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Tyler Head, 11, kicks a soccer ball in May at Hogan Field in Boys Home Park.

Photo by Colleen Patel, South Fayette Township resident.



Inside

Kindergartener Mahi Verma, 6, tries on firefighter gear during Public Safety Day at the South Fayette Township Municipal Building.



Manager's Message

Ryan T. Eggleston

Ryan takes South Fayette Connect to Prague, capital city of the Czech Republic, this summer.



"It was a never to be forgotten summer ... one of those summers which, in a fortunate combination of delightful weather, delightful friends and delightful doing, come as near to perfection as anything can come in this world!"

—L.M. Montgomery

And so it was written nearly 100 years ago in the timeless tale of Anne of Green Gables.

Summer: can anyone argue it is not the best of all seasons? As such, South Fayette Township is pleased to present our first summer edition of South Fayette Connect. We hope you enjoy the pages, programming and events coming up during this enjoyable time of year.

I want to cordially invite all of you to join us for the first annual joint fireworks program between South Fayette Township and Upper St. Clair, to be held July 4 at 9:30 p.m. If you live near anywhere near Washington Pike or Fairview Park, you should have an excellent view of the fireworks from your backyard. If you live on the other side of town, feel free to stop by Boyce-Mayview Park on Mayview Road in Upper St. Clair and bring a lawn chair for a spectacular view.

Summer also is a great time to enroll in adult and youth recreation programs. We are offering camps (playground, sports, art, engineering, LEGO and more), tennis lessons, a dog obedience course, fitness classes and many other activities.

Also, for the first time ever, we invite all residents to join us for free Friday family fun during our Movies in the Park series. Starting after dusk in Fairview Park will be "Frozen" July 29 and the "The Lego Movie" Aug. 19.

Regardless of what you choose to do with your summer, may it be filled with fun, friendship and safe travels. As the author L.M. Montgomery put it so eloquently in "Anne's House of Dreams," may you have a summer "never to be forgotten." Whether at the beach or at home; whether strolling on the South Fayette Panhandle Trail or the Ocean City boardwalk; whether enjoying lunch at a restaurant abroad or at a back porch cookout—know we wish you a truly delightful summer.

As we continue to expand recreational opportunities for all township residents, we do so in the hopes of continuing to support who we are: A Community Growing Together.

Cheers,

Ryan

Ryan Eggleston, South Fayette Township Manager



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South Fayette Shorts



Road upgrades set for summer

South Fayette Township will spend about \$1 million to repair and improve more than 11 miles of roadway this summer. All 70-plus miles of township-owned roads were assessed, classified, prioritized and rated as part of a comprehensive, third-party study last year. Some work will be completed by South Fayette Township Public Works (pictured: road crew members Todd Petrillo, top, and Lou Quattro). Improvements will occur on the following roads: Alpine, Bowman, Boys Home, Cecil Reissing, Cecil Sturgeon, Hickory Grade, Highland Creek, Magnolia, McVey, McVey Ext., Old Oakdale, Ridge and Sygan. Updates: www.southfayettepa.com/roads.



TV recycling collections scheduled in region

Find regional television and electronics recycling events on the township website, www.southfayettepa.com/recycle, or call 412-221-8700. The township is unable to directly accept TVs, and state law prohibits TVs from entering the landfill. Please note that dumping TVs in the community is illegal and carries a penalty of up to \$1,000 and court costs. Police officers are investigating and enforcing violations.

Have coffee and talk with police chief Aug. 18



Bring your comments, questions, and suggestions for Police Chief John Phoennik at "Coffee with the Chief," to be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thurs. Aug. 18 at the Lakemont Farms Clubhouse, Lakeview Drive, South Fayette 15017. Residents, business owners and community members are invited to the free program.

Door-to-door sales permits listed on police web page

Find out who is currently permitted to conduct door-to-door solicitations in South Fayette Township by visiting this police web page: www.southfayettepa.com/doortodoor.

Sign up for emergency alerts

Do you want to be notified immediately if an emergency occurs? South Fayette Township will automatically alert you via e-mail or text message. Sign up at www.southfayettepa.com/notifyme.

Food vendors wanted for Community Day on Aug. 27

Food vendors are wanted at the first annual South Fayette Community Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. Aug. 27 in Fairview Park. The free family event will include live music, beer, children's activities and more. The Community Day Committee also is seeking additional business and vendor booths, sponsorships, raffle donations and volunteers. Please visit www.southfayettepa.com/communityday for vendor registration forms. Questions? Contact Recreation Director Paula Simmons: 412-221-8700 or psimmons@sftwp.com.

Become a Live Well Workplace

South Fayette Township invites local businesses to apply to be designated as a Live Well Allegheny Workplace. Achieving this designation means indicating the intent to work with Allegheny County to accomplish the goals of the Live Well campaign. Workplace partners will be given materials to help show their employees that their personal wellness is a top priority. Visit www.southfayettepa.com/livewell.



Get a free online listing for your business or organization

Are you looking to promote your South Fayette-area business or organization? List your information in South Fayette Township's free online yellow pages! Go to www.southfayettepa.com/yellowpages.

Advertise in upcoming township map

South Fayette Township is working to update the community map directory, to be printed and distributed for free. If you are interested in advertising in the map, please submit your contact information to Peggy Patterson: 412-221-8700 or ppatterson@sftwp.com.

