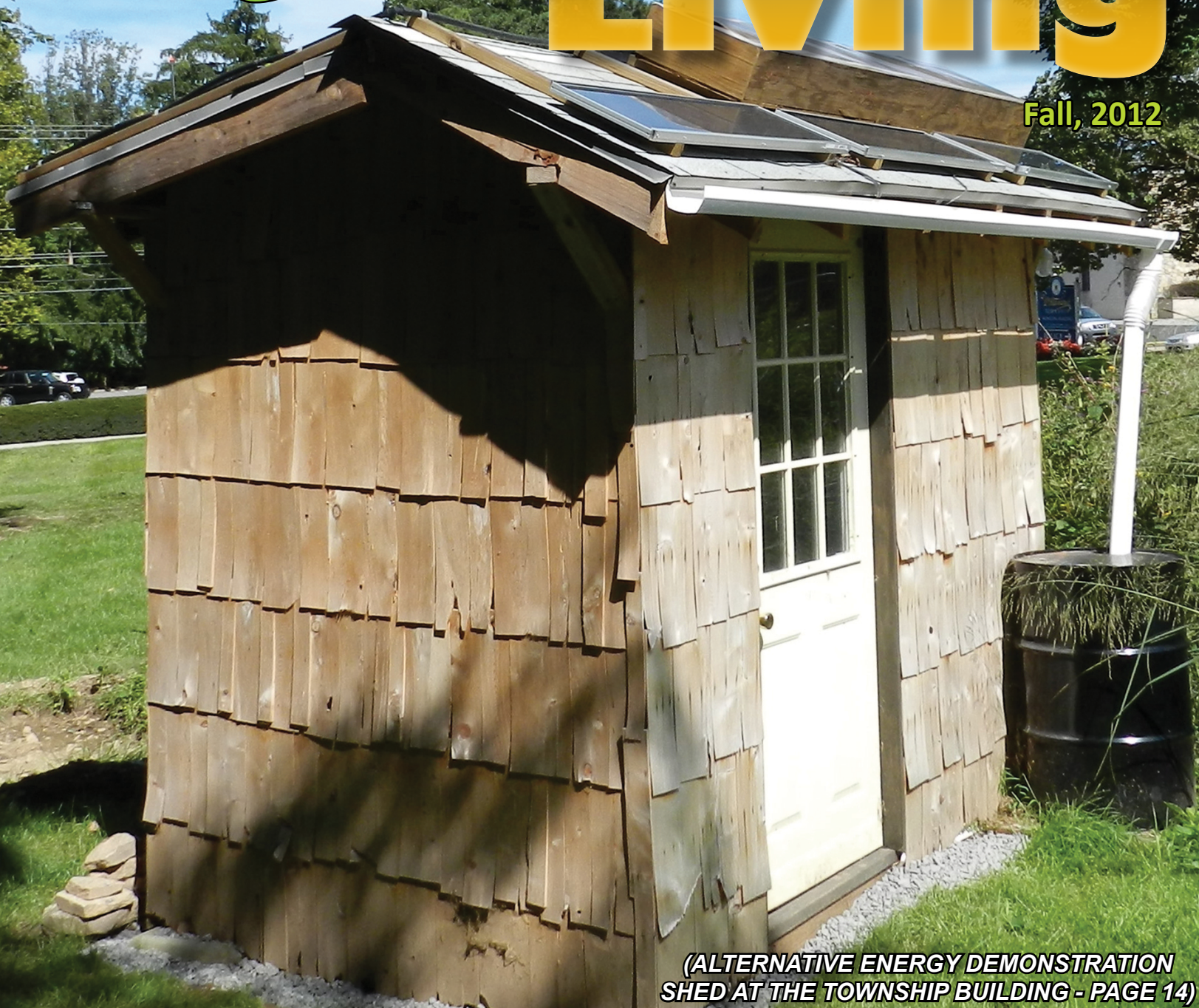


Whitemarsh Living

Fall, 2012



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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEMONSTRATION SHED AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

This small 6'x8' shed has a greenroof, 3 solar panels, LED lighting, 2 rain barrels, a solar heater and a rain garden. It sits adjacent to the existing native garden at the Township Building.

Read more about it on page 14!

Administration Building

616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
610-825-3535 (TEL)
610-825-9416 (FAX)

Police Department

616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
610-825-6530
(Non-Emergency)
610-825-5078 (FAX)
911 (EMERGENCY)

Public Works Department

2015 Joshua Road
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
610-825-3424 (TEL)
610-825-3144 (FAX)

Parks & Recreation Department

4021 Joshua Road
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
610-828-7276 (TEL)
610-828-7391 (FAX)

Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors:



Robert R. Hart, Chairman



Sara J. Erlbaum, Vice-Chair



Amy P. Grossman



Cathy Peduzzi



Melissa S. Sterling

Dear Whitemarsh Residents:

As we welcome the fall season, we are proud to present to you the latest issue of the Whitemarsh Living Magazine highlighting some of the Township's latest achievements as well as an update on upcoming Township programs and events.

While reading through the Living Magazine, we also hope you enjoy the article highlighting the Alternative Energy Demonstration Shed that the Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board built with funds from the Philadelphia Zoo Community Conservation Grant. The purpose of the shed is to be used as an education tool to demonstrate that every resident can incorporate some of the simple methods of ecologically friendly alternatives for energy production in their own home!

We are also proud to re-introduce the Heritage Tree Program that the Township Shade Tree Commission has been sponsoring for the past several years. Whitemarsh Township boasts an abundance of trees and open space and we'd like for all the residents to help recognize some of the oldest trees that have been residing here with us in Whitemarsh!

We would also like to remind all residents that November 6, 2012 is Election Day, a time for the citizens of our great country to exercise their rights and vote. For those who are uncertain as to where they can vote, you will find a map of the polling locations as well as a list of frequently asked questions with the contact information to the Montgomery County Voter Services in this newsletter.

