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THE NEWSLETTER OF
WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

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The Newsletter of Whitemarsh Township:

- *Recycling Events*
- *Environmental News*
- *Annual Report*

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Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors:



Amy P. Grossman, Chair



Melissa Sterling, Vice-Chair



Michael Drossner



Laura Boyle Nester



James A. Totten



Spring 2016

Dear Whitemarsh Residents:

My fellow supervisors, Township Staff and I are pleased to present to you the 2016 Spring Edition of the Whitemarsh Living Magazine. In this edition, you will find the 2015 Annual Report, providing a comprehensive review of the Township's activities from the past calendar year along with a preview of things to come in 2016.

While looking back on all the activities of 2015, I would like to highlight several retirements of Township staff. Edward Mscisz of the Public Works Department retired in November of 2015 after 42 years of service to the Township. From the Police Department, Chief Mike Beaty and Lieutenant Fran Wheatley both retired after 30 years of service. The Township is grateful for the years of hard work and dedication from Ed Mscisz, Fran Wheatley, and Mike Beaty, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

On a positive note, with the retirement of Chief Beaty, the Board of Supervisors was fortunate to be able to promote a new Chief from within – Christopher Ward, who has been serving with the Whitemarsh Township Police Department for 26 years as an officer, then Sergeant, and Lieutenant. In addition to a new Chief, with the departure of Lieutenant Wheatley and the promotion of Chief Ward, the Township promoted two Sergeants – Greg Keenan and Jeff Nowak, as the new lieutenants of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department.

And finally, in February of 2016, the Township accepted the resignation of Robert Hart, long time member of the Township Board of Supervisors. Bob Hart served as a Township Supervisor for 8 years, serving as the Chair for 5 of those years. We thank Bob and his years of dedication to the Township.

To end on a high note, don't forget about Township Day on Saturday, April 30 at Miles Park – we are expecting a big turn out with lots of fun and entertainment! I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Amy P. Grossman

Amy P. Grossman, Chair
Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors



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

(Koontz Park)

2391 Harts Lane
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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

2016 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

9:00 am – 3:00 pm (rain or shine)

DATES:

Saturday, April 9

Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Avenue
Harleysville, PA 19438

Saturday, April 30

Norristown Area High School
(enter on North Whitehall Road)
1900 Eagle Drive
Norristown, PA 19403

Saturday, May 14

Temple University – Ambler Campus
(enter at 1431 E. Butler Avenue)
Ambler, PA 19002

Saturday, June 18

Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington, PA 19001

Saturday, September 17

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road
Royersford, PA 19468

SUNDAY, October 16

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

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.

The maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25- or 50-gallon drums.

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 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.



2016 COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

The Montgomery County Commissioners in conjunction with Shred One Security Corp. will be sponsoring **FREE** community paper shredding events, **rain or shine**.

WHEN:

Saturday, July 16
(9am – noon)

Saturday, July 23
(9am – noon)

Sunday, October 23
(9am – noon)

WHERE:

Western Montgomery Career & Technology Center
77 Graterford Road • Limerick, PA 19468

Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road • Abington, PA 19001

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 North Woodbine Avenue • Penn Valley, PA 19072

FREE 2016 MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL TIRE COLLECTIONS

Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9:00 AM – Noon

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

Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9:00 AM – Noon

Western Montgomery Career & Technology Center
77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA 19468

- Montgomery County residents only
- Free of charge
- 8 tires per vehicle maximum
- Rims accepted
- No off road tires
- Rain or shine
- No businesses



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Shapiro, Chair • Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Vice Chair • Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner



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, 2016)*

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 every other month beginning in January 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

Fourth 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.

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

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

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

VACANCY BOARD

- Debra Brenner
- Sherri Petrakis
- Thomas Sivell
- James Thompson
- Beth Waks

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

- Joanne Boyle
- Celine Childs
- Jennifer Etkin
- Karen Green

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

- L. Matthew Schwartz, *Chair*
- Jonathan Picker, *Vice-Chair*
- Deborah Heuckeroth
- Scott Quitel
- Deborah Shreero

ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

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

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

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

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

LIBRARY BOARD

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

Library Appointees:

- Stan Finegold
- Sally Lane
- 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.
- Emily Goldman
- 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, Christopher Ward
- Township Manager, Richard L. Mellor Jr.

DEPARTURES...

Robert Hart

On February 25, 2016, the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors accepted the resignation of Robert R. Hart, long time member of the Township Board of Supervisors. Bob Hart has served Whitemarsh Township as a Supervisor from 2008 to 2016, serving as the Chairman in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2015.

Thank you Bob Hart for all your hard work and dedication to Whitemarsh Township and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



Sara Erlbaum and Cathy Peduzzi

December 17, 2015 also marked the last public meeting for Supervisors Sara Erlbaum and Cathy Peduzzi. Supervisor Erlbaum served on the Board for 8 years from 2008 to 2015, serving as the Chair in 2009 and 2014 and as the Vice-Chair in 2008, 2011, and 2012. Supervisor Peduzzi served on the Board for 4 years from 2012 to 2015 serving as the Vice-Chair in 2015.

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors recognized and thanked Supervisor Erlbaum and Supervisor Peduzzi for their dedication and service to the Township in serving as members of the Board.

Secretary of PENNDOT and former member of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors, Leslie Richards, also attended the meeting to recognize and thank Supervisor Erlbaum and Supervisor Peduzzi for their service to the community.

Thank you Supervisors Erlbaum and Peduzzi and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



Fran Wheatley & Mike Beaty: 30 Years of Service

January 4, 2016 marked the last day of work for Chief Mike Beaty and Lieutenant Fran Wheatley. Both started at Whitemarsh Township Police Department on the same day 30 years ago in 1986 and both retired on the same day.

You can read more about Mike Beaty and Fran Wheatley on the police pages (18 - 20) in the Annual Report section of the newsletter.

Edward Mscisz: 42 Years of Service

November 5, 2015 also marked the last day of work for Edward T. Mscisz after 42 years of service to the Township's Public Works Department. Ed Mscisz started working for the Whitemarsh Township Public Works Department as a laborer back in 1974 and has continued his commitment to the Township for the next 42 years.

Thank you Ed for all your hard work and dedication to Whitemarsh Township and we hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement!



New Chief of Police



On February 25, 2016, the Whitemarsh Board of Supervisors appointed Christopher P. Ward as the new Chief of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department.

Chris Ward has been a police officer in Whitemarsh Township for over 26 years, having previously served as an officer with the Collegeville Borough and Sea Isle City, NJ Police Departments. Chief Ward began his career in Whitemarsh as a Patrol Officer, serving as a tactical team member, a bicycle officer and a Traffic Safety officer. In the early 2000s, he served in the Detective Division as the Department's Juvenile Detective, and in 2005, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and returned to the Patrol Division. In 2007, Chris Ward was appointed to the position of Lieutenant.

A native of Whitemarsh, having grown up in the Lafayette Hill section of the Township, Chief Ward has been active in the community for decades, having volunteered with the Whitemarsh Community Ambulance, the Barren Hill Fire Company, Whitemarsh Little League and Whitemarsh Youth Basketball League.

A graduate of LaSalle College High School, Chief Ward obtained his B.A. in Sociology/Criminal Justice from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Chief Ward is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 249th Session and Northwestern University's School

of Police Staff and Command, 277th Session, where he obtained executive level training.

"I am a very fortunate person" Chief Ward noted. "Having had the opportunity to grow up in a great community where I was exposed to unbelievable role models that showed me how to give back to the community that gave me so much. As one of six children, my parents instilled the sense of community and citizenship in all six of us. Personally, I admired some of the past and present icons of our community and took every opportunity to learn from them.