Wanted: Avid bicyclists, runners and walkers

Help expand practical and recreational opportunities for cyclists and pedestrians in South Fayette Township by joining our Healthy Trails action group! Contact Planning Director Mike Benton at 412-221-8700 or mbenton@sftwp.com, or visit www.southfayettepa.com/healthytrails.



Township wins governor's award for communications

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development selected South Fayette Township as a winner of the 2016 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence for the success of its online communications. The township's website, www.southfayettepa.com, and social media pages (Facebook and Twitter) were recognized for exemplifying exceptional dedication to public service through innovative initiatives. Pictured from left: South Fayette Township Commissioner Gwen Rodi; PA Gov. Tom Wolf; township Community Development Director Andrea Iglar; and township Executive Assistant Peggy Patterson.

9 Ways to Live Well in South Fayette Township

1 Stroll along the paw print path in Morgan Park
20 minutes of light walking
68 calories burned

2 Slide, climb and swing on the Boys Home Park playground
30 minutes of frolicking
177 calories burned

3 Bike on the Panhandle Trail between the Sturgeon Trail Station and Mill Street
2 miles of pedaling
102 calories burned

4 Eat a nutritious lunch with your friends in a park pavilion
1 hour of picnicking
maintain calories

5 Check out free fitness videos from the South Fayette Township Library
1 hour of Pilates
170 calories burned

6 Enjoy a pickup game of basketball, tennis or pickleball at Morgan Park
1 hour of basketball
408 calories burned

7 Let little ones learn athletic fundamentals at Fairview Park summer camps
1 hour of playing sports
236 calories burned

8 Visit with your friends and neighbors at Community Day
1 hour of meeting and greeting
170 calories burned

9 Relax with your family during a summer movie in Fairview Park
2 hours of rest
maintain calories



Meet ...

La Verne P. Diggs



Dr. La Verne P. Diggs, though retired from a full-time career, shares her decades of experience in the public sector with South Fayette Township. Since 2014, the South Fayette native has spent six months of each year as Special Projects Director, implementing policy and legislation required by federal, state and local government. This summer she is collaborating with fellow staff to update the Emergency Management Plan and to ensure all township employees and volunteers meet the state's Child Protective Services Laws. She holds a doctorate in Organizational Leadership.

First Job: Delivering newspapers for the Pittsburgh Press

Hobbies: Reading, traveling

Favorite Sports Team: Steelers

Bucket List: Visit Ireland; run a marathon

Best Quality of South Fayette: "Overall, I like the tranquility here, even as the community grows."

Little known fact about La Verne: Her parents, Ora and William, highly valued educational opportunities for their six children. Soon after the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education (1954) to end legal segregation in public schools, the family moved from the Pittsburgh Hill District to South Fayette, where La Verne attended Sturgeon School and South Fayette High School.

—Andrea Iglar

How Do I ... Use my recycling bin?

Automated recycling collection with new, 64-gallon carts is in effect for single-family homes and multi-family buildings with four or fewer units. Waste Management will not collect recycling from any other type of bin. Every home gets one free bin. Pick up an additional cart for \$50 at the township building, 515 Millers Run Road.

1 Secure your bin. Use permanent marker to write your house number on the outside. Store it in the garage or outside.

2 Place mixed recyclables into the bin. Do not bag them. Do not recycle plastic store bags. Accepted items include:

- Plastic containers #1-5 & 7
- Glass jars & bottles
- Steel, tin & aluminum cans
- Clean food cartons
- Flattened cardboard & paperboard
- Newspaper, magazines & junk mail
- Brown paper bags
- Non-confidential office paper

3 The night before collection (every other Thursday), place your bin at least 3 feet from other objects, such as your garbage can, a mailbox, a car or a tree. The lid opening must face the street.

4 Feel great that you recycled! You have kept waste from going into the landfill, and potentially helped earn your community recycling grant money.

Questions? Get recycling answers at www.southfayettepa.com/recycle or call 412-221-8700.



South Fayette Around the Township



South Fayette Middle School was recognized as a high-performing PA Don Eickhorn School to Watch during an assembly in May. About 35 schools in Pennsylvania have achieved the three-year designation. Joining the student body in the celebration were, from top left, South Fayette Township Commissioner Gwen Rodi; Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald; middle school Principal David Deramo; and school Superintendent Bille Rondinelli. Students held the banner (bottom, L to R): Mia Hoyos, Joelle Farah, Emma Wesolek, Drew Whiteside, Aaron Skerbetz and Trent D'Alessandro. Photos: Andrea Iglar



Café under new ownership

Tim Ruhl of Bridgeville has purchased, refurbished and reopened Morgan's General Market & Café, 536 Millers Run Road, in South Fayette Township. Located next to the Morgan Park baseball fields, the café offers sandwiches, salads, pizza, coffee, fresh-pressed orange juice, cold drinks and ice cream. Amenities include arcade games and casual indoor and outdoor seating. The café is open from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, and until 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 412-779-6219.

Sidewalks for All Walks of Life

A dozen South Fayette Township staff members participated in a half-day session in April to learn about sidewalk and intersection accessibility for people with disabilities or impairments.

The free training covered the Americans with Disabilities Act Requirements for Municipal Transportation Facilities, under the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Local Technical Assistance Program.

Program objectives were to learn to recognize the needs of pedestrians and their accommodations; to know the current regulations; to know the triggers for ADA compliance; and to acquire a working knowledge of ADA facility components.

Township staff from left: Engineer Technician John Kanaskie; Public Works employees John Barrett and Todd Petrillo; Recreation Director Paula Simmons; and Engineer Mike Benton. The session was led by instructor Pat Wright (right).