And please keep in mind that we, the elected officials of Whitemarsh Township, hold public meetings twice each month at the Township Building. Residents are encouraged to attend or watch the meetings live on WTV (Comcast Ch. 965, Verizon Ch. 46) as well as on the Township website to get the latest updates on what is happening in Whitemarsh.

Sincerely,

Bob Hart, Chairman
Board of Supervisors



INFORMATION FOR ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 6, 2012



Individuals applying to register to vote must be:

- A citizen of the United States for at least one month before the general election.
- A resident of Pennsylvania and the election district in which the individual desires to register to vote for at least 30 days before the general election.
- At least 18 years of age on or before the day of the general election.
- Note: You are not registered to vote until your application has been filled out, processed and accepted by the Montgomery County's registration office. If accepted, the county registration office will send you, via non-forwardable mail, a Voter Identification Card within 14 days of your application. If you do not receive a card, you can contact the Voter Services office at 610-278-3280.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I register to vote? Submit a voter registration application form to the Montgomery County Voter Services Office, either in person or by mail. Besides the Voter Services Office, forms can be obtained at most public offices: Municipal buildings, post offices, liquor stores, etc. This form must be received by the Voter Services Office 30 days prior to election. The Montgomery County Voter Registration Office cannot mail out forms.

How do I change my party identification? Address? Name? Changes to a voter registration record are made by filling out a voter registration application form.

Can I register to vote online or FAX my application to the Voter Services Office? No. An original signature is required to register to vote.

If I have moved but have not yet changed my voter registration record, can I still vote at the same location?

You are entitled to vote at your "old" polling location one last time. However, you should submit a change of address as soon as possible after moving.

Where do I vote? You are assigned a polling location based on where you reside. The polling location is now printed on the voter identification card.

If I registered through Penn DOT, how will I know where to vote? If you registered to vote when you applied for a license or had that license renewed, The Montgomery County Voter Services Office should be informed by Penn Dot. If you do not receive a voter ID card soon after your license is issued or changed, you should call the Voter Registration office.

How do I obtain a duplicate voter registration ID card? Contact the Voter Services Office to request a new ID card.

Can my voter ID card be used as proof of citizenship? No. A voter ID card is only proof of registration.

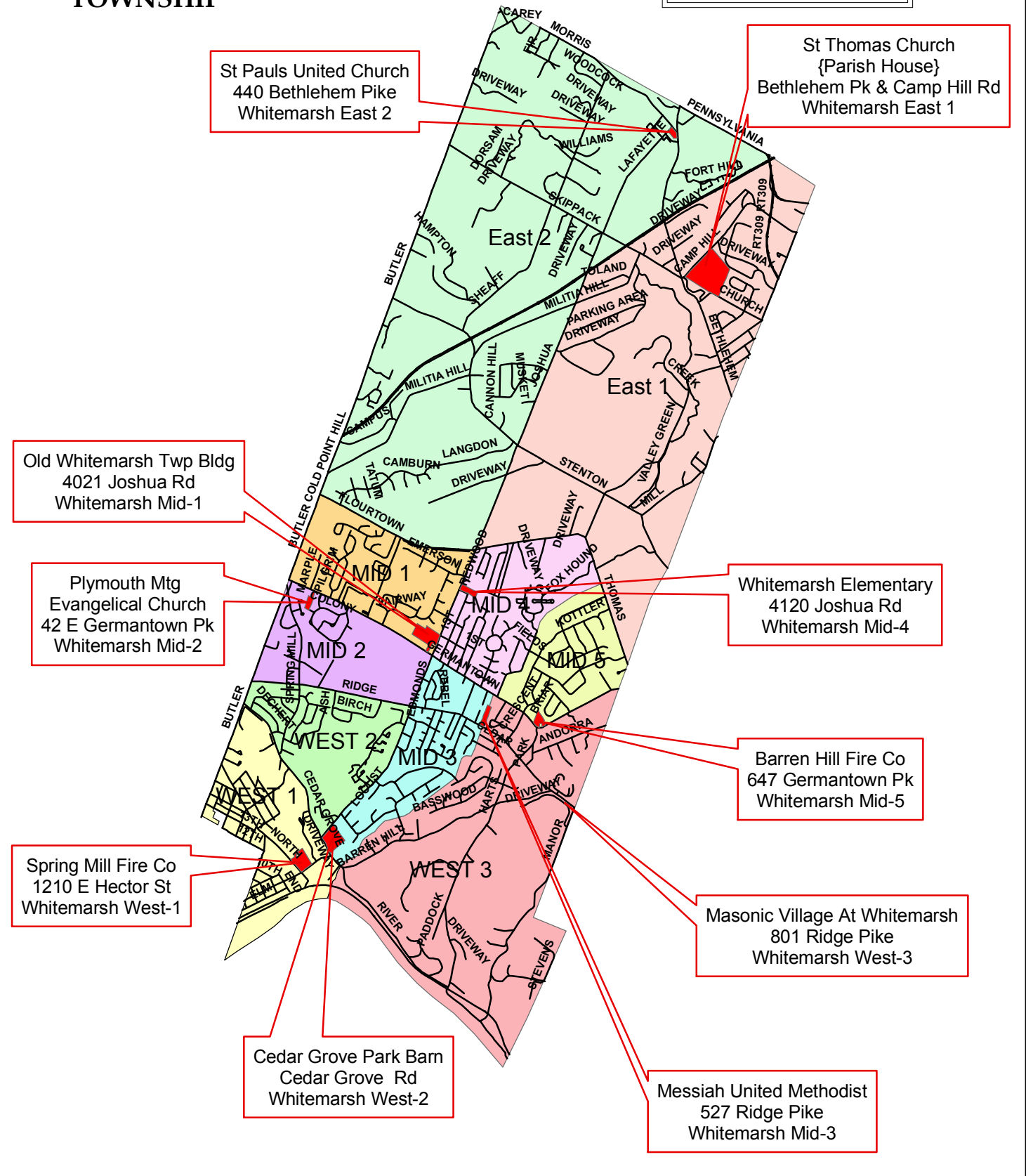
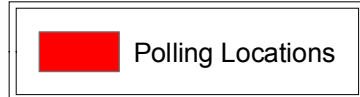
What is the rule about convicted felons and voting? The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania ruled on December 26, 2000 that the Pennsylvania law prohibiting convicted felons from registering to vote for five years after their release from prison is unconstitutional. Consequently, if completing an older version of the Voter Registration Mail Application (VRMA) form, a convicted felon who has been released from prison may make application to register to vote by striking through the felony conviction line at Section 9(2) on the VRMA and signing his or her name.

