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Starting Jan. 1, curbside recycling no longer will include glass, juice and dairy cartons, or plastics #3–7.
Photo art by Andrea Iglar.

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We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community."
—Franklin Delano Roosevelt, fourth presidential inaugural address, Jan. 20, 1945

With Thanksgiving approaching, we feel grateful for our generous business community. So far this year, we have raised more than $28,000 through our advertising incentive program, which offers opportunities for organizations to sponsor a township event in exchange for perks such as a free advertisement in this magazine. Thanks to support like this, we are able to provide citizens with free, fun events including South Fayette Community Day, Movies in the Park, Touch-a-Truck and more. Thanks for helping make South Fayette Township "A Community Growing Together."

Sincerely,
Andrea

Andrea Iglar is executive editor of South Fayette Connect.

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South Fayette Connect wins national first-place award

South Fayette Connect is first-place winner in the magazine category of the 2018 Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards, a nationwide competition organized by the National Association of Government Communicators.

South Fayette Township's official magazine earned the top award among entries from local, state and federal agencies. Communications Director Andrea Iglar accepted the award in June.

Judging was based on factors such as writing, design, cost effectiveness and innovation.

Haunted Cabin opens Oct. 24

Boy Scout Troop 248 is hosting the annual Haunted Cabin fundraiser from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Weds. Oct. 24 through Sat. Oct. 27 at Killbuck Lodge, 248 Clinton Ave., Oakdale 15071. Cost is $5/person. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Details: 724-693-0549.

South Fayette Shorts

South Fayette Township Library readies for 25th anniversary

The South Fayette Township Library, which opened Jan. 9, 1994, is preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary throughout 2019. Please contact the library if you are interested in sponsoring events or helping to organize activities: 412-257-8660; sflibraryboard@gmail.com; www.southfayettelibrary.org.

Free business resources offered

Are you thinking of starting a business? Would you like to expand an existing business? The Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop offers free resources to help you succeed. Find information about business registration, funding, diversity and more at www.business.pa.gov, or call 1-833-722-6778.

South Fayette window clings free to township businesses

Are you a business located in South Fayette Township? Would you like to display pride in your community? Get a free logo cling for your door or window. Just email your business name, address and phone to magazine@sftwp.com.

Leaf collections set for Saturdays Oct. 27 and Nov. 10

Curbside leaf collection will be held Saturdays Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 in South Fayette Township. The night before pickup, place leaves and other yard waste at the curb in biodegradable bags no heavier than 25 pounds each. Yard waste may include leaves, hedge/tree/garden trimmings, brush, lawn edging and grass clippings. Recycling calendar: www.southfayettepa.com/recycle.

Report trash and recycling pickup issues online

Need to report a missed trash or recycling pickup? Visit www.southfayettepa.com/request any time, and your message is automatically sent to South Fayette Township and contractor Waste Management.

Police force adds officers and an investigator position

The community’s first female police officer has joined the South Fayette Township Police Department.

Sawyer Gray (pictured above, being sworn in), along with Roman Williams and Zachary Wynn, joined the force this summer.

Overall, the total number of officers has risen from 15 to 17.

In addition, Officer James Jeffrey was assigned to the position of investigator to focus on solving criminal cases.

Police Chief John Phoennik said all three of the new hires, as well as the investigator, are great assets.

"It helps us provide a better service to the community," he said.

Survey seeks input for park plan

South Fayette Township is seeking the input of residents and park users to help create a vision for the park system, which includes Fairview Park, Preservation Park, Morgan Park, Boys Home Park, Sturgeon Park, Treveskyn Park and a portion of the Panhandle Trail. Please tell us what you think about the park system and what you would like to see developed by completing an anonymous survey.

Deadline is 5 p.m. Fri. Nov. 16. Scan the QR code or go to www.southfayettepa.com/survey.

History group seeks yearbooks

The Historical Society of South Fayette Township is seeking South Fayette school yearbooks from 1954, 1955 and 1957 to add to the nonprofit group's archives. Contact Emily Brady: 412-257-3523 or sfhistory3@aol.com.

Have coffee and talk with police chief Thurs. Nov. 8

"Coffee with the Chief" is set for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thurs. Nov. 8 at the Sturgeon Volunteer Fire Department, 526 Main St., South Fayette 15082. The public can meet with South Fayette Township Police Chief John Phoennik to share comments and ask questions.
How Do I ... Know If I’m Located in South Fayette?

Addresses in South Fayette Township use any of eight different ZIP codes, as assigned by the U.S. Postal Service. While we are fortunate to be well served by the mail service, having multiple ZIP codes can cause confusion about where we live, work and receive public safety services. Check out these ZIP tips so you can loudly and proudly proclaim you are a resident, business or organization in South Fayette.

1 If your children attend the South Fayette School District, you live in South Fayette. The municipality and school district share identical borders.

