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TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administration

Building

616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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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

(Koontz Park)

2391 Harts Lane
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-828-7276 (TEL)
610-828-7391 (FAX)

**Whitemarsh Township
Board of Supervisors:**



Spring 2015



Robert R. Hart, Chairman



Cathy Peduzzi, Vice-Chair



Sara J. Erlbaum



Amy P. Grossman



James A. Totten

Dear Whitemarsh Residents:

My fellow supervisors, Township Staff and I are pleased to present to you the 2015 Spring Edition of the Whitemarsh Living Magazine.

In this edition, you will find the 2014 Annual Report, providing a comprehensive report of the Township's activities from the past calendar year along with a preview of things to come in 2015. This report is intended to provide residents of Whitemarsh information on various departments of the Township Administration along with information on new and upcoming events and programs.

While looking back on all the activities of 2014 in the Annual Report, I would like to highlight that the Township passed the 2015 budget at the December, 2014 public meeting with no increases in taxes for the 14th year in a row! You can get more information about the Township's finances on page 18. Furthermore, the Township acquired two flood-prone properties to be preserved as Township Open Space funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Program. You can read more about these newly acquired open space properties on page 8.

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors, holds 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.

Don't forget about Township Day on Saturday, April 25 at Miles Park – we are expecting a big turn out with lots of fun and entertainment! I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Hart, Chairman
Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors



2015 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

DATES:

Saturday, April 18

Indian Valley Middle School

130 Maple Avenue
Harleysville, PA 19438

Saturday, May 30

**Montgomery County
Community College**

340 DeKalb Pike
(enter campus at 595 Cathcart Road)
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Saturday, July 11

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

400 South Lewis Road
Royersford, PA 19468

Saturday, August 8

Abington Junior High School

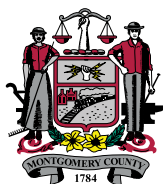
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington, PA 19001

SUNDAY, October 18

Lower Merion Transfer Station

1300 North Woodbine Avenue
Penn Valley, PA 19072

All Events 9am – 3pm



COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Free residential collection events are held outdoors from 9am-3pm, rain or shine. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties.

There are no permanent drop off locations.

Event workers will unload your materials so please **remain in your vehicle**.

Toxic and flammable household chemicals are collected for proper disposal. **Acceptable items** include gasoline, oil, kerosene, turpentine, paint thinner, oil paint, stains, varnish, pool chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, antifreeze, caustic cleaners and solvents, mercury, thermometers, flares, fire extinguishers, lead acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent tube light bulbs, CFL bulbs, mini propane canisters, and electric oil filled heaters. Containers returned upon request.

Do Not Bring electronics, appliances, asbestos, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, items containing Freon, tires or the following:

Latex or Water-Based Paint is not hazardous and can be placed in the trash once it is dry. Air dry latex paint or add absorbent material like kitty litter until paint becomes a solid.

Alkaline Household Batteries are not hazardous and should be thrown in the trash.

Prescription Medications should be disposed of in the secure drop boxes located in many area police stations, a list of which can be found in the Recycling Guide at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org.

Propane or Helium Tanks should be taken to locations listed in the Recycling Guide at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org. Mini propane canisters are accepted at collections.

For additional information:

Please visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call the recycling line at 610-278-3618. Please do not contact the host sites.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Shapiro, *Chair* • Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, *Vice Chair* • Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

2015 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FREE COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS AND TIRE COLLECTIONS

DATES:

Saturday, April 11

Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Avenue
Harleysville, PA 19438

Saturday, August 15

Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington, PA 19001

Sunday, October 4

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 North Woodbine Ave.
Penn Valley, PA 19072

PAPER SHREDDING INFORMATION:

- No plastic, plastic bags, batteries, cardboard, or metal, other than staples and paper clips
- Bring documents in boxes or paper bags for ease of shredding on site
- **2 boxes or paper bags** per vehicle limit in consideration of other attendees
- Volunteers will assist with unloading documents



Sponsored by the Montgomery County Commissioners and Shred One Security Corp. to prevent identity theft and recycle paper.

DATES:

Saturday, June 6

**Montgomery County
Community College**
340 DeKalb Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Saturday, June 27

Pottstown Senior High School
750 North Washington Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

TIRE COLLECTION INFORMATION:

- **6 tire maximum** per vehicle limit
- Rims accepted
- No off road tires

The Montgomery County Commissioners authorize this annual event to prevent tires from being improperly disposed of and to reduce breeding grounds for disease carrying mosquitoes. The tires that are collected will be shredded and repurposed by a local business into products such as road surface material, highway sound barrier wall material and playground material.



All Events 9am – Noon (RAIN OR SHINE)

Open to residents of Montgomery County as a community service.
Please, no businesses.

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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. Check the Township website for location.

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 at 8:30 am

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Fourth Wednesday of every third month beginning in January at 7 pm at the Township Building

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Fourth Monday of every other month beginning in January at 7 pm at the Township Building

LIBRARY BOARD

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Library

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

First Tuesday of every other month beginning in February at 7 pm at the Parks & Recreation Building

PLANNING COMMISSION

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Township Building

ZONING HEARING BOARD

First Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, plus (if needed), the 2nd Wednesday 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 28, 2014)*

ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Lisa Litzinger-Drayton, *Chair*
David Hanel, *Vice Chair*
Aloise Ellinger
Lauren Gordon
Sharon Harvey
Fran McCusker
Crystal Taylor

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Peter B. Cornog, *Chair*
Sherri Glantz Patchen, *Vice-Chair*
James Hoban
Arthur Lefco
Vincent Manuele
Scott Quitel
J. David Shula

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Joanne Boyle
Celine Childs
Jennifer Etkin
Karen Green

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Jonathan Picker
Scott Quitel
Deborah Shreero
L. Matthew Schwartz

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Stephen J. Ziegler, *Chair*
Jennifer Thomas, *Vice-Chair*
Leigh Ashbrook
David D'Amore
Karen Nemeth