Do I need to present identification to vote? All first time voters, including those who are voting in a new precinct for the first time, will be required to present identification. Acceptable forms include: A valid Pennsylvania driver's license; a valid identification card issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or United States government, including the Armed Services; a valid passport; a valid student or employee identification card; Non-photo forms of identification such as a paycheck, utility bill, current bank statement or documents issued by the Commonwealth or United States government that show the address of the voter.

How do I have my name removed from the voter rolls? You must send the request for removal in writing to the Montgomery County Voter Services Office. An original signature is required so faxing or electronic transmission of this request is not acceptable.

Other questions should be directed to the Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280.

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP



	WHITEMARSH Montgomery County, Pennsylvania	MONTGOMERY COUNTY Board of Elections Mr. Joseph Passarella, Director	CREATED BY : SP DATE : 1/2010	0 6501,300 2,600 3,900 5,200 Feet

STAY CONNCTED WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT!

Whitemarsh Township uses a variety of ways to reach out and inform the residents on all the different news and events taking place around the Township.

Electronic News Alerts

The Township posts news alerts on the Township website where residents can read on the latest updates. Residents can sign up for news alerts via email by visiting the Email Alerts page of the Township website and submit their email address.

Monthly E-Newsletters

Electronic monthly newsletters are available for residents who submit their email address to the Township website or to info@whitemarshtwp.org. Monthly E-Newsletters provide residents with an update of upcoming events and scheduled meetings taking place around the Township.

Township Publications

- **Whitemarsh Living** - The Township also publishes seasonal news magazine titled Whitemarsh Living. A printed publication of each edition is mailed to every residence. Whitemarsh Living contains news and events happening around the Township as well as reminders on basic services and regulations. Electronic versions of the magazine is available for viewing on the Township Publications page of the website.
- **Whitemarsh Recreator** - The Whitemarsh Parks & Recreation Department publishes the Whitemarsh Recreator twice each year to notify residents of all upcoming and scheduled recreation programs, events, and activities. Electronic versions of the magazine is also available for viewing on the Township Publications page of the website.
- **Whitemarsh Police Annual Report** - The Whitemarsh Township Police Department publishes an annual report report to be used as a reference guide for the year in review. The Annual Report is availabe on the Police Department's webpage: Whitemarsh Township Police.



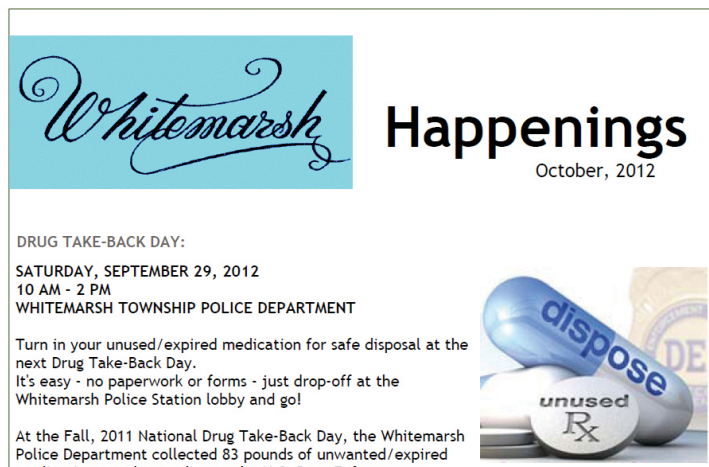
Television

The Township also manages a local Government Access TV Channel called Whitemarsh TV - WTV (**Comcast Ch 965 and Verizon Ch. 46**). The Board of Supervisors public meetings are cablecast live at 7 pm at the night of the scheduled public meeting, and re-cablecast on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 9 am and on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7 pm. Residents

can also view shows highlighting various Township events and programs as well as Township staff updates on various projects and plans.

Board of Supervisors meetings can also be viewed on the Township website at any time.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the variety of ways that they can learn more about their community and the latest local happenings.



Sample of Monthly E-Newsletter

County Hazardous Household Waste & Electronic Collection Program

Montgomery County hosts hazardous waste and electronics collections events throughout the year, from spring to fall where residents can bring unwanted hazardous automotive products, home maintenance products, lawn and pest control products and other hazardous products found in the home to be recycled properly.

Events that accept electronics accept all electronic equipments that can be attached to a computer - monitors, keyboards, cables, printers, faxes, scanners, etc. TV's smaller than 27 inches are also accepted. TV's larger than 27 inches can be recycled through the manufacturer by visiting the TV manufacturer's website or through the Township's Bulk Pick-Up Program. The remaining collections programs for 2012 are scheduled for the following dates:



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:

Saturday, October 20, 2012 (9 AM - 3 PM)
Lower Merion Public Works facility
1300 N. Woodbine Ave., Penn Valley, PA

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION:

Saturday, October 27, 2012 (9 AM - 3 PM)
Springfield Township High School
1801 E. Paper Mill Road,
Erdenheim, PA



Calling on 9-1-1 from a Cell Phone

The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety asks that anyone who calls 9-1-1 from a cellular phone in communities near the County border immediately state that "I'm calling from Montgomery County" when the call-taker answers the phone.