2 If you pay local property taxes to South Fayette Township and South Fayette School District, you are located in South Fayette.

3 If your property sits within our municipal borders, you are located in South Fayette. Find the latest South Fayette Township map at www.southfayettepa.com/maps.

4 If your mailing address includes Cuddy 15031, Morgan 15064 or Sturgeon 15082, you likely live in South Fayette. These historical villages are located within the township.

Meet ...

Todd Petrillo

With 36 years of service under his toolbelt, Todd Petrillo is the most veteran employee of South Fayette Township. He installs signs and coordinates PA One Calls (related to underground utility lines) for the Public Works Department. Born and raised in South Fayette, he enjoys visiting other places: "I love traveling; I hate to fly," he says.

Education: Graduated from South Fayette High School

Family: Wife, Kellie; adult children Lindsey and Matthew

First Jobs: Masonry work and cook at King's Family Restaurant

Hobbies: Golfing and cooking

Special Skill: Preparing six varieties of homemade ravioli, especially the family recipe with veal and spinach

First Car: 1980 Camaro

Best Vacations: Australia, Florida, Virgin Islands, Napa Valley, Canada

Bucket List: Visit Italy

Volunteer Service: Member of the South Fayette school board for the past 16 years

Best Quality of South Fayette: The community’s rural heritage

Little known fact about Todd: His maternal grandfather had owned Mariani’s Club 28, a bar and restaurant at Millers Run and Battle Ridge roads, circa the 1940s and 1950s.

— Andrea Iglar

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Blaze Pizza opens

Blaze Pizza opened in July in the Gateway Shops at Newbury Market in South Fayette Township. The franchise lets customers choose their own toppings assembly line-style. The personal pizzas, featuring made-from-scratch dough, are fast-fired in three minutes. Dine in or take out: www.blazepizza.com; 412-533-5004.

— Andrea Iglar

Snapology opens in South Fayette

South Fayette sisters built international franchise

Story & Photos by Andrea Iglar

Two South Fayette sisters founded Snapology—a family business that has grown into an international franchise in just eight years.

Laura Coe initiated the creative learning center for kids ages 2 to 14 when she was seeking new business opportunities and also searching for fun, social and educational activities for her kindergartner, who loved to play with Legos.

“The idea was literally born in our family room,” said Laura, who co-founded Snapology along with her sister, Lisa Coe. Their brother, Bob Coe, also has joined the business, and all three siblings are neighbors in South Fayette.

Snapology uses building blocks, plus other toys and technology, to teach concepts in STEAM—science, technology, engineering, art and math.

This summer, Snapology moved from Bethel Park to property bought in Abele Business Park in South Fayette.

The siblings said the new location is beneficial because it is near Interstate 79 and a growing number of restaurants and other businesses that parents enjoy visiting while their older children spend time at Snapology (adults must remain with kids age four or younger).

“We like supporting our community,” Laura said. “Overall, this is going to be a very positive move for us.”

One day in September, a new resident of South Fayette, Katelyn Gensler, visited Snapology with her four-year-old son, Logan, and his friend, Max Chapman. She said the center is a good place to meet fellow parents, and a fun spot to keep the boys busy: “It’s a nice place for learning and growth. It really captures their attention.”

The indoor, interactive play center includes multiple spaces and stations designed for various ages and interests, such as glow-in-the-dark building blocks, a motion sensor game, a virtual reality station, toddler toys, and a room designed to calm children who need a relaxed sensory environment. Children can freely choose activities that interest them.

“For us, the fun comes first,” Laura said. “We want children to learn through educational play, but the kids don’t have to realize that.”

The site also includes an outdoor playground, two upstairs rooms for classes, camps and birthday party rentals, and the global headquarters, where licensed franchisees visit for training.

Since Snapology started in 2010, the Coe family business has grown into an international franchise with 64 locations in 10 countries. In the first eight months of this year alone, Snapology added 24 franchise locations.

The corporate team has eight full-time staff members, including a curriculum director. In addition, about 30 part-time instructors teach classes and workshops in the center, host field trips, and partner with schools and communities, including South Fayette Township, whose Parks and Recreation Department frequently schedules Snapology workshops.

Snapology offers more than 60 topics, such as robotics, anti-bullying, team building, video game design and drones.

“All of this just from me wanting to find something for my kid to do,” Laura said. Snapology Pittsburgh, 1350 Old Pond Road, South Fayette: pittsburgh.snapology.com, 412-295-1545.

“We like supporting our community.”

—Laura Coe, Snapology founder and South Fayette resident

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Pavilion spruced up
South Fayette Township Public Works stained the wood of the Fairview Park Entrance Pavilion in July as part of an effort this summer to rehabilitate the approximately 36-year-old pavilion. Pictured above, from left, college students Cory Supan and Will Reeder stand with crew leader Mark Mitchell. Below: Cory applies stain. Public Works staff members Barry Miller, John Barrett and Michael Meglen also worked on the project.

