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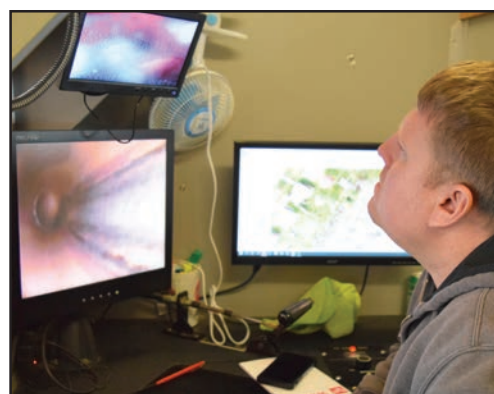
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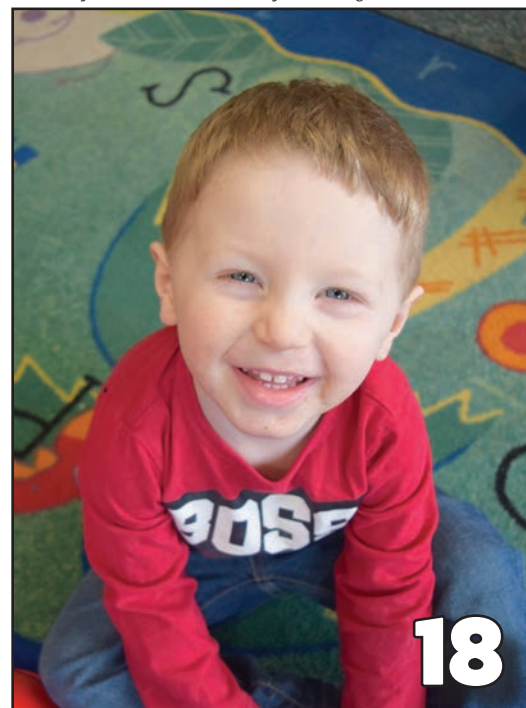
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Ashton Pecoraro, 2, enjoys Storytime with the South Fayette Township Library at Bambinos Child Development Center in South Fayette in March. Photo by Andrea Iglar.



Inside

To kick off the fifth year of publishing South Fayette Connect, learn about the community and township through Top 5 lists. Illustration by Andrea Iglar.



Manager's Message

JOHN M. BARRETT



Fascinating how our lives can change so dramatically, so quickly. Just a few days ago, I was prepared to use this column to talk about water quality and how the township is working diligently to protect the natural environment of South Fayette.

But the COVID-19 pandemic suddenly has altered all of our lives in dramatic ways, causing all of us to change our behavior.

As a result, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on how the township has responded to this crisis while offering a bit of optimism to each of you.

It is undeniable that this pandemic has impacted our core services and challenged our ability to maintain service levels to the community.

The health of township employees, residents and the public in general remain our top priority. We are balancing 'social distancing' with service delivery and have had to make some extreme changes, including locking the doors of the township building, closing the senior center and library, and asking residents to use email, telephone, social media and the township website to contact us and stay informed.

Township staff who are able to work from home are doing so, and we have implemented heightened cleanliness protocols for vehicles and work spaces. It is likely that by the time this issue of South Fayette Connect reaches everyone, we will have refined and modified our operations even further.

What is critical to remember is that government services are essential services, and we will continue to serve the community during this time of crisis. The police department is well trained and has the resources and equipment to respond to just about any type of emergency. Our first responders are getting the supplies and resources they need to continue to serve.

In addition, the township will not lose sight of the many projects and initiatives we have planned for 2020. While our upcoming community events and recreation programming have been suspended, the township will continue to plan for major park improvements, move forward with facility projects and explore creative ways to offer programs and services to the public.

South Fayette is a resilient community, and the township remains energized and prepared to accomplish great things in 2020.

Sincerely,

John M. Barrett

South Fayette Township Manager

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South Fayette SHORTS



Banner Community status renewed for third year

For the third consecutive year, South Fayette Township has been named an Allegheny County Banner Community, thanks to an outstanding commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications to engage citizens.

The Allegheny League of Municipalities and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald recognized 74 communities, including South Fayette, at PNC Park in March.

Pictured: Township Manager John Barrett, top left, and Gwen Rodi, president of the township Board of Commissioners, accept the certificate.

Grant to purchase body-worn cameras for police officers

The South Fayette Township Police Department is working to secure a \$25,000 grant from the federal Bureau of Justice to fund half the cost of purchasing body-worn cameras for all police officers. The body cameras will provide an audio and visual record of interactions between citizens and officers. Further details will be shared in the coming months. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact Police Chief John Phoennik: 412-221-2170 or southfayettepa.com/police.

HOAs asked to join roll call

South Fayette Township has launched an online "roll call" for homeowner associations to share their comments and contacts. HOA managers or officers who check in receive a free South Fayette swag bag: southfayettepa.com/hoa.

Spring leaf and yard waste collection set for Sat. May 2

Curbside leaf collection will be held Sat. May 2 in South Fayette. The night before pickup, place leaves and other yard waste at the curb in biodegradable paper bags no heavier than 25 pounds each. Yard waste may include leaves, hedge/tree/garden trimmings, brush, lawn edging and grass clippings. Recycling calendar: southfayettepa.com/events.



Ambulance company holding yearly membership drive



SouthBridge EMS is accepting subscriptions for ambulance service in South Fayette, Bridgeville and Cecil. Annual memberships are valid from April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. Memberships reduce or eliminate out-of-pocket expenses not covered by Medicare or insurance carriers. Options range from \$50 to \$80 a year. SouthBridge is a nonprofit emergency medical service based on Hickory Grade Road in South Fayette. Details: 412-221-5115 or southbridgeems.com/membership.

Free glass recycling offered



The Pennsylvania Resources Council is offering free glass recycling collections this spring. Events are scheduled Sat. April 25 at Village Square Mall, 4000 Oxford Square

Drive, Bethel Park, and Sat. May 30 at the Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road. Both are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All colors of glass bottles and jars are accepted. Check prc.org for updates.

Report issue to township online

Was your trash or recycling collection missed? Need to report a pothole or other road problem? Report an issue to South Fayette Township 24 hours, 7 days a week at southfayettepa.com/request. For emergencies or police matters, please call 9-1-1.



COVID-19 cancels, postpones events and programs

To help protect public health during the coronavirus pandemic, events and programs listed in this issue may be postponed or canceled. Please check with the organizer before making any plans to attend. Township calendar: southfayettepa.com/events. Library calendar: southfayetlibrary.org.

Grants awarded to volunteer fire departments

The four volunteer fire departments in South Fayette—Fairview, Oak Ridge, South Fayette and Sturgeon—have been awarded more than \$12,000 each from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner's 2019-2020 grant program.



South Fayette Community Day earns public relations award

South Fayette Township has won a Renaissance Award from the Public Relations Society of America, Pittsburgh Chapter, for the community relations campaign surrounding 2019 South Fayette Community Day.

The award recognizes creative, innovative, effective community relations programs that positively impact public perception and increase public awareness, interest and engagement.

Andrea Iglar, the township Director of Communications and Community Development, and Paula Willis, the Parks and Recreation Director, were recognized during the awards ceremony.

Pictured: Township Manager John Barrett, top left, and Ms. Iglar accept the award at the Pittsburgh Playhouse in January.

Health departments share virus updates

Simple steps help stop spread of coronavirus

By Andrea Iglar

The Allegheny County Health Department, Pennsylvania Department of Health and federal Centers for Disease Prevention and Control are providing ongoing updates about coronavirus, or COVID-19, a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person.


Symptoms can include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you think you may have been exposed, call your health care provider immediately.

