

Whitemarsh

Living
Fall 2013



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TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

2391 Harts Lane
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-828-7276 (TEL)

610-828-7391 (FAX)

Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors:



Robert R. Hart, Chairman



Melissa S. Sterling, Vice-Chair



Sara J. Erlbaum



Amy P. Grossman



Cathy Peduzzi



Fall 2013

Dear Whitemarsh Residents:

As we welcome another fall season, we are excited to share with you the latest news and developments in our community, highlighted in this latest edition of the *Whitemarsh Living Magazine*.

We are happy to share that there has been activity on Germantown Pike as part of the streetscape improvements, in particular the installation of handicap ramps. We are continuously communicating with the state and funding agencies on the latest developments with the pike in order to begin more extensive work in the month ahead. And along the lines of infrastructural improvements, in 2013 the Township paved approximately 15,000 linear feet of township roads and purchased, demolished and restored to open space two flood-prone properties on Mathers Lane funded 100% through FEMA and PEMA.

The Township Shade Tree Commission also dedicated three new trees, welcoming an American Elm measuring at 57 inches in diameter, a yellow tulip poplar measuring at 55 inches in diameter, and an oak measuring at 46 inches in diameter to be a part of the Township's Heritage Tree inventory. These heritage trees are now protected to ensure that they continue to grow and remain a part of our community for many more years to come.

We would also like to remind all residents that November 5, 2013, 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 on page 5, and the contact information to the Montgomery County Voter Services can be found on the Township website.

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.

Bob Hart, Chairman
Board of Supervisors



2013 County Hazardous Household Waste & Electronics Collection Program

Montgomery County hosts hazardous waste and electronic collection events throughout the year, 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.

Electronic Collection events are separate events that accept all electronic equipments that can be attached to a computer - monitors, keyboards, cables, printers, faxes, scanners, etc. TVs smaller than 27 inches are also accepted. TVs larger than 27 inches can be recycled through the manufacturer by visiting the TV manufacturer's website or can be dropped off at the Township Building during regular business hours for proper disposal.

The last two collection events scheduled for 2013 are the following:

Household Hazardous Waste

Sunday, October 20, 2013

9 AM TO 3 PM

Lower Merion Public Works Site

1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley, PA

Does Your
House Hold
Hazardous
Waste?



Electronics Collection

Saturday, October 12, 2013

9 AM TO 3 PM

Upper Merion Middle School

Enter near 435 Crossfield Road, King of Prussia, PA

Check the Township website for a list of acceptable materials!

COUNTY CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS



The Montgomery County Health Department has certified car seat technicians who inspect child safety seats. Participants are educated on the proper way to install a car seat in their car, and to ensure their child is properly restrained in the car seat. Car seat checks are by

appointment only. This service is free of charge and open to all residents of Montgomery County.

To schedule an appointment, call 610-278-5119, leave a message on the voice mail or email and you will be contacted to arrange an appointment time. Please include your name, phone number and the number of seats to be checked.