—Andrea Iglar

Full STEAM Ahead
High school girls create website for local fitness instructor
By Sara Iagnemma

When Katie Logan decided to take her fitness brand online, the South Fayette High School Girls STEAM Team stepped up to the challenge.

Ms. Logan had noticed that word-of-mouth was the primary way that people learned about her exercise classes, such as kettlebell, cardio kickboxing, weight training, high intensity interval training and fitness sticks. Creating a website was the next step.

“The goal was to just get the word out about our fitness program that’s offered through the township,” she said.

The South Fayette resident offers classes for all body types and ages in partnership with South Fayette Township Parks and Recreation, under the name “sfBfitness.”

Last spring, Ms. Logan reached out to South Fayette High School, looking for students to help design her website.

Luckily, she found just the girls to do it—Emily Kulkarni and Ally Palucis, members of the South Fayette High School Girls STEAM Team, which is in its third year. (Ally graduated high school in June, and Emily is now a sophomore.)

The student club of about seven girls participates in endeavors relating to science, technology, engineering, art and math. They worked on the website last winter and spring, and the website launched Memorial Day weekend.

The collaborative project was “a perfect fit for the girls,” said high school teacher Stacey Barth, the club supervisor. “It ended up working out really well.”

The girls tried several webpage design services before finding one that worked with Ms. Logan’s vision. Emily snapped pictures during a workout session, and soon the site came together with photos, a calendar, class descriptions and more. Ms. Logan can update the content herself.

Emily particularly enjoyed the creative aspect of the project. “I did the webpage design class last fall, and it was mainly just, ‘put this here, make that font pretty,’” she said. “But you could kind of construct this in your own way.”

The site amassed 2,000 views by July.

“The people in the [fitness] class were super-excited and supportive when it first came out,” Ms. Logan said. “They all raved about what a great job these girls did making this website.”

South Fayette Township regularly offers morning and evening sfBfitness classes in the South Fayette Volunteer Fire Department, 661 Millers Run Road.

A free kettlebell class will be held at 7 p.m. Weds. Oct. 24 at the fire hall to celebrate the third anniversary of sfBfitness.


Sara Iagnemma is a senior at South Fayette High School.

Gold Sponsors - Community Day - Thank you!
**South Fayette VFW serves veterans and community**

By Andrea Iglar

There is no “U” in VFW, but there is a YOU.

The South Fayette Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 586 wants you to know that the public is welcome to get involved with the club—and in turn, the club supports an array of community programs.

“We’re here not only to support the vets, but we’re here to support the community,” post quartermaster Gary Vay said. “That is our driving force.”

Through membership fees, donations, and food and drink sales, the 75-year-old nonprofit organization, at 637 Millers Run Road in the Cuddy neighborhood, raises money to assist war veterans as well as the local population.

The VFW’s all-volunteer crew has supported township youth sports such as baseball and lacrosse, South Fayette Community Day, the South Fayette Township Library, the Historical Society of South Fayette Township, the volunteer fire departments and the ambulance service.

Members also offer resources and programs to veterans, sponsor Thanksgiving meals, place cemetery flags, participate in commemorative ceremonies and send gift packages to service members who can’t be home for the holidays.

Greg Ank, an Army veteran who has served in Korea, Iraq and the Pacific, had been the recipient of gift packages while overseas. A post trustee and South Fayette resident, he is one of the newest and youngest members of the VFW. He said the club provides a place for veterans and their families to share stories and support, plus an opportunity for him to “still be able to serve those who served.”

“It is a way to ensure there still is that bridge between the community and those military members who need that connection with service,” Mr. Ank said.

In general, social and service clubs such as the VFW have been struggling with a decline in membership. The South Fayette veterans say that with a boost in awareness and support, the group can continue to provide valuable services.

“We need veterans to join, and we need community support,” said Mr. Vay, a Vietnam vet.

Eligible combat veterans or members of the public may purchase a membership for $35 a year. Individuals and businesses can make tax-deductible donations either for general purposes or for a specific activity such as the overseas gift packages.

Families are welcome to drop in for takeout or a dine-in meal, usually from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Dining is available at the bar or in a separate dining area.

“If you come in for a burger, you don’t have to join, but it’s appreciated if you do,” Mr. Vay said.

The South Fayette post was incorporated in 1943 and originally housed at the corner of Millers Run and Old Oakdale roads. The current location was dedicated in 2005.

The bar features a wall mural hand-painted by Jarrod Vezzi in memory of his late grandfather, Navy veteran Domenick Invernizzi.

Details: call 412-257-2499; email cuddyvfwpost586@yahoo.com; or find “South Fayette VFW” on Facebook.