If the nearest cell tower to where the call is placed is across the border in a neighboring county, the call will be routed to the 9-1-1 centers in Philadelphia, Bucks, Berks, Chester or Delaware counties, depending on where the tower is located.

The neighboring 9-1-1 centers will transfer the call to Montgomery County, but the time it takes to figure out the actual location, transfer the call and then supply the information about the incident again could make a difference in saving someone's life.

Stating "I'm calling from Montgomery County" at the outset will greatly reduce any delay in getting people the help they need.

Using a landline to call 9-1-1 will result in the call automatically being routed to the proper call center.

AMERICAN RECYCLES DAY

Thursday, November 15, 2012
(9 AM - 3 PM)
Montgomery Mall
230 Montgomery Mall
North Wales, PA



Automotive tires will also be accepted at this event for recycling!



(Still image of a LIVE televised Board of Supervisors Meeting)

PUBLIC MEETING DATES & TIMES:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Also televised LIVE on Comcast Ch. 965/Verizon Ch. 46.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD: Third Wednesday of each alternating months starting with the month of February at 7 pm

WHITEMARSH AUTHORITY: Third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD: Third Monday of each month at 7 pm

SHADE TREE COMMISSION: First Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
Second Wednesday of each alternating month starting with the month of February at 8 am

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Fourth Wednesday of every third month starting with January at 7 pm

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD: Fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm

LIBRARY BOARD: Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the William Jeanes Memorial Library

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD: First Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Parks & Recreation Building

PLANNING COMMISSION: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

ZONING HEARING BOARD: First Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, plus the first Monday following at 7 pm

Some meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled so please check the Township website for the latest meeting schedule.

All meetings take place at the Township Building unless indicated otherwise.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Whitemarsh Township finds that it is of high public importance to adopt appropriate legislation to insure that all persons, regardless of actual or perceived race, color, religious creed, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap, use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals, or sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression enjoy the full benefits of citizenship and are afforded equal opportunities for employment, housing and public accommodation.

The Board of Supervisors of Whitemarsh Township declares it to be the public policy of the Township to foster equality and equal opportunity for all citizens in all matters effecting employment, housing and commercial property and public accommodation, and to safeguard the right of all persons to remain free of discrimination or discriminatory practices in any of the foregoing aspects of their lives.

The Township is currently seeking resident volunteers to serve on the Township Human Relations Commission. Those who are interested can fill out a volunteer application form from the Township website and submit it to the Township.

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

The Board of Supervisors receives the assistance of various boards/commissions in the operations of the Township. The various boards/commissions are staffed by citizen volunteers who commit hours of their personal time and bring their talents and skills to the township government. The following is a list of the boards and commissions and the members. If you would like to serve on any of these boards or commission, please visit the Township website and submit a volunteer application. *(The listing of each board and committee members below as of October 1, 2012)*

ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Nancy Langerfeld
John E. Mitchell
Paul Stanish
Lester Weinraub
Vacancy

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Robert Bisbing, *Chair*
Stephen J. Ziegler, *Vice-Chair*
Karen Danko
Eli Glick
Scott Quitel
L. Matthew Schwartz
Deborah Shreero

ZONING HEARING BOARD

William E. Kramer, *Chair*
Marc Weinstein, *Vice-Chair*
Robert A. Bacine
James F. Behr
Jack Cohen
Randi Rubin Goldstein (*Alternate*)

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Jackie Topaz, *Chair*
David Hanel, *Vice-Chair*
Lisa Litzinger-Drayton
Neil Ortiz
Bill Shaw
Crystal Taylor
Vacancy

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Stephen J. Ziegler, *Chair*
Celine Childs, *Vice-Chair*
John H. Kafes
Jennifer Thomas
Katherine Zaneosky

LIBRARY BOARD

Township Appointees:
Sydelle Zove, *President*
Dara Nasatir, *Secretary*
Carole Lukoff
Jacy Toll
Library Appointees:
Jeffrey Horrow, *Treasurer*
Hilda L. Cohen
Donald Mattson

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Deidra A. Lyngard, *Chair*
Stephen J. Kaufman, *Vice-Chair*
P. Randolph Gray
Christopher Indelicato
Deborah Lamb
Christopher L. Lane
Hugh G. Moulton

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

Jeffrey Wojciechowski, *Chair*
Jonathan Riesberg, *Vice-Chair*
Jerold A. Glick, *Treasurer*
Timothy Ferris
Vacancy

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Nancy Brown
Richard F. Leonard
John Loughridge
Kenneth A. Parsons, AIA
(Plymouth Township also appoints 4 members and the members of the HARB appoint a 9th member)

PLANNING COMMISSION

J. David Shula, *Chair*
Peter B. Cornog, *Vice-Chair*
Richard F. Leonard
William F. O'Donnell
Sherri Glantz Patchen
Scott Quitel
Vacancy

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Joanne S. Crawford, *Chair*
William D. McMenamin, *Vice-Chair*
Terry Ferris
Kevin C. Kissling
Thomas J. Manley, Jr.,
Brian D. Rosenthal
Leslie Finegold (*Colonial SD Appointee*)

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Ivy Bryan
James D. McGlinchey, Sr.
Bill McMenamin
Three Fire Companies (Chief + one member of each fire company)
Whitemarsh Ambulance Association (Chief + one member)
Fire Marshal, Scott Lynch
Chief of Police, Mike Beaty
Township Manager, Bruce G. Horrocks