You can help protect yourself and prevent the spread of germs by staying home, keeping a 6-foot distance from other people in public, and following the guidelines below.

Learn more about COVID-19 from these resources:

- 24-hour hotline: 1-888-856-2774
- alleghenycounty.us/coronavirus
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Recommendations can change swiftly, so please check with these agencies for the latest information. 

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If you still need help, CALL your local emergency department.

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- ◇ Stay at home when you are sick.
- ◇ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your shoulder or sleeve.
- ◇ Say "hello" rather than shaking hands when greeting someone.
- ◇ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ◇ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

How Do I ... Save on My Water Bill?

To save money and help ensure more sustainable use of resources, household water conservation can be a daily habit. Here are five ways you can use water wisely inside your home, courtesy of Pennsylvania American Water.

1 Run dishwashers and washing machines only when they are full. Use a water-saver cycle if possible.

2 Adjust the water level of your clothes washer so it matches your load size.

3 Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or washing dishes in the sink.

4 Check for leaks and repair them. Look at your water meter before and after a one-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.

5 Insulate exposed water pipes to enjoy hot water faster and avoid wasting water while it heats up.

For more information about using water wisely, please visit amwater.com/paaw/water-information/wise-water-use.



Meet

DALE KIRKPATRICK



This May marks the 30th year that Dale Kirkpatrick has worked for South Fayette Township Public Works. An equipment operator, he enjoys the job's variety and the opportunity to learn new skills: "Even if I never did something before, I'll try it," he says.

Hometown: Gladden neighborhood of South Fayette

Family: Wife Judy and grown children Charlie and Monica; first grandchild due this spring

First Job: Pittsburgh International Dragway in South Fayette (operated 1965–1976 on site of former Campbell airport and coal mine)

Past Jobs: Caring for horses and stables at Rolling Hills Ranch; cutting meat at Shop 'n Save; operating a printing press at Interform

First Car: 1973 Ford Maverick, green

Hobbies: Fishing, hiking, boating and kayaking, spending time at his family camps in northern PA

Favorite Food: Anything cooked on the grill

Favorite TV: Weather reports

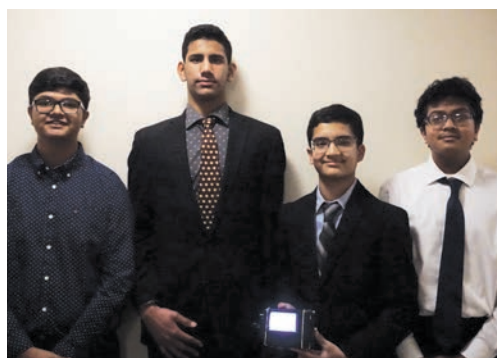
Best Vacations: Hawaii and Gatlinburg/Nashville, Tennessee

Best Qualities of South Fayette: "The support system: fire, police, EMS, Public Works, administration, Municipal Authority."

Fun Fact: He is the third of four generations named "Robert" but answers to his middle name, Dale.

—Andrea Iglar

South Fayette AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



South Fayette students win PennDOT contest

A team of students from South Fayette High School are winners of the third annual Innovations Challenge sponsored by District 11 of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Team members (pictured, left to right) Daxen Prajapati, Niveidhan Praveen, Tanush Shrivastava and Himanish Kolli invented the CashCan, a device that uses a smartphone app and camera technology to discourage littering. Users earn credits that can be turned into prizes.

The students, advised by teacher James Houseman, created their invention to address the real-world challenge of developing a cost-effective, innovative solution to help PennDOT more efficiently, effectively and safely control litter along roadways.

The team was invited to compete in Harrisburg for the state championship.

—Andrea Iglar



A book study group at Gladden UP Church in South Fayette met Feb. 27 in the church social hall. Seated, from left: Todd Culp, Georgia Metsger, Nancy Marin and Helen Benson. Standing: Jess Costa, Jim Metsger and author Robert Vande Kappelle. (Photos by Andrea Iglar)

Book study group meets at Gladden church

Gladden UP Church in South Fayette Township invites the public to attend a weekly book study group for adults.

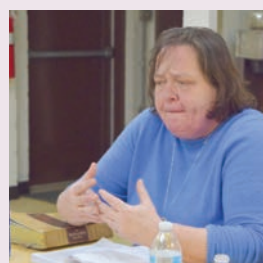
Participants read and discuss some of the 21 books written by Robert Vande Kappelle, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Washington & Jefferson College.

The group converses about spirituality, Biblical commentaries, ethics, church history, addiction and other topics, with a goal of growing spiritually and become more kind and generous, Dr. Vande Kappelle said.

"All these tools are helping us be better citizens," he said.

All faiths are welcome. Meetings normally are held at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the church social hall, 755 Millers Run Road, in the Gladden neighborhood.

Anyone interested in participating may call Georgia Metsger at 412-257-4716.



Georgia Metsger:
"I find the material to be challenging."



Jess Costa: "We prosper more by helping others prosper."

—Andrea Iglar

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South Fayette resident is Teacher of the Year

History teacher Joe Welch earns statewide honor

By Andrea Iglar

As a student growing up in South Fayette, Joe Welch admired his teachers and decided to become an educator himself.

Now, after 13 years as an educator, he has achieved the honor of being named 2020 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year.

"It's a culmination of everybody who helped me along the way," Mr. Welch said.

"It's overwhelming, but I'm very proud."

A resident of South Fayette Township and 2003 graduate of South Fayette High School, Mr. Welch teaches American history to eighth graders at North Hills Middle School in Ross.

In the classroom, he often finds inspiration by reflecting on experiences he had with his own schoolteachers.

"They were so dynamic, and I like to pull little pieces from each one," he said.

Mr. Welch attended the South Fayette School District from third grade through his senior year.

In 2007, he graduated from Duquesne University, where he studied secondary education and history.

He lives in South Fayette with his wife, Sarah, and children Julia and Noah.

The Teacher of the Year program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania chapter of the National State Teacher of the Year.

The award recognizes educators for achievements in their field



Joe Welch of South Fayette, left, receives the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year award from state education secretary Pedro A. Rivera. (Photo courtesy of the Pennsylvania Department of Education)

both inside and outside the classroom.

A colleague in the North Hills School District had nominated Mr. Welch for the statewide award.

Following an intensive, 16-month evaluation process, Mr. Welch was placed among 12 finalists who attended the education department's annual professional development conference in Hershey in December.

"The work of the teacher doesn't just exist from bell to bell but goes on beyond the day," state education secretary Pedro A. Rivera said after announcing the winner.

"Joseph Welch, our Teacher of the Year that we're celebrating, was a great example of that, bringing humor, bringing opportunity and just focusing on the needs of students."

In the coming year, Mr. Welch will have opportunities to engage with educators from around the state, sharing innovative

teaching approaches and advocating for public education.

He also will represent Pennsylvania in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

"It's invigorating, and it's a chance to share my viewpoint and learn from others all at the same time," Mr. Welch said.

"I'm excited to see what comes next not only for me but for my students." 🌱

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CLEAN SEATS

Below: South Fayette Township Public Works employees Mike Meglen, left, and John Selva clean chairs in the senior center and community room at the township building in March. (Photo by Andrea Iglar)



Leining promoted

South Fayette Township police chief John Phoenik, top left, announced in February that police officer John Leining, top right, was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant.

Christian Ryan, left, joined the force as the newest officer. (Photos by Andrea Iglar)

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South Fayette graduate wins Oscar

Stacey Haid is assistant director of Academy Award-winning short film

By Andrea Iglar

A graduate of South Fayette High School is an Oscar winner.