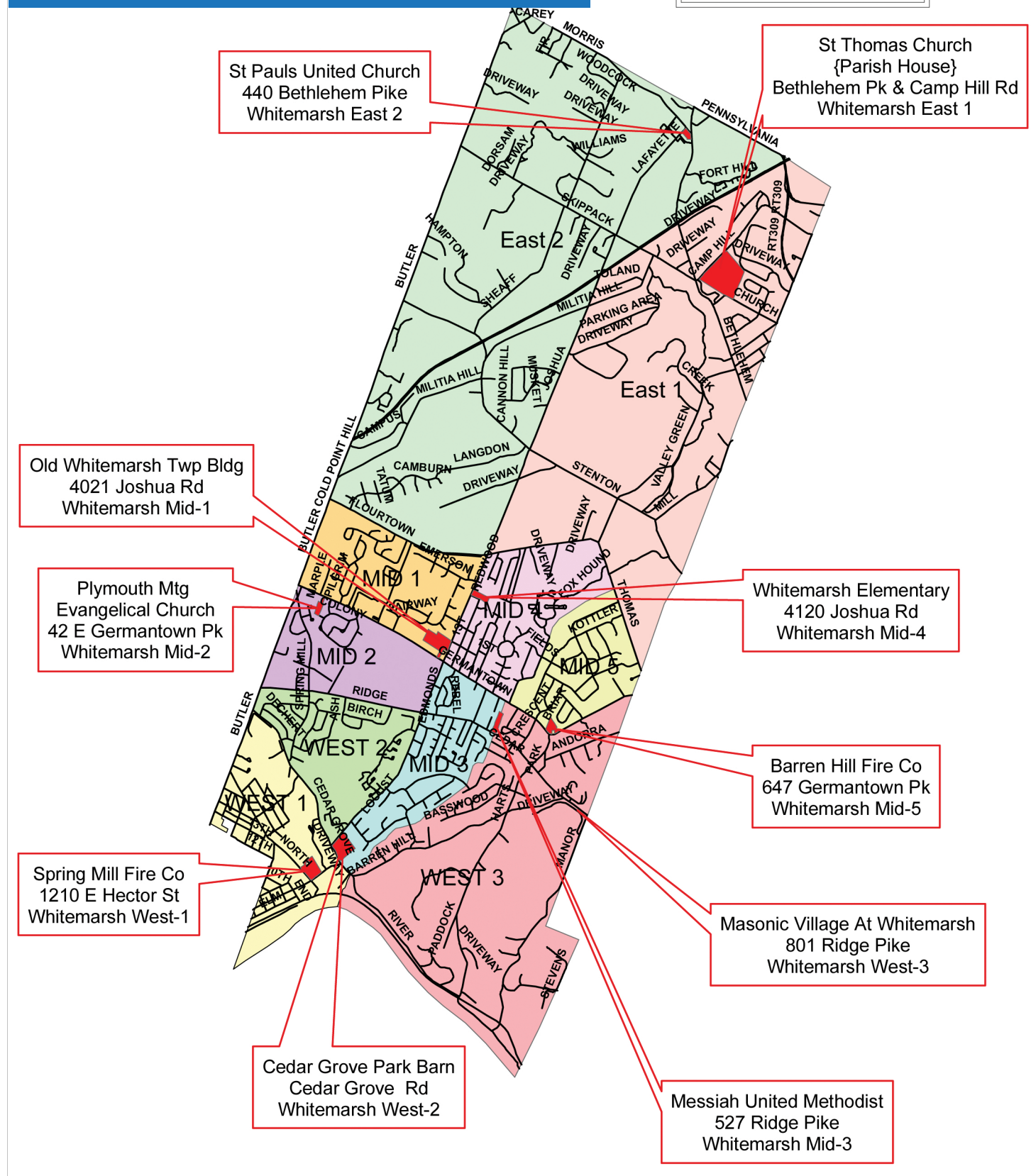
Montgomery County uses the Roam Secure Alert Network to immediately contact you during a major crisis or emergency. The Community Alert System delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all your devices:

- Email Accounts (Home, Work or Other)

- Cell phones [NOTE: text messaging charges may apply]
- Smartphone/PDAs

When an incident or emergency occurs, authorized senders will instantly notify you using the Community Alert System. This is your personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do, or what not to do, who to contact and other important information.

2013 Election Day is November 5 Whitemarsh Township Polling Locations





(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 at the Township Building - Also televised LIVE on Comcast Ch. 965 and Verizon Ch. 46.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Third Wednesday of each alternating months starting with the month of February at 7 pm at the Township Building

THE WHITEMARSH AUTHORITY

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Township Building

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Third Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Township Building

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

First Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Township Building

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (joint with Plymouth Township)

Second Wednesday of each month - time varies - check the Township website for meeting times.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Fourth Wednesday of every third month starting with January at 7 pm at the Township Building

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Fourth Monday of every other month starting with January at 7 pm at the Township Building

LIBRARY BOARD

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the 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 at the Township Building

ZONING HEARING BOARD

First Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, plus the first Monday following at 7 pm at the Township Building.