"I am humbled by the trust that the Board of Supervisors and Township Manager have placed in me. I have been entrusted to run one of the most respected police departments in Montgomery County, if not Pennsylvania. Luckily, I am not alone, as Whitemarsh Township is very fortunate to have some of the best and brightest police officers that you will find anywhere. The men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department have and always will strive to be the best and to provide the best police services to our residents and visitors. My experience, education and training prepared me to be the Chief of Police, but my desire to maintain Whitemarsh Police's reputation and the community's respect is what drives me."



Lieutenant Promotions



JEFF NOWAK

The Whitemarsh Township Police Department is entering a new chapter with all new leaders at the helm. After the Board of Supervisors promoted Chris Ward to the position of Chief to fill the vacancy left by Mike Beaty, the Township promoted Jeff Nowak and Greg Keenan to fill the vacancies of the Lieutenant position left by the promotion of Chris Ward and the departure of Fran Wheatly.

JEFF NOWAK

Jeff Nowak has been a police officer for 26 yrs, having been hired by Whitemarsh Township Police in August of 1993, after completing three years of service with the SEPTA Transit Police in Philadelphia. He began his career in Whitemarsh as a patrol officer and has also served with the bicycle unit, the County Drug Task Force, the Motorcycle Unit, and as a Tactical Officer with the Montgomery County SWAT Team – Central Region. Jeff serves as one of our Use of Force and Firearms instructors and currently teaches at the Montgomery County Police Academy. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in August of 2004 and was a patrol sergeant until assuming the role of the Community Policing Sergeant in March of 2012.

Jeff is a 38 year resident of the township with his wife and two children, and has been active in the community, coaching basketball and baseball for Whitemarsh Youth Basketball, Whitemarsh Little League, St. Philip Neri CYO and other various youth leagues for the past 15 years.



GREG KEENAN

Lt. Nowak obtained his B.A. in Administration of Justice from Penn State University and a Master's in Criminal Justice from West Chester University. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, Class 326 and the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar in 2014.

GREG KEENAN

Greg Keenan has been a police officer in Whitemarsh Township for 20 years. He started as a patrol officer in 1996 served as a tactical team member, a bicycle officer, field training officer and a Traffic Safety Officer. He also serves as an Accreditation Manager, and as a commander of the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team. In 2004 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served in the patrol division until his promotion to Lieutenant.

Greg is a resident of Whitemarsh Township and is active in the community through youth sports and charitable organizations.

Greg obtained his Associates and Bachelor's Degrees in Marketing from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, 326th session, and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar in 2014.

Congratulations Jeff Nowak and Greg Keenan on your promotions!

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD SERVING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

As the weather begins to warm, and as the flowers begin to bloom, our spirits are lifted as we look forward to enjoying the outdoors in beautiful Whitmarsh Township. Our Township Boards and Commissions partner with Township administrators to optimize the quality of life in the Township. Through the support of Township officials and staff, the Whitmarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board has been quite busy. We have made headway on several initiatives such as energy efficiency, stormwater management, recycling, planning and others.

More than 2 years ago, the EAB coordinated performance of an energy audit of the Township building. Recommendations from the consultant organization were implemented and energy efficiency was comprehensively addressed with new equipment, appliances, and more frugal energy usage strategies. We are contemplating performing another energy audit to determine how much money the Township has saved on its energy bills with these improvements.

On the heels on the Energy Audit of the Township Building, the EAB has been supportive of Township's consideration of a capital project to convert all the street lights from incandescent lamps to light emitting diode (LED) lamps. The goal is to use significantly less energy to reduce our carbon footprint as well as to significantly save on energy bills. The Whitmarsh Township Board of Supervisors, at their February 25, 2016 public meeting, took the first steps in this the LED conversion efforts by authorizing an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) with Johnson Controls, Inc., in order to obtain a more detailed and accurate price projection of LED conversion of all Township streetlights. The IGA will also provide analysis of current energy usages and recommend methods for further cost savings.

The Township Planning Department has also been studying various options for more enjoyable utilization of the Conshohocken waterfront and the EAB has been involved in the stakeholder meeting to further the strategic plan.

With the Whitmarsh Valley Watershed Association and the Whitmarsh Township Department of Parks and Recreation, the EAB will be participating in Dixon Meadow Workshops (see information on this and other environmental workshops coordinate by the Township Parks & Recreation Department on the next page!). This beautiful open space finally has accessible parking so

that Township residents can enjoy this environmental preserve off Flourtown Road.

We are embarking on a new campaign to optimize recycling within the Township in celebration of Earth Day. A recycling bin decorating contest has been coordinated through the Township Parks & Recreation Department to encourage resident youths to recognize the importance of recycling and celebrate this importance practice by decorating their own recycling bins to be displayed throughout the Township. Winners will be announced on Earth Day and displayed at Township Day as well.

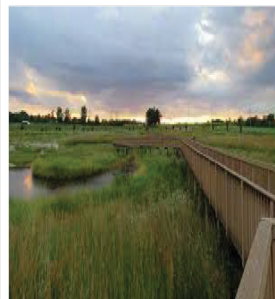
Members of the environmental advisory board, the Assistant Township Manager, and the liaison from the Township Board of Supervisors have lively discussions at board meetings. All members are excited to work with the Township administration and government as we explore opportunities to achieve success beautifying our township and protecting its environment. The board meets at the Township Building on the third Monday of odd-numbered months between 7 PM and 8:30 PM. Residents and business owners are welcome to attend and participate. If any residents are interested in participating on this board, we encourage you to come join us at our bi-monthly meetings at the Township Building.

-L. Matthew Schwartz, M.D., Chairman, EAB



2016 Environmental Calendar & Greenmarsh Series

A combination of environmental efforts made in partnership with the Environmental Advisory Board, the Open Space Committee, the Shade Tree Commission, the Greenhouse Program, and the Parks and Recreation Board in conjunction with community groups and organizations to educate, improve, and enhance the environment of Whitmarsh Township.



Dixon Meadow Preserve Walk & Talk

Saturday, May 14th
10:00 am-11:00 am
Dixon Meadow Preserve- Flourtown Road

Presented by: The Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association

Join us for a Saturday morning walk through the Dixon Meadow Preserve and enjoy over 2,000 feet of trail and observation stations. Learn about the stormwater mitigation and wildlife preservation that this Whitmarsh treasure has to offer!

Volunteers to work with the greenhouse are always needed! If interested, please call the Parks & Recreation Office at (610)828-7276!



Whitmarsh Township Greenhouse Open House

Saturday, May 14th
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Whitmarsh Township Greenhouse Program will be hosting their Fourth Annual Open House. Come visit the Koontz Park Greenhouse at 2391 Harts Lane and learn how this wonderful space has become the hub of activity for a group of volunteer gardeners. See how their shared efforts have blended to beautify the neighborhood and provide environmental benefits – along the way learning from each other, and having a whole lot of fun. Stroll around Koontz Park to view the native plants demonstration gardens, where the first flowers of spring will be open for butterflies, beneficial insects, and for the pleasure of the community. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. The Greenhouse will also be hosting a plant sale featuring organic vegetable plants and native perennials.



Garden Contest

May 15th & July 24th

Whitmarsh Township residents and businesses are invited to share their love of gardening with the community and receive recognition for doing their part to make our area greener and more beautiful. Participants can register their gardens into a specific category. Entry forms are available at www.whitmarshparks.org. Questions about the garden contest can be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department at 610-828-7276. Judging will take place on May 15th for spring gardens and July 24th for summer gardens.

Gambone Tract Environmental Education and Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 8th
8:00 am-11:00 am
Located across from Cedar Grove Park on Wells Street

Program is sponsored jointly by the Environmental Advisory Board, the Shade Tree Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Ecologist John Munro will teach the volunteers about environmental education, including identification and proper techniques for removal of invasives, and will then lead the group into a hands-on clean-up and removal of invasives at the Gambone Tract in order to begin to create a natural park and trail system for the community.