Medication disposal box now available in police station lobby

The South Fayette Township Police Department now provides a Drug Takeback Box where residents can deposit expired or unwanted medications. Items are accepted in the police station lobby, 515 Millers Run Road, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. This free, anonymous service accepts for disposal prescription and over-the-counter medications in their original containers or in sealed plastic bags.

The permanently secured box is under 24/7 video surveillance. A state grant funded the program with the aim of reducing access to drugs that could lead to accidental or intentional misuse or overdose. The medications are destroyed after collection.

YES - Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

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April 22, 2016

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Roads



Rural road grant for \$212,000 to help improve wetlands

By Andrea Iglar

South Fayette Township has been awarded a \$212,606 grant from the Allegheny County Conservation District for a water flow improvement project on Sygan Road.

The project will redirect water to prevent road erosion, while allowing water to feed the ground, ponds and plants at the South Fayette Conservation Area and

Wetland Trail.

The grant-funded project is set to start this summer between 310 and 325 Sygan Road. Lane and road closures will be announced.

Plans include completing multiple local stormwater system improvements such as building a new 16-foot-wide culvert underneath the road, elevating 450 feet of roadway, installing drains and running 460 feet of pipe.

Nick Nickolas, township Public Works Superintendent, applied for the grant through the Allegheny County Dirt, Gravel and Low-Volume Roads Program. Sygan Road was eligible because it receives fewer than 500 cars per day.

“These types of projects are about trying to keep the streams clean,” Mr. Nickolas said. “The grant has to be related to stormwater, spring water, creeks, streams, ditches or roadways.”

The adjacent wetland trail, between Sygan Road and the Old Oakdale Road school campus, is a public amenity maintained by the South Fayette Conservation Group and South Fayette School District, who often use the area for educational purposes.

Cindy Cox, a member of the

conservation group, said the wetlands are designed to act as a sponge rather than allow water to run downhill and contribute to flooding.

She said the grant project will provide water to ponds and habitat to birds and other wildlife:

This project will enhance the wetlands,” Ms. Cox said.

Pedestrians interested in using the trail can access it near South Fayette Intermediate School.

Mr. Nickolas worked with the following partners to prepare the grant application and project plan: Mike Benton, South Fayette Township Engineer; Charlie Kirkpatrick and Jonathon Burgess of the Allegheny County Conservation District; Dave Creamer of the Penn State University Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies; the South Fayette Conservation Group; and the South Fayette School District.

The grant program encourages environmentally sensitive maintenance practices intended to improve the interactions among roads, streams and ecosystems.

GreenLightGO!

\$381,000 grant to fund traffic signal upgrades near I-79

By Andrea Iglar

South Fayette Township has been awarded a \$381,391 Green Light-Go state grant for adaptive traffic signals to improve traffic flow in the area of Washington Pike, Route 50 and Interstate 79.

The system, including traffic lights and software, will automatically adjust signal timing based on traffic conditions. Work is expected to start later this year.

“This adaptive signal system is really on the cutting edge of traffic technology,” said Ryan Eggleston, township manager.

“It’s going to allow all the lights in that main corridor to communicate together and make real-time adjustments based on current traffic patterns,” he said. “While it won’t be the end-all, catch-all, it’s what we hope will be a step in the right direction

toward improved traffic patterns.”

In addition, the regional Traffic Task Force—including municipal members South Fayette, Bridgeville, Upper St. Clair and Collier—has developed plans for adding turn lanes and widening some roadway in an effort to improve traffic conditions for residents, businesses and commuters. View details of the Task Force plan at www.southfayettepa.com/roads.

South Fayette Township applied for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s Green Light-Go grant in partnership with neighboring Bridgeville Borough, where one of the intersections is located.

The grant pays for half the total project cost of \$762,782. The required 50 percent local funding match will come mainly from traffic impact fees that developers have paid to the township. Of 109 municipal grants, South Fayette received the largest in Western Pennsylvania.



Traffic lights upgrades are set for these eight intersections:

- Route 50 & Millers Run Road
- Route 50 & Municipal Drive/ Newbury Drive (UPMC Children’s & Newbury Market entrances)
- Route 50 & Hickory Grade Road
- Route 50 & Interstate 79 southbound ramps
- Route 50 & Interstate 79 northbound ramps
- Route 50 & Washington Pike (T-intersection at ALDI, Starbucks and Chipotle)
- Washington Pike & Daniell Drive (near King’s Restaurant and Get Go)
- Washington Avenue & Chartiers Street (across the Chartiers Creek bridge in Bridgeville)



Left:
Baby robins
sleep in a
Willowbrook
backyard nest
in May.
Photo:
Anshu Rai



Right:
Strawberries and
blueberries.
Photo:
Colleen Patel

South Fayette Scenes

Photos by
Township
Residents



Left: A hummingbird sips
nectar from a chive flower in the
Saddlewood neighborhood.
Photo: Robert Rudzki

Right: Brady Fleck, 9,
slides toward Connor
Cirra, 10, at third
base during a June
2015 South Fayette
In-House Baseball
Kid Pitch game in
Morgan Park.
Photo: Colleen Patel



KINDERGARTEN PUBLIC SAFETY TOURS



About 250 South Fayette kindergarteners learned about police, fire and ambulance services during Public Safety Day at the South Fayette Township Municipal Building in May. The children toured the South Fayette Township police station and walked through a police car, SouthBridge EMS ambulance and South Fayette Volunteer Fire Department truck. Many children enjoyed trying on real firefighter hats and jackets. Trying on firefighter gear are, clockwise from top left: Mahi Verma, 6; Joey Suskiewicz, 5; Nitya Dagar, 6; Milan Pennetti, 5; Aarav Shah, 6; and Olivia Devlin, 6. Center: Six-year-olds Katie Peterson, Sumedha Kari and Anushka Prasad tour an ambulance. Bottom: Greta Tarin, 6, greets Officer Collin Griffith as she exits a police vehicle tour. / Photos: Andrea Iglar

Public Safety Resources in South Fayette

Dial 9-1-1 for all police, fire and medical emergencies.

