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NAVIGATING THE AFTERMATH: A PROFESSIONAL GUIDE TO FRAUD RECOVERY



By Amy Holler,
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The realization that you or an aging loved one has fallen victim to a scam is often met with a mix of shock and distress. Unfortunately, older adult fraud is a growing epidemic, with sophisticated bad actors specifically targeting life savings and personal data.

While the initial discovery is overwhelming, the priority must immediately shift from emotional processing to strategic damage control. As experts in senior care, Home Instead recommends a systematic approach to reclaiming financial security. If you suspect a compromise, follow this professional recovery checklist to mitigate the impact.

IMMEDIATE ACTION: SECURING THE PERIMETER

The first 24 to 48 hours are critical. Your goal is to "stop the bleed" by cutting off the scammer's access to existing and future resources.

- **Freeze and Close Compromised Accounts:** If any account has been tampered with—or if you notice an account you didn't open—contact the financial institution immediately to close it.
- **Initiate a Fraud Alert:** Contact one of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion). By law, once you notify one, they must notify the others. This adds an extra layer of verification before any new credit can be granted in your name.
- **Eliminate New Liabilities:** If a fraudulent account was opened, request to speak specifically with the company's **Fraud Department**. Request written confirmation that the account has been closed and that you are not liable for the balance.

DOCUMENTATION: BUILDING YOUR CASE

Recovery is a bureaucratic process that requires a "paper trail." Without proper documentation, disputing charges or clearing a credit report can become an uphill battle.

1. **File a Police Report:** Contact your local department or the department in the jurisdiction where the crime occurred. This report serves as the foundational legal evidence for your claim.

2. **Obtain the Report Number:** If a full copy of the police report isn't immediately available, ensure you have the official case number to provide to creditors and debt collectors.

3. **Complete an Identity Theft Affidavit:** This is often required by credit bureaus to prove that the activity was not authorized by the account holder.

THE RECOVERY TOOLKIT

Keep a dedicated file—either physical or digital—containing the following essentials. For seniors who may struggle with organization, a family member or caregiver should maintain a duplicate set:

- **Official Records:** Police reports and Identity Theft Affidavits.
- **Financial Evidence:** Bills showing fraudulent charges and letters of dispute.
- **Correspondence:** Logs of phone calls (dates/times) and copies of letters sent to bureaus.
- **Credit Bureau Contact Info:**
 - * **Equifax:** 800-525-6285
 - * **Experian:** 888-397-3742
 - * **TransUnion:** 800-680-7289

MOVING FORWARD

Once the initial alerts are placed, you or your loved one is entitled to receive a free copy of your credit report from each bureau. Review these meticulously to ensure no lingering fraudulent activity remains.

Fraud is a violation of trust, but it does not have to be a permanent financial catastrophe. By acting with speed and precision, you can protect your legacy and restore your peace of mind.



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Hello Neighbors!

Spring has officially arrived in Springfield, and with it, a renewed sense of energy. After months of short, chilly days, the clocks have moved forward and the neighborhood is buzzing once again. Our local parks are filling with families, and the simple joy of a bike ride after dinner or a long walk with the dog has returned to our streets.

April is a month of meaningful milestones. We kick things off with the lighthearted fun of April Fools' Day, followed by the community-wide celebrations of Easter. Later this month, we turn our attention to the environment for Earth Day. We observe National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize the dedicated neighbors who keep our local organizations, schools, and charities thriving.

In this issue, we are proud to spotlight that very spirit of service. From the record-breaking success of the Steve Stefani Dance Marathon (SSDM) to the upcoming Delco Gives event and the Greater Springfield Business Association, this edition is packed with stories of neighbors helping neighbors.

For the first time ever, our cover features a standout local student-athlete: Luke Valerio. A Penn State-bound senior, Luke followed up a State Championship in lacrosse by leading the Cougars football team to a historic District 1 title run this past fall.

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By Jeff Goane,
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We often take our tap water for granted, but the journey from source to glass can be complex. While Delaware County municipalities diligently treat our water, aging infrastructure and emerging contaminants such as microplastics and PFAS ("forever chemicals") remain concerns for many homeowners.

