

Whitemarsh

Living & Annual Report

Spring 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



Spring 2013

Dear Whitemarsh Residents:

We are proud to present to you the 2013 spring edition of *Whitemarsh Living Magazine*.

In this spring edition, you will find the Annual Report, providing you with a comprehensive report of the Township's activities throughout the 2012 calendar year. This report is intended to provide residents of Whitemarsh information on the Township's activities in the various departments of the Township Administration along with information on new and upcoming events and programs.

While looking back on all the activities of 2012 in the Annual Report, we are saddened by the recent passing of our Township Manager, Bruce Horrocks, who has served the Township faithfully for the past 9 years. You can read the special tribute to Bruce Horrocks on page 14. After the vacancy of the Manager's Office, the Township was fortunate to quickly fill the Township Manager position with Rick Mellor. You can read more on the new Manager on page 15.

This edition of the magazine also provides a comprehensive Q&A summary of the Township's trash and recycling service, explaining some of the recent changes. One highlight of the new trash and recycling contract is the significant savings in costs under the new contract, allowing the Township to lower the annual residential refuse fee from \$300/household in 2012 to \$230/household in 2013!

And keep in mind that we, the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors, hold public meetings at the Township Building on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Residents are encouraged to attend the meetings or watch them live on WTV (Comcast Ch. 965, Verizon Ch. 46). The meetings are also available on the township website, where residents can get the latest updates on what is happening in Whitemarsh.

Sincerely,

Bob Hart, Chairman
Board of Supervisors



DOG LICENSE REMINDER!

Dog owners in Montgomery County can purchase their 2013 dog licenses online or by mail. Licenses are required for all dogs 3 months and older. Please see the Montgomery County Treasurer's website for pricing and details.

To register for a dog license, visit:
www.padoglicense.com



READY NOTIFY

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 occur]
- Pagers 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.

To register for Ready Notify PA, visit: montco.alertpa.org



MONTGOMERY COUNTY RIDGE PIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Montgomery County is planning a complete reconstruction of Ridge Pike from the Norristown Borough line to the Philadelphia City line at Northwestern Avenue. This long term project will involve full depth reconstruction and widening of the roadway in Plymouth, Whitmarsh and Springfield Townships in multiple phases.

Phase I: Butler Pike to Northwestern Avenue, in Whitmarsh and Springfield Townships. Section 1, from Church Road to Northwestern Avenue, involves widening the road to two lanes in each direction along with turning lanes. Section 2, Ridge Pike and Joshua Road intersection improvement to permit two lanes in each direction with the left turn lane.

Phase II: Ridge Pike in Plymouth Township, from the Norristown Borough line to Butler Pike. Section 1, from Norristown Borough line to School Lane. Section 2, from the PA Turnpike to the Blue Route interchanges, replace two bridges, widen for a center turn lane and intersection turn lane including the elimination of the Alan Wood Road jughandle.



County Commissioner Leslie Richards, with Bob Hart, Whitmarsh Supervisor, and Leo Bagley, Assistant Director for Montgomery County Planning Commission

Commissioner Leslie Richards, who has been actively involved in this project quotes, "Ridge Pike is an important project for the County, Whitmarsh, and our region. Having two lanes in each direction will dramatically change the traffic patterns in our community for the better." Chairman Bob Hart, of Whitmarsh Township Board of Supervisors follows the sentiments of Commissioner Richards quoting, "We are certainly excited to see this project move forward with the support of our commissioners. This project will not only provide traffic relief for the residents of Whitmarsh Township, but also for all the commuters passing through our Township daily via Ridge Pike. We are looking forward to working with Commissioner Richards and Montgomery County to make sure that this project remains a priority."

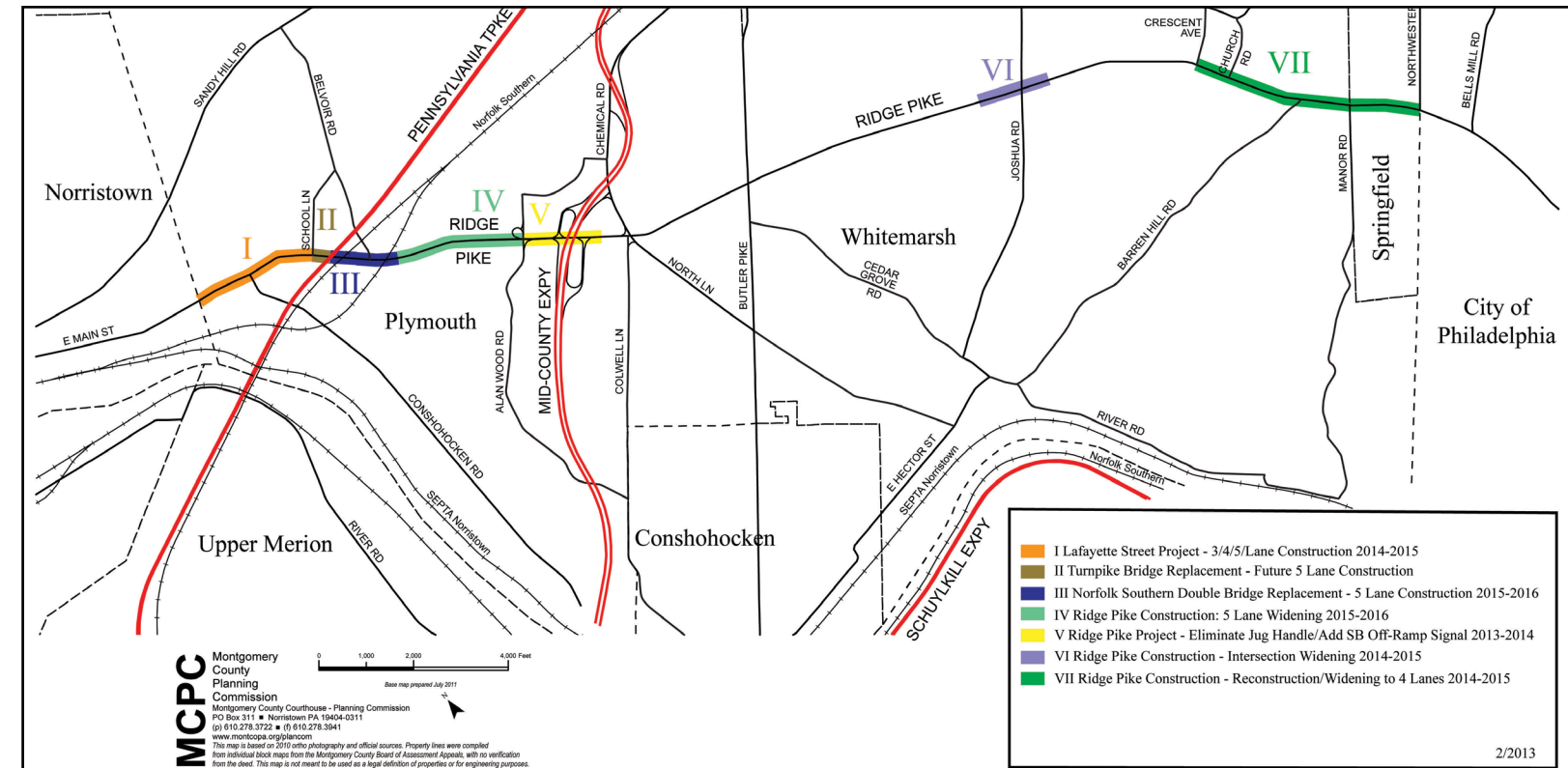
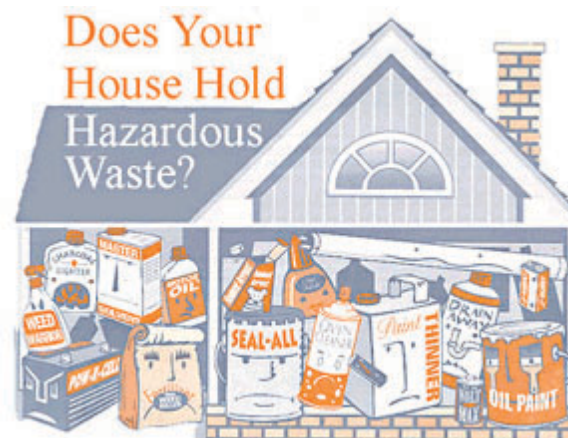
As the design for various sections are completed, the construction of the first of multiple contracts is anticipated as early as 2014.

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.

Look for details of the 2013 County Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics Collection Program on the township website.