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

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 commissions, please visit the Township website and submit a volunteer application. **(The listing of each board and committee members below as of August 15, 2013)**

ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Michael Drossner
Nancy Langerfeld
John E. Mitchell
Paul Stanish
Lester Weinraub

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Joanne Boyle
Celine Childs
Jennifer Etkin
Karen Green

VACANCY BOARD

Lynda Bard
Joseph Goldshear
Christopher Indelicato
Carole Lukoff
Thomas Sivell

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Robert Bisbing, *Chair*
L. Matthew Schwartz, *Vice-Chair*
Eli Glick
Scott Quitel
Deborah Sheero

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

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

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

LIBRARY BOARD

Township Appointees:
Carole Lukoff, *Vice President*
Dara Nasatir
Jacy Toll, *Secretary*
Sydelle Zove

Library Appointees:

Stan Finegold, *President*
Nancy Louise Miller, *Treasurer*
Hilda Cohen

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)

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, Richard L. Mellor, Jr.

HERITAGE TREES DEDICATION

On Tuesday, August 6th, 2013, members of the Township Shade Tree Commission dedicated 3 new heritage trees to the Township's Heritage Tree Inventory. The three new heritage tree dedications consisted of an American Elm measured at 57 inches in diameter, a tulip poplar measured at 55 inches in diameter and an Oak measured at 46 inches in diameter.

In order for a tree to be designated as a Heritage Tree, the tree must be at least 75 years old or a measurement at diameter breast height of at least 40 inches. Trees of rare species, historical significance, or size are also factors in determining whether a tree is a heritage tree.

Residents interested in nominating a tree on your property, that you think has the potential to be a heritage tree should visit the Township website to fill out a nomination form!

Whitemarsh Township Shade Tree Commission

Stephen Ziegler, Chairman

Celine Childs, Vice-Chair

John Kafes

Jennifer Thomas

Katherine Zaneosky



American Elm measured at 57 inches in diameter. Located at the corner of Joshua Rd. and Ridge Pk. Pictured above: (l to r) John Kafes, Celine Childs, Jennifer Thomas, Dr. David Bowers (tree owner)



Yellow Tulip Poplar measured at 55 inches in diameter. Located at the corner of Bethlehem Pk and Valley Green Rd. Pictured above: (l to r) Ron & Carolyn Denzel (tree owners) Celine Childs, Katherine Zaneosky, John Kafes



Oak measured at 46 inches in diameter. Located at S. Warner Rd. Pictured above: Celine Childs and Susan Chatham (tree owner)

HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Historic District of Plymouth and Whitmarsh Townships was established in 1961 and formally recognized in 1971. At that time, the Village of Plymouth Meeting was placed on the National Register of Historic Places with the Historic District supervised by a joint Historical Architectural Review Board made up of residents from both Plymouth and Whitmarsh Townships. The Historic District is comprised primarily of an early Quaker village located on a prominent crossroad, at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Butler Pike.

Any alternations to the exterior of any property or its environment that are designed to be visible from any public way within the designated historic district must be reviewed by the Historical Architectural Review Board. Any signs on a property that are designed to be visible from a public way within the historic district also requires review by the Historical Architectural Review Board.

Design Review Guidelines for the Historic District

The Design Review Guidelines are intended to serve as a framework for deciding the appropriateness of proposed changes to the structures and sites within the Historic District to preserve the historic integrity of the district. The guidelines are designed to inform district property owners about rehabilitation and maintenance techniques that respect the existing architectural fabric, to serve to enhance the owners' investments, and to increase public awareness of the architectural character of the historic district and the elements that contribute to it.

The guidelines for use within the Historic District of Plymouth and Whitmarsh Townships correspond to four categories:

- Rehabilitation, renovation and maintenance of existing buildings
- New construction
- Demolition
- Signage

For the complete Design Guideline, please visit the Township website.