Stacey Haid was first assistant director of the film “The Neighbors’ Window,” which won Best Live Action Short at the 92nd Academy Awards in February.

“It was like watching the Steelers get a winning touchdown,” Ms. Haid said during a phone interview after the win. “It was very exciting.”

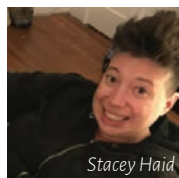
Along with friends and her fiancée, Rebecca Scolnick, Ms. Haid watched the awards show from her apartment in New York City because only a limited number of guests could attend the ceremony in California.

“I still kind of dressed nice that day,” she said with a laugh.

Ms. Haid started her creative career in eighth grade when she acted in the South Fayette High School production of “Guys and Dolls.” Her final high school play was “Fiddler on the Roof.”

Those experiences, along with her teachers, gave her a “love and desire for telling a story visually,” she said.

After graduating from high school in 1998, she attended film school in Orlando, Florida, and then moved to New York.



Today, she is head of video production for parenting brands Scary Mommy and The Dad at the media and entertainment company Some Spider Studios.

“The Neighbors’ Window,” a 20-minute film directed by four-time Oscar-nominated documentary filmmaker Marshall Curry, tells the story of a mother frustrated with her daily routine. Her life is shaken up as she observes free-spirited twenty-somethings through their apartment window across the street.

As first assistant director, Ms. Haid managed the set, directed extras and coordinated the shooting schedule.

“The final film is stunning,” she said. “It was such an honor to work on it.”

While Ms. Haid’s family has since moved away from South Fayette—including her mother, Susan Haid Tucker, and brother, Jason Haid—the Pittsburgh area remains home to some friends and family, including aunt Jayne Lebowitz.

“South Fayette was such an amazing experience for me growing up,” Ms. Haid said. “I really do credit my growing up in South Fayette with the way I was able to head out into the world with such a sense of confidence and safety.”

Watch the film for free at theneighborswindow.com.



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Self-storage opens at I-79

ExtraSpace Storage has opened in a new, 110,000-square-foot self-storage facility near Interstate 79, at 111 Hickory Grade Road in South Fayette Township.

All 927 units are climate controlled and secured. Vehicle storage options also are available. The national chain operates 10 locations in the Pittsburgh region.

"It's like America's attic," said store manager Matthew Nagy (pictured).

Details: 412-593-6660 or extraspace.com.

—Andrea Iglar



Pizza Hut opens on the Pike

Pizza Hut has opened at 3127 Washington Pike in The Shoppes at Bursca, South Fayette Township, for delivery, takeout and dine-in.

On opening day Feb. 4, township staff welcomed the restaurant crew (pictured), and the local business community helped celebrate during a ribbon cutting later in the month.

Details: 412-593-6788 or pizzahut.com.

—Andrea Iglar

Family-run businesses honored

Companies operating in South Fayette for 50-plus years

By Andrea Iglar

Four family-run businesses in South Fayette Township were recognized in February for being in operation for at least 50 years—Melrose Cemetery, Colussy Chevrolet, John Kosky Contracting and Portman's Farm.

The South West Communities Chamber of Commerce presented a certificate of achievement to 15 businesses in South Fayette Township and Bridgeville Borough, based on research by the volunteer Bridgeville Historical Society.

"The changing landscape, the changing economy, the changing presidents haven't really affected any one of these 15 businesses that we're honoring tonight," said Mandi Pryor, the chamber's executive director.

"They've held true to themselves and true to their families and have continued to make this area thrive," she said.

Gwen Rodi, president of the South Fayette Township Board of Commissioners, and Betty Copeland, mayor of Bridgeville Borough, presented the honors during an event at the Bridgeville Public Library.

Melrose Cemetery, 3064 Washington



Pike in South Fayette, was founded in 1885. Owner Dave Colton has been with the cemetery for 50 years of its 135-year history.


"You get the honor of having the oldest existing business here tonight," Commissioner Rodi said.

Colussy Chevrolet, 3073 Washington Pike in South Fayette, celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2018. Tim Colussy and his daughter, Megan, accepted the award.

John Alan Kosky and his son, John Michael, were honored for 75 years of John Kosky Contracting Inc., 619 Millers Run Road. John L. Kosky Jr. (John Alan's father) had founded the business in 1945 in the Cuddy neighborhood of South Fayette.

Portman's Farm, founded in 1932, marks 88 years in South Fayette. Family members operate a deli and market at 3249 Washington Pike.

"Businesses can find the key to longevity through family and determination, and we are thrilled to honor that," Ms. Pryor said.

The South West chamber has served business members for nearly 100 years. Member communities include South Fayette, Bridgeville, Upper St. Clair, Scott, Collier, Heidelberg and Carnegie. 



Family-owned businesses operating in the community for more than 50 years were recognized during an event at the Bridgeville Public Library in February. Clockwise from front left: Dave Colton of Melrose Cemetery; John Michael Kosky and his father, John Alan Kosky, of Kosky Contracting; Gwen Rodi, president of the South Fayette Township Board of Commissioners; and Tim Colussy and daughter Megan Colussy of Colussy Chevrolet. (Photo by Andrea Iglar)

Cruising through retirement

Chartiers Bend luxury community opens in South Fayette

By Andrea Iglar

Residents of Chartiers Bend Retirement Resort in South Fayette Township enjoy an all-inclusive experience.

Their monthly rent includes meals and room service, housekeeping and maintenance, utilities, cable TV, Internet, a movie theater, a fitness center and other amenities and services at their fingertips.

“From what I’ve heard, this should be described as a cruise ship,” said Mandi Pryor, executive director of the South West Communities Chamber of Commerce, during a grand opening celebration March 4 for the newly built retirement community on Mayview Road.

Two years after breaking ground, Chartiers Bend held a ribbon cutting at the \$18 million, 180,000-square-foot apartment building designed for adults age 55 and over. The project is commercial and taxable.

“We had community officials, local business leaders, chambers...and all of your ambassadors join us in the process of creating this beautiful community,” said Kelly Jo Hinrichs, marketing director for the Nebraska-based Resort Lifestyle Communities. “We have some amazing, happy residents.”

Chartiers Bend—built on the shore of a horseshoe-shaped bend in Chartiers Creek—is a luxury independent living facility with 128 apartment units. Month-to-month rent on a studio or 1-, 2- or 3-bedroom apartment ranges from \$2,900 to \$4,800.

A lifestyle director plans a full schedule of social and recreational activities, including group shopping outings.

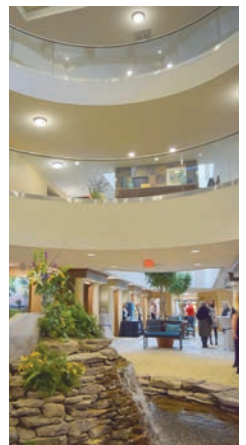
The building includes a 150-person theater, a spacious dining room and on-site amenities such as Luxe Hair Salon, Asti’s Pharmacy and mobile banking by Brentwood Bank.

Gwen Rodi, president of the South Fayette Township Board of Commissioners, rolled out the welcome mat at the ribbon cutting. “Welcome to all of our newest residents of South Fayette Township,” she said. “We’re very happy to have you.” 🌱

Chartiers Bend, 1000 Hastings Park Drive, South Fayette Township: 412-677-2155 or ChartiersBendRetirement.com.



Township commissioner Gwen Rodi welcomes the residents of Chartiers Bend to the community during a ribbon cutting in March. (Photos by Andrea Iglar)



Chartiers Bend features a multistory atrium with a waterfall centerpiece.

Junior Achievement opens model business district in South Fayette

Photo courtesy of Junior Achievement



The nonprofit Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania has opened JA BizTown in South Fayette.