(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 each month 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 February 15, 2013)**

ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Robert Bisbing, *Chair*
L. Matthew Schwartz, *Vice-Chair*
Karen Danko
Eli Glick
Scott Quitel
Howard Salasin
Deborah Shreero

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

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

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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

Vacancy Board

Lynda Bard
Christopher Indelicato
Carole Lukoff
Susan Paul
Thomas Sivell

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 McMnamin
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.



TRASH & RECYCLING

FAQ's of Township Trash and Recycling Services:

Q. Who is the Township's hauler for residential trash and recycling and how was this hauler selected?

A. J. P. Mascaro is the Township's hauler for trash and recycling. According to the Township Code, Whitemarsh Township must go to bid for trash and recycling services and must choose the lowest responsible bidder. In 2012, Whitemarsh Township received several bids for trash and recycling service, where J. P. Mascaro qualified as the lowest responsible bidder.

Q. When and how often is residential trash and recyclables collected?

A. Residential trash and recyclables are collected curbside once/week on the designated day in each collection district. If you are uncertain of your collection district, check the Township website.

Q. What is the collection schedule for holidays?

A. There is NO COLLECTION on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. If 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.

Q. Who do I call about questions/complaints related to trash and recycling?

A. Residents should call J. P. Mascaro at 1-800-432-1616 during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 7 am to 5 pm for questions or complaints related to the trash and recycling service.

Q. Why is RecycleBank no longer available in Whitemarsh Township?

A. RecycleBank currently has an exclusive contract with Waste Management who did not qualify as the responsible bidder to be the Township's hauler.

Q. How long do I have to use up my accrued RecycleBank points?

A. Residents have up to one year from the last day of RecycleBank activity to utilize all RecycleBank points accrued. Resident can keep their RecycleBank account active by logging onto their account online and participating in the RecycleBank online activities. More details of residential accounts can be obtained by contacting RecycleBank at 1-888-727-2978.

Q. What is the new recycling incentive program for Whitemarsh Township?

A. As of January 1, 2013, Whitemarsh Township residents are eligible to join the resident rewards-based recycle program managed by J. P. Mascaro. Residents should have received new details of the recycling incentive program in the mail from J.P. Mascaro that explains how the program works, how to activate your account, and what rebate options are currently available. If you are uncertain about how to join the program, visit:

www.cleanandgreenrewards.com or follow the link on the Township website.

Q. What does 'community-based' recycling incentive program mean?

A. All residents who register for the program can earn rewards based upon the weight of all the materials the Township collects. The collection trucks will no longer be weighing individual recycling containers so residents now have the option to use any container for recycling. The weight of the Township's recyclable materials collected will be weighed at the Re-Community Facility where the materials are sorted and disposed. After the weight of the recyclable materials is recorded, J. P. Mascaro will divide the total amount amongst all the residents of the Township by awarding points that may be redeemed for rewards at various national and local businesses.



Q. What is Single-Stream Recycling?

A. Residential recycling in Whitemarsh Township is single-stream, which means that you may mix all recyclable materials into one container - there is no need to separate materials or even tie-or-bag newspapers.

Q. What are the acceptable list of recyclable materials?

A. Plastics 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 (jugs, bottles, etc); Aluminum and Metal cans, Paper (office paper, junk mail, newspaper); Glass Bottles and Jars; Cardboard and Food Boxes (including pizza boxes); Magazines, Cartons, and Aseptics. - **NOT ACCEPTED:** Plastic bags; Scrap Metal; Window Panes or Mirrors; Ceramics or Dishware; Bio-Hazardous Waste; Unmarked Plastics, Plastic #3 and Plastic #6; Electronic Waste; Paint, Pesticides, Oil; Food or Yard Waste; Fabrics or Clothing; Waxed Paper or Cardboard; Styrofoam; VHS/VCR Tapes; Plastic CD Cases

Q. Why are the list of the Township's acceptable recyclables different from what is listed on J.P. Mascaro's website?

A. J. P. Mascaro is the Township's hauler for trash and recycling. The recyclable materials collected are taken to a processing facility called Re-Community where the recyclable materials are sorted and recycled. The Township receives a monthly fee from Re-Community for the recyclable materials and therefore the Township must follow Re-Community's list of acceptable materials.



Q. Who collects bulk items and what is acceptable?

A. Curbside Bulk-Items are collected with regular trash on the day of the scheduled trash collection - ONE (1) item per household per week. J. P. Mascaro collects Bulk-Items from residential properties with trash on the regularly scheduled collection day. There is no need to call the Township to make an appointment. There is no charge to residents for household Bulk-Items collections. If you are uncertain about the acceptability of a bulk item, contact J. P. Mascaro at 1-800-MASCARO to verify.

Items permitted in residential Bulk-Items collection include household furniture and household appliances. PICK UP FOR APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON MUST BE ARRANGED WITH JP MASCARO OR OTHER APPROVED HAULER AND CANNOT BE LEFT WITH FOR PICK UP WITH REGULAR TRASH. THERE IS A \$65 FEE FOR MASCARO TO PICK UP AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON.

Under the DEP mandate, as of January, 24, 2013, electronics are also excluded from bulk pick-up. Residents who need to dispose of electronics can drop them off at the Township Building during normal business hours of 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Residents can also dispose of electronics at one of the County Electronic Collection events scheduled throughout the year from Spring to Fall - the schedule for these events will be available on the Township website.



Q. When is yard waste collected, and what is acceptable?

A. Curbside yard-waste is collected every Wednesday by J. P. Mascaro & Sons. It is not necessary to call the Township to schedule Yard-Waste collection. Items permitted in residential yard-waste collection include grass clippings placed in biodegradable paper bags or in containers; bundled shrubs, brush or plants, excluding dirt, and under four (4') feet in length and bundled tree branches under three (3") inches in diameter and under four (4') feet in length.

Every fall, the Township Public Works Department provides leaf collection service to the residents of the Township. Details of the fall leaf collection events will be available in the fall newsletter and the Township website.

Q. How do I dispose of paint?

A. Latex paint can be disposed with regular trash. Simply remove the lids from the paint containers and soak up all paint residue with shredded newspaper or kitty litter. When all the liquid is soaked up and becomes a solid mass, you can replace the lids on the container and leave out with your regular trash. Enamel paint is considered hazardous waste and should be disposed at one of the County Hazardous Waste Collection events or through an approved hazardous waste disposal provider.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

In a natural environment, most rainwater soaks into the ground or is captured by trees and other plants. As land is developed, it is covered by hard surfaces - roads, parking lots and rooftops that prevent natural infiltration, and allow water to quickly run downstream. This runoff, known as stormwater, carries dirt, fertilizer, pet waste, pesticides and debris into lakes, streams and wetlands. Polluted stormwater runoff is the number one water quality problem in across the country.

In many urban environments, stormwater is managed with storm sewer systems that quickly move stormwater away to prevent localized flooding. However, storm sewers often drain directly into lakes, streams and wetlands, rapidly carrying pollution into our valuable surface waters.

Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) are the primary method for dealing with polluted runoff. BMPs may include ponds, raingardens, porous pavement, green roofs, or other practices that temporarily hold, filter, or reduce stormwater. Slowing down or reducing the flow of water minimizes flooding and reduces the amount of pollution reaching downstream water bodies.

WHAT IS A RAINGARDEN?

Raingardens are shallow depressions that capture stormwater and allow it to soak into the ground. Deep roots of perennial shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers break up compacted soil and promote infiltration. By catching stormwater where it falls, raingardens slow runoff, prevent erosion and decrease the amount of pollution flowing downstream to lakes, streams and wetlands. Raingardens also provide beautiful landscaping – which increases property values – and much needed habitat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife in an urban environment.

A properly designed, constructed and maintained raingarden will drain in two days or less after a rain event. Regularly maintaining your raingarden ensures its clean water, aesthetic, and habitat benefits for years to come.



Routine Maintenance of Raingardens

Regular raingarden maintenance is similar to any landscaped area. Routine inspections after rain events will help you become familiar with your raingarden so you can identify small or potential problems when they are still easy to fix.

