol is considered 1 space (period, comma, dash). All text will be centered on the brick.

Brick 1:

Brick 2:

Brick 3:

Name: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________  City: _______________________
State & Zip: ________ Phone: ________________________  Email: ____________________

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN TO: WALK OF HONOR  Attn: Cathy Paretti, 210 Deerfield Way, Pottstown, PA 19464  •  QUESTIONS? EMAIL: CATHY@VETERANSISLANDPROJECT.ORG
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!

We are looking for community volunteers now to help recruit new rescues, vendors, sponsors & donations for gift bags. Let’s make 2021 the best ever!

Interested? Please email Michael Lenhart at: POTTSPARKS@POTTSTOWN.ORG

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