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

Carolyn Hanel, *Chair*
Timothy Ferris, *Vice-Chair*
Jeffrey Mitchell, *Secretary*
Jonathan Riesberg, *Treasurer*

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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

Vacancy Board

Joseph S. Goldshear
Christopher Indelicato
Carole Lukoff
Thomas Sivell
James Thompson

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

LIBRARY BOARD

Township Appointees:

Helene Kline
Carole Lukoff, *President*
Dara Nasatir, *Vice-President*
Jacy Toll

Library Appointees:

Hilda Cohen
Stan Finegold
David Segal

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

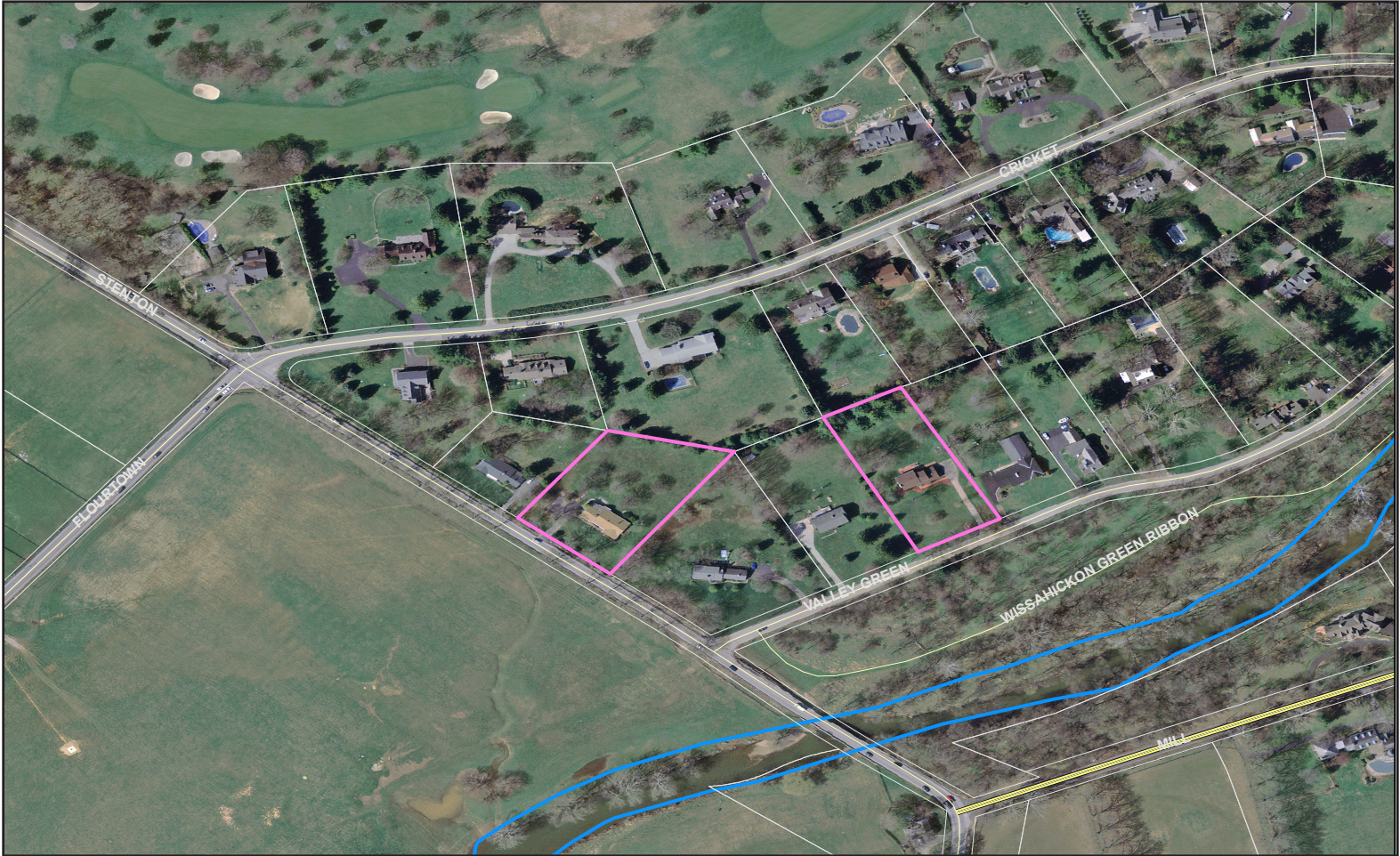
Nancy Brown
John Loughridge
Kenneth A. Parsons, AIA, *Chair*
Alex Pientka
(Plymouth Township also appoints 4 members and the members of the HARB appoint a 9th member)

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Sue Conicello
Alex DiGiacomo, Jr.
John Lukens
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.

NEWLY ACQUIRED OPEN SPACE

607 Stenton Ave. and 6005 W. Valley Green Rd.



The Whitmarsh Township Board of Supervisors adopted ordinance No. 939 in March of 2014 to acquire 607 Stenton Avenue and 6005 W. Valley Green Road to be preserved as open space. The Township received funds to acquire the two properties from the FEMA/PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants as part of their efforts to mitigate repetitive losses from flooding. Upon acquisition of the two properties, the existing structures on the sites were demolished and both sites restored to open space.

The Board of Supervisors' effort to seek opportunities to acquire and restore available properties to open space follows in line with the Township's vision statement found in the 2006 Open Space Plan to "provide respite and recreation for residents, environmental protection for the region, and sanctuary for the area's remaining native species."

Remembering the service of our volunteers...

Jerry Glick (*Whitemarsh Township Authority Member 2008 - 2014*)

Whitemarsh Township resident and committee member of the Whitemarsh Township Authority, Jerry Glick, passed away in December 2014, after 7 years of faithful service volunteering on the Township's Sewer Authority. Jerry was involved in various projects with the Sewer Authority and infrastructure upgrades throughout the Township. The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors thank Jerry on his years of service to the Township and his valuable contributions to Whitemarsh Township.

