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PRESS RELEASE

Springettsbury Township Wins Two Statewide Awards

York, PA – The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Inc. (PRPS) has selected Springettsbury Township as winner of its annual Senior Adult Excellence in Programming Award for Senior Time Activities for Residents of Springettsbury (S.T.A.R.S.) and its annual Community Festivals & Celebrations Excellence in Programming Award for Springettsbury's annual Saturday in the Park event.

PRPS presented the awards during a ceremony at the 60th Annual PRPS State Conference held this year at the Hershey Resort & Convention Center in Hershey, PA.

“Recipients of these awards demonstrate outstanding quality, innovation and efficient use of resources,” according to Susan Lohoefer, Chairperson of the PRPS Recognition and Awards Committee. “Each was selected by a ten-person committee by comparing the entry to others in the same category.

The reason behind the development of Springettsbury's S.T.A.R.S. Program was two-fold: more than one third of the community's population being age 50+ and the absence of a senior center. S.T.A.R.S. is offered in partnership with the White Rose Senior Center, a nationally accredited facility operated by York County. Through the development of a satellite center, Springettsbury seniors can participate in county programs without traveling outside the Township.

Saturday in the Park is the Township's community day event, annually attracting crowds of more than 10,000! The event is a celebration of the community, the park venue used, and volunteer organizations that serve and meet the needs of the residents of Springettsbury Township.

PRPS is the principal professional organization promoting quality recreation and park opportunities for all citizens of the Commonwealth through education, training, technical assistance and other support to local, county, state and national recreation and park providers. The Society is a non-profit membership association with more than 1,800 members statewide with its headquarters located in State College, PA.

Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors is committed to the enhancement of all Township events and programs, and appreciates the efforts made by staff, committees and volunteers that make the events and programs possible.

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