The 10,000-square-foot simulation of a business district teaches youth about the workforce, finance and day-to-day functions of communities.

About 200 people attended a ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 28, followed by the first group of student participants—79 fourth-graders from Claysville, Washington County.

Students worked in teams at 20 model businesses,

including a Giant Eagle grocer and pharmacy (pictured).

Storefront sponsors with a real-life counterpart in South Fayette include Giant Eagle, UPMC, Burns Scalo Real Estate and Sheetz.

This year, about 3,000 students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades will visit BizTown from throughout Western Pennsylvania.

JA BizTown: 90 Emerson Lane, Abele Business Park: 412-208-4747 or jawesternpa.org.

—Andrea Iglar



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There is no U in

by John Kanaskie

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OR IS THERE?

Stormwater management has become a major focus in South Fayette Township. Why?

What's so important about rain and snowmelt that so much time, money and effort are spent to make sure water flowing through a storm sewer is clean?

The answer is ... Y-O-U.

You are what's important.

Stormwater impacts natural waterways, which in turn impact drinking water sources such as the Monongahela River, which is South Fayette's raw water source.

It is very easy to assume that every time you turn on the water to **take a shower, do laundry or wash dishes** that the water is going to be clean and safe.

And everyone wants clean water for recreational activities such as **swimming, boating and fishing**.

Something as simple as turning on the faucet to fill a pot with water for **cooking**,


refreshing your pet's water dish or **drinking** a nice, cool glass of water are privileges taken for granted and made possible by clean waterways.

It's easy to think that once stormwater leaves your watershed it no longer affects you, but it does. It eventually makes its way to a source of drinking water, either for you or a neighbor.

Everyone's source of drinking water is downstream from someone else's stormwater.

The water company treats the river water before

distributing it, but the more pollutants in the water source, the greater the cost to purify the water.

We take clean stormwater seriously not only because we are required to, but also because we all want safe, clean water. That is a "why" everyone can agree with. 

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FOLLOW THE FLUSH

**Municipal Authority
makes sure your dirty
water gets clean again**

Story & Photos by Andrea Iglar

Every day, we flush toilets, wash dishes and do laundry. We see the dirty water go down the drain, but what happens after that?

"It ends up in the North Side of Pittsburgh," said Ken Chambon, chairman of the board of the Municipal Authority of the Township of South Fayette, which operates the community's public sanitary sewer system.

Each day, a complex underground system of pipes and pumps conveys roughly two million gallons of wastewater from throughout South Fayette to the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) sewage treatment plant, 21 miles away in Pittsburgh.

One flush at the township building on Millers Run Road, for example, takes about 15 hours to reach the regional treatment plant, passing through 14 other communities along the way.

The massive undertaking of making our dirty water clean again is possible thanks to the Municipal Authority, formed 57 years ago to create, operate and maintain a public sanitary sewer system in South Fayette.

The authority, which shares a driveway with Topgolf along Presto-Sygan Road, employs a full-time office staff of four, plus three part-time customer service representatives and four field workers. Overseeing the organization is a five-member board of citizens appointed by the township Board of Commissioners.

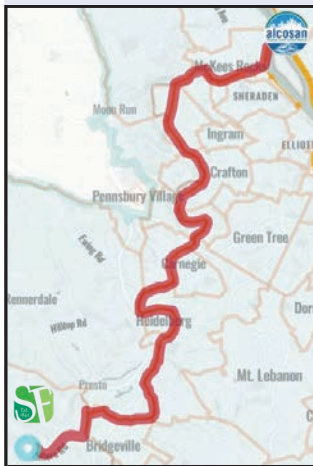
With an approximately \$5 million annual operating budget, the authority ensures treatment of about 730 million gallons of wastewater a year, while maintaining 137 miles of sanitary sewer pipe and three fluid pumping stations.

Other authority activities include:

- Conducting dye tests and lateral sewer line inspections (from house to main line) at homes that are being sold
- Inspecting public sewer lines and completing repairs

Commode Road

A flush from Millers Run Road in South Fayette reaches the ALCOSAN treatment plant in 15 hours. Follow your flush at alcosan.org/what-we-do/track-your-flush.



- Marking pipe locations via PA One Calls to protect lines from excavation
- Connecting new customers to sewer system and expanding capacity
- Providing service to more than 6,800 residential and commercial customers

"It's an extensive system, and it's grown significantly," managing director Jerry Brown said.

Before the early 1970s, most people in South Fayette treated sewage with individual, on-site septic systems, which require ample open land and upkeep to ensure clean water percolates back into the natural waterways.

Early attempts at public treatment plants in South Fayette included one serving the former Mayview State

Hospital until the 1980s, and one operating from the late 1950s to mid-1970s in the Fairview neighborhood, or Endler Plan, on Greenwood Drive at the modern-day entrance to Fairview Park.

In 1945, Pennsylvania had adopted the Municipal Authorities Act, which allowed governments to form a separate, independent entity—called a Municipal Authority—to accomplish a special public purpose such as operating a sewer or water



A Tale of Two Sewers

The Municipal Authority deals with sanitary sewers and sewage—dirty water that goes down the drain to be cleaned before returning to natural waterways.

South Fayette Township deals with storm sewers and stormwater—rain or snowmelt and returned directly to streams without treatment.



The Municipal Authority of the Township of South Fayette maintains a sanitary sewer system used by 6,869 customers (6,609 homes, 250 businesses and 10 public entities).

Left: Gathered in the authority's garage, from left, are lead customer service representative Jamie Summers, managing director Jerry Brown, customer service representative Jennifer Rosato, office manager Rebecca Sray, board chairman Ken Chambon and customer service representative Kathleen Gray.

Top Middle: In the pump station next to the authority's office, director Jerry Brown explains how sewage is pumped to the opposite bank of Chartiers Creek to be transported to ALCOSAN's treatment plant.

system, airport or transit system.

Under this state law, the township officially formed the Municipal Authority of the Township of South Fayette on Feb. 10, 1963, to create and operate a sanitary sewer system, giving property owners an alternative to septic.

From 1973 to 1975, the authority built offices and a treatment facility along Presto-Sygan Road. Treated water was released into nearby Chartiers Creek, which eventually flows into the Ohio River.

The first main sewer lines served the most populous areas: Millers Run Road, the South Fayette School District campus and Boyce/Mayview.

Public sewers primed South Fayette Township for growth: "No one dreamed of the density of development we have now," Mr. Brown said. "It was all farmland then."

Hunting Ridge was the first major housing development built after South Fayette installed a public sanitary sewer system, and other construction followed.

Soon, the original treatment plant wasn't enough, so the authority partnered with ALCOSAN, which in the 1950s had extended service to the southwestern part of Allegheny County.

Expanding the South Fayette plant would have cost \$6 million, whereas partnering with ALCOSAN cost about \$2 million, Mr. Brown said.

In 1983, the ALCOSAN partnership became official, and South Fayette fully shut down its local treatment plant by 1986.

The same year, the Municipal Authority built a pump station along Chartiers Creek—the busiest of three stations that convey South Fayette's wastewater to ALCOSAN's main line and, eventually, to the treatment plant in Pittsburgh.

Today, South Fayette is one of 83 communities receiving sewage treatment services from ALCOSAN, whose 59-acre plant treats up to 250 million gallons of wastewater daily for nearly 900,000 people across the region.

In 2019, the authority served 6,869 customers—a 133 percent increase since 1987. Roughly 100 newly built properties are added to the system each year.

Average household water consumption is 4,000 gallons a month, equivalent to a monthly bill of \$60.60. About two-thirds of that amount is paid to ALCOSAN for wastewater treatment.