Randy P. Gray (*Open Space Committee Member 2004 - 2014*)

Longtime Whitemarsh resident Randy Gray passed away in December 2014, leaving a large space to fill on the Open Space Committee, which he loyally served for 11 years. Randy was one of the first members of the Open Space Committee, which was tasked with updating the Township's Open Space Plan. To this work he brought his extensive environmental and land preservation experience as Pennsylvania State Director of the Nature Conservancy and Executive Director of the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association. In addition to his committee efforts on behalf of protecting Township open space, Randy served as a valuable member of the Citizens for a Green Whitemarsh, which advocated for the Township's Open Space EIT. As a result of public passage of that referendum in 2006, the Township has been able to purchase and preserve a number of threatened land parcels and to participate in the permanent protection of Erdenheim Farm. Randy's affable personality, collegiality, quiet wisdom, strong values, and balanced perspective will be deeply missed by his fellow committee members, and by the Township that has benefited in very tangible ways from his many contributions.

Thank You

2014 Annual Report



The Whitemarsh 2014 Annual Report is a comprehensive report of the Township's activities throughout the 2014 calendar year along with a preview of what is to come in 2015. 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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STAFF DIRECTORY

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MANAGER'S REPORT

A Look Back at 2014...

The Whitmarsh Township Board of Supervisors was extremely pleased to approve a balanced budget with no tax increase for 2015. As part of the budget, the Township approved a capital budget in excess of \$6 million dollars with projects that focus on improving Township infrastructure and assets. These include intersections and stormwater management improvements, facility upgrades and a streetscape project. As these projects begin the planning and development stage, we will keep the public updated on their progress through notices on our website and newsletters.

Another change that took effect on January 1, 2015 involved the Sewer Authority becoming its own Operating Authority. The stand alone Authority will create greater efficiencies in the operation and maintenance of the Township's collection and wastewater system. Information on the Authority can be found on their website by going to www.whitmarshauthority.org.

Lastly, Whitmarsh Township is pleased to have Tom Blomstrom as our new Director of Parks and Recreation. I am excited with what Tom's experience and energy will bring to the Department and Whitmarsh Township. You can read more about Tom on page 13.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me or any member of the Township staff so we may assist you. To all the residents and businesses in Whitmarsh Township have an enjoyable and safe spring and summer seasons!

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.
Township Manager



PARKS & RECREATION

2014 was another successful year with over 5,000 enrollments in programs and special events. To continue this trend of positive recreation in our community, the Township Parks & Recreation Department has many fun and exciting programs planned for 2015. In 2014, the Township held the first Bike Rodeo in partnership with the Police Department. The event was a great success and members of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department educated participants on the importance of bicycle safety. We will be holding our 2nd Annual event in May 2015.

After an exciting Garden Contest in 2014, this year the program rotates and we have the Garden Tour for 2015. The Garden Tour is a time for the residents of Whitemarsh to enjoy and appreciate the wonders of gardens created by our very neighbors in their own backyards!

And on the subject of gardens, Whitemarsh Township's beautiful Koontz Park won a Garden of Distinction award in 2014 from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society!

The Township is also happy to announce the hiring of Tom Blomstrom as the new Director of Parks & Recreation.

Also, please note that starting 2015, the Township Parks and Recreation program guide, supplemental that is delivered to residents in the spring time will be going digital. The digital brochure will be available on the Township's website, and will provide all the details of upcoming programs and events from spring to summer! Be sure to sign up for e-news and notices on the Township's website at www.whitemarshparks.org and to receive the digital Recreator brochure. The Winter and Fall Recreators will continue to be printed and delivered to homes.

**REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS
ONLINE AT:**

www.WhitemarshParks.org



Introducing the Township's New Director of Parks & Recreation

Tom Blomstrom joined Whitemarsh Township in March 2015 to serve as the new Director of Parks and Recreation. Tom spent his childhood years in Plymouth and then later attended Archbishop Kennedy High School in Conshohocken. No stranger to Whitemarsh Township, Tom worked as a camp counselor at Cedar Grove Park during his teen years. While in college, he returned to Whitemarsh and created and directed a highly successful NCAA sanctioned men's basketball league with the department at Miles Park.

Tom's educational background includes an MBA in Management from West Chester University and a BA in Economics and Business from Ursinus College. In addition, Tom graduated from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Leadership School and the NRPA Executive Development School. His professional experience in the field include serving for 12 years as the Director of Parks and Recreation in Radnor Township and for six years as the Recreation Superintendent in Upper Merion Township. Tom was appointed as the Pennsylvania professional representative to the NRPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Council where he was elected Treasurer and then Chairman. He is currently an appointed Member-at-Large on the District III Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS). His experience also includes serving on the Delaware County Open Space, Recreation, and Greenway Plan Advisory Committee and the Wayne Senior Center Board of Directors.

Tom has received the American Lung Association's Southeastern Pennsylvania Outstanding Leadership Award. He has served on the Parks, Recreation and Shade Tree Board for Perkiomen Township since 2007. In 2013 he was appointed to the Perkiomen Valley School District Safety Committee. He is also an active member of the Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"It is an honor to serve as the Director of Parks and Recreation for Whitemarsh Township. I look forward to working with the Board or Supervisors, the Parks and Recreation Board and the Whitemarsh team to continue to develop a first-class Parks and Recreation system in the community. Our department will strive to offer a variety of quality programs and special events to residents of all ages and abilities. We will also work to preserve and develop open space and natural areas for passive and active use based on the goals and needs of the community," says Tom.

Tom currently resides in Collegeville with his wife of 20 years and two children.



2015 RECREATION EVENTS



TOWNSHIP DAY

SAT., APRIL 25, 2015

NOON TO 5 PM

MILES PARK

Rain Date: Sunday, April 26

BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

(Rain Date, Sunday, May 17)

9 AM TO 12 PM

MILES PARK BASKETBALL COURT

This is a free event but pre-registration is required.

For ages K-5. Bring your bike & helmet.



GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

11 AM - 3 PM

Tour starts at the library.

Residents will be given maps to participating gardens throughout the Township.

\$5 pre-paid, \$7 at the door

Whitemarsh Parks & Recreation Presents:

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Summer 2015

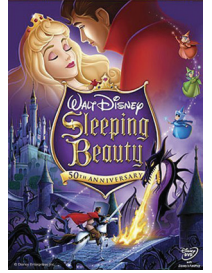
Wednesday
Evenings
at
Dusk



Space jam
6/17



sleeping
beauty
7/22



Miles Park
Upper Field

Jurassic
Park
6/24



Unbroken
8/5
@ Hope Lodge



Honey i
shrunk
the kids
7/8



Big Hero
6
8/12



Bring your
lawnchair,
blankets,
& bug spray

*to check movie status due to weather,
check our hotline at 610-828-7276, option 1

Jumanji
8/26



www.whitemarshparks.org

610-828-7276

NINE WEEK CAMPS

CEDAR GROVE - AM

Ages: 3 -5

Min/Max: 10 / 20

Location: Cedar Grove Park

\$95.00 WTR / \$110.00 NR (Per Week)

(Week 3: \$76.00 WTR / \$88.00 NR)

Campers will enjoy a themed week full of crafts, games, visitors, trips, and other special events. All trips are included in the price. Campers must bring their own morning snack and must be potty trained. Camp Hopper is not available for AM-only campers. AM Gecko Club is available for Cedar Grove AM campers. **No camp on 7/3.** You may register online for this camp. **Mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, June 9th, 7:00pm at the Cedar Grove Barn.**

WEEK	DAYS	DATES	TIMES
1	Monday-Friday	6/15-6/19	9:00 am-12:00 pm
2	Monday-Friday	6/22-6/26	9:00 am-12:00 pm
3	Monday-Thursday	6/29-7/2	9:00 am-12:00 pm
4	Monday-Friday	7/6-7/10	9:00 am-12:00 pm
5	Monday-Friday	7/13-7/17	9:00 am-12:00 pm
6	Monday-Friday	7/20-7/24	9:00 am-12:00 pm
7	Monday-Friday	7/27-7/31	9:00 am-12:00 pm
8	Monday-Friday	8/3-8/7	9:00 am-12:00 pm
9	Monday-Friday	8/10-8/14	9:00 am-12:00 pm



CEDAR GROVE - FULL DAY

Ages: 3 -5

Min/Max: 15 / 30

Location: Cedar Grove Park

\$170.00 WTR / \$185.00 NR (Per Week)

(Week 3: \$136.00 WTR / \$148.00 NR)

Campers will enjoy a themed week full of crafts, games, visitors, trips, and other special events. All trips are included in the price. Campers must bring their own morning and afternoon snack, lunch, beverage and must be potty trained. Lunch will be followed by 45 minute - 1 hour quiet time. AM & PM Gecko Club is available for Cedar Grove campers. **No camp on 7/3.** You may register online for this camp. **Mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, June 9th, 7:00pm at the Cedar Grove Barn.**

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CAMP INFORMATION

and programs are available on the Township website.

marshparks.org

NINE WEEK
CAMPS

MILES PARK CAMP

Ages: 6-11

Min/Max: 60 / 125

Location: Miles Park

\$140.00 WTR / \$163.00 NR (Per Week) (Week 3: \$112.00 WTR / \$130.00 NR)

Looking for a well organized, fun filled, and affordable day camp? Join our recreation staff at Miles Park this summer! Sign up for the whole nine-weeks or pick and choose your weeks. Campers will spend their days enjoying sports, arts & crafts, team building, and much more. Special events as well as the trips are included in the price. Swimming is every Tuesday and Thursday at the high school pool. Trips are every Wednesday. **No camp on 7/3.** This camp fills quickly.

Mandatory Parent Meeting is Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm at the P & R Building.

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TEEN EXTREME CAMP

Ages: 12-15

Min/Max: 15 / 40

Location: Miles Park

\$194.00 WTR / \$221.00 NR (Per Week) (Week 3: \$155 WTR / \$177 NR)

Teen Extreme Camp is a perfect combination of traditional camp activities and exciting, adventurous trips! Campers will participate in team building, special events, sports, crafts, swimming, volunteer work, and two trips per week. Trips in the past have included theme parks, tours of exciting venues, outdoor laser tag, paintballing, day trips, and so much more! **No camp on 7/3.** You may register online for this camp. **Mandatory parent meeting is Wednesday, June 10th, 7:00 pm at the P & R Building.**

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6	Monday-Friday	7/20-7/24	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
7	Monday-Friday	7/27-7/31	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
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FINANCE

2014 Highlights

- Ended 2014 with a General Fund Balance of \$5,444,450.
- In August, 2014 the Township made settlement on a \$6,000,000 General Obligation Note to be used to fund capital assets including equipment, building improvements, traffic improvements and storm water management projects.
- In March, 2014 the Township purchased two flood-prone properties located at Stenton Avenue and W. Valley Green Road for a total of \$796,016.07 through funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The properties were demolished and converted to open space.
- The Township continues to maintain the real estate tax rate at a steady 2.0379 Mills with no increase since 2001.
- Local Enabling Tax collections in 2014 declined by \$825,224 from 2013 levels. Earned income tax collections decreased by \$597,314 between years due to the enhanced 2013 collections resulting from the implementation of Act 32 that leveled off in 2014. Revenue from Business Tax Compliance Audits decreased by \$229,391 due to large one time audit collections applicable to 2013.
- Expenditures for the General Fund totaled \$16,207,937 in 2014, 6.5% less than the General Fund Expenditure Budget of \$17,342,974. The decrease is due to lower actual expenditures versus budget for all departments and major expense categories.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