Fortunately, while we can't individually solve large-scale pollution, we can control the water we consume in our own homes. Here are five practical solutions to improve the taste, odor, and safety of your drinking water.

1. FAUCET FILTERS

These are budget-friendly and attach directly to your kitchen tap. Water passes through an activated carbon cartridge on demand, trapping sediment and chlorine. They are easy to install with no plumbing required, though filters need replacing every 1-3 months and only treat water at that specific sink.

2. WATER FILTER PITCHERS

Ideal for households that prefer not to modify their faucets, pitchers are portable and cost-effective. You simply pour tap water in and let it gravity-filter through a cartridge. They require manual refilling and refrigerator space, but they significantly improve water flavor for drinking and cooking.

3. REFRIGERATOR FILTERS

Most modern refrigerators feature built-in filtration for water and ice dispensers. These offer the ultimate convenience but require regular maintenance. Filters should typically be replaced every six months to ensure the system remains effective and free of bacterial buildup.

4. UNDER-SINK SYSTEMS

Installed beneath the kitchen sink, these systems often use a dedicated faucet to provide a continuous supply of filtered water. They offer a higher flow rate than faucet attachments and don't take up counter space. While they require some plumbing knowledge for installation, they represent a great balance between performance and convenience.

5. WHOLE-HOUSE WATER FILTERS

The "gold standard" for comprehensive protection, these systems are installed on the main water line entering your home. Every drop of water—whether it's for the shower, the dishwasher, or the garden hose—is filtered. This protects your plumbing from sediment buildup and reduces chlorine exposure for your skin and hair. This option requires professional installation but offers the most complete peace of mind.

WHICH SOLUTION IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

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WHEN TO REPAIR VS. REPLACE YOUR AGING HVAC SYSTEM

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When your HVAC system starts acting up, you are faced with a classic homeowner's dilemma: do you patch it up one more time, or is it finally time to invest in a new unit? An aging system can still have life left in it, but there comes a point where repairs become frequent, inefficient, and frustrating. Understanding the key factors involved in the "repair vs. replace" debate can save you stress, discomfort, and long-term financial headaches.

CONSIDER THE "RULE OF 10"

Age is the first and most critical factor. Most heating and cooling systems are designed to last roughly 10-15 years with proper maintenance. If your system is under a decade old and has only required minor fixes, a repair is usually the smarter move. However, once a unit crosses that 10-to-12-year threshold, its internal components are likely wearing out. Even if it is still running, it is likely working much harder than necessary to keep your home comfortable, often utilizing outdated technology that is more expensive to maintain.

THE FREQUENCY OF "RED FLAGS"

Occasional repairs are normal, but if you find yourself calling for service multiple times a season, that is a red flag. Constant breakdowns signal that the system's integrity is failing. When repair visits become routine

instead of rare, it is often more practical to consider a replacement rather than continuing to fix one issue after another.

HIDDEN COSTS IN YOUR ENERGY BILL

If your energy bills have been creeping up without a major change in usage, your HVAC system is likely losing its efficiency. Aging equipment struggles to maintain consistent temperatures, causing it to run for longer cycles. A modern, high-efficiency system is designed to stabilize energy use, which can help offset the cost of the replacement over time through lower monthly utility bills.

SIGNS OF A STRUGGLING SYSTEM

An HVAC system should provide even, consistent comfort. Pay attention to these indicators that your system is nearing the end:

- **Uneven Temperatures:** Some rooms are always too hot or too cold.
- **Weak Airflow:** The system struggles to push air through the vents.
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WHEN TO CHOOSE REPAIR

Repairing is the right choice when the unit is relatively young, the issue is an isolated minor component (like a capacitor or a fan belt), and the system has otherwise been reliable. If your system has been well-maintained and hasn't shown ongoing problems, a professional repair is a cost-effective way to extend the life of the equipment.

WHEN REPLACEMENT IS SMARTER

Replacement becomes the better option when the system experiences a major component failure—such as a cracked heat exchanger or a seized compressor—and is out of warranty. Furthermore, older systems that rely on discontinued refrigerants can be incredibly costly to recharge. Upgrading provides peace of mind, improved indoor air quality, and the reliability of modern equipment.