- Replace mulch or add rock to bare areas
- Replace dead or diseased plants
- Remove litter
- Stabilize eroded areas using small stones
- Remove accumulated sediment in inlets, outlets, bottoms of basin, and pretreatment areas
- Replace weeds/invasive vegetation with raingarden plants
- Re-vegetate stormwater inlets to reduce incoming sediments
- During droughts, water raingarden plants that show signs of stress

Signs that further maintenance is needed:

- Standing water is noticeable after 48 hours
- Odor becomes a problem
- Runoff flows across, rather than into the raingarden
- There is visible damage to any structures associated with the raingarden

(Source: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District)

BACKYARD STREAMS - BENEFITS OF RIPARIAN BUFFERS

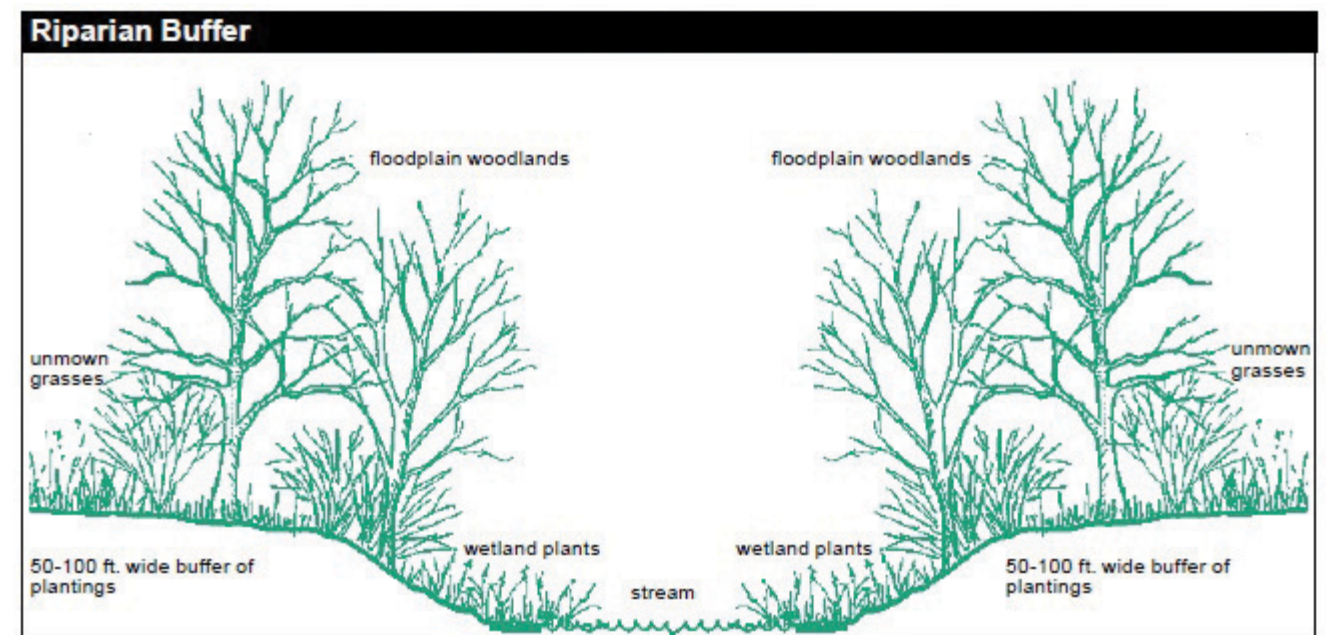
Establish a streamside (riparian) buffer—a vegetated area along the edge of the stream that protects it from pollution and erosion. This buffer zone absorbs pollutants and nutrients that would otherwise end up running directly into the stream. Plant material slows runoff and filters out pollutants and sediments. Well-planted streamside buffers are also a great low-cost way to control erosion. While plants slow runoff, filter pollutants, and help control erosion, trees cast shade on the stream, cooling the water, reducing algae growth and improving fish habitat. A buffer with trees and shrubs also becomes a home to birds, butterflies and other creatures. Trees and plants that grow in the buffer play a critical role in keeping streams healthy.

Caring for Your Stream

- Begin with a “no mow” or “no graze” zone along your stream banks. Make your buffer as wide as possible.
- Plant trees and shrubs in your buffer zone. They provide many long-lasting benefits and can be quite inexpensive to establish and maintain.
- Using shrubs will give your buffer a quick start; many reach full size in just a few years.
- Set your mower blades at least three inches high. Taller grass slows runoff, resists drought and needs less fertilizer
- Use hay bales or a special silt fence to prevent soil from washing off your site and into the stream while establishing your stream buffer.
- Cover piles of soil with tarps to protect them from rain.
- Use good farm practices by not cultivating the soil and planting winter cover crops to conserve soil.
- Contact your local DEP office or county conservation district if you see soil runoff in the stream from a nearby construction site.
- Limit your overall use of pesticides and herbicides, and use extreme caution when using them near streams.
- Compost yard waste. Don't bag lawn trimmings or throw them into the stream; leave them in place for effective recycling of nutrients.
- Store firewood, trash and other materials well away from streams.

Help Keep Our Water Clean

- Minimize the use of fertilizers and other lawn chemicals
- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street; compost yard waste
- Plant native vegetation to reduce irrigation and provide habitat for beneficial insects, songbirds, and other wildlife
- Properly dispose of oil, antifreeze, cleaners, and other household chemicals
- Wash dirty vehicles at a commercial car wash or on your lawn



Text Source: Philadelphia Water Department

Image Source: Fairfax County Government

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

Rental Licensing & Inspection

Whitemarsh Township requires that owners of all rental units within the Township act in accordance with the Township Code's Rental Licensing and Inspection Program requirements to ensure that each rental property is properly maintained by the owner and occupant. The Township Code provides for a regular inspection program, registration and licensing of residential rental units and penalties for noncompliance.

RENTAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

The property owner or agent of each rental property must register each rental unit with the Township Building and Codes Department and pay the required registration fee in accordance with the Township's Fee Schedule.

Registration Forms are available for download on the Township website and are also available at the Township Building Department of Building & Codes (610-825-3535).

The following information must be submitted with the registration form and payment:

- Name, address and telephone number of the property owner
- Name, address and telephone number of the person authorized to collect rents or fees from the premises
- Name, address and telephone number of any person authorized to make or order made repairs or services for the rental property, if such person is different from that of the property owner or rental agent
- Name of Person or entity responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the property
- Street address of the rental property
- Number and types of dwelling units within the rental property
- A list of current tenants including contact information

A property owner or agent must notify the Township in writing within thirty (30) calendar days following any change in the above information.

Each license for a residential rental property must be renewed every two years. If there is a change in the type of occupancy from the type stated on the registration statement, a new registration statement and license is required.

Any rental license may be revoked or suspended for the following reasons:

- False or misleading information given or provided in connection with the license application, renewal application or license transfer application
- Failure to pay required fees
- Failure to correct violations in the time period prescribed
- Violations committed or permitted by the licensed property owner and/or the property owners' designated agent, of any rules, codes, statutes or ordinances relating to, pertaining to, or governing the license and the rental property

A suspended license may be reinstated only after the Code Enforcement Officer determines that the circumstances leading to the suspension have been remedied and a reinstatement fee as set by the Board of Supervisors has been paid.

Rental property Inspection Standards

All rental property must meet the inspection standards. It is the responsibility of the property owner/applicant or agent to contact the Building and Codes Department and schedule all inspections required. Inspection request must be made to the Township no less than forty eight (48) hours prior to the time of the desired inspection.



DOG CONTROL

§ 39-10. Dog control. [Added 5-8-2008 by Ord. No. 848]

A. Nuisance prohibited. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for an owner or keeper to cause or permit a dog or dogs to bark, howl, bay or otherwise make any noise or disturbance which results in a nuisance as defined in this article. A nuisance shall be presumed by proof of the continual barking or making of such noise for two periods, each of which is in excess of 15 minutes, and both of which periods occur within 24 hours of each other. In the event an owner or keeper has more than one dog on his or her property or under his or her control, it shall not be necessary in order to prove a violation of this article that a specific dog created the nuisance. Rather, it shall be sufficient to prove that the barking, howling, baying or other noise which created the nuisance as defined in this article emanated from a dog in the care or control of the owner or keeper.



B. Defecation.

1. An owner or a keeper shall immediately remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, all feces deposited by any dog on private or public property not under the control of the owner or keeper of such dog. "Disposal" in a sanitary manner shall mean removal of the feces from the premises in a suitable container for disposal into either a sanitary sewer system (whether public or private) or a waste collection container. It is hereby declared unlawful to dispose of feces in any storm sewer system.
2. It is unlawful for any owner or keeper of any dog to allow feces to accumulate on private property owned or controlled by the owner or keeper, to a level which is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of persons or property, as determined by the Whitemarsh Township Director of Building and Codes or the police officer conducting the investigation of the property.
3. The owner of any property where dog feces has been allowed to accumulate to a level which is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of persons or property, as determined by the Whitemarsh Township Director of Building and Codes or the police officer conducting the investigation of the property, shall be ordered to remove and dispose of the accumulation of feces in a sanitary manner within a period of 72 hours.