Feb. 27, 2015

Township Real Estate Tax Bills mailed out

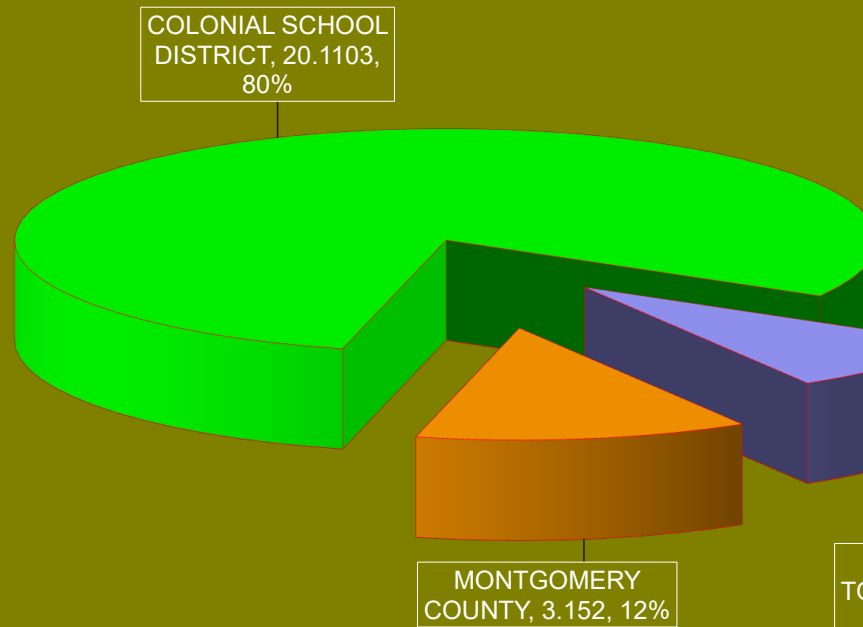
April 30, 2015

Tax payment due to get 2% discount

July 1, 2015

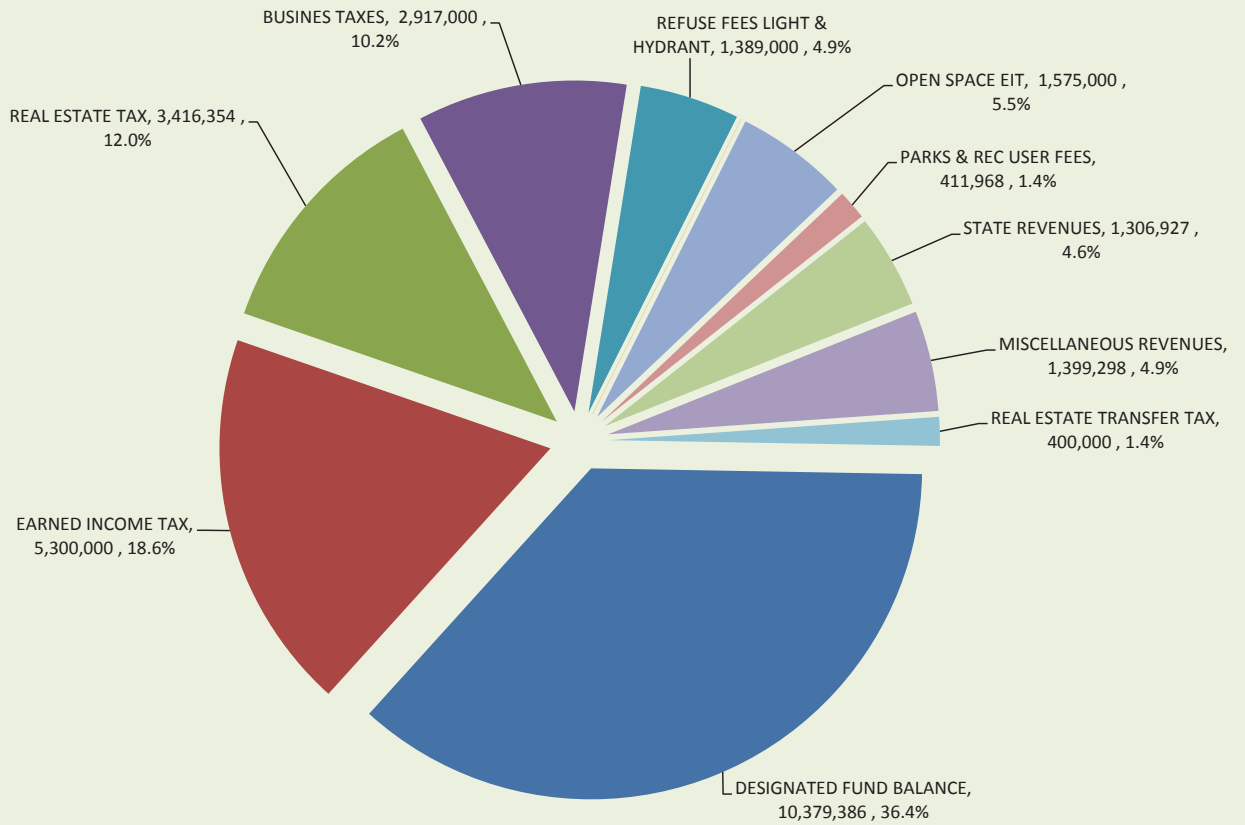
Payments after this date will be assessed an additional 10% late fee