Deciding between a repair or a replacement isn't always clear-cut. A thorough inspection and honest assessment from a professional can help you understand your system's condition and what makes the most sense for your home and comfort needs.



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WHY CHOOSE A GAS FIRE PIT?



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When the days grow longer and the evenings turn warm, there's nowhere we'd rather be than outside. So why not bring the comfort and ambiance of the indoors into your outdoor living space? Adding a gas fire pit is one of the easiest—and most striking—ways to transform your backyard into a welcoming retreat.

Outdoor fire pits have become a favorite feature in neighborhoods everywhere. However, many municipalities restrict wood-burning fires. A gas fire pit offers the perfect alternative: all the beauty and warmth of a traditional fire, without the hassle or limitations. It delivers heat when you want it, creates an inviting focal point, and instantly elevates your outdoor space.

CLEANER, MORE COMFORTABLE BURNING

Gas burns far cleaner than wood, making it easier on your lungs—and your neighbors'. There's no billowing smoke, no stinging eyes, and no lingering odor clinging to your clothes. You also won't have to wait for embers to die down before heading inside, and there are no stray sparks or unpredictable flare-ups to worry about.

EFFORTLESS OPERATION

With automatic ignition, starting and stopping your fire pit is as simple as turning a knob or pressing a button. Whether fueled by natural gas or propane, there's no wood to stack, no kindling to light, and no mess to clean up.

FLEXIBLE PLACEMENT AND DESIGN

Gas fire pits can be safely installed in a variety of settings—including under covered patios, pergolas, or gazebos—giving you more freedom in designing your outdoor oasis.

MORE VALUE, MORE ENJOYMENT

Because there's no need to burn through a stack of logs, you can enjoy your fire pit even for short periods—whether it's a quick evening unwind or a spontaneous gathering with friends. Many models even convert into functional tables, offering extra surface space for dining or games. When you're ready for the flames again, it's just as easy to switch back.

STYLE WITHOUT LIMITS

Gas fire pits are available in virtually every shape, size, and design imaginable, making it simple to match your décor. For a custom touch, you can fill the burner with decorative fire glass in a range of colors and finishes—creating a look worthy of a home makeover show.

A gas fire pit doesn't just add warmth; it creates an atmosphere. It turns your backyard into a cozy gathering place where family and friends can relax, connect, and enjoy the outdoors—safely, comfortably, and beautifully.

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TWO-WAY STAR:

The Relentless Drive of Luke Valerio

By Terrence Casey

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In a town like Springfield, where sports are woven into the community fabric, it takes a special kind of athlete to stand out across multiple seasons. But for those who have watched Luke Valerio dominate on both the football field and the lacrosse turf, the word "special" feels like an understatement.

Luke is the rare "Ironman" of modern high school sports. Whether he is taking over 130 snaps a game as a safety and running back or grinding as a transition midfielder, he is an athlete who simply doesn't want to come off the field. This spring, as he prepares to trade his Cougars jersey for Nittany Lion blue, Luke reflects on a journey defined by family, community, and a "constant work mode" mentality.

A FOUNDATION OF HARD WORK

For Head Lacrosse Coach Tom Lemieux, Luke's rise was no surprise. Having watched Luke grow up as a neighbor since the age of five, Lemieux saw the potential early. "We knew he was going to be a special athlete back in middle school," Lemieux said. He noted that Luke's success



was a direct reflection of a household where "hard work is just embedded into their life culture."

Coach Chris Britton, who brought Luke up to the varsity football squad as a freshman, remembered a similar spark. "He was always the best kid on the field," Britton said, noting that Luke excelled in every sport he touched, from CYO basketball to elite-level football. This upbringing produced a student-athlete who balances high-level athletics with academic excellence — a combination that recently earned him the prestigious Mini Maxwell Award.

THE MULTI-SPORT EDGE

While many modern athletes choose to specialize early, Luke credited his success to his refusal to pick just one lane. "Being a multi-sport athlete has definitely helped me in my journey," Luke said. "Even though football and lacrosse are very different, they are both very physical. There are moments in football when I treat running the ball like dodging a defender in lacrosse, and in lacrosse, I use football tactics like clearing the ball as if it were a punt return."