South Fayette Township Police
Chief John Phoennik
515 Millers Run Road
www.southfayettepa.com/police

Oak Ridge VFD 269
Chief Bill Supan
1214 Oak Ridge Road
www.oakridgevfd.com

SouthBridge Emergency Medical Service
Ambulance Service
178 Hickory Grade Road
www.southbridgeems.com

South Fayette VFD 266
Chief Joe Janocha
661 Millers Run Road
www.southfayettevfd.com

Fairview VFD 268
Chief Dan Dernosek
3326 Washington Pike
www.fairview268.com

Sturgeon VFD 267
Chief Craig Delaney
526 Main Street
www.sturgeonvfd.org



South Fayette Township police train civilians on what to do if faced with active shooter situation



South Fayette Township police Sgt. John Leininger, right, and Police Chief John Phoennik conduct a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events training session. / Photo: Andrea Iglar

The South Fayette Township Police Department wants citizens to be prepared in case of a disaster or emergency.

That's why police are offering community organizations and businesses a training program called Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE). Police trained township staff members in May.

"This is a community civilian outreach program designed to educate businesses, organizations and civilians outside of law enforcement on the proper mindset and what to do during a disaster or emergency, specifically an active shooter," Police Chief John Phoennik said. "The main point this drives home to civilians is to have a plan before it happens."

In any building, always take stock of where all possible exits are located and be prepared to make a quick escape, he said. Take a deep breath and move swiftly. Do not freeze, hide or play dead.

Among South Fayette police officers, Chief Phoennik, Sgt. John Leininger and Patrolman James "J.J." Jeffrey are certified to teach the CRASE program.

In addition, the police department's School Resource Officer, Sgt. Jeff Sgro, has been certified and trained in a similar program specially tailored for schools.

Sgt. Leininger, an Army veteran and department firearms instructor for the past 8 years, has trained more than 300 police officers for active shooter events under Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), a program developed for police officers through Texas State University.

"I'm very passionate about this material," Sgt. Leininger said. "This is nothing to joke around about. This is life or death material."

From 2000 to 2014, there were 179 mass shootings, or active shooter events, in the United States, and more than half occurred in places of commerce.

"The reason we are offering this program to our businesses is, believe it or not, the majority of shootings happen in businesses," Chief Phoennik said.

Chief Phoennik, who is a 30-year police officer and a 25-year resident of South Fayette Township, said he finds it both professionally and personally important to prepare citizens for active shooter situations.

"I want to try to do everything I can to educate our residents," he said.

AVOID - DENY - DEFEND

During an active shooter situation, in which someone is shooting a gun with the intent of killing a mass number of people, the most effective strategy is AVOID-DENY-DEFEND:

AVOID Attacker

- Leave ASAP
- Know your exits
- Consider secondary exits (windows, etc.)
- Call 9-1-1 once in a safe location

DENY Access to Attacker

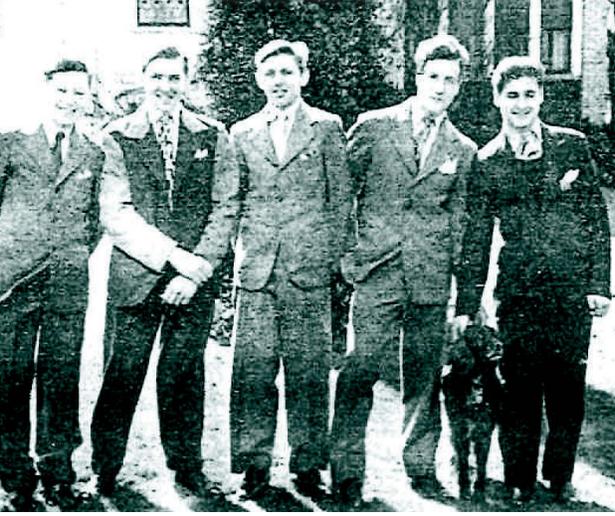
- Lock and/or barricade the door
- Turn out the lights
- Stay out of sight
- Have backup plan for self-defense

DEFEND Yourself

- You have the legal right to aggressively defend yourself
- Position yourself to surprise the attacker
- Work in groups if possible
- Fighting is a last resort; do not hunt down the shooter

GET TRAINED

For details about holding an active shooter training session at your local business or organization, contact Police Chief John Phoennik at 412-221-2170 during regular office hours, M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



THE BOYS BACK THEN

Boys Home Park has century-old roots in South Fayette Township

BY CHARLOTTE SMITH & ANDREA IGLAR

South Fayette Township's Boys Home Park, tucked between Battle Ridge Road and Union Avenue near Oakdale, is a beautiful spot to enjoy nature, picnic, frolic on a playground, kick a soccer ball or practice yoga.

The park is named after the Boys Industrial Home of Western Pennsylvania, which operated on the site for nearly 70 years.