2015 TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES MEDIAN ASSESSED VALUE \$173,190. TOTAL R.E. TAX \$4,300

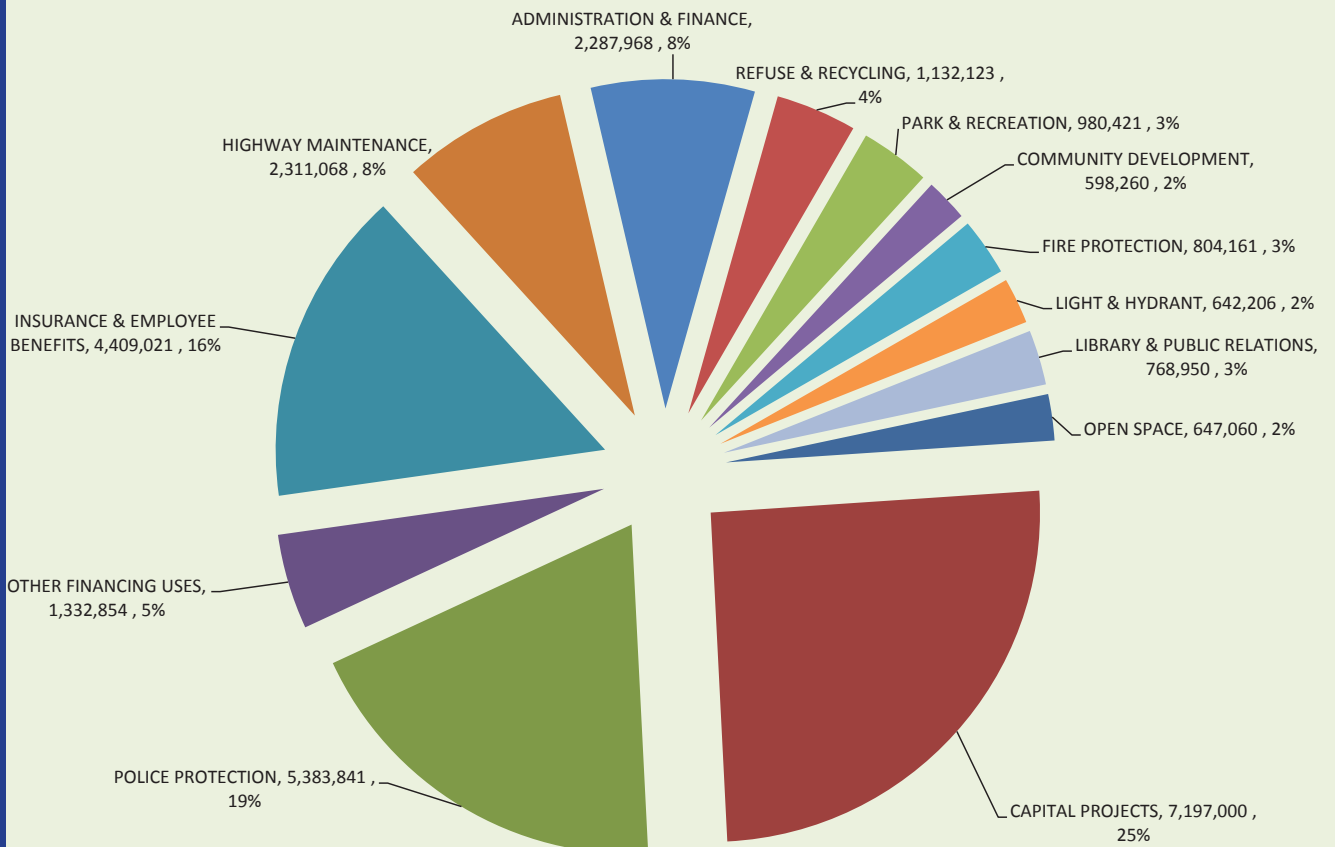


The Township continues to maintain the real estate tax rate at a steady 2.0379 Mills with no rate increase since 2001.

2015 BUDGETED REVENUE \$28,494,933



2015 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES \$28,494,933



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PLANNING & ZONING

In 2014, Whitmarsh Township approved twelve (12) Subdivision and Land Development (SLD) applications, six (6) Conditional Use applications, and heard 41 Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) cases.

Subdivision and Land Development Approvals for 2014:

Conshohocken Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses at 4050 Butler Pk. - New Kingdom Hall (church) building (5,976 square feet); Approval granted Jan. 9, 2014. The property at 4050 Butler Pike (1.73 acres) is in the Village Commercial District and within the Plymouth Meeting Historic District. The Applicant proposed a new Kingdom Hall (and associated parking). During the review process, the Applicant met with the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) for recommendation. The building was constructed and occupied in 2014.

10th Ave. Condominiums; 10th Ave. & Spring Mill Ave. - 12-unit condominium; 2 stories of dwelling units over a single-story parking garage. Approval granted January 23, 2014. This property is in the Riverfront Development Overlay District (RDD).

252 Hillcrest Ave. - 2-lot single-family subdivision; Approval granted January 23, 2014. The property is a 19,097-square foot site in the B-Residential District, with Lot 1 containing an existing house and Lot 2 to be sold for development. ZHB approval was granted to allow impervious coverage over the 30% maximum for Lot 1 and for Lot 2 to be slightly undersized for the B-Residential District

McNeil-PPC, Inc.; 7050 Camp Hill Rd. - LD Waiver granted February 20, 2014 for a ground-mounted solar array on 3+ acres of land. Applicant received variances from the ZHB to allow the array to be closer than 200 feet from a residential district as required in the Limited Industrial District.

Hines Rowing Center; 801 Washington St. - Approval granted February 20, 2014 to construct a 3-unit boathouse condominium (15,000 sq. ft.) on site (~3.28 acres). The site is in the RDD. Approval followed a Court Order approving a Stipulation to Settle resulting from the Township's appeal of a ZHB decision to allow development without a required trail along the River.

Masonic Village; 801 Ridge Pk. - Re-approval granted February 20, 2014 to permit a 60-unit assisted living addition to be added to the existing continuing care retirement community.

AIM-Academy In Manayunk at River Park II; 1200 River Rd. - Approval granted July 24, 2014 for a 16,325 sq. ft. gymnasium/auditorium building and related parking improvements on the 7.65-acre site owned by BPG Office VI River Park II, L.P. Relief was obtained from the ZHB for issues related to the floodplain and riparian corridors associated with the River. As part of this development, 45 new parking spaces will be available for lease to SEPTA for the Miquon Station This site is in the HVY-Heavy Industrial District.

AVA Landholding, Inc./Tisons Homes; 805/807 Spring Mill Ave. - Approval granted August 21, 2014 for 5 attached duplex homes (total of 10 dwelling units). The two original lots are being consolidated and the existing dwellings and garage will be removed; the consolidated area is approximately 0.33 acre. The applicant received a variance from the ZHB to allow less lot area per dwelling unit than required in the RDD.