Right: The Municipal Authority operates a televising truck, equipped to send a video camera (on the ground) into main sewer lines. **Top:** Inside the truck, field staffer Nick Goettman speaks to coworkers Brian Cook and Ben Farrow from the control room, where he operates the camera with an Xbox controller and inspects pipe images on multiple screens for roots, cracks or other damage.



Pennsylvania American Water provides each household's water use figures to the sewer authority, but the water company and the sewer authority are completely separate entities.

Most of the township population now is served by the public sewer system, which Mr. Chambon said has been instrumental in the development of South Fayette.

"If we didn't have the growth of the public sewer system, we wouldn't have the growth we've had in the community," he said. 🌱



Municipal Authority of the Township of South Fayette, 900 Presto-Sygan Rd.: 412-257-5100 or matsf.net.

The Municipal Authority shares a driveway with Topgolf on Presto-Sygan Road (right). Employees handle tasks such as dye tests and customer service (above, Jamie Summers prepares billing envelopes).



By the Numbers

2 million

Daily gallons of wastewater in township, 2019

137

Miles of pipe in sewer system

4,400

Manholes in system

400

Lateral inspections, 2019 (house to road)

6,869

Properties served

3,918

Increase in customers since 1987

\$13.60

Sewer bill, 1976

\$60.60

Sewer bill, 2020
(Based on 4,000 gallons per month)

ORANGE IS THE NEW BLUE

BY ANDREA IGLAR

FOR DECADES, SOUTH FAYETTE STREAMS HAVE BEEN TINTED ORANGE, THE RESULT OF IRON POLLUTION FROM ABANDONED COAL MINES.

Soon, the orange water will turn blue, thanks to a major environmental cleanup project starting this year.

The nonprofit South Fayette Conservation Group has received a \$13 million grant to clean up and restore Millers Run, which flows into Chartiers Creek and, eventually, the Ohio River.

The project includes constructing a treatment plant near The Original Farmers Market along Route 50 in the Gladden neighborhood of South Fayette, as well as restoring three local stream segments. Preliminary land preparation already has begun.

"This funding is an important, rare opportunity to bring this costly but crucial project to fruition," said Steve Frank, president of the conservation group.

The pollution is the direct result of discharge from an abandoned underground coal mine in the township's Gladden area.

For many decades, the deep mine has released iron—which causes the rusty tint—into Millers Run, causing environmental problems for South Fayette and downstream neighbors.

Up to 2 million gallons a day of discharge pollutes four miles of Millers Run.

The Gladden mine drainage accounts for 40 percent of the total iron released into Chartiers Creek, making it the most significant source of iron pollution in the 139-square-mile Chartiers Creek Lower Watershed.

The treatment project will actively treat up to 2.2 million gallons daily, removing 690 pounds a day of iron pollution.

The goal is to complete plant construction by the end of the year and begin operating by early 2021.

"Within a month or two, the water will be visibly better looking," Mr. Frank said.

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS TO FIND FUNDING AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO OUST THE ORANGE.

The South Fayette Conservation Group, a grassroots organization focused on environmental stewardship, has been planning the project for more than 10 years, along with engineering firm Tetra Tech, Inc. and engineer Tom Gray.

Group co-founder Cindy Cox of South Fayette said that no entity is specifically responsible for cleaning up abandoned mine

pollution.

"It takes these grassroots watershed groups to get the money put into their communities to get these streams cleaned up," she said. "It takes a lot of effort, and it is volunteer effort."

Mr. Frank—a South Fayette resident who is a professional engineer and environmental specialist—said the project is expected to eliminate the polluted water, restoring more than eight miles of

\$13 MILLION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROJECT TO CLEAN UP THE
WATER IN MILLERS RUN



The nonprofit South Fayette Conservation Group are citizens who volunteer to ensure the conservation, protection and enhancement of natural and recreational resources in South Fayette Township. The group's Board of Directors, from left, are president Steve Frank, secretary Holly Bomba, treasurer Bob Milacci, member Cindy Cox and vice president David Pope. Jen Dalke, not pictured, also is a member. (Photo by Andrea Iglar)

stream in total. Millers Run, which is stocked with trout upstream of the Gladden discharge, could be used for fishing and other recreational and educational activities, he said.

For example, Robert Morris University in Moon plans to use the treatment plant in their environmental engineering classes, field trips and aquatic surveys, Mr. Frank said.

Clean streams also have economic benefits, Ms. Cox said.

"I don't think people realize how economically valuable having a cleaner stream through your township is, as opposed to a polluted stream that no one wants to build on," she said.

Overall, the treatment project will enhance health, safety, wildlife habitat and environmental quality, while creating opportunities for recreation, education, economic development and stream bank improvements, according to a 2017 letter of support to the state from South Fayette Township.

"The cleanup would greatly enhance Morgan Park...on the banks of Millers Run," the letter states.

THE EXPENSIVE, COMPLICATED CLEANUP OF MILLERS RUN IS THE CONSERVATION GROUP'S MOST SIGNIFICANT PROJECT TO DATE.

Since 2006, the group has worked on multiple projects to help restore Millers Run and Chartiers Creek, including the award-winning, grant-funded Fishing Run Restoration and Maude Mine Reclamation Project, which reduced the flow of the Gladden mine discharge by about 30 percent.

The upcoming cleanup program—named the Gladden Abandoned Mine Discharge Treatment Plant & Fishing Run Stream Sealing Project—includes design and construction of the treatment facility, plus improvements to local streams.

The \$13,048,446 federal grant was awarded through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation.

South Fayette resident John Alan Kosky of Cuddy Partners LP is donating property for the treatment plant and related facilities.

The active treatment plant will use two pumping stations to extract acid mine drainage from an underground mine pool and bring it to the surface to remove metals and solids from the water.

The clean water will be discharged into Millers Run upstream of the existing Gladden discharge. The extracted pollution will be pumped back into a vacant, dry mine for disposal.

The plant will operate permanently. The conservation group will ensure operation for a year, and after that, the facility will be turned over to the Kentucky-based nonprofit Clean Streams Foundation, via the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

In addition to building the treatment facility, the conservation group will restore three stream segments related to Millers Run and its tributary Fishing Run.

The streams often run dry because about 240 gallons of water seep each minute into the abandoned mine instead of staying in the stream bed. Improvements, such as sealing cracks to keep surface water flowing, will restore the natural flow and prevent the stream from picking up mine pollution.

Regionally, the project will help restore several miles of Chartiers Creek, benefiting the broader region and South Fayette's downstream neighbors.

Ms. Cox said once the cleanup starts, the orange color will disappear, and the streams will recover quickly.

"It will make a tremendous difference," she said. 🌱

South Fayette Conservation Group:
southfayetteconservation.com.

Geese stroll the shore of Chartiers Creek near its confluence with the orange-hued Millers Run in a valley below I-79 in South Fayette in February. A \$13 million cleanup project aims to eliminate the iron pollution that causes the rusty color. (Photo by Andrea Iglar)



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Residential Recycling, in tons

Annual total volume collected curbside, according to Waste Management.

2019	887
2018	877
2017	639
2016	716
2015	635

Post Offices, by number of South Fayette addresses using it

Homes and businesses in South Fayette Township use post offices bearing the names of outside communities (Bridgeville, McDonald, Oakdale, Cecil, Presto) or neighborhoods within South Fayette (Cuddy, Morgan, Sturgeon).

Bridgeville	4,789
McDonald	1,808
Oakdale	426
Cuddy	283
Morgan	252

Grass Mowed Weekly at Parks and Trails, in acres

Ranked by amount of acreage that South Fayette Township Public Works mows every week during the growing season.