From 1904 to 1972, the Boys Home in South Fayette provided shelter, food, education and work to thousands of youth who were orphaned, homeless, neglected or troubled. Boys ages 8 to 16 were admitted through relatives, friends and juvenile courts.

According to a 1915 issue of "The Oakdale Boy," a monthly magazine published by the Boys Home Board of Directors, the organization's aims were to provide a model home, keep boys employed and schooled, replace bad habits with good ones, teach good citizenship, and find the boys good homes and positions.

Lifelong South Fayette resident Michael Cardillo Sr., 90, who grew up on his family farm next to Boys Home, said the founder, the Rev. John W. Cleland, stressed the importance of work.

"His motto was keep the boys busy because a loafing boy gets into trouble," Mr. Cardillo recalled during a chat this spring.

Boys Home spanned hundreds of acres, including residences, recreational amenities, a greenhouse and gardens, school rooms, a steam laundry, barns and fertile farmland.

"It was a fine institution," Mr. Cardillo said.

FOUNDING HISTORY

The Boys Home landed in South Fayette in 1904, but its roots started earlier. It was organized June 18, 1900, and incorporated on January 29, 1901.

According to historical documents, the Boys Home originally was associated with one Rev. Way, an Englishman who ran a home for needy children near Sewickley. The facility later expanded into a rented house on Euclid Avenue in Allegheny (the North Side of Pittsburgh). The Rev. Way returned to England when the home became in danger of closing due to lack of funds.

The Rev. Cleland, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church, took over as superintendent. His wife, Elizabeth, became office secretary and matron, taking charge of fundraising, advertising, domestic arrangements and other tasks. The couple took no salary.

An interdenominational group of locals, alarmed that the boys in residence could become homeless if the struggling

facility closed, formed a board and raised money to stay open.

Once the facility outgrew its space, the leaders considered properties in Beaver, Etna, Greensburg and Gibsonia before deciding to spend \$5,000 to acquire Oakdale Academy, a former girls' school in Oakdale, a neighboring borough of South Fayette.

The boys moved to Oakdale in December 1901 and outgrew the space within three years. In February 1904, the Boys Home purchased 150 acres of the Watters Farm in South Fayette. Other adjoining land and properties, including the Wallace Farm and Oak Ridge Farm, also were purchased for Boys Home, including a 100-year-old log cabin and log barn.

"When the Boys Home started, it was in a log house and a log barn, and the barn burnt down in 1928, and they built a new barn," Mr. Cardillo said.

BARRICK COTTAGE

In 1909, the century-old log farmhouse was replaced with Barrick Cottage, a 23-room house equipped with modern conveniences such as indoor plumbing, sewer service and gas service. The cottage housed 50 older boys, several employees and the superintendent and matron (until a new superintendent's home was built in 1923).

Historical documents do not explain the Barrick name, but Mr. Cardillo said part of the Boys Home property was purchased from the Barrick farm, so the cottage likely was named after that family.



Although Barrick Cottage was torn down decades ago, visitors to Boys Home Park today can see a 1965 plaque bearing the house's name. Mr. Cardillo said the reason for installing the sign in 1965 probably was that many building improvements occurred that year at Boys Home.

RAISING BOYS

Eight- to 16-year-old boys were admitted to Boys Home from families who, for a variety of economic or personal reasons, could not keep them. In later years, some also arrived due to truancy or minor criminal offenses.

Families were expected, if possible, to send the boys with clothing and shoes.

Expenses amounted to \$1 a day for each boy, Mr. Cardillo said.

In 1906, records reflect there were 65 boys onsite, a population that more than doubled within 10 years. In 1930, the Board of Directors reported the total number of boys who had lived in the home since its inception was 3,333. In 1965, the home accommodated 280 boys from 45 different Pennsylvania counties.

The younger boys went to school year-round, with the exceptions of short holidays at Christmas and in August. They helped in the kitchen, dining room and bake shop.

Older boys attended school for nine months of the year and were employed by the farm, dairy, laundry or garden.

Boys received credits for their behavior and work ethic, and these credits translated to 1 cent, 2 cents or 3 cents in their individual spending accounts, depending on the job accomplished.

The school curriculum followed the Allegheny County public schools. The younger boys attended classes on the Boys Home campus under supervision of the Oakdale School District (later absorbed by the West Allegheny School District). The older boys had classrooms on the property that utilized teachers from the South Fayette School District.

Mr. Cardillo said he was comfortable growing up next to the Boys Home: "You never had to take the keys out of your vehicles in the barnyard or keep your doors locked, that's how safe it was."

WORKING THE FARM

Boys Home was largely self-sufficient.

From age 16 to 18, Mr. Cardillo occasionally worked on the farm at Boys Home when extra help was needed with plowing and tractor work. His pay started at \$3 a day, a decent wage for 1945.

Mr. Cardillo recalled 500 chickens, 40 pigs, horses and a big herd of cattle.

"The Boys Home kept their 440 acres beautiful," he said. "And the animals [were] taken good care of. And the boys would run a competition who could get the most milk out of their cows and the best calves."

The dairy's 32 cows produced 18,500 gallons of milk and 3,855 pounds of butter, which were used by the institution.

The boys harvested hay, timothy, clover and alfalfa, wheat, oats and straw, field corn and potatoes. They also grew cucumbers, parsnips, peas, pumpkins, spinach, tomatoes, squash, apples and peaches.

Two silos were filled with more than 200 tons of fodder, which became feed for the dairy.

The farm and garden were so successful that female employees, with the boys' help, canned more

than 6,200 quarts of fruit and vegetables in a single year.