Creekside Commons/Reserve at Creekside; Highway Materials, Inc. Hole #1 Redevelopment; Stenton Avenue between Joshua Rd. and Cricket Rd. - Approval granted June 26, 2014 based on a settlement agreement approved by Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas for a case between Highway Materials, Inc. and the Township. The site to be developed is approximately 54.5 acres and will be developed with a 30,000 sq. ft. office building and 223 carriage homes and associated club house, parking, and related improvements.

RAO Group, Inc.; 520 Pennsylvania Ave. - LD Waiver granted October 9, 2014 for redevelopment of 2-story, 16,000 sq. ft. office building. The first floor to be used as a Dunkin Donuts with a drive-through and a sit-down restaurant; the second floor to be used for offices. The applicant obtained special exceptions for the restaurants and variances due to the existing site conditions, from the ZHB. The site is in the Commercial Retail District - Low (CR-L).

The Township Zoning Ordinance divides the Township into Zoning Districts to accommodate various types of development and uses of land. Each zoning district has a list of permitted uses such as residential, apartments or commercial. If a use is not on the list for a specific zoning district, then that use is not allowed in that district.

There are some uses however that are not deemed acceptable for the entire district but may be appropriate under the right circumstances by special exception or conditional use. Any special exceptions, variances and certain extensions for nonconforming uses must receive approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. Conditional Uses must receive approval from the Board of Supervisors.

SLD approvals for 2014 cont...

Whitemarsh Hotel Associates, L.P.; 432 Pennsylvania Ave. - Approval granted October 23, 2014 for refurbishment of the Holiday Inn and development of one restaurant. Much of the single-story portion of the hotel would be razed and reconfigured; hotel rooms would be reconfigured and enlarged, resulting in a smaller number of rooms than presently exists. The façade would be updated. A portion of the County's Cross County Trail would be extended along the rear of the site and up to Pennsylvania Avenue along the site's eastern edge. A special exception and variances were obtained for the restaurant and necessary due to the existing site conditions. The site is in the CR-L District.

Colonial School District/High School Renovations; 201 E. Germantown Pk. - LD Waiver granted December 4, 2014 for construction of a new cafeteria and pedestrian improvements in the area of the building entry including accessibility modifications; an overhead canopy is also proposed. Some internal restructuring of the classrooms and other functions would also take place within the building. The new cafeteria would replace the two existing cafeterias.

The Township website maintains a list of all Subdivision and Land Development applications for the public. Visit the Township website for details!

Holiday Inn, Fort Washington, PA – Proposed Building



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 2014, Whitmarsh Township received and processed a total of 2,183 permit applications.

RESIDENTIAL		NON-RESIDENTIAL	
New Dwelling	7	New Construction, Roofing, Siding	11
Roofing & Siding	138	Alterations/Additions	130
Sheds, Decks, Patios	63	Fences & Signs	19
Fences	50	Use & Occupancy	30
Pools	9	Demolition	13
Alterations/Additions	146	Misc. Temporary Permits	7
Zoning Permits	44	Zoning Permits	107
TOTAL	457	TOTAL	317

In addition to the above listed residential and non-residential permits, the Township received and processed 1,409 permit applications for plumbing, electrical, mechanical, fire marshal, and others.

Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit. The Township Department for Building Permits can be reached at 610-825-3535 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday.

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 - **issued by the Fire Marshal**
- 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.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS



The Cold Point Historic District, centered roughly on Butler Pike between Flourtown Road on the south and the Whitpain Township line on the north, includes a wide variety of important building types and styles, dating from the mid-18th century through the early 20th century. The District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, includes the Cold Point Baptist Church and burial ground (visible to the right), the Cold Point School (now a private residence), and numerous stone and frame houses. The district extends to the east along Militia Hill Road and along Narcissa Road to the northwest. Much of the stone used in these buildings was quarried locally. You can still see many of these quarries in the area; some have been functioning for over a century. The Cold Point village is important as a well-preserved eastern Pennsylvania rural community of the

nineteenth century, with clear ties to the limestone industry.

History Moment: Did you know that on May 20, 1778, a British force under General Grant crossed through this area in an attempt to cut off General Lafayette who was positioned at Barren Hill, on Germantown Pike. The British travelled along Militia Hill Road, stopped at Cold Point Hill (where the Baptist Church is now), then proceeded down Butler Pike to the Plymouth Meeting House. Lafayette retreated before he could be outflanked by the British.

Local Landmark: The limekilns on Germantown Pike, opposite Chemical Road, were built in the early 19th century, part of a booming industry of limestone quarrying and also the production of lime for construction and agriculture. The limestone was not only used as a building material, but was also burned to produce powdered lime for farmers to improve their soil, for paint (white-wash), and a wide variety of other uses. Sources note that by 1836 there were more than 50 of these limekilns along Plymouth Creek. Today, only a few remain: the two on Germantown Pike, one on Butler Pike north of Germantown, and a fourth on the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society's property. All are vital reminders of the rich industrial heritage of our community.



History Moment: Did you know that Plymouth Township was once one of the most important quarrying locations for limestone in the region? It was referenced as early as 1686 in a letter to William Penn, and our limestone was being delivered to Philadelphia by 1688.

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 Township correspond to four categories:

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

The Design Review Guidelines for the Historic District along with information on the Historical Architectural Review Board can be found on the Township website.

POLICE



Professionalism in the delivery of our services and engagement with the community are the two core values that the men and women who make up your police department strive to achieve daily. In April 2014 we completed our third Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission on-site assessment. The PLEAC team made up of assessors from across the state verified that our policies, practices, training and documentation meets the 123 professional standards set by the Commission. The accreditation process establishes the foundation for our service, but it is the engagement by the members of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department with our community that completes the overall effectiveness of the agency and the programs that we provide to our residents. Incorporating these core values and working together as one, we hope to be able to provide a community oriented law enforcement agency that is representative of this strong and vibrant Township.