C. Dogs at large.

1. It shall be unlawful for an owner or keeper of any dog or dogs, whether licensed in accordance with the rules and regulations of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (hereafter "licensed"), or unlicensed, to permit such dog or dogs to run at large unaccompanied by the owner or keeper. When not on the premises of the owner or keeper, a dog must be leashed at all times when on foot. The leash shall be of sturdy material, not more than eight feet in length; provided, however, that such leash may extend more than eight feet, provided that the owner or keeper remains in control of such dog or dogs.
2. It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of any dog or dogs, whether licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog or dogs to run at large unaccompanied by the owner or keeper. A dog shall be deemed to be at large if off the premises of the owner or keeper and not confined by a leash.
3. It shall be the duty of the Township police or other authorized persons to seize and detain any dog or dogs, whether they are licensed or unlicensed, which are found running at large. The police or such authorized persons are hereby authorized to seize and detain any dog or dogs which have been found running at large when such police or authorized persons are in the immediate pursuit of any such dog or dogs.

Whitemarsh Remembers Bruce G. Horrocks

1949-2012



The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors observes the passing of Bruce G. Horrocks, who served as the Whitemarsh Township Manager from June of 2010 until his death last December of 2012. Prior to being the Township Manager, Bruce served as Interim Manager for approximately six months and as the Assistant Township Manager/Director of Planning and Zoning for seven years prior. Prior to Whitemarsh Township, he was Township Manager for Skippack and Hilltown Townships.

Bruce was born in Sellersville, PA, as the youngest son of the late Warren and Isabelle (Lowe) Horrocks. A 1967 graduate of Pennridge High School, he attained his bachelor's degree from Salem College, West Virginia, in 1972. Bruce was an avid golfer and had a dry sense of humor. He and his wife Carol celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary last August. He was the proud father of Adam and Paige and proud grandfather of Avery, Rowan and Hadley.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Bob Hart remembers Bruce Horrocks as a vital member of the community and a unique individual, who was committed to Whitemarsh Township. The Township Board of Supervisors is forever grateful for the years of hard work and dedication that Bruce put forth for the citizens of Whitemarsh Township.

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
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Director of Planning & Zoning	Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP	610-825-3535 Ext. 2625	cguttenplan@whitemarshtwp.org
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2012 Annual Report



The Whitemarsh 2012 Annual Report is a comprehensive report of the Township's activities throughout the 2012 calendar year along with a preview of what is to come in 2013. This report is intended to provide residents and businesses of Whitemarsh information on the Township's activities in the various departments of the Township Administration.

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RICHARD MELLOR JR. APPOINTED AS TOWNSHIP MANAGER



Richard (Rick) L. Mellor, Jr. joined Whitemarsh as the new Township Manager in January of 2013.

Rick began his professional career in Lower Moreland Township, Montgomery County as the Assistant to the Manager in 2000. After two years, he was promoted to Assistant Manager, a position he held for six years with the organization. In 2008, Rick was appointed Township Manager of Lower Moreland, in which he oversaw the fiscal affairs of an approximate \$6 million dollar budget, 50 full-time employees and population of 13,000 residents. Rick's career spans 12 years in municipal government with the last four years in the role as Township Manager.

Rick's professional affiliations include a 12-year member of both ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, and APMM, the Association of Pennsylvania Municipal Managers. Rick is currently serving a two year term as the Eastern Region Vice President of APMM, in which he represents the eastern part of Pennsylvania Managers on the State's Executive Board. He is also on the Next Gen committee and has started a state-wide internship program to promote the profession to the next generation of municipal managers.

Rick is a graduate of Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton and master's degree in Public Administration from Villanova University. Rick currently resides in Flourtown with his wife Jennifer and two young children, Emma, 3 and Jack, 1.

PARKS & RECREATION

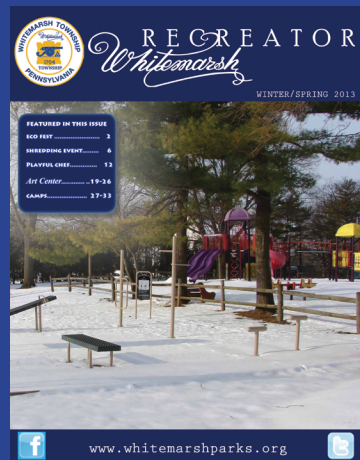
2012 was once again a successful year with 7,020 enrollments in various township programs and events. The Township is proud to offer a number of events throughout the year such as EcoFest, Shredding Event, Township Day, Summer Movies and Concerts in the Park, Garden Tour, History Tour, 4th of July Parade, and the Haunted Barn & Pre-School Haunted Barn. It is exciting to see so many residents taking advantage of the Township programs and events, and also thank all the local businesses and organizations that sponsor many of the Township events.

November 2012 marked the completion of the Leeland Park renovation, which included the installation of a walking trail, bocce courts, horse shoe pits, bathrooms, a new basketball court, and new landscaping.

The Township Parks and Recreation Department also received recognition with three awards in excellence in programming by the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society for the History Tour event, EcoFest, and the Kids in Motion program.

In January 2013, the Township Parks and Recreation Department moved from its long-time home at Joshua Road to its new location at Koontz Park, located at 2391 Harts Lane. Residents can now visit the Parks & Recreation Department at Koontz Park to register for programs, purchase discount tickets to the movies and various local attractions!

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!



LEELAND PARK

Pictured (from left then clockwise): Leeland Park sign with a heritage tree and ADA accessible walking trail in the background; basketball court; bocci court; playground; horseshoe pit with ADA accessible picnic table (center picture)

2012 Highlights

- Ended 2012 with a General Fund balance of \$3,112,649
- The Township expended \$2,160,000 on capital facility and stormwater management improvement projects.
- Township purchased two properties located in flood-plains at a total cost of \$588,153 from the Open Space Fund. The Township is in the process of obtaining Federal Emergency Management Funding for the acquisition, demolition and conversion of the properties to Open Space.
- Reserves across all funds total \$11,775,840. General Fund Reserve of \$4,851,680 is 27% of budgeted revenues. This percentage exceeds recommended levels of 5% to 15% of budgeted revenues.
- The Township continues to maintain the real estate tax rate at a steady 2.0379 Mills with no rate increase since 2001.
- The Township has entered into a new trash hauling contract. Cost savings under the new contract have enabled the Township to reduce the refuse collection charge from \$300 to \$230 per residential dwelling unit on the 2013 real estate tax bills.

Real Estate Taxes

Residents of Whitemarsh Township receive two Real Estate Tax bills each year - one for the Township and County and another one for the Colonial School District.

The Township Real Estate Tax is based on a rate of 2.0379 Mills, which can be calculated as $.020379 \times$ assessed value of your real estate property.

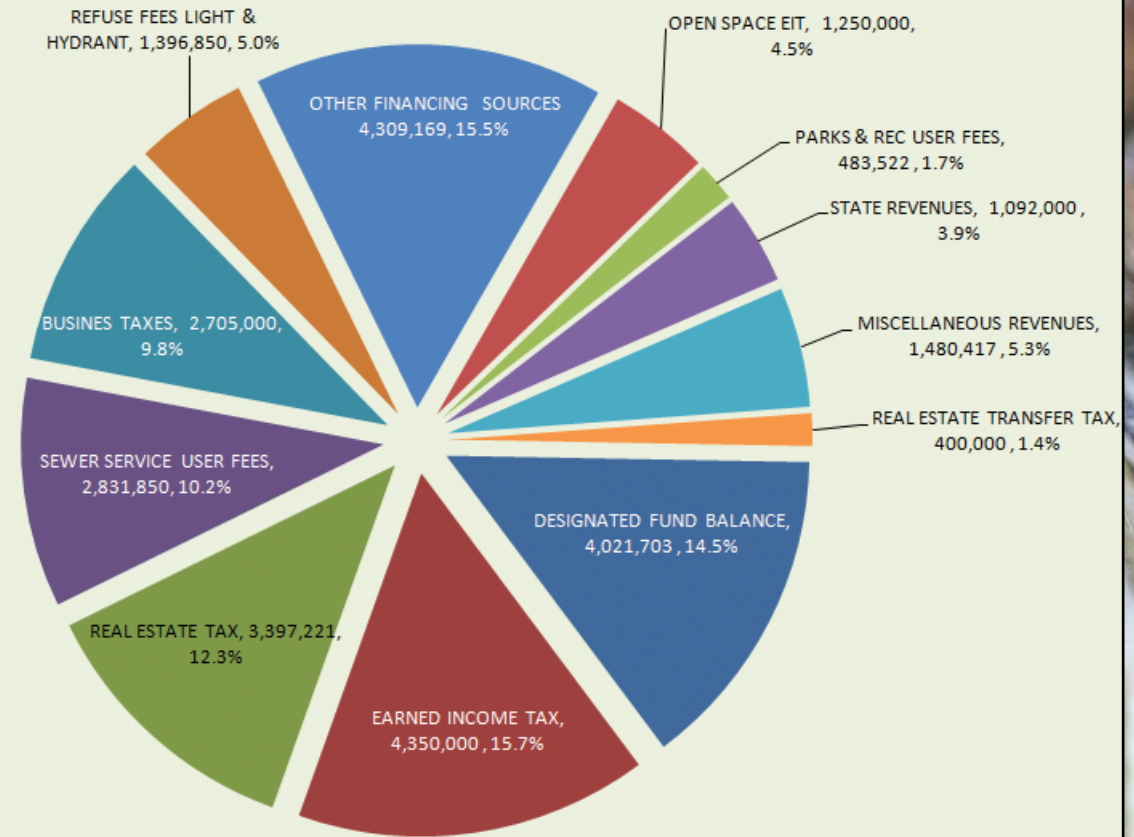
The School District Real Estate Tax is currently based on a rate of 19.104 Mills, which can be calculated as $.19104 \times$ assessed value of your real estate property.