"It was a farm that anyone would love to have, every farmer, that's how good it was," Mr. Cardillo said. "They had more modern things than most of the farmers."

WHERE'D THE BOYS GO?

The home did not track boys once they left. Many of them eventually were returned to their families, placed in good homes or put under the care of an aid society.

Some boys wrote back about their successful lives as, for example, farmers, mill workers, office workers, or military personnel. These reports were included in the Board of Directors' monthly newsletters. Alumni notes in the January 1915 magazine include the following:

"He is a big boy now; we should say, a young man; he is working every day and is attending night school several evenings each week."

"[He] is a prosperous young man. He works in a grocery store in Coraopolis."

"[He] finds that he is heir to some property in Kansas left him by his grandfather."

"[He] believes that with the coming of good times he will have bright prospects for the future."

Mr. Cardillo said the boys were very well disciplined, and many joined the military at age 18. "I wasn't much older—maybe a year older—than them, and they addressed me as sir," he said.

"When a boy got out of there, he had

the work ethic, he had the discipline, and he could go out and make a living."

THE END OF AN ERA

The Rev. Cleland died in 1922, about nine years after his wife. He was buried in Oakdale Cemetery, along Union Avenue in South Fayette.

Other superintendents followed until the Boys Home closed in 1972. Records show that, in 1980, the nonprofit Wesley Institute purchased property.

BOYS HOME PARK

In 1987, South Fayette Township bought 321 acres of the Boys Home property for \$725,000.

At that time, the Boys Home buildings existed in various stages of decay, and the township tore down the school rooms, a gymnasium, an abandoned pool, Barrick Cottage and residential structures.

The township later sold part of the land for the Battle Ridge Estates/Winchester Woods housing development; protected a portion as permanent farmland; and converted the remaining acreage into Boys Home Park, 4499 Boys Home Road.

Park facilities today include a soccer field, a tot playground with swings, a pavilion with picnic tables and electricity, a wood waste recycling area, a preserved farmland area and seasonal, permit-only hunting zones.

Meanwhile, the Cardillo family farm, founded in 1914, continues to operate adjacent to Boys Home Park and leases some of the township property for farming.



This article was prepared in cooperation with the Historical Society of South Fayette Township and Charlotte Smith, author of the history book "Images of America: South Fayette Township." The historical society, founded in 2004, exists to preserve the documents, memorabilia, family histories and more that make up the unique history of this community. Members and volunteers are welcome. For details, contact society president Emily Williamson Brady at 412-221-6657 or bradyem50@aol.com.

SUMMER @LIBRARY

The South Fayette Township Library, 515 Millers Run Road, hosts a variety of programs for children and adults. Register at www.southfayettilibrary.org under "Events" or call the library at 412-257-8660. Programs are free unless otherwise noted. Here are highlights:

YOUTH

Excellent Explosions (Grades 2 - 4)
Fri. July 15, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Have an explosive, fizzy and bubbly good time! Make an exploding geyser, shooting rockets, glittery slime and a lamp of levitating lava.

End of Summer Reading Garden Party Celebration, Sat. Aug. 6, 10:30 a.m.

Children are invited to celebrate the library's courtyard garden with small sandwiches, cookies, fresh veggies and drinks.

American Girl (School age)
Mon. Aug. 8, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Crafts! Dolls! History! Bring your own American Girl Doll, enjoy one of ours or bring a favorite doll friend. Learn a little about history, make some friendship crafts, take pictures in a photo booth and get tips on how to care for dolls.

Mythology Adventures (Grades 3 - 6)
Mon. Aug. 15, Tues. Aug. 16 & Fri. Aug. 19, 1 p.m.

Do you like Percy Jackson or the Goddess Girl Series? Enjoy stories about Greek and Roman gods and goddesses? A mythology specialist leads this fun, educational program.



Kendall Hammer, 8, has donated the playsets of her earlier youth to the South Fayette Township Library. The children's kitchen and puppet theater she'd had since age 5 now sits in the library for other children to enjoy, along with a sign acknowledging her donation. "I wanted to donate it because I wanted to make the library a better place," Kendall said. "I feel really happy."

—Andrea Iglar

ADULT

Summer Adult Read-A-Thon
Through Sat. Aug. 6

Submit an entry form for each item you read or listen to on CD. Weekly drawings are held every Saturday, and two \$100 Amazon gift cards are the grand prizes.

Joy of Movement
Mondays, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Drop in; no registration necessary
 These relaxing yet challenging body toning movements are great for all fitness levels. Bring an exercise mat and water.

Beginner Watercolor, Tuesdays
July 12, 19 & 26, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Learn basic watercolor painting! Each class, you will complete a 5x7 matted painting. No drawing required. Cost is \$10 for a one-time material fee. Register for any or all classes.

Tour of Helicon Brewing
Tues. Aug. 16, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

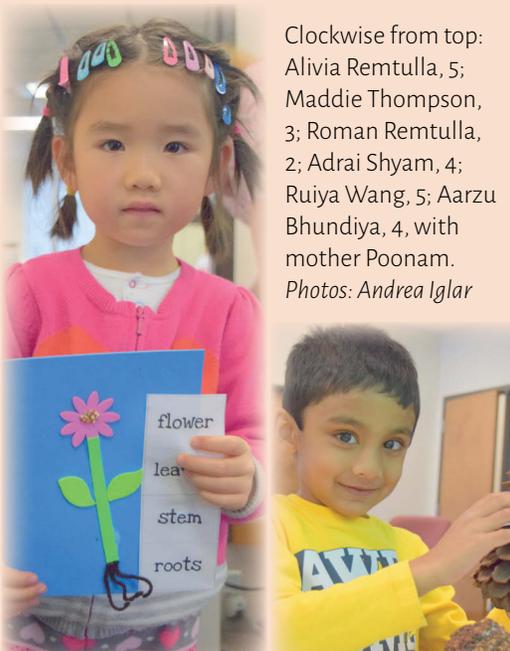
Learn about beer making! Meet at the brewery, 102 Union Ave., Oakdale 15071.

