Papal Visit - Important Update - September 17, 2015

On September 26th and 27th, 2015, Pope Francis will be visiting the Philadelphia region for World Meeting of Families. The World Meeting of Families is a world-wide event which has taken place every three years. This event draws millions of people to its multi-day religious celebration. The Paoli Train Station (via SEPTA Regional Rail) will be a direct access to and from the City of Philadelphia. SEPTA expects up to 10,000 train riders each day on Saturday, September 26th and Sunday, September 27th. Thus, for a two-day period we will experience approximately 20,000 (train) travelers in our area.

Vehicular access and parking will be extremely limited. The attached map depicts pedestrian and vehicular circulation, parking, and staging.

Parking

Several local roads (both township and state-owned) will be parking-restricted for the duration of the event (see attached list and map). Train station parking (north side of the tracks) can be accessed from North Valley Road via East & West Central Avenues. North Valley Road will be closed between Paoli Plaza and Central Avenue. There will be no access to the parking lot(s) from Lancaster Avenue.

Additional parking will be available at nearby SEPTA stations, such as the Daylesford Train Station, which is approximately 1.5 miles away. There will be no SEPTA shuttles to and from these other stations. Visitors are encouraged to use private transportation or sidewalks along Lancaster Avenue and other local connectors (such as Russell Road, etc.) to connect to the train station. Additionally, Main Line Taxi will be servicing the area to provide rides to and from the various SEPTA stations/parking lots. To arrange a ride, contact Main Line Taxi at 610-272-1000.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Train station access from Lancaster Avenue (Rt. 30), will be limited to “drop-off/pick-up” only. Visitors will utilize Paoli Plaza - which will remain as a “one-way” street for the duration of the event - to unload and reload passengers. Vehicles will exit via Greenwood Avenue back onto Lancaster Avenue.

Train passengers returning to the station can be picked-up from the same location as they were dropped off (Paoli Plaza). SEPTA is encouraging travelers to utilize area train stations as “Cell Phone” lots to coordinate rides with returning train passenger.

*Note: Residents and patrons who need to access business establishments within the Paoli Village Shoppes are encouraged to use Greenwood Avenue from Lancaster Avenue (located next to Matthews Paoli Ford service area).

The Tredyffrin Township Police Department, Tredyffrin Public Works, and Tredyffrin Emergency Operations Center (EOC) - as well as first responder partners - Berwyn Fire Company, Paoli Fire Company, and Chester County Department of Emergency Services - will continue to plan and prepare for the visit and its expected impact on Tredyffrin Township.
Of paramount importance is the safety and wellbeing of our residents, businesses, and visitors. The Township and SEPTA will continue to communicate through available resources to ensure that everyone is made aware of any situations that may affect you. Please visit [www.tredyffrin.org](http://www.tredyffrin.org) for the latest updates.

**Information sources:**

- [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org)
- [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org)

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Road Closures

North Valley Road will be closed between Paoli Plaza and West Central Avenue. There will be access to the SEPTA parking lot on the north side of the train tracks.

Parking Restrictions

1. West Central Avenue and adjacent roadways:
   a. Woodbine Ave
   b. Keystone Ave
   c. Garrett Ave
   d. Park Ave
   e. Whitworth Ave
   f. Hollow Road
   g. Summit Ave
   h. Minor Ave
   i. Railroad Ave

2. East Central Avenue and adjacent roadways:
   a. Bodine Road
   b. Fennerton Road
   c. Lisa Drive
   d. Maude Circle
   e. Rochsolach
   f. Vincent Road
   g. Jolind Road
   h. Pennington Road
   i. Orchard Road
   j. Arlington Road
   k. Dalton Road

3. Friendship Drive and Hilltop Road

4. Chestnut Road

5. Darby Road

6. East and West Circular Ave

7. South Valley Road south of East Circular

8. Craig Ave (1 side)

9. Paoli Court