Shredding Day

Saturday, October 15th
8:00 am-12:00 pm (or until 2 shredding trucks are full, whichever comes first!)
Miles Park Lower Parking Lot

Save space, protect yourself from identity theft, and help the environment all at the same time! The Shredding Day Event is FREE to residents and all donations from the event benefit the volunteering emergency service organization and the Whitmarsh Township Parks & Recreation Department.

2015 Annual Report



The Whitemarsh 2015 Annual Report is a comprehensive report of the Township's activities throughout the 2015 calendar year along with a preview of what is to come in 2016. 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.

STAFF DIRECTORY

NAME	TITLE	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
Richard L. Mellor	Township Manager	610-825-3535 Ext. 2601	rmellor@whitemarshtwp.org
E. J. Lee	Assistant Township Manager	610-825-3535 Ext. 2604	elee@whitemarshtwp.org
Christopher Ward	Chief of Police	610-825-6530 Ext. 2604	cward@whitemarshpd.org
Thomas M. Mullin, C.P.A.	Director of Finance	610-825-3535 Ext. 2616	tmullin@whitemarshtwp.org
Jerry Breitmeyer	Director of Public Works	610-825-3424 Ext. 2501	jbreitmeyer@whitemarshtwp.org
Charles L. Guttenplan, A.I.C.P.	Director of Planning & Zoning	610-825-3535 Ext. 2625	cguttenplan@whitemarshtwp.org
Tom Blomstrom	Director of Parks & Recreation	610-828-7276 Ext. 2401	tblomstrom@whitemarshtwp.org
Bob Sztubinski, B.C.O.	Director of Codes	610-825-3535 Ext. 2606	rsztubinski@whitemarshtwp.org
Scott Lynch	Fire Marshal	610-825-3535 Ext. 2614	slynch@whitemarshtwp.org
Susan McCloskey	Executive Assistant	610-825-3535 Ext. 2602	smccloskey@whitemarshtwp.org
Sean P. Kilkenny, Esq.	Township Solicitor	(484) 679-8150	Law Offices of Sean Kilkenny
James C. Sullivan, P. E.	Township Engineer	T & M Associates	jsullivan@tandmassociates.com

MANAGER'S REPORT

A Look Back at 2015...

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors once again adopted a balanced budget for 2016, and for the 15th consecutive year there was no tax increase. The budget includes a three-year \$6.5 million dollar capital improvement plan as we look to move toward implementation of intersections and stormwater management improvements, facility upgrades as well as equipment replacement.

In the Administration Building, the Codes and Zoning Departments recently launched a new GIS-based permitting software. The new software integrates the entire permitting process across multiple departments, providing access to our staff whether they are in the office or remotely in the field. Our residents and businesses will experience greater efficiencies when requesting information from these departments including when our inspectors are onsite at your property.

As the result of the retirements in the Police Department of Chief Mike Beaty and Lt. Fran Wheatley at the end of 2015, the Board of Supervisors was pleased to name Lt. Chris Ward as Chief of Police at their meeting on February 25, 2016. Also, promoted to the rank of Lieutenant were Sergeants Jeff Nowak and Greg Keenan. All of the officers promoted to the police command staff have many years of leadership experience within the department and are eager to lead the Whitemarsh Township Police Department in providing a high and reliable level of public safety service to the Whitemarsh community.

With warmer months on the horizon and people venturing outside more often, please know that you may contact me or any member of the Township staff so we may assist with any of your Township concerns. To all the residents and businesses in Whitemarsh Township have an enjoyable and safe spring and summer seasons!



Richard L. Mellor, Jr.
Township Manager

FINANCE

2015 Highlights

- Ended 2015 with a General Fund Balance of \$4,031,981, an increase of \$892,987 over \$3,169,120 budget projection.
- Reserves across all funds total \$21,887,927. General Fund Reserve of \$ 4,709,616 is 23 % of 2016 budgeted revenue. The General Fund Reserves exceed the 5% to 10% of total General Fund Revenue target recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Unexpended Capital Reserve Funds from the 2014 General Obligation Note plus Transfers from the General and Equipment Reserve Funds total \$6,680,892 comprising 31 % of the total reserves.
- 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 2015 declined by \$343,194 from 2014 levels. Majority of decrease due to \$306,192 decline in Business Privilege Tax collections due to appeals by and decreased remittances from some large taxpayers. Earned income tax collections including Open Space decreased by \$164,592 between years as anticipated in the budget. Revenue from Business Tax Compliance Audits decreased by \$48,206 due to large one time audit collections in 2014. These revenue decreases were offset by a \$169,996 increase in Real Estate Transfer Tax due an increase in commercial property transfers and an improvement in the residential housing market.
- Expenditures as a whole for the General Fund, excluding transfers and additions to reserves totaled \$17,678,632 in 2015. This is 1.5% lower than the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures of \$17,963,497, excluding budgeted transfers and additions to reserves. The favorable variances are due to lower than actual expenditures versus budget for all departments and major expense categories.

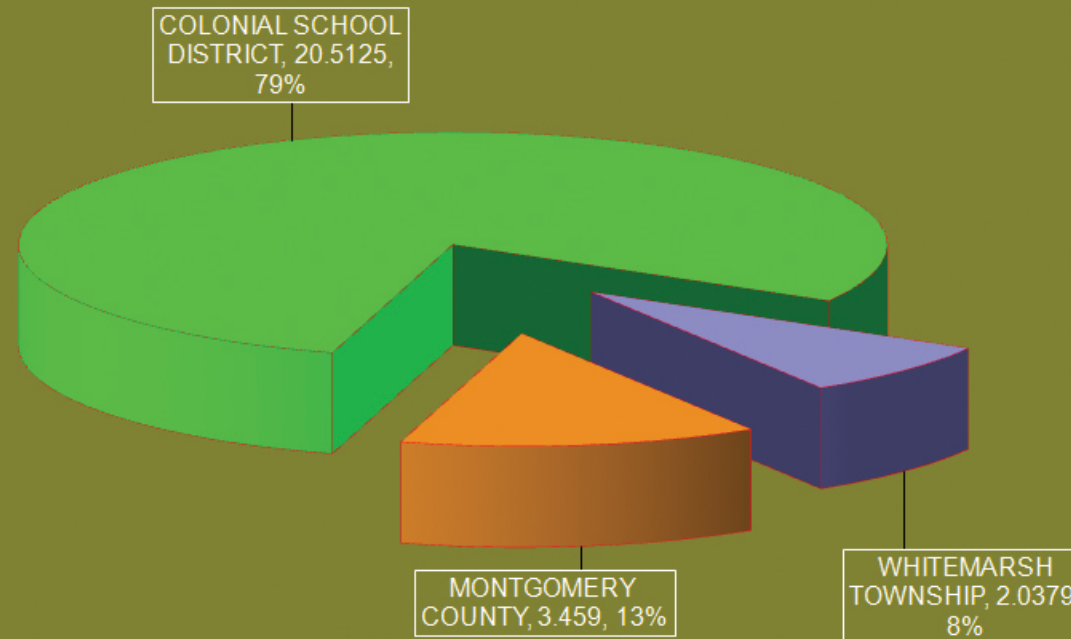
DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

March 1, 2016
Township Real Estate Tax Bills mailed out

May 2, 2016
Tax payment due to get 2% discount

July 1, 2016
Payments after this date will be assessed an additional 10% late fee