Scrabble
Mondays, starting Sept. 12, 1:00 PM
Drop in; no registration necessary
 Find a "U" to go with that "Q" tile! Bring your own snack.



It's All Natural

Preschoolers learned about plants and flowers this spring during the "It's All Natural" science program at South Fayette Township Library. Children ages 3 to 5, along with parents and caretakers, touched plants, placed seeds in soil and created a craft project showing the parts of a flower. The program was free, thanks to a generous grant from the Baughman Foundation.



Clockwise from top: Alivia Remtulla, 5; Maddie Thompson, 3; Roman Remtulla, 2; Adrai Shyam, 4; Ruiya Wang, 5; Aarzu Bhundiya, 4, with mother Poonam.
 Photos: Andrea Iglar



Sarah Tracy, 5, joins her mother, Lori, during kettlebell class. Photo: Andrea Iglar

LET OFF SOME STEAM!

**KETTLEBELL
WORKOUT
BRINGS
PEOPLE
TOGETHER**

By Andrea Iglar

Five-year-old Sarah Tracy of South Fayette likes tagging along to kettlebell class to see her mother, Lori, “working out her muscles.”

And Lori enjoys her daughter hanging out during her one-hour workout.

“It’s nice to have her,” Lori said. “She models that [fitness] behavior and sees what it looks like for moms to work out together.”

Katie Logan, a 26-year fitness instructor and former music teacher, leads kettlebell and other fitness classes for the South Fayette Township Parks & Recreation Department. Morning and evening classes are scheduled for the summer and fall for kettlebell and for 20/20/20, which includes 20 minutes each of kettlebell, Pilates and kickboxing.

Ms. Logan said kettlebell is safe for people of all ages, sizes and shapes, and participants have ranged from their teens to their seventies.

The class is fun and varied, and combines cardiovascular and strength training without as much wear and tear on the joints as other forms of exercise, Ms. Logan said.

A kettlebell is a type of dumbbell or free weight that looks like a ball with a handle—or a teapot without a spout, thus the name “kettlebell.” Russian strongmen are well known for using cast-iron or cast-steel kettlebells for sport.



In modern kettlebell class, participants move to upbeat music and mimic the instructor’s movements, which often involve lifts, lunges or swings of the kettlebell. Beginners may start with a lighter weight and progress to a heavier one. A 5- to 15-pound kettlebell is recommended, and you can try out a kettlebell at class before buying your own.

Kettlebell fitness has increased in popularity in the U.S., and according to the American Council on Exercise, “The reason for the surge in kettlebell training is that it gets back to basic training that requires functional, whole body fitness.”

Ms. Logan, a South Fayette resident, said kettlebell offers not only a great workout but also a social outlet for busy folks. “People are coming together and enjoying fitness,” she said.

View class schedules and register online at www.southfayettepa.com/recreation. Cost is \$35 for a 4-week session, or \$12 per drop-in class. Prepaid, discounted punch cards, good through Aug. 17, are available for 5, 10 or 15 classes. Bring an exercise mat and water.

BASEBALL FIELDS MAKE THE GRADE



South Fayette Township has fixed up eight baseball fields in Morgan Park, Sturgeon Park and Fairview Park.

Jon Brown (pictured) and his crew from RNS Outdoor Specialties of Valencia, a firm that specializes in field rehabilitation, laid new infield mix, sod cut all infield edges and laser-graded the fields this spring. They also stabilized the pitcher mounds and batter boxes with clay.

The infield mix—an upgrade from the previously used mix—includes sand, silt, clay and crushed brick to improve water drainage, quicken drying time and reduce the number of game rainouts.

The \$30,500 project benefits players in the South Fayette Baseball and Softball Association (SFBSA), several South Fayette adult softball and baseball teams and other community members who want to use the fields. The Morgan and Sturgeon fields are designed for youth, while the Fairview fields utilize portable mounds for more versatile youth and adult play.

Summer Playground Camp (ages 5 - 12)

Week 1 : June 20, 22, 24 @ Morgan Park

Week 2: June 27, 29, July 1 @ Fairview Park

Week 3: July 6 @ SF Intm. Schl; July 8 @ Fairview Pk

Week 4: July 11, 13, 15 @ Morgan Park

Week 5: July 18, 20, 21 @ SF Middle School

Week 6: July 25, 27, 29 @ Fairview Park

Morning Session: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM \$10/day

Afternoon Session: 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM \$10/day

All-Day Session: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$20/day

Whole Week (3 days): 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$50/week

Register online: www.southfayettepa.com/recreation

Engineering for Kids Camp

Engineering of Travel: July 11 - 15 @ SF Municipal Bldg.