Fairview Park	40
Panhandle Trail	14
Preservation Park	12
Treveskyn Park	9
Boys Home Park	8

PA One Calls, annually

Public Works marks storm sewer facilities to protect them from excavation work.

2019	1,463
2018	1,871
2017	1,659
2016	1,561
2015	1,310

Road Salt Used, in tons

Amount used to treat township roads each winter (as of 3/5/20).

2019-20	1,664
2018-19	3,988
2017-18	3,947
2016-17	2,476
2015-16	2,415

Community Day Sponsors, annually

Number of businesses and organizations supporting the township's free annual event, which was revived in 2016 at Fairview Park.

2019	39
2018	18
2017	11
2016	7
2015	0

Community Day Vendors, annually

Number of organizations hosting booths at the event.

2019	111
2018	105
2017	81
2016	57
2015	0

Community Day Attendees, annually

2019	6,000
2018	3,500
2017	3,000
2016	1,500
2015	0

School District Enrollment, annually

Number of students attending the South Fayette School District each school year.

2019-20	3,485
2018-19	3,407
2017-18	3,226
2016-17	3,096
2015-16	3,003

Safe Driving Tips

In 2019, South Fayette police made 1,197 traffic stops that resulted in a documented citation or warning.

1. No texting or calling while driving
2. Slow down
3. Wear seatbelt
4. Leave 2-second cushion between cars (4 seconds in bad weather)
5. Drive sober, drug-free and well rested

Police Calls

Ranking of South Fayette police call types in 2019, besides general and misc.

1. Request for ambulance
2. Alarms
3. Traffic accident or complaint
4. Suspicious activity
5. Road hazard

Biggest Housing Plans, by number of homes

Ranking of residential subdivisions by total number of housing units.

1. Hunting Ridge
2. The Berkshires
3. Fairview Manor
4. Hickory Heights
5. Lakemont Farms





South Fayette Connect magazine is kicking off its fifth year of publication with the current issue.

(The first issue was Spring 2016.) Plus, it's only

5 months until the fifth annual South Fayette Community Day at Fairview Park on Sat. Aug. 22, 2020. In honor of all things "5,"

here are some Top 5

and 5-year trend lists about the township and community.

**Compiled by
South Fayette Township Staff**

Top Commercial Property Tax Payers

Ranked by local real estate taxes owed, based on 2019–2020 assessed value.

1. Burns & Scalco (Abele & Bursca Business Parks)
2. Country Meadows
3. Children's Hospital of UPMC
4. Richard Nernberg (AR Building Co.)
5. 30 West Pershing LLC (Topgolf)

Building permits, annually

Number of township-issued building permits each year for commercial, residential, accessory, addition, demolition, alternation and other projects.

2019	329
2018	418
2017	350
2016	350
2015	277

Residential Building Permits, annually

New home construction permits issued, including single-family and multi-family units.

2019	49
2018	141
2017	116
2016	93
2015	92

Commercial Building Permits, annually

New commercial construction permits issued.

2019	5
2018	9
2017	10
2016	12
2015	6

Building Permit Categories

Ranked by number of permits issued, 2015–2019.

Single-Family Homes	1,334
Commercial	287
Townhouse/Multi-Family	95
Industrial	3
Tax-Exempt	3

Sanitary Sewer Customers

Ranked by total amount of wastewater use, 2019.

1. Cintas Corporation
2. Country Meadows
3. South Fayette School District
4. Genesis Rehabilitation and Care Center
5. Topgolf

Commercial Construction Investments

Ranked by building investment amount, 2016–2020, in millions of dollars.

1. Chartiers Bend Retirement Resort (\$17.9)
2. Topgolf (\$12.5)
3. Hennecke (\$7.8)
4. Beacon I office building, Abele (\$5.6)
5. Carvana (\$4.2)

Township Website Search Terms

Ranked by number of internal searches, 2019.

1. Jobs/Employment
2. Halloween/Trick-or-Treat
3. Zoning Map
4. Southern Beltway
5. Paint/Chemicals

Township Webpage Addresses

Ranked by number of page visits, 2019, at southfayettepa.com.

1. Home
2. Trash & Recycling/Collection Calendar
3. Facilities & Pavilions
4. Parks & Recreation
5. Real Estate Taxes

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Beyond Four Walls

Library outreach expands children's programming

Story & Photos by Andrea Iglar



Four walls can't contain the library.

Since the fall, the South Fayette Township Library has been sending library staff to 13 local day cares and schools to bolster literacy and promote the library.

Library director Ben Hornfeck said reaching out to the community helps families who may not otherwise have the opportunity to visit the library itself.

"We're able to extend the library service beyond the four walls of the library," he said. "We want to encourage more people to take part."

The outreach sessions have approximately doubled the number of people involved in programs, he said.

Children's outreach specialist Nicole Seitz, a retired elementary school teacher, writes a monthly plan for Early Literacy Storytime, a blend of books, songs, movements and other elements aimed at fostering a love of reading in youth, from infants to second graders.

"Storytelling isn't just a book," Ms. Seitz said. "You're getting them to hear language and the rhythm of the words."

Ms. Seitz stresses six early literacy skills that become building blocks for later reading and writing.

Each month, in addition to crafting a storytime around one of the skills—vocabulary, for example—she highlights the skill in a letter to parents and caregivers to help them engage kids at home.

"This is just a quick, easy way to show them some things they could be doing that will be a benefit to their child," she said.

At Kiddie Academy and Bambinos Child

Development Center in South Fayette recently, Ms. Seitz made the rounds to day care classrooms that were grouped by age.

She joined the children in a circle, usually cross-legged on the floor. She spoke to each child, making eye contact and learning their names.

Keeping their attention with conversations, songs, hand motions, puppets and props, she taught the children about the topic of the month, community helpers—service providers such as police officers, firefighters, teachers, waiters, nurses and florists.

She read books using an animated voice and facial expressions that captured the attention of even the youngest infants.

Kiddie Academy director Jenn Roberts said the visits from Ms. Seitz complement the day care's routine reading sessions.

"She really does get the kids involved and engaged," Ms. Roberts said.

Ms. Seitz, a Green Tree resident who began working part-time for the

South Fayette and Bridgeville libraries in September, visits more than 40 classrooms at 13 day cares and schools each month.

"I think it's really fun to see the light bulb go off in the kid," Ms. Seitz said.

South Fayette outreach locations include Kiddie Academy, Bambinos, Kaleidoscope Childcare Center, KinderCare and Kingdom Care Learning Center, as well as the Little Lions Early Learning Academy at South Fayette High School, the K-Plus kindergarten enrichment program at Zion Lutheran Church, and the extended day programs at South Fayette elementary and intermediate schools.

Additional outreach occurs in Bridgeville Borough and the Chartiers Valley School District.

Ms. Seitz encourages parents and caregivers to keep reading and to take advantage of library services.

"Enjoy books and sing and have fun with your kids," she said.

"They get big too fast." 🌱



Photos, top to bottom: Nicole Seitz of the South Fayette Township Library joins a circle of three-year-olds for Storytime at Bambinos Child Development Center in March. **Mackenzie Satterfield, 1, points into a book held by Ms. Seitz at Kiddie Academy South Fayette.** Cooper Rayman, 11 months, enjoys storytime with fellow infants at Kiddie Academy. **Inset: Eliana Platt, 2, expresses curiosity at Bambinos.**



South Fayette Township Library, 515 Millers Run Road: 412-257-8660; southfayettelibrary.org

The South Fayette Township Library, 515 Millers Run Road, hosts a variety of activities for children, young adults and adults. Programs are free and held in the library/township building unless otherwise noted.