Vacancy Board

Lynda Bard
Christopher Indelicato
Carole Lukoff
Susan Paul
Thomas Sivell



WILLIAM JEANES MEMORIAL LIBRARY & KARABOTS CENTER FOR LEARNING

4051 Joshua Road Lafayette Hill, PA • 610-828-0441 • jeaneslibrary.org

Here's what's happening this fall at the William Jeanes Memorial Library & Nicholas and Athena Karabots Center for Learning. There is something for everyone -- computer classes, yoga, book discussions, story times and fun activities for children. Below are some of our fall season highlights. To view a complete list of activities, dates, and times, and to register for classes, visit our [Calendar of Events at jeaneslibrary.org](http://jeaneslibrary.org)

FOR ADULTS

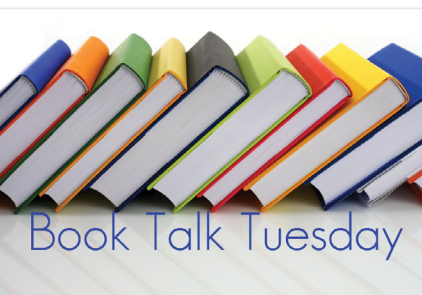
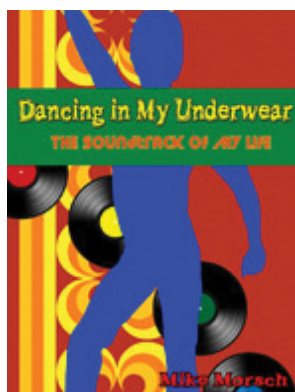
Movie Night: Thursday, November 8, 5:30pm-8:00pm

The library will be showing the 1977 movie **Annie Hall** by Woody Allen. The program will be held in the community room and includes a 15-minute introduction and a half-hour follow-up discussion led by local resident and "film buff," Liz Zietz. Remember, we serve hearty snacks to keep you going through this dinner hour program!

Local Author Book talk with Michael Morsch: Thursday, November 29, 6:30pm

Dancing in My Underwear: The Soundtrack of My Life is a fascinating memoir that chronicles Morsch's youth, set in the context of Midwestern culture and the iconic music of the 1960s and 70s. It then takes the reader through a series of interviews conducted by Morsch, the adult journalist, who blissfully engages the artists who created that music.

Morsch is the executive editor of Montgomery Media in Fort Washington, which publishes the Colonial and other local papers. His award-winning humor column "Outta Leftfield" has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, the Suburban Newspapers of America, and the Philadelphia Press Association. You won't want to miss this performance!



NEW! Let's Talk about Books:

Tuesdays, October 9, November 6, December 4, 3:30-4:30pm

Curious about the titles your neighbors and friends are reading? Eager to recommend the book you've just finished? This newly forming group provides just the setting to those searching for and pitching the next good read. Offered as a welcoming forum for informal discussion among book lovers. Contact Adult Services Librarian Robyn Train for details at 610-828-0441 or rtrain@mclinc.org.

FOR ALL AGES

Do You Believe in Ghosts? We do! South Jersey Ghost Research:

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00pm - This program is free to the public and open to all ages. You can sign up on our interactive calendar. South Jersey Ghost Research's lectures include video, EPV (ghost voices) presentation, photo displays, and a question and answer session with paranormal researchers.

LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION DURING SCHOOL YEAR:

Monday - Noon - 8 PM **Tuesday-Thursday** 10 AM - 8 PM **Friday** 10 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM **Sunday** 1 p.m. - 5:00 PM

FOR TEENS

National Art Honor Society's Traveling Art Show:

Wednesday, October 24, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Everyone is invited to visit the exceptional artwork of our talented National Art Honor Society students and attend a reception of light refreshments.

Teen Poetry Slam: Saturday, October 27, 3:00pm

The Plymouth Whitmarsh High School's poetry club will be participating in this event. Other students who would like to participate can bring a poem they have written or one written by a favorite poet. Refreshments will be served.

Teen Family Feud: Saturday, November 17, 3:00pm

Remember the old TV Family Feud game? We're playing our own version with questions we've prepared. We've polled our local community for their answers. Come join a team to see if you can guess the top five answers to questions such as "What is your favorite snack food?," and others. Refreshments will be served. Registration not required but limited to students in grades 6-12.

FOR CHILDREN

Reading Round Up: Mondays, October 15-November 19 at 4:15pm-5:00pm

Children ages 4-8 are paired with students in grades 6-12 for a time of reading together. This activity helps younger readers gain confidence in their reading skills while forging friendships with a teenage reading buddy.



Story Time Halloween Parties:

Thursday, October 25, 11:15pm for Tales for Tots (2 ½ - 4 years old)

Thursday, October 25, 1:30pm for Reading Romp (3 - 5 years old)

Wednesday, October 31, 10:15am for Tales for Tots (2 ½ - 4 years old)

Puppets Pizzazz Halloween Puppet Show Sunday, October 29, 3:30pm

This is a family-friendly, non-scary, puppet show for all ages. Expect to join by singing and dancing with the puppets.

Ghana Through My Eyes: Sunday, November 4, 2:00pm

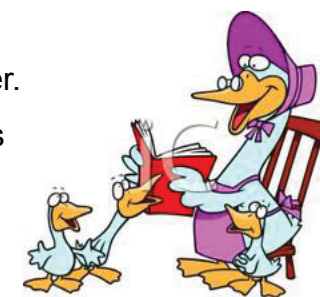
Sandy Taylor, founder/director of Rainbow Child International, will be sharing games, songs and dances she learned during her 5-week visit to Ghana. Come prepared to participate and join the fun. A treasure chest of handmade crafts and fascinating artifacts, plus an opportunity to dance with traditional moves to Ghanaian High Life music will complete the program. This event is recommended for children 4 years and older, teens and adults. This is a free program and registration is not required.

Babes & Bibs: Babies up to about 18 months and their caregivers are invited for a half-hour of songs, movement, and books. Bring your library card so you can take some materials home to share with baby and some books to help you as a parents or caregiver.