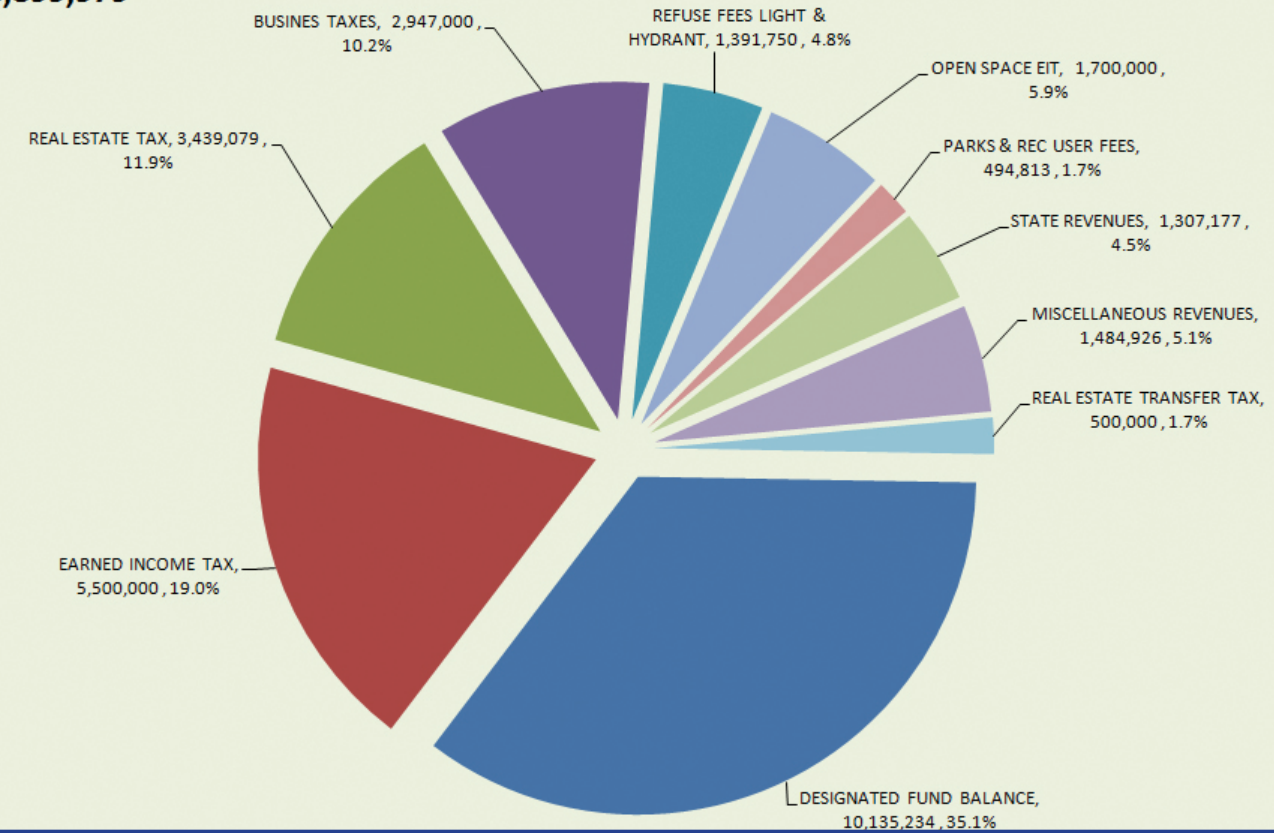
2016 TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES MEDIAN ASSESSED VALUE \$173,190. TOTAL R.E. TAX \$4,382



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

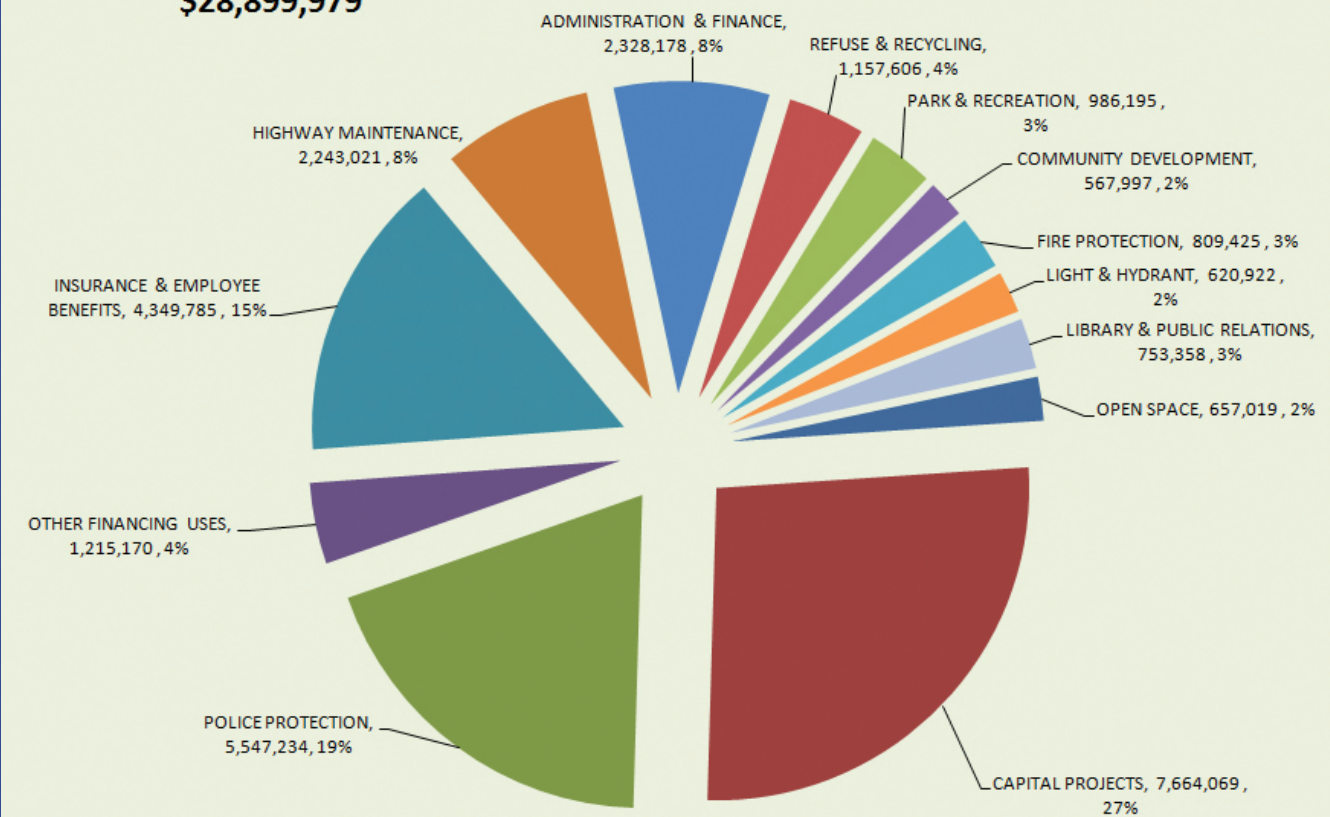
2016 BUDGETED REVENUE

\$28,899,979



2016 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

\$28,899,979





Change and Consistency will be the theme of the year for the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. Using these two words to describe the police department as we enter into 2016 would most likely have many of you scratching your heads and asking, "How can these two words be used to describe our police department?" Here is the answer:

Change - As you will read, Chief T. Michael Beaty and Lieutenant Francis X. Wheatley have both retired from the Whitemarsh Township Police Department, working their last day on January 4, 2016. On January 4, I was appointed the Acting Chief of Police, a position that became permanent on February 25, when I was sworn in as the Chief of Police. On February 29, Sergeant Jeffrey J. Nowak and Sergeant Greg Keenan were promoted to Lieutenants. In the months that come, we will be promoting Sergeants to replace Lt. Nowak and Lt. Keenan, and also hiring new officers to bring our roster back to full strength. So, there has been and will be a lot of change in the police department.