The County Real Estate Tax is based on a rate of 3.152, which can be calculated as $.03152 \times$ assessed value of your real estate property.

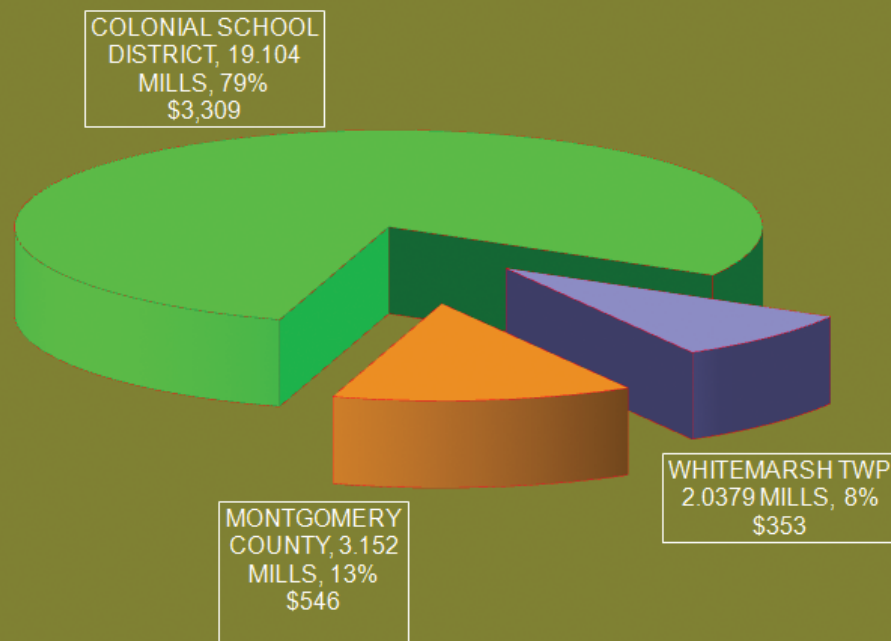
Please remember to pay the Township and County Real Estate Tax to the Township and the School District Real Estate Tax to the Colonial School District.

Whitemarsh Township Real Estate Tax bills are mailed out March 1, 2013. For a 2% discount, payments are due April 30, 2013. All bill payments made after July 1, 2013 will be assessed an additional 10% late fee.

2013 BUDGETED REVENUE \$27,717,732



2013 TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES MEDIAN ASSESSED VALUE \$173,190. TOTAL R.E. TAX \$4,207



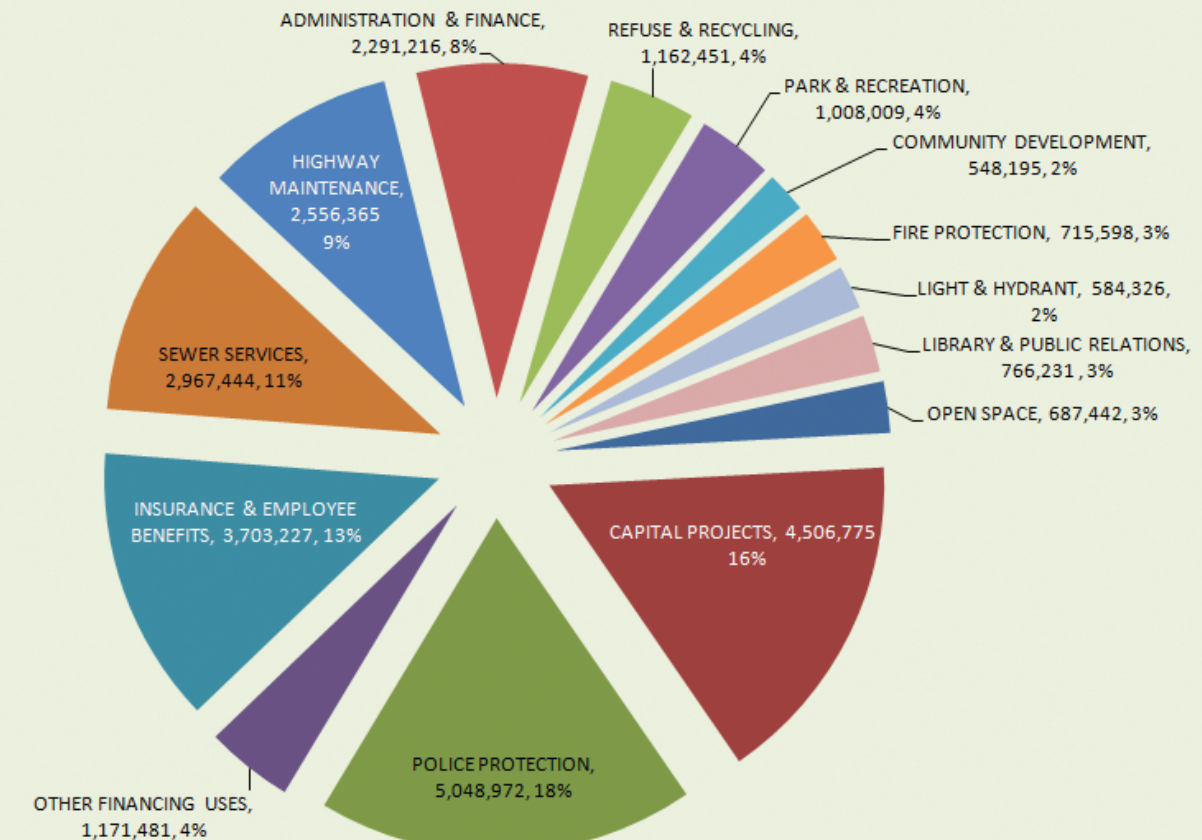
DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

March 1, 2013
Township Real Estate Tax Bills mailed out

April 30, 2013
Tax payment due to get 2% discount

July 1, 2013
Payments after this date will be assessed an additional 10% late fee

2013 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES \$27,717,732



PLANNING & ZONING

In 2012, Whitmarsh Township approved four (4) Subdivision and Land Development applications, four (4) conditional use applications, and heard 32 Zoning Hearing Board cases.