This cross-training made him one of the most durable athletes in the state. "If it were up to us, he would never come off," Lemieux said. "He's so valuable in the middle of the field and on the defensive and offensive side... he's just so athletic and tough, and such a competitor."

A CULTURE OF COMPETITION

Luke's drive wasn't manufactured on the practice field; it was forged at home. As the youngest of three, every backyard game or board game was a battle. "Being the youngest, I was always working to keep up with my brother and sister," Luke said. "It doesn't matter what we are doing or playing, there is always a sense of competitiveness in our house. Everything turns into a competition, and there has to be one winner. My siblings and I are brutally honest with each other; we keep each other humble. But we are also each other's biggest supporters."



That support system extends to his parents and a large extended family in Springfield and Morton who rarely miss a game. Luke noted that his parents pushed him to give 100% in everything, a lesson that translated directly to the classroom. "I know that sports alone won't take me everywhere I want to go," Luke said, "so I treat my academics just as seriously, if not more."

CHARACTER OVER STATS

Despite his All-State accolades and record-breaking performances, Luke is defined by his humility. Coach Britton recalled a game against Upper Darby where Luke had already scored five touchdowns. When offered the chance to go back in for a sixth to tie a Delco record, Luke declined, opting to let his younger teammates get some playing time instead. "He's not a stat guy, he's not a 'me' guy," Britton said. "It's more about what's best for the program."

THE NEXT CHAPTER: HAPPY VALLEY

The next chapter of Luke's life will be written in State College. His commitment to play Division I lacrosse for Penn State is a testament to his growth within the Springfield program. "It has always been my dream school," he said. The opportunity to play in Panzer Stadium – where he already won a State Championship – and the chance to reunite with lifelong friend and former teammate Billy Henderson made the decision easy.

As he enters his final months at SHS, Luke is quick to credit the mentors who shaped him. He spoke of Coach Lemieux's motto, FTC (Family, Trust, Character), as a North Star he will take to State College. "He's one of the better kids we've had in the program in a long time," Lemieux said. "Our hope is that our sophomores and freshmen see how he handles his business and they emulate that."



"He was always the best kid on the field."



A COACH FOR THE PLAYERS:

While Luke Valerio's on-field performance was historic, the guiding hand behind Springfield's recent success has not gone unnoticed. Coach Chris Britton was recently honored as the District 1 Coach of the Year after leading the Cougars to a District title.



Luke described Britton as the ultimate "player-first" coach. "His commitment to this team was one that every coach should strive for," Luke said. "He is a role model on and off the field. He always seemed to know what his players needed and how to go about getting them healthy."

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Congratulations to Andrew Nalesnik, who correctly identified the location of last month's Little Library. Now it's time for a new challenge!

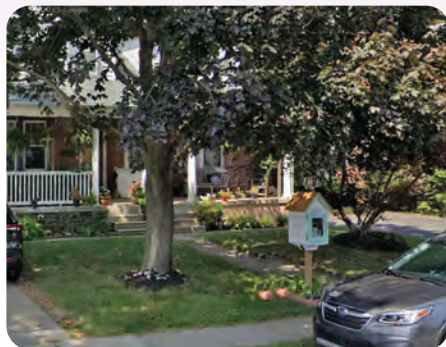


Photo by Terrence Casey

Each month, Springfield Neighbors features a photo of a different Little Free Library hidden somewhere in our township. These charming book-sharing boxes are popping up in front yards, near parks, and along quiet streets, and we want you to find them!

Take a close look at this month's photo. Do you recognize the setting? If you think you know where this Little Library lives, email your guess to terrencecasey@bestversionmedia.com. The first correct response will win next month's Springfield Swag Bag (est. value \$20), packed with goodies from local shops and restaurants.

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GOING 'ALL IN' FOR DELCO GIVES 2026

Submitted by Katy Lichtenstein

The third annual Delco Gives returns May 6-7. Hosted by The Foundation for Delaware County, this online event supports hundreds of local nonprofits. In its first two years, the initiative raised nearly \$4 million from 20,000 donors, with a median gift of just \$30, proving that small contributions create a massive collective impact.