Mother Goose Story time: Mother Goose Story time, for children from about 18 months to about 2 ½ years old, is taught by "Miss Linda." There will be stories, songs and rhymes. Plan about 45 minutes for story time.

Makin' Music: Babies, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us for a half hour of music and movement with the staff of Makin' Music of Conshohocken.

LEGO LOVERS: Check the library calendar for details, and to sign up for lego programs available for all ages!



HERITAGE TREES



WHAT IS A HERITAGE TREE?

A Heritage Tree is a specifically selected tree, identified and considered worthy of preservation by the Township because of its unusual species, size rarity or historical significance; or having a diameter breast height (DBH) greater than forty (40) inches or an age greater than 75 years, and can be located on private property or public property. Heritage Trees are links to the past that are special to the community because of their prominence as visual land marks, usefulness to wildlife habitat and their positive impact on property values.

IS THERE A HERITAGE TREE IN YOUR BACKYARD?

Anyone can nominate a tree for inclusion in the Whitemarsh Heritage Tree Program. However, if it is located on private property other than your own; signed permission from the owner is required. If you know of a tree which fits the description of a Heritage Tree, send a completed nomination form and photograph to:

Whitemarsh Township Shade Tree Commission
616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444.

The Heritage Tree Program is on-going and you may submit nominations at any time. A nomination form can be found on the Township's website under the Shade Tree Commission page or can be picked up from the Township Building.

Once a nominated tree's qualifications have been reviewed and verified by the Township, each Heritage Tree will be designated with an identification plaque (such as the one below) and the owner given an official Heritage Tree Certificate. Perhaps your Heritage Tree will be one of the "Whitemarsh Wonders" – the largest, oldest and most significant trees in our Township.



Sample plaque to designate a Heritage Tree (Tagging the plaques to the trees as pictured does not harm the tree)

For more information on the Township Heritage Tree Program, call 610-825-3535 or visit the Township website: www.whitemarshtwp.org

TRASH & RECYCLING

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There is **NO COLLECTION** on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

When your trash and recyclables collection day falls on a holiday, your trash and recyclables will be collected on the **WEDNESDAY** of that week in the affected district. If you are unsure of your property's collection day, check the Township Trash Collection District Map found on the Township website.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN SIGNS

Drop off your campaign signs from November 7 to November 21 at the Whitemarsh Township Building for proper disposal and recycling.

The Montgomery County Waste System Authority with CRI, - Cogle's Recycling Inc, Sullivan's Scrap Metals and Re-Community are sponsoring this program to properly dispose and recycle election campaign signs.

There will be a drop-off area at the Whitemarsh Township Building parking lot where residents can simply drop-off signs and go!

For more information, please contact Montgomery County Recycling at 610-278-3618 or recycling@wsaemc.org.



2012 LEAF COLLECTION

The Township will once again be providing residential leaf collection in the fall. Residents are asked to pile the leaves onto the curb for the Township Public Works Department to collect - **leaves are NOT to be bagged.**

The 2012 Fall Leaf Collection begins on **Monday, October 22** and will continue until **Monday, December 17**. The Township Public Works Department will make every effort to collect from each street at least once per week. All leaves for last pick up must be piled out on the streets by 6:30 A.M. on Monday, December 17.

The Whitemarsh Township Public Works Department collects an average of 1,500 tons of leaves each year through the Curbside Leaf Pick-Up Program. Once the leaves are collected, the Public Works crew runs the leaves through the tub grinder and sets them in windrows. In about a year's time, the ground-up leaves become a viable product called leaf compost.



ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEMONSTRATION SHED AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

The Whitemarsh Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) is dedicated to protecting our local environment by providing information to the residents of Whitemarsh Township of environmentally important issues such as stormwater management, recycling and how the township and each resident can reduce their carbon footprint. As part of the EAB's efforts to educate the public, the Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board used \$1,500 in grant funds from the Philadelphia Zoo Community Conservation Grant to build an Alternative Energy Demonstration Shed, which demonstrates simple environmentally friendly methods that will reduce stormwater runoff and carbon emissions via solar energy.

This small 6'X8' shed has a greenroof, three (3) solar panels, LED lighting, two (2) rain barrels, a solar heater and sits adjacent to the existing native garden at the Whitemarsh Township Administration Building.

The solar panels convert sunlight into DC current which is stored in a pair of 12V batteries inside the shed. This DC current is used to power a water pump that is fed periodically from the two rain barrels and water is pumped to the spraying system that surrounds the greenroof. Runoff from the greenroof is returned to the rainbarrels. When capacity of the rainbarrels has reached its maximum, excess water runs into the rain garden to slowly soak back into the ground. During the winter, the spray water is diverted to the solar heater to prevent the rain barrels from freezing. The indoor and outdoor lights are also powered by the solar panels.

The cooling effects of the green roof is demonstrated by comparing indoor and outdoor thermometer readings.

So the next time you're at the Township Building, be sure to stop by the Alternative Energy Demonstration Shed to see how simple it can be to incorporate some of the methods of alternative energy in your own home!



Solar Panels and Heater

Solar Powered LED Light

Rain Barrel

Green Roof

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other severe weather related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into flood waters. Why? The main reason is that people underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded.

Most flood-related deaths and injuries could be avoided if people who come upon areas covered with water followed this simple advice: Turn Around Don't Drown®.

The reason that so many people drown during flooding is because few of them realize the incredible power of water. A mere six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes only two feet of rushing water to carry away most vehicles. This includes pickups and

SUVs.

If you come to an area that is covered with water, you will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. This is especially true at night, when your vision is more limited.