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**Honor Roll refurbished**

South Fayette residents Kathy and Gary Vuchinich and their family members fixed up the World War I Community Honor Roll in June next to Gladden United Presbyterian Church in South Fayette Township. Pictured are their grandchildren Tyler and Jay Carter (sons of Brandi and Phil Carter) and Aubrey Young (daughter of Sarah and Jeff Young). —Andrea Iglar
We all have smoke alarms in our homes, but do they work properly? Are they in the right places? How old are they? Do we have enough of them?

These are important questions because more than half of all fire-related deaths occur in residences that do not have working smoke alarms.

In the spirit of October’s National Fire Prevention Week, here are smoke alarm tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

- Install smoke alarms in each bedroom and outside of every sleeping area.
- Place smoke alarms on every level of your home. Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms.
- Install smoke alarms on ceilings or high on the walls.
- Test your smoke alarms at least once each month.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Consider alarms that can alert you to both fire and carbon monoxide emergencies.
- People who are deaf or suffering hearing loss can purchase special alarms with strobe lights or other technology.
- Place smoke alarms at least 10 feet from your kitchen stove to help avoid false alarms.

For additional smoke alarm and fire safety tips, visit www.nfpa.org.

B.J. Supan is an intern and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for South Fayette Township. He also is a lieutenant for the Oak Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.
As many residents have come to realize, we’ve been experiencing an unusual amount of rainfall this year. Flooding, erosion and landslides have resulted in road closings, property damage and an uptick in home projects to fix water problems.

Along with this heightened awareness of water issues comes the question, “What is South Fayette Township required to do to manage stormwater?”

The short answer is “a lot.”

In 2002, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) started MS4—a program that stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The name refers to the system designed to handle only rainwater and snow melt, which is separate from the sanitary sewer system that handles sewage and wastewater.

Municipalities like South Fayette, which have separate storm sewers, can apply for an MS4 permit, which allows discharge of collected stormwater into the nation’s natural waterways. To be eligible, communities must adhere to six major requirements, and residents can take part in most of them.

Public Outreach and Education
South Fayette must inform citizens about the impacts of stormwater through presentations, magazine articles (such as the one you are reading) and activities such as Earth Cleanup Day, rain garden construction and stream cleanup.

Public Involvement
Citizens are invited to provide input into the creation of a stormwater ordinance and pollution reduction plan. Notices of planned adoptions are posted as they occur.

Illegal Discharge
The township must investigate and record all instances of unlawful discharge. Residents should report instances as well by calling 412-221-8700 or visiting www.southfayettenpa.com/request.

Construction Runoff Control
All developments must comply with water runoff rules. Residential and commercial sites are inspected, with violations reported.

Post-Construction Management
Water control features such as detention ponds and inlets must function properly.

Pollution Prevention
The township must file annual reports, and pay related fees, showing compliance for township-owned parks and buildings. The DEP most recently inspected township facilities in August.

Details: www.southfayettenpa.com/water.

John Kanaskie is the Engineer Technician for South Fayette Township.

In or Out?
Test your knowledge. Which of the following can go into a storm drain?

1. Pool water
2. Leaves or grass clippings
3. Soapy water from washing a car
4. Rainwater and melted snow
5. Used motor oil
6. Runoff from watering a lawn
7. Rinsewater from cleaning paint brushes
8. Pet waste
9. All-natural pesticides and herbicides
10. Food waste

Answer: 4 - Rainwater and melted snow
YES

Metal Cans
(Steel, tin & aluminum)

Paper
(Brown paper bags, magazines, newspaper & office paper)

Plastic Bottles & Jugs
(#1 or #2 with narrow neck)

Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard

Glass

Dairy or Juice Cartons
& Paper Cardboard

Plastics #3-7 and/or
without narrow neck

Anything NOT listed in the
YES column

NO

No glass,
limited plastics
starting Jan. 1

One bad apple can spoil the bunch.
The same goes for recycling. Keep the
wrong items out.
Recycling changes coming
Glass, milk cartons and many plastics no longer permitted in bins

By Andrea Iglar

Everyone wants to do their part to reduce, reuse and recycle, so at first it seems counterintuitive that we can recycle better by putting fewer items in the recycling bin.

But starting Jan. 1, that’s precisely what South Fayette and other towns must do to keep recycling viable and affordable.

Due to global market trends for recyclable materials, most waste haulers, including South Fayette’s recycling contractor Waste Management, no longer can accept glass, plastics #3-7, or paper cardboard such as dairy and juice cartons.

“Recycling has changed a lot,” said Erika Deyarmin-Young, public affairs coordinator for Waste Management. “If you want to do the right thing, our new mantra is ‘when in doubt, throw it out.’”

Items that aren’t recyclable or don’t have a market must be pulled from the recycling plant and sent to the landfill anyway, she said, so “save the energy it takes to transport that material and take it out of the recycling stream.”