All proceeds go directly to participating organizations. Every gift also helps nonprofits qualify for "bonus funding" from the Foundation and local sponsors. Because these prizes are awarded based on the number of unique donors rather than total dollars, every participant helps their favorite cause win more.

- **The Kickoff:** May 6 at Media's Dining Under the Stars, featuring 6ABC's Cecily Tynan and live music.
- **The Grand Finale:** A celebration on May 7 (5-8 p.m.) at the WSFS Bank Sportsplex with food, music, and family activities.

Visit delcogives.org to view participating nonprofits and the full schedule. Local businesses interested in sponsoring prizes can contact Laura Sindoni at lsindoni@delcofoundation.org.

SSDM 2026 RAISES MORE THAN \$116K

The spirit of giving was on full display at Springfield High School on March 7 as students held the 24th annual Steve Stefani Dance Marathon (SSDM). This year's theme, "Swinging toward brighter tomorrows on vines of hope," saw over 500 participants take to the floor to raise critical funds for the Four Diamonds Foundation.



Photo provided by Molly Fallon

Named in honor of a beloved former SHS teacher, SSDM is a cornerstone of the Springfield and Morton community's charitable efforts. The student-led marathon successfully raised \$116,388.57, contributing to the national Mini-THON initiative. These funds ensure that Four Diamonds can continue to provide 100% medical expense coverage for families battling childhood cancer while supporting innovative research. Congratulations to the organizers and the entire community for another record-breaking year for the kids!

GSBA ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP

The Greater Springfield Business Association (GSBA) is entering a new chapter this spring with the appointment of Tom Curtis, of Curtis Mortgage, LLC, as the organization's president. Curtis represents the Residential Mortgage category.

The transition marks the end of a historic era for the GSBA. Curtis succeeds Ruth Guazza, who served as president for over a decade. Originally elected to the role during her time in the Title Insurance category, Guazza became a mainstay of the organization, staying on for multiple terms by popular demand. Her leadership was instrumental in maintaining the group's strong presence in the Springfield community. While she is stepping down from the presidency, Guazza will remain a key figure on the team, moving into the Ways & Means role to support the group's continued growth.

The GSBA also welcomed fresh perspectives to its leadership team, with Michael Brown (Sir Speedy) and Rich Gallo (Vera's Water Ice) recently joining the Board of Directors. They join continuing board members Erik Klein (Brinker Simpson), Anton Dell'Orefice (Award Connection), and Ed Rose (eRose Web & Business Services).

Ensuring the group stays true to its roots, founding members Mark Rodgers (Cellucci Foran) and Jim Sweeney (Raymond James Financial) continue to serve as Special Advisors, with legal counsel provided by longtime member Nick Orloff (Lamb McErlane).

For local business owners looking to connect and grow within the township, more information is available at www.BusinessSpringfieldPA.com.



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TEE OFF FOR THE 33RD ANNUAL SFA GOLF OUTING

Dust off your clubs and head to the Springfield Country Club on Friday, April 24, 2026, for the 33rd Annual SFA Golf Outing. This long-standing community tradition brings neighbors together for a day of sport and local spirit at 400 W. Sproul Road. Check-In: 7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start: 8 a.m.

Whether you are a seasoned pro or a weekend duffer, the outing offers a great opportunity to enjoy the spring weather while supporting a local cause. For more information, registration details, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please visit sfabruins.org.

WIZARDS, COUGARS LIGHT UP THE COURT



The scoreboard at Springfield High School on March 6 might have shown a lopsided victory for the Harlem Wizards, but for the sell-out crowd, the final score was the least important detail of the night. The exhibition match against a team of Springfield School District teachers and administrators—all sporting No. 67 jerseys—was a masterclass in community spirit and "Trick Hoops and Alley Oops."

The energy in the gym was electric from tip-off to the final buzzer. The night was packed with fan interaction, including a meet-and-greet with the Wizards and a massive dance party on the court where local moms relived their high school days to the sounds of Flo Rida.

The highlight of the evening came at the start of the second half, when one lucky student was "signed" to the Wizards' roster. After checking into the game, the young player scored several buckets, including a memorable dunk made possible by a perfectly timed assist from a Wizard teammate.