Youth

Register for all programs at SouthFayetteLibrary.org under "Events" or call 412-257-8660.

Preschool STEAM, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Learn through music, stories and hands-on exploration.

Kindergarten Readiness

Thursdays through May 21, 1:30 p.m.

Prepare children for school who enter kindergarten in fall 2020.

Sensory Storytime (Ages 2 - 5), Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Inclusive storytime with books, songs and hands-on activities.

Painting (Grades 3 - 6), Weds. April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Paint a beach scene with Julia Chabala.

SAT Test Prep (High Schoolers), Sat. May 9, 10:30 a.m.

Get ready for the SAT exams with Omega Learning.

Prom Hair & Nails (Preteens & Teens), Sat. May 9, 1 p.m.

Learn hairstyles and nail designs from Bella Capelli experts.

Preschool Nature Explorers, Mondays, June 1, 8 & 15, 10 a.m.

Meet at the Fairview Park Entrance Pavilion.

Learn About Internships, Wednesdays June 10, 17 & 24

Teens and young adults prepare for careers.

Acting 101 (Ages 11 - 14), Thursdays starting June 11, 1 p.m.

Learn acting or improve your skills with Gateway to the Arts.

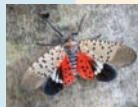
Half-Blood Camp (Ages 11 & up), Sat. June 20, 2 p.m.

Fans of author Rick Riordan have an adventure.

GSK Science in the Summer: Chemistry, June 22 - 25

10 a.m. (Grades 2 & 3) or 11:30 a.m. (Grades 4 - 6)

Registration opens at 10 a.m. Sat. May 23 for this Carnegie Science Center program. Space is limited.



Adult

Top 10 Renovations that Pay for Themselves

Thurs. April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Learn tips from interior designer Linda Long, Realtor Jackie von Thun, and bank manager Jennifer Hisdorf.



Memory Support for the Community and Their Caregivers Mondays, April 6, May 4 & June 8, 2 p.m.

Each month, Maureen Sirianni of Country Meadows organizes an hour of activities for people with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Make a Floral Centerpiece, Tues. April 7, 6:30 p.m.

Arrange live flowers for spring. Cost: \$15.

Intermittent Fasting, Weds. April 15, 7 p.m.

A dietitian talks about the fasting/eating cycle.

Diabetes Awareness, Thurs. April 16, 7 p.m.

Discuss living with, and controlling, diabetes.

Women's Health, Tues. April 28, 7 p.m.

Learn about changes during perimenopause and menopause.

Delay the Disease, Tues. May 5 & June 2, 7 p.m.

People with Parkinson's disease benefit from this exercise class.

Electronic Resources for Students, Mon. May 11, 7 p.m.

Learn how to access free e-books and resources in the summer.

What is Hospice, and How Can I Become a Hospice Volunteer? Mon. May 18, 6 p.m.

Find out the many ways you can help patients during their end-of-life journey, from bedside support to grocery shopping.

Recognize the Spotted Lanternfly, Thurs. June 11, 7 p.m.

A Penn State Master Gardener explains how to identify this invasive pest and how to help minimize its impact.



Yoga Fundraiser, Thurs. April 23

To celebrate National Library Week, Bend the Bridge Yoga, 3249 Washington Pike in South Fayette, is hosting donation-based yoga classes for adults to benefit the South Fayette Library. See times and register at bendthebridge.yoga.

Celebrate
**NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK**
APRIL 19-25, 2020

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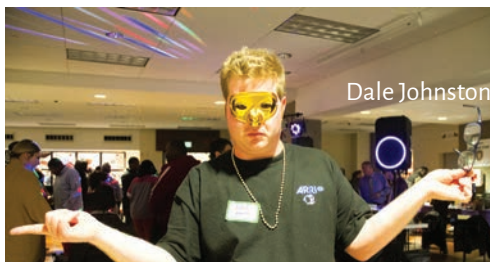


CHECKMATE!

Four South Fayette students won places in a countywide chess tournament held Feb. 29 at the South Fayette Township Library. Left, third-place winner in the senior division is Zayan Karim. Below from left, winners in the junior division are Vilok Chandolu (second place), Rithvik Saravanan (first place) and Kavin Srikanth (third place). The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Library Association's tournaments give chess players in kindergarten through eighth grade the opportunity to compete with other children in their age group.



Bridget Rosati &
Dominic Marasco



Dale Johnston

FESTIVE FRIENDS

Photos by Harry Funk



Lena Hannah & Jessica Hannah



Kristina Bubrzynski



Mary Jane Conroy



Dancing to YMCA



Helen Cardillo

Partygoers enjoyed music, dancing, snacks, prizes and friends during the annual Mardi Gras dance at South Fayette High School on Feb. 21, just before Fat Tuesday. The dance was hosted by the Circle of Friends, a Pittsburgh organization that holds special events for regional high school students and young adults who have special needs. The dance gave the youth, along with their parents and guests, the opportunity to socialize and meet new friends in a safe, non-threatening environment. —Andrea Iglar



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South Fayette Parks & Recreation

Spring 2020

www.SouthFayettePA.com/Recreation

Youth Programs

TENNIS LESSONS - SPRING SESSION

Saturdays, May 9 - June 6 @ Fairview Park

- ★ **Pee Wee Clinic:** Ages 5 - 6

11 am - 11:30 am; \$75/child

- ★ **Jr. Beginner Clinic:** Ages 7 - 11

9 am - 10 am; \$100/child

- ★ **Jr. Advanced Clinic:** Ages 11 - 16

10 am - 11 am; \$100/child

*Half-hour & 1-hour private lessons also available

JUMPBUNCH SPORTS

- ★ **Multi-Sport Program**

Thursdays @ Morgan Park

April 16 - May 7 @ 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Ages 4 - 6; \$46/child

- ★ **Intro to T-ball**

Thursdays @ Morgan Park

May 14 - June 4 @ 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Ages 4 - 6; \$46/child

MOTHER, MAY I?

- ★ **Being Polite Is Easy**

Tuesday, April 21 @ 5:30 pm

South Fayette Township Building, 515 Millers Run Road

Grades 1 - 12; \$30/child

Adult Programs

- ★ **ADULT YOGA**

Mondays through May 11 @ 7 pm - 8 pm

South Fayette Middle School LGI Room; \$11/class

- ★ **SFBFITNESS**

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Wednesdays @ 7 pm - 8 pm

South Fayette / Cuddy Fire Hall; \$12/class drop-in

Punch cards available for 5, 8, 12 or 16 classes!