Frustrated? Feel like throwing your arms up in the air and giving up recycling altogether?

Here’s why you shouldn’t: recycling right (instead of recycling everything) will ensure that more materials actually get recycled correctly—a benefit to both the environment and the community’s coffers.

Next year, contaminating our recycling bins with too many unaccepted materials could result in fines to the township, and a reduction in recycling could decrease the community’s recycling grants. In the long run, correct recycling keeps down taxpayer costs.

Ms. Deyarmin-Young recommended getting in the habit now of meeting the new recycling guidelines.

China’s recent limits on the types and amounts of recyclables the country accepts has seriously shrunk the worldwide recycling market, resulting in restrictions across the U.S. in what residents can toss into recycling bins.

While new markets eventually may re-emerge for glass and other plastics, for now, recycling right may mean sending items to the landfill—or better yet, reducing or reusing, Ms. Deyarmin-Young said.

“I tell people to look at the first ‘R’s before we ever get to that recycling ‘R,’” she said, offering these tips on the three ‘R’s:

Reduce
Change buying habits if possible. For example, you might choose an aluminum beverage can (recyclable) rather than a glass bottle (not recyclable).

Reuse
Find another purpose for an item that isn’t accepted in recycling, such as a clamshell-shaped plastic fruit container. Instead of tossing it, wash it and take it to a farmer’s market to fill with your berries.

Recycle
Look at the shape of a plastic container to determine if it is recyclable under the new guidelines. If it has a narrow neck, recycle it. Focus on the shape of the container rather than whatever number is imprinted in the three-arrow symbol.

For more on recycling, visit www.southfayettepa.com/recycle or www.recycleoftenrecycleright.com.

Erika Deyarmin-Young of Waste Management discusses the recycling process at the hauler’s sorting plant on Neville Island. (Photo: Andrea Iglar)
Where does my recycling go?

You just received this new issue of South Fayette Connect, and you’re ready to recycle the prior edition.

Perhaps you toss the magazine into a bin in your kitchen and, on Wednesday night, pour the contents into your recycling cart and wheel it to the curb.

**Pick Up**

On Thursday, a truck collects the contents and later proceeds up Interstate 79 to Waste Management’s Pittsburgh Materials Recovery Facility on Neville Island—essentially a sorting plant for recyclables.

**Pile**

After the truck is weighed, its driver backs up to a tall door and tips the recyclables onto a warehouse floor, forming an enormous pile of mixed, discarded items.

A September visit to the facility found a heap that included some recyclable items (soda cans, bleach jugs, magazines) and some non-acceptable items (plastic store bags, a metal fork and even a backpack).

The plant accepts about 8,000 to 10,000 tons of material each month from both private businesses and communities throughout the region, including South Fayette Township.

Last year, Waste Management collected 639 tons of recyclables from South Fayette.

**Sort**

The first step of the sorting process is manual. Employees constantly pull non-recyclables from a conveyor belt. Of all materials received, about 20 to 25 percent are not recyclable and must be diverted to the landfill.

A big culprit is the plastic grocery bag, which the plant is unable to recycle. Plus, plastic bags get stuck in the sorting machines, causing delays and machine breakdowns.

That’s why we don’t bag our recyclables.

Next, the items move through automatic sorting machines that separate cardboard, paper (shredded paper isn’t allowed because it can jam the machines), metal cans, and plastic jugs and bottles (which are perforated to let air escape).

At the end of the sorting line, humans once again quality-check for contamination—meaning they manually remove items that shouldn’t be mixed in.

**Bale**

A machine condenses and bales the separated materials into dense cubes that weigh nearly a ton each. Forklift operators stack the bales for shipping.

**Ship**

The actual recycling process occurs elsewhere. Paper products are loaded onto rail cars to go to market by train, and other materials are loaded onto trucks.

In 2017, Waste Management sent 30 percent of its material abroad, mostly to China and other parts of Asia. Other bales were transported within the U.S.

In all, about 100 employees work to sort and prepare our discarded items—including, eventually, the very magazine you’re holding in your hand.
Sorting plant handles up to 10,000 tons a month

Pile

Bale

Story & Photos by Andrea Iglar
South Fayette Township is home to eight known cemeteries containing many historical grave markers. Some bear prominent local surnames or recall tragedies such as health epidemics, infant mortality and war. Here’s the lowdown on the South Fayette underground.

▲ Bethany Cemetery, bordered by an old stone wall along Presto-Sygan Road, marks the names of historical South Fayette families such as Morgan, Fawcett and Liggett. Burials (1814–1943) include Revolutionary War veteran Frederick Lesnett, who died in 1830 at age 72. Some markers list scarlet fever as the cause of death. The headstone above remembers Elizabeth Reed, who died in 1822 at age 24. The Allman Brothers Band song “In Memory of Elizabeth Reed” was named by guitarist Dickey Betts after seeing a headstone for an Elizabeth Jones Reed (1845–1935) in Macon, Georgia. Bethany Presbyterian Church of Bridgeville owns Bethany Cemetery.