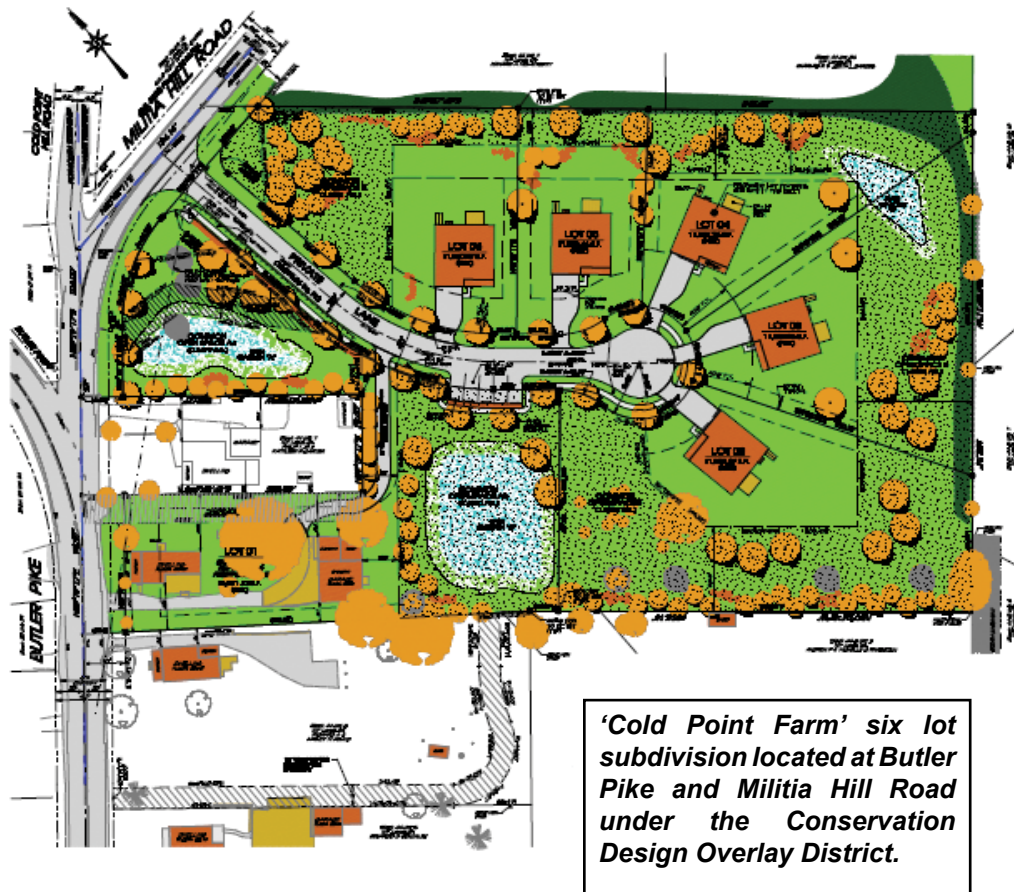
Subdivision and Land Development Approvals for 2012:

1. 'Cold Point Farm' (Stronghold Properties, Inc. c/o Sal Paone, Jr.)

A six-lot subdivision plan at 5034 Butler Pike (at Militia Hill Road) for 5 new homes on a private cul-de-sac. This is the first subdivision approved under the Conservation Design Overlay District. Preliminary plans were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their July 12, 2012 meeting with final plans approved by the Board at their November 15, 2012 meeting. *(see plan below)*

2. NHS Human Services at 620 Germantown Pike

A lot consolidation of three lots and the construction of an enlarged parking lot; the razing of two buildings will be required for this development. A heritage cedar tree was saved as part of this development plan. The preliminary plans were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their August 16, 2012 meeting, with final plans approved by the Board at their December 13, 2012 meeting.



'Cold Point Farm' six lot subdivision located at Butler Pike and Militia Hill Road under the Conservation Design Overlay District.

3. 110 Spruce Road

Subdivision plans of 3 lots, one with existing development and two for future construction of single-family homes. All of the lots are in excess of 10 acres and will be deed restricted from further subdivision. Preliminary/final plans were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their December 13, 2012 meeting.

4. 6006 Cricket Road and 6003 W. Valley Green Road

A lot line change to reconfigure the two lots to allow the razing of a frequently flooded vacant home, and the eventual construction of two new homes outside the floodplain. Preliminary/final plans were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their December 13, 2012 meeting.

Conditional Use Approvals for 2012:

1. MaGerk's Pub & Grill, 582 S. Bethlehem Pike, Addition of outdoor dining under the VC-1 Village Commercial District. The applicant received approval at the February 9, 2012 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. *(See concept plan below)*
2. NHS Human Services, 620 Germantown Pike For parking in the front yard under the VC-1 Village Commercial District. The applicant received approval at the March 8, 2012 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
3. 535 Germantown Pike ("Shopper's World") For personal service use (hair salon) in the Village Commercial District. The applicant received approval at the October 25, 2012 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
4. 462 Germantown Pike For a retail use (women's consignment shop) at 462 Germantown Pike in the VC-1 Village Commercial District. The applicant received approval at the November 15, 2012 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.



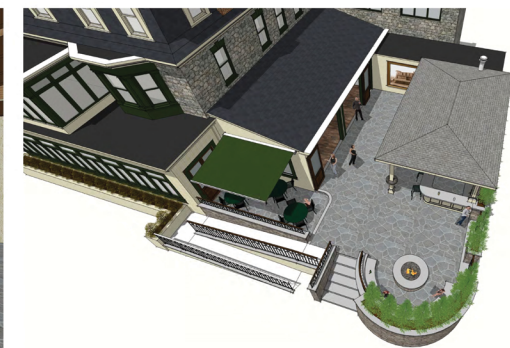
VIEW FROM FIRE PIT



VIEW OF OUTDOOR BAR



VIEW OF OUTDOOR PATIO



AERIAL VIEW

MAGERKS OUTDOOR PATIO/ BEER GARDEN 582 SOUTH BETHLEHEM PIKE | FORT WASHINGTON PA 19034

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

Building permits are required to enlarge, alter, repair, move or demolish the exterior of an existing building, construct a new building or structure or change the occupancy of a building. A permit is also required to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system.

In 2012, Whitemarsh Township received and processed 1,019 building permits.

RESIDENTIAL		NON-RESIDENTIAL	
New Dwelling	3	New Construction, Roofing, Siding	4
Roofing & Siding	143	Alterations/Additions	85
Sheds, Decks, Patios	63	Fences & Signs	18
Fences	57	Use & Occupancy	64
Pools	5	Demolition	12
Alterations/Additions	147	Misc. Temporary Permits	14
Zoning Permits	259	Zoning Permits	145
TOTAL	677	TOTAL	342

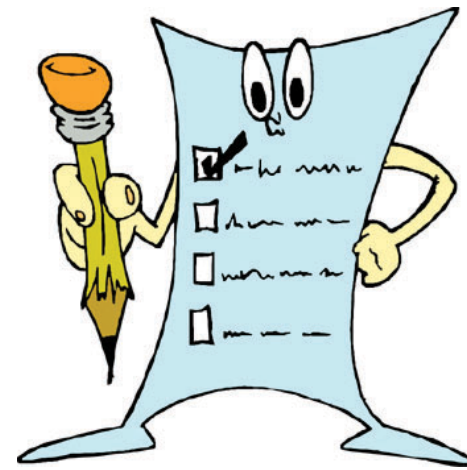
Prior to starting any new building project, residents are encouraged to make an appointment with the Township to review the permitting process. The Township Department for Building Permits can be reached at 610-825-3535 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED WHEN

- Installing a permanent heating or air conditioning equipment
- Replacing a roof
- Installing fences, utility sheds, above-ground and in-ground swimming pools (4 feet or deeper)
- Erecting signs
- Adding or replacing all plumbing fixtures, including water softeners, water heaters, and garbage disposals (replacing an existing residential garbage disposal does not require a permit)
- Regrading property
- Constructing a new building or additions, enclosures and alterations to an existing building, including decks, porches and sunrooms.
- Working on an on-site sanitary sewage system (through Montgomery County)
- Installing fire protection systems and modifying systems including fire alarms, security systems, burglar alarms, sprinkler systems, hood systems, fire places and fire suppression systems
- Removing and installing storage tanks, both above ground and underground



If you are still unsure whether you need a permit for your project, please call the Township Building & Permits Department at 610-825-3535 to verify.



Zoning Requirements

All Building Permit applications except for roofing and siding projects require a Zoning Permit. For more information on the Township Zoning Ordinance please visit the Township website.

Use and Occupancy

All new construction, any changes in commercial use, new residential construction projects and home occupation requires a Use and Occupancy Certificate. A Use and Occupancy certificate is not required for the resale of residential properties.

In order to obtain a Use and Occupancy Certificate, both the Building Permit Application and the Zoning Permit Application (both applications available on the Township website) must be completed and submitted to the Township. There is no separate Use and Occupancy Form to fill out.

Earth Disturbance/Grading Permit

An Earth Disturbance Permit may be required if your project involves any of the following:

- Work that disturbs more than 20 cubic yards, total, of earth removed, or
- Adds more than 1000 sq. ft. of new impervious surface, or
- Earthmoving over 1,200 sq. ft. on existing developed properties that will alter drainage patterns, accelerate erosion, interfere with existing stormwater facilities, or adversely impact adjoining properties.

If you are unsure whether you need an Earth Disturbance Permit, please call the Township Engineer at 610-825-3535 to verify.