2020 Summer Camp Guide



South Fayette Township
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Challenger International Soccer Camp

July 13 - July 17 @ Boys Home Park

TINY TYKES: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM; \$100/week; Ages 3 - 5

HALF DAY (AM): 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; \$160/week; Ages 6 - 16

HALF DAY (PM): 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM; \$160/week; Ages 6 - 16

FULL DAY: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; \$220/week; Ages 8 - 16

Summer Tennis

Session 1: June 8 - July 10 @ Fairview Park

Session 2: July 13 - August 14 @ Fairview Park

PEE WEE: Mon./Fri., 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1x week \$75/session, or 2x week \$125/session; Ages 5 & 6

JUNIOR BEGINNER: Mon./Wed./Fri., 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

1x week \$100/session, or 2x week \$175/session; Ages 7 - 10

JR. ADVANCED BEGINNER: Mon./Wed./Fri., 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

1x week \$100/session, or 2x week \$175/session; Ages 11 - 14

Summer Playground Camp

5 Days a Week: Monday - Friday
Flexible Daily Scheduling

WEEK 1: June 15 - June 19 @ Fairview Park

WEEK 2: June 22 - June 26 @ Morgan Park

WEEK 3: June 29 - July 2 @ Boys Home Park

WEEK 4: July 6 - July 10 @ Fairview Park

WEEK 5: July 13 - July 17 @ Morgan Park

WEEK 6: July 20 - July 24 @ Fairview Park

WEEK 7: July 27 - July 31 @ Morgan Park

WEEK 8: August 3 - August 7 @ Fairview Park

Morning Session: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM; \$10 per session

Afternoon Session: 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM; \$10 per session

Full-Day Session: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM; \$20 per session

Details: www.SouthFayettePA.com/recreation

Adult Programming

sfBFITness w/ Katie Logan

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 AM; Wednesdays 7:00 PM

SF Fire Hall; \$12 drop-in; Punch card pricing available

JumpBunch Sport Camps

ULTIMATE OBSTACLE TRAINING CAMP: June 22 - 26

Fairview Entrance Pavilion @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ages 4 - 6; \$137/week

SUPER HERO TRAINING CAMP: July 13 - 17

Fairview Entrance Pavilion @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Ages 3 - 5; \$92/week

TOKYO OLYMPIC MEDAL CAMP: July 27 - 31

Fairview Entrance Pavilion @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ages 4 - 6; \$137/week

Mad Science Camps

EUREKA! THE INVENTORS CAMP: July 13 - 17

SF Township Building @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5; \$145/week

BRIXOLOGY: July 27 - 31

Fairview Rotary Pavilion @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Grade 1 - 5; \$145/week

Eco-Explorers Camps

ECOSYSTEM SCIENCE CAMP: July 20 - 24

Fairview Entrance Pavilion @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5; \$175/week

JR. GEOLOGIST CAMP: August 3 - 7

Fairview Entrance Pavilion @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5; \$175/week

Baton Camp

BATON TWIRLING FOR FUN: June 22 - 26

Fairview Rotary Pavilion @ 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Ages 6+: \$80/week

Register online: www.SouthFayettePA.com/Recreation

2020

Summer Playground Camp

\$ 10 a session
\$20 All Day

8 weeks

Registration
now open!

Crafts

Water
Games

Playground FUN

Sports

Special Guests

**SUPER FUN
SUMMER TIME
AWAITING...**

MONDAY - FRIDAY

AM SESSION: 9 AM - 11:30 AM

PM SESSION 12:30 PM - 3 PM

ALL DAY: 9 AM - 3 PM

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
June 15 - 19	June 22 - 26	June 29 - July 2	July 6 - 10	July 13 - 17	July 20 - 24	July 27 - 31	Aug. 3 - 7
Fairview Park	Morgan Park	Boys Home Park	Fairview Park	Morgan Park	Fairview Park	Morgan Park	Fairview Park

Ages 5 - 12

**June 15 -
August 7**
8 weeks total!



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FRI. JUNE 12

FRI. JULY 10

FRI. AUG. 14



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movies in the PARK

@ FAIRVIEW PARK
AT DUSK

BRING BLANKETS,
CHAIRS, BUG SPRAY

KIDS PLAY DAY

POSTPONED

CRAFTS - MUSIC - PLAY

FRIDAY, MAY 15

4 PM - 7 PM @ MORGAN PARK

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11 AM - 5 PM

Fairview Park

Sat.
Aug.
22

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- + Kids Activities
- + Raffles

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Volunteers
needed

#SFCommunityDay

SouthFayetteTownship
at Fairview Park, South Fayette, PA
Having fun at the 4th annual South Fayette Community Day!
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2020

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS



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Family & Friends



Fun

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opportunities available!**



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Earth Cleanup Day

Friday, April 24 @ 8:00 AM -
Township-Wide

POSTPONED

Kids Play Day

Friday, May 15 @ 4:00 PM - 7:
Morgan Park

POSTPONED

Cup with a Cop

Saturday, May 9 @ 10:00 AM
YoFresh, South Fayette

POSTPONED

Movies in the Park: June

"Frozen 2"

Friday, June 12 @ 8:30 PM
Fairview Park



July 4th Fireworks

Saturday, July 4 @ Dark
Fairview Park

Movies in the Park: July

"Toy Story 4"

Friday, July 10 @ 8:30 PM
Fairview Park



Touch-a-Truck

Sunday, July 26 @ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Fairview Park

Movies in the Park: Aug.

"Dora and the Lost City of Gold"

Friday, August 14 @ 8:30 PM
Fairview Park



Community Day

Saturday, August 22 @ 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fairview Park

Disabled Sportsmen's Deer Hunt

October 22, 23, 24 @ 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Alpine Hunting and Fishing Club & Other Locations

Thanks for Giving

Friday, November 6 @ 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Fairview Sunset Room (by invitation only)

Holiday Celebration

Friday, December 4 @ 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
South Fayette Fire Hall



SOUTH FAYETTE
T O W N S H I P

A Community Growing Together

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Trash & Recycling Curbside Collection

Garbage is collected weekly. Recycling is picked up every 2 weeks. Pickup in South Fayette is split into Thursday and Friday. In case of a holiday delay, Thursday pickup is moved to Friday, and Friday pickup is moved to Saturday. Observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Find your service day and full collection calendar at SouthFayettePA.com/2020calendar. Place bins at the curb the night before. Please DO NOT BAG recyclables.

April	May	June
Thurs. April 2 Fri. April 3 Trash Collection	Thurs. May 7 Fri. May 8 Trash Collection Recycling	Thurs. June 4 Fri. June 5 Trash Collection Recycling
Thurs. April 9 Fri. April 10 Trash Collection Recycling	Thurs. May 14 Fri. May 15 Trash Collection	Thurs. June 11 Fri. June 12 Trash Collection
Thurs. April 16 Fri. April 17 Trash Collection	Thurs. May 21 Fri. May 22 Trash Collection Recycling	Thurs. June 18 Fri. June 19 Trash Collection Recycling
Thurs. April 23 Fri. April 24 Trash Collection Recycling	Fri. May 29 Sat. May 30 Trash Collection 1-day delay due to Memorial Day	Thurs. June 25 Fri. June 26 Trash Collection
Thurs. April 30 Fri. May 1 Trash Collection	<div> Trash, Recycling & Reuse Information </div>	Thurs. July 2 Fri. July 3 Trash Collection Recycling

Collection Calendar:
SouthFayettePA.com/2020calendar

Recycling Resources:
SouthFayettePA.com/recycle

Waste Management:
wm.com
1-800-866-4460

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Police Business Office: 412-221-2170

Emergency & Dispatch: 9-1-1

Finance

Shannen McKahan, Assistant

Community Resources

South Fayette Township Library

Benjamin Hornfeck, 412-257-8660, SouthFayetteLibrary.org

South Fayette Area Senior Citizens Association

Margie Smith, 412-221-3730, SouthFayettePA.com/seniors

South Fayette School District

Dr. Kenneth Lockette, 412-221-4542, SouthFayette.org

Historical Society of South Fayette Township

Emily Brady, sfhistory3@aol.com, SouthFayettePA.com/history

Tax Collectors

Real Estate/Property Tax: 412-221-9250, SouthFayettePA.com/tax

Earned Income Tax: 412-835-5243, JordanTax.com

Municipal Authority (Dye Tests & Sanitary Sewers)

Jerry Brown, 412-257-5100, MATSF.net

South West Communities Chamber of Commerce

Mandi Pryor, 412-221-4100, SouthWestCommunitiesChamber.org

Volunteer Fire Departments in South Fayette

Cuddy, Fairview, Oak Ridge, Sturgeon: SouthFayettePA.com/fire

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 9-1-1