▲ Melrose Cemetery along Washington Pike dates to the 1880s. The nonprofit, nonsectarian graveyard contains about 150 victims of the 1918 flu epidemic. A statue (right) and broken column, indicating a life cut short, marks the grave of Lysle McDonald (1891–1923). The stone in front, topped with the carving of a lamb, marks the 1918 grave of a child.
A lawn crypt (left) in St. Agatha’s Cemetery along Washington Pike pictures Mathilda Bourdet (1899–1931) and indicates that an infant daughter is buried with her. The cemetery is overseen by Holy Child Parish of Bridgeville, formed by the merger of the churches of St. Agatha and St. Anthony.

From 1913 to 1918, patients of the Pittsburgh City Home and Hospital—a predecessor of Mayview State Hospital—were buried without coffins in what today is a tiny cemetery inside Fairview Park. The number of burials is unknown, but the Lost Souls of Fairview Cemetery contains 28 identical, nameless concrete obelisks (below). The township maintains the grounds.

A soldier’s monument (left) is the most dramatic feature of Robinson Run Cemetery, along Robinson Run Road. The statue was installed in 1907 by members of Lt. S. M. Adams Post No. 330 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Pennsylvania. Burials include 13 Revolutionary War veterans, 52 Civil War veterans, 17 Spanish-American War veterans, 213 World War I veterans and many veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

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Bethany Cemetery in South Fayette contains burials from 1814 to 1943.

Historical information is courtesy of Charlotte Smith, author of “Images of America: South Fayette Township,” a book created in partnership with the Historical Society of South Fayette Township.
Sundari is seven years old. She has a pet parrot and loves playing hopscotch. She was born in India and lives in the South Fayette Township Library.

Wait—in the library? Sundari is a doll created through a library-parent partnership in order to offer children the opportunity to play with a figure that realistically represents Indian heritage. The doll will be available for checkout.

South Fayette parent Anuradha Gupta, who helped design the doll jewelry, said some children born in South Fayette to Indian parents aren’t familiar with the traditions and dress of India, so the doll will help children learn about the culture.

“IT`s a really good addition for our Indian kids as well as for American kids,” she said.

Pronounced “soon-dah-ree”—meaning “beautiful” in Hindi—Sundari is an 18-inch doll inspired by the popular American Girl brand, which does not specifically offer a character from India.

Patrons will be able to visit the South Fayette library in person to borrow Sundari. Four American Girl dolls also are available.

Nicole Harding, the library’s youth services coordinator, wanted to develop an Indian doll because of the township’s growing Indian population.

“Libraries really need to be representative of their communities,” Ms. Harding said. “The dolls are a way to bring part of the world and part of history to libraries.”

To create the doll and write a backstory for her, Ms. Harding sought the help of library patrons with roots in India.

Kavitha Niranjan, a 12-year South Fayette resident, bought baby clothing and fabric during a trip to India last year to fashion into a traditional, mirror-work “lehenga” (skirt), “choli” (blouse) and “dupatta” (veil), traditionally worn in the Indian state of Gujarat.

Ms. Gupta, along with her daughter Ishi, 9, helped with the hair ties and bangles. A teen volunteer, Deeksha Chirra, helped attach jewelry. Poonam Bhundiya decorated the sandals, and Malini Mulbagal contributed the bindi, which is a decorative dot worn on the forehead.

Ms. Niranjan helped draft a fictional yet realistic backstory for Sundari based on her own childhood in Mysore, Karnataka, India.

She wrote that Sundari was born in 2011—just like her son, Achyuta Atreya, 7—and enjoys playing outdoor games just as she did in girlhood. She chose names based shared with her friends and family in India.

“Seeing the backstory gives more meaning to the doll,” Ms. Niranjan said.

Sundari will be checked out along with a journal chronicling the doll’s adventures.

“Each child can write stories about what Sundari did when she was visiting their homes,” Ms. Harding said.

Anvi Gupta, 5, looked forward to bringing Sundari home to meet her other dolls.

“I can read to three dolls and comb Sundari’s hair,” she said. “That’s what I’ll do.”

A Sundari launch party will be held at 3 p.m. Sat. Oct. 20 in the South Fayette Township Building, 515 Millers Run Road. Details: www.southfayettelibrary.org or 412-257-8660.
Youth

Fall for Reading! Free Book Day (Toddlers – Teens)
Sat. Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Drop in and pick out a free children's or teen book to take home.

Puppy Tales (Ages 6 & up)
Sat. Nov. 3, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Read to trained therapy dogs in a supportive, fun environment. Make a dog-related craft and get lots of doggy cuddle time!