Play it smart, play it safe. Whether driving or walking, any time you come to a flooded road, Turn Around Don't Drown®

Follow these safety rules:

- Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio, or your favorite news source for vital weather related information.
- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes etc.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Turn Around Don't Drown®
- Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown®
- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

(Information from the National Weather Service Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services: Hydrologic Services website: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/water/tadd/tadd-intro.shtml>)

WINTER SNOW PREPARATIONS

Each year, with the first snowfall, the Township is flooded with telephone calls regarding the rules and policies affecting snow removal. Please note the following:

As soon as snow or freezing rain begins, the Highway Department starts salting and applying cinders on Township roads to stop the snow from sticking to the roads. Snow plowing begins when the snow depth reaches 3 - 4 inches. Many of our main roadways such as Germantown Pike, Joshua Road, Ridge Pike, North Lane, Cedar Grove Road, Skippack Pike, Bethlehem Pike, Pennsylvania Avenue, Stenton Avenue, Flourtown Road, Militia Hill Road and Butler Pike are NOT maintained by the Township as these roads are owned and maintained by PennDOT or Montgomery County.

To assist with snow and ice removal, the Township Code requires that all vehicles to be parked off-street when snow reaches a depth of 3 to 4 inches which require plowing. Residents and businesses without sufficient off-street parking are required to adhere to the following schedule:

- In even numbered calendar years (2010, 2012, etc.), parking is permitted on the side of the street with even numbered addresses.
- In odd numbered calendar years (2011, 2013 etc.), parking is permitted on the side of the street with odd numbered addresses.

On streets with permanent parking restrictions (No Parking Here To Corner, No Parking, etc.), the permanent restrictions shall prevail.

The Township Police Department will strictly enforce these regulations during winter storms in order to ensure that the Township Public Works Department can plow, salt and cinder the Township roads to make them passable and safe for everyone. Violators are subject to fines up to \$1,000.00.

Residents and business owners are also reminded that all sidewalks and parking lots must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall. Compliance with this ordinance allows for pedestrian passage, particularly school children to walk safely to school.

The U.S. Postal Service requests the cooperation of postal customers in keeping walkways and curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice, in order to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail this winter. Letter carriers are especially vulnerable to slips, trips and falls during the winter months.

Residents who receive mail delivery to curbside boxes are asked to keep the approach to and exit from their mailbox clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash cans and other objects.

The cooperation of all Township residents and businesses is greatly appreciated during winter storms.



FLOODING? BE SAFE!

Turn Around Don't Drown



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR SNOW STORM:

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
610-825-6530 (Non-Emergency)
911 or 610-828-8000 (EMERGENCY)

PECO ELECTRIC & GAS SERVICE:
Power Outages/Emergencies
1-800-841-4141

Don't Let Storm Water Run Off With Your Time and Money!

What the Construction Industry Should Know About Storm Water In Our Community

The construction industry plays an important role in improving our community's quality of life by not only providing new development, but also protecting our streams and rivers through smart business practices that prevent pollution from leaving construction sites.

Storm water runoff leaving construction sites can carry pollutants such as dirt, construction debris, oil, and paint off-site and into storm drains. In our community, storm drains carry storm water runoff directly to local creeks, streams, and rivers with no treatment. Developers, contractors, and homebuilders can help to prevent storm water pollution by taking the following steps:

1. Comply with storm water permit requirements.
2. Practice erosion control and pollution prevention practices to keep construction sites "clean."
3. Conduct advanced planning and training to ensure proper implementation on-site.

The remainder of this fact sheet addresses these three steps.

Storm Water Permit Requirements for Construction Activity

Planning and permitting requirements exist for construction activities. These requirements are intended to minimize storm water pollutants leaving construction sites.

- Pennsylvania's Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Program (25 Pa. Code, Chapter 102) requires Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for all earth disturbing activities.
- The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program (25 Pa. Code, Chapter 92) requires that construction activities disturbing greater than one acre submit a Notice of Intent for coverage under a general NPDES permit.



Knowing your requirements before starting a project and following them during construction can save you time and money, and demonstrate that you are a partner in improving our community's quality of life. For more information about these programs, contact your local county conservation district office or the Department of Environmental Protection.

Erosion Control Practices:

- Perimeter controls (e.g. silt fence)
- Sediment traps
- Immediate revegetation
- Phased, minimized grading
- Construction entrance
- Protection of streams and drainage ways
- Inlet protection



An Ounce of Prevention

Rain that falls onto construction sites is likely to carry away soil particles and other toxic chemicals present on construction sites (oil, grease, hazardous wastes, fuel). Storm water, if not properly managed, carries these pollutants to streams, rivers, and lakes. Erosion and sediment control practices can serve as a first line of defense,

What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what are commonly called storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called **storm water runoff**.

Pollution Prevention Practices:

- Designated fueling and vehicle maintenance area away from streams.
- Remove trash and litter.
- Clean up leaks immediately.
- Never wash down dirty pavement.
- Place dumpsters under cover.
- Dispose of all wastes properly.

minimizing clean up and maintenance costs, and the impacts to water resources caused by soil erosion during active construction. Erosion controls can reduce the volume of soil going into a sediment control device, such as a sediment trap, therefore, "clean out" frequencies are lower and maintenance costs are less. When possible, divert water around the construction site using berms or drainage ditches.

In addition, use pollution prevention and "good housekeeping measures" to reduce the pollution leaving construction sites as well. This can be as simple as minimizing the pollution source's contact with rainwater by covering it, maintaining a "clean site" by reducing trash and waste, and keeping vehicles well maintained.

The Best Laid Plans

Plans such as erosion and sediment control plans and storm water pollution prevention plans are important tools for outlining the erosion control and pollution prevention practices that you will use to manage storm water runoff prior to breaking ground. Developing good plans allows for proper budgeting and planning for the life of the project. Proper installation and maintenance of erosion and storm water controls is essential to a plan that works. Training for on-site staff helps to ensure the proper installation and maintenance of erosion controls and pollution prevention practices. Inspect controls and management techniques regularly to ensure they are working, especially after storm events. If polluted storm water is leaving the site, you may need to repair or add additional storm water controls.