Consistency - For years, the Whitemarsh Township Police Department has maintained a reputation for our professionalism and service to the community. During a year that will see numerous changes to our personnel, the community will continue to receive the highest level of professionalism and service that the Whitemarsh Township Police Department has always provided for the community. Year after year we work to train and educate the men and women of this department to be prepared for whatever may come our way and this includes internal changes within our own ranks. It is our intention to move into new positions, add new members and keep the high level of services you have come to expect at the exceptional level that our community desires and deserves.

- Chief Christopher P. Ward

Serve - Protect - Defend

The sworn officers and civilian employees of the Whitemarsh Police Department appreciate the opportunity to work with you in making Whitemarsh Township a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department is to tirelessly protect the citizens of our great community, to serve those citizens without prejudice, and to defend our community under any circumstance.

The unmitigated commitment of each member of this department reflects the true nature of the men and women who demonstrate exemplary conduct on and off duty. Through our service to the community we promote the quality of life and ensure justice.

The men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department strive to make Whitemarsh Township a great place to live and work.

This goal shall be accomplished each and every day with honesty, respect and integrity.



A Special Thanks to the students of Ms. Krieger's First Grade Class at Whitemarsh Elementary!!



Since the beginning of this school year, Whitemarsh Elementary School Teacher Simie Krieger and her 1st grade class have been raising money to buy two K-9 vests for the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. They met their goal with the help of Todd Nurick, Esq., Principal Donna Drizin, and the students at WES. On December 11, 2015, the students presented a check at a school assembly to the Whitemarsh Township Police Department for vests for K-9 dogs Nika (with Officer Stadulis on the right) and K-9 Hugo (with Officer James Sweeney on the left).



Congratulations to the Whitemarsh Township Police Department's 2015 Citizens Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy is a program designed to provide participants with a working knowledge of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. The academy consists of a series of classroom instruction and practical field exercises held 1 evening per week for a period of 2 to 3 hours. This course of instruction, which will be held over 10 sessions, is offered to residents of Whitemarsh Township at no cost.

The Citizen Police Academy provides an in-depth view into

several areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows Citizen the opportunity to learn more about the issues that effect law enforcement in Whitemarsh Township.

For more information on how to participate in the Citizens Police Academy, visit the Township website or contact Sarah Goldbloom at 484-594-2709.

RETIREMENT OF CHIEF BEATY & LIEUTENANT WHEATLEY

On April 16, 1986 the Whitemarsh Township Police Department hired two new officers to bring the department back to a full roster of 28 sworn police officers. T. Michael Beaty, a Lafayette Hill native, PW High School graduate and an active member of the Whitemarsh Township Emergency Services with Barren Hill Fire Company and the Whitemarsh Community Ambulance, and Francis X. Wheatley, a Dresher native, Upper Dublin High School graduate, a former Upper Dublin Police Explorer and Upper Dublin Police dispatcher were the two candidates chosen for the jobs. For the next 30 years, these two men would work their way through the various assignments and ranks of the police department, both would marry and raise their children in the very communities that they had come from. By the end of 2015 the Whitemarsh Township Police Department had grown to 36 sworn officers and these two strangers from 1986 had become the best of friends. Chief T. Michael Beaty and Lt. Francis X. Wheatley became respected members of the Law Enforcement community and the leaders of the Department here in Whitemarsh Township.



With the experience, training and reputations that these two men have acquired over the 30 years at Whitemarsh Police Department, they both decided, separately, that it was time for a new challenge. Not that it was planned, but by chance, both men walked out the doors of the police department for the last time on January 4, 2016, as they had entered; together.

Mike Beaty is now the Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Fran Wheatley is now the Chief of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Police Department. The men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department wish both men nothing but success in their new endeavors!



K9 RETIREMENT

On September 29, 2015 K-9 Brock retired from active service with the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. Brock served almost seven years with the department with his handler, Ofc. Matthew Stadulis.

In November of 2015 K-9 Nika joined the department as the replacement for Brock. Nika is crossed trained for patrol operations and explosive detection. Ofc. Stadulis and Nika have been teamed together.

We wish Brock all the best in retirement and look forward to serving the community with Nika at our side!

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 2015, the Whitemarsh Township assisted the three volunteer fire companies with 948 incidents. The following is a report of the fire related incidents in Whitemarsh Township for the 2015 calendar year.

Vehicular Accident Stand-By	10	Hazardous Materials Incident	1
Automatic Fire Alarm	342	Helicopter Landing	23
Assistance to Fire Marshal	8	Officer's Investigation	13
Assistance to Other Municipalities	48	Rescues	25*
Assistance to the Police Department	4	Special Service	1
Carbon Monoxide Detectors	26	Structure	21
Cover-Up Relocate/Back-Up Service	6	Vehicle Fire	14
Dumpster Fires	5	Vehicle Fuel Leaks	4
Dwelling/Residential Fires	30	Water Flow (Sprinkler) Alarms	22
Electrical Fires (outside)	29	Woods Fire	7
Rapid Intervention Team (Back-Up Rescue)	54	Unknown Types of Fires	8
Gas Leaks (inside)	18	TOTAL	948
Gas Leaks (outside)	25	* 10 vehicular, 13 elevator, 2 others	

Whitemarsh Township Business Registry

The Office of Emergency Management plans and coordinates resources within the township in the event of an emergency. Business owners are encouraged to complete and submit the registry form (form available on the Township website) to the Emergency Services Management Administrator to obtain vital information during an emergency.

ReadyMontCo

READYMONTCO.ORG

ReadyMontco is your official source for notifications about emergencies, severe weather, crime alerts and disasters in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. ReadyMontco is administered by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety and comes to you free of charge (text messaging and voice rates may apply). All it takes is ten minutes to create a profile and you'll be READY to go!

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.

PLANNING & ZONING

In 2015, Whitemarsh Township approved eighteen (18) Subdivision and Land Development (SLD) applications, zero (0) Conditional Use applications, and heard 44 Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) cases.

Subdivision and Land Development (LD) Approvals for 2015:

PC: Planning Commission

BOS: Board of Supervisors

Washington Street Associates III, L.P.; 401 & 433 Washington Street - PC recommended approval of the Conditional Preliminary LD Plans on February 10, 2015; BOS approved Plans on March 12, 2015; PC recommended approval of the Conditional Final Plans on May 21, 2015; BOS approved Plans on May 28, 2015 for the Whitemarsh Township portion of an approximate 10.7-acre site to be developed with 598 apartments. Approximately 2.59 acres are in the Township with up to 85 of the apartments to be within Whitemarsh; the remainder of the development is in Conshohocken Borough. The site is zoned HVY Heavy Industrial with an overlay of the Riverfront Development District sub-district 1 (RDD-1); the Whitemarsh portion of the development is being done under the RDD-1 regulations. A riverfront trail and other amenities are planned.

Whitemarsh Station; 5130 & 5136 Butler Pike - PC recommended approval of the Conditional preliminary Plans on January 13, 2015; BOS approved Plans on March 26, 2015; PC recommended approval of Conditional Final Plans on August 25, 2015; BOS approved Plans on September 10, 2015 for a 23-lot zero-lot-line and small lot single-family subdivision. The site is approximately 4.8 acres and was rezoned to AD – Attached Dwelling District for this project. The homes are proposed along a loop street and sited around a central green which will include the stormwater management area.

The Oaks at Lafayette Hill; Cedar Grove Road - PC recommended approval for Conditional Preliminary LD on March 10, 2015; BOS approved Plans April 23, 2015; PC recommended approval of Conditional Final LD Plans on May 21, 2015; BOS approved Plans on May 28, 2015 for a 159-home townhouse development on a 49+-acre tract. As part of the development, a parcel of approximately 7½ acres, adjacent to Kline Park, is being dedicated to the Township for open space. The development will take access from Cedar Grove Road.