Holiday Crafts (Ages 4 – 10)
Tues. Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.
Children's crafts are offered during the adult crafting program.

Evening Storytime, Thurs. Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Enjoy a Christmas party and story from a celebrity guest reader.

Artsonia Art Club (Ages 9 & up)
Monthly, 2nd or 3rd Weds., 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Video art instructors lead lessons, and materials are provided.

Preschool STEAM (Ages 3 ½ – 5), various dates
Preschoolers explore science, technology, engineering, art and math through stories, songs, play, creativity, investigation and exploration. Class size is limited.

Chess Club (Grades K – 8)
Beginner: Mondays, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Experienced: Mondays, 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Enjoy weekly instruction and play, culminating in a tournament.

Kids in Motion
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
This physical activity program encourages youngsters to move.

Storytime, Wednesdays
Toddlers (Up to age 3): 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Preschoolers (Ages 4 – 6): 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Enjoy weekly reading, songs, socializing and fun activities.

Adult

Understanding Expressions of Emotion from Loved Ones with Alzheimer's and Related Dementia
Tues. Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m.
Maureen Sirianni, who has 22 years of experience working with people who live with Alzheimer's and related dementia, offers practical suggestions and tips.

Meet the Author, Weds. Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m.
Carleton Young, author of "Voices from the Attic," takes us on the journey that began when he found 200 authentic Civil War letters in his parents' attic.

How to Sell Items on eBay, Weds. Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m.
Sherry Brady walks us through the process of posting items for sale on eBay. She shares do's and don'ts and answer questions.

Making Christmas Cards, Thurs. Nov. 15, 11:00 a.m.
South Fayette resident Mary Brown takes us through the steps of creating two beautiful Christmas cards. Cost is $5. Pay and register at the circulation desk.

Indian Cooking Demonstration, Sat. Nov. 17, 11:00 a.m.
South Fayette resident Swapna Roni returns to cook a delicious meal using fresh ingredients. Cost is $10. Pay and register at the circulation desk.

Thanksgiving Floral Centerpieces, Tues. Nov. 20
Session 1: 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Session 2: 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Barb Vock teaches us how to make beautiful centerpieces using live flowers. Cost is $15; pay and register at the circulation desk.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS
Tues. Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.
A sample will be available at the library prior to the program.

Holiday Floral Centerpieces, Sat. Dec. 22, 7:00 p.m.
Cost is $15. Pay and register at the circulation desk.
Donation expands township’s annual summer camp

By Andrea Iglar

Combine baby penguins, a giant soccer ball and kids having fun outside, and what do you get?

Answer: The most successful season yet of South Fayette Township’s Summer Playground Camp.

This year, the Parks and Recreation Department’s program offered more options than ever before, thanks to a $2,500 donation from Washington Financial Bank, which opened a South Fayette branch this year.

“Washington Financial Bank is excited to be part of the South Fayette community, and helping with the 2018 summer camp was a perfect way for us to be involved,” said Michael L. Chaido, Senior Vice President/COO of Washington Financial.

The contribution enabled the township to add new sports equipment, games, crafts and site visits from organizations such as Pittsburgh’s National Aviary and the Carnegie Science Center.

“We were able to expand and enhance our popular in-house recreation program to give the kids a bigger variety of activities,” township recreation director Paula Simmons said. “The donation came at the perfect time.”

This year, the camp was offered five days a week—rather than the traditional three days—to give parents more options and flexibility.

More than 130 children ages 5 to 12 participated in the six-week program, held in the township’s Fairview, Morgan and Boys Home parks. Families could sign up for morning, afternoon or full-day sessions, at the rate of $10 for a half day or $20 for a full day.

New equipment included a “9 Square in the Air” game; giant versions of Jenga, Twister and Connect Four; a six-foot-tall inflatable soccer ball; a portable tetherball game; craft supplies; board games; and audio speakers for dance music.

The National Aviary brought baby penguins for a visit, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission taught kids how to cast a fishing line, and the Carnegie Science Center organized rocket science activities.

“The bank’s charitable program addresses a variety of needs with children’s programs very near and dear to our hearts,” Mr. Chaido said. “It was wonderful to visit the camp and experience firsthand the children’s happiness as they played using some of the equipment made possible through the bank’s contribution.”

Camp is supervised by five high school and college camp counselors, including one designated as head counselor, to maintain a maximum ratio of 10 kids per counselor.

In addition to scheduled activities, camp always includes unstructured free-play time that gives children the chance to choose activities that interest them and to socialize and make friends.

Summer Playground Camp is the township’s only youth recreation program to be operated fully in-house. Other camps and programs are contracted to third-party instructors.