Highway/Road Occupancy Permit

All work performed within the Right-of-Way (ROW) of Township roads require a Road Occupancy Permit. Any work performed on a Township road over, under or within the limits of a limited access state and/or county road/highway ALSO requires a state and/or county permit.

If you are unsure whether you need a Highway/Road Occupancy Permit, please call the Township Engineering Department at 610-825-3535 to verify.

Contractor Registration

Only contractors who are registered with the township may obtain building permits to perform work in Whitemarsh Township. Contractors must be able to show proof of workers' compensation insurance, designating Whitemarsh Township as a certificate holder. Contractors who are self-employed or meet the criteria outlined in the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Law for exemption from providing Workers' Compensation should fill out the Workers Compensation Exemption Form (available on the township website).

Contractors who are registered with the state must also register with the township. There are no fees to register EXCEPT for plumbers, who have a \$50 registration fee. Master Plumbers must also be able to provide proof from the institution or municipality which certified them as master plumbers. Journeymen plumbers must be able to list the name of the master plumber for whom they work.



The Whitmarsh Township Police Department is a community-oriented accredited law enforcement agency committed to the protection of the citizens of our great community. The men and women that comprise the Police Department are dedicated to achieving a safer community by providing excellent service and involving the community as partners. Incorporating the values of service, integrity, respect, accountability, innovation and teamwork, the members of the Whitmarsh Township Police Department work to educate and engage with the citizens of Whitmarsh in order to provide the highest level of professional law enforcement service.

- Chief Mike Beaty



2012 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Promotions**
 - Sergeant Francis Wheatly promoted to Lieutenant (Nov., 2011)
 - Officer Michael Kolar promoted to Corporal
 - Officer Samuel Ditzler promoted to Sergeant
 - Officer Amanda O'Neil promoted to Corporal
- **Retirement:** Corporal Stephen P. Dolan after 25 years of service
- **New officers:**
 - Officer Adrian Stead
 - Officer Kenneth Campbell
 - Officer Bryan Lukens
- **Special Recognition:**
 - Lieutenant Christopher Ward was recognized for his graduation from the 249th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy;
 - Officers Todd Burton and Adrian Stead received a Commendation for their combined lifesaving efforts on a choking victim;
 - Sergeants Jeff Nowak and Greg Keenan were recognized for graduating from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command at the Philadelphia Police Academy
 - Detective Craig Cubbin received a Commendation of Merit for his effort on an armed robbery investigation;
- **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY:** 2012 Citizens Police Academy graduated 12 new students.
- **COP CAMP:** 2012 Cop Camp was another success with 34 participants



Graduates of 2012 Citizens Police Academy

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

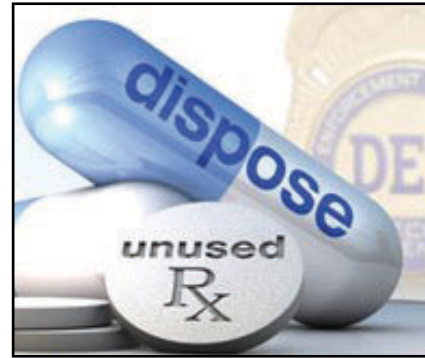
National Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, April 27 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Whitmarsh 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 Whitmarsh Police Station lobby and go.

In 2011, the two combined National Drug Take-Back Days scheduled in the spring and fall collected 289 pounds of unwanted/expired medications. In the four previous Take-Back events, the DEA in conjunction with our state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners have collected more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications.



Officer Sweeney with Hugo on left and Officer Stadulis with Brock on right

K9 Competition

Whitmarsh Township Police Department's canines, Brock and Hugo, participated in the first annual "Officer Brad Fox Iron Dog" competition hosted by SEPTA Police and the US Police Canine Association. Officer Stadulis, with Brock, and Officer Sweeney, with Hugo, completed a rigorous "Iron Dog" course that consisted of a 3/4 mile run, during which the canine teams were confronted with various obstacles such as water pits, low crawls, dog carry-up hills, hurdles, shooting, apprehension and other tests of agility. The canines and their handlers were judged on the completion of each exercise and both K9 teams from Whitmarsh scored well. The proceeds from the event were donated to the family of fallen officer Brad Fox.

PW/GA Student Coalition Invited to U.S. Department of Transportation

The PW/GA Student Coalition under the direction of Lt. Wheatley received national recognition for their unique campaigns to improve teen driver safety in our community and earned a special invitation to visit the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) in Washington, D.C. Through a grant secured by the Whitmarsh Police Department back in 2010, Plymouth Whitmarsh High School and Germantown Academy have been involved with Project Ignition, a service-learning teen driver safety program coordinated by National Youth Leadership Council® and funded by State Farm®.

On January 9, 2012, Amanda Logan, a Germantown Academy student, represented both PW High School and GA alongside nine other Project Ignition Leader Schools from across the United States in Washington D.C. to share the effective strategies used in their communities to positively impact teen driver safety. Dr. Janet Maurer, Head Counselor at Germantown, and Lt. Fran Wheatley also attended the meeting with the DOT in Washington, D.C. as the Project Ignition mentors.

Student representatives from each of the ten Project Ignition Leader Schools spent the day shadowing a DOT employee to learn more about the various ways DOT impacts public safety. The highlight of the trip was a scheduled luncheon with United States Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. The representatives of the Project Ignition Leader schools also participated in a meeting with the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration accompanied by a special reception with key leaders on Capitol Hill.



Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood with Amanda Logan, PW-GA Student Coalition representative



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Whitmarsh Township Office of the Fire Marshal helps enforce fire safety laws within the Township. The Fire Marshal also conducts building inspections and issues notices and citations for violations related to fire safety. The Fire Marshal is also involved in the investigation of fire-related crimes and accidents, and provides assistance in emergency situations to the local emergency response teams.

In 2012, the Whitmarsh Township Office of the Fire Marshal was involved in 801 fire related incidents. The following is a report of the fire related incidents in Whitmarsh Township for the 2012 calendar year.

Vehicular Accident Stand-By	11	Hazardous Materials Incident	2
Automatic Fire Alarm	373	Helicopter Landing	3
Assistance to Emergency Medical Service	2	Officer's Investigation	12
Assistance to Fire Marshal	6	Rescues	18*
Assistance to Other Municipalities	31	Special Service	2
Assistance to the Police Department	6	Structure	31
Carbon Monoxide Detectors	55	Vehicle Fire	13
Cover-Up Relocate/Back-Up Service	3	Vehicle Fuel Leaks	7
Dumpster Fires	9	Water Flow (Sprinkler) Alarms	11
Dwelling/Residential Fires	47	Woods Fire	13
Electrical Fires (outside)	58	Other Fires	3
Rapid Intervention Team (Back-Up Rescue)	26	Unknown Types of Fires	13
Gas Leaks (inside)	15	TOTAL	801
Gas Leaks (outside)	31	* 12 vehicular, 2 water, 2 elevator, 2 others	

FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICES

First responders to emergency calls are crucial in any town. In addition to the Whitmarsh Township Police Department, there are three fire companies (Barren Hill, Lincoln, Spring Mill) and one EMS squad (Whitmarsh Community Ambulance Association) comprising both paid and volunteer personnel expertly trained to provide life-saving help where and when needed.



In addition to putting out fires and aiding the sick or injured, the fire companies and ambulance association also provide:

- Free smoke detectors, installed in your home if assistance is needed
- Fire extinguisher training to hospital and nursing care staff, as well as schools
- CPR and similar training for groups
- Fire and safety inspections of public and private buildings
- Consultation for the public and developers on general fire safety
- Stormwater awareness training to public works staff for emergency-preparedness
- Rescue operations and urgent communication services in major emergencies

FLOOD GATES INSTALLED

In 2012, Whitmarsh Township installed eight (8) flood gates at the following locations along Stenton Avenue and Valley Green Road:

- At the intersection of Flourtown Road Cricket Road and Stenton Avenue
- At the intersection of West Valley Green Road and Stenton Avenue
- At the intersection of Mill Road and Stenton Avenue
- 2 gates at the intersection of West Valley Green Road and Cricket Road
- To the north of an existing culvert near the Philadelphia Cricket Club
- Between Creek Lane and the bridge crossing the Wissahickon Creek
- At the intersection of West Valley Green Road and Bethlehem Pike

The goal of the installation of the flood gates at the most flood-prone areas of the Township is to prevent cars from driving through hazardous flood water. Often times, drivers underestimate the force and power of water and do not realize the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water, especially at night when their vision is more limited. According to the Center for Disease Control, over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. Most flood-related deaths and injuries could be avoided if people who come upon areas covered with water turn around and avoid driving through those areas.