Grades K - 2: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, \$125/week

Out of this World: July 25 - 29 @ SF Library Room

Grades 3 - 5: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, \$145/week

Aerospace Engineering: Aug. 1 - 5 @ Fairview Pavilion

Grade 3 - 5: 9:00 AM - Noon, \$160/week

Challenger British Soccer Camp (Ages 6 - 16)

July 18 - 21 @ Fairview Park

Half Day: 9:00 AM - Noon, \$151/week

Full Day: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, \$211/week

Natural Science Camp (Ages 4 - 6)

June 20 - 23 @ Fairview Park: \$60/week

Grades 1 - 3: 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Grades 4 - 6: 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Summer Tennis

Summer Session 1: June 13 - July 17

Summer Session 2: July 18 - August 19

Pee Wee Mon./Fri. 11:30 AM - Noon

Jr Beginners Mon./Wed./Fri 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Jr Advanced Beginners Mon./Wed./Fri. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

High School Performance Mon./Fri. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

*Pricing: Check www.southfayettepa.com/recreation

Jump Start Sport Camps (Ages 5 - 14)

Half Day: 9:00 AM - Noon \$90/week

Full Day: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$135/week

Ultimate Warrior Camp: June 13 - 17 @ Fairview Park

College Days Camp: June 20 - 24 @ Fairview Park

Color Games Camp: June 27 - July 1 @ Fairview Park

Olympic Game Camp: July 11 - 15 @ Fairview Park

Snapology LEGO Camps

Minecraft Camp June 27 - 30 @ Collier Twp Rec Ctr

Ages 5 - 10: 9:00 AM - Noon, \$142/week

All About Animals July 11 - 14 @ SF Library Room

Ages 4 - 6: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, \$142/week

snAPP Video Game Design Aug. 8 - 11

South Fayette Municipal Building

Ages 9+: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM, \$142/week

HappyFeet Soccer Camp (Ages 4 - 6)

June 27 - 30: @ Boys Home Park: \$65/week

Ages 5 & 6: 9:00 AM - 10:30 PM

Ages 3 & 4: 10:30 PM - Noon

Awesome Art Camps (Ages 6 +)

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, \$75/week

Summer Spectacular: July 18 - 21 @ SF Cmty. Room

Pirate Art Camp: July 25 - 28 @ Hunting Ridge*

(*\$10 off for Hunting Ridge Residents)

Eco - Garden Camp

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August 8 - 11 @ Fairview Park: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

\$196/week

Soccer Camp

August 8 - 12 @ Boys Home Park

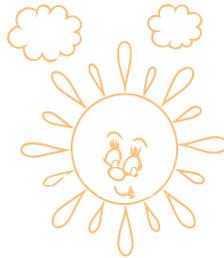
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15 Class Punch Card: \$130

10 Class Punch Card: \$100

5 Class Punch Card: \$55

\$12 Drop-in

*Mix-n-match Kettlebell & 20/20/20



Better Body Boot Camp

Thursdays, 7:00 PM @ Fairview Park

Session 1: June 23 - July 14

Session 2: July 28 - August 18

\$50/session or \$15/drop-in

Circuit Training Class

Summer and Fall

Days and Time TBA

Updates: www.southfayettepa.com/recreation

Yoga in the Park

Mondays, 7:00 PM, June 6 - June 27

Boys Home Park, \$40/4-week session

August Session Dates TBA

Dog Obedience Class

Mondays, 6:30 PM, July 11 - August 1

Fairview Park Entrance Pavilion, \$80/dog

Kettlebell

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 AM @ SF Community Room

June 28, July 12, Aug. 2, Aug. 16

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 PM @ SF/Cuddy Fire Hall

June 15, July 6, Aug. 10

20/20/20

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 AM @ SF Community Room

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Coming this Fall...

(Dates and times subject to change)

Adult Programs

HappyFeet Soccer (Ages 2 - 4)

Mondays: Sept. 12 - Oct. 17 @ 6:00 PM

Fairview Park: \$65/session

Fitness Classes w/ Katie Logan

\$35/4-week session

\$10 Drop-in

i9 Sports Program (Ages 4 - 10)

Mondays: Dates and Times TBA

Fairview Park: Price TBA

Kettlebell

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 AM @ SF Community Rm

Fall Session: Sept. 6 - Sept. 27

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 PM @ SF Fire Hall

Fall Session: Sept. 7 - Sept. 28

Imagination Yoga (Ages 3 - 5)

Mondays: Sept. 19 - Oct. 24 @ 9:00 AM

Location TBA

20/20/20

Thursday Mornings, 9:30 AM @ SF Comm. Rm

Fall Session: 9/8 - 9/27

Born to Move (Ages 3 - 5)

Mondays: Sept. 12 - Oct. 17 @ 10:00 AM

Location TBA

Senior Strength and Stretch

Thursday Mornings, 11:15 AM @ SF Community Rm

Fall Session: Sept. 8 - Sept. 27

Girls on the Run (Grades 3 - 5)

Dates and Times TBA

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South Fayette Township contracts with Waste Management for curbside collection of garbage and mixed, single-bin recycling. Pickup day is Thursday unless otherwise noted. Garbage is collected weekly. Recycling is collected every 2 weeks. Place bins at the curb the night before.

July	August	Sept.
8 FRIDAY (1-day delay due to 4th of July) Trash Collection Recycling	4 Trash Collection Recycling	1 Trash Collection Recycling
14 Trash Collection	11 Trash Collection	9 FRIDAY (1-day delay due to Labor Day) Trash Collection
21 Trash Collection Recycling	18 Trash Collection Recycling	15 Trash Collection Recycling
28 Trash Collection	25 Trash Collection	22 Trash Collection
		29 Trash Collection Recycling

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