Colonial School District/Sports Court Improvements; 201 E. Germantown Pike - PC recommended approval of LD Waiver on March 10, 2015; BOS granted Waiver July 16, 2015 for the installation of a new synthetic turf field on an existing athletic field and the installation of a new synthetic turf baseball field including fit-out facilities and parking (the "Baseball Complex").

Spring Mill Corporate Center; North Lane and East Hector Street - PC recommended approval of Conditional/Preliminary Final Plans on July 28, 2015; BOS approved Plans on August 13, 2015 for a two-lot subdivision of this existing office and warehouse complex (housed in the former Lee Tire facilities). A 5.5-acre lot on the upper portion of the tract with some of the site's parking (with no existing buildings) was subdivided off from the approximate 25-acre tract. The subdivided lot will be made available for future development (use unknown at this time); compensation for the lost parking to serve the existing complex, will occur on the remaining tract.

901 Washington Street Partners, L.P.; 901 Washington Street - PC recommended approval of Preliminary LD on March 24, 2015; BOS approved Plans on July 16, 2015; PC recommended approval of Conditional Final LD Plans on September 29, 2015; BOS approved Plans on November 12, 2015 for a new two-story, 82,000 square foot office building. The approximate 4.8-acre site is the location of the former 102,000+ square foot Finneran & Hailey Paint factory (demolished by this applicant). As part of the development, a trail will be installed along the Schuylkill River frontage and an emergency boat launch will be installed for use by local fire companies and other emergency responders. The site is zoned HVY Heavy Industrial with an overlay of the Riverfront Development District sub-district 1 (RDD-1); the development is being done under the RDD-1 regulations.



901 Washington Street rendering



NORTHWEST VIEW

EKAHN DEVELOPMENT

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 and certain extensions for nonconforming uses must receive approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. Conditional Uses must receive approval from the Board of Supervisors.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Whitemarsh Township Planning Commission is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors. It is a 7-member body, the members of which are all interested Township residents who are appointed by the Board for staggered four-year terms.

The Planning Commission reviews all subdivision and land development applications and makes recommendations concerning their approval to the Board of Supervisors. They also reviews any landowner or developer requests to amend the Zoning Ordinance, whether it be an amendment to the Zoning Text or Zoning Map, or both. The Planning Commission also reviews Conditional Use Applications and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. All of these reviews are required by the state planning law, the PA Municipalities Planning Code (PA MPC).

Although not legally required, the Planning Commission reviews 'sketch plans' submitted by developers. These are plans drafted at an early stage in the development process and allows the PC to provide informal comments to the developer. This allows the developer

to consider any suggested changes to their draft plans before making the commitment to spend a lot of money and time on fully engineered plans.

The Planning Commission is also asked to review select applications to the Zoning Hearing Board. These are generally applications seeking zoning relief which could have a significant land use impact. In these cases, the Commission's recommendations are sent directly to the Zoning Hearing Board.

In addition to conducting these various reviews, upon request by the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission can draft amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (text and/or map) and to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. In the same way, the Planning Commission can also draft amendments to the Township's long-range plan, The Comprehensive Plan, or prepare an entirely new Plan if one is warranted. In amending or drafting ordinances or plans, the Planning Commission would be assisted by staff and in some cases, by professional consultants that specialize in such work.



Members of the Planning Commission (from left to right): Peter Cornog, Arthur (Terry) Lefco, Sherri Glantz Patchen (Chair), James Hoban (Vice Chair), Vincent Manuele, and J. David Shula. Absent: Scott Quitel

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 2015, Whitemarsh Township received and processed a total of 1,572 permit applications.

RESIDENTIAL		NON-RESIDENTIAL	
New Dwelling	56	New Construction, Roofing, Siding	9
Roofing & Siding	120	Alterations/Additions	68
Sheds, Decks, Patios	72	Fences & Signs	21
Fences	57	Use & Occupancy	24
Pools	5	Demolition	14
Alterations/Additions	139	Misc. Temporary Permits	22
Zoning Permits	252	Zoning Permits	110
TOTAL	701	TOTAL	268

In addition to the above listed residential and non-residential permits, the Township received and processed 603 permit applications for plumbing, electrical, mechanical, fire marshal, and others.

RENTAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

All persons or corporations that are renting any apartment, homes or rooms for residential living within Whitemarsh Township are required to complete a rental license application and submit with proper payment to the Township Building & Codes Department. Registration Forms are available on the Township website or at the Township Building & Codes Department (610-825-3535).

Each license for a residential rental property must be renewed every two years. If there is a change in the type of

occupancy, 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



Rental property Inspection Standards

All rental property must meet the inspection standards listed here. 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.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

T & M Associates is the Township's consulting engineering firm hired for all of the Township's engineering needs. Highlights of capital projects in 2015 include the following:

- **2015 Road Improvement Program** - Segments of the following roadways have been rehabilitated: Thomas Road, Center Avenue, First Street, First Avenue, Second Street, Linden Circle, Revere Road/Aspen Way, Rory Circle, Mulberry Lane, Kottler Drive, Hain Drive, Crescent Avenue, Jackson Drive, Fields Drive, Laurel Drive, and Juniper Drive. All road rehabilitation was completed by September of 2015.
- **Andorra Creek Streambank Restoration** - The Township was awarded a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) grant back in 2013, for which T&M Associates is preparing construction documents for the proposed streambank restoration project that is planned to take place at the headwaters of Andorra Creek at Evergreen Road and downstream from the culvert on Pear Tree Lane.
- **Church Road Crosswalk** - This project involved the design and construction of a single crosswalk on Church Road to replace the two existing crosswalks at St. Peter's Church in order to improve pedestrian safety. New concrete curbs were installed along with handicap accessible ramps and a new crosswalk at Park Avenue. This was a cooperative project which required St. Peter's Church to install a concrete service walk at the location of the new single crosswalk. The Township's part of the work was completed in September of 2015.
- **Public Works Fleet Maintenance Building Addition** - This project involved the design and construction of the addition to the fleet maintenance building at the Department of Public Works facility on Joshua Road. The 20' wide by 80' long building with two drive through garage bays, a new storage area and the relocated administrative office completed in September of 2015.



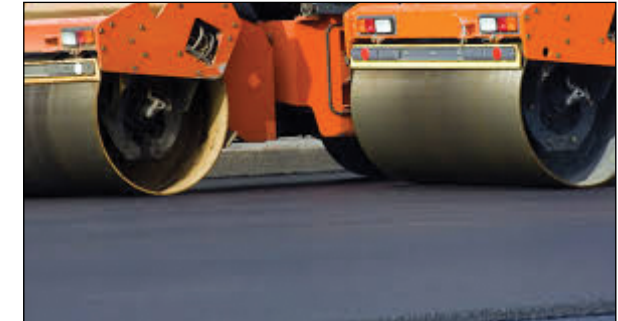
Public Works Fleet Maintenance Building Addition

The Township Public Works Department is responsible for:

- Maintenance of township streets, bridges, and storm sewers, including the provisions of street cleaning, fall leaf collection, snow removal and ice control
- Operational efficiency of all township automotive and construction equipment
- Maintenance of all township owned buildings, parks and open space
- Implementation of capital projects as planned

2016 Road Improvement Program:

- Brook Lane from Barren Hill Road - approximately 300 feet of resurfacing only.
- Brook Lane from the end resurfacing to the the cul-de-sac, 327 feet of full depth reconstruction.
- Joshua Road Access Street between Emerson Drive and Third Street.
- Roberts Avenue from Hallowell Street to the dead end.
- Summit Avenue from Hallowell Street to Durant Street.
- Emerson Drive from Joshua Road to the cul-de-sac.
- Christie Circle from Emerson Drive to the cul-de-sac.
- Hellman Road from Emerson Drive to the cul-de-sac.
- Stevenson Circle from Helman Road to the cul-de-sac.
- Franklin Way from Flourtown Road to the dead end.
- Farmar Lane from Bethlehem Pike to Church Road.
- Fairfield Drive from Farmar Lane to Farmar Lane.
- Rebel Road from Edmonds Road to Mathers Mill Road
- Mathers Mill Road from Edmonds Road to Edmonds Road
- Quarry Lane from Mathers Mill Road to the cul-de-sac.