Since the Township installed the flood-gates, the Township's Emergency Management responses for water rescue during tropical storms and hurricane emergencies has dropped significantly, allowing the emergency management responders to attend to other rescue needs.





Segments of the following roadways have been scheduled for rehabilitation:

- Marquis Road from Fairway Road to the end.
- Jones Street from the Township line to the intersection with North Lane.
- W. Valley Green Road from the intersection with Stenton Avenue to the limit of work completed by Aqua.
- Cricket Road from the intersection with Stenton Avenue to the intersection with W. Valley Green Road.
- Thomas Road from the intersection with Presidential Drive to the limit of work completed by Aqua.
- Wells Street from North Lane to Cedar Grove Road
- Lilac Lane from Wisteria Lane to Spring Mill Road
- Wisteria Lane from Red Rambler Drive to Lilac Lane and from Lilac Lane to the dead end.
- Hollyhock Drive from Wisteria Lane to Wisteria Lane
- Red Rambler Drive from Spring Mill Road to Wisteria Lane
- Azelea Circle from Lilac Lane to the cul-de-sac.

The paving projects are expected to begin in April of 2013. A more detailed schedule of paving dates will be available on the Township website.

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Phase 2 of the Warner Road Drainage Area Improvements (Whitemarsh Woods Basin) consisted of the following:

- reconstruction of an existing stormwater detention basin on the northwest side of the Whitemarsh Woods Development,
- improvements to the open channel that runs between Whitemarsh Woods and North Warner Road,
- removal/replacement of the existing damaged, corrugated metal storm drainage pipe that runs between properties on North Warner Road and Center Avenue with reinforced concrete pipe,
- and improvements to the stormwater collection and conveyance system between North Warner Road and First Street.

Upon final inspections in December of 2012, this project was completed in January of 2013.



LEELAND PARK:

Certificate of completion was issued in November of 2012 upon final inspection. Stormwater management best management practices incorporated into the park include a porous asphalt and two rain gardens. Other improvements include improved access to the park for pedestrians from surrounding neighborhoods as a part of the Township's master plan to connect pedestrian/bicycle accessibility for residents to various public and commercial destinations throughout the Township. The park is also ADA accessible. More on Leeland Park can be found on pages 12-13 of the newsletter.

MANOR ROAD EMERGENCY REPAIRS:

As a result of the intense rainfall event in September of 2011, a segment of Manor Road was damaged and required complete reconstruction and stabilization. The road was reopened in July of 2012 with a substantial portion of the construction plans complete and upon daily inspections of the road during the final phases of construction, a certificate of completion was issued in October of 2012.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM:

The Township once again provided residents the fall leaf collection program where the Township Public Works Department went around to each street once per week during the weeks of October to December to collect the leaves piled onto the curb. In the days prior to the impending Hurricane Sandy, the Township Public Works Department made every effort to collect leaves from all the streets in the Township in addition to clearing all the stormwater drains of leaves and other debris in order to help prevent further flooding of streets and roads of stormwater.

In 2012, the Township collected 1,642 tons of leaves. Once the leaves are collected, the Township Public Works crew runs the leaves through the tub grinder and sets them in windrows to create compost.

LEAF COMPOST PROGRAM

Whitemarsh Township will once again be offering residents compost to purchase in response to the popularity and demand for leaf compost.

Residents also have an option to purchase regular compost at \$12/yard or double ground mulch for \$15/yard. Double ground mulch is made up of yard waste and brush debris that the Public Works Department have collected in previous years. Double ground mulch degrades at a favorable rate to return nutrients to the soil, proving to be beneficial to the health of trees.

The Township Public Works Department delivers compost orders for three yards or six yards per order.

Residents who would like to order delivery of compost should call the Township at 610-825-3535 and speak with the receptionist.

Compost will be available for delivery beginning April 5, 2013.



Compost piles at the Township Public Works Facility

WILLIAM JEANES MEMORIAL LIBRARY & NICHOLAS & ATHENA KARABOTS CENTER FOR LEARNING

After a year-long celebration marking the 7,000 square foot addition and beautiful renovation, the library is now gearing up for its 80th birthday! From its modest beginnings in a private home in April of 1933, the library has evolved to serve the residents of Whitmarsh and surrounding communities and become a 21st century educational center. Now the library's many appreciative patrons can wish the facility a well-deserved Happy Birthday!

Since opening in its magnificently updated building, the library's collection and all of the associated services for patrons, have been utilized to their full capacity. Due to the expansion of the children's section into the Nicholas and Athena Karabots Center for Learning, our youngest patrons enjoy exposure to enriching crafts, book-themed presentations, storytimes, and computer-literacy activities. This delightful, lower-level center is a favorite for children and parents alike, and the dedicated staff is always busy at the circulation desk checking out books from the inviting shelves. All children's programs are free and open to the public. Children with special needs are welcome to attend all events. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding children and teen events this spring, and thank you to Subaru for a special grant to pay for the children's summer reading activities.

Storytimes

The library offers seven daytime storytimes each week through May 9th. Storytimes help even babies develop pre-reading skills through stories, songs and poems and crafts for older groups.

The schedule for Storytimes is the following:

- Tuesdays, 11:15 Books and Babes for babies up to about 1 ½ years.
- Wednesdays, 10:15, and Thursdays, 11:15 Tales for Tots for ages 2 ½ - 4 years
- Wednesdays, 11:15, and Thursdays, 10:15 Mother Goose for ages 1 ½ - 2 ½ years
- Thursdays, 1:30 Reading Romp for children 3-5 years

Evening storytimes are held at 7 pm on April 8, 22 and May 13. Watch the calendar for special activities on those evenings.



For Adult Patrons

In the upper level of the library, mature adults will soon have a space especially designed for them. The Gray Matter Corner will cater to patrons over 50 as place to meet, play games, learn a new skill and find library materials of particular interest to baby boomers. There will also be information on all aspects of retirement and lifestyle enhancement options. The Gray Matter Corner was made possible by a competitive federal grant awarded to the library through a program called "Senior Spaces" which is funded by the Library Services and Technology Act. In the Gray Matter Corner, patrons will find a cozy space with two new gaming tables, a display cart for books, new signage and larger keyboards on some of the computers for public use.

Technology at the Library

There are 18 public computers on the main floor of the Library for patron use. Patrons can access library databases, create documents in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Publisher— or just search the internet. Two of these computers are set aside for job searchers and there are two new large-sized keyboards for visual assistance. The library will soon be offering a series of basic computer classes, so check with the front desk about dates and times. Check the website: www.jeaneslibrary.org if you are interested in beginning computer classes for Email and Internet, Microsoft Word and Facebook.



Just For Teens

Teen Poetry Contest: Students in grades 6-12 can submit one poem. It must be typed and submitted with an entry form available in the library or on the library's website by April 26.

Reading Buddies: Monday, April 1-May 6, 4-5 pm. Students in grades 6-12 are needed to be one-on-one reading buddies to children 4-8. Interested students should contact Kate DiGiacomo (kp5digiacomo@gmail.com or 610-828-0441).

Open Mic Coffeehouse: Saturday, May 18, 3-5 pm

The winners of the poetry contest will be announced and the poems read. Other students in grades 6-12 are welcome to share their talents or just come to enjoy listening to others or just hanging out with friends. Free! Refreshments served.

"Books for Bucks" Summer Reading Club: Begins June 10, 2013 for students entering gr. 6-12 in the fall. You will find a link to this on-line club on the library's website. Keep track of the time you spend reading (even magazines, e-books, audiobooks!). Earn "book bucks" (fake money) that you can spend at the end of the summer auction. Buy games, candy, gift cards, lots of fun and unique items with your book bucks.

Book Clubs

Are you interested joining an afternoon book club or a weeknight book club? The library has both! Here are a few of the upcoming books and dates. Check the library website for more information.

APRIL 2013 MEETINGS:

The book is *Girl Reading* by Katie Ward
 Afternoon (3:30-5pm): Wednesday, April 24
 Evening (6:30-8pm): Thursday, April 25

MAY 2013 MEETINGS:

The book is *Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West* by Dorothy Wickenden
 Afternoon (3:30-5pm): Wednesday, May 15
 Evening (6:30-8pm): Thursday, May 16

JUNE 2013 MEETINGS:

The book is *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh* by Michael Chabon
 Afternoon (3:30-5pm): Wednesday, June 19
 Evening (6:30-8pm) Thursday, June 20





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