The Bigger Storm Water Picture

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a comprehensive storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, but it also deals with new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our streams is . . . water! Contact your community or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.

For more information:

Visit the **Whitemarsh Township website's Stormwater Information page:**

<http://www.whitemarshtwp.org/services/Stormwater.aspx>

Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District's:
<http://www.pacd.org/default.html>

Pennsylvania Handbook of Best Management Practices for Developing Areas:
http://www.pacd.org/products/bmp/bmp_handbook.html

Storm Water Manager's Resource Center:
<http://www.stormwatercenter.net>

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection:
<http://www.dep.state.pa.us>



PARKS & RECREATION

Fall Events & Programs:

- **Haunted Barn** (see details on this page)
- **Shredding Day** (see details on this page)
- **Trip:** St. Michael's, MD (Oct. 13)
- **Trip:** Radio City (Dec. 6)
- **Prime Time (Seniors):**
 - **Afternoon Games** (Bridge, Pinochle, Mah Jongg)
 - **Sr. Tai Chi**
 - **Monday Socials**
 - **First Friday Art** at the Whitmarsh Community Art Center (Free!)
- **Youth:**
 - **Club 4-5** (Friday night fun for grades 4 & 5)
 - **TGIF** (Friday night fun for ages 2 - 4)
 - **Fun Club** (After school program for grades K - 3)
 - **Youth Sports** (tennis, soccer, swimming, dance)
 - **Kids in Motion** (ages 2 - 3)
 - **Goove - Tot Rock** (ages 2 - 5)
 - **Two-Days** (ages 2 - 3)
 - **Music & Movement** (18 mo. - 3 years)
- **Adult Fitness Programs:**
 - Yoga
 - Kick Boxing
 - Tai Chi
 - Pilates
 - Morning Lap Swim
 - Volleyball
 - Zumba

For details on any of the above programs and events, check the Township Recreator!

DISCOUNT TICKETS

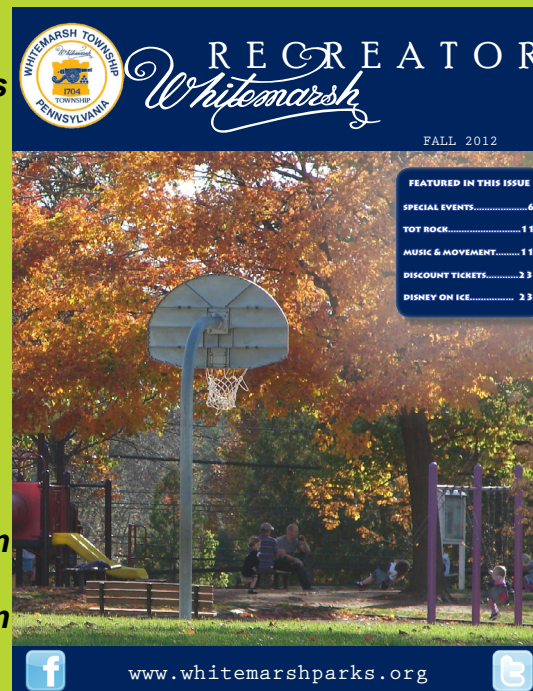
- **MOVIE TICKETS:** AMC & REGAL - \$7.50/each
- **DISNEY ON ICE:** "Rockin' Ever After" - \$28/each
- **Discounted tickets available for the following venues and parks:**
 - Philadelphia Zoo
 - Adventure Aquarium
 - Baltimore Aquarium
 - PA Renaissance Faire
 - Six Flags
 - Sesame Place
 - Sea World Orlando
 - Ozzy's Family Fun Center
 - Busch Gardens Williamsburg

Listing of discount ski tickets will be available on the Township website soon!

Check the Township website or call the Parks & Rec. Department (610-828-7276) for details on prices.

For more information on recreation programs and events, visit the Township website or contact the Township Parks & Recreation Department at: 610-828-7276.

Also, check out the Whitmarsh Recreator that contains information on all of the upcoming recreation programs and events!



2012 HAUNTED BARN

SPONSORED BY THE KARABOTS FOUNDATION

AGES 8+

Fridays, Oct. 19 & 26
Saturdays, Oct. 20 & 27

6 PM - 10 PM
Cedar Grove Barn

FEES:

Pre-Registered Groups: \$9/person
Pre-registered Individual Tickets: \$11/person
Walk-in Groups: \$11/person
Walk-In Individual Tickets: \$13/person
Wristbands (Good for any time)
Pre-Registered: \$15/person
Walk-in: \$18/person

PRE-SCHOOL AGE

SPONSORED BY DOC BRESLER, CAVITY BUSTER
(ages 3 - 11)

Thursdays, Oct. 18 & 25

5 PM - 6 PM
Cedar Grove Barn

FEES:

Pre-Registered Groups: \$5/person
Pre-registered Individual Tickets: \$6/person
Walk-in Groups: \$7/person
Walk-In Individual Tickets: \$8/person



Holiday Gingerbread House Decorating

When: Sunday, December 9, 2012 from 1 pm to 3 pm

Where: Whitmarsh Township Parks & Recreation Building (4021 Joshua Rd.)

Fee: \$12/house

Adult supervision is required. Not recommended for children under age 4.

Contact the Township Parks & Recreation Department at 610-828-7276 for more information!



2012 TOWNSHIP DAY





**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2012**

10 AM - 4 PM

HOPE LODGE

(553 S. Bethlehem Pike Fort Washington, PA)

Admission is charged.

Hope Lodge mansion open for self-guided tours all day, except during the skirmishes.

Check the Hope Lodge website: www.ushistory.org/hope for discount coupon and more information.