ELECTRONICS PICK UP DATE Wednesday, April 20, 2016

For the convenience of our residents, the Township has changed the electronics collection program from a drop-off program to a PICK UP program. The Township Public Works Department will pick up electronics left out on the front curb of the residence (just like trash collection) on designated dates throughout the year.



ALL ELECTRONICS are accepted including computers, monitors, televisions, printers, microwaves, video recorders, stereos, telephones, DVD players and more.

For more information regarding the Township electronic recycling program, call the Township at 610-825-3535.

PARKS & RECREATION

Last year was a whirlwind of excitement for the Parks and Recreation Department in Whitemarsh Township, filled with the successful blending of fresh ideas with the community's signature traditional events and programs. This combination shaped the 2015 special events and programs for all to enjoy. 2015 saw the creation of a new trail system at the Gambone Tract, a new Community Yard Sale, and new programs for people of all ages and abilities including CrossKids, Mommy-Daddy and Me Dance, Nutrition Series, Jump, Jive, and Jam, and Intro to iPads classes.

The year began with the hiring of a new Director of Parks and Recreation, Tom Blomstrom, to carry out the departmental vision of the Board of Supervisors and the community. In addition, Jon Walker was promoted to the new position of Recreation Superintendent to oversee the multitude of Township programs and special events.

The department held an array of special events throughout the year including Shredding Day, Township Day, Touch-A-Truck, the Mini-Spring Fling, a Bike Rodeo, Movies in the Parks, the 4th of July Parade, Community Yard Sale, the Haunted Barn (with a new Family Night), and the Gingerbread House Decorating Party. These events reached over 10,000 participants and created a lifetime of wonderful memories.

The premiere summer camp programs were held again at Miles Park and Cedar Grove Barn with record-breaking attendance of approximately 200 participants each day. Specialty camps were offered for tennis, baseball,



basketball, soccer, cheerleading, flag football, cooking, and fitness. In addition, many programming seasonal staples were on display including yoga, pilates, dance, swimming, kids in motion, afternoon fun club, and messy masters.

The Department's discount ticket program continued to flourish as the Township made the program available for residents to purchase discount tickets to Hershey Park, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Disney on Ice, Ski Excursion Destinations, and to get great movie tickets bargains from Regal, AMC, and the Movie Tavern.

A touch of green arose from the rejuvenation of the Whitemarsh Greenmarsh Series and the creation of an Environmental Calendar. Programs including nature walks, environmental education of streams, and proper planting techniques enriched the community in the fall. The Greenhouse Program kept up their great annual volunteer efforts, serving as stewards of Koontz Park and maintaining environmentally sensitive areas. They also continued our partnership with the Colonial School District by working on planting projects with students from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School.

The senior programming jumped with the fall "Eat and Enjoy Social Series", which comprised of an afternoon of lunch and spirited entertainment for our older adults monthly. The Department also offered afternoon card games including bridge, pinochle, and mah jongg for our dedicated groups with coffee and light treats. The excursions to the Tanger Outlet and Shady Maple in Lancaster and to the Radio City Music Hall in NYC were a delight for all who attended.



The facilities also underwent several improvements in 2015. The exterior of the iconic Cedar Grove Barn was retouched with fresh paint as well as a crosswalk painted at this location to assist our young athletes. The interior and exterior of the Parks and Recreation Building located at Miles Park received some long-due renovation. With the removal of some interior walls, painting, and installation of flooring, program space improved allowing the department to better serve the public with larger spaced room, classroom, and meeting spaces. The front porch also had some concrete and landscaping work performed. An emergency drive was installed to the lower end of Miles Park to allow a quicker access for emergency vehicles. A storm water drain was placed in the lower lot at Miles Park by the concession stand. The Parks and Recreation Administration Building at Koontz Park received new gutters, fascia board capped with metal flashing, and downspouts on the entrance side. The building also received fresh paint in the first floor program room.

Let's not forget the parks when we talk about excitement in 2015. A new trail was created by Eagle Scout Doug Stanish at the Gambone Tract. The department held their first ever environmental education and clean-up days with 22 resident "Enviroteers" (and volunteers from Whole Foods in Plymouth) to be stewards of our natural parks system at the Gambone Tract site in November of 2015. ADA accessible woodcarpet was installed at the Miles Park, Valley Green, and Cedar Grove Park playgrounds. Also, in order to maintain the highest standard of safety, portable Automated External Defibrillators (AED) were donated for the Township's parks system thanks to the generosity of Simon's Fund.

The Whitemarsh Township Parks and Recreation Department team members are also recognized for a number of professional accomplishments in 2015. Program Coordinator Brianna Muller was named the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS) Young Professional of the Year. PRPS awarded their Young Professional Scholarship to Program Coordinator Mike Lannutti to attend their annual state conference. Jon Walker achieved the status of Certified Parks and Recreation Professional through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Parks and Recreation Facilities and Maintenance Manager Paul Fedalen attained the National Certification from NRPA as a Certified Playground Safety Inspector. Lastly, Tom Blomstrom was appointed by PRPS to the NRPA-Mid-Atlantic Regional Consortium representing the



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

As we look back and move forward, the Township is fortunate to have the support of many great corporate and community partners for serving as a foundation for the success of the parks and recreation throughout the year. We extend our gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their leadership and support to allow this department to carry out the mission of the Township and enhance the quality of life to the residents through Parks and Recreation.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2016! Be sure to check out some of the upcoming recreation opportunities on the following pages!

-The Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Team



Whitemarsh Township 9-Week Camps

Cedar Grove Camp

Ages: 3-6 **Registration Fee: AM-Only: \$95 WTR / \$110 Non-Res**
Site: Cedar Grove Park **Full-Day: \$170 WTR / \$185 Non-Res**

Cedar Grove Camp provides the option to enroll for AM-Only (9am-12pm) or Full-Day (9am-4pm) care. Designed for our youngest age group, Cedar Grove Campers enjoy theme weeks full of crafts, games, visitors, trips, and many other special events!

Miles Park Camp

Ages: 6-11 **Registration Fee: \$160 WTR / \$183 Non-Res**
Site: Miles Park **Swimming Fee: \$10.00 week (optional)**

Miles Park Camp is a well-organized, fun-filled and affordable day camp. Campers spend their days doing traditional camp activities like arts & crafts, sports, special events, and more! There's a trip every Wednesday, and on Tuesdays, there is option to swim. Miles Park Camp has something for everyone!

Teen Extreme Camp

Ages: 12-15 **Registration Fee: \$205 WTR / \$231 Non-Res**
Site: Miles Park Upper Field

Teen Extreme Camp is the perfect combination of traditional camp activities & exciting trips! Campers participate in team building activities, special events, sports, crafts, and more! There are exciting trips every Tuesday & Thursday. This camp is a great way to meet new friends and really enjoy the summer!