More than just an evening of comedy and basketball, the event served as a significant fundraiser for local education. By bringing together students, staff, and families for a night of high-flying fun, the Wizards helped ensure the Springfield schools were the biggest winners of the night.

SFA BRUINS CHEERLEADERS CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The Saint Francis of Assisi (SFA) Bruins middle school competition cheer team recently proved that resilience is just as important as athleticism.

Competing at the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) Competition in Ocean City, Maryland, on February 28, the Bruins brought home a 1st place finish in the Novice Middle School division.

The road to the trophy was anything but easy. The team — comprised of girls in grades 6-8 from SFA, E.T. Richardson, Haverford, and Holy Cross — has faced extraordinary hurdles. In October 2024, the team had to evacuate the SFA gym during a fire while in the middle of practice. They later battled a harsh winter that canceled competitions, flu outbreaks, and the heartbreaking loss of Head Coach Annie Ward's father in November.

"It would have been easy to give up," said parent and assistant Stephanie Mace, "but instead it showed how strong and hardworking our team really is." Just two weeks before Nationals, the team learned they had to completely scrap and redo their routine from scratch to meet different competition rules, all while re-adjusting for seven teammates who couldn't attend.

Under the leadership of Coach Annie Ward, assistant coaches Abby Beurket, Grace Beurket, and Kaylee Ward, and choreographer Christine Plousis, the girls bonded through the pressure. Beyond the hardware, including 1st place finishes at Archbishop Carroll and Marple Newtown, the season served as a masterclass in teamwork and dedication.



Photo courtesy Stephanie Mace

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL GARDEN CONTEST

Submitted by Christine Student

The Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Delaware County have announced the return of their annual Garden Contest. Now in its 35th year, this competition is open to all Delaware County residents, from beginners to seasoned experts. Categories include Ornamental (flower beds, cottage designs, or containers), Vegetable (edibles grown in pots, raised beds, or plots), and Community & Youth (gardens managed by schools, churches, or youth groups).

JUDGING SCHEDULE & DEADLINES:

- **Spring Blooms (Azaleas/Peonies):** Judging May 1 (Deadline: April 27)
- **Summer Annuals:** Judging June 26 (Deadline: June 22)
- **Vegetable & Community:** Judging August 7 (Deadline: August 3)

Winners will be celebrated at the annual Fall Fest on Saturday, September 26. To submit your garden for consideration, visit the entry portal at: bit.ly/4sxck6G. For additional questions, contact Holly Thorpe at hat5041@psu.edu.

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APRIL



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

@Springfield Country Club
springfielddelco.org

Thursday, April 2
Planning Commission
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 13
Golf Advisory Board
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14
Board of Commissioners
Time: 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15
Yard Waste Collection
All Day

Wednesday, April 15
Library Board
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21
Park Board Meeting
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 23
Zoning Hearing Board
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28
Conservation Committee
Time: 7 p.m.

March 27 – April 11
Witch

A sharp, subversive fable about a devil seeking souls in a quiet village.
Time: Check website for showtimes
@Players Club of Swarthmore
pcstheater.org

April 3
Easter Egg Hunt

Join the Easter Bunny for moon bounces, crafts, and games.
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
@Springfield YMCA
www.cyedc.org

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 1
April Fools' Day

Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday

Friday, April 10
National Siblings Day

Sun-Sat, April 19-25
National Volunteer Week

Wednesday, April 22
Earth Day

Friday, April 24
Arbor Day

April 7
Fish250 Free Fishing Night

All supplies and instructions provided.
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge
fws.gov/refuge/john-heinz

April 7
Delco's Wide World of Women's Sports

Delco's female Olympians from 1932 through 2026.
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
@Springfield Township Library
springfieldtwplib.org

April 9
Try Archery (Ages 8+)

Free pop-up range. No equipment required.
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge
fws.gov/refuge/john-heinz

April 10
Opening Gala Celebration
Celebrating the \$20 million restoration of the 1927 theater with a performance by Minas.
Time: 7:30 p.m. (Doors at 6 p.m.)
@Lansdowne Theater
thelansdownetheater.com