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB)

The Historical Architectural Review Board is appointed to give counsel to the Board of Supervisors regarding the advisability of issuing any certificates of appropriateness required in pursuant to the Historic District Act. A Certificate of Appropriateness must be issued before any building permits can be approved.

The Historical Architectural Review Board is comprised of nine members: four members are appointed by the Council of Plymouth Township, four members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Whitmarsh Township and one member to be selected by the eight municipal representatives. The ninth member may be a resident of either municipality. At least one member of the Historical Architectural Review Board must be a registered architect, one member must be a building inspector and at least one member must be a licensed real estate broker. The member chosen by the eight municipal appointees serves for one-year period and the position is alternately filled by a resident of Plymouth Township and a resident of Whitmarsh Township. All other members are appointed for terms of overlapping four years.

In addition to those duties and powers set forth in the Historic District Act, the Historical Architectural Review Board from time to time recommends to the Board of Supervisors changes to the map and otherwise guides the Board of Supervisors in its administration of the Historic District Regulations.

The HARB meets at the Whitmarsh Township Administration Building on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. For 2013, the meetings starts at 8 AM in the months of January, March, May, July, September, November and at 9 AM in the months of February, April, June, August, October, December.

The list of HARB members can be found on page 7 with all the Township Boards and Commission Members.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP & WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP HISTORIC DISTRICT MAP



Legend

- Township Border
- Existing Historic District Border



DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

Saturday, October 26 from 10 AM to 2 PM
Whitemarsh Township Police Department

Turn in your unused/expired medication for safe disposal at the next Drug Take-Back Day. It's easy! No paperwork or forms - just drop-off at the Whitemarsh Police Station lobby and go.

Disposal of Prescription Drugs - Federal Guidelines:

Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs to do so. For information on drugs that should be flushed, visit the FDA's website.



ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

WISSAHICKON HIKE

Saturday, October 19, 2013 - starts at 9 AM (Rain or Shine!)

Meet at the Parking lot of Fort Washington State Park in the Flourtown Day Use area on Mill Road

The Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board is hosting a hike along the Wissahickon Creek. Led by Scott Quitel, Ecologist and member of the Environmental Advisory Board, participants will learn about the health of the creek through exploration of its geology, plant and animal life, and human impact on the Wissahickon Creek. Participants will also learn about the different ways that the creek can be preserved for future generations.

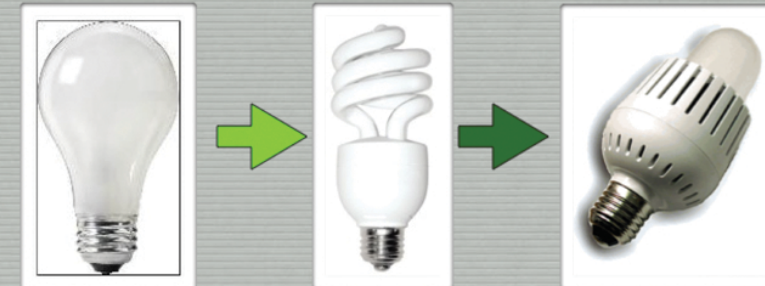


Contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 610-828-7276 to sign up!

STAFF DIRECTORY

TITLE	NAME	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
Township Manager	Richard L. Mellor, Jr.	610-825-3535 Ext. 2601	rmellor@whitemarshtwp.org
Assistant Township Manager	E.J. Lee	610-825-3535 Ext. 2604	elee@whitemarshtwp.org
Chief of Police	T. Michael Beaty	610-825-6530 Ext. 2731	mbeaty@whitemarshpd.org
Director of Finance	Thomas M. Mullin, C.P.A.	610-825-3535 Ext. 2616	tmullin@whitemarshtwp.org
Director of Public Works	Jerome Breitmayer	610-825-3424 Ext. 2501	jbreitmayer@whitemarshtwp.org
Director of Planning & Zoning	Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP	610-825-3535 Ext. 2625	cguttenplan@whitemarshtwp.org
Director of Parks & Recreation	Douglas W. Knauss	610-828-7276 Ext. 2401	dknauss@whitemarshtwp.org
Director of Building & Codes	Robert A. Sztubinski, B.C.O.	610-825-3535 Ext. 2606	rsztubinski@whitemarshtwp.org
Fire Marshal	Scott Lynch	610-825-3535 Ext. 2614	slynch@whitemarshtwp.org
Executive Assistant	Susan McCloskey	610-825-3535 Ext. 2602	smccloskey@whitemarshtwp.org
Township Solicitor	Sean P. Kilkenny, Esq.	Friedman, Schuman, Applebaum, Nemeroff & McCaffery, P.C.	skilkenny@fsalaw.com
Township Engineer	James C. Sullivan, P.E.	T & M Associates	jsullivan@tandmassociates.com