9-Week Camp Schedule

For any of our 9-week camps, you register weekly. You can do all 9 weeks, or pick and choose to fit your schedule! The dates for the camps are as follows:

Week 1: 6/13 - 6/17 **Week 2:** 6/20 - 6/24 **Week 3:** 6/27 - 7/1
Week 4: 7/5 - 7/8 (No Camp 7/4) **Week 5:** 7/11 - 7/15 **Week 6:** 7/18 - 7/22
Week 7: 7/25 - 7/29 **Week 8:** 8/1 - 8/5 **Week 9:** 8/8 - 8/12

For more information on the camps, or to register for any of the camps, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at (610) 828-7276

Whitemarsh Township Specialty Camps

Cooking Camp

Ages: 8-14
Fee: \$90WTR / \$103NR
Location: Koontz Park (A)
Do you have a budding young chef at home? If the answer is yes, this camp is for them! Chefs will create two recipes per class and learn to have fun in the kitchen!
Mon-Fri 9:30-11:00am
6/20 - 6/24

Theater Horizon Summer Camp

Ages: 6-11
Fee: \$175WTR / \$200NR
Location: P&R Miles Park Bldg (C)
Young actors spend a week working as an ensemble to create an original play- full of drama, comedy, suspense, and one-of-a-kind characters!
Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm
6/27 - 7/1

Art & Yoga Camp

Ages: 6-9
Fee: \$140WTR / \$155NR
Location: Koontz Park (A)
Help your child turn off the static and tap into their creative juices. Campers will explore creative outlets with art and learn self-calming and relaxation techniques with Yoga.
Mon-Fri 8:30-11:30am
8/15 - 8/19

i9 Sport Camps

Baseball: 6/20 - 6/24
Ages: 3-10 Miles Park (Majors Field)
Cheerleading: 6/27 - 7/1
Ages: 3-10 Miles Park (Majors Field)
Basketball: 7/11 - 7/15
Ages: 3-10 Miles Park (Basketball Court)
Soccer: 7/25 - 7/29
Ages: 3-10 Miles Park (Soccer Fields)
All i9 Sport Camps follow the timing and pricing found below!
3-4 yrs: 8:30-9:30am \$45WTR / \$51NR
5-10yrs: 8:30-11:00am \$116WTR / \$133NR

Total Play Multi Sports

Ages: 5-12 **Dates: 7/11-7/15**
Location: Miles Park (Soccer Fields)
Morning Only: \$175WTR / \$198NR
9am - 12:30pm
Full Day: \$205WTR / \$220NR
9am - 4:00pm
Experience over 16 different sports from around the world! All activities will take place in an atmosphere that promotes good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fun!

Total Sports: Squirts

Ages: 3-5 **Dates: 7/11-7/15**
Location: Leeland Park 4:30-5:30pm
Fee: \$100WTR / \$115NR
Campers will experience a new sport each week of the program with Sports Squirts. Participants have the opportunity to try lacrosse, soccer, basketball, T-ball, floor hockey, and more - all in a safe, structured environment!

Camp Hopper

If your child is enrolled in one of the specialty camps in the morning and you would like them to attend any of the 9-week camps in the afternoon, the fee is discounted. Campers must choose to go on trips, or stay in the specialty camp in the morning, but there is no afternoon camp for trip days.

Visit www.whitemarshparks.org for even more specialty camps!

Do-It-Yourself NYC Trip

Enjoy the day amidst the hustle and bustle of New York City! Take a stroll through Central Park or visit one of the many historical sites in and around the city. Spend time shopping, dining, or taking in a show...it's up to you! The bus will drop off and pickup in Rockefeller Square area.

Saturday, May 14th
8:00am - 8:00pm

\$45 WTR / \$50 Non-Res

The bus will depart from, and return to, the Lower Parking Lot of Miles Park.



Upcoming PrimeTime Programs...

Eat & Enjoy Social Series

Experience an afternoon of great food and entertainment with the Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Department! Each social will include a catered lunch, complete with coffee and dessert! Following lunch, entertainment will be provided for all. Be sure to register early and guarantee your spot at a table, and don't worry - you don't have to be a resident of Whitemarsh Township to attend!

The Eat & Enjoy Social Series is sponsored by:

Only \$10!!



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A Presby's Inspired Life Community

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SENIOR CARE
To us, it's personal.

Tuesday, May 10th 12:00 - 2:00pm 4021 Joshua Rd, 19444

Entertainment: Gaslight Productions - Rags to Riches Too - Musical Show

Rags to Riches Too will take you through time with their musical historical show "From Armstrong to Elvis: The Rise of Pop Music of the U.S. of A."

Lunch Provided By: TBA - Call the Parks & Recreation Department at (610) 828-7276 for more information!

Thursday, June 2nd 12:00 - 2:00pm 4021 Joshua Rd, 19444

Entertainment: Deirdre Finnegan - Cabaret-Inspired Musical Performance

Deirdre and Bob will bring their cabaret-inspired music to the Eat & Enjoy Social! Sit back and enjoy their wonderful rendition of your favorites, as well as some original pieces!

Lunch Provided By: Pasta Via, 824 Fayette St, Conshohocken

This social will be graciously hosted by Spring Mill Presbyterian Village, located at 2002 Joshua Road, Lafayette Hill.

Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Presents:

MINI SPRING FLING



Join us for crafts & movement games

with **Romp and Roll-Willow Grove,**

'Kids Cook' snacks with **GIANT-Flourtown,**

and a children's concert by

Jump Jive and Jam!

When: Tuesday, May 3rd

12:00-2:00pm

Where: Miles Park

(weather permitting)

Rain location: Parks & Recreation Building

4021 Joshua Road

Cost: \$5 per child at the door

Ages: 5 & under

SAVE THE DATES

Annual Mini Spring Fling
Tuesday, May 3rd
12:00-2:00pm
Miles Park
Rain Location:
P+R Miles Park Building

Movies In The Parks
Wednesday Evenings
June 15th + 29th
July 13th + 27th
August 10th, 17th, + 24th
Check the flyer for locations

4th Of July Parade
Monday, July 4th
10:00am-1:00pm
Germantown Pike
(between Church Rd + Joshua Rd)
Picnic @ Miles Park following the parade

Touch-A-Truck
Saturday, September 17th
1:00-3:00pm
Miles Park
Lower Parking Lot

Community Yard Sale
Saturday, October 1st
8:00am-12:00pm
Cedar Grove Park

Gambone Tract Clean-Up
& Education Day
Saturday, October 8th
8:00am-11:00am
Gambone Tract
Parking along Wells St

Fall Shredding Day
Saturday, October 15th
8:00am-12:00pm
Miles Park
Lower Parking Lot
Rain or shine!

Haunted Barn
Friday + Saturday Nights
October 21st, 22nd, 28th, + 29th
7:00pm-9:30pm
Cedar Grove Barn
Friday the 28th is family night!

Teenie Halloweenie
Tuesday, October 25th
12:00pm-2:00pm
P+R Miles Park Building
Come dressed in costume!

Gingerbread House
Decorating Party
Sunday, December 4th
1:00pm-3:00pm
P+R Miles Park Building

Do-It-Yourself NYC Trip
Saturday, May 14th
8:00am-8:00pm
Bus departs from + returns
to Miles Park Lower
Parking Lot

www.whitemarshparks.org

610-828-7276



WHITEMARSH Township Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th, 2016

MILES PARK

12-5PM

Rain Date: May 1



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The second Colonial Challenge 5K will be held on Saturday, April 30th at 8 a.m. on the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School/Colonial Elementary School/Victory Fields campus. Register at www.runtheday.com or call 610-834-1670 x 2115 for more information.

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP'S MOVIES IN THE PARKS PRESENTS...

CINDERELLA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH
@ MILES PARK



HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH
@ MILES PARK



HOOK
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH
@ LEELAND PARK *NEW LOCATION!*



STAR WARS
THE FORCE AWAKENS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH
@ MILES PARK



APOLLO 13
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH
@ HOPE LODGE



MINIONS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH
@ MILES PARK



TEENAGE MUTANT
NINJA TURTLES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH
@ MILES PARK



ALL MOVIES
BEGIN AT DUSK!

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LAWNCHAIR,
BLANKETS, AND
BUG SPRAY!

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IN THE EVENT OF RAIN,
MOVIES ARE HELD THE
FOLLOWING EVENING

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Whitemarsh Township
616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday, April 30th,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DROP OFF AT
WHITEMARSH
TOWNSHIP POLICE
STATION