For details about recreation programs, visit www.southfayettepa.com/recreation or sign up to receive recreation news and events at www.southfayettepa.com/notifyme.
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More than 1,000 people in July enjoyed South Fayette Township's third annual Touch-a-Truck, an interactive event featuring a variety of big trucks and vehicles, activities, music, food and vendors. Clockwise from below left: Aaron Honswetz and Zeno, 3, look up at a fire truck ladder; Laura Terrant and her daughters Zoe, 6, and McKenzie, 1, check out a police car; Drew Holzer, 6, tries a driver’s seat; Teddy Wolford of the South Fayette Volunteer Fire Department hangs out with his six-month-old dalmatian, Aerial; Saanvi Yerasi, 6, enjoys the event with her father, Venkat.

(Photos by Andrea Iglar; aerial photo courtesy of South Fayette Volunteer Fire Department)
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On Sat. Aug. 25, more than 3,500 adults and children enjoyed the third annual South Fayette Community Day at Fairview Park. The free event, presented by South Fayette Township and Dollar Bank, featured more than 100 vendors, a variety of food and beverages, two stages of live entertainment, a zip line, inflatable amusements, a petting zoo, silent disco and much more. www.southfayettepa.com/communityday

### COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:

- Joe Lyons as Uncle Sam greets Amy Riley of Hefren-Tillotson.
- Annemarie Grella, 9, and sisters Jillian, 5, and Molly, 8, meet Moana at the Washington Financial booth.
- Connor McMahon, 15, holding a stack of games, celebrates the raffle win with (back) Kayla Guyton, 15, and Ian McVeigh, 15, and (front) Brady Guyton, 10, and Braxton Guyton, 6.
- Tyler Kaupinis, 2, sports South Fayette sunglasses.
- Robert Ciccone and Emily Kammenzind of the South Fayette Dollar Bank welcome visitors to their booth. (Submitted photos)

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Community Day, clockwise from top left: South Fayette youth cheerleaders perform at the opening ceremony; Jasmine Emanuel, 5, wears a harness for the zip line; Jacob Meehan, 3, enjoys the petting zoo; dentist Jacqueline Sohn meets Iceburgh, mascot of the Pittsburgh Penguins; Gail Hoover, Erin Scanlon and Anshu Rai enjoy the event; Gaiatri Potdar, 13, volunteers; Cub Scout Pack 848 members Tanner Freshwater, 10, and his brother, Spencer, 9, demonstrate Dutch oven cooking at the BSA Troop 248 booth; and 10-year-old siblings Kate, Claire and John Lemonovich check out novelty lip whistles. (Submitted photos)
The ends of a double rainbow point to double golden retrievers, Bella and Enzo, at Fairview Park in South Fayette Township in August. (A permit is required for Off-Leash Dog Zone privileges.)

Photo courtesy of Dana and Chris Belculfine
Voice Your Ideas for South Fayette Parks!
Community Input Survey

www.SouthFayettePA.com/survey

Sponsors
Welcome:

Disabled Sportsmen’s Hunt, Oct. 18-20
Holiday Tree Lighting, Dec. 7

Fall Recreation Activities
Register at www.SouthFayettePA.com/recreation
412-221-8700

Youth Programs

Multi-Sport Intro for Pre-K
with JumpBunch
Ages 3 - 5
Cost: $46 per child
Mondays, Oct. 15 - Nov. 5
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Fairview Park Field 4

Ages 4 - 6
Cost: $46 per child
Mondays, Oct. 15 - Nov. 5
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM
Fairview Park Field 4

Adult Programs

sfBfitness w/ Katie Logan
Class details: www.sfBfitness.com
Late Fall Session starts Oct. 30
South Fayette VFD, 661 Millers Run Road 15031

Unlimited Fall Classes: $200 ($88 savings)
16 classes: $150 ($42 savings)
12 classes: $120 ($24 savings)
8 classes: $84 ($12 savings)
5 classes: $55 ($5 savings)
Daily Drop-in: $12 per class

Kettlebell
Tuesday Mornings @ 9:30 AM
HIIT the Bell or Kettlebell
Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 PM
Cardio Kick & Sculpt A
Thursday Mornings @ 9:30 AM

Yoga (Fall Session)
Mondays Nights @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Fall Session 2: Oct. 22 - Nov. 19
SF Middle School LGI Room

South Fayette Township and South Fayette VFD Present:

Holiday Tree Lighting
Friday, December 7th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
South Fayette/Cuddy Fire Hall

Wheeling Island Casino, WV & Oglebay Holiday Lights Bus Trip
Wednesday, December 5
Depart @ 11:00 AM, South Fayette Senior Center
$50 per person
Register: 412-221-8700 x 217
# Trash & Recycling

Curbside Collection is Thursday

South Fayette Township contracts with Waste Management for curbside collection of garbage and mixed, single-bin recycling at homes with four or fewer units. Please do NOT bag your 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.

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