Energy Efficiency



	Incandescent	CFL	LED
Light Output (~lumens)	1,100	1,100	1,100
Wattage	75	18-22	12
Life Span (hours)	1,500	10,000	60,000
Cost	\$1.50	\$3.50	\$80
Operating Temp.	335 F	179 F	113 F
KWH Price	\$0.23	\$0.23	\$0.23
Electricity Cost 60k hours	\$1035	\$276	\$166
No. of bulbs (60k hours)	40	6	1
Bulb Cost	\$10	\$27	\$80
Total Cost Operate 60k hours	\$1045	\$303	\$246
Cost per year per bulb*	\$51	\$14.78	\$12

The incandescent light bulb has virtually been unchanged since Thomas Edison invented it. Although revolutionary for the time, the amount of energy used to provide light is very high. In fact most of the energy is given off as heat with only a small amount being converted to light. Newer compact florescent (CFL) bulbs use far less energy to produce the same amount of light (lumens).

The Township accepts CFLs along with standard tubular florescent bulbs for recycling. They should not be thrown in the trash because they contain mercury, a human toxicant. Check the Trash & Recycling page on the Township website for more information on how to properly dispose CFL bulbs.

For more information regarding recycling electronics through the Township, call the Township at 610-825-3535

UPCOMING TOWNSHIP EVENTS

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

When: Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 1 pm to 3 pm

Where: Former Parks & Recreation Building at Miles Park (4021 Joshua Rd., Lafayette Hill)

Fee: \$12/house

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



Get more information on other upcoming events and Township programs in the Whitemarsh Recreator!

Set up your family account today on Community Pass (link available from the Township website) to register for programs and events online!

Township Parks & Recreation Department Phone: 610-828-7276



SHREDDING DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

8 AM to NOON

MILES PARK PARKING LOT
(OFF GERMANTOWN PIKE)

FREE FOR WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

\$10/bag or container for Commercial Residents

\$15/bag or containers for all non-residents

TOUCH-A-TRUCK



**Saturday,
October 5, 2013
1 pm to 3 pm
Miles Park**

A fun afternoon for the little one to explore fire trucks, police vehicles, construction vehicles, and more!

FREE EVENT!

*Event sponsored by:
J.P. Mascaro & Sons
Lori Henry, State Farm Insurance*

2013 HAUNTED BARN

Pre-School Haunted Barn: (ages 3-11)

TIME: 5 pm to 6 pm
LOCATION: Cedar Grove Barn
DATES: Thursdays, October 17 & 24
PRICE: Pre-Registered: \$5/person
At the Door: \$7/person



Haunted Barn (NOT recommended for ages 8 and under):

TIME: 6-10 PM at Cedar Grove Barn
LOCATION: Cedar Grove Barn
DATES: Fridays, October 18 & 25
Saturdays, October 19 & 26
PRICE: Pre-Registered: \$5/person
At the Door: \$7/person





Whitemarsh Township
616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Be sure to "Like" Whitemarsh Township on Facebook for updates on news, road closures and upcoming events!



Sign up for the Township Recycling Incentive Program



www.cleanandgreenrewards.com

2013 Fall Shredding Event

Saturday, October 12 • 8 AM to Noon • Miles Park