April 10
Afternoon Movie: Song Sung Blue
A Neil Diamond tribute act experiences success and heartbreak in this 2025 musical journey.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
@Springfield Township Library
springfieldtwplib.org

April 12
Micky Dolenz
60 Years of The Monkees: A career-spanning performance by the legendary singer and actor.
Time: 7:00 p.m. (Doors at 6 p.m.)
@Lansdowne Theater
thelansdownetheater.com

April 12 and April 19
All Abilities Youth Basketball Clinic
Inclusive sports clinic for ages 7-12 focusing on skills and fun.
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
@Springfield YMCA
www.cyedc.org

April 14
Mystery Book Club
Discussion on Memory Man by David Baldacci for fans of whodunits and intrigue.
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
@Springfield Township Library
springfieldtwplib.org

April 16
Paint Your Own Suncatcher Mandala Flower
A relaxing, hands-on afternoon of art. All supplies provided; registration required.
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
@Springfield Township Library
springfieldtwplib.org

April 17
Gift Card Bingo
Time: Doors open 6:30 p.m.
@Ridley's Creekside Center
www.cyedc.org

April 17 – 25
The 39 Steps
A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and stagecraft in this inventive spy thriller.
Time: Check website for showtimes
@Players Club of Swarthmore
pcstheater.org

April 18
Darby Creek Cleanup
Bags, gloves, and equipment provided to all volunteers.
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
@John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge
Contact: hannah.thompkins@fws.gov

April 18
Laff Out Loud Comedy Tour (two shows)
Featuring Michael Colyar, Donnell Rawlings, Bill Bellamy, & Nephew Tommy.
Time: Check website for showtimes
@Lansdowne Theater
thelansdownetheater.com

April 21
All Abilities Dance Party
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
@Springfield YMCA
www.cyedc.org

April 29
Author Visit: Kathryn Canavan
Local author discusses her newest true crime nonfiction, Killers in the House.
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
@Springfield Township Library
springfieldtwplib.org

April 30 – May 2
Jon Anderson & The Band Geeks
The legendary voice of YES performing epics and classics over two magical nights.
Time: 8:00 p.m.
@Lansdowne Theater
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May 6 – 7
Delco Gives
See Delco Gives article on page 12 of the Community News for more details.

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As we approach the 250th anniversary of the United States, Delaware County is hosting a series of immersive events to celebrate our local revolutionary roots. From colonial spirits to the "social gossip" of the 18th century, there is something for every history buff this April.

April 8
The Unfinished Business of 1776
 Historian Thomas Richards, Jr. discusses why the American Revolution never truly ended.
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 @Radnor Memorial Library (Wayne)

April 9
John Morton: Delco's Signer of the Declaration
 A deep dive into the life of Ridley Township's own John Morton, the man who cast a decisive vote for independence.
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 @Middletown Free Library (Media)

April 12
Masterclass: Spirits of the Revolution
 A specialty guided tasting of colonial-era punch, from arrack to the whiskey favored by patriots. (\$40)
 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 @124 Beaver Valley Road (Chadds Ford)

April 16
Heroes and Villains of the American Revolution
 Major figures like George Washington and Benedict Arnold come to life in this lecture.
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 @Middletown Free Library

April 17-18
The Neumann Inspires Film Festival
 A two-day celebration of storytelling, workshops, and community creativity.
 Time: Starts 11:00 a.m.
 @Neumann University (Aston)

April 18
Historic Roofing Demonstration
 Learn how 18th-century roofs were built using cedar and slate. Try your hand at shingling!
 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 @Newlin Grist Mill (Glen Mills)

April 19
Afternoon Tea with Abigail Adams
 Historical presenter Kim Hanley brings Abigail Adams to life for an afternoon of tea and 18th-century "social gossip." (\$45)
 Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 @Lia's Catering (Boothwyn)

April 23
History of Winemaking in America
 An immersive workshop exploring the craft, culture, and creativity of early American viticulture.
 Time: 12:00 p.m.
 @Penns Woods Winery (Chadds Ford)

April 23
Nathanael Greene and the Southern Campaign
 Discover how Washington's most trusted commander brought victory out of disaster in the South.
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 @Middletown Free Library

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