- Chief Mike Beaty



Congratulations to the Whitemarsh Township Police Department's third successful assessment and recognition as an Accredited Agency under the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission (2008, 2011, 2014). For more information on the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission, visit <http://www.pachiefs.org/>

In the photo from left to right: Sgt. Greg Keenan (Assistant Accreditation Manager), Chief Mike Beaty, Sara Erlbaum, member of the Whitemarsh Board of Supervisors, and Township Manager, Rick Mellor.

Newest Members of the Whitemarsh PD

Officer Thomas Ryan

Officer Ryan served in the U.S. Air Force on active duty from May 2002-August 2003 and then joined the PA Air National Guard serving from 2003-2009. Finishing his career with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Officer Ryan served as a police officer for the city of Philadelphia starting his career there in December of 2007 prior to starting with us in February. Ofc. Ryan is currently enrolled at Arcadia University working towards a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Officer Lauren Hart

Officer Hart graduated from the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy in June 2014. Prior to that, she interned with the Department of Homeland Security, in Philadelphia, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, in the Detective Bureau's Homicide Unit. Ofc. Hart is a graduate of Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, in Doylestown, with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.



2014 Citizens Police Academy: Congratulations to the Whitemarsh Township Police Department's 2014 Citizens Police Academy graduates. This was the Whitemarsh Township CPA's 10th graduating class!



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Whitemarsh Township Office of Emergency Management team consists of the Fire Marshal, Police Department, three local fire companies (Barren Hill, Lincoln, and Spring Mill), Whitemarsh Ambulance Association, Public Works Department, and the Township Administration Department. Together, the various departments within the township have over 100 years of combined emergency management experience.

In 2014, the Whitemarsh Township Office of the Fire Marshal assisted the three volunteer fire companies with 913 incidents. The following is a report of the fire related incidents in Whitemarsh Township for the 2014 calendar year.

Vehicular Accident Stand-By	18	Hazardous Materials Incident	2
Automatic Fire Alarm	356	Helicopter Landing	6
Assistance to Emergency Medical Service	15	Officer's Investigation	28
Assistance to Fire Marshal	11	Rescues	25*
Assistance to Other Municipalities	34	Special Service	3
Assistance to the Police Department	8	Structure	38
Carbon Monoxide Detectors	43	Vehicle Fire	19
Cover-Up Relocate/Back-Up Service	11	Vehicle Fuel Leaks	6
Dumpster Fires	9	Water Flow (Sprinkler) Alarms	21
Dwelling/Residential Fires	69	Woods Fire	10
Electrical Fires (outside)	48	Other Fires	10
Rapid Intervention Team (Back-Up Rescue)	43	Unknown Types of Fires	12
Gas Leaks (inside)	25	TOTAL	948
Gas Leaks (outside)	43	* 7 vehicular, 3 water, 12 elevator, 3 others	

FILE OF LIFE

Would you be able to give an accurate summary of medical information for yourself or a family member in case of an emergency? The File of Life is an excellent tool for recording vital medical information ahead of time to help emergency personnel begin proper treatment as quickly as possible. Forms are free and available at the Township building.

The File of Life is a concise form for recording medical history, allergies and medications. The form is stored in a small, red folder with a magnet to be placed on the refrigerator, where emergency personnel know to look for it. According to Nancy Langerfeld, Whitemarsh Ambulance Association Assistant Chief, the File of Life provides a treatment guide to what may be wrong and gives a big clue how to best treat a patient. The File of Life is important for people without medical conditions, also, because “knowing what they don’t have can be as important as what they do have.”

“If the information is there and it’s updated, with updated being the magic word, the File of Life is a great tool,” said Ms. Langerfeld. It is especially helpful for individuals living alone who may not be able to speak for themselves and for children who are allergic to bee stings or have peanut allergies. “Information is kept confidential. It is shared only with other people involved in a patient’s care,” noted Ms. Langerfeld.

For more information or to pick up your free File of Life kit, contact the Township at 610-825-3535.





SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

The Special Needs Registry is a planning tool to allow individuals with special needs the opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergencies. The Registry is a cooperative effort between Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties, brought to you by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force.

Who is an individual with special needs?

An individual with special needs is someone who will require assistance in excess of that provided to the general public in a time of disaster, particularly in the event that large scale evacuation is necessary. You may have heard the term special needs, vulnerable populations, or individuals with access and functional needs. A family member or loved one can sign up on behalf of an individual.

Why should I sign up?

By signing up for the Registry you will let emergency responders know who you are and what type of need you have. The information you provide will be used in the planning process, as well as in post-disaster response. If a disaster occurs in your area, this registry will be used to enhance the efficiency of response agencies to serve those with specific needs.

You (or a loved one on your behalf) should sign up if you have trouble:

- Receiving emergency orders
- Understanding emergency orders
- Acting upon emergency orders

Facilities that serve individuals with special needs can also sign up. Emergency responders will be able to communicate with facilities during emergencies, such as a public health outbreak, or a mass care incident. This will allow facilities to receive up to date information on emergencies so that they can best provide for their clients and community. Please e-mail Specialneedshelp@chesco.org if you would like to enter your facility information.

However, if you sign up, you are not prioritized for first consideration or evacuation

When will my information be used?

County Emergency responders will use it to plan for emergencies. Each municipality determines how they will use the information. The information will be held securely and only accessed for the purpose of emergency response and planning. The information collected will be stored securely and will not be available to the public.

Will anyone contact me after I enter information?

You will be e-mailed once a year to verify and ensure the information provided is correct and to make any necessary changes. It will be sent to the e-mail address used when you signed up. If you completed a paper survey, you'll get a phone call or letter once a year. Individual surveys will be archived after one year if not verified and facility surveys will be archived after six months.

SIGN UP AT: SPECIALNEEDSPA.ORG



Whitemarsh Township
616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

2015 Township Day

Saturday, April 25 • Noon to 5 PM • Miles Park

(Rain Date: Sunday, April 26)

