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To: Christopher Garges, Township Manager

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Subj: Parks & Recreation Monthly Activity Report for July 2026

FACILITIES

The Laurel Park bathrooms are open during operational hours and automatically lock each evening at 9:30 p.m. The bathrooms at Pat Livezey Park are opened by staff for events, rentals, and soccer practices / games. Mowing at all park locations is in progress for the season.

FACILITY RENTALS:

None

CANAL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Preliminary inspection made of the fence along the Canal Walk adjacent properties in order to determine section to be contracted for replacement this year. Mowing reduced on the south side of the internal drive along the DRJTBC property to allow an environmentally friendly continuation of the longer field grasses.

MAGILL'S HILL:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Mowing line adjusted to allow for more growth at the bottom of the hillside to assist with water runoff.

PAT LIVEZEY PARK:

Fields (Upper & Lower)

Routine maintenance and inspection.

Preparations are in progress for native plantings at the hillside along the lower athletic field next to the parking lot. Solebury Township has been successful with both the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve plant grant program (awarded 55 native plants) and the Bucks Beautiful beautification grant (awarded \$1,917). Both grant awards will be used for the native replanting of the hillside at Lower Pat Livezey Park!

Maintenance / Buildings / Security

Routine maintenance and inspection.

LAUREL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

Outside security lighting upgrade on the snack stand building with motion sensors and LED lights was completed by Livezey Electric.

TRAILS

Routine maintenance and inspection. The Trail Feasibility Plan and Study was presented to the Supervisors at their July meeting by Trail Task Force member Paul Klug and Recreation Program Coordinator Annelise Dahlin. The Supervisors approved and adopted it unanimously.

NORTH POINTE PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

AQUETONG SPRING PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Multiple Eagle Scout projects are currently in progress for installation at Aquetong Spring Park.

- 1) Eagle Scout Charlie Babboni – Bluebird and Owl Houses
- 2) Eagle Scout Parker Taylor – Bats and Bee Houses
- 3) Mason Botts – Bird Blind Project was recommended for approval by the P&R Board and was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their July 30 meeting.

SOLEBURY PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

SOLEBURY GREEN:

Routine maintenance and inspection, including mowing of the grass trail areas for both pedestrian access and for vehicle access by the Township Public Works Department..

Design Consultant Kimmel-Bogrette is proceeding with the draft plan. Solebury Township was awarded \$1.497 million in grant funding through PennDOT's Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program! The funds will enable the construction of 1.320 feet of shared use path and 280 feet of boardwalk on the south side of Lower York Road between Reeder Road and Shire Drive. This is a great first phase of construction of Solebury Green.

COMPREHENSIVE PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, GREENWAY & TRAIL PLAN:

All revised chapter comments have been received from the Study Committee members and sent to the Township consultant, Gilmore & Associates, Inc. The project timeline anticipates completion of a Draft Plan by November 2026. The next Study Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14.

PROGRAMS

SOLEBURY BASEBALL / SOFTBALL LEAGUE:

Baseball and Softball have ended for the spring season and are preparing for Fall Baseball/Softball.

Website: www.soleburybaseball.org

Email: soleburytwpbasesballsoftball@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/soleburybaseballandsoftball>

SOLEBURY SOCCER:

Soccer practices have started for the fall program at Laurel Park.

Website: www.soleburysoccer.com

SOLEBURY BASKETBALL:

Gym / facility planning is in progress and meetings held with NHSD Operations. Coaches have been determined for all teams for the upcoming ICBA 2026-27 season, and the annual coach meeting is being scheduled for mid-August.

Basketball website: www.soleburytwp.org/parks-recreation/pages/sports-programs

ICBA website: www.icbabasketball.com

SOLEBURY LIONS YOUTH WRESTLING:

The 2025 winter season has ended and planning is in progress for 2026.

Website: www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com

Facebook: Solebury Lions Youth Wrestling at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/132869324008298>

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY LACROSSE:

The Lacrosse Spring season has ended.

Website: <http://www.nhslacrosseclub.com/organizations/19205>

LAMBERTVILLE-NEW HOPE RAMBLERS

The Lambertville-New Hope Ramblers Football and Cheerleading program provides opportunities for children ages 5-14 in Lambertville, New Hope, Solebury Township. The season has concluded.

Contact information for next season is available on the Ramblers website at <https://lnh-ramblers.com>

SUMMER CAMP:

Our 4-week successful Summer Camp program ended on January 31st. For 2026 the Camp was held at Pat Livezey Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. For 2027 the Camp will be moving back to its pre-COVID location at the NHSD Upper Elementary School, by agreement with the school district's Operations Department. Program information can be found on the Township website and will be updated prior to 2027..

Website: <https://www.soleburytpw.org/summer-camp>

PICKLEBALL:

Current pickleball program is in progress.

BACKGROUND SCREENING and CLEARANCES:

The current Clearance List is updated throughout the year for those who are required to obtain volunteer clearances. Individual sports organizations are required to provide certification to Solebury Township as appropriate. The PA State Law on Clearances is in effect for all volunteers and employees.

FIRST AID / CPR / AED TRAINING:

CPR / AED / First Aid training courses are available online at various websites. Township personnel completed the training on October 20, 2025 and are certified for 2 years. Sports organizations conduct training for coaches and other designated personnel.

CONCUSSION TRAINING

Coaches and sports groups using Township facilities are asked to complete the CDC Concussion Training and produce a certificate of completion or League certification.

Concussion Training Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>

LICENSE PLATES and TILE PROMOTION:

Sales continue each month. Since this program was started, it has raised \$74,865 to date for Parks and Recreation programs and events. Receipts are documented in the monthly budget report.

CELEBRATION TREE PROGRAM:

Forms and information are posted on the Township website at the link below.

https://www.soleburytpw.org/sites/g/files/vyhli1221/f/uploads/solebury_township_tree_program_form_0.pdf

JULY / AUGUST EVENTS

Various events take place each month that are run or sponsored by the P&R Department. Details are posted on the Township website, Facebook, advertisements, posters and online.

The automobile route for the P&R Road Rally on July 26 was completed and submitted to the Auto Show Coordinator and Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and approved. A total of 38 cars participated in the event with the award ceremony and banquet held at the Wood Fired Pizzeria and Italian Restaurant at 6510 Lower York Road (Route 202) in Solebury.

7/06	Solebury P&R Summer Camp (4-weeks)	Pat Livezey Park
7/15	Library Trolley	Pat Livezey Park
7/26	P&R Annual Auto Show Road Rally	NHSD High School
7/31	Lase day for Solebury P&R Summer Camp	Pat Livezey Park
8/8-9	Annual New Hope Auto Show	NHSD High School Campus

P&R ROAD RALLY PHOTOS



Recreation Program Coordinator Annelise Dahlin made her television debut by being featured in a video segment on Philly channel 6abc during the Noon news broadcast.

TRAINING

n/a

MEETINGS / ADMIN / SUBDIVISIONS

No Parks & Recreation meetings are held in July or August.

Meetings with NHSD Operations Director Scott Radaszkiewicz to secure basketball gym time for 2026-27 as well as agreement to move 2027 P&R Summer Camp back to